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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers having contracts with this office are notified that unless their changes for the EVENING MERCURY are handed in before 12 o'clock, their advertisements cannot be altered until the following day.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET. THURSDAY EV'NG, JUNE 4, 1868.

On Monday, a young lad, son of Mr. William Gray, of Beverly, was drowned on Christy's mill dam.

RUN OVER.—On Wednesday evening a little boy got among the feet of a span of horses driven in a wagon on Macdonnell-st. He managed to get up without assistance and was unhurt.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEDAL.—A meeting of the Rifle Association was held on Wednesday evening, and the Medal awarded to Alfred Strowger, as having made the best average shooting during the year.

PASSED AN EXAMINATION.—We learn that Capt. James Armstrong, (Adjutant of the 30th Wellington Battalion) passed his examination before the Board at the Military School in Toronto yesterday, and obtained a second-class certificate.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT OF GUELPH.—Our obituary to-day contains the announcement of the death of Mr. Wm. Wilson, brother of Mrs. Webster, and for a number of years a resident of Guelph, where he was employed in the Registry Office, and where he was almost universally known.

THE WHITBY OUTRAGE.—Whitby, 3rd June. The inquest on the body of the little boy killed yesterday was held to-day and a post mortem examination made.

WESLEYAN CONFERENCE.—The annual Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of the Province commenced its sitting in Kingston on Tuesday. There are about six hundred delegates present.

FORMING CAMPS.—The Toronto Telegraph says: It is said that the authorities are making preparations for the formation of camps in different parts of the country, in which the regulars and volunteers will be brigaded together.

FROM OTTAWA. OTTAWA, June 3.—There are only four ministers or a quorum of the Privy Council here. Sir G. E. Cartier left to-day, and the whole Lower Canada section of the ministry is absent.

MISSIONARIES FOR THE NORTH-WEST.—A party of 16 Roman Catholic Missionaries, including one of superior order, passed through Toronto on Wednesday on their way to the Far West, to be distributed over the Saskatchewan and Red River districts, and the adjoining portion of the United States.

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WELLINGTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Continued.) WEDNESDAY, June 3rd, 1868. The Council met at 4 p.m. Present twenty-six members, the Warden in the chair.

An application from Jas. Lynch for the appointment of Inspector of Weights and Measures for the South Division was read and referred to Special Committee.

The Warden read a memorial from the Registrar of the Surrogate Court respecting books. Referred to Finance Com.

Moved by Mr. Mair, seconded by Mr. Boyd, that a grant of \$100 be given to each of the Riding Agricultural Societies in the County for the current year, for the encouragement of agriculture in the said County. Carried.

Moved by Mr. McInnes, seconded by Mr. Swan, that the sum of \$400 be granted to the Village of Fergus for the purpose of erecting a Drill Shed and Agricultural Hall, provided the Village spend an equal amount. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Cross, seconded by Mr. McManis, that leave be given to introduce a By-law to assess the several townships in this County, equivalent to Government Grant for Common School purposes, and that it be now read a first and second time. By-law read accordingly.

THURSDAY, June 4. The Council met this morning at 9 a.m. Present, thirty-one members, the Warden in the chair.

Moved by Mr. Duffield, seconded by Mr. Cross, that the by-law to assess the several townships within the County as equivalent to the Government Grant in aid of the Common Schools be read a third time and passed. The by-law was passed accordingly.

The Warden presented a lengthy printed circular from Mr. McManis which was referred to Committee on Education.

The Warden read a petition from the ratepayers of Peel, praying for a grant of \$300 to be expended in cutting two hills and repairing a bad piece of road on the line between Peel and Arthur. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

A petition was read from Jas. Wilson, Fergus, asking for a grant of \$500 to erect a bridge over the Grand River, on the line between Garafaxa and Nichol. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee.

Mr. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Massie that Messrs. Melvin, Clarke, Swan, McInnes and Jull be a Special Committee to draft a petition to the Legislature of Ontario praying that an Act be passed making it compulsory on parents and guardians of children from birth to sixteen years of age to send them to school or have them educated elsewhere. Carried; yeas 20, nays 11.

Moved by Mr. Clarke, seconded by Mr. Saunders that the Council adjourn till 3 p.m.

THE GUELPH POLICE COURT.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate THURSDAY, 4th.—Archibald Walker and Francis Nugent were charged by the Chief Constable with being drunk and disorderly. A similar charge was preferred by Constable Nichols against Catherine Walker, the wife of the first defendant.

It may be necessary to explain that the trio are travelling tinkers, and love their lute with the fervid affection traditional in their race. Last evening on Macdonnell-st. Mr. Walker being well primed and consequently pugnacious, without any good cause or reason, threatened an attack upon another male member of the fraternity. Mrs. Walker was the only effective combatant in the party, the others being nearly overpowered by whiskey. Without ceremony she took the pugilistic Walker by the throat, gave him a shaking sufficient to sour all the liquor in his stomach, ran him back against the "one-horse shay," ordered him to get in, and avowed her intention of hearing from his lips no more such language as he had used towards his antagonist. The row came to a head at the corner, near the Great Western, and the constables spoiled the fun by breaking in the ring, and taking the combatants prisoner. Nugent was taken shortly afterwards. Walker and his wife were fined \$10 each and costs, and Nugent was requested to contribute \$5 for municipal purposes. The latter paid, but the others have not yet raised the needful.

John Carroll, Waterloo Road was charged with selling liquor in quantities of less than one quart, not having a license for doing so, and was fined \$10 and costs.

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JUNE MONTHLY FAIR.

There were not a great many cattle in at the Fair yesterday, but more than are usually brought in at our summer cattle markets. There were a few fat cattle—what were left of the winter and early spring feeding. They were mostly sold at fair prices, though we have to note a decline on figures paid at the two previous fairs. Prices are down throughout the country generally, and the feeling is that they will continue so during the summer months. The prices ranged from \$3.75 to \$5.50. One or two were sold as high as \$6.00, but they were exceptions. There were a lot of milch cows on the ground, but the quality generally was poor. Prices ranged from \$35 to \$45.—There were a few working oxen, and they were held high. We note a few sales.—E. V. Thompson cow \$6 per 100 lbs, Wm. Hood 5 cows \$270, John Amos, Heifer \$51, Wm. Tolton, 4 head for \$285, Peter Bathgate, cow and steer for \$125, J. Lennie cow \$32, Thos. Henderson 3 head at \$5.25 per 100 lbs, H. Haines yoke oxen to Robert Brydon for \$130, Jas. Wright 28 head at \$4.62 per 100 lbs, Thos. Dunbar cow for \$46, James Graham cow \$56, Allan Ramsey cow \$41, Geo. Hood sold a car load at \$4.25 per 100 lbs.

Good Templars Celebration.

(From a Correspondent.)

The Good Templars of Ennottville celebrated the anniversary of Her Majesty's Birthday on the farm of Mr. A. McDonald, near Ennottville, who kindly consented to allow the use of his fields for the amusement of the large company present, all of whom enjoyed themselves very much, if their feelings may be judged from appearances. The Good Templars alone were not all that were present—large numbers from the surrounding country also came to participate in the festivities of the day. For miles around the sound of the Ennottville cannon was heard to echo, after which the party sat down to partake of a lunch provided by the ladies to which ample justice was done, and great praise awarded to the ladies for the delicacies which they provided. After which the games commenced and the following were the successful competitors:—Standing jump, Hugh Davidson; 2nd, James McDonald; 3rd, F. Davidson. Running jump, Hugh Davidson; 2nd, J. McDonald; 3rd, F. Davidson. Hop, step and jump, Hugh Davidson; 2nd, Alex. Davidson; 3rd, J. McDonald. Standing high jump, Hugh Davidson; 2nd, James McDonald; 3rd, F. Davidson. Running high jump, James McDonald; 2nd, Hugh Davidson; 3rd, Alex. Davidson. Putting the stone, John Owens; 2nd, A. Davidson; 3rd, J. McDonald. Men's foot race, Alex. Davidson; 2nd, H. Davidson; 3rd, J. McDonald. Boys' foot race, Geo. Metcalf; 2nd, Geo. Elgie; 3rd, John Elgie; 4th, Chas. Flewelling. Wheelbarrow race, A. McDonald; 2nd, John Owens; 3rd, Jas. Comb. The day's amusements were brought to a close by a Girls' Race, which gave so much satisfaction that they were wanted to run again, but they declined. The party then separated.

HALL'S REAPERS.

Messrs. John and Thos. S. Henry, the agents for Guelph and Berlin, exhibited some of Hall's celebrated Reapers and Mowers on the Fair ground yesterday, which greatly interested many farmers. These Oshawa machines have now been thoroughly tested, and their high character permanently established. As a proof of their popularity we may state that a few days ago three reapers came to Guelph to be delivered, and three more went through to Berlin. Mr. Thomas S. Henry is now at the Great Western Hotel, Guelph, and Mr. John Henry at Roat's Hotel, Berlin, taking orders, and those who want a first-class Mower and Reaper should not fail to call on them and examine the Oshawa Machines.

THE BRITISH IRON CLAD.—Mr. Corry, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in his speech on the navy estimates, gives some interesting information relative to the present condition of the British iron clad navy. There are 44 iron-clad vessels built and building. There being now on the stocks the Captain, Audacious, Invincible, Vanguard, Repulse, Monarch, Sultan, Triumph and Glatton. The latter is a vessel of somewhat peculiar construction, with two turrets, each of which is to carry a 1200 pound Armstrong gun, weighing twenty-five tons.

TRACTION ENGINE.—A traction engine consigned for sale to a party in Toronto, and intended to run on a common road, is understood to be on board the Germany now at Montreal. The traction engine is the first ever imported into this country, and will be somewhat of a curiosity as well as a novelty. It will be remembered that there was an attempt made last fall to import a traction engine but it failed in consequence of the vessel foundering in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

SUICIDE.—Mr. Peltier, of the Prothonotary's office, Montreal, a man aged 52 years, drowned himself on Monday at Montreal's wharf. It has been discovered that he had forged endorsements to the amount of \$1,600. The unfortunate gentleman had been in the Prothonotary's office some thirty years, and leaves a widow and large family.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A young gentleman of Toronto named Allan, met with a serious accident at Brantford on Saturday afternoon. He happened to let fall a loaded revolver which went off in consequence. Two of the balls passed completely through the young man's left arm, shattering it considerably. It is thought amputation will be necessary.

CRICKET.—London, Ont., is talking of arranging to have a match played there in September between the All England Eleven and twenty-two cricketers selected from the western section of the Province. As in some other enterprises (the Fenian for instance) money is wanted to carry out the intention.

THE "MANLY ART."—On Sunday afternoon last two soldiers went out to the Cove range, near London, and pounded each other through thirty-eight rounds. The stakes were heavy—\$1 a side.

JEFF DAVIS.—It is now probable that the trial of Jeff Davis will be postponed until October, as the counsel on both sides have agreed to that time.

UPON hearing of the attempted murder of Prince Alfred, Her Majesty had a succession of fainting fits which lasted for two or three hours.

The propeller Onida went on the docks at Detroit. While men were boring holes for two bolt holes they bored into a barrel of whiskey and one of molasses and the consequence was a "high old time."

FROM ABYSSINIA.

STORMING OF MAGDALA.

THE BODY OF THEODORUS.

[From Magdala (April 14) correspondence of the London Times.]

Magdala has been taken, and Theodoros, killed by his own hand, lies under the guard of a British sentry, in the last and strongest of the wondrous series of his strongholds. It would be affliction to pity a tyrant who himself knew no pity, who was as unscrupulous and crafty as he was cruel, and who had indeed every reason to style himself the "Scourge of God" sent to punish the people. Yesterday nothing was left to the imagination; the tragedy was forced in all its naked horror upon our revolted senses. A strange smell, for which there was no apparent cause, made some of our party look over the edge of a steep cliff, almost within a few yards of the spot from which the guns were beginning to play upon Magdala, and there, on a ledge about fifty feet below them, lay two large heaps of mangled human bodies, closely piled upon each other in ghastly confusion, their limbs protruding from the mass in all sorts of repulsive attitudes and contortions, and presenting altogether a scene of horror such as no pen could adequately describe—could any pen be found to undertake the task. Of the strength of Magdala itself it is perhaps impossible to give an adequate idea. It is protected by lofty, almost overhanging cliffs, so precipitous that a cat could not climb them, except at two points, north and south, at each of which a steep, narrow path leads up to a strong gateway. It was by the northern gateway, as being on the side commanded by Selassie, that our troops had to effect an entrance. One Snider makes many. In another instant every man anywhere near with a rifle in his hand was banging and blazing away as if all his prospects in this world and in the next depended upon the number of charges he could get rid of in a minute. This naturally created an impression that an action was going on somewhere, and a general scamper was at once made to a spot which commanded a better view of the plains before Magdala, and on which, to the great delight of the scampers, some of Theodoros' guns and mortars were unexpectedly found. An artillery officer, Lieutenant Nolan, happening to be one of the party, promptly resolved to use their own guns against the enemy if possible, and this being considered apparently in the light of a humorous practical joke by a few civilians and "loafers" escaped from their staff or regimental duties to the front, a sort of comic siege of Magdala was carried on by a force of arms, dresses and undresses, for more than an hour. One of these occasions led, oddly enough, to the unearthing of M. Bardel, the Frenchman who has been suspected of poisoning Theodoros' mind against the captives. On the first of the enemy's guns being fired by Lieutenant Nolan, a woman rushed out frantically from a small tent near the line of the fire, evidently under the impression that her tent was about to undergo a heavy cannonade, and with vehement gesticulations offered to capitulate. The tent was entered, and there in the bed, to the intense astonishment of every one, was found a European, who proved to be M. Bardel. After this incident the siege of Magdala was resumed, and to the intense gratification of the besieging force, one round shot from Theodoros' own gun was sent bobbing along the ground sufficiently near him and his small party to induce them to retreat into Magdala and desist from the attempt they had hitherto been making to carry a gun up there. After this the firing ceased altogether on the part of the besieged and became very languid on the part of the besiegers. I feel that as a patriot, perhaps, the less I say of this siege the better. For fully half an hour the storming party remained, most of them huddled helplessly in the path, and if Major Cooper, who commanded them, had not found a way into the place over the stockade near the gate there might have been a heavy loss of life. As it was, fifty determined men might have done great mischief, but luckily Theodoros had not apparently more than half a dozen—his principal chiefs—who really meant to die at their post in his cause. At first the perfect fusillade raised by the Sniders, as the head of the storming column moved up the path, did, no doubt, admirable service. Volley followed volley with a blinding, deafening vehemence and rapidity, and showers of bullets rattled, without an intermission, round every crack and crevice of the gate and adjoining stockade, leaving scarcely an inch of wall of rock unexploded from which an opposing shot could safely be fired, such as might well have shaken a far cooler and more experienced foe than the Abyssinian. Magdala is so remarkable a stronghold—so emphatically one in ten thousand—that some of our engineers, with some of Sir Lucius O'Trigger's feeling about a "pretty quarrel," are disgusted that it was not better defended and more scientifically attacked.

(Magdala (April 17) Correspondence of the London Times.)

Magdala was burned this afternoon, and dense columns of flame and smoke from its lofty summits are still proclaiming far and wide to the wondering tribes of semi-savage warriors who infest the surrounding country that the reign of their greatest enemy is at an end, and the crowning act of England's vengeance performed. The town itself was uninteresting, save from its accidental associations as the prison of our fellow-countrymen and other Europeans, even for Abyssinia a charge so grave that no man, it is to be hoped, would lightly bring it against any town calling itself Christian. It consists of the ordinary collection of huts, most of them built of grass and wood with thatched conical roofs, and did not boast even one building of exceptional beauty or importance. The church was one of the meanest and dirtiest that we have ever seen in Abyssinia, while the palace of the great Emperor Theodoros differed only from the surrounding huts of his humblest subjects in being larger, two-storied, and with a thatched roof, not conical but oblong, giving it much the appearance of an English barn, except that no decent English farmer would allow any animal that he valued to live in a building so dark, dirty and ill ventilated. In the workshop of his European artisans there were of course many signs of modern civilization, though nearly all of a practical, very few of a strictly ornamental or luxurious kind. Workman's tools and huge

glass tumblers, apparently of English make, seemed the principal articles of import, drinking being, next to fighting, the great business of a wealthy Abyssinian's life, and there mixed up with crosses, censers, mirrors, bells—the spoils of Gondar church—Atharic Bibles, odd volumes of encyclopaedia, foolscap paper, old match locks, pistols, swords, powder flasks and percussion caps, formed altogether a strange a jumble as it would be easy to find anywhere.

The "loot," on the whole, has rather disappointed the captors. Mr. Holmes, for instance, who came out here as an archaeologist for the British Museum, and who has hitherto had a singularly disappointing and unfruitful journey, was lucky in rescuing a handsome cross, probably an archbishop's, and a gold chalice, bearing the following inscription in Amharic:—The chalice of King Adam Segud, called Yasco, the son of Queen Brahm Mogussa, presented to Kwoakaw Sanctuary (Gondar). May my body and soul be purified. Weight twenty-five wokkis of pure gold, value five hundred dollars. Made by Valde Georgia. The Emperor's own crown has also been found, and is, I believe, to be sent home to the Queen. I saw in the hand of an English soldier what, under the circumstances, was certainly a very singular and interesting bit of loot, a six-barrelled revolver, with an inscription declaring that it was presented by the Queen to the Emperor Theodoros, in token of her gratitude for "the kindness shown by him to her servant Plowden." The soldier told me that he had seen five pistols with this inscription and had had a hard fight to get one for himself; but so far only one has been given up to the prize agents. It is a curious instance of the irony of history that it was not improbably with one of these very pistols, taken from the British Queen's gratitude for kindness shown by him to her servant—that Theodoros shot himself at the approach of a British soldier; for there is now no doubt that he did shoot himself. A soldier of the Thirty-third swears he witnessed the act, and what is more important, both the medical men on the committee appointed to identify the body and inquire into the cause of his death declare unhesitatingly that the fatal wound must have self-inflicted. Twice his followers stood aloof from him, silent, respectful disobedience when summoned to his aid, and positively refused, when he invited them as the last chance to fly from Magdala, to accompany him and any longer share his fortune. Even his favorite and most distinguished chiefs, the very men who in the end remained faithful and died with him, seem to have wavered strangely between their old allegiance and their newborn distrust. Shortly afterwards Theodoros and the chiefs retired within Magdala and there awaited the advance of the British. As the first soldiers appeared, however, the attack of the chiefs was shot down, but Theodoros, who had dropped his royal robe of silk to escape observation, fled from the gateway to a retired spot higher up on the citadel, and there shot himself, putting the pistol into his mouth. From the plainness of his dress the body was not at first recognized, but as soon as it was identified, and on the approach of Gen. Napier, drawn forth into the principal pathway an involuntary cheer burst forth from the soldiers around. Such a cheer over the body of a fallen foe rather jarred upon the nerves, but still it was natural, and pardonable enough, for at the bottom of it meant, not exultation over the death of an enemy, but delight at the sudden discovery beyond all doubt that the last object of a tedious campaign had been accomplished, and that there was nothing now to prevent the force from turning its face in triumph home.

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