

down. From his childhood, Mr. Richards has been schooled in Reform doctrines, and in the dark and dying days of Tory tyranny and misrule, when Reformers were treated as rebels and beat and imprisoned, his principles underwent no change. He gloried in them then; he glories in them now; and the exalted position in which he has lately been placed, will only strengthen him the more as he endeavors to give full scope to the working out of the principles taught him in his boyhood, and which have been confirmed by study and investigation of his more matured years.

"Contrast the two candidates. The character of Mr. Richards, from his childhood up to the present day, with that of Mr. Gowan from the day of his expatriation till the present hour, and what is the result? A stained canvas and a comparatively spotless sheet. In your own minds, electors, think over the character of the two men, when you are asked 'Who are you going to vote for?'"

The steamers *St. Lawrence* and *Britannia* collided on Lake St. Francis, and the former sank in twenty feet of water. The passengers and crew were rescued, but a considerable part of the freight, including six cattle belonging to P. Murray, of Brockville, together with 300 barrels of flour, the property of O. Jones, also of Brockville, was lost.

On October 24, the barn of George Parcell, concession 7, Bastard, was burned, together with 600 bushels of wheat, 400 bushels of oats, 100 bushels of rye and 50 tons of hay. The loss was estimated at £400. The fire was incendiary, a person having been seen by S. McCollum to approach a stack of straw and then retire. The fire broke out almost immediately afterward.

Brockville town council reduced the tax of 10 shillings, imposed on young men, in lieu of statute labor, to 5 shillings.

Brockville has always been to the front as regards fire protection. Speaking of the fire department fifty

years ago, the Recorder of this date said—

"Brockville No Laggard—Considering the size and limited population of the town, Brockville may well feel proud of her fire engines and crack fire companies. To the members of the corporation individually and collectively, the present efficient and flourishing system adopted in this town for the preservation of property may be attributed, seconding, as they have always done, with open hand, any appeals made in their behalf. For this we think they are justly entitled to the thanks of the community. At the last meeting of the town council further grants were ordered for the purchase of reels and additional quantities of hose for both fire engines, and the fire engine committee were instructed to report as to the condition of the station house, that steps might be taken to have the engines so kept that when wanted, they would be found in good working order."

James McKenzie, Deputy Postmaster, left town to take up his residence in New York.

Died—At Brockville, on the 2nd inst., Janet McNish, wife of William S. McCreedy, much regretted. Her remains were followed to their final resting place by a large number of friends and relations, including a portion of the members of Brockville Division Sons of Temperance, of which Mr. Macreedy was a member.

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In this issue Editor Wylie announced that the Recorder office had been removed to the upper flat of the large cut stone building on Main street, nearly opposite Court House avenue. This is the building now owned by Dr. Harding, on the corner of Broad and King streets.

Meetings in the interest of Hon. W. B. Richards' candidature for Parliament were held during the week at Frankville, Chamberlain's Corners, at the schoolhouse near Elisha Landon's corners, in the township of