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THE GREAT DEBATE.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster Brilliantly Criticizes Hon. Mr. Fielding's Budget.

Ottawa, March 28.—Mr. Foster's criticism of the budget of 1900 will stand as one of the most thoroughly searching replies ever made to a "good times" financial exposition. There was neither carping nor hair-splitting in it; yet the speech left the strong impression that if the condition of fiscal affairs are particularly bright, it is due rather to circumstances of world-wide prevalence than to anything meritorious in the management of our financial affairs. Mr. Foster spoke about four and a half hours. The adjournment of the debate to resume on Thursday, Mr. Foster was, as usual, favored with a full house, while the galleries were crowded during the afternoon and evening.

A REAL HEROINE.

How Abigail Becker Saved a Ship's Crew at Long Point.

The Courage and Devotion of this Brave Woman Never Fittingly Recognized.

By Augusta Doan Richardson.

The pages of our history are embellished by many a brave deed, but one of the brightest is that which tells of the wonderful heroism and sublime forgetfulness of self displayed by Abigail Becker, the heroine of Long Point. Her heroism would be remarkable for a strong man to accomplish, how much greater, then, was it for a slender young woman of twenty-three? The story is told in verse by Miss Amanda T. Jones, sister of one of the men who owed their lives to Mrs. Becker, and appears on pp. 447-8 of the High School Readers, but verse ably describes such a thrilling event. What it requires is the most poetic of prose such as we may well imagine Whittier used in his description written for the Atlantic Monthly.

As it cannot be related too often, I tell the tale as 'twas told to me, by no less a person than the heroine herself, who is now living near Walsingham Centre, Norfolk county, Ontario. But first I will give a short sketch of her life previous to the act which made the name of "Abigail Becker" known the length and breadth of the continent.

Abigail Jackson was born in Portland township, Frontenac county, 20 miles north of Kingston, March 14, 1831. In 1842 the family came to Norfolk county, and on March 17th, 1849, she married Joseph Becker, a widower, with five children. In 1852 the Becker family left their home near Port Rowan, and removed to Long Point Island. They located on the outside of the island, twenty miles from the lighthouse, and here Jeremiah Becker followed the business of trapping, while the wife made a cosy home for her five step-children and her own three little ones, the eldest being a cripple.

WRECK OF THE CONDUCTOR.

The fall of 1854 was noted for its severe weather, and many were the disasters that befell shipping, especially on Lake Erie. On the 23rd of November the fine three-master, "Conductor," owned by John McLeod, M. P., of Amherstburg, Capt. Hackett and crew of seven, heavily laden with grain, was on her down trip, her captain hoping to reach port before one of those gales which made Lake Erie dreaded more than any of the other lakes, should overtake them. But vain the hope. When near Long Point Island, a severe storm arose—a gale from the northeast that threatened them with destruction. The waves were rolling and tumbling fiercely, the masts creaked and strained under the force of the wind which threatened to blow every stick out of her and strip every yard of canvas from the spars. But the ship was staunch and well she struggled for life. Could they but round Long Point, they would be safe, for such a large vessel could easily ride out a gale in the bay. But when about twenty miles from the lighthouse the "Conductor" struck the outer bar, rose on the tremendous billows that came sweeping in, and sank inside. The crew took refuge in the rigging, hoping that day-light (still far off) would bring them relief.

The morning came and showed to the half-dead sailors that land was a half-mile distant and that there was no means of reaching it. Their clothes were frozen stiff and they were benumbed with the cold, yet they clung, hoping almost against hope, that help would yet come.

Early in the morning of the 24th, Abigail Becker, going down to the lake for water, heard the flapping of sails and saw the wrecked vessel a mile up the beach and a good half-mile out. The storm was still raging and, with her husband away, it would seem impossible for the men to be rescued, but such a thought never entered Abigail Becker's head. Hurrying to the house she got some tea and taking with her her two little stepsons, she hastened to a spot opposite the wreck, where, with great difficulty, they built a fire and put water to boil to make tea for those they might rescue. Then hurrying down to the water's edge she made motions for them to come ashore.

ALL NIGHT LONG,

through the wind and sleet, the men had been buoyed up by the thought of rescue, and now that it had come they were afraid to attempt it. Seeing that they either did not understand her or were afraid to make the attempt, Abigail Becker bared her feet and, wading out in the water, made motions for them to trust themselves to the waves. The captain was the first to make the attempt. Breathlessly she watched him, now swimming a few strokes, now buffeted and tossed by the waves, powerless to help himself; again recovering, but always a little nearer land, he was carried down the beach quite a distance. As he neared land Abigail Becker, wading out as far as she dared, waited until the advancing wave brought him in on its crest, and grasping his clothing with both hands she dragged him slowly ashore, fighting every step of the way with the deadly undertow that threatened to overpower them both. She dragged him to the fire, gave him some hot tea, and beckoned for another to make the attempt.

The mate, Jones, an American, was the next to make the attempt. As he neared the shore Edward Becker, a lad of sixteen, who was lame and walking with crutches at the time, fearing lest his mother's strength would give out, went to the sailor's assistance, and the sight that met the horrified woman's eyes as she hastened to the water was the two clasped in each other's arms, washed here and there by the waves. Surely Providence gave her the superhuman strength necessary to get them both to shore. The captain had now recovered sufficiently to help resuscitate the half-drowned and thoroughly exhausted seamen as they came ashore. All day long, now standing waist-deep in the icy waters, now wet and dripping, dragging her burden through the wind to the fire, she worked, sublime in her forgetfulness of self. By nightfall

SHE HAD RESCUED

all but one—the cook—who, being unable to swim, was forced to spend another terrible night in the rigging. The men were taken, one at a time, to Abigail Becker's home, she putting her shawl and shoes on them.

The next morning the sea had gone down so that the men were able to make a raft and rescue the unfortunate cook, who was so badly frozen that it was some time before he could walk. Some idea of the severity of the weather may be formed from the fact that the bay was frozen so hard that on Nov. 26th men were able to cross to the mainland with the aid of a small boat and handsled. For one week the sailors stayed with this brave woman, who, when told that her deed was unparalleled, only said: "Whatever I did, I only did my duty."

Brave Abigail Becker! Forty-five years have passed since that memorable day when she risked her life for others; her once slender figure is now stout and bent, her hair is now thickly threaded with silver but the kind, steadfast look from her bright eyes and the firmly compressed lips tell that if such a crisis should again arise she would not be found wanting.

HER ONLY RECOGNITION.

In 1857 Abigail Becker was presented with the handsome gold medal of the New York Life Saving Association. The presentation was made the occasion of a picnic to Port Rowan. Her oldest child being a cripple, she was urged to take her to Buffalo in the hope that skilled treatment would benefit the little girl, and while there some citizens who knew of Mrs Becker's heroic deed, collected $160 and presented it to her. This money she used to partly pay for a small farm which she purchased near Port Rowan. From her own country Mrs. Becker has received nothing, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Queen Victoria wrote her an autograph letter expressing her pride that Abigail Becker was one of her own loyal subjects.

But sorrow has ever been hand in hand with this brave woman. Her husband was frozen to death on Long Point, and years after her eldest son lost his life in Long Point Bay. In 1869 she married Henry Bohrer.

A petition is being circulated in her own county the prayer of which is that the government shall show Abigail Becker such substantial recognition that she may now, in the twilight of her life, say with pride that her own people are not altogether ungrateful. Mr. John Charlton, M. P., will present it to Minister of Marine and Fisheries and will use his influence on her behalf.

In his "Notes on the High School Reader," by R. Dawson, B. A., West on High School, published in 1887, Mr. Dawson says:

Capt. Dorr procured for his heroine the handsome gold medal of the New York Life-Saving Society. He urged the claims so successfully on the Parliament of Canada that a piece of land valued at a thousand dollars was given her in recognition of her bravery, and he held a soiree in her honor at the Old Lovejoy House, Buffalo, resulting in the contribution of some thousand dollars to the somewhat bewildered recipient of this bounty.

In Principal Grant's account of the narrative, John MacLeod, M. P., of Amherstburg, owner of the wrecked vessel, is represented as obtaining from the Government the one hundred acres of land, while the Buffalo ship owners and vessel men raised one thousand dollars for her to stock the farm.

Either account flatters our national vanity, but it is a shame that such an untrue statement should be given universal credence. I have Abigail Becker as authority for the statement that, if such were the case, she never knew it and certainly never got either the one thousand dollars or the one hundred acres of land.

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While digging a well on Friday on W. M. Stewart's farm, near Hamiota, Man., Frederick Teskey was killed by a plank falling 40 feet from the brink of the well on to his head. He was 33 years of age, and leaves a wife and six children. He came from Ontario.

PARIS EXPOSITION!

Messrs. Wright, Kay & Company, for many years Jewelers and Importers of Precious Stones and Art Wares, at Detroit, will shortly open an office IN PARIS, at Nos. 24 and 26 Rue des Petits Hotels (Place de la Fayette), and offer their services for the purchase, packing and shipment to any point in the United States or Canada of the various articles on sale at THE EXPOSITION at Exhibitors' prices, thus relieving their customers of all care and responsibility in these regards! A note addressed to Wright, Kay & Co., The Hotel Binda or 44 Rue de Clichy, or 24 Rue des Petits Hotels, will receive careful attention Please preserve the above address for reference.

LOCAL BRIEFS

S. Trotter is in Hamilton.

Dr. Hall was called to Merlin last evening.

Miss Lulu Mounteer, Lorne ave., is seriously ill.

Miss Ruby Hicklin is somewhat better this morning.

Dr. Bullis left to-day for his home in Rochester, N. Y.

Warden Davidson, of Thamesville, is in the city to-day.

Patriotic tableau and auction sale of children Friday evening.

Mrs. Custance, King st., was removed to St. Joseph's hospital yesterday.

M. J. Wilson, of Harwich, has a 25 horse-power boiler for sale very cheap.

John O'Rourke, of Raleigh, left to-day for Ann Arbor on a two weeks' visit.

Fred. H. Brisco left this morning on a business trip to Wallaceburg and Dresden.

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James Dyer, of Grey st., is confined to his home with a severe attack of la grippe.

Miss Lizzie Brown, of Essex Centre, is visiting Miss Margaret Horn, of North Chatham.

Barber Davis is seriously ill at his home on Forest st. He is suffering from an attack of pneumonia.

Messrs. P. Blonde and B. Blonde, of Blonde Bros. & Co., are in Woodslee and points west on business.

Squire Marx has purchased $4,200 of Gosfield five per cent. drainage debentures at a premium of 4 6-10 per cent.

Every Barrington Hat guaranteed. Price $2.50. The 2 T's Sole Agents.

The Printing committee will meet in the offices of the County Clerk on Saturday to consider tenders for the county printing.

Musicale at Krause Conservatory of Music Monday evening, April 2nd, at 8 p. m. Public cordially invited to attend.

A vigorous campaign has been inaugurated to discover Sabbath violations of the License Act and to stop the sale of Sunday papers, etc.

There was no session of Police Court this morning. Officer Dezelia is engaged in investigating the case of alleged arson on Colborne st.

Foreman LeBar, of the sorporation workmen, picked up a rosary and beads on King st. The owner can have them by calling on the foreman.

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Solos, duetts, quartettes, instrumentals, recitatioons, etc., Friday evening in Park St. Methodist Sunday School. Admission 15 cents, two for twenty-five cents.

Mr. Carter, director Krause Conservatory of Music, is most busily engaged upon the new Conservatory corriculum for 1900 1901 which will be ready for the press at an early date.

The program of the Sacred Concert to be presented in the William St. Baptist Church on Tuesday evening next will be published in Saturday's issue of The Planet. It will be an exceedingly fine one.

Divine service will be held in Christ church this evening at 7.30. A collection will be made for the benefit of the famine stricken in India. Hundreds are daily dying in India for the want of food. We should help them.

Wear The 2 T's $10 New Method Suits. tf

A full choral practice for the sacred concert, to be held in the William st. Baptist church on Tuesday, April 3, was held last evening under the direction of Mrs. Alice James. A splendid program is being arranged.

Tancrede Doyle, of the firm of Blonde Bros., was seized with an attack of his old trouble, appendicitis, shortly after his arrival last evening at the Hotel Aberdeen, where he now boards. By half-past six three doctors were in attendance. This morning he seemed to be resting a little easier.

One of the most delightful programs ever presented in the Maple City will be rendered at the Sacred Concert, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society, in the William St. Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 3. The best musical talent will contribute. Silver collection of ten cents and upwards taken at the door.

At Leamington on Saturday afternoon, Andrew Hartford, aged about 50 years, a lather by trade, and a well-known citizen, scratched his tongue on a shingle nail. Immediately the tongue began to swell until his throat was completely filled. It is feared he will choke to death. To-day he is in a precarious condition.

On account of the cold change in the weather on Saturday night and our window covering over with frost so that some of our customers had not the opportunity of looking at the 50c ties we were offering for 25c we have decided to continue the sale all this week ending Saturday night. About 200 more specials will be added to the lot. You know the place; come to the old reliable store. Send the children if you cannot come yourself. Strap bow ties 25c for 15c., string ties 15c. Ridley's, 46 King Street. td 2w

On Thursday a matinee and evening entertainment will be given in the Grand Opera House by G. H. Inland. His entertainment is spoken of as follows by the Sandusky papers:—The Edison Biograph Co. gave a pleasing entertainment at the Congregational Church last evening. A large crowd witnessed the many interesting views presented by the wonderful machine. The reception to Admiral Dewey in New York after his arrival from Manilla, was presented in a manner that elicited warm words of praise. An interesting view was the great yacht race between the Columbia and Shamrock. The entertainment was the best of the kind ever seen in Sandusky.

WAR PICTURES.

The moving war pictures which will be presented in the Grand Opera House here on Thursday evening have been a tremendous drawing card wherever presented. At London hundreds of people were turned away unable to gain admission. The prices of admission are only 15, 25 and 35 cents for the evening; children's matinee, 10 cents.

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DRESDEN.

March 28.—Miss Josie Smith is quite ill, with a touch of la grippe.

While opening a crate of bananas yesterday, Jas. Burnie had a rather lively experience with a large tarantula. The insect was captured and destroyed before any damage was done.

Mrs. S. R. Guild, who has been ill for some time is slightly better, but is still confined to bed.

Mrs. S. Macbeth's millinery opening took place to-day. A large number of handsome hats and bonnets were shown.

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