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Cattle Fairs. Elora, 1st Tuesday of every month. New Hamburg, 1st Tuesday of each month. Guelph, 1st Wednesday of every month. Berlin, 1st Thursday of every month. Elmira, 2nd Monday of every month. Crosshill, 2nd Monday of every month. Waterloo, 2nd Tuesday of every month. Mount Forest, 3rd Wednesday of every month. Durham, Tuesday preceding above. Fergus and Arthur, Thursday preceding above.

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE: MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EV'G. MARCH 24, 1868.

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. Advertisements for the WEEKLY MERCURY should be handed in as early as possible on Wednesday morning in order to secure insertion.

PROFIC—Mr. James Griffith, lot 31, first concession, Eramosa, has two cows which calved last week, and each of the cows had two calves. Mothers and progeny are doing well.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—The usual weekly meeting of this society will be held this evening in the Temperance Hall, when Mr. James Ferguson will speak on the "propriety and importance of taking the temperance pledge." Some very excellent pieces of music and several choice songs will also be given.

MONEY LOST.—Mr. Michael Cox, of Arthur came to a heavy loss on Monday last. He had sold a load of wheat to the Messrs. Sharpe, and received as payment \$98 in bills and \$3.92 in silver. He got in his wagon after receiving his money and drove to the Wellington Hotel. He put his horses in the stable, paid the bar tender some of the silver, and shortly after going to arrange and divide his bills, so as to have them convenient for making payments to certain persons in Town, he found they were wanting. He has no distinct recollection of where he put them, or whether he pulled them out when he went to get the silver, and in fact he knows nothing further than that they were paid him, and that he lost them. It will be seen by advertisement that he offers a reward for their restoration.

A MANIC BOARD.—A shocking stabbing affray occurred last evening on the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, just before the train reached Fort Erie. A man supposed to be insane, suddenly drew a knife and commenced an indiscriminate onslaught on the passengers, injuring a number of persons before he was secured. Mr. J. McCarthy, of Port Colborne, was seriously wounded in the shoulder and back, and two gentlemen of Buffalo were slightly stabbed. The Grand Trunk and its connections seem to be prolific of horrors, in addition to the ordinary perils thereof.

GONE BY THE BOARD.—During the late freshet at Paisley a traveller from the firm of Perkins & Co. of Hamilton, named Wesley, had a narrow escape from drowning while endeavoring to cross the flats at the north end of Rae's Bridge. The current being so rapid as to carry the horse and buggy down the stream. By running a boat, at considerable risk, to his rescue the man was saved. His loss, in cash and other valuables amounted to eighty dollars, besides the horse and buggy.

A farmer in the township of Niagara has recently had several sheep and calves attacked and killed by rats. The rats gnawed the feet of the animals, bleed them to death, and then eat them. The farmer had removed all his grain to save it from the rats which much infested it, and then they attacked his live animals. The trade of rat-catcher would be a profitable one in Niagara township, and his daughter would have a fortune for her dowry.

The Quebec-st. Burglary Case

EXAMINATION OF PRISONERS. LONG AND STINSON COMMITTED.

Police Court.

Before T. W. Saunders, Esq., Police Magistrate. TUESDAY, March 24.—Long before the Police Magistrate took his seat this morning the passage leading to the court room was crowded, and an anxious throng stood shivering outside in an eager expectancy of the opening of the door, as the impotent folk might be supposed to evince for the troubling of the waters. At length the key was heard to turn in the lock, and then there was a rush and a struggle for the foremost positions. In a few seconds every available inch of standing room was occupied, and a solid mass of humanity jammed and swayed, and watched the proceedings with the most intense interest to the close. The prisoners were brought in, and one placed in each of the two boxes. Mr. Grand, whose store was broken, was first examined. He had lost a chest of tea, a case of brandy, five bottles of brandy, some pickles and a quantity of cigars. The articles produced in Court he identified as his. Long had made kegs for him, and was in his shop the Wednesday previous to the robbery; Stinson had also been in a short time before and made some purchases for Long, for whom he was working. He was speaking to the prisoner in gaol yesterday, and the following conversation took place between him and Long:— Said the latter, I suppose you are surprised to see me here? Yes, I am. How came you to get mixed up in an affair of this kind? I must have been drunk, or out of my mind. It is reported that you were in my store on Friday night, and that you carried out the goods. It is not true. I was placed opposite to watch while the others carried them out. Here the prisoner interrupted the witness by a denial that he had ever made any such statement as the latter. Mr. Grand further said that he had held out no inducements to the prisoner, and had not threatened him. Long asked him to be lenient, and his reply was that if he were innocent he hoped he would not be punished. Witness also had a conversation with Stinson. The latter said he had nothing to do with the theft. He was going up Quebec street, and met Long coming with some of the goods. They had some conversation and then a drink. On cross examination by Mr. Palmer, who appeared for Long, witness said that he went to the gaol to endeavour to find out where the case of brandy was, which has not yet been recovered. He identified his goods by the superior quality. (Suppressed laughter.) Edward Grand Jr. was next examined but there was nothing very important in his evidence. His father was away that day, and he had been attending to the store. He locked the door in the evening, and when the Chief Constable went for him at night on his coming back he found it open. He also identified the goods. Chief Constable Kelly gave his evidence. He had arrested the prisoners on Friday night. He found the chest of tea and four cigar boxes, partially filled with cigars on the grounds belonging to the old Congregational Church. Four bottles of brandy, a bottle of gin, some pickles and cigars he discovered in Long's shop, and in the same place a coat which Stinson said was his, the pockets of which contained cigars and some tobacco. He also found the key to the gaol to endeavour to ascertain where the case of brandy was. Stinson told him that it had been carried down the street to where some stage coaches stand. He also told him where the other articles were taken, and the places he told him were the places where they had been found. Long was under the influence of liquor when arrested, but not so much as to be unaware of what he was doing. He showed fight when he was told he was wanted. This concluded the case for the prosecution, and no witnesses were examined for the defence. Mr. Palmer requested his Worship to admit Long to bail, but he refused, saying he would rather not fix the amount, preferring to leave that matter with the Judge. The charge was then read to them, and they were asked to plead. Long said, "I'm not guilty, your Worship." Stinson's reply was, "John Long is guilty, I'm not guilty of nothing." Both were committed, and the crowd surged out of the court, with almost as much eagerness as they had thronged in.

WINNING A DRESS.—In St. Catharines, a few days ago, a lady complained to a hotel keeper about the thieving propensities of a dog of which he was the owner. The gentleman offered to wager a new silk dress against a hat that the lady dare not shoot the canine aforesaid. Dare she not indeed? Obtaining a gun she went into the yard where the dog was, and putting the gun to her shoulder it began to smoke, the poor brute fell mortally wounded, but the dress was won.

Insure before Fifth April With the Life Association of Scotland. Agent for Guelph. WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

Dean against Beach.

A very interesting libel case has been settled in New York. Some time ago quite a sensation was created in what are known as "fashionable circles" by the elopement, with her father's coachman, of a handsome 5th Avenue bell, named Mary Anna Boker, daughter of a millionaire wine merchant. The enraged father discarded his child, allowing her nothing but her jewellery and personal effects, and with the proceeds of her superfluous ornaments she was enabled to set up her husband, John Dean, in business in a restaurant. By and bye the sensation created by the elopement died out, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean were left to themselves and happiness, until an evil rumor was set afloat, though not maliciously, by the Washington National Intelligencer, under the heading of "A Mournful Tragedy." All the incidents of the elopement were again narrated; Mrs. Dean's father was represented as having died without speaking a word of forgiveness to his daughter, whereas in truth a reconciliation had taken place; her husband's love was said to have grown cold when he saw no chance of sharing the coin in the old man's money bags; it was asserted that he had become cruel to her; that she was an outcast, and that the places to which she chiefly resorted were low grogeries. With the exception of the circumstances connected with the elopement there was not a particle of truth in the whole story, but it appeared feasible, and gained credence from the following causes which were set forth by the council for the defence. In the City of Washington, connected with St. George (Episcopal) Church is an institution for the destitute of a certain class—the object of the Society being to draw them in and treat them in such a way that if possible they may be redeemed. Some time previous to the publication of this article, a gentleman of Washington applied to this institution for the purpose of obtaining admission for a female who, from information he had received, he was led to believe was the plaintiff in this action—that she had been abandoned by her husband and sisters, and became an outcast. On these representations she was admitted, and so well satisfied were those connected with the establishment that it was Mrs. Dean, that they felt no hesitation in stating the facts, as they supposed them to be, to a member of the press. Some days thereafter the facts thus obtained were published in The National Intelligencer. The article, having a local interest, attracted the attention of the night editor of the New York Sun, who caused its publication in that paper on the 25th of March, 1867, crediting it to the Intelligencer. As soon as it was discovered that the report of the unhappy condition of Mrs. Dean was without foundation, that on the contrary she was living a life of quiet content and enjoyment with her husband, the proprietor of the Sun, Mr. Beach, made all the reparation in his power when he came to find out that a false statement had been inserted. He published communications contradicting the assertions made in the Intelligencer and copied into the Sun, and even denied their correctness editorially. All these retractions did not satisfy Mr. and Mrs. Dean who instituted an action for libel, laying the damages at \$50,000. When the case came up there were but few witnesses examined, and the matter was wholly embodied in argument on technical points. With a keen sense of justice the jury found for the defendant. He had made the fullest atonement in his power for the wrong that had been committed, for the injury done to the feelings or fame of Mr. Dean and his wife, and after this, as the Tribune says, the prosecution was very like persecution. The battle for the rights of the Press which Mr. Beach has fought so successfully is a fitting close to an honorable and useful career; he is no longer proprietor of the Sun.

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met on Monday night; present Mr. Peterson, chairman; Messrs. Pirie, McNeil, Newton, Knowles, Harvey, Watson, Mitchell, Bruce, Innes, Rev. Mr. Ball, and Drs. Herod and McGuire.

Mrs. Featherstonehaugh handed in her resignation as teacher of the Senior Girls' School.

An account from Messrs. Geo. & A. Bruce, amounting to \$10, for repairs on schools, was presented.

Mr. Newton presented the report of the Finance Committee recommending the payment of the following accounts:—J. & R. Stewart \$15.00, Mrs. Featherstonehaugh \$5.00, Geo. & A. Bruce \$5.08.—Adopted.

Moved by Mr. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Pirie, that the recommendation of the School Management Committee, for the erection of a partition in the South Ward School, be carried out under the direction of the School Property Committee.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pirie, seconded by Mr. Newton, that the Board in accepting the resignation of Mrs. Featherstonehaugh desire to place on record their hearty approval of the assiduity, propriety and efficiency with which during the last ten years she has discharged the duties of teacher of the Senior Girls' School.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Pirie, seconded by Mr. Knowles, that the Secretary be instructed to advertise in the Toronto and Guelph papers for a teacher to the Senior Girls' School. The salary to be \$400 per annum. Applicants to hold first class certificates, and to be competent to teach French.—Carried.

The Secretary then read the applications for assistant teacher in the Grammar School. Applications were received from the following along with testimonials:—James Brown, Stamford; Wm. Carter, Weston; G. McPhillips, Seaforth; S. S. Cann, Toronto; Alex'r Duncan, Montreal; Jas. C. Thompson, London; John Hunter, Guelph; Wm. Hart, Guelph.

The Board went into Committee of the Whole on the applications, and after some time spent therein, on motion of Mr. Peterson a special committee was appointed to make full inquiries in regard to the applications and testimonials, and report to the Board, Committee to consist of the Chairman, Rev. Mr. Ball, Dr. Herod, Messrs. Knowles, Harvey, Pirie, Newton and Innes.

Moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. McNeil, that the School Management Committee be instructed to make the necessary inquiries, and suggest whether any improvement can be effected in the management of the schools by the re-arrangement of the departments.—Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

Hanging in Montana is styled "climbing the rope bush," and in Nevada, "early

Parliament of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. OTTAWA, March 23.

In reply to Mr. Oliver, Sir John A. Macdonald said that it is not the intention of the Government to authorize the formation of military organizations within the Dominion for the defence of foreign powers.

In reply to Mr. Godin, Mr. Rose said it is the intention of the Government to introduce a measure during the present session, relating to the rate of interest on money.

In reply to Mr. Bodwell, Sir John A. Macdonald said in the case of Jordan Charles, who lately absconded with public funds, collected by him in the inland revenue district of the County of Oxford, no commission was given him, and no securities were taken from him; he was glad to say that all or nearly all the money with which he had absconded had been or would be recovered.

In reply to Mr. Jones, (Leeds), Hon. Mr. Cartier said it was not within the knowledge of the Government that any body of young men known as the Papal Zouaves had left Canada with the avowed intention of fighting against a nation with which Great Britain and Canada are at peace. As regards the young men who had gone, the Government did not know who of them might have received instruction at the Military Schools. (Laughter.)

Mr. Mason moved for the correspondence respecting the liberation by Royal pardon of Rev. Mr. McMahon and other Fenian prisoners. He said he had been led to make this motion by having read in the debates of the English House of Commons, that instructions had been given to the representative of the American Government to demand the immediate release of all the Fenian prisoners who were confined in the penitentiaries or prisons of Canada. He wished to ascertain whether there had been any correspondence on the subject with our Government which could be laid before the house.

The motion carried.

Dr. Parker moved for copies of any representation addressed to His Excellency by members of this house, respecting the marks of royal favour which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon them, and of all despatches on the same subject to or from the Colonial Secretary. He said that in the early part of the session he had made a motion which he now rose to renew. He was not satisfied with the reasons on which the withdrawal of his motion was then urged, and he hoped Government would now agree to let the correspondence be brought down. The motion was carried.

Mr. Mills moved for the correspondence between the Governments of Canada and Great Britain with the view of claiming compensation from the Government of the United States for property destroyed in Canada by bands of marauders, publicly armed and organized in the United States. After an explanation from Sir John A. Macdonald the motion was withdrawn.

Hon. Mr. Holton moved for a statement showing the amount of Dominion stock sold, the names of the purchasers, and the rates obtained; also, from whom, for what amounts, and at what rates unaccepted tenders were received. The motion was lost on a division.

Hon. Mr. Holton asked when the estimate would be brought down, and suggested that they should be brought down early, that odd hours, not otherwise engaged, might be spent in advancing them.

Sir John A. Macdonald said that the Minister of Finance had the estimates in a forward state of preparation, and he expected that they would soon be ready to be submitted to the Government.

American Despatches.

Havana, March 23.—It is reported that an American steamer arrived at St. Thomas from New York, with \$800,000 in specie, to be placed at the disposal of the Dominican Envoy, M. Pujol, and that the latter is to proceed to St. Domingo with the money for the purpose of purchasing the lease of the Bay of Samana for the U. S. from the new Government. There is no good authority for the story.

Cholera had entirely disappeared from St. Domingo. Business very dull.

Book Notices.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.—We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston, the April number of this choicest American monthly. The contents are even more than usually interesting, and are as follows: A Plea for the Afternoon; The Wreck of the Pocahontas; Spenser, Lagos Bar I; Byways of Europe IX; Once More; Our Roman Catholic Brethren; The Poison of the Rattlesnake; A most Extraordinary Case; Doctor Molke's Friends III; Free Mission II; April: Art: Reviews and Literary Notices. It will of course be needless to say that much ability is evinced in the writing of the Articles. The magazine is for sale at the bookstores.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS.—The April number of this periodical has been sent us by the publishers, Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston. As usual it is heavily freighted with instructive and interesting matter for young people. Some of the tales are continued, and there is much other intellectual pabulum of an equally inviting and nutritious character provided. The illustrations are numerous and well adapted to the subjects. For sale at the bookstores.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE.—This popular periodical for April has been received from Messrs. Tunia & Co., Clifton. The variety of its contents is such as no other magazine can pretend to. "Woman's Kingdom" by the gifted author of "John Halifax" is continued, and considerable space is devoted to Du Chailu on Gorillas and Cannibals. There are in addition many ably written articles on different subjects, and a number of cleverly told tales. The magazine may be had at Day's bookstore.

The precautions adopted by the military authorities at Montreal on the night of the 17th, were consequent upon the receipt by the commander of the forces of a telegram from the Governor General stating that information had been received of a project to destroy the artillery barracks by Greek fire.