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SPRAINS, Wounds and Bruises, RHEUMATISM, Neuralgic Pain, Headache, SALT RHEUM, ERYSIPELAS, FROSTED FEET AND CHILBLAINS.

NOT RUN AWAY YET. THE Subscriber begs to inform his old friends and the Public, that though several noted characters have lately been constrained to leave Guelph for the sake of their health, he is still hale and hearty, and hangs out his shingle at the old spot.

CORK STREET, OPPOSITE DEADY'S HOTEL, Where he is prepared as formerly to make up CLOTHING, on every description at short notice and in a superior style.

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All Work carefully finished, and at Moderate Rates. WM. MITCHELL, Guelph, Feb. 21, 1868.

Dominion Store! (Late Post Office Store) JUST RECEIVED, a large assortment of Embroidery for Ladies, &c. Also for Binding on all sorts of Dress Goods.

New Oranges and Lemons. For sale GATES & CO'S VICTORIA SEWING Machines. Do not forget the stand, next to the Wellington Hotel.

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SALE OF TWO FARMS IN PUSLINEH. FOR Sale by PRIVATE BARGAIN two farms in Puslineh. They consist of the front and rear halves of Lot No. 25, in the 7th concession.

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.

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Evening Mercury. OFFICE, MACDONNELL STREET. TUESDAY EV'G, APRIL 21, 1868.

To Sportsmen. Now opening my Spring Supply of Fish Hooks, Rods and Tackle, consisting of Reels, Nets, Fly Books, Pannier's Landing Rings, Winches, multiplying and plain, Silkworm Gut, Artificial Flies, mounted and plain.

HERALDS OF SUMMER.—Swallows have made their appearance. They were seen in Guelph this (Tuesday) morning.

John Hoag, the murderer of Stephen Lewbecker, has been extradited from the United States, and is now in secure quarters in the county jail of Bruce.

LECTURE THIS EVENING.—The Rev. W. S. Ball will (D.V.) deliver a lecture in the Temperance Hall (Mercery building) this Tuesday evening, April 21, under the auspices of the Guelph Temperance Society.

LIFE OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.—Mr. John Worsfold, local agent for Allfriend's Life of Jeff. Davis, has now received from the publishers copies of the work, and will at once deliver them to subscribers.

THE DR. DAVIS CASE.—At the Hamilton Assizes, now sitting, the Grand Jury found no bill in the case against Dr. Davis and Mary Barnard. This case it will be remembered excited some attention in Hamilton last winter in connection with the death of a young woman named Mary Edwards, whose demise it was at that time believed by some was caused by an attempt at abortion, and suspicions were entertained that Dr. Davis had a hand in it.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.—On Monday last Messrs. Deady and D. Bunyan went down to Aberfoyle dam for a day's fishing. They returned in the evening, the former having caught 28 speckled trout, which weighed collectively 10 lbs; and the latter having hooked 17, the weight of which was 6 1/2 lbs.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.—The last number of the Gazette contains the following statement of Provincial notes in circulation on the 1st inst.—Payable in Montreal \$2,508,129; payable in Toronto \$1,165,871; Specie held at Montreal \$400,000; specie held at Toronto \$450,000; Debentures held by the Receiver-General under the Provincial Note Act \$2,000,000.

Town Council. The Council met on Monday night. Present, the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Day, Heffernan, Harvey, Thomson, Howard, Melvin, Chadwick, McCurry, Mays and Massie.

The Clerk reported that an election of councillor had taken place in the West Ward, that Mr. Bagland had been re-elected, and that he had subscribed the declaration and taken the oath of office.

The Mayor read a communication from Nicol Kingsmill, of Toronto, relative to taxes paid by J. J. Kingsmill under protest on December 11th, 1866, amounting to \$326.68.

The Mayor read a communication from the Warden of St. George's Church. On receipt of the \$400 which had been offered by the Council, the Rector and Churchwardens would be prepared to give a deed of part of the lot.

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Mr. Thomson presented the report of the Finance Committee which was as follows: In reference to the communication of Messrs. Edging and Little, Solicitors to Dr. Wm. Clarke, which was submitted to the Finance Committee for settlement, they found that Lots Nos. 5, 6, 9, 27, 71, 87, 74, 87 and 88, known as part of Kingsmill's survey, were in 1856, 1858 and 1859, in blocks, which was lately decided at Court in the case of Archdeacon Palmer as being an incorrect mode of assessment; and however justly entitled the Corporation might be to said amount of taxes, your Committee were certain that if allowed to go to trial it would be a sufficient further cost to the municipality.

Therefore your Committee accepted the offer of Dr. Clarke, and paid the sum of \$50, for which sum your Treasurer holds a receipt. Your Committee have pleasure in presenting the yearly balance sheet of the Town Treasurer, which has been audited and found correct.

The total revenue of the municipality from all sources is shown to be \$39,934.15; the total expenditure \$30,935.54, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,998.61. To this balance of \$8,998.61 there is to be added a further sum of \$1244.46, paid into the hands of your Treasurer since 1st January, by Mr. Smith, collector of taxes, which should have been paid by 16th December. It is to be regretted that Mr. Smith did not act up to the instructions of the Finance Committee, by doing so the books of the Corporation would have shown a more perfect balance sheet.

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Mr. McCurry inquired when the Fire Engine was likely to arrive. Mr. Harvey said he had instructed the Clerk to write about it, as it should have been here five or six days ago. The Council adjourned.

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Our Mount Forest Correspondence.

THE MANSLAUGHTER CASE; FEEELING IN MOUNT FOREST; BURIAL OF CHALONER; BOY BROWNED IN THE WELL; DAM REPORTED MURDERED IN MIST.

My telegraphic despatch of Saturday will have put your readers in possession of all the particulars respecting the melancholy event which has so suddenly deprived one of our most promising young men of life, and consigned one of our citizens to jail to await his trial for the crime. Little more need be said in regard to the occurrence than that it has caused profound regret everywhere, and cast a gloom over the village. All seemed as if a dear friend had been snatched ruthlessly from them, and deep sympathy is expressed for the family of him who in a moment of phrenzy forgot the past and present friendship of poor Chaloner, the low fell and the victim of unguarded passion was instantly a corpse.

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Parliament of Canada.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. OTTAWA, April 20, 1868.

Mr. Holton complained that some parts of the correspondence respecting the titles of honours conferred on Messrs. Cartier and Galt had not been sent down a long with the rest of the letters. The answer to his question will be given to-morrow.

Additional correspondence respecting Great Western Railway indebtedness to government was promised to be sent down.

Hon. Mr. Langevin moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole on the third report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, which recommends reduction in the number and salaries of officers of the House, so as to effect a saving estimated at \$30,000 per annum. A long discussion took place in regard to many of the items, but the report was carried.

The Ottawa Tragedy.

More Evidence Against Whalen.

Edward Storr, a messenger of the House of Commons, was examined before Mr. O'Reilly on Monday, and states that on the night of the assassination he saw Whalen in the gallery while McGee was speaking; and in consequence of noticing Whalen lean over the gallery with more than ordinary interest then, and apparently gesticulate menacingly at Mr. McGee, the attention of the witness was drawn in Whalen's direction.

At a later period the witness saw Whalen in the lobby of the House of Commons, subsequently the two were observed in conference on the lobby at the head of the stairs, and here witness says he was enabled to get such a good view of them as enabled him to recognize Whalen in prison as the man whose actions in the gallery were that night so unaccountable. At 1 o'clock that night and again about 2, witness saw these two men in the gallery, as he was posting some matter, and then he observed Buckley also in conversation with them. That night he saw Whalen seven times, and so far this witness sustains Graham's testimony as against Buckley.

O'Neil, the detective, one of the witnesses on whose testimony Buckley has been committed, gives information to the effect that on the morning of the murder he charged Buckley with some knowledge of it, and said he ought to tell what he knew. Having denied all knowledge at the outset, Buckley went on to say, "My God, do you want to ruin me, and have my house burned over me?"

When it is stated that Buckley knew more than he said the detective kept at him, when upon it is stated Buckley said, "Go to Eagleson and arrest the ruddy whiskered rascal there!" but refusing to give the name. That day the police discovered Whalen and at once had him placed in the lock-up.

From time to time, Whalen who is closely watched, has made statements which tend not a little to throw light on the plot. While Detective O'Neil was alone with Whalen on Saturday last, the prisoner recovering from a deep fit of thought, suddenly struck his breast and said, "I have it here, they cannot take it from me; I will never be a Croydon, a Massie, or a Nagle; let them do as they will." And at a subsequent period, when he had been committed prisoner said— "They are going to fix me eh? I am used to that: I have been twice in Kilmahnaugh goal; they cannot frighten me."

Patrick Buckley, the door keeper of the House of Commons, was arrested on Monday afternoon under the Habeas Corpus Suspension Act. Rumours are in circulation in Montreal that the Government has information to the effect that Whalen was one of a band of forty conspirators to whom it was told by lot to assassinate M. McGee.

What the Abyssinians Think of the English.

The correspondent of the London Daily News, accompanying the Abyssinian expedition, writes as follows from Antalo: "I asked yesterday one of our interpreters, a gentleman who resided for a considerable time in Abyssinia, what was the native opinion regarding us. He said, first they disbelieve that you are bona fide Christians; they say, 'You certainly pretend to be so, but you never come to our churches except to look at them; then, you do not kneel down or kiss the ground. You drink coffee, eat the unclean hare and even the pig.' How they discovered this last item I don't know, as I have seen no tame swine to eat in Abyssinia. The same gentleman told me that there were two bonds of sympathy connecting the inhabitants with us—dollars and hatred to Theodore; and that it was to the last he attributed the fact of our transports being so little plundered. When Theodore is conquered, he considered our small parties must look out, as the wealth they carry with them may be an irresistible temptation to the Abyssinians. With regard to our military strength, those who know the population say that the impression made is not what we would expect; our numbers at first produced an effect, for all our camp followers, our real source of weakness, when there were a great many of them, were set down as fighting men; but this has been much lessened by what I have seen no tame swine to eat in Abyssinia, namely, our habit of paying for everything and molesting no one. This they say is the conduct of traders, not of soldiers. Our tactics, and our movements from column into line, they utterly despise; they believe that man to man, they are superior to us. Our cannon certainly interest them; but then those of Theodore are much bigger. Two points alone shake their conviction in their own superior fighting power; first, we are evidently taking a great deal of trouble to meet the King, whom none of their own princes care to confront; secondly we are undoubtedly possessed of a large number of excellent fire-arms, such as they themselves covet more than anything else in this world; but to the discipline shown by our soldiers they do not attach any weight, and do not yet acknowledge the moral and physical superiority that the white man has over the black and the brown.

Two Persons Nearly Poisoned at Rockwood. We have learned the particulars this morning of two cases of accidental poisoning which took place at Rockwood on Monday night, and which but for the prompt means taken by the medical men might have proved fatal. It appears that the boy who is lost, and another were in a boat on the dam on Sunday evening sailing about, and when they were leaving the boat one of the boys jumped on the gravel, when the other missed and was carried off by the stream. They boy is about 11 years of age. This should be a sufficient warning to parents to keep a strict guard on their children, and not allow them to indulge in such pastimes as river fishing, and every season.

It is reported that a man named Malcolm McMullen, of the Township of Malton, has murdered his daughter and buried her clandestinely. The matter recently came to light, and has caused great excitement.

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Mr. Andrew Warner, merchant, and his wife partook of some lobsters on Monday night about 11 o'clock. Shortly after they retired to bed, and about two o'clock both were taken ill, the symptoms being exactly like those from which a person suffers who has taken arsenic or any poison of a similar character. Dr. Jones, who resides with Mr. Warner, was at once summoned, and as usual Dr. Perkins, and the remedies used in such cases were employed. Mr. Warner was soon out of danger, but it was some hours before the same could be said of his wife. From the latest accounts, however, we are glad to learn that her recovery is hoped for. We have heard no explanation as yet how the poison got mixed up with what they eat. Dr. Jones says he had no arsenic among his drugs, so that it could not be used for anything else. Possibly we may learn more about it in a day or two.

A FIRE.—A number of barrels, some containing coal oil, some empty, which were lying in the yard attached to Mr. Hignibotham's drug store took fire about noon to-day, and it is unnecessary to say that they made quite a blaze. It was the outside merely of the barrels that was on fire, but as the inflammable liquid had thoroughly impregnated the wood they caught quickly. Fortunately the fire was early discovered, and a few pails of water prevented damage. The barrels were charred, but not deeply.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

FENIAN TRIALS IN LONDON.

Two of the Prisoners Turn Queen's Evidence.

THE PRINCE OF WALES STILL IN DUBLIN.

Re-assembling of the British Parliament.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Dublin, April 20th.—A grand review of the forces in and around the city took place to-day in Phoenix Park. The troops were under the command of the Duke of Cambridge. The Prince of Wales was present with a large and brilliant staff, and reviewed the troops, who, all clad in new uniforms, made a fine appearance.

The display attracted vast crowds of people, who covered the elevated grounds and buildings in the vicinity of the scene. London, April 20th.—The trial of the Clerkenwell prison explosion Fenian prisoners commenced to-day. Burke and his fellow prisoners will be tried next. The trial excites much interest. The Attorney General opened the case for the prosecution. He said he expected to prove that the crime of murder had been committed upon the person of a woman, one of the victims of the explosion at Clerkenwell House of Detention; that this explosion was directly brought about by the prisoners at the bar, four of whom the testimony would show were members of a Fenian organization; that the said explosion was part of a plot to facilitate the escape of Burke, a Fenian leader, confined in the said house of detention; that in the confusion produced by the explosion, Burke was to make his escape; that a fund of money was raised at a Fenian meeting in Holborn, to provide for the expenses of the conspiracy; that all the prisoners in the court were immediately concerned in the atrocious attempt, except perhaps the woman Ann Justice; but that the prisoners Barrett and Murphy joined at a late day in the conspiracy; that a man named Falon, who had not yet been arrested, was known to have bought the powder for the use of the conspirators.

The Attorney General continued.—The execution of the plot was fixed for 13th December; Burke was to be warned of the lighting of the fuse outside by a ball which was to be thrown over the wall into the prison yard, where it was expected he would be taking exercise with other prisoners; but the attempt failed on that day; on the following day the fuse was lighted by Barrett himself, and the conspirators succeeded in producing the unfortunate explosion, which caused the murder for which they were now on trial. A short time before this event the woman Ann Justice was seen talking to the Desmonds, and she was arrested after the explosion while flying from the scene in their company. The learned counsel concluded his speech by announcing that the men Vaughan and Mullaney, accomplices in the crime, had given Queen's evidence, and would give their testimony before the court; but he warned the jury against accepting their evidence as conclusive, unless sustained by the others produced by the Crown.

The witnesses for the prosecution were then called; formal testimony was taken as to the nature of the wounds received by the deceased.

Mullaney was then called to the witness box and sworn. He testified that all the male prisoners were regular members of the Fenian organization; that Barrett was a Fenian centre; that he had frequent consultations with Murphy, who was an active agent in the affair; that all the prisoners at the bar were well acquainted with the plot in all its details; and that Barrett had boasted of being the man who fired the train. In the course of his testimony, witness referred to an important letter written in invisible ink and addressed to Murphy.

Inspector Thomson then arose and said Murphy could not be found, but the letter spoken of was from Burke and contained details of the plan to effect his release. At the conclusion of the testimony of Inspector Thomson, the court adjourned until to-morrow morning.

The court room was crowded with spectators until the adjournment. Most interesting interest is taken in the trial by the people, especially by the inhabitants of Clerkenwell.

Parliament re-assembled this evening, but after a short sitting adjourned until to-morrow. Proceedings in both houses unimportant.

American Despatches.

Detroit, April 20th.—The steamer Lowell arrived here to-day from Chicago, being the first boat through the Straits this season.

San Francisco, April 20.—Mexican arrivals state that Gen. Corona had arrived at Santa and assumed command of the military forces operating against Martinez. He had issued a proclamation calling on the people to sustain him in putting down the malcontents and restoring the legally constituted authorities.

New York, April 21.—The Herald's London special says Gen. Napier, after leaving Lake Ashangi, ordered a dash to be made on Theodoros' works at Magdala, but the result was not known, owing to a break in the telegraph at Senafe.

The Herald's Havana special gives advices from Mexico to the 15th. An American bark, caught smuggling, had been confiscated. The Indian troubles continue. A battle had been fought with the Apaches in Montezuma, and 130 of them killed. This blasts the hopes of peace with these Indians.

THREATENING.—Some evil disposed persons, says the Montreal Witness, are devoting what little knowledge they have to caligraphy to the concoction of threatening missives. Several prominent citizens have lately received them, and on Friday morning craps were found attached to the door handles of two or three residences.

FIRE AT BELLEVILLE.—A fire broke out in a grocery store at Belleville on Saturday morning last, and was not extinguished until \$24,000 worth of property had been destroyed.