

The Mirror

Colchester County Advertiser.

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The War Ended.

Scarcely was our last article on the Abyssinian war in print when the joyous news came that the war was successfully closed...

Correspondence.

[No communication will be taken notice of unless accompanied with the author's name.]

TRURO, May 7, 1868.

MR. EDITOR:

DEAR SIR,—May I bespeak a place in your columns for the following: A public meeting was lately called for Monday evening last, at half-past 7 o'clock, in the Presbyterian Hall, to form a "Truro Tract Society, Auxiliary to the British American Book and Tract Society."

After Mr. McBean's address the Chairman gave out an appropriate hymn, calculated to arouse the audience to a sense of Christian duty, which was sung with good effect.

Mr. William Faulkner then moved, and Mr. I. N. Archibald seconded, that the meeting form itself into "The Tract Society of Truro, Auxiliary to the British American Book and Tract Society," which motion was passed without a dissenting voice.

The Rev. Mr. McCulloch and other gentlemen then addressed the meeting. All spoke in warm terms of the benefits that would follow the introduction of such a Society, and hoped that it would be well launched in our midst.

Mr. I. N. Archibald then moved that the meeting adjourn to Tuesday evening, 12th May instant, to meet at same time and place, to organize the "Tract Society of Truro, auxiliary to the British American Book and Tract Society," and that in the meantime the clergymen of Truro be respectfully invited to attend the meeting, and announce it from their pulpits, which motion was seconded by Mr. Russell, and passed in due form, when the meeting adjourned accordingly.

ISRAEL LONGWORTH.

Agricultural.

HINTS ABOUT WORK.

Last Year's Mistakes are to be avoided. Take time, do all kinds of work thorough and well. If not present, let everything ordered to be done pass under your inspection soon after it is finished.

A Watch on the Markets.—We have almost always either something to sell or something to buy; hence it is always well to watch the fluctuation of prices, and take advantage of them, if possible.

Labor will pay. Hire more labor—take risks of this kind. If work is well planned, and judiciously carried out, the more there is done, the better off you will be. If money at interest pays, that spent for labor ought to pay fifty per-cent better.

Cows.—When there is a good strong growth of grass, turn the cows to pasture, but not before. Calves, wearing muzzles set with nails which are well sharpened, but not slender pointed, may run with their dams without danger of their sucking. Cows "coming in" on full feed, often make more milk than their udders have capacity to retain, if milked but twice a day.

Sawdust as Manure.—The common practice of throwing this article into the streams on which saw-mills and shingle-mills are situated is reprehensible. It would not pay to spread it upon a muck swamp, but upon any sandy land, or light gravelly loam, deficient in vegetable matter, it would prove a good dressing, and in time would show good results.

Gold has been discovered at Ardoise Hill, Hants County, and a number of claims have been taken up. Two men named John Barraclow and Charles Cosman were drowned in Chebogue Narrows, Yarmouth County, on the 23rd ult., by the upsetting of a scow.

DON'T LET POTATOES MIX IN THE HILL.

"Do potatoes ever mix in the hill?"—Potatoes are very apt to be mixed in the hill, and it requires constant care not to suffer loss in this way, for mixed potatoes never will bring so high a price in market as they would were the kinds separate. The mixture always takes place either at or before planting, or after digging. The question may be discussed till doomsday with some people, and never be decided, for the simple reason that some people are exceedingly careless with their seed potatoes. It is not unusual to see, that the soil and manner of culture, manure, amount of weeds, etc., have a decided effect upon the external appearance of the potatoes. These things affect the tops, the roots, the tubers externally, and their internal character. The color and markings are perhaps least affected; the form is subjected to considerable change; the texture of the skin is still more; and it may be and probably is true, that after cultivating a variety for many years under similar circumstances, a decided change of appearance and character may be established. This, however, very rarely occurs, and the possibility of such a thing may be entirely disregarded in planting potatoes, except to throw out any peculiar looking ones which may be noticed when the seed is cut. Different kinds of potatoes may be planted in contiguous rows, as well as otherwise. In fact, this is the best way of comparing the productiveness of different varieties—the rows across the field being planted with each kind, repeating the same kind two or three times, to give all an even chance.

The weather for the last few days has been cold and damp. Farmers about this part of the country have got but little done yet.

The town of Canning, Cornwallis, has purchased a hand-engine in Halifax for the sum of \$125.

The "May Pic-nic" at the Falls on Friday week was a brilliant success. The attendance was very large. The Rothsay Blues Volunteer Brass Band were present, and acquitted themselves admirably.

There were nine persons baptized in the Salmon River last Sabbath morning by the Rev. D. W. Dimock. A large concourse of people attended, and the ceremony throughout was solemn and impressive.

The Penny Readings at Cobequid Hall, under the superintendence of the Rev. H. Williams, were brought to a close on Tuesday evening last. The entertainment throughout was the best yet given. Though opposed to making invidious distinctions, we cannot help remarking that the singing and playing of Miss Alice Blanchard deserves the highest praise.

Yesterday the city market was very well supplied with meat, as well as eggs, which sold from 8d. to 10d. per dozen. Butter was scarce, and on demand. Island flour held at 30s. per 100 lbs.; oatmeal dull at 22s. to 23s. For oats 3s. 6d. a bushel asked, and barley for seed sold at 7s. to 7s. 6d. Seed wheat scarce, and in good request.—P. E. I. Patriot.

—We understand that a series of premanade concerts will be given in the Drill Shed this season.

—The Miltonian Tableaux of Paradise Lost, at Cobequid Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, was not very well patronized.

—A public meeting was held in the Court House on Saturday evening last, to give all parties interested in the common an opportunity of expressing their views. We will give our readers a full report next week.

—We understand that ladies have gone round Bible Hill, &c., and through other parts of our town, collecting for the Truro Branch Bible Society. Above thirty-two dollars have been received, paid to the Treasurer, and handed by him to the Agent. Other ladies will call on those who have not yet been visited. We commend this cause—the British and Foreign Bible Society—to the liberality of the community. The first Branch Bible Society organized in British North America was formed in Truro 58 years ago. Its founders, and nearly all its first supporters, have gone. Should not the work they commenced be still continued?

—Several cargoes of potatoes have lately arrived from P. E. Island. They commanded a good price, selling for a few days at 70 cents per bushel. The price has since fallen.—E. Chron.

—Oats and potatoes realized each sixty cent a bushel at auction yesterday. A sale of oats on Tuesday was stopped because there was no advance over sixty-two and a half cents a bushel. Hay seed realized \$2 50 a bushel.—Colonist.

The editor of the Portland Transcript sends his photograph, taken doubtless with his happiest expression, to subscribers who pay in advance. To make the plan complete, he should have some with an empty pocket-book scowl, to send to delinquents.—Belfast Journal.

We had thought of this, but were deterred through fear of frightening the recipients out of their wits instead of their money. We warn delinquents, however, that a fearful visitation is in store for them unless they speedily repent of their un-remitting neglect to pay the printer.

From a correspondence between R. G. Halliburton, Esq., and the Hon. A. G. Archibald, published in the New Glasgow Chronicle, we learn that Sir William Logan will commence a survey of the Pictou coal mines next month.

A School Teacher named Daniel O'Leary was drowned at Prospect on Saturday.

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—Call and see the New Fancy Dress Goods, Grey, White, and Printed Cottons now opening at WILLIAM CUMMINGS'.

The sawmill at River Phillip, owned by R. F. Black, Esq., and J. W. Schurman, and about 40,000 feet of spruce deals, were destroyed by fire on the 28th ult. Loss \$2000.

On Thursday morning a large three story house at the Straight Shore, owned by John Shea, was totally destroyed by fire. A quantity of liquor and oil, the property of Mr. Logue, which was stored in the cellar, was also destroyed. The building was partially insured.—St. John Freeman.

A correspondent in Lunenburg County informs the Colonist of a sad accident which happened at Hartland's Milldam, about five miles above Bridgewater, on Wednesday evening last. Three men were in a boat in the vicinity of the Milldam, when it upset, and before assistance reached the spot a Mr. Solimon Mosher, of New Cornwallis, was drowned. The body had not been recovered on Friday evening, when our correspondent wrote. The other two men who were in the boat were rescued with difficulty. About the same time a Mr. James Reynold, while engaged in rafting timber on the La Have, had his leg dreadfully crushed by a dam of logs.

—A very serious accident had like to happen at the Richmond Station on Saturday evening. A country woman who had arrived in the Pictou train, had delayed in the car to collect some parcels, and when in the act of stepping off the car the train started to back up to the baggage room. She was thrown forward on the platform, and her skirt catching in a bolt in the car, she was dragged in this position for some distance, forunately some men standing on the platform, took hold of her, and carried her along until the train stopped. Otherwise she would have been crushed to death between the car and platform.

A Sad Story.—The saddest story that we ever read was that of a child in Switzerland, a pet boy—just as yours is, reader—whom his mother, one bright morning rigged out in a beautiful jacket all shining with silk and buttons, and gay as mother's love could make it, and then permitted him to go out to play. He had scarcely stepped from the door of the "Swiss cottage," when an enormous eagle swooped him from the ground and bore him to its nest, high up among the mountains, and yet within eight of the house of which he had been the joy. There he was killed and devoured, the cry being at a point which was literally inaccessible to man, so that no relief could be afforded. In tearing the child to pieces, the eagle so placed the gray jacket in the nest that it became a fixture, and the sun would shine on its lovely trimmings and ornaments. For years it was visible from the lowlands, long after the eagle had abandoned her nest. What a sight it must have been for the parents of the little victim!

The investigation into the Ottawa tragedy continues. We see it stated that Whalen will be tried by a special commission immediately. The Ottawa correspondent of the Citizen writes that the government have information showing that four persons were in the assassination plot, but Whalen was not the man selected to commit the deed, that the man who was selected for that purpose grew faint hearted and failed, that Whalen took his place, and being fortified with two or three glasses of brandy performed the deed, and that all the four villains are now in custody and certain to be convicted. The four spoken of include Whalen, Doyle, Buckley, and another. It is said they cast lots as to who should commit the deed, that the lot twice fell to Buckley, and that he hired Whalen.

BY TELEGRAPH.

OTTAWA, May 4.

The Committee on Navigation have reported in favor of building Light Houses at the following, among other places: Cape Breton; Green Island, near Halifax, White House Island, or The Wolves, Bay of Fundy; Floating Light at Red Island Reef, River St. Lawrence; Bird Rock, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The two last are of the first importance.

The Committee have also recommended that Cordage, Canvas, Chains, and other articles enumerated as free for ship's purposes, be admitted free for the fisheries.

In the Senate to-day, the Hon. Mr. Campbell, in reply to Senator Rescor, said that the Government would submit the route of the Inter-Colonial Railway to the Imperial Government before coming to a final decision. No subsidy will be given to any companies to build the road.

The Attorney General of the Province of Ontario will decide to-morrow whether Whelan shall be tried for the murder of Mr. Megee at the Assizes or by a Special Commission.

LONDON, May 4, P. M.—A Hong Kong letter of February 26th says that Prussia was negotiating for the accession of the Island of Chusan to Germany, and thus place the interests of the Confederation in the command of the China and Japan trade.

LONDON, May 2.—It is said to-day that the Prime Minister Disraeli had tendered his resignation, but it was not accepted. Gladstone on Monday, will move to suspend all orders, and take up resolutions introduced by him relating to the Irish Church. If the resolutions are carried out, it is thought that an Address to the Queen will follow.

OTTAWA, May 5.

In the House of Commons last night E. M. McDonald (Lunenburg), in the absence of Mr. Croke, moved for returns relating to St. Peter's Canal. Carried.

Mr. Oliver (Oxford, O.), moved that the Governor-General's salary be reduced to thirty-five thousand dollars after the first of July next. Mr. Dufresne moved an amendment that it be reduced to thirty-two thousand dollars. A long discussion ensued, in which Minister and several of the leading members on the Ministerial side spoke, opposing the reduction. Amendment carried 90 to 45. The motion, as amended, was then carried by 108 to 27. Ministers in both cases voting in the minority. House then went into Committee, carried the resolutions, and adjourned.

Boyle and Hynes, editors and publishers of the Irish Canadian, Nelson, Secretary of the Hibernian Society, and Owen Casgrove, were arrested in Lunenburg yesterday for Fenianism. The papers have been seized, and their sale forbidden.

OTTAWA, May 4.—It is rumored that another Banking institution of Ontario is likely to fail, and lead to fresh financial embarrassments.

In the Commons this afternoon the Committee on Fisheries and Navigation reported, recommending the construction of a large additional number of lighthouses.

Mr. Jones (Leeds) moved a reduction of the Privy Council to nine. Neither ministerialists nor opposition noticed his arguments, and the motion was declared lost.

Some debate took place on matters relating to old Canada.

OTTAWA, May 5.—In the House of Commons the bill respecting Penitentiaries was read a time, and finally passed.

On a motion made to go into Committee of Supply Mr. Holton moved an amendment setting forth the necessity of greater economy in the public service.

Sir John A. McDonald regarded the amendment as a want of confidence motion, and it was voted down ninety to twenty-six.

The Nova Scotia members were all absent last night, except Campbell, when Mr. Oliver moved that the Governor-General's salary be reduced to thirty-five thousand dollars.

The amendment was carried by a vote of ninety to forty-five. The motion as amended was reported up as carried one hundred to thirty-six.

The result was announced with loud cheers from the Opposition benches.

Mr. Dorion has given notice of motion in amendment to Mr. G. B. Bill, providing for greater encouragement to volunteer organizations.

Mr. Parker gave notice of amendment for reduction of staff officers.

FROM THE STATES.

New York, May 6.—Congressman Bingham closed his argument to-day in the impeachment case, which now gives it to the Senate for final action.

CABLE DESPATCHES.

LONDON, May 6.—Advices from St. Petersburg speak of Russian and French mediation in the Turco-Cretan question.

LONDON, May 5 (midnight).—In the House of Commons this evening Mr. Gladstone referred to the Duke of Richmond's assertion in the House of Lords last night that Her Majesty the Queen had instructed to the Ministry to dissolve Parliament whenever they pleased. Such a statement, said Mr. Gladstone, was unconstitutional, as it left the Ministry at liberty to deal with cases which had not yet arisen. He asked for an explanation of the statement, and contradicted the one made in the House of Commons by the Premier.

Mr. Disraeli, in reply, said that there was not a discrepancy between the two Houses. He had offered to resign, but the tender was declined by her Majesty. His advice to the Queen was to dissolve Parliament when the state of public business permits. This was without any reference to the new constituencies; but if the work of the House was soon completed a new House would be elected by Sir Stafford Northcote made some remarks to the effect that the Ministry had no intention to menace the House.

Mr. Disraeli in again rising said that the right to dissolve Parliament only was reserved by the Ministry in case an issue upon the Irish Church question was pressed to a division. A few speeches by other members the debate ended.

OTTAWA, May 7.

The following Bills passed through Committee of the whole House last night:—Respecting offences; Relating to Coin Act; Against forgery; Respecting offences against the person; Respecting malicious injuries to property; Respecting larceny; Relating to duty of justices of Peace, out of sessions; Respecting riots or riotous proceedings; Respecting navigation of Canadian waters; Respecting aliens and naturalization; For Summary administration of justice in certain Criminal cases. Several other bills advanced a stage, and the House adjourned at midnight.

Three Fenians have been arrested at Guelph, Ontario. The authorities have information implicating several parties through out Canada in Fenian conspiracy, and are determined to enforce law against them.

A serious fire occurred at Maitland on the 28th ult., destroying a house belonging to Mr. Robert Smith. The building was partly insured. Fire supposed to have originated from the chimney.

A young man was killed at Maitland on the 28th ult. by falling on a pitchfork.

HORSE STEALING.—On Tuesday morning last a thief entered the stable of Mr. John Smith, of this place, and took a valuable horse, saddle and bridle, and started towards Amherst. Mr. Smith followed in pursuit, but up to the time of our going to press had not captured him.

Deaths.

Mrs. David Anderson Archibald, in the 47th year of her age, an old and deservedly respected inhabitant. Her end was peace.

At Cardiff, Wales, on the 4th inst., Peter Crerar, Esq. of Pictou, in the 39th year of his age.

At the Island, East River, on the 16th ult., Anne, eldest daughter of Alex. Fraser, in the 23rd year of her age.

At Loch Broom, on the 21st ult., after a lingering illness, Alex. William, son of Ace. McCabe, Cascumpeque, P. E. I., in the 37th year of his age.

At New Glasgow on Saturday May 1st, Samuel McKay, aged 22 years, and six months, eldest son of Mrs. Isabella McKay.

New Advertisements.

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Ladies and Gents Lawn Handkerchiefs, Ladies and Gents Paper Collars of all sizes, Ladies Linen collars and cuffs, Shawls, Black cloth and Silk Jackets;

Parasols, Umbrellas, Hats, Bonnets, Straw Ornaments, Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons, velvet Ribbons, Drop and other Trimmings, Buttons and Small Wares; Silk, Cord, and Chenille Hair Nets. A good assortment of GLOVES and HOSIERY, Black Silk Lace Veils, Osmover Veiling, Stays, Stay Fasteners, Hoop Skirts, &c. Truro, May 9, 1868.

BARGAINS

In Books, Stationery, &c., at the Truro Book Store. The remainder of stock will be sold at less than COST, to close up business in Truro. Terms cash. HENRY STERNS.

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