







THE TORONTO WORLD

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1884.

EARLY TORONTO.

Private History of the Site of York - The Migratory Character of the Name Applied to It.

From the Memorial Volume by Dr. Scadding and J. C. Dent.

It will appear that the appellation "Toronto" has been migratory. In 1793 it was applied familiarly to the locality on which the present city of Toronto stands; and the harbor of the present city was equally well known as the bay of Toronto.

But one hundred and seventeen years earlier, these names, written precisely as we write them now, belonged to localities, not on the shore of Lake Ontario, but to a region about forty miles farther north lying between the waters of Gloucester or Maitland bay on Lake Huron and those of Lake Simcoe.

Thus, in a despatch of the Marquis de Denonville, governor-general of Canada, to the government of Louis XIV., dated 1681, we have the word employed in this relation. In the despatch referred to, it is recommended that two military posts should be established to guard the two straits leading to Lake Huron, one at its southern end, and the other at the northern end, and the latter at the upper or northern end, at "the Pass by Toronto." Both posts were intended to bar the way against the English traders, who would persist in penetrating to the interior of the continent.

Mr. Hornbrook explains that what he said was that they had mistyped in their order who were Mr. Macdonnell's peers, if not his superiors, intellectually. He made no mention at all of the reverend gentleman's moral position.

The Kerry Gov. "Standing room only" was the sign displayed at the Grand Opera House last night, the opening of Joe Murphy's engagement. The theatre was packed as full as it could hold and many were turned away.

The intended site of the fort at "the pass by Toronto" may be gathered from a map accompanying Labontant's Letters, some of which were written at this period. On this map a fort is conspicuously marked, not far from the site of the present Pentagon, as suggested to be built there, not simply as a bar to the English, but as a bulwark against the Iroquois invaders, now threatening the very existence of the colony of New France.

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A Hint for Mr. Peil. Editor World: Mr. Peil of the St. George's society is doing good work in employing the unemployed and sending out kindling wood at a low price.

Farley's is the household word for bargains. The public school board transacted no business last night as there was no quorum.

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DOMINION DASHES.

The Latest and Best News Found in Our Canadian Exchanges. The Kingston public schools are so crowded that the pupils sit on the floor as well as on the benches.

The Salvation Army has struck oil at Petrolia, so to speak, having made 350 cwt of oil in a fortnight.

C. Dryden of Deseronto discovered yesterday morning a flying squirrel in a hollow tree and bagged the whole lot.

Chatham wants an extension of a Canadian Pacific railway branch to that town, and will offer a bonus if necessary.

The Rockwood asylum stables took fire Wednesday morning and it is thought he will not recover.

An organization known as the English Derby sweepstakes, just formed, will be allowed to operate.

A number of farmers in Erin have formed themselves into a society pledging to abstain from the use of tobacco.

Alexander Weir, Pauline, was found dead in his hotel the other day. He was 88 years old, possessed of great wealth, never washed his hands or face for months, and lived alone in the most miserly and degraded state.

Charles Fitch, Brockville, fell under his horse's feet while drawing lumber on Monday, and two ribs and his left leg were broken, both of which were set.

A maiden in Godfrey has actually taken advantage of the sex's privilege and proposed to a Kingston alderman.

Niagara Falls hackmen are supposed to be able to get the start of every one they meet, but recently three of the fraternity visited St. Catharines to see a horse race and indulged in a little game of pick and drop by which the whole party were ruined.

The name of Folger will probably be sent to the senate as United States minister to Russia.

Robert Stobo & Co., large dealers in provisions and grain at New York have suspended.

At Tompkinsville, S. I., Capt. Melville, governor of Sailer's Snug Harbor, dropped dead yesterday.

John Neill, a prominent contractor in Paris and New York, has been arrested on a charge of embezzlement.

A large Newfoundland dog committed suicide at New York by jumping into East river because his master sold him to a stranger.

G. W. Wendell of the congregational church at Hudson, Ohio, has been deposed on the ground that he is utterly unworthy of the ministry.

Shot While Whipping His Son. Philadelphia, March 6. - Benjamin Beatty attempted to chastise his 17-year old boy, Harry, this morning, when the latter drew a revolver and shot his father in the breast.

A NAKED-EYED COMET. An exchange says: "Has anybody really found the comet with the naked eye?"

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