







OPERATIONS ON THE COAST OF AFRICA.

The following extract from a letter by a midshipman in H.M.S. "Arrogant," 50 guns, now on the west coast of Africa, to his father in Montreal, which he is a native of, may be interesting to some of our readers:

H. M. S. Arrogant, up the river Gambia, We have lately been on active service.

We left Sierra Leone on the 12th in company with the "Forte," Admiral Keppel and the "Falcon" 17 guns and proceeded up this river. The "Forte" came no further than Bathurst, but the Admiral sent us and the "Falcon" up as far as now are (about 30 miles) to put a stop to some row between the merchants and the natives; the first and second West Indian Regiment having been sent up before in the "Torch" gun boat, last Monday. We landed our marines and small arms-men and co-operated with the first and second regiments in burning two villages, the enemy running away without our having fired any shots at them. Yesterday we had a more serious affair. We landed the same force of marines and small arms men from each of the other ships, in all about two hundred and sixty men marched inland in company with the first and second West India Regiments for about two or three miles until we came to the second village that we had burnt the first day. At the entrance of this village the enemy had built stockades and we were then in great force they began firing at us when we were a good way off, without waiting for the guns and West India Regiments who were some distance in the rear; and did not appear very much inclined to come on, we rushed and stormed the stockades, headed by our old Commodore himself; the blue jackets gave three cheers, and in a short time drove the enemy back, killing about one hundred and fifty of them. They fought like devils, never asking for quarter, but fighting till they were killed outright. Our loss was rather great; out of the company which I was in, Lieutenant commanding was wounded; one of our mates (Hamilton) was shot dead with three bullets in his chest, another man too was shot dead, besides twelve others wounded. This is speaking of only one company; the others did not suffer so much; our entire loss was three killed and twenty-one wounded, on the whole I think it was very well done. As to the storming party though I had not much time to look about me, I could see the old Commodore leading the way in a very lucky manner, followed by Lieutenant Grant, our first Lieutenant and one of our mates, Halford who killed about four or five with his own sword. These negroes or rather Arabs fired entirely at the officers; nearly all of us were shot about the clothes, and our gunnery Lieutenant who commanded my company, as well as being wounded had five shots through his coat. We believe that the fair is now over; and that this African King will knock under and pay the money, I do not think he will force the English blue jackets and marines against whatever else he may do. The West Indian regiments certainly on this occasion behaved very badly, never advanced until the enemy were running. It is very sad about poor Hamilton; he was our senior mate and would have been promoted had he lived; he was my great friend and comrade and indeed all of us liked him. However he died gallantly and the fellow that shot him was cut into pieces by one of our men. Very few escaped out of the first stockade. You must excuse my giving you so long an account of this affair but as it is the first I was in I make the most of it. I enclosed you a leaf of the Koran, one which was found on every body they believing that there was a charm in them; however in this case they did not do them much good.

PROMPTNESS IN DUTIES.—There is always a joy in duties performed, and promptness in the execution of them brings joy. To wait and look on a business we ought to do at once, procrastinate and discontinue to arise and do it immediately strengthens and enlarges the heart. Delay begets hesitancy and timidity; direct performance brings zeal and courage. They that wait upon the Lord revere their strength; but they that postpone till tomorrow present duties, are weaker for them than when they do. Promptness in duties gives greater strength for new duties. Enduring hardness as a good soldier in one campaign qualified the Christian for more manly feats in the next. We grow on food and exercise morally the same as we do physically. Christian promptness helps to develop that noble, full stature of character and life which the Gospel enjoins—gives grace to discipline, and energy and efficiency to the churches.—Morning Star.

AN UNEXPECTED CLAIMANT.—A person made his appearance in Hamilton yesterday who lays claim to a considerable amount of valuable property in and around the city, on the strength of a Crown grant. We know not whether the claim is good; at all events it is said that the claimant intends to pursue the matter, and we may expect a lively time ere long. The land claimed takes in one hundred acres of the mountain west of the James Street road, and two hundred acres below the mountain, and within the city limits, on which a great number of good houses, including some of the best residences in the city, are erected. The matter was bruited about yesterday, and gave rise to much conversation on the streets. A Mr. Reynolds is said to be the claimant. We shall probably hear further in a short time.—Hamilton Spectator.

Four boxes of earth, alike in quality and exposure to light and heat, were planted at the same time with corn from a single ear, and placed recently in a physician's office. In one box dry corn was planted; in another the seed was soaked in clean warm water; in the third the seed was soaked in a solution of lime water; in the fourth the seed was soaked in chloride of lime and copper water, equal parts. One week after wards the box with dry corn had not germinated, the second box had just commenced to germinate, the third box had just shown its green blades, and in the fourth box the blades were nearly three inches high. Copper will keep birds and worms from eating the seed, and one pound will soak seed enough for 20 acres.

A company has been proposed at Constantinople for developing the cotton cultivation in Asia Minor. It is supported by leading merchants, the British Ambassador, and the Grand Vizier. The Gazette Medicale states that charcoal has been discovered to be an excellent remedy for relieving the pain of rheum and heat.

The iron ore in the Lake Superior country is almost a pure oxyd. About one ton of metal may be obtained from one and a half tons of ore.

It is said that the Austrian government has just made a contract with a firm at Trieste for the construction of two iron-plated steam frigates.

Wrinkled silk may be rendered nearly as beautiful as when new by sponging it on the surface with a weak solution of gum arabic or white glue then ironing it on the wrong side.

A new paper mill has lately gone into operation at Santa Cruz, California, in which about one half of the wrapping paper consumed in that State can be manufactured.

THE ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

The annual report of this company states that the only liability outstanding against it is the sum of \$275 advanced by the directors of their own risk to meet current expenses of the company the past year. About five miles of cable were recovered when the attempt was made to repair it, which has been stripped and carefully examined without finding the slightest symptom of deterioration. A severe electrical test showed that an actual improvement had taken place in its condition since it was laid down. As the company is possessed of valuable privileges and contracts, it is deemed best to continue the organization for some time to come on an economical footing. The report states that a cable could be constructed without difficulty, and worked between Ireland and Newfoundland at the rate of fifteen to twenty words per minute. The balance sheet shows that \$247,840 had been expended, including \$203,682 for the cable, leaving a balance of \$2403 in hand.

FROM SAN DOMINGO.—Letters received from Havana announce the progress of preparations for the invasion of San Domingo. Already it is said that seven thousand men have been sent forward for that purpose, and that they are abundantly supplied with every material of war. Several slaves have been fitted up to take part in the expedition in addition to all the steamers that could be procured. The Cuban papers announce that the annexation has actually taken place yet they do not pretend to give the particulars of the landing of the army, or any events afterward. A long proclamation to the same effect appears, said to have been issued by President Santana; but some known ones attribute it to a Spanish officer in Havana. The Diabla del Mar emits a prodigious quantity of eloquence over the affair; but after blowing away its rhetorical chaff, there are very few grains of fact, to say nothing of truth, left. For the time being, the invasion remains as much "a muddle" as it was two weeks ago.

At the latest dates over four thousand pounds sterling had been paid into the Finance Office (India) by residents of London alone. Every arrival from South Asia brings more lamentable accounts of the distress prevailing in Upper India. The provinces suffering from drought contained a population of eight millions, of whom one-half are believed to be starving. Thousands of the people had abandoned their houses in search of water; they could pick up elsewhere; and multitudes were dying from hunger.

On Friday night, a store kept by a person named McClelland, in Wellington street, Montreal, was broken into, the thieves making their escape with about 6 cwt. of butter.

Ottawa Market Prices. April 17, 1861.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Wheat, Flour, Oatmeal, etc.

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NEW GOODS.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the Public, that he is now receiving, his usual supply of SPRING and SUMMER GOODS, Consisting of the Newest Styles of Ladies' Hats, Dresses, Shawls, Mantillas, Ribbons, &c. &c., together with an Assortment of Flowers and Plants, Trimmings, Scarfs, Collars and Sleeves, Head Dresses, and other Fashionable Articles; and likewise, a full assortment of HARDWARE, GROCERIES, MEDICINES, CROCKERY, BOOTS AND SHOES, READY MADE CLOTHING, And Paper Hangings, all of which will be sold at a very low figure.

He would also state, that he intends selling off all his Old Stock of Dry Goods, &c. at Cost for Cash. As great bargains, therefore, may be expected, he would solicit an early call from purchasers, when he has no doubt that they will be fully satisfied. JAMES W. DUNNET, Pakenham, 17th April, 1861. 32-a

NOTICE. ALL Notes and Accounts due the subscriber, will have to be paid up forthwith; otherwise they will be handed into Court for Collection. As this is positively the last notice, parties involved in expenses will have themselves only to blame. JAMES W. DUNNET, Pakenham, 15th April, 1861. 22-cg

NOTICE. THE Municipal Council of the Township of Beckwith, will meet at the Town Hall, on Tuesday the 23rd inst., at Eleven o'clock, A. M. The Statute Labour for the year 1861, will be appointed at the said meeting, and the Court of Revision will hold their first meeting at the same time and place. The Assessor and all others interested, are requested to take notice and attend. EWEN McEWEN, Town Clerk. Dated this 15th April, 1861. 32

SINGLE BUGGY FOR SALE. APPLY TO MOSES NELSON, Carleton Place, April 17-1861. 32-ff

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FARM FOR SALE. LOT No. 11, 8th Con. in the Township of Ross, containing 100 acres of Clear, lying on it a good Plank House, two Barns and Stable. The Road from Portage du Fort to Pembroke runs past the end of it, nearly opposite Mr. Halpern's Farm. Immediate possession will be given. For terms apply to ALEXR. THOMSON, Sen., On the Premises, Forster's Falls P. O. 22-pa

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GRAHAM STREET—PAKENHAM. GOOD STABLES, with every other convenience and accommodation for Travellers. 8th April, 1861. 31

NOTICE. THE Subscriber is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between the undersigned in Arnprior, under the Firm of "Stovin & Lyon," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due by, or to the said firm, will be settled by John, or THOS. STORIE, JOHN LYON. Arnprior, April 5, 1861. 31-g

LAND FOR SALE. EAST half of Lot No. 12 on the 6th Con. in the Township of Ramsay. For further particulars apply to the Subscriber at Benson's Corners. JAMES SNEEDDEN, Ramsay, 6th April, 1861. 31-g

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AGRICULTURAL NOTICE. SEEDS for Members of North Riding County Agricultural Society, for Sale by DAVID CAMPBELL, 5th Con. & Treas. N. L. A. S. Ramsay, 30th March, 1861. 30-g

To all whom it may Concern. FORBEID any person or persons from giving Credit to my son, John Mason, in my name, as I will not be accountable for any Debt he may contract after this date. THOMAS MASON, Beckwith, March 29, 1861. 30-g

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FOR SALE. THAT Large Stone Building on the 8th Line of Ramsay, known as MANVEL'S TANNERY. —ALSO—The Dwelling House on the opposite side of the road with the Garden and about four or five acres of land. For particulars enquire at this office. Carleton Place, Feb.