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Late advices from England lead us to believe that Canada is to be favored with additional reinforcements from the mother country. It is said the 4th brigade of Artillery, at present at Aldershot, are under orders for Canada. The thirty-sixth regiment, to which the Prince of Wales, a few weeks ago presented a new stand of colors at the Carragh Camp, has also received orders to hold itself in readiness for immediate embarkation. This regiment is quite a celebrated one and formed a portion of the brigade, with the guards, at the Carragh Camp to which His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was attached during his stay there. It has also, according to the London Times, been decided to forward a large number of Armstrong 140 guns to the North American and West India fleet, under Admiral Milne.

The respite of that notorious criminal, Jesse Patterson, until the 18th inst., gave rise to considerable doubts and fears as to his punishment, but these doubts are set at rest by the action of the Governor General, who has set aside the extreme penalty of the law in this case, and condemned the wretched culprit to imprisonment for life in the Provincial Penitentiary. We regret that the Governor General thought fit to exercise his prerogative in this case, and interfere with the course of justice. If the law of the land recognizes hanging as the proper punishment for murderers, we think Patterson was a fit subject, and he should have been made a warning and example to other parties who are said to be habitually in the practice of crimes similar to that for which he was condemned.

The Montreal papers report a case which was tried in the circuit court, before Judge Smith which is remarkable for the excessive rate of interest allowed. The judgment was for \$23, part of the principal being a note for \$25, in favor of the Plaintiff, dated 2nd August, 1859, on which interest was allowed at the rate of 10s per cent, or at the rate of more than 51 per cent, amounting to \$12 for the two years. Judge Smith, in giving judgment, observed that he was bound to give this interest according to the law in its present state; but the hardship of the case was manifest, and he considered it of sufficient importance to direct the clerk to transmit a copy of the judgment to the Attorney General.

FREE LECTURES.

A course of public lectures is now being delivered in Pakenham, which is expected will extend through the winter. The gentlemen who have so considerably volunteered their services deserve the thanks of the community. The introductory lecture was given on Tuesday last in the Methodist Church by the Rev. Mr. Case, and was listened to attentively by a large and respectable audience. Subject, the evils connected with and flowing from what is called moderate drinking, a theme which has well long been worn thread bare by every conceivable form of argument, but which nevertheless as the Rev. gentleman truthfully remarked "is the down hill road to drunkenness leading to excess, to a wretched life and a miserable death."

On Saturday evening Mr. McMillen, in the U. P. Church, lectured on what constitutes a good practical business man. The lecturer although not very refined in language or choice in his expressions gave a good lecture containing many points of interest and instruction.

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In our last issue we published an account of a suspected murder at Belleville. The investigation into the case terminated on Tuesday evening the 15th inst., and the Jury returned the following verdict:—

"The Jurors are of opinion from the evidence produced that the deceased, Abdon Pridette, came to his death under very suspicious circumstances, and that Michael Cummings and Edward Kinsella were last seen with deceased under circumstances which would warrant the Coroner to commit them for trial."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—We frequently receive communications which are thrown aside without notice, simply because they are not accompanied by the real name of the writer, in confidence.

James Whittier, formerly of Consocon, Prince Edward County, was killed while serving in the Home Guard in Missouri. The deceased had not entered the military service of the United States, but was only on a turn-out, with others, to defend their homes from the bands which were invading the State from Arkansas. The body was brought to Consocon for interment.

Tactless says:—"In the early ages man lived a life of innocence and simplicity." Upon this a critic remarks:—"When was his period of innocence? The first woman went astray. The very first man that was born in the world killed the second. When did the time of simplicity begin?"

We learn from the Lindsay Herald that a new brick building in that town fell on Saturday last, burying three men in the ruins. Two were injured severely, the third so much so that he died in an hour and a half from the time of the accident.

James Wilson, a workman in the employ of Lyman, Clark & Co., St. Paul street, Montreal, was severely injured on Friday afternoon by the explosion of some newly discovered substitute of turpentine. He was taken to the Montreal General Hospital.

It is stated that Mr. Seward has given a negro, Rev. H. H. Garnett, a passport to travel in Europe similar to that given to white citizens.

A young man named Orestes Valois is in custody at Montreal on a charge of attempting to throw the crew of the Grand Trunk off the track at Pointe Claire, by displacing their iron chairs which were used to hold the rails.

Some despot governments have quite as much reason to be afraid of dead authors as of living ones.

MINUTES OF RAMSAY COUNCIL.

Ramsay, 29th Aug. 1861.
A special meeting of Council was held this day in the Village of Almonte, called by the Reeve in consequence of the Bridge across the Mississippi River, being in an unsafe state. Present, the Reeve, Councillors Anderson, Houston and Toshack.

The Bridge having been examined, Mr. Anderson moved, seconded by Mr. Toshack—That Alex. McLean be empowered to procure timber for braces, and to make such repairs as will be necessary for the safety of travellers. Carried.

An account was presented by Alex. McLean, for repairing and plank the bridge over the Mississippi above the Railroad Bridge, amounting to \$153.07. Ordered to be paid.

Ramsay, 16th Oct.

The Council met this day in the Town Hall, called to order by the Reeve. Present the Reeve, Councillors, Coulter, Houston and Toshack.

Minutes of last meeting, read, approved and signed by the Reeve.

A communication from the Clerk of the Peace and also notices from the Commissioner of Crown Lands were read.

Mr. Coulter presented the memorial of Robert Giles, Postmaster.

Mr. Toshack presented the petition of James Nicholson and others.

Mr. Houston presented the petition of Jas. Hart and others.

The Reeve laid before the Council the Survey returned to notice. Present the Reeve, Councillors, Coulter, Houston and Toshack.

Moved by Mr. Coulter, seconded by Mr. Houston.—That the Council do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to consider and report upon whatever may come before it.

The Council in committee, Mr. Coulter in the chair.

The Committee had under consideration the petition of James Hart, and others, and recommended that a deputation of this Council examine the road.

The petition of Jas. Nicholson and others, your committee recommended, that the parties endeavor to arrange the matter themselves.

On the memorial of Robert Giles, the committee recommended that the Clerk notify Mr. Michael McDermott and Robert Giles to remove their fences off the Public Highway.

The committee appointed last meeting of Council to examine several portions of roads, report that they have examined part of the drain and bridge on the 11th con. line, and recommended that \$38 be expended thereon.

Also, the cross road between Nos. 15 and 16 on the 10th con. and recommended that 30 rods be Macadamized at \$1.50 per rod.

Council resumed, the Reeve in the chair. Moved by Mr. Toshack, seconded by Mr. Houston.—That the Report of the committee as minutes be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Houston, seconded by Mr. Coulter.—That Mr. Toshack the Reeve and the mover, be a committee to examine and report on the change of road required at lot No. 4 in the 10th con., as prayed for in Mr. Hart's petition. Carried.

Mr. Coulter gives notice that he will at next meeting of Council introduce a By-law No. 27 of this Council.

Adjourned till Monday the 11th day of November at one o'clock afternoon.

DAVID CAMPBELL, Town Clerk.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Council Chamber, Perth, Oct. 1, 1861.

The Council assembled this afternoon at three o'clock; the Roll was called and the following Reeves and Deputy Reeves answered the call:—

Mr. McArthur moved, seconded by Mr. Gould.

Resolved.—That Messrs. Foster, Murray, Doran, W. Robertson, Chambers and the Wardens, who shall be ex-officio, a member, be a special committee, to take into consideration the contemplated alterations and additions to be made to the Jail of these Counties—and report to this Council the advisability of at once proceeding with said alterations and additions.

Council Chambers, Perth, Oct. 2, 1861.

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