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GODEFRICH, AUG 8, 1865.

DEATH OF THE PREMIER

By special telegram we learn that the P. remier, Sir E. P. TACHE, expired early Monday morning. His custom officer was requested to hoist his flag half-mast high, but there being no flag for the purpose, and no provision being made for hoisting the national ensign over the Court House, to our lasting disgrace, no public mark of sorrow at the death of a great and good man can be exhibited.

Amalgamation once more.

In the last issue of the Brantford Courier we find the following relative to the Amalgamation question which created so much excitement previous to the last session of Parliament:

C. J. Brydges, Esq., Managing Director of the Grand Trunk Railway, spent a few days in Brantford yesterday, and he attended a meeting of the International Bridge Company at Buffalo, to-day. While here, he had an interview with a number of leading inhabitants at the Court House, who were anxious to ascertain the feelings of the English Shareholders—whom Mr. Brydges had lately met while in England—and to define the position of both interests, and stated distinctly that the interest of the bridge-builders, that the interest on the bonds—say \$2,000,000—was being paid, and as the receipts of the road are daily increasing, and the construction of the International Bridge, the contract of which is given out to be finished in May, 1867, must inevitably add to its prosperity. He then stated that the bridge-builders should the matter be brought before the public again—will settle the matter well, and not give a factious position when we have such large interests at stake. We are perfectly satisfied that Mr. Brydges frequently expressed kindly feelings towards Brantford, and we have no doubt that the proposition made by him yesterday, may meet with a fair and impartial consideration.

Mr. Brydges may be perfectly sincere in his expressions of kindly feeling towards Brantford, but it must be remembered that other places have voted in the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, and have an equal right to the consideration of the Railway King. We have had a trial of Amalgamation, and we shall be disappointed if the people of this Western section are not more bitterly opposed to it than ever before. It can work the Province no good, and should be rejected scornfully when Parliament meets.

The Hamilton Times says.

An Amalgamation Bill is now in the hands of the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, and it is expected that it will be introduced in the House of Commons in the course of the present session. The subject of amalgamation was the subject of a long and able speech by Mr. Mackenzie, in which he endeavored to force it through the House. We have not heard the result of the committee, but have reason to believe that without considerable modification of the scheme, the people of Brantford will be as hard as ever to convince that it will be to their advantage.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

By the arrival of the City of New York we have news from Europe to the 20th inst. The Great Eastern was off Valencia on the 10th, and if everything works right we may expect to have news of her safe arrival at Heart's Content this week. The Liberals had gained 18 seats, but Mr. Gladstone was defeated at Oxford. It is expected that he will secure his election in another borough without difficulty. Breadstuffs quiet.

ANNONCEMENT CORRÉ-PONDANCE.

We have to repeat for the thousandth time that we cannot publish letters of a personal nature without having the real name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of good faith. During the past week we have received a perfect deluge of letters, good, bad and indifferent, in many of which personal character is assailed, and yet not one of the persons so contributing has had the good sense to give his real name in a private note. Our course is clear. We are held responsible to a considerable extent for the opinions of our correspondents, and it is only just and right that we should know who they are. Hence, the rule we have adopted will be rigidly adhered to in self-defence. On the temperance question, as regards the Danganoun murder, writers are remarkably persistent and prolific. One anonymous writer writes that he has discovered our duty in making known to the world the facts of the case, declares that justice will fall to the unfortunates liquor dealers because the Magistrates of that township are not temperance men. How is this? Were the magistrates of Anselvid approved to? Was there any information laid before them, and did they then refuse to discharge their sworn duty? We cannot believe it. We cannot, without clear proof to the contrary, impeach the honesty of men who have been thought worthy of being placed on the Commission of the Peace. A few facts may be related: During the interval between the adoption of Danika's Act and the Danganoun murder it was pretty generally understood that liquor was dispensed freely and almost as openly as ever, but no complaint was made, although, we repeat, the fact was plainly intimated in this journal. Again, Woolley, in his confession, declared that he had liquor in both taverns, and yet, if we are correctly informed, no action was taken. The widow of McCurdy has or has not a reputation for the loss she has sustained. What steps have been taken towards securing the liquor? We have a number of excellent lawyers in Goderich, would it not be fairly better to apply to some of them than to send me back to that place as you do? He was told that if he had paid the penalty he might go, but to be cautious how he mixed his drinks in future, or it would be worse for him.

A FISHING ADVENTURE.

On Thursday last a party of gentlemen went out from Goderich to the Falls to fish. When there one of them took off a new tweed coat, laid it on the bank, and according to the orthodox fashion waded out into the stream to fish. Presently his companion hearing an awful roar from the spot in time to see the careless fisherman dragging his fishing tackle after him in pursuit of a fish which whose throat said new tweed coat was rapidly disappearing. On reaching the rapidly it was found that the coat had been eaten off, and that the brute might have swallowed a certain bottle of "old rum" before commencing his meal, but a slight search brought it to light, hence after some discussion it was concluded that she was indisputably only in her choice of food.

The First Load.

The first load of all wheat of this season's growing, was brought into Goderich yesterday, Monday, and brought 60 per bushel; but that must not be taken as a criterion as the sample was considerably shrank.

Should avoid acquaintance.

Mr. W. Stroy, the veteran tinsmith of Goderich, advertises that he is still on the track and holds out in the old stand next his new shop is completed. Stroy and the Signal have been near neighbors for nearly eighteen years, and the least we can do is to ask for the good old fair share of public patronage. He deserves it.

Rowdism triumphant.

The city of Hudson, N. Y., is suffering an outrage from a band of lawless rascals which would hardly be deemed possible in a civilized country. Indeed America seems, just now, to be afflicted by the scourge which was predicted at the close of the war. The disbandment of large bodies of men who have enjoyed for four years more than the license of camp life in Christian countries, has set loose upon society the dregs of creation. Murder is rife—robbery, arson, rape, and crime of every shape, and how is it common occurrence—the half-grown military over whom the hand of restraint is becoming more lax every day comes into frequent collision with peaceable citizens, and in short, if our neighbors do not exercise great vigilance and severity in the punishment of crime, the country will soon be a state of anarchy. The following is a description of the Hudson affair:

Hudson, N. Y., July 25.—This city was visited yesterday by a gang of rascals and thieves who accompanied the excursion of the Empress of the North. The rascals spread all over the city, robbing and knocking down the citizens to their hearts' content for about 1 o'clock on Tuesday morning last, the steamer Hudson collided with an unknown sailing vessel in the middle of a heavy rain storm, by which a considerable portion of her crew was cut away, but fortunately not far enough back to cause her to take in much water. Being near the mouth of Saginaw Bay at the time the steamer was put into one of the small American ports until she could be repaired sufficiently to reach our port, which she did on Tuesday night. The damage done will amount to about \$500, and the boat will be laid up in the Bay City floating-dock for repair. In the meantime, an effort will be made to have her taken up by an American vessel.

On Tuesday last a picnic party composed of children belonging to the Wesleyan S. S. K. M. and a number of friends, took passage in the str. Bruce, and after a rough voyage landed safe in Goderich. The day being wet they were compelled to enjoy their festivities in the Wesleyan Church, after which it was so stormy on the lake that it was considered unsafe to re-embark until next morning, thus making the affair rather unpleasant.

Murder in Hubbard.

On Friday morning last (21st) an old man named Edward Parrell, residing in the township of Hubbard, near Irithoria, shot his nephew, Michael Parrell, killing him on the spot. There are various rumors about the affair, but as near as we can learn it seems that young Parrell had rented a piece of land from his uncle, and that a dispute had arisen between them about it, whereupon the old man, in self defence, as he alleges, fired the fatal pistol-shot. The uncle gave the body to the coroner, and the coroner had it conveyed to Stratford jail.

The Midsummer Examination.

The Examination of the Public Schools of this town closed on Friday last. From an inspection of the examination papers we have no hesitation in stating that the progress made during the past half year has been very satisfactory. The average monthly attendance of pupils was 527, and the nine teachers seem to have discharged their various duties in a most zealous and efficient manner. On Friday there was a general assembly of all the scholars at the Central School, on which occasion we were glad to notice a large attendance of parents and others interested in education. Rev. Messrs. Ure and Mackie, and Mayor Dator made speeches, in which they expressed their satisfaction at the efficiency of the teaching as shown by the general progress of the scholars. The chairman, Mr. Lefroy, complimented Miss Longworth very highly for the excellent manner in which she had fulfilled her duties as teacher of St. Patrick's ward school—a task rendered more than ordinarily difficult by the tender age of her scholars. At intervals during the exercises, the scholars, led by Mr. Thompson, united their voices in several beautiful songs. A considerable number of valuable prizes was distributed to the successful competitors in the various branches. At the conclusion, on motion of the Mayor, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Thompson for the zeal displayed by him in teaching the scholars to sing so charmingly. The following is the Prize List:

- FIRST DIVISION. SENIOR SECTION. MAYOR'S PRIZES. HONOR PRIZES.—Elizabeth Hadden, Mary Julia Lyster. HEADS.—1st, Mary Julia Lyster; 2nd, Priscilla Nolan. GEOMETRY.—1st prize, Mary Julia Lyster. WRITING.—1st girl, Elizabeth Ann Nash; 1st boy, Robert Sherman. DESERVING OF HONORABLE MENTION IN WRITING. Jane E. Arthur, Elizabeth Hadden, Agnes Goodthorp, Priscilla Nolan. FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY. 1. Mary Julia Lyster; 2. Elizabeth Hadden; 3. Priscilla Nolan; 4. Elizabeth Nash; 5. Jane E. Arthur; 6. Hannah Andrews; 7. Agnes Goodthorp; 8. Margaret Jane Fraser; 9. Betsy McKay; 10. Margaret Annan; 11. Robert Sherman; 12. Thomas Dixon; 13. Mary Ann Walker.

- FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY. Special Prizes. Honor.—Emily Hick, 1st boy, Charles Melnich. WRITING.—1st girl, Mary Agnes Papp, 1st boy, Charles Melnich. DESERVING OF HONORABLE MENTION IN WRITING. Sarah Andrews, Emily Hick, Hannah Keesha, Charlotte Hick, Mary Annan, Joseph Quinn, Wallace Arthur, William John Gordon, William Nolan. FOR GENERAL PROFICIENCY. 1. Mary Agnes Papp, 2. Sarah Andrews, 3. Catherine Lawson, 4. Charles Noy, 5. Mary

THE ROPE WALKING IN GODERICH.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

FROM 13,000 TO 15,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.

The Rope-walking of Harry Leslie, the American Bloodin, in Goderich, on Tuesday last, was a grand success. The affair was thoroughly advertised, and the attendance of people from nearly every town in Western Canada far beyond the most sanguine expectations of even the most ardent admirers of the art.

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