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How it Originated.

With the assiduity common to them in such cases, the Tory press has time and again impressed its supporters with an idea that Hon. L. Huntington is a thorough and outspoken advocate of the annexation of Canada to the United States. One of these gullible readers, when Mr. Huntington was addressing the citizens of Goderich a short time ago, howled out his conviction of the correctness of the charge, but his ears tingled with the cutting retort which rewarded his temerity and want of taste. The *Mail* was the first to make the charge, reiterating it from time to time with such alterations as ingenuity and unscrupulousness devised. But when brought to book and asked for its authority for so damaging a charge against one of Her Majesty's sworn subjects and one of the advisers to her representative in this country, it sneaked out of its position by declaring that in 1873 Mr. Huntington was set down in the Parliamentary Companion as favorable to Canadian independence. From this fact it argued that he was an annexationist, by what line of reasoning is known only to the wonderful logician of the *Mail*. It is astonishing the degree of effrontery this journal possesses—to make so serious a charge against the loyalty of one in so high and responsible a public position upon such grounds. Mr. Huntington did advance the idea of securing Canada for the Canadians at that time, but had no thoughts of annexation, simply expressing the sentiment of many enthusiastic Canadians who have advocated the abolition of all traces of dependency to the Mother Country, without violating the close and filial relationship therewith.

The *Mail* professes to have other evidence, however, and says that Mr. Huntington, eight or nine years ago, repeatedly declared in "general conversation" his conviction that annexation was desirable. At the same time it recalls a stirring speech, delivered by Mr. Huntington's opponent, in which the latter strongly denounced these views More logic! Because this stump orator publicly denounced Mr. Huntington as an annexationist, the charge is formulated and repeated for four years as true and unimpeachable. Forced to confess that it knows nothing of any public utterance in which Mr. Huntington advocated annexation principles, the *Mail* places itself in the position of confessing the utter falsity of its charges and showing the depth of dishonesty it has reached when it will repeat such a charge without a shadow of proof. For four years it has hounded Mr. Huntington with this charge, seeking to render him unpopular at any cost, even of its last claim to truthfulness and virtue, but, like the many other slanders emanating from the same source, it has proved a bird of ill omen already come home to roost.

Kaministiquia Harbor.

Much has been said, by Conservatives, in condemnation of the Canada Pacific Railway Chief Engineer's choice of the Lake Superior terminus of that road. The choice lay between Prince Arthur's Landing and the river and harbor of Kaministiquia, and the Engineer guided by most thorough observation and correct judgment selected the latter, whereat the Conservatives were very indignant, avowing that the selection was made for the benefit of political friends (of course), besides being made unwisely. In reply it has been frequently demonstrated that Prince Arthur's Landing could only be made safe by the expenditure of an enormous sum of money to construct a breakwater to protect vessels from southeast gales. Of course there were self-interested, besides thoroughly political, persons who maintained its superiority above Kaministiquia; but every testimony possible was received with results favorable to the latter place. The latest testimony is that furnished by Mr. John McIntyre, a factor of the Hudson Bay Company, who was recently in Ottawa in connection with some gold mining speculation in which Sir Hugh Allan and other capitalists were interested. This gentleman has been factor at Fort William for many years, is a Conservative, and knows whereof he speaks. During his visit a reporter of the Ottawa *Free Press* interviewed him, requesting his opinion of the merits of the harbor selected as the terminus. The statement was given frankly, and uninfluenced by party consideration, as Mr. McIntyre declared, when the question was put to him, in these words:—"I have always been a Conservative, but in this I feel that Mr. Mackenzie is right. I am speaking what I believe to be the honest truth regardless of party."

The statement thus elicited may be thus summarized:—The Kaministiquia channel is 400 feet wide at the mouth, 400 feet at the division of the two islands and five hundred feet at the Government dock; the bottom is free from rocks, and is composed of alluvial soil easily dredged. The water now is from 12 to 14 feet deep, and he considered that there was no better place for a harbor and that it was equal to the Clyde. The river can be navigated safely as the St. Lawrence, and the harbor was vastly superior to Prince Arthur's Landing. No vessel could land at the latter place in a southeast gale, and no elevator could be erected there without a breakwater which would cost three times as much as the dredging of the Kaministiquia. Piles of ice thirty feet high have been seen at Prince Arthur's Landing, showing its unprotected and dangerous character. When Senator McPherson and Mr. Kirkpatrick visited the river, the only objection they had to the terminus was that it was too far from the river's mouth, and in this Mr. McIntyre agreed, the terminus being 37 feet above the level of the river. As to the price paid to Oliver & Co. for the land, about which the Conservative press has made such a howl, he did not consider it too high.

Testimony of this character is indisputable, and when we add to it what has already been furnished, the wonder is that the Opposition can have the face to repeat their silly abuse in this connection. It has already been proven, by the observations of the priest for many years past stationed at this port, that the Kaministiquia is open much sooner than the harbor at Prince Arthur's Landing, and there is another powerful argument in the fact that the Hudson Bay Company, for upwards of one hundred years past have had their wharves and buildings at this harbor. If Prince Arthur's Landing was preferable to this, why did they not select it, when they were free to choose whatever locality they pleased? Says a cotemporary: "there is but one answer—the mouth of the river is a harbor, but the other place never was, and is not now."

"Mr. Mackenzie admits that American farmers export their musty corn into this country free of duty, and affirms that Canadian farmers purchase the most of it, the balance being manufactured into whiskey. The fact is, very few practical farmers buy American corn, because Canadian soil is capable of producing all the corn they require."

The writer of the above, a correspondent of the Sarnia *Canadian*, has evidently observed little outside of Lambton. In his own county the farmers grow considerable corn, and we believe even there they would find it more profitable to put the ground occupied by that crop under other grains. In this county, as well as many others, large quantities of American corn are used for feeding cattle by the farmers, who find it very profitable to do so. The grain is bought very cheap, and were it excluded by duties its use for this purpose would doubtless be abandoned to a great extent: Our farmers have no difficulty in finding a market for all the grain they produce, and at figures in proportion to those in other countries; and what benefit would it be to them to reduce their production of these grains, in order to accommodate the needed crop of corn for feed which can be bought at such a low figure.—There are sections of country by their climatic and geological character which are recognized sources of supply of certain cereals, and corn in some of the Western States is almost a spontaneous growth. For the especial purposes which Canadians use the grain, it is more profitable to import from that section than to grow it here.

FREQUENTLY have the Tory pic nic orators endeavored to make capital out of the cost incurred in official visits of members of the present ministry to England, not scrupling to deny the official character of the journeys and endeavoring by cunning language to make the people believe that they were merely excursions devised for personal pleasure. An examination of the "blue books" causes confusion to these orators, for it proves that whereas it cost the gentlemen of the Conservative ministry who made similar trips the modest sum of $5,000 per head, the Reform ministers did the same duty at the cost to the country of $1,820 each. A further examination will reveal more striking figures, and one item particularly is worthy of notice. This was an account paid to a Conservative minister of such bulk that he was afraid to insert it in one lump sum in the "blue book," but divided it into two equal sums, and thus smuggled it through without attracting notice.

IT WILL be valuable information to our young readers to know that a case has been decided in Almonte, which declares that clergymen cannot recover their fee for marriage by legal process. A decision so unfortunate for clergymen, may prove encouraging to some hesitating and impecunious or penurious individuals, though the matter of minister's fees should not be a source of trouble to these, since the customary fee would be readily excused if such a request was made. The plea set up in the case referred to was that the defendant received no appreciable value in the transaction, and, therefore, could not be called upon to pay for what he had not received. Great guns! We wonder if that husband has a hair left in his head, after having set his wife down, publicly, as of no value. Such benedictine evidence is enough to confirm the youngest bachelor in the ways of his crustiest brethren.

OUR town cotemporary has got the "Stratford land job" fever badly, judging from its last issue, and has made itself exceedingly ridiculous by declaring that Hon. Alex. Mackenzie has *bought* Senator McDonald's property in Stratford, in order to reward a political friend before going out of power. We fully exposed this silly slander last week, but for the further information of our cotemporary let us say the present ministry is not going out of power for years to come, that the Government has purchased no land from Senator McDonald, and that the latter gentleman is not politically a friend of the Government, as he was always a staunch Conservative.

IN THE sincere desire to aid temperance reform the Ontario Government introduced the Crooks' Act, and the Opposition immediately accused it of making this the means of securing strength in the appointment of Inspectors of Licenses. The unsoundness of this statement is apparent in the fact that the Government lost many supporters among hotel keepers, besides intensifying the opposition of others. The measure is salutary, and creditable to the Government, and the anti-Dunkinites, even, praise it in the statement that the "Crooks' Act is working admirably."

THE appointment of Mr. Laurier to a position in the Cabinet meets with very general approval from the Reform and Independent press, while the Conservative press has nothing to say in opposition. The Montreal *Star* (inclined to be Conservative) says, in the course of a very complementary editorial:—"The accession of the popular member for Drummond and Arthabaska to the Ministry is a move upon which Mr. Mackenzie will be congratulated by the country at large. Mr. Laurier is a Liberal of the new school, moderate, firm, enlightened and practical."

DR. TUPPER is a protectionist after Sir John's own heart, at the present time, but there is a mighty inconsistency in this which his friends and colleagues care not too see. It is not so long since the veracious doctor protested against the tariff being raised to 17½ per cent., as the entry of the "thin edge of the Protectionist wedge which would ruin the Maritime Provinces." During all this pic-nic campaign an explanation of this paradox has been looked for in vain.

EVERY effort is being made to ferret out the extent of the theft of examination papers, prepared by the Central Committee of the Educational Department. Although the clue was so slim, it was followed up with such promptitude that already the entire plot has been nearly laid bare, and but little remains to be done. It is apparent for some years past that certain candidates have been able to secure copies of papers beforehand. It is fortunate that the fraud has been so fully exposed in this case.

MR. LAUDER at Simcoe declared that the Conservative members in the Ontario House strongly opposed the increase of the indemnity to members. One of Mr. Lauder's hearers was the Hon. Wm. McDougall, who strongly urged the propriety of the increase when the question was before the House, and yet he did not deny the statement, when he knew that most of his followers in the House supported the measure, even to the *quasi* leader, M. C. Cameron.

THE Conservative rally at Ailsa Craig, on the 9th, proved a great fizzle, the numbers in attendance being estimated at about 500. Rain fell almost continuously, the roads were very muddy, and the solemn, woe-begone, disgusted, mud-spattered crowd gave no evidence of "Conservative re-action." The Tory journals are painfully silent regarding the gathering.

Jail Statistics.

The following statistics of the County Jail are for the year ending 30th Sept., 1877: Number committed to jail, 143 males and 16 females, of whom seven were under sixteen years of age. Of this number 110 were committed for the first time, 32 for the second time, 8 for the third time and 9 for more than the third.

Eight prisoners were sent to the Central Prison, three to the Penitentiary, two to the Reformatory, 70 served terms in jail, and 35 were acquitted on trial. Two deaths occurred during the year. Number married, 63; unmarried, 96.

Twenty-seven could neither read nor write; 59 were reported temperate and 100 intemperate. The nationalities were as follows:

	Males.	Females
Canada	68	7
England	25	2
Ireland	29	4
Scotland	13	1
United States	8	2

The religious beliefs are reported as follows:

	Males.	Females.
Roman Catholics	31	1
Ch. of England	40	4
Presbyterian	29	2
Methodists	32	8
Other denominations	11	1

The charges were as follows: Assault 17, felonious assault 5, carrying unlawful weapons 1, contempt of court 9, debtors 2, injuring property 3, drunk and disorderly 29, embezzlement 1, forgery 3, fraud 2, horse stealing 1, house breaking 2, keeping house of ill-fame 3, larceny 30, lunatics 5, perjury 3, prostitution 2, selling liquor without license 4, threats 6, vagrancy 16, want of sureties to keep the peace 6, other offences 6.

Five of the number were agents, 2 barbers, 1 bartender, 4 blacksmiths, 2 shoemakers, 8 boys, 3 distillers, 1 bricklayer, 2 cabinet-makers, 14 carpenters, 1 clerk, 3 coopers, 1 engineer, 15 farmers, 2 harness-makers, 3 hotel keepers, 43 laborers, 1 mason, 1 merchant, 1 moulder, 3 printers, 2 painters, 4 prostitutes, 11 sailors, 1 school teacher, 5 servants, 1 tanner, 1 telegraph operator, 1 well digger, 4 hostlers, 1 wire worker, 1 cheese maker, 1 whip maker, 1 brass founder, 9 no occupation.

The total cost of the jail for salaries, repairs and maintenance was $2,059.26, and the cost of daily rations per head was about 11 cents.

Legal Notes.

REMOVED.—On Wednesday Chief Constable Trainer removed the Willoughby boys to Penetanguishene, to serve their term in the Reformatory.

IN QUOD.—Jos. Williamson went into winter quarters on Saturday, presenting himself—at the jail—with carpet bag and warrant of commitment as a vagrant, to serve a term of six months.

FREIGHT ROBBERY.—On the night of Sunday, 7th Oct., the Exeter freight house was burglariously entered and a parcel, belonging to Mr. Jas. Pickard of that village, was broken open and several pairs of gloves and a set of coney furs stolen. Suspicion pointed at two laborers employed by the company, named John Sullivan and Jas. Boyle. Constable Gill proceeded to make a search, and found one pair of the missing gloves in Sullivan's box, in Mr. Folland's house where he boarded. The two men were traced to Clinton, and on Monday night Mr. Gill pounced on them in the Temperance House, close to the L. H. & B. station. After considerable skirmishing, during which the lights were put out and Boyle escaped, Mr. Gill brought off Sullivan, and having brought him before Thos. Gidley, Esq., he was committed for trial. While in Clinton the two young men consulted with a barber about getting their hair and beards dyed, but not possessing sufficient money did not have the operation performed. Boyle is supposed to be in St. Catharines, and the police are on his tracks.

MORE THIEVERY.—Quite a number of robberies have been committed in Howick of late, but the authorities have succeeded in nabbing the authors of them. On the night of 11th Sept. some clothing was stolen from John Knutson's shop in Wroxeter; on the 7th, two pairs of boots were stolen from Paisley's shoe shop in Gorrie; on the 24th Sept. a silver watch was stolen from Thos. Lunn, and next day a watch was stolen from Joseph Smith. A young man named John Grasley was arrested, and on trial was duly committed by Mr. Thos. Kaine, J.P. Grasley made a confession to the gaoler, as well as to the magistrates, in which he declared that at the instance of one James Wallace, *alias* Robert Lambert, he had broken a pane of glass in Paisley's store and stole the boots, while Wallace and a young man named Alex. Young watched outside. Wallace took one pair, and Grasley kept the other wearing them for a day and then giving them to Young to hide. He also confessed to taking Lunn's watch from the pocket of his vest, which was hanging in Daniel Harris' barn, lot 20, con. 10, Howick, while the men were busy threshing. This watch he sold to Alex. Young next day while on his way to Gorrie, getting the value of $5 therefor, and telling Young that he had got it in exchange for a revolvor. He also stole Jos. Smith's watch while he was drunk, as he says, and sold it to a lottery man in Orangeville for $5. Grasley accuses Wallace of advising himself and Young to steal, and states that Wallace proposed to steal cattle and sell them at the fairs. He states further that Wallace stole a heifer and while taking it to Orangeville it escaped from him while he was at dinner. A warrant was got out, and while Wallace was in hiding Grasley brought him provisions. Wallace left Gorrie before the time of Grasley's arrest, and the latter expressed Wallace's tools to him at Chiselhurst, addressing him as Robert Lambert. The latter was arrested at that place, and brought here for trial. Alex. Young, we learn, was also arrested but was let free on furnishing bail. On Tuesday both prisoners were brought before Judge Toms, when Grasley pleaded guilty to four different counts, viz.: stealing coat from John Knutson, a watch from Thos. Lunn; a watch from Joseph Smith and two pairs of boots from David Paisley. James Wallace also pleaded guilty to two separate charges, viz; stealing boots as above, and also stealing a heifer from James Downey of Howick. Both men were remanded until 27th inst., to receive sentence of court, the Crown Attorney, Mr. Lewis, being instructed to make enquiries as to Grasley's former character.

The Lacrosse match on Saturday at Toronto between the Montreal and Toronto clubs, was won by the former.

Dundas has passed a by-law to raise $8,000 and interest for the purpose of dredging the Desjardines Canal.

Mr. Graham, M. P. P., of East Lambton, has on his premises a boiling well. Its boiling can be heard thirty rods off. Additions and improvements to the asylum at Rockwood have been made to the deaf and dumb institution at Belleville. Accommodation will be provided for 200 pupils.

War News.

There is no further news from the Russians about the late battle in Armenia since Oct. 9th. Private reports from Constantinople say that Moukhtar Pasha thought it advisable to occupy a less extended line, and withdrew his right wing from near Sarbatan to Hodjkhideli and Vezikoi. The old positions were formidable, but the line was 16 to 17 miles long, and Moukhtar had only 35,000 men to 40,000 men. The Russian plan was to break through the long line. It was while the retiring movement was being effected that the Russian attack occurred, with a strong force of sixty guns. The Turks got in position, and an artillery duel took place along the whole line from Schedjan to Hadgelivali. The battle lasted all the afternoon, and the Russians, despite reinforcements, were beaten, and retreated with a loss of 12,000. The following morning the Turks accomplished the movement to Aladjadagh.

The London *Times* estimates that the Russian forces south of the Danube number 200,000, not including the Dobrudscha column of 30,000. Osman Pasha's and Sulieman Pasha's armies are estimated at 100,000 each.

The *Times* also reports that the Russian army at Plevna is in a discouraging condition. Up to the end of September the Russian dead reached 47,600. Since the passage of the Danube the sick, wounded and dead numbered 75,000. The Roumanians are discontented, and clamor for withdrawal from the war. One third of the Roumanian forces before Plevna are disabled.

Chevket Pasha, concerning whom there has been some uncertainty, telegraphs from Plevna on Friday: "I have arrived at Plevna, and interviewed Osman Pasha. A third convoy has entered Plevna. No trace of the enemy on the road from Plevna to Orchanie, which is guarded by troops at the principal points."

Literary Notes.

Harper's Monthly for November is to hand, and forms the conclusion of the 55th volume. The illustrations number sixty-four, and the articles are of great interest. Alaska is described in a lengthy paper by H. W. Elliott; an interesting article on the famous magician Houden and explanations of his most important tricks is given; Mrs. Harriet Spofford gives a paper descriptive of Western Texas and the historical romance of that region, and other popular writers furnish entertaining matter, The Editor's Drawer is more than usually replete with funnicisms.

Ehrich's Fashion Quarterly for Autumn has reached our table, giving the latest styles in dress—hats, gloves, cloaks, furs, jewelry, hairdressing, underclothes, &c. The designs are thoroughly original, and consequently more seasonable than those furnished through other fashion publications, which present Paris fashions second-hand. The reading matter consists of valuable price lists, short tales and matter interesting to house-keepers. Price per annum, 50 cents.

Day of Thanksgiving.

The following proclamation has been issued by the Lieut.-Governor:—Know ye, that, taking into consideration the duty which our loving subjects owe to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which they have received at His hands, and especially for the abundant harvest and continuation of peace with which He has blessed our said Province during the present year, we have thought fit, by the advice of our Executive Council for our said Province, to appoint, and we do, by this our royal proclamation, appoint Thursday, the 22nd day of November next, as a public holiday, in order that the said day may be observed as a day of general thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His mercies, and we do earnestly exhort all our loving subjects in our said Province to observe reverentially and devoutly the said day of thanksgiving.

PORT ALBERT.

MILLS.—The Port Albert mills are again in working order, the proprietor, Mr. Jas. Mahaffy, having built a new dam, breakwater and flume. He has also put a 21 inch Little Giant water wheel in the flour mill, which is truly a little giant, it driving the same machinery, and requiring but one third of the water used to drive the four feet Turbine Wheel. The cost of the repairs altogether is about $1,500.

REBUILDING.—Mr. G. F. Graham is preparing to build a hotel on the site lately occupied by the Queen's hotel.

NEW HOTEL.—Mr. R. J. H. DeLonge, has purchased the Hawkin's tavern stand, and is preparing to build an hotel, hall and outbuildings at a cost of about $3000.00. Ed. O'Connor and W. J. Givin have the contract for the carpenter work.

CARD OF THANKS.—I hereby tender thanks to the Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Hamilton, for the prompt and honourable manner in which they have settled matters in regard to my loss in the late fire in Port Albert. WM. T. PELLOW.

PORTER'S HILL.

APPLES.—Mr. John Cox has sold over 100 bushels of apples at 45 cents. His crop was a fine one.

FARM BOUGHT.—Mr. James Hendry has bought a farm at Glamis, Bruce township, where he intends erecting a store next spring.

MARE GORED.—Mr. Geo. Weston, a few days ago, had a mare badly gored, by a cross bull while it was in the act of rolling.

THRESHERS.—There are twenty-three threshing machines owned and run in the township. Already the crop has been nearly all threshed, and proves an excellent yield.

WATCH STOLEN.—Mr. A. Chisholm's house was entered a few days ago by a thief, and a valuable watch belonging to Mr. McEvoy, hanging in the kitchen, was stolen.

SUCCESSFUL.—Mr. Thos. Elliott took second prize at the Seaforth show with his buggy mare, competing against ten others. He also took first at Clinton, but missed showing her at Goderich, as the judging took place an hour earlier than was advertised.—COM.

Eleven thousand cases lobsters, valued at $70,000, were shipped from Halifax in one week by six houses.

A young man in Welland tried to stop a circular saw while in motion. He has now only one hand.

Capt. Symes, the popular captain of the Manitoba, intends running a skating rink in Sarnia this winter.

Three stores were burned in Windsor on Thursday night. On Friday the large hub and spoke factory, and saw mill at Blenhim village were burned.

People at St. Thomas on Friday were loud in their hurrahs when Mr. J. Burr Plumb, speaking of Hon. Mr. Mills said, "if he is a philosopher, we want less of philosophy and more common sense." But those in the immediate neighborhood were edified by John A. chuckling audibly and saying "Petty larceny, Plumb, petty larceny—I said that at Chatham," Mr. J. Burr-Plumb left the stand as soon as he had finished his speech.

Definite information has been received by the Department of Agriculture that the space to be devoted to the Canadian display at the Paris Exposition will be 8,500 square feet. This will be independent of the special space in the main entrance tower, where the trophies of the British Colonies will be placed, Canada occupying the centre.

On Saturday evening last Mary Griffin, daughter of Mr. Griffin, Woodstock, obtained some Paris green, and having swallowed a small quantity of it, died in a few hours. An emetic was administered at once after the poison was swallowed, and the services of a physician secured in a few minutes, but all efforts proved of no avail, the child dying early Sunday morning, some seven or eight hours after taking the fatal dose.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

CATTLE SHIPPER.—Last week Mr. Wm. McClain shipped 64 head of fat cattle to Buffalo.

BARGAINS in Books, Stationery, Wall Papers, Sheet Music, &c., &c., are still being offered to careful cash buyers at Moorhouse's. Call and ask prices.

READER—If you owe J. W. Weatherald anything come and pay him like a little man, before the first of next month. 1600-b.

SWEEPING REDUCTION.—Messrs. Crofts & Johnston, as will be seen by advertisement in this issue, are making sweeping reductions in dry goods. Read the price list, and wonder.

LUMBER.—The shipments last week were 21 cars by Secord, Cozzens & Co., and one car by, Williams & Murray. The latter firm received a cargo by the schr. Ontario.

KEEP YOUR HOUSE WARM.—Mr. G. H. Parsons is offering for sale a large lot of roofing felt, plastering paper and carpet paper, at low prices. These articles greatly conduce to the warmth of buildings in which they are used.

GOOD PEACHES.—In one of the jail yards is a peach tree grown from the seed, which this year bore some fine peaches. Four of them weighed fifteen ounces, and one measured 7¼ by 8 inches in circumference.

ATTENTION is directed to the auction sale of Mr. Geo. F. Austin's household goods, at his residence opposite the English Church, on Thursday next, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. Sale without reserve.

LUSUS NATURÆ.—On Friday last Mrs. C. Shannon brought to this office a fine bunch of wild raspberries, plucked near the railway crossing on the Huron Road. The fruit was ripe, of fine flavor and large. This season has been remarkable for uncommon appearances in nature.

HOLMAN'S LIVER PAD.—We would direct attention to the advertisement of the Holman Liver Pad Company. The article manufactured by this company is having a most astonishing sale, and is highly recommended in cases of the distressing complaints resulting from a diseased liver.

MYRTLE NAVY.—Messrs. Tuckett & Billings, of Hamilton, tobacco manufacturers, are known far and wide as is their famous brand known as Myrtle Navy Tobacco. Other manufacturers, knowing the popularity of this brand have been unscrupulous enough to sell an inferior article under this name. None is genuine but that having the letters "T & B," stamped in guilt letters on each plug.

CARD OF THANKS.—*Editor Huron Signal.*—Dear Sir: Please allow us, through the *Signal*, to tender our sincere thanks to those friends who exerted themselves at the fire on Thursday morning last to save our property, by keeping the roof and wall of the cottage wet, until the steamer got ready. We also thank the Firemen for their exertions and caution not to break in the windows with the water, as they were all cracked by the heat, so that no injury was done to the furniture whatever.—HUGH HAMILTON, D.C. MACKAY.

MUSICAL JUBILEE.—The concert in preparation by Prof. Marquis Chisholm and his pupils is announced to take place on next Monday evening, in Oddfellows hall. The programme is large and varied, and presents the names of Mrs. Judge Toms, Mrs. Marquis Chisholm, Miss Lucy Carey, Miss Lucy Trueman and Mr. F. Bond, assisted by a chorus of 100 voices. Tickets, 25 and 50 cents, children under twelve 10 cents. On the following evening Mr. Chisholm will give a lecture on Chinese and Japanese customs and episodes of travel round the world. The lecture is highly spoken of. Mrs. Chisholm will also sing a number of Scotch airs.

FIELD CROPS.—Messrs. Elijah Martin, George Cox, and John Stewart, the judges on Field Crops in the competition under the auspices of the West Riding Society, completed their arduous duties on Friday, after travelling through the Townships of Colborne, Goderich and Tuckersmith during three days. The prizes were awarded as follows: Best acre of turnips, 1st James Dickson, 2nd Samuel Oake, 3rd George Phipps. Best ¼ acre carrots, 1st John Boyd, 2nd Patrick Carroll, 3rd George Phipps. Best ¼ acre mangolds, 1st James Dickson, 2nd Henry Heath, 3rd John Salkeld. Best ¼ acre potatoes, 1st John Salkeld, 2nd John Buchanan, 3rd Charles McHardy.

A GOOD JOKE.—Some time ago one of our citizens received a telegram, and after perusing it declared he would not pay the charges due on it, telling the operator to collect from the man who sent the message. This could not be done, so the operator resolved to be even with his sharp customer, and a few days thereafter drew out and receipted a bill for 25 cents, enclosed it in a telegraphic envelope, marked "collect," and sent it to the individual by his clerk. Mr. of the second part, was in a fluster when the message was brought, and as the boy refused to hand it to him until he paid the 25 cents, he went into Capt. Cox's, borrowed the money, paid the boy, and opened the envelope to find himself completely taken in.

PLACED RIGHT.—Two weeks ago we published an item questioning a judgment given by Thos. Gidley, Esq. J. P. of Exeter, in fining a teamster for drawing freight from the station without license. It having been represented to us that the party fined was a regular employee of the firm for whom he was teaming, it was natural to condemn the judgment; but it appears he was only employed with his team to draw a certain amount. Under the village by-law which demands that persons drawing freight from the station for gain, and as a business, must take out a license, which costs $10. Mr. Baladon is well to do, and makes use of his team now and again to do teaming, which makes him amenable to this regulation. He contended at the trial that he was not working for "hire or gain," inasmuch as he was paying off an indebtedness in this way, but that fact did not alter the case in the least.

MANHATTAN SHAFT.—This work has not been progressing very rapidly since our last report, owing to the attention required in strengthening the curbs, fitting up an engine for hoisting the dirt and constructing an air chamber at the surface. During last week, however, the work went on steadily and now a depth of about 62 feet has been attained. So far the water has given no trouble. The engine house is well on towards completion, and the boilers are in place, steam having been kept up in one of them for several days past, while the two engines are now being placed. Mr. Frisbee, who is in charge of the work, is pushing it with energy, and it is likely the rock will be reached at the end of this week, or early next week. A bed of potter's clay, of fine quality, has been found on Mr. Attrill's property, and we learn that he is taking steps to utilize it if practicable.

FIRE.—About 3 o'clock on Thursday morning last the one and a half story frame store, at the corner of West and Waterloo streets, owned by Mr. D. C. McKay, was discovered to be on fire by a member of Mr. Hugh Hamilton's family, who live next door. The alarm was quickly given, and a crowd soon gathered, the engine following later. The flames, which began in the rear and on the west side, spread rapidly, and when the engine arrived attention was directed to Mr. Hamilton's house which was in great danger of burning, the store was occupied by Mr. Philip Reeve, as a junk shop, and he slept alone on the upper floor. When he awoke he was nearly stifled, and could barely drag himself to the window, where he was found, gasping for breath, by two men who came to his rescue. The building, which has stood 38 years, was totally destroyed, and is a loss to Mr. McKay of about $200. Mr. Reeves saved the most of his goods, but lost about $50 on stock besides $87 in cash and a silver watch which he states were lost in the flames.

HAIR DRESSING.—We would direct the attention of the ladies to the advertisement of Mrs. Wm. Ferris, in another column.

HARBOR MILL.—The shipments last week were: 1450 bags and 175 bbls flour, 223 bags and two cars of shorts and three cars of bran.

SALT SHIPMENTS.—The shipments last week amounted to 350 bbls shipped in small lots. On Tuesday Mr. Wm. Seymour began loading the schr. J. J. Taylor with 500 tons in bulk.

PERSONAL.—On Tuesday we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. J. C. Beckett, of Montreal, a brother printer. Mr. Beckett is stopping for a few days with his brother-in-law, Mr. M. Hutchison.

GODERICH HIGH SCHOOL.—The next entrance examination, as will be seen by advertisement in another column, will be held at the Central School, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 11th and 12th. For further particulars see adv.

GRAIN BUSINESS.—The market has been quite busy of late. Last week Mr. S. Sloan shipped 2000 bushels of wheat by rail, and Mr. Wm. Seymour shipped 2355 bushels barley by schr. Nemesis to Cleveland. A cargo of Manitoba grain was delivered at the Harbor Mills on Saturday night by the propellor Ontario. Mr. Seymour received last week about 4000 bushels of farmers grain.

FARM FOR SALE.—Mr. Wm. Mullin's farm, lot 10, con. 2, Township of Goderich, 2½ miles from town, will be sold by auction on the premises, by Mr. J. C. Currie, on Monday, 22nd Oct., together with a quantity of stock and farming implements. Farm contains 80 acres and will be sold without reserve. Terms, 12 months' credit on stock; on farm, $100 cash or day of sale, $300 when deed is delivered, balance as agreed upon.

DREDGING.—The Government dredge Challenge arrived here from Kincardine on Saturday, and proceeded to dredge out the channel at Williams & Murray's dock, at the eastern end of the new breakwater. The channel is to be deepened so that vessels can deliver their cargoes at these docks, and pass around the island. After completing this work, the dredge goes to Dufferin Pier, to work under the direction of the International Salt Co., in making a channel and deepening the approach to the pier.

PROVINCIAL PLOUGHING MATCH.—The annual match for this district will take place on Thursday, 25th October, on the farms of John Donaldson, Geo. McFarlane and A. Marritt, 2d con., McGillivray, two miles from Ailsa Craig. The sum of $347 will be awarded in prizes, in 1st and 2d adult classes and boys' class. Members of Societies contributing $25 to the match fund will be permitted to enter the competition free on producing certificates of membership; others will be required to pay $1.—Ploughing will begin at 9 a. m., and the competitors must be on the ground at 8:30 o'clock. For further particulars address W. K. Atkinson, Secretary, Ailsa Craig, or to Sheriff Gibbons, representative for this district.

ANOTHER FIRE.—On Sunday afternoon, the old carding mill recently purchased by Mr. Wm. Hilliard, and situated near his dwelling house, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Hilliard had just returned from church, and as he was passing the mill he saw a young man dressed in grey clothes coming from it, but did not take further notice of the circumstance at the time. After stabling the horse, and just as he had seated himself at dinner, not more than fifteen minutes after seeing the young man, flames were seen to issue from a window at the south-west corner of the mill. Owing to the inflammable nature of the building it was quickly beyond salvation and soon destroyed. The buildings adjoining were saved by the exertions of those who assembled on the alarm being given. Fortunately there was nothing of value in the mill, Mr. Hilliard having only commenced preparations for converting it into a gristing mill. No fire had ever been lit in it by Mr. Hilliard, and the evidence is positive that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The building was insured in the Canada Fire & Marine for $400. Loss, about $600.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—The regular meeting took place at Clinton, on Tuesday of last week, the attendance of delegates being larger than usual. The business of local interest transacted was as follows: Petitions were presented for the organization of Churches at Grand Bend and Chiselhurst. Rev. S. Young, of Manchester, accepted a call from Clifford; and Bayfield and Bethany, in favor of Rev. John McClung were sustained. Rev. Jas. Sieveright's resignation of Smith's Hill was accepted, and the re-arrangement of Knox Church in Goderich, Leeburn and Union church in Goderich Township was sanctioned. Rev. Dr. Ure was appointed to preach Smith's Hill church vacant, and Rev. Mr. McLean Hullett and Manchester churches, on the last Sunday in October. An adjourned meeting will be held at Blyth on the second Tuesday in November, to consider connecting Smith's Hill and Manchester in one pastoral charge. The next regular meeting will be held at Blyth on the second Tuesday in December. The Presbytery, in assenting to Mr. Young's removal to Clifford, adopted the following resolution:—In taking this course the Presbytery do so with regret at parting with Mr. Young, who during his long connection with this court has commended himself to the cordial esteem and affection of his brethren as an efficient laborer in the Master's vineyard, and as one whose presence and counsels have always been highly prized by his brethren in the Presbytery. The Presbytery cordially wish their brother God speed in his new sphere of labor.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Blyth is to have a billiard hall.

—Brucefield beat Clinton at cricket, a few days ago, by 35 runs.

—Some 200 sheep were shipped from Clinton last week.

—Mr. T. Leadbeater, of Brussels, has a pumpkin which weighs 50 lbs.

—Mr. Robert McDonald, 1st con., Grey, recently sold a yoke of working oxen for $150.

—A parsonage is about to be built in connection with the Kippen Methodist church.

—Mr. A. Allan, of Exeter, has an apple tree which has blossomed the third time this season.

—Rev. S. Young, of Manchester, is about to take his departure for Clifford. His removal will be much regretted.

—The new Methodist church will be opened at Brucefield on Sunday, the 21st inst.

—Wm. Wrighton, an employee in the Blyth *Review* office had one of his thumbs smashed a few days ago, while working a press.

—On Tuesday last Tommy, son of Jas. Clark, of Blyth, was thrown from a horse he was riding and much bruised but not seriously.

—Hugh McQuarrie, of Blyth, week before last, gathered the second crop of cherries from some of his trees. A very rare occurrence.

—Mr. George Walls, of Brussels, accompanied by his son John, left for Nebraska on the 6th, by waggon. The trip will occupy five or six weeks.

—The quarterly services in connection with Holmesville circuit Methodist Church, will be held at Holmesville, on the 4th of Nov.

—Mr. Jas Clark, of Blyth, while out with his horse and buggy on Monday of last week, was thrown out and sustained the fracture of a rib. He is improving.

—Mr. Neil Milley, of Blyth, while ploughing a few days ago, received a blow from one of the handles of the plough, which broke one of his ribs.

—A marriage feast occurred on the Brompton line, Stanley, a few evenings ago, at which the bridegroom became so muddled that he began flourishing a revolver and when the company cleared out he fired into them hitting one young man in the calf of the leg.

—A horse belonging to Mr. Seraun, of Exeter, was last week killed by the upsetting of a load of water which it was drawing.

—Two boys ten and fifteen years old respectively were recently seen in Blyth, reeling drunk. It is a pity the hotel keeper who gave them liquor could not be detected and punished.

—On Wednesday last, Mr. Edmondson of Blyth, came near suffocating through having a piece of meat lodge in his throat. Dr. Carder was called in and dislodged the meat with difficulty.

—Look out for $10 bills on the Consolidated Bank. They are bogus, as the entire issue of that denomination has been cancelled, uncontersigned bills having been stolen.

—Mr. W. Westcott has sold his farm of 100 acres, being lot 28, 1st con., Tuckersmith, for the sum of $7,500; also 20 acres, near Brucefield, adjoining the cheese factory, to Mr. J. Gibson, for the sum of $1,200.

—Mr. Wm. Riley, of Londesboro, has grown this season a cabbage of the ox heart variety, containing nine heads, well formed, on one stalk. One head was full size, the other eight were smaller, but all solid heads.

—Master John Fox, of Clinton, was a few days ago thrown from his buggy while driving down the Holmesville hill, by the breaking of the axle. He was dragged a considerable distance but was only slightly bruised.

—Mr. C. Hamilton, says the Blyth *Review*, has sold his farm of 100 acres, Lot 35, 3rd con., of Wawanosh, to Mr. Frederick Toll, for $2,300. Mr. H. bought this place about eight days previous for $2,200.

—Walter Amos, an unlicensed medical practitioner of Wingham, was fined $25 by Thos. Holmes, J. P., at the instance of Detective Smith. John Jerome, of Lucknow, has also

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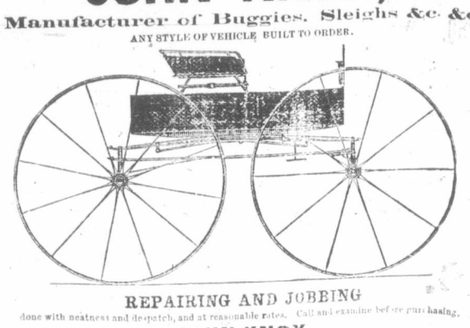

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THE 3rd OF JULY

at the office of the Society.

The transfer books will be closed from the 21st June till the 3rd day of July 1877, both days inclusive,

By order of the Board,

JAS. MILNE, MANAGER.

London, Ont., 13th June 1877.

Sheriff's Notices.

Sheriff's Sale of Lands.

County of Huron, To Wit: By virtue of a Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench and to me directed against the Lands and Tenements of Isaac Ervin, Defendant, at a suit of Jane McIntosh Plaintiff. I have seized and taken in execution all the right title and interest of the said defendant or in and to lots number eight hundred and sixteen, and eight hundred and thirty nine running numbers in the town of Goderich in the County of Huron. Which Lands and Tenements I shall offer for Sale, at my office in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, on Saturday the Eighth day of December next at the hour of 12 of the clock noon.

ROBERT GIBBONS, Sheriff of Huron.

Sheriff's Office, Goderich, Aug. 29th, 1877. 1594

Sheriff's Sale of Lands.

County of Huron, To Wit: By virtue of two Writs of Fieri Facias issued out of Her Majesty's County Court of the County of Middlesex, and to me directed against the lands and tenements of Donald Ross and James Irvine, defendants, at the suit of Thomas Edward O'Callahan, plaintiff, I have seized and taken in execution all the estate, right, title and interest of the above defendants of in to and out of lot number three hundred and seventy-five on the west side of Albert street, and lot number two hundred and thirty on the north side of Kingsbury street in the town of Clinton, in the County of Huron; which lands and tenements I shall offer for sale, at my office in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich, on Saturday the twelfth day of January, A. D. 1878, at the hour of twelve of the clock noon.

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Sheriff's Office, Goderich, Oct. 8th, 1877. 1599

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Have it always on hand, conveniently near and ready to apply at the first symptom of any of the diseases to which it is adapted. Its mode of operation is peculiar, and is based upon the principle of counter-irritation, or the production of a counterfeit disease in a healthy part, to divert the morbid action from the diseased organ. It is a well known fact that a blister will draw out the poison from the system when it is in a healthy state, and if any person will carefully take at a proper period in a complaint, they will find that the physiological action of a good liver pad, or substance which can be used, in the great majority of cases greater than it is given by the skin, than when it is neglected.

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For Fever and Ague, Dumb Ague, Remittent, Intermittent Fever, Indigestion, Pain in the Shoulders and Side, Periodical and Life-long Sick Headache, Rheumatism, Liver Complaint, Cough, often taken for Consumption, Heart Disease (not organic), Kidney Difficulties, Female Weakness, Bilious Colic, Diarrhœa, Cold Extremities and Painful Pimples. It is also a sure Preventive of Yellow Fever, Diphtheria, Pneumonia, Short-Pox, Scarlet Fever and all Malarial and Rheumatic Diseases that are developed in blood poison.

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IT IS SIMPLE, INVENTIVE, MARVELLOUS; marvellous for its prompt cure of every species of Liver and Stomach difficulties. It contains only harmless Vegetable Compounds, and is worn exactly where needed—over the vital parts, the Liver and Stomach. It removes torpidity of the Liver and arouses the Stomach from its dormant state, arresting fermentation, torpor and pain, by giving it the natural quantity of bile and gastric juice. It also vitalizes the entire system with nature's true tonic. It arrests all deteriorated and poisonous fluids in the stomach, and thus prevents their entering the system by way of circulation. It absorbs from the body every particle of blood poison, whether bilious, malarial or medicinal, and leaves the wearer in perfect health.

Sent by mail on receipt of $2.50 for the Regular Pad, and $3.50 for the Special Pads, which should be used in old chronic and obstinate cases.

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We cannot too strongly urge the use of Holman's celebrated foot and body plasters, as an auxiliary to the Pad in extreme cases of Typhoid, Bilious or other Fevers, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervous headache, and acute pains in any part of the body, especially in the small of the back and shoulders. The effect is magical. Also in cases of cold extremities and partial Paralysis. They stimulate and equalize the circulation producing the most satisfactory and even astonishing results. Combining the two, and following the directions, the patient can feel ballistic doubt of being absolute master in the severest chronic difficulties.

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GENTLEMEN,—I feel it my duty to give you the result of the Holman Liver Pad which I bought of you about a month ago. I have been troubled with severe Dyspepsia and Indigestion, accompanied with sharp pain in the region of the Kidneys for about a year, and it finally became so troublesome that I could not eat anything without great suffering. I had tried most of the popular remedies of the day but with only temporary relief. I bought the Pad with little or no faith in it, but I am happy to say it has, I believe, entirely cured me after wearing it twenty-eight days, so that I can once more eat anything without feeling any inconvenience and cannot be too strongly recommended.

Yours truly,

S. F. HARRINGTON.

TACHINE, P. Q., July 12th, 1877.

Holman Liver Pad Company:

GENTLEMEN,—I, the undersigned, having been troubled with Dyspepsia for a number of years back, I have tried different prescriptions from several eminent Physicians, but without gaining much perceptible relief. About one month ago I commenced the application of "Holman's Liver Pad," and am happy to say that since then I do feel a great relief, and that I can now digest a few articles of food I did not dare touch before.

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Holman Liver Pad Co.:

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Please find enclosed $3, for Pad and Plasters and address them to Mrs. Higgyth, Ingersoll, Ont.,

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Mayhew, the Millspinner,

OR,

THE STOLEN WILL.

"I dare not hope it. If I, his own father, gave him up—to ruin, how can I expect that a stranger should deal kindly towards him? Oh, I shudder and tremble to think what may have been his fate. But we shall go to Dundee at once. You have a work to do there as well as I. You have this man Willox to hunt up."

"Eh! what that reminds me," roared Luke, his fierce excitement rushing back upon him, "why you—you, Mr. Cambeerk—have more need to pursue Willox than he has. The paper he has robbed me of is the last will of your wife's uncle, old Huntly, and in it he leaves all his property to her and Lawrence Mayhew. There's valuable information for you—a not off, ain't it, to what I did with the boy!"

"What on earth do you mean?" asked his astonished listener.

"I mean what I say. Jonathan Huntly made a last will that nobody knew anything of, and the one that made Mayhew, the millspinner, master of all wasn't worth a rap. Only he didn't know that till six months ago; but then, somehow or other, Sam Willox came to know where the real will was buried, and I chanced to see him dig it up from the place where it was concealed. Of course I twigged that he was playing a game, and resolved to have a share in the plant. I waited till I knew he had gone to Mayhew and made a bargain with him to keep the will back. Then I pounced on Sam Willox, and put the screw on him next; not only that, but I got my hands on the will itself, and insisted on keeping it as security for the tin I was to get every quarter. So what does Master Willox do but follow me in the disguise of a pedlar to rob me of it. He came here to-night, but I got to know him and was on my guard. He meant to give us both the drugged brandy he had prepared, but I was too cunning to drink it. Beckey did, though. And you see the state it has put her in. I pretended to drink it too, but threw it away, and shammed sleep. But watched him all the time, and when he was about to cut the will out of my waistcoat, I gripe him fast and lets him know that was not to be done. Curse him, he was too many for me after all, for he has stabbed me. I went off into a faint, and when I came to he was gone, and the will too. So he has it, and if you don't catch him on the gate to Dundee, Mayhew's game and his will be as good as ever."

This recital rooted Arnold to the spot with amazement. It brought to his knowledge the existence of a fraud as gigantic as it was unsuspected, and the revelation brought a rush of thoughts into his mind, which rendered him absolutely motionless. Luke's story might have been vague and unintelligible to one ignorant of the family matters, but to Arnold every sentence of the tale came clear as a sunbeam, and the moment Luke was done he comprehended the case perfectly.

One man then stood out before him, hideous and vile beyond all expression, and that man was Varley Mayhew. But, indeed, he already knew him to be the most detestable of villains, and this new proof of his rascality could hardly add to the blackness of his character in Arnold's eyes.

But the fact revealed—viz.,—the existence of the will—was of importance, for it gave to his wife the half of her uncle's property, and for her sake, if she were still alive—for his boy's sake, if he was to be found—it behoved him to make every exertion to become possessed of a document so important. To pursue and overtake Willox, therefore, was the consuming desire that seized him.

As William Ogilvy had a reason no less strong to effect the same object, the two friends were equally eager to set off in pursuit of the disguised pedlar. But how could they leave Luke Briar in such a critical state, and with no help near him? He might bleed to death if no succour came to him, and as yet Becky showed no signs of passing from under the effect of the drug that had been administered to her. When Luke understood the cause of their hesitation he emphatically ignored it.

"Go," he said. "Lose not a moment, and don't mind me. The cash is a bad one, and will keep me on my back for some time to come, but I don't feel as if it was to put me under the turf, and that's almost a pity, for I could have wished Master Willox to have been hanged for my murder. Beckey won't be long now in coming out of her sleep, and if you'll leave me the flask, I'll be all right till she does; after that, she'll get help from the encampment. Oh, there ain't no fear; so off you go, or the game may be lost."

The prospect of the game being lost was so greatly opposed to the feelings of both that they were disposed to act according to Luke's wish, so they made him as comfortable as they could, put the flask of brandy into his hand, and promising to seek him out at a future time, and inform him of what should transpire, they took leave of him, and, hounding from the hut, sped away over the moor in the eager hope of overtaking the *soi-disant* pedlar, who they knew had the start of them by an hour or two, but who could scarcely, they supposed, keep ahead of them all the way to Dundee.

CHAPTER XXX.

THRILLING REVELATIONS.

The death scene which had been witnessed in the moorland cottage made a deep impression on all the beholders, as the spectacle of human dissolution never fails to do. But the strength and character of each set impression are varied according to circumstances and associations. Generally it is accompanied with the grief and sorrow of bereavement, and then it lays hold of a heart and mind with terrible power. But in this instance such grief could not possibly be felt, and the impression produced arose from the special circumstances of the case.

The cause of Sam Willox's death, the character of the man, above all, the revelations it had been the means of bringing forth, stirred up great excitement and strong emotion in the breasts of those who had been so strangely brought together in the shepherd's house, and who had all such a special interest in the same.

First of all, how important were these to Arnold Carsbrook! What a fearful fraud had been brought to his knowledge! what additional insight into the character and conduct of Varley Mayhew! And if they could not increase those motives of love and parental longing which impelled him to discover his wife and child, yet they materially changed the circumstances in which the lost ones would be found. For the final will of Jonathan Huntly, so unexpectedly brought to light and put into his possession, gave them a right to wealth, and placed them in a position of independence. To have his dear ones restored to him would be joy unspeakable; and to be able at the same time to secure for him a large portion of this world's goods was something which would certainly not make the restoration less rapturous or happy, but which would mingle as a sweetening element in the cup of blessing.

Then how important in another direction were the revelations to William Ogilvy. They had brought him tidings—mixed with joy and sorrow—of his lost sister. There was sorrow in them, inasmuch as they informed him of her death, under circumstances of the saddest and most mournful character; but the sting of his anguish was taken away by the discovery that she had not fallen from virtue, as he had been led to believe—that though she had bestowed her love on a vile and unworthy object, and by the man to whom she had given her heart, had been basely betrayed and cruelly forsaken, yet that she was pure and stainless to the last. Oh, this was a sweet solacing thought for him to cherish. He must still grieve over her bitter sufferings, but not with the agony that had clung to his former thoughts, for now he could think of her among the saints and angels, as one of the bright and shining spirits who have come out of great tribulation, and walk in robes of white amid celestial glories.

Still further to mitigate his grief for his untoward fate, he had discovered the existence of her child, the beautiful Ella, a minature resemblance of her sainted mother, and bright and attractive in her ways as heart could wish. She had come to him as a precious legacy, and he would devote himself and that substance he had acquired in a foreign land, to rear and educate her to a sphere worthy of her mother's virtue and her own beauty, and thus renew, with even more tender and sacred joy, the love and happiness of the dear, departed time when the sister's comfort was all his care and her society his chief delight.

The only one to whom the revelations brought sadness and pain was Willie, the wandering musician. On Ella the impression had been more that of wonder than of any positive feeling either of sorrow or of satisfaction. In her childish artlessness, she had not perceived the effects likely to follow, but Willie saw them clearly, and the sight of them brought a pang to his heart, in view of the desolation that was to come upon himself. So heavy was the sadness of the feeling which weighed upon him that when they left the chamber of death he took Ella by the hand and led her outside the cottage and down to the side of the burn that rushed through the hollow. There, under a bank of broom, which hid them from sight, he sat down and drew her close to him with even more than his wonted tenderness of caress.

She silently nestled close to his side and leant her golden head upon his bosom, manifesting none of her sweet and sprightly prattle, for her young spirit had been awed by the sight of death, and her thoughts were busy with its dark and shrouded mystery.

"An' sae my wee Ella is gaun to leave auld Wullie," said the latter, in a voice faltering with emotion.

She raised her head with a quick, sudden jerk, and gazed at him with startled astonishment.

"Ye'll no forget me—at least no a' at ance?" he added, laying his hand gently on her shining hair, and regarding her with a sad, regretful smile.

"Forget you, Willie?" she slowly repeated. "How should I forget you? and what do you mean by me leaving you? I am am not going to leave you—I wouldn't do so for the world."

"Ay, but ye are tae be pairted for a' that, my pet. Dae ye no ken this Mair ter Ogilvy is yer uncle, yer puir mither's brither?"

"Yes, I heard that, and he seems a nice gentleman. But," and there a look of wild, intense alarm came into her little face, "he doesn't want me, does he?"

"I hae nae doot he does, dear. He's yer uncle, ye ken, and it's natar'l and richt that——"

"But I won't go to him," burst in Ella, "and I'll run and tell him so at once. Leave you! leave my dear, good old Willie that I loved so, and that loves me so! Not likely, indeed."

And with an amused, incredulous smile she was about to run off to tell "the gentleman" that she would never, never leave Willie, when the latter caught her and kept her beside him.

"Stop, my darlin'—stop, stop; ye dina understand this. Laith aa I am tae lose ye, and wae as I'll be wanderin' my lane, after the lichtsome years we have spent thegither. I wud wrang ye sair if I socht to keep ye. It's for yer guid, my darlin', that ye sud leave me, for no' only is he yer uncle, and has a richt tae ye, but he is rich, and can dae till ye far better than I could. Sae lang as ye had nae freends tae own ye, it didna matter sae muckle for ye to be wanderin' the kintry thrugh wi' an auld fiddler; and God kens I wad have dune my best tae bring ye up respectable, tho' mony a sair heart and secret greet I hae had thinkin' what wad come owre ye if I was ta'en awa'. And then I comforted myse' wi' thinkin' that God loved ye a thousand times better than I did, Ella, and he wudna tak' me unless ye was tae be better provided for. But it's clean different noo, my pet. Here is ane turned up that belongs to ye, and can put ye in yer true position; and it's best for ye, my bairn, that ye gang tae him."

"No, no. I cannot, cannot leave you, Willie." Oh, don't say so; I'll break my heart if I leave you," cried Ella, flinging her arms round his neck, and clinging to him with passionate intensity.

Willie bent over her till his white locks mingled with her golden curls, and tried to stifle the rising sobs. Her grief was greatest now, but it would subside, and scenes of interest would open for her which would soon make up for the pain of separation. But for the old man there was no such anodyne in store. He must go his lonely way, and feel every day and every hour the loss of her bright company which had cast sunshine on his life for the last few years.

Willie was fully conscious of this. To lose Ella was to lose the brightness, the joy of his existence, and to feel a sense of loneliness which he had never experienced before, and never would have experienced but for having had her in his care. The pain of parting was therefore to him most poignant, but not for a moment was he selfish enough to wish to retain her. Her future would be immensely better under her uncle's guardianship than under his, and Willie was not the man to sacrifice her life prospects for his own gratification. But it was hard to lose her nevertheless, and now, during what were perhaps the last moments he should have her to himself, he enfolded her to his bosom with an intense and passionate sorrow.

"Ella and you shall not be parted," said a voice near them, and looking up they beheld William Ogilvy and Arnold Carsbrook gazing at them with great interest. It was Ogilvy who had spoken, and his eyes glistened through the tears which filled them.

"Oh, Willie, uncle says he will not take me from you!" exclaimed Ella, clapping her hands in rapture.

The old man was perplexed and bewildered at the intimation, for he could not deem it possible that Ogilvy would allow her to remain under the disadvantages of the wandering life which was her portion with him, and in the modesty and simplicity of his nature he dreamed not that the words implied important intentions towards himself. It never struck him that the Samaritan part he had played towards his hapless sister had inspired the heart of Ogilvy with an admiration and a gratitude which would desire to show itself by making the rest of his life comfortable. He thought the words usual ones, been spoken in displeasure at sight of the grief of the child and himself in prospect of separation.

"Forgie me, gentlemen," he faltered, "We love ilk ither, Ella and me, and it's no in nature' for us tae be sundered without feelin' it sair. But this maun a stand in the way o' her guid; and ye maun o'en look owre her grief, puir thing, and my weakness. Only ye'll maybe let us see ane anither noo and then."

"You'll see each other every day," said Ogilvy, "for henceforth we three shall live together; and I hope to have the joy of sharing with you this dear child's love."

"Live thegether!" echoed Willie, in amazement.

"Oh; how nice!" exclaimed Ella, clapping her hands with renewed rapture. "You shall get a fiddle too, uncle, and you and Willie will play together in the towns and villages, and I will gather in the money. But can you play with the fiddle as well as Willie; for you know Willie is a beautiful player?"

"I know he is, little darling, for you remember this gentleman and I heard him yesterday at the inn."

"O yes; and you both gave me so much money. I did not know then that you were my uncle."

"No, my love; but even then your appearance affected me very strangely. I now know why that was—it was the resemblance you had to your mother. Little did I then think that you were a child."

"How strange that we should have found it out in this way," responded Ella, and the look of clouded seriousness which she cast towards the corpse showed that her thoughts had reverted to the deadform of her father which lay there.

"It is the wonderful doing of a wise and a good Providence, my child. As to your proposal that I should get a fiddle and travel with you and Willie, I fear I should be of little service. But I think I have a better plan than that. I mean to get a nice house in a pleasant part of the country, and we shall have a large garden, in which you can play whenever you wish; and we shall have hens and ducks, and everything that is nice; and you shall go to school, or perhaps have a governess to teach you at home; and Willie and I shall be always with you, and you will give me some of your love, won't you?"

"Oh, yes, that I will. Won't that be nice dear Willie?"

"But, sir—Maister Ogilvy," gasped Willie; "sic kindness tae me. It's beyond a' bounds. I—I canna accept it sir. What for should I be a burden on you?"

"Hear to him," ejaculated Ogilvy, turning to Arnold, with both his hands upraised. "He a burden to me! he who did what he has done to my poor sister and her helpless babe!"

"Goodness and benevolence such as his are always unconscious of merit or desert," returned Arnold.

"True, true," murmured Ogilvy. "And a more sublime instance of this unconsciousness I never witnessed. Willie," he added, "has it not struck you that I owe you a debt, which let me do my utmost, it is impossible I can ever pay?"

"You awin' me a debt!" returned Willie, in genuine astonishment. "It canna' be, sir, seein' we never met or kenned ilk ither till this very mornin'."

"But you know me as the brother of the forsaken and suffering girl to whom in her last moments you proved a ministering angel, and as the uncle of the child whom you received from her arms, and have tended and protected for all these years."

"Weel, sir, dae ken that, but what then? Had I done less I wad hae been a hard-hearted sinner, sir—no worthy o' the name o' a man, far less o' a Christian. And for what I did, sir, Ella here has paid me a thousand times over wi' her love. Dinna speak o' debt, sir; it's me that's the debtor, as ye wad ken if ye could understand the happiness and joy she brocht tae me day after day in a our wanderin's."

"Well, well," said the other with a smile, "I see it is in vain to argue the matter with one who is so noble and unselfish. But I must have the privilege of showing in some way my unbounded admiration and unspeakable gratitude. And even in this I will be the gainer, for in your friendship and companionship life for me will be made profitable and precious. I have returned from Australia comparatively rich, and the home I am going to make for Ella and myself you must share with us. Do not refuse this, Willie, I pray—if not for my sake, then for Ella'."

"Oh yes, do live with us Willie; it will be so nice." cried Ella.

This was enough. The old man's opposition, which had no strong ground to stand on except the utter unconsciousness of desert, was not proof against the solicitation of the child; he therefore, with many thanks, promised to give up his wandering life—a harder task than they imagined—and take up his abode with William Ogilvy, wherever the latter may desire to fix his residence.

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"You know why it is so," he added, with a look of troubled sadness.

"Yes," said Ogilvy. "Forgive me, Mr. Carsbrook. The absorbing character of those other matters made me forget for a moment your peculiar sorrows and anxiety."

"Of which our old friend is ignorant; and, therefore, he looks surprised," added Arnold. "You are free to tell him all when I am gone, for I know the story will be safe and sacred in his keeping. And now, my friends, farewell! We have met together in a strange and wonderful manner—especially you and I Ogilvy."

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