



The Advocate.

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WOODVILLE, MAY 1, 1879.

E ELDON AUDITORS' REPORT.

The Auditors' Report is published at We have a copy of it before us which the following is a synopsis: Year the amount of taxes collected in Township of Eldon was \$11,205. Other receipts, including non-residence taxes, license fund, fines &c. amounted to \$1,390.40; 390 of that being borrowed from the Standard. The expenditures are as follows: Salaries, \$480.37; Road Jobs, \$516.61; Miscellaneous, \$7,866.24. Total \$9,863.22; leaving a balance due the Treasurer of \$284.26.

E TYNE BOAT RACE.

HANLAN BEATS BY SIX LENGTHS.

A long-looked-for single scull race between Hanlan and Hawdon on Tuesday last, as was generally expected, resulted in a victory for Hanlan. The weather was splendid. The race was from High Level Bridge to the Union Bridge at Scotswood, a distance of three miles three furlongs. Hanlan won the race by six lengths. The time was 22 minutes and 5 seconds. Hanlan rowed with the greatest ease.

Hanlan and Hawdon appeared at 10 o'clock and promptly took their places. The wind had changed to the west, and the water was rather choppy; but the sun shone very brightly to provide for any accident that might happen. Two ten oared cutters in attendance, one for each of the competitors, Wallace Ross rowing stroke for Hanlan. Betting at the start was five to two on Hanlan. Hanlan won the toss for choice. The starter said "go" and an excellent start was made. Hanlan, pulling easily, drew ahead of the first, and was never afterwards headed, nor did he seem at any time to be pushed hard. Indeed, his rowing was remarkably easy on him. He rowed good-naturedly at his opponent's time to time, and once stopped to take a drink of water out of his hand then resumed his scull with most coolness. The crowds along the banks of the river were indescribable. Hanlan's victory is very dearly prized by the Tynesiders, with whom he had become quite a pet. The race was not in the least distressed finish. As he came down the river Newcastle in the referee's boat greeted with tremendous cheering the line of the banks on both sides. The time of the race was 22 minutes and 5 seconds, the slow time easily accounted for by reason of the strong wind and rough water that day.

Hanlan is matched to row Elliott on June for £200 a side, the articles have been signed.

A facility with which divorce can be obtained in Germany has seldom been strikingly shown than in a case lately before the courts. A short time ago a young lady being desirous of marrying a husband, advertised for one in a newspaper, stating as an inducement any suitable man who might be disposed to come forward, that she had a fortune of 6,000 marks, or 1,500. A young man who had been educated for a mercantile career, received an invitation and answered it; he was shrewd and cautious he refused to marry the young lady until 1000 were produced, as it was his duty to buy with them a business, the proceeds of which he and his wife would live. Ultimately, however, the wife of the young lady to have prevailed against the husband of the young man, for the marriage took place without the money

being produced, but not until the lady had solemnly promised that the 6,000 marks should be paid to her husband eight days after the wedding day. The day of payment arrived, and then the newly married husband received from an old friend of his wife the dowry, consisting, however, not of 6,000 but of 600 marks only. Deeply hurt, the husband determined to appeal to the law for redress, and prayed that his marriage might be declared null and void because of the deceit which had been practised upon him. Evidence having been given to prove that had the plaintiff known that his wife had not 6,000 marks he would not have married her, the judge decided in his favor, and the marriage was declared to be null and void.

SINCE the Franco-German war several different plans for the re-organization of the armed forces of both Holland and Belgium have been from time to time discussed, as in both countries it is recognized by all as possible, and by many as probable, that in the event of hostilities again breaking out between their powerful neighbors these smaller States may, however circumstantially they may behave, become involved in the quarrel. Up to the present, no radical changes have been made in the organization of the army of either country; but now, according to a German military paper, there are evident signs that in Holland the question of introducing important military reforms is engaging serious attention. By those who are anxious that Holland should possess a well-disciplined, well-armed, well-organized, and well-trained army, the appointment of M. De Beer-Portugael as Minister of War is hailed. It is stated with much satisfaction, as he has the reputation of being one of the most intelligent officers in the Dutch army, while he is known to be an advocate for the introduction of universal compulsory service. For many years a feeling has been growing in Holland that it is high time that the system of substitution was abolished and that in the matter of military service the Netherlands, followed the example set by the Great Powers of Europe, and consequently, it is anticipated that very shortly the Minister of War will lay before Parliament a bill for the re-organization of the national militia and enacting universal service. That such a bill if brought forward will meet with much opposition is very certain. The Dutch may be ready to make sacrifices for the defence of their independence; but at the same time they have no desire to become a purely military nation, and they will dread incurring the expense involved by the carrying out of the projected reform, especially at a time when their finances are notoriously in no very flourishing condition.

MERCANTILE AGENCIES.—A petition was presented to Parliament the other day praying for an enquiry into the working of mercantile agencies. The petition stated that the agencies were foreign companies, that they gave secret information regarding the business standing of men, and that they gave false reports of the standing of business men, underrating those who did not subscribe to their agencies, and overrating those who did subscribe. That there has been and still is grave cause for complaint against these secret agencies, is readily admitted. Nor can it be denied that business men have suffered injury, oftentimes irreparable, through a system that works in the dark and against which system there has been no apparent remedy. The petition set forth that out of the traders represented to be solvent on the first of January last by one mercantile agency, 186 had since failed. It is a simple matter for these secret agents to injure the reputation of those towards whom they entertain feelings of animosity, because they can do so with but slight fear of detection. If it is necessary to have such a system as at present exists let reliable men be appointed as agents, and let them be known to the public so that they could be speedily brought to book if they dared to exceed the duties with which they are charged. One proposition contained in the petition, and one likely to mitigate the evils of the system to a certain extent is, that all false information given might be a criminal offence and be punishable as a misdemeanor. The petition prays for an investigation of the whole case and the introduction of legislation to remedy it.

Our Neighbours.

LINDSAY celebrates her Majesty's natal day on Monday, the 26th.

THERE were 12 births, 6 deaths and 5 marriages registered at the office of the Lindsay Town Clerk last month.

THE Rev. J. L. Murray, M. A., preached to the Kincardine Odd-Fellows last Sunday.

A Toronto exporting company has purchased 20,000 sheep to be shipped to England during May and June.

MR. GEO. REEVE, of Atherley, found a grey bird's nest, with three eggs in it, last Friday, on the Atherley Road.

EIGHT hundred head of cattle will be shipped for England from Toronto this week.

208 horses were purchased in Montreal last week and shipped to the United States. They averaged \$80 each.

MR. COCKBURN, M.P., has applied to the Minister of Militia for the equipment of two companies of infantry in Muskoka.

MARA Council has under consideration a proposition to aid Messrs. Kelsey & Co. in rebuilding the Atherley Mills, by a loan of \$5,000.

DR. RAMSAY, of Orillia, has been appointed Coroner for the County of Victoria. He now holds commissions for Simcoe, Ontario, and Victoria.

THE Port Whitby Harbor and Elevator was sold by auction on Tuesday last, for \$40,100. The purchasers are a Bownanville Company.

THE Rev. John Hogg, of Oshawa, has received a call to the pastorate of the Charles street Presbyterian Church, Toronto.

ON Thursday last Mr. Wm. Stewart stock breeder, Valencia, sold to Mr. Wm. Jack, butcher, of Lindsay, a pair of fat oxen weighing 3,760 pounds.

A cow belonging to Michael Bovair, of Sutton gave birth to three calves, one day last week. They were all alive at birth, but one of them has since died.

THE stallion known by the name of Hobby Noble, owned by David Storev, of the 3rd concession of Emily, died last week from a severe attack of distemper.

REPORTS from Belleville say that the late shipments of iron ore from the Seymour mine, Madoc, to Buffalo, have been successful, and further shipments will follow.

A RESOLUTION has been passed by the Toronto City Council exempting from taxation for ten years the buildings and plant necessary for a sugar refinery in that city to employ over fifty people.

ON Wednesday night of last week an apparent but unsuccessful attempt at burglary was made on the store of Messrs. Spratt & Killen. The would-be burglars were evidently frightened away before their designs were carried out.—Warder.

A WORKMAN, last week, in digging for a foundation for one of the buildings of the Rouge bridge in Scarborough found a bag of gold and silver of a large amount. So far is yet known there is no clue to the depositor.

THE season for rope jumping has come. A few days since a Syracuse girl tried how many times she could jump without stopping. The teachers were compelled to carry her home, and she has received injuries which will last her a lifetime.

IT is proposed to raise to the dignity of saints Gabriel Lalemant and Jean de Brebeuf, two Jesuit fathers who were murdered on the shores of Lake Simcoe at the time of the destruction of the Hurons by the Iroquois, two hundred and fifty years ago.

THE work of ballasting the Collingwood section of the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway has commenced and will be energetically prosecuted until completed. It is the intention of the company to have passenger trains running to Collingwood by the 24th of May.

A MOST extraordinary affair occurred in Wilton the other day. A family had a lot of cherries which had been soaking in brandy all winter. Having given the brandy to the hungry snuffers they threw the cherries into their yard. A day or two after a flock of crows settled upon the cherries, and in a very brief time after that the crows were on the grandest and most comprehensive drunk ever witnessed in Wilton. Within two hours they were calling each other liar and thief and swearing eternal fidelity, with a degree of unctious bordering almost on human. A drunken crow adds considerably to the aspect of civilization.

SHOOTING ACCIDENT.—Another case of "didn't know it was loaded" occurred at the house of Mr. Terry, Kent street, Sunday evening. Wesley Terry, a lad of about 16 years of age was playing with a revolver, and not know-

ing it was loaded pointed it at a brother about 12 years old. It discharged and the ball entered the young lad's head back of the ear, making its exit above the temple. He had a narrow escape. Dr. Coulter was called and dressed the wound. The lad is anything but well. These accidents are of too common occurrence.—Post.

THE Warder is advocating the establishing of Smelting Works in Lindsay.

KILLED ON THE TRACK.—As the evening train on the Lake Simcoe Junction was proceeding north, and had reached the neighborhood of Ravenshoe, a couple of cows were seen on the track. An attempt was made by the engineer to frighten the animals off the track, but without effect. They were struck by the engine and both of them were killed. This should be a warning to owners of cattle to see that they are prevented from straying on the railroad.—Times.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A sad accident happened in the Township of Scott, on Wednesday last, by which a young lad son of Mr. Gray of that township, lost his life. The boy was driving a team attached to a land roller, in a field on his father's farm, when by some means he was thrown from his seat, and the roller passed over him, causing his death. His head and body were terribly crushed. The unfortunate lad was about 14 years of age.—Sutton Times.

THE Oshawa Reformer says:—A gentleman in St. Patrick's Ward planted some peas on Wednesday, and remarked at the time that the use of superphosphates, bone dust and guano, in raising peas in this country, is unnecessary. He knew his peas would be up quite as soon as any in town, and he wasn't mistaken either. The next day he went into the garden and greatly to his surprise he found his peas all up, and as he smoothed down the bed preparatory to sowing it over with buckwheat, declared he would give a dollar to know who owned that confounded flock of hens.

JAMES COLEMAN, of Acton, Ont., is a farmer who began business as a storekeeper last November under the common delusion among his class that the way of the country merchant is strewn, if not with natural flowers, at least with artificial garlands. He should now take a lecturing tour in the rural districts, giving the results of his experience. His liabilities are \$5,000; assets about \$2,500, consisting of McNair's insolvent stock of goods and the remains of Symon's old stock. His real property is mortgaged nearly to the full amount of its value.—Journal of Commerce.

MIRAGE.—On Tuesday evening last from five to six o'clock, from Mr. Thos. Conant's, Cedar Dale, the American shore was plainly visible to the naked eye. The mist from Niagara Falls could also be seen, as well as the Heights along the Niagara River.—The banks, woods and fields were plainly discernable to the naked eye, but much more so with a glass. Mr. Conant says he has never before been able to see the New York State shore, looking straight south from his house. The distance must be at least 80 miles, and the phenomenon can only be accounted for by some peculiar state of the atmosphere. And still the air was not clear at the time, but considerably cloudy and a little hazy, which makes it all the more singular that one can see even then further than in a clear, bright day. Those who saw the sight describe it as infinitely beautiful and something to be remembered.—Reformer.

DEATH FROM STRYCHNINE.—Some time during the latter part of last fall a farmer residing near Perrytown sustained the loss of some 14 sheep, alleged to have been killed on his farm by dogs. He presented a claim to the Hope Township Council, and received about \$97 for damages. The people of Hope generally considered the claim rather outrageous, but the money having been paid to the owner, they expected to hear no more about it. But the carcasses of the deceased sheep were carelessly allowed to remain in the field, a short distance from the barn, and when the spring opened and the sheep thawed out,—as it were,—all the dogs in the neighborhood returned to their prey, as all good dogs would do; but the meat was not so wholesome as in the fall, and one meal was sufficient to satisfy their most ravenous appetites. Substantial evidence of this fact was visible a day or two afterwards, when, when, about half a mile distant from the sheep lay the carcasses of about a dozen dead dogs and over a hundred crows. At the inquest held over the deceased dogs and crows a verdict of death from strychnine was rendered,—it being conceded by all that the carcasses of the sheep must have been well-seasoned with this deadly poison. Query—did the Township Council do their whole duty?—Guide.

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