



# The Advocate.

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## Notes and News.

WARREN SMITH, of Halifax, and Wallace Ross, of St. John, are to row the Bedford Basin on the 26th of August. It will then be known who is the second best oarsman of the Dominion.

This is the day of small things. Salem, North Carolina, a small town, has shipped during three years over three millions of pounds of dried black-berries for which it received \$450,000. Some in this neighborhood might go into the business with profit, as there is any amount of the wild fruit to be had.

The report of Admiral Ammen, to the Secretary of State, upon the Inter-oceanic Canal Congress of Paris, recommends the Government of the United States to form a commission of the ablest engineers of the army, and invite the most eminent civil engineers in this country and Europe to meet and discuss the whole matter unembarrassed by the usual personal interests which swayed and controlled Congress in Paris.

The yellow fever is rapidly spreading in Memphis, every train leaving is crowded with citizens fleeing the plague-ridden city, and very few of the wealthy are left to battle with the disease and help the poor. Everything goes to indicate that the southern cities visited this year will be again re-visited this year by the dreadful scourge. Two fatal cases of yellow fever among seamen, were reported at New York, Monday.

WRECK OF THE "VIRGINIA."—The Virginia, 2,500 tons, from New York for Glasgow, went ashore on Sable Island in a dense fog on Saturday the 28th inst., and is likely to be a total wreck. She had 136 crew and passengers. The purser, first officer, and nine men came in one of the ship's boats to Port Bickerton, west of Canso, landed here, and reached New Glasgow next day. When landing the passengers on the island four women and five children were drowned in the surf.

THE Zulu war is over. A private and unpublished message from Sir Garnet Wolseley was received at the War Office enquiring which regiments are to be sent home. There is also a great reaction of feeling in favour of Lord Helmsford. In the House of Commons all parties were pleased that Lord Helmsford has won a victory before General Wolseley arrived. There is also a reaction of public feeling in favour of Lieutenant Carey, and it is generally allowed that his defence exonerates him.

SAMPLES of the following articles will be forwarded under special arrangements to Ottawa by the Manitoba Government for display at the Dominion Exhibition:—1. Agricultural products of all kinds; 2. Specimens of native plants and grasses; 3. Specimens of wood; 4. Specimens of fruit bearing shrubs; 5. Specimens of clays and bricks; 6. of pottery and brick; 7. of domestic manufacture of wooden goods; 8. of dressed and undressed furs; 9. of birds, beasts and fishes (preserved and skinned); 10. miscellaneous. The Manitoba Government will pay the cost of transportation from Winnipeg.

At the opening of the London Bridges for the Prince and Princess of Wales, which took place recently, the Prince ordered his carriage to stop to speak a kindly and courteous word or two to the 200 Chelsea pensioners (old soldiers) who were drawn up along the road. On the same occasion, while passing the hospital for incurables, the procession was ordered to proceed at a foot's pace to gratify the wishes of a poor dying

boy, who had expressed a wish to see the Prince and Princess of Wales as they passed. Such acts speak for themselves and leave little cause to understand how it is the future King of England (with all the short comings attributed to him) and his spouse are deservedly popular throughout the United Kingdom.

GOOD ADVICE.—A correspondent of the Markham Economist gives the following sound advice to farmers:—"I would like to give my experience on wheat cutting, as I am a wheat buyer and have had some experience in milling. Wheat buyers like good, bright plump samples, and thin bran—wheat that will yield a good sample of superior flour. To secure these important items cut your wheat about three days before you think it is fit and ripe, and shock it in round shocks, ten sheaves to each shock, well capped so that the sun will not penetrate the heads. The sap in the straw will ripen the heads. The wheat will be a great deal plumper and whiter, it won't be so apt to shell, and will weigh heavier."

THE annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association was held in the City Council Chamber, Kingston, on Tuesday forenoon, 14th instant, Mr. James Shannon, President, in the chair, and a fair representation of members were present. Twenty new members were admitted. The following are the elected officers for the ensuing year:—A. Matheson, Brantford, President; J. B. Traves, Port Hope, 1st Vice-President; E. J. B. Pense, Kingston, 2nd Vice-President; W. R. Clinie, Bowmanville, Secretary-Treasurer. Executive Committee, C. D. Barr, Lindsay; H. Hough, Cobourg; E. Jackson, Newmarket, Jas. Innes, Guelph; C. B. Robinson, Toronto. Routine business occupied the session until noon. The party visited the public institutions of the city, under escort of the civic authorities, and were entertained at a special re-union in the evening.

THICKPENNY, the Markham murderer, has been sent to the penitentiary for life. It appears, therefore, that he is not believed by the Executive to be insane. We are glad to find the "insane" plea, insane in more senses than one, which is so frequently and successfully put forth on behalf of murderers in the United States, finds but little encouragement in this country. Life is quite unsafe enough at present without giving murderously designed people the further incentive of a possible, or rather probable escape, from the consequences of their crime. There are two points in the criminal law practice of the United States which aid in the defeat of justice, and which we trust will never find a footing amongst us. The one is, the absurd challenging system applied to trial by jury, which, if carried out to the letter, can scarcely result otherwise than in the empanelling of a jury of ignorant men. The other is the insanity plea, of which so much use is made, that it has almost come to be accepted by some that every one who commits a murder must of necessity be temporarily insane.

THE trial of Colonel Balfour at Owen-ton, Kentucky, for the murder of Judge Elliott, has closed with a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree, and he has been sentenced—not to hanging—but to imprisonment for life in the Penitentiary—with a probability of release after a few years of incarceration, as is usual in that region when the offender belongs to the "Chivalry" and boasts of the true Kentuckian "blue blood." That the Judge had been shot down in broad daylight on the steps of the hotel by the prisoner, admitted of no question. But what the defence did, and apparently not without some effect, was to attempt the mitigation of punishment by proving insanity! The Colonel had been insane from his youth upwards, according to a cloud of witnesses, including clergymen, medical men, and others accustomed to mix in what is called good society, at and around the scene of the crime; and, if some of the theories advanced were to be accepted, there would be no escape from the conclusion that considerably more than

half the people in the world are crazy. The whole of the proceedings went to show that although the governing class in Kentucky may not be so lawless as in ante-war times, yet it is still possible in that favored region for a blue-blooded miscreant to shoot down a judge in broad daylight, to glory in his act and to find influential friends to save him from a fate similar to that with which he visited his unsuspecting victim.

THE young girl, Annie Parker, on whose singular testimony a whole family were a few months ago in great danger of being convicted of a most atrocious murder in Shediac, N. B., has been set at large after a long threatened prosecution for perjury. It will be remembered that a hotel-keeper at Moncton, named McCarthy, disappeared very mysteriously some time in the fall of 1878, that he was traced by his relatives to Shediac, and that it was admitted that on the night of his disappearance he had been seen at two or three different hotels in the place, including the Waverley House. This place was kept by the Osborne family and Annie Parker was their domestic servant. Some months afterwards the latter gave information to the effect that McCarthy had been robbed and murdered in the bar of the Waverley House by Mrs. Osborne and her son, who took the body away and threw it into the Seadouc River. During the course of the subsequent investigation the body was actually found under circumstances which gave much colour of truth to her statement. The jury at the Assizes, however, disagreed, and the Osbornes immediately commenced a prosecution of the girl for perjury. The evidence taken at the trial showed conclusively that if she was perjuring herself others were no better, her story being as little open to rebuttal as any other. This turn of affairs leaves the Shediac murder an unsolved and apparently insoluble mystery.

## Our Neighbours.

### BEAVERTON.

(From our own Correspondent.)  
The Band is progressing rapidly under the able tuition of Prof. Emery.

The Beaverton cricketers go to Uxbridge, on Thursday, to try conclusions with the Uxbridge team. We hope they will give a good account of themselves.

The W. M. Sunday School held their annual picnic in Mr. Barbour's grove, on Friday, the 25th inst. A very enjoyable afternoon was spent, the amusements consisting of Boating, Croquet, Lacrosse, etc.

Services were conducted in Knox Church, last Sunday morning and evening, by the Rev. Robt. McNabb. The Rev. D. Watson occupied the W. M. pulpit the same evening.

Prof. Lasher's concert, last Friday evening, was well attended. The programme was very interesting.

The Rev. D. Watson lectured in the Orange Hall, on Thursday the 24th inst. His subject was 'The atmosphere'.

The Lacrosse Match, Beaverton vs. Uxbridge, played here on the 19th inst., was won by the former club, and not a "draw game," as stated in your columns last week. The return match will be played in Cannington, about the 1st of September.

Mr. W. Underdown, of Thorah, cut a field of Spring Wheat, on Tuesday. This is the earliest yet.

### CANNINGTON.

A large quantity of spring wheat of the crop of 1877 has been purchased lately at the Cannington Mills, as high as one dollar per bushel having been paid.

Cannington will soon be independent of other places as regards its supply of strawberries; indeed very few were brought in here this year, the market being pretty well supplied by Mr. R. Jones, who sold over two thousand quarts to dealers and others in the village and vicinity.

A case of poisoning by Paris green occurred two miles north of Sunderland on Monday morning, the 21st inst. Mr. James McEnery, his wife and hired man sat down to breakfast, and in a few minutes Mrs. McEnery, who has not been in good health for a week past after drinking about half a cup of tea felt very sick. Soon after Mr. McEnery and his man became affected in the same way. They naturally began to

suspect that there must be something wrong, and on examining the tea canister, found the contents well mixed with Paris green. Mr. McEnery says the Paris green has not been kept near the tea, it is therefore evident that it must have been placed there by some one. Mrs. McEnery says that one day last week she had some berries for tea, but when she went to place them on the table she thought they looked 'green' and she threw them out. She is now certain they contained Paris green. Mr. McEnery has very strong suspicions of a certain party whose name we do not feel at liberty to give at present.—Gleaner.

### PORT HOPE.

Wm. Hobbs, son of F. Hobbs, bill poster, was struck by a stone in the eye on the evening of the 16th inst., by a young man named Thomas Woods, of Lindsay. Hobbs was passing by a garden where Woods happened to be, and in company with other boys by some means annoyed the young man, who, it is said, came up quietly and threw the stone directly at young Hobbs inflicting a very bad wound. The blow if given on the temple, might have proved fatal. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Woods.

A woman from the country made a most disgraceful exhibition of herself in front of the St. Lawrence Hall and The Guide office on Saturday evening, using obscene language, such as is seldom heard on our streets by the lowest blackguard of the male persuasion. She had evidently been drinking, and was encouraged in her violent language and actions by some persons who should have known better. It was well for her that the Chief Constable was not around at the time or she would have spent her Sunday under the lock, and then become disenchanting.

A boy was riding up Walton street on Monday evening with a box of croquet in his arms, when his horse became unmanageable and the box falling, frightened him still more. The plunger of the horse unseated the rider, whose foot caught in the stirrup and only by a good fortune got loose in time to save the boy's life. The foolishness of the attempt to carry an article so bulky and clumsy to hold as a box of croquet was commented on, as well as the want of judgement of those who sent the boy on such an errand, whereby he ran the closest possible risk of losing his life. The lad's name was Robert Marshall.

Early on Sunday morning, as the self-appointed vigil committee, consisting of an ex-member of the Police force, a well known sport from Cavan street, and a scion of the hair-istocracy was making the usual rounds to see that all was right for ushering in the sacred day of rest, they espied a head sticking out from the grating in the sidewalk in front of Clames' grocery. The thief had evidently been caught in the effort to get out, and the vigilants at once went to work to relieve him from his unfortunate position. They first tried to pull him through by the ears, but found it no go. They then tried to kick the top of his head off, for they evidently had no sympathy with one whom they supposed to be a robber. They were, however, too unsteady and uncertain of their aim to accomplish this; and so finally they lifted the grating and one of them drawing a large knife deliberately proceeded to decapitate the unfortunate fellow. The roars of the poor creature did not deter them and they only desisted when the knife had completely severed the head of the old tom cat from the body.—Guide.

### UXBRIDGE.

Uxbridge Cricketers went to Brongham last week to play that club when Uxbridge came off victorious having a good many runs to spare.

During the storm last week Ramsden's saw mill, Mount Albert, was totally wrecked and the lumber strewed all around. In one place a piece of the bush was blown down and the water rushed in torrents down the road. At a subsequent storm store windows were smashed in. Fall wheat is badly lodged.

At about 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning we saw a huge column of smoke ascending in the direction of Strettonville but at the time thought it to be a bush fire. However, later on in the day we learned that the unoccupied hotel there had been burned to the ground. The hotel was about two miles east of this place. The buildings were owned by Robert Stretton, sr. The general opinion is that the place was set on fire, as the hotel has been unoccupied for some time previously. It was insured for \$800, which is said to be far above its value.

On Tuesday last Richard Sheppard, of lot 36, 5th con., of Uxbridge (Quaker Hill), was in the village and imbibed too much forty rod. After making some noise he would go home if he had another

glass. He got the glass, and left for home, but he had not got far before he turned his horse round and drove very furiously up and down the street several times to the great danger of other travellers. The Chief Constable, afterwards difficulty, succeeded in bringing him down to the lock-up, and after remaining there some hours to sober up, Richard found himself again after being requested to pay \$2 and costs to the village exchequer. The J. P. spoke in strong terms of the party who had supplied Sheppard with the drink when he was so far gone.—Guardian.

### OMEMEE.

Captain Cottingham's little daughter Maud, aged five years, fell off a pile of lumber last Friday afternoon, and broke her right arm between the shoulder and elbow. Dr. Higinbotham set the injured limb, which is progressing favourably.

Mr. Thos. Stephenson has shown us some beetles which he says are numerous on his potato vines and are doing considerable damage. They are about the size of a June bug and appear to be a cross between the original Colorado potato bug and a humble bee. They are as voracious as the average small boy at a Sunday School picnic, and to all appearances would be a worse enemy to the potato crop than their rivals from Colorado, should they become numerous.—Herald.

### OSHAWA.

Coal Oil Tommy visited the hotel keepers on Sunday, and the next morning two of them received summonses to appear before the Cadi, to answer for selling liquor on Sunday, and sundry young men were likewise notified to attend as witnesses. We believe the hotel keepers admitted the act and paid the fines, much to the comfort of the witnesses, a portion of whom, according to rumor, are members of a temperance society. They claim they only took pop, but it came near popping them into unenviable notoriety. They will be more careful next time when generous strangers invite them in to drink, and hotel keepers will be more careful on Sunday.—Vindicator.

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