

**PORT PERRY.**

About two o'clock on the morning of the 13th inst., the startling sound of a fire! roused the peaceful slumber of the entire village, in fact the hissing shouts and incessant clatter of the fire could not fail in awakening all who might be expected ever to awaken. Sooner said than done, people had sooner opened their eyes than the fire of light told them there was hot work somewhere. Mr. Prince's barns and stables, on the highest point of the village, were found to be in a blaze. A fire brigade hastened to the spot, but they were powerless for two reasons; first, the fire had already got such hold on the premises as ensured their destruction, and second, had there been a chance there were any number of spectators, all were powerless and barns, stables and their contents were soon reduced to smoking embers. The loss will be considerable; one of the barns was but lately erected. The contents consisted of a large quantity of hay, a year's crop, oat sheaves, plows, wagons and large numbers of smaller articles. The origin of the fire is a mystery as no fire of any kind had been on the premises for a number of days. The loss is partly covered by insurance. *Observer.*

**MARKHAM.**

Still another boat race is on the tapis between Fred. Clarry and Copping for \$5 a side. This race will be rowed on St. Milne's pond Saturday evening. An amusing incident occurred at the end Tuesday evening. One of our local sportsmen, a noted dog fancier, saw some sticks on the pond to let people see the dog fetch them, and called to show how well the dog was trained, he threw his hat in. The dog came around it, and calmly watched it slowly sink, amid the laughter of the spectators and John's disgust. The boat race announced for Saturday, between McRae and Copping, came as advertised, on Saturday evening, seven o'clock. Between two and three hundred spectators dotted favorite spots for seeing on the banks. A quarter to seven the Markham Band marched to the pond to the lively air "Nancy Lee." For some days before the race Copping was the favorite, but on him had to go a begging. Messrs Marshall and Vauzant acted as judges; Marshall also as starter; and McGill, referee. Promptly at the start both scullers caught the water, but for the first twenty yards Copping was the best of it, but McRae's longer legs began to tell and he soon forged ahead, and kept the lead to the finish, winning easily by three boat lengths. Time 10:45, which considering the number of turns—three,—is very good. *Economist.*

**JARVIS.**

Mr. James Cutting has been elected warden for Simcoe, in place of Pat. Callagher, deceased. With the exception of an occasional crop of oats and peas the harvest has gathered in this vicinity. One of those peculiar freaks which is witnessed in dumb animals can be seen in a hound, of the feminine type, belonging to A. R. Coleman, V.S., in this village. It appears to have died in a kennel a few days ago and it lies in its abode under Dr. Howell's care, carrying with it a small kitten which it stole from one of the neighboring houses, and over this, at the present time, is acting as mother. There she sits, never leaving its place of security only when driven out by hunger, so diligently does it watch over "its" that it will allow no person to reach any nearer than the edge of the barn. This is not, it is said, the first time it has done the like. About a year ago it took a young groundhog under its protection, and nursed and fed for it a long time, the same as would have done for one of her own. We have often seen, in cirruses, a monkey taking care of a pup, but we never before heard of a dog that would of its own free will, and capture a kitten for the express purpose of substituting it for one of its own kin, let alone a groundhog. If any person has doubts as to the truthfulness of the above they are at liberty to make enquiries of either gentleman mentioned, and will vouch for what is said. *Recorder.*

**KIRKFIELD.**

ANOTHER TRAGEDY.—Another of those periodic alcoholic fits came on, on Friday night last. And as his custom is these occasions, after treating to a wife and not a very complimentary address, he left his base, in the delivery of the vocabularies of Billingsgate and demonium were pretty fairly exhausted, and to flee to a house of refuge. In this domestic was found an individual ap-

parently full of the spirit of chivalry, &c., who, on hearing of the unseemly domestic strife, from the lips of the injured party, in words of deep pathos, was moved to resent the insults and indignity offered to an amiable and respected female, and, like a true knight of old, marched to the scene of those irregularities. Here he found our hero perched in a commanding position halfway up the stairs, who received him with a too sudden application of his boot applied to the face of our gallant knight. Then followed a hand to hand combat begging description. We understand, however, that the battle was not a bloody one, and no bones were broken, and that it resulted in a drawn game. Next day our hero was around as if nothing had happened. He now says, "my wife is a lady," "she acts nice."

**Notes and News.**

Coal is selling in Toronto for \$4 a ton, and in Kingston for \$4.50.

Ferry Sound, Ont., has made rapid strides this summer. Some seven or eight new buildings have been erected.

The by-law on the separation of Orangeville, Ont., from the County of Dufferin, was voted on, on the 13th inst., and carried by nearly 600 majority.

Some English missionaries have arrived on the lake Victoria Nyanza in equatorial Africa and according to a despatch have met with the kindest reception from King Mtesa.

Farmers are said to be slow to change but the rapid progress which has been made in changing horse powers for steam engines will not support this. In the older sections of the country a large portion of the threshing of the harvest of this year will be done by steam. Large farmers represent that it will reduce the cost of threshing one half. The steamers will do double the work with the addition of three more men to the workers. The farmers' horses, instead of being worn out by the hard work on the machine, are resting and prepared to do a heavy day's plowing or grain drawing next day.

The Orillia Overseer of Streets estimated the loss to the corporation, in damage to sidewalks, &c., by the late fire, at \$200.

Mr. John McArthur, Ops, received several injuries in the head on Wednesday of last week, by a missile thrown from a threshing machine whilst in motion, on his farm south of Lindsay.

Quite a sensation prevails in Nassegaweya, from the fact that the Allison family in that neighborhood are about to enter proceedings to recover \$12,000,000, which has been lying in the Bank of England for about a hundred years, and which they claim belongs to them as direct heirs, through the decease of a wealthy relative. This branch of the family moved to Canada some fifty years ago, and recently heard of their good fortune by Cunn's index to unclaimed money through a brother in the States. The Allison of Port Perry are relatives.

This paper reports an extensive robbery from one of the richest and rarest treasure-chambers in the world, that belonging to the Sultans of Morocco, in the city of Fez. This treasure-chamber was established in 815 by the Sultan Abdissen-Edris, the founder of the city, and it has been enriched by some addition to its valuables or rarities by almost every one of his successors. There are preserved in it many precious relics belonging to the time of the Moorish rule in Spain, and there is a sword of Ferdinand the Catholic, the handle of which is a mass of precious stones. This treasury is most carefully guarded, and some travellers say that there are in it and about it 2,000 locks. Some months ago the Sultan Sidi Muley Hassan, who has been long suffering from gout, confided the charge of the Treasury to his brother, Prince Muley Abbas, who in his turn, entrusted it to the Governor of Fez. A few weeks ago the Sultan was presented by one of his vassals with a splendid revolver, which was adorned with gold and precious stones. His Majesty ordered it to be lodged in the treasury, but, upon entering the chamber, some boxes were found broken open and completely emptied of their contents. The Sultan had several persons arrested, but the inquiry led to no result; and he has now offered a reward of £7,000 for the discovery of the thieves. From this we may infer how great was the value of the stolen treasures.

Only ten foreigners are honoured by tombs in Westminster Abbey. The first is that of Isaac Casaubon, the theologian; the next, that of St. Evremont; the third, that of Grabe, who deserted both Geneva and Rome for the Church of England. Then there is the tomb of Conyver, called by Dean Stanley "the Blanco White of the eighteenth century"; and not far off that of Ezeiel Spanheim, a professor at Heidelberg, who died in England as the representative of Prussia at the Court of St. James. The Duke of Montpensier's statue was admitted for dynastic reasons; and the remains of Theodore Paleologus, descended from the last inheritors of the Eastern Roman Empire have a right to lie in the Abbey since he fought in St. John's regiment at Naseby. There are also in the Abbey memorials to Sir John Chardin, the celebrated explorer of Persia; to Pascal Paoli, the hero of Corsican independence; to Steigger, a young Bernese noble; to the nephew of the great Turenne; and to Armand de Bourbon.

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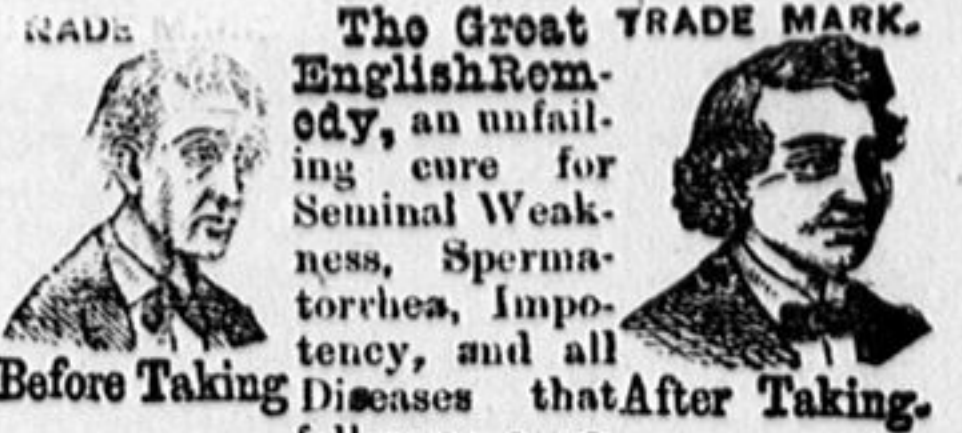
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