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Vital Statistics.

If the Government are really as anxious to secure accurate vital statistics, as the importance of the subject demands, we think it is high time a little more practical common sense were exercised in the endeavor to secure the requisite information and a little less red tape. Under any system that has yet been in vogue it is next to impossible to secure anything approaching accuracy, for the simple reason that too much personal inconvenience is expected from those who have no pecuniary or other interest in furnishing the information from which the statistics are compiled. In the case of a fourth of death in the rural districts, for instance, where no medical practitioner had been in attendance, it is the duty of the parent to report the same to the township clerk. In order to perform this duty, he may have to make a special journey of ten or fifteen miles, without compensation, and it is therefore, more than likely the duty will be shirked. Such cases occur every day, and all over the Dominion, amounting to a very large aggregate. Ministers who perform marriage ceremonies, and doctors who attend deathbed patients, may or may not think it worth their while to make out their report of particulars, at a sacrifice of time and trouble. Why should doctors be expected to make a public record of all the deaths that occur at their hands? It is natural to suppose, that each one should desire to show a death record as light as possible. The remedy seems to us to be very simple, and our only wonder is that it has not long ago been adopted. It is, that greater facilities be afforded for procuring the necessary information, and reducing to a minimum the sacrifice of time and trouble on the part of private individuals. To accomplish this object, let every school teacher, every postmaster, and every Government official, be ex officio registrars of births, death and marriages, and a small sum, say five or ten cents, be paid by the Government for every record; each sub-registrar to report quarterly or half-yearly to the municipal clerk. By this means, we fancy very few of those family occurrences would be left unrecorded. The children in each school district could easily report to their teacher, and he with very little trouble could verify the correctness of their statements. In case of the same occurrence being recorded more than once, it might be the province of the municipal clerk to strike off all duplicates and give credit to the recorder according to priority of date. We offer these suggestions, never having before seen them made public, and can see no reason why some such plan has not long ago been adopted.

Lord Lytton is to resign the Governor-Generalship early in 1877. He was only sent out two or three months ago. Generals Crook and Terry have at last started after the Sioux. A despatch from them in Montana says the thermometer indicates 100 and 115 in the shade. The Montenegris severely defeated the Turks on Monday, besides capturing a quantity of arms and war material. The Queen's Speech entertains the hope that a new Extension Treaty will soon be made between the United States and Great Britain. The Imperial Parliament was prorogued Tuesday, leaving the Bills relating to the Universities, of Administration of Prisons, and Maritime Contracts to be dealt with next session. Earl Derby is spoken of as Mr. Disraeli's probable successor in the British peerage. It is the intention of the Dominion Government to stop the United States steamers, barges, &c., from navigating Canadian inland waters after this season, or until a better understanding is established between the two countries relative to reciprocal concessions in a navigation.

STATUTES OF CANADA.

W. H. Mackin, printer at Ottawa, has been appointed printer of the Statutes of Canada for 1876. The Acton Free Press has been defeated in Kingston. Mr. J. T. Brill, of Guelph, purchased \$15,000 worth of butter on Friday last. Persons may now get down their shot guns, as duck shooting is lawful on and after Aug. 15th. The use of explosive materials to catch or kill fish is forbidden in the Dominion of Canada. A prize of \$50 is to be offered for the best band, and \$30 for the second best at the Pool Fall Show. Philip Schweitzer, an old resident of Waterloo, was pitched out of his buggy on Saturday and killed. Mr. James Gow, late Collector of Inland Revenue at Guelph, was on Monday presented with a service of plate worth \$300. A very destructive rain-storm visited the township of Dayham, in Elgin, on Saturday. More than twelve bridges were swept away, and the Queen's Creek rose to a greater height than has been known for twenty years. The question concerning the stealing of an organ from a church in St. Catharines still agitates that city, and it has been further complicated by accusations against parties not before accused of connection with the theft. The dwelling of Brian McGloan, Tecumseth, took fire at three o'clock Monday morning, while the inmates were asleep. Hardly anything was saved. A young man, son of Mr. McGloan, was so severely burned that he has since died. During the past week five carpenters and eleven other mechanics left Ottawa for England. They had been out but a short time and were not satisfied with their wages. A man named Herman Weigle, of some excursionists from Toledo, O., while walking on the bank overlooking the Niagara River, a short distance below the Horse Shoe Falls, fell over and was instantly killed. On Tuesday night last, the Milton Post Office was again burglarized; and about twenty dollars worth of postage stamps stolen. The office was entered by the back window. As yet no arrests have been made, but strong suspicion rests on two or three parties. Mr. R. Matheson late proprietor of the St. Catharines News, has been selected from amongst some twenty applicants for the head mastership of the Niagara high school. Prior to assuming a member of the fourth estate, Mr. Matheson had eleven years' experience as a Grammar School Teacher. A barrister, named Edward Hepworth Williams, aged 55, who has practised law in Toronto for some time, but who has lately given way to drinking habits, was found lying intoxicated on Saturday night in the street. He was taken to the police station, where he died shortly afterwards. In Toronto bay, Monday afternoon, a young man named Thomas Turner, residing in Brampton, Meade, at the extreme point of the island, and back a distance of six miles. Not bad for a boy!

BASE BALL.

The Montreal White Sox is about right when it says: "Father sharp practice seems quite in order with base ball clubs, which are striving to get up a reputation for skillful play. The Tecumseths of London have been winning some victories of late, which were a little surprising to those not in the secret who have casually read reports of matches in Canada for years past. The reason is now very apparent. One of the players has been called to his home in New York by the illness of his brother, and another has been taken ill himself and gone to his home in Utica. The Tecumseths have of course a perfect right to hire professional players to represent their club if they like, and those who play with them are agreeable. But we would suggest that success won in such a way is not after all very great satisfaction. If professional players are permanently identified with any town or club it will not, but when they are gathered from places hundreds of miles off, on a temporary engagement, they can hardly be considered to be identified with a club, and the victories won by means of their skill are something of a fraud."

THE MONTENEGRINS DEFEAT THE TURKS.

LONDON, August 13.—A despatch from Belgrade says that the Turks have advanced beyond Banja and the Servians evacuated that important pass without firing a shot. It is quite possible that the constant rumors of Turkish advances and Servian retreats are exaggerated, but it cannot be denied that the prospect of the Servians are becoming more gloomy. A despatch to the Benter Telegram Company from Zara, capital of Dalmatia, announces that an engagement took place yesterday between the Montenegris and Turks near Kuci, lasting the entire day. The Turks were repulsed and pursued from Aundina to Polgovitza. The Montenegris captured a quantity of arms, war materials, and several flags. The Turks lost many killed and wounded.

THE TURCO-SERVIAN WAR.

The prize list and forms of entry for the Guelph Central Exhibition are now ready, and can be had on application to the Secretary. The Exhibition opens on 3rd October.

HOUSE ROBBERIES IN MARKHAM.

THE THIEVES ARRESTED AND THE PLUNDER RECOVERED. MARKHAM, Aug. 15.—A series of robberies was committed in this village on Saturday morning, which were hitherto unrecorded, but fortunately the proprietors were captured. Archd. Barker's residence was first entered. The burglars got into his bedroom and abstracted \$50 from his pocket. They afterwards entered the Wellington Hotel, and Jas. Barker's and Miss Cookley's residences, but were frustrated without obtaining anything. The next place entered was the house of David Armitage. Getting into his bedroom, they took a cash box containing about \$20 out of a bureau drawer, and also a cigar box, which was under the bed, containing several silver and copper pieces. The entrances into the various houses were effected through windows. Mr. Armitage got up early in the morning, and saw what had happened. Shortly afterwards Mr. Barker discovered the loss he had sustained. A rain had fallen during the night, and Mr. Armitage, from the prints of the burglar, tracked the track of the Nipissing Railway. Constable Marshall was instructed to proceed in the direction of Toronto to intercept any men that had a suspicious appearance. He was afterwards joined by Agincourt station they arrested two men, and on searching them, found the missing money. While searching them one of the prisoners struck Marshall, and would have escaped had it not been for Simon Kennedy, who had heard of the burglary and had started in pursuit. All the money taken was found in the prisoners' possession. They were brought to Markham and examined by Justice Robinson and James Stewart, J. P., who committed them to Toronto and to await their trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. The names of the prisoners are John O'Donnell and W. A. Lapiet, who are supposed to be old offenders.

THE QUEEN'S CUP RACE.

The New York Herald of Sunday has the following editorial on the Madison Cup race: "The second and deciding victory of the yacht Madeline over the Canadian yacht Countess of Duffrin, yesterday, was not very surprising to those who had watched the previous performances of the boats. Everything that skill or experience could suggest had been done to quicken the Canadian schooner after her first appearance as a competitor for yachting honors in these waters. The performance yesterday of the old yacht America, which first won the cup contested for, shows that even against American lines as they were laid twenty years ago, Canada could not have won the race. Although we cannot conceal our satisfaction that the trial has added another laurel to American yachting, we feel prompted to say, in the face of so gallant a foe, what an American rifleman said to one of the Irish team after the first close contest at Creedmoor: 'We are all sorry both could not win.'"

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SEED WHEAT. The undersigned has a quantity of the celebrated Turkish Fall Wheat, for sale at \$1.50 per bushel, when very hardy, and will not be injured by the severest winter weather. C. S. SMITH, Acton, Aug. 14, 1876. 7-3

DIGS STRAYED OR STOLEN.

From the premises of the subscriber on the 23rd ult., two spring pigs, one white, and the other white and black. Information respecting them is requested. EDWARD MOORE, Acton, August 2nd, 1876.

HORSE WANTED.

Good Working and Driving Horse wanted in exchange for Shingles. J. R. COATES, Acton, Aug 2nd, 1876. 7-4

INFANT MORTALITY.

The number of children that have died lately in and around Guelph is simply alarming. Summer complaint is principally the cause, together with the intense heat. The mortality as yet does not seem to be abating. We understand that one undertaker's establishment received orders for no less than fourteen coffins in two days last week. The mortality among adults is also greater than usual.

IT IS ANTONISHING THE AMOUNT OF WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON THE RAILWAY DURING THE PAST WEEK.

The grading all along the line will be almost finished this month. A large part of the road is already fenced, bridge building has commenced and the work is progressing rapidly. Next week Mr. Nob's permanent survey of the road north of Georgetown, is now.

THE GATES OF MR. VAN ALLEN'S STONE MASONRY WERE THROWN OPEN ON TUESDAY LAST, AND QUITE A NUMBER OF GENTLEMEN MARCHED OUT, WHO HAD BEEN VISITING THERE FOR THE LAST TWENTY DAYS, KINDLY ASSISTING IN THE WORK OF PREPARING STONE FOR OUR PUBLIC ROADS.—MILTON NEWS.

THE CLINTON NEWS ERAS INFORMS US THAT NOTHING NEW HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THE WILD MYSTERY, BUT THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE CROP OF RUMORS PRODUCED, SEVERAL RELATING TO THE YOUNG MAN BEING SEEN IN AND NEAR THE KILBURN SWAMP. HIS FATHER HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME IN INVESTIGATING THESE RUMORS, BUT ELICITED NOTHING THAT HAD ANY RELATION TO THE MATTER. MR. WILD HAS OFFERED A HANDSOME REWARD TO ANY ONE THAT WILL GIVE SUCH INFORMATION AS SHALL LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF HIS SON.

MRS. BROWN OF BROOKVILLE WENT BERYSING AND LEFT A FOUR YEAR OLD CHILD IN THE CARE OF A SIX YEAR OLD BROTHER. DURING THE MOTHER'S ABSENCE THE SMALL CHILD FELL DOWN STAIRS AND RECEIVED INJURIES RESULTING IN DEATH.

PRESENTATION TO REV. R. EWING.

At the last meeting of the Toronto Presbytery the Rev. R. Ewing's resignation of the pastoral charge of Georgetown and Limehouse congregations was accepted. The following memorial, signed by a large majority of the members and addressed to the members of the congregation, was submitted to the Presbytery: "We, the undersigned members and adherents of the Georgetown and Limehouse congregations, having been informed by the Rev. R. Ewing of his intention to resign the pastoral charge of the mitted congregation while in deference to his wishes we agree, under the circumstances, not to oppose the resignation, at the same time resolve to testify to the Presbytery that it is with regret that we are compelled to separate from our beloved pastor. We can bear heartily and willing testimony to his zeal, ability, and faithfulness which has characterized his pulpit ministrations, and his labors in the various houses were effected through windows. Mr. Armitage got up early in the morning, and saw what had happened. Shortly afterwards Mr. Barker discovered the loss he had sustained. A rain had fallen during the night, and Mr. Armitage, from the prints of the burglar, tracked the track of the Nipissing Railway. Constable Marshall was instructed to proceed in the direction of Toronto to intercept any men that had a suspicious appearance. He was afterwards joined by Agincourt station they arrested two men, and on searching them, found the missing money. While searching them one of the prisoners struck Marshall, and would have escaped had it not been for Simon Kennedy, who had heard of the burglary and had started in pursuit. All the money taken was found in the prisoners' possession. They were brought to Markham and examined by Justice Robinson and James Stewart, J. P., who committed them to Toronto and to await their trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction. The names of the prisoners are John O'Donnell and W. A. Lapiet, who are supposed to be old offenders."

A CLEAN SWEEP.

A few weeks ago Mr. Davis, of the Centre Road, about two miles from Brampton, hired a man and a young woman in Toronto. The man remained little more than a week, when he left taking away Mr. Davis' watch, and the girl about a week later left to visit Brampton, and never was seen by them again. Mr. George Coulter, of Toronto township, is also the victim of misplaced confidence. On Sabbath last white ho and Mrs. Coulter whose attending service at Gardner's Church, his hired man, who had been with him for several weeks, took the opportunity of being left in charge of the house, to pick up everything in the way of Mr. Coulter's clothing, not even leaving him the dirty shirt which he had cut off, took all the money he could lay his hands upon, a gold wedding ring which had belonged to Mrs. Coulter's mother, and whatever else he fancied. This done he hurried to a place of refuge, which he attached to a light wagon, and taking a buffalo skin and the pack he left. On Monday the team, wagon, and buffalo skin were found at Bassett's, in Toronto, but of the man and the other goods nothing is known.—Brampton Banner.

ON MONDAY, 7th INST., MR. SAMUEL SYKOS, OF NEWMARKET, WHILE PASSING THROUGH THE LUMBER YARD OF MESSRS. KERR & SONS, WALKED ON A SMALL BOARD Laid OVER A PASSAGE BROKE, AND AS HE WAS FALLING THE END CAME IN VIBRANT CONTACT WITH HIS PERSON, A PORTION OF THE BOARD ENTERING BELOW THE RIGHT GROIN, AND PROTRUDING ON THE LEFT SIDE AFTER PASSING BELOW THE MUSCLES OF THE ABDOMEN. THE FRAGMENT REMAINING IN HIS POSITION WITH ONE END SLIGHTLY PROTRUDING, HE AT ONCE TOOK HOLD OF IT, AND WITH FORCE ALREADY TOOK A ROUGH JIGGED PIECE OF WOOD OVER SEVEN INCHES LONG AND TWO INCHES WIDE—AND THEN WALKED HOME.—MEDICAL AID WAS IMMEDIATELY SUMMONED AND THE WOUND DRESSED. HE AT PRESENT SEEMS TO BE IMPROVING, ALTHOUGH STILL IN QUITE A CRITICAL CONDITION.

A NEW HAIR TONIC WORTH HAVING—IT IS THE BEST.

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TO THE REV. R. EWING.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the undersigned, in name and on behalf of your congregation at Limehouse, wish to express our sincere and hearty congratulations on the success of your mission to the West, and to thank you for the many services you have rendered to the church and to the community. We trust that your mission will be successful, and that you will bring back many souls to God. We are, Sir, your obedient servants, J. H. MACKING, Proprietor of the Acton Free Press.

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