MELANCHOLY CALAMITY.

A WOMAN BOILED TO DEATH IN A KETTLE OF OIL.

We are informed that a most melancholy calamity occurred at Eble River, a station on the Great Western Railway, about twenty miles west of Chatham, on Wednesday last, whereby a woman lost her life under unusually painful circumstances. It appears that a number of men were employed in painting some buildings for the Railway Company, and had occasion to use a large kettle, the property of the station-master, in which to boil a quantity of oil. The fire in the stove being exceedingly furious, and the oil boiling at a great rate, the station-master's wife thought it prudent to endeavor, if possible, to decrease the blaze. In doing so, she somehow moved the stove-pipe from its original position, which greatly endangered the safety of the premises. In her fear she stepped upon a chair for the purpose of replacing the pipe; but in her attempt to do so, the chair slipped along the floor and precipitated the unfortunate woman head foremost into the kettle of boiling oil! In addition to this the blaze from the stove came in contact with her garments, and before she could be rescued, she was not only scalded in such a manner that the flesh and hair left her face, neck and head, upon the slightest touch, but her whole body was burned in a most frightful manner. Indeed it is said by those who were present that the remains could scarcely be recognized as being those of a human being. At the time of the occurrence of this melancholy and sickening catastrophe only the unfortunate victim and a little child were in the house. As quickly as the alarm reached those parties outside, all the assistance possible was immediately rendered; but when the body was removed from its fearful position, life had fled. An inquest was at once held, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above facts.

The name of the unfortunate deceased was Taylor. We also learn that a person named Rumbel, who was one of the first to assist in removing Mrs. Taylor, was also badly burned, but is now doing well.—*Chatham Planet.*

THE SICKLES TRIAL.

Washington, April 26.—There is a general feeling of relief manifested by court, jury, counsel, spectators, and all concerned, at the prospect of arriving to-day at a termination of this protracted case. It is expected that if the rulings of the Judge on the instructions prayed for be not very adverse to the prisoner's cause, the case will be submitted to the jury without further summing up in which case a verdict would probably be returned on this the 30th day of the trial. The District Attorney resumed his arguments on the instructions prayed for.

St. Louis, April 25.—The Utah correspondent of the *Republican*, writing about the affairs of the territory, says the things are in a worse condition than ever before. After the advent of the troops the feeling reached the culminating point and we are on the eve of open hostilities. The writer also says that there is difference between General Johnstone and Gov. Cummings in relation to their respective powers, and an open division and rupture between the Executive and judiciary.

Windsor, April 26.—It is ascertained that the loss by the fire here, on Sunday will not nearly equal the published accounts. All the engines will be easily repaired, at a slight expence. The sheds were old, and of a temporary character. About 700 cords of wood were destroyed. It is thought the loss will not exceed $5,000 or $6,000.

INQUEST.—A Coroner's inquest was held on the 20th inst., by Dr. Fergus, of Trenton, on the body of a stranger (name unknown), found dead on the side of the road, midway between Belleville and Trenton. A *post-mortem* examination was made by Dr. Power of Belleville, the result of which is as follows:—"Found the abdominal and thoracic viscera present the following appearances, viz: stomach empty, quite healthy; lungs and intestines healthy; liver appearing to be rather enlarged; gall-bladder very large and full; heart much enlarged, and its walls thickened. This enlargement of the heart and thickening of its walls seemed to be of long standing. Persons affected with this disease invariably die suddenly. In post mortem deceased died a natural death from disease of the heart." Deceased was about 70 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches in height, sallow complexion much emaciated; wore a coarse blue coat, satinett vest and pants, a cap, and coarse pair of boots; carried with him a coarse linen bag containing two shirts, a light pair of pants, and a few other articles of little value. A verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts stated.

Toronto papers are requested to copy, as it is thought that deceased came from the direction of that city.—*Hastings Chronicle.*

RAILWAY DIFFICULTIES SETTLED.—We have much pleasure in announcing that the bond-holders have paid the executions under which the rolling stock of the Company was seized, and that to-morrow the regular running of trains to Lindsay will be resumed. We are assured that everything is now in a satisfactory condition, and that there is no danger of a repetition of the scenes enacted during the last three weeks. No settlement has ever yet been made with Mr. Fowler.—*Port Hope Guide.*

We are pleased, says the Huron *Signal*, to see that the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railroad Company have commenced repairing the Goderich Harbor. This looks as if the Company were bound to push a trade with the West, and make it an inducement for foreign vessels to visit our port.

The York Herald.

RICHMOND HILL, MAY 6, '59

NOTICE.

In consequence of the absence of the party who mails our paper to the subscribers, we fear there must have been some irregularity in the despatch of last weeks' issue. Our subscribers will please overlook the mistake.

It is our determination to attend regularly and report on cases of importance adjudicated upon at the Magistrates' Courts in this village and vicinity; we shall serve the public by so doing. We believe the law says the court must be an open one.

DR. WALWORTH AND HIS FRIEND DR. DUNCUMB, J. P.

It has seldom fallen to our lot to engage in a more unpleasant, nay, a more loathsome task than the one now before us; but as honest and uncompromising Journalists, we must not shrink from fearlessly discharging our duty to the public and society at large in this matter.—Although our present duty when efficiently carried out, makes, we candidly confess, a complete shipwreck of our own leanings towards one individual, in whom at one time we reposed some degree of confidence as to integrity of motive, to whom (our weakness we imagined) purity of intention, was at least *half an incentive.* There are times when silence becomes criminal. Would it not be so in the present instance, if we affected to treat lightly, flagrant and reckless deviations from the paths of truth? We might lawfully come under the suspicion of being tainted with the prevailing leprosy. Shall we then treat with levity the profligate attempts of him who, regardless of public morality wantonly, aye, flagitiously, to gratify private spleen, and to accomplish a wicked end, dared to take up and claim temporary confederacy with a Reprobate, not long since enlarged from the precincts of the Common Jail—acknowledge and proclaim his tender proclivities for that Arch-Imposter, who after undergoing a probationary term of nine month's well-merited punishment, stalks in amongst us, reeking with the pestilential atmosphere from which he had just emerged, and begins betimes to practice his old tricks. We therefore cannot, and must not pass the affair over with any degree of fastidiousness. Without further preface, we shall at once introduce to the kind attention of our readers, two individuals, who have cut rather an instructive, if not a curious figure in our locality—we mean Dr. Theodore Walworth, late Corporal, and Private in H. M. Rifle Brigade, and Dr. John Duncumb, J. P. We have no desire to separate these worthies, as Dr. Duncumb claims to support the tottering reputation of Dr. Walworth, we shall not interfere—by no means. We trust that he will come to the rescue with his usual hardihood. Will he not break a lance in defence of his *countryman and countryman* in the teeth of the damning evidence which we publish this week? We hardly think it. We shall be generous, however, and give him all the undivided merit of having interested himself on behalf of such a spotless personage. We should think it would be an interesting sight to see Dr. Duncumb, J. P., in his sanctum, brimful of historical associations, ferreting out and tracing for our edification the genealogy of Dr. Walworth rising full of the conclusive evidence with an air of satisfaction, convinced that Dr. Walworth was a "lineal descendant of the great Walworth, who *bet* to the pavement, &c." We take some little credit to ourselves for having assisted in detecting the Walworth imposition. At the request of Capt. the Hon. Mr. Miles, Commanding the Depot at Winchester, England, we give every publicity to the affair, and to that gentleman's letter. "*Such an exposee.*" We refrain from producing any extract from Dr. Duncumb's production, in support of Dr. Walworth, which appeared in full in the *Commonwealth* in all its hideous proportions, fully and fearlessly superscribed by J. Duncumb. We refer to it to deter Duncumb and others from interfering in matters which do not concern them; and above all, to stop the practice so long flourishing here, of exposing and parading through the public prints the misfortunes of our fellow-creatures. As our motives are good, we trust the public will pardon us for alluding to Duncumb's letter. We are charitable enough to hope that he will see the necessity for apologising through our columns, (which shall cheerfully be placed at his disposal) for his atrocious effrontery in daring to avow that this fellow was an acquaintance, and so deliberately footing a statement which looks very like a false one. We shall for the present forbear alluding to the position (as a conserver of the public peace) Dr. Duncumb, J. P., placed himself in. If we do not mistake there is a breach of the peace in every line of his letter. We warn the Doctor not to draw us down on him again for intermeddling (with evil intent) in other people's affairs. He will find it more profitable to mind his own business.

We shall conclude by saying that we *mercifully* think that Dr. Duncumb, J. P., must have been suffering from an attack of those "expiring throes of tyranny &c." so pitifully alluded to in his defence of the other doctor, and wishing the two *doctors* a happy *reunion* when next they coalesce, we take leave of this disgusting affair. However, we must have an apology from Dr. Duncumb, J. P. It is due to the public, and we must have it, else we cannot let the matter rest. We hope his *good* sense and *taste* will dictate a suitable one. We scarcely think the admission of Duncumb conveyed to us through an undisputed channel, "that he knew Walworth was a b———d," will place him in a much better position. The public will no doubt appreciate this admission.

Our readers will see the letter giving the history of Dr. Walworth in another column.

MARKHAM COUNCIL.

This Council met on Saturday last, the 30th April.—Members all present. The Reeve (D. Reesor) presided.—Minutes of the previous special meeting were read and approved. The minutes of the last general meeting were on the motion of Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Bowman, also read.

MUNICIPAL PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW.

Moved by Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the order of the day from last general meeting, for the consideration of the petitions praying the Council to grant a Municipal Prohibitory Liquor Law, be delayed till 3 P.M., as several persons interested therein were expected to be present by that time.—Carried.

Mr. FENWICK laid before the Council a copy of the minutes of a School meeting held on old Section No. 16, on the 22nd of April last; said minutes read, but on account of the scurrilous language used therein, it was resolved to take no notice of such minutes. The Reeve and Mr. Button spoke strongly on the uncourteous and ungentlemanly language used at the said meeting. Mr. Fenwick, who presented the petition, also reprehended the course adopted.

Moved by Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the By-law to re-establish the several School Sections and Union School Section in this township, be now read a third time.—Carried.

The said By-law was then read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the Council do now resolve itself into a Revision Court to examine and hear appeals from the assessment of this year—the Reeve to be in the chair. Carried.

The following persons appealed from the assessment of the present year:—Mr. Summerfieldt, senr., and Mr. Summerfieldt, junr., who withdrew their appeals after an explanation.

Moved by Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the taxable income of $200 charged to W. McPherson in the assessment roll be struck off. Carried.

Moved by Mr. MARSH, seconded by Mr. FENWICK, that Mr. Bowman's senior assessment be altered from $400 to $300, and that an addition of $100 be added on his son's property.—Carried.

After the Council had acted as a Court of Revision for two hours, it resumed the business of the Council.

The consideration of the evidence of Haacke *vs.* the Municipality was, on motion of Mr. MARSH, seconded by Mr. BUTTON, laid over till the next meeting.

Mr. BUTTON presented a petition from R. Milroy and others, praying the Council to grant a sum of money to remove the Town line, at the foot of the 8th and 9th, half of the 10th concession, between Markham and Scarboro'.

Mr. BUTTON presented a petition from James Boyd and others, praying the Council to grant a sum of money to open the 11th con. of Markham, so that it could be travelled at all seasons of the year.

Mr. BOWMAN presented a petition from John Galloway and others, praying for a grant to put the road, and build a bridge on the rear of the 3rd con., between lots 10 and 11, in this township.

Moved by Mr. FENWICK, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that there be an equal division among the several wards of this township of all monies expended on roads and bridges in the present year, including all grants made in the fall of 1858, and not expended till 1859.

This resolution gave rise to a protracted and animated discussion. The supporters of the resolution arguing that as each ward wanted money, the fairest way was to divide it equally. Mr. Button and Mr Marsh strongly opposed the resolution, stating that the principle was unjust, and if carried out, must inevitably more than double the taxation.

The REEVE also strongly protested against the resolution. On being put to the vote the yeas were—Mr. Fenwick, Mr. Bowman. Nays—Mr. Button, Mr. Marsh.

The REEVE gave his casting vote with the nays.

The motion was consequently lost.

Moved by Mr. MARSH, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the sum of $300 be apportioned to each ward in this Municipality for the purpose of making local improvements on the roads and bridges of the separate wards of this township—Carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ROAD OVERSEERS.

Moved by Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. MARSH, that the following persons be appointed to the office of Overseers of highways in this township for the present year. Carried.

W. Robinson	A. Eckardt
H. Featherstone	G. Eckardt
J. Amos	H. Shultz
W. Duncan	T. Tesch
W. Wright & J. Eyer	A. Lee
J. Newberry	W. Robb
F. Page	J. Ramer
J. Beaty	P. Davidson
W. Carr	J. Speight & H. Bull
H. Elson	H. Crosby
G. Teasdale	J. Thomas
P. Heise	S. Widoman
R. Wilson	A. B. Grove
W. Cherry	A. Wheler
J. Button	G. Trann
H. Brown	U. Young
H. Jennings	L. Miller
J. Elierby	A. Miller
S. Doner	N. Button
J. Gibson	W. Golden
R. Reid	D. Whaley
J. Smith	T. Trann
W. Hosler	H. Reynolds
W. Lawson	B. Wilmot
C. Spofford	L. Boyle
J. Gormley	W. Burke
A. McPherson	W. Yake
N. Haggerman	T. Shaw
J. Joys	S. Shank
W. Padget	J. Boyd
D. McLean	J. Bestie
F. Coleman	J. Miller
W. Spofford	J. M. Hestor
W. Mackin	

APPOINTMENT OF FENCE VIEWERS.

Moved by Mr. MARSH, seconded by Mr. FENWICK, that the following persons be appointed to the office of Fence-viewers in this township. Carried.

Ward No. 1, John Cameron, Jos. Lundy, Michael Cross; ward No. 2, Richard Vandrough, John C. Burr, James Clinord; ward No. 3, William Robb, Jacob Wisamer, Andrew Crosby; ward No. 4, Benj. Bowman, George Haacke, Joseph Barker; ward No. 5, Henry Reynolds, C. G. Reesor, Benjamin Wilmot.

Moved by Mr. FENWICK, seconded by Mr. BUTTON, that the following persons be appointed to the office of Poundkeepers for the present year.—Carried.

W. Durose, Hamilton Hall, Anthony Size, Samuel Migliten, Peter Mitney, Hiram Yake, Robert Wiseman, James Mapes, W. Foster.

Moved by Mr. MARSH, seconded by Mr. BUTTON, that George Feely be appointed Collector for the west-half of this township. On motion of Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. MARSH, W. G. J. Smith was appointed Collector for the east-half of the township.

Moved by Mr. BUTTON, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the Treasurer be authorised to pay the Assessor of this township the sum of $60 each. Carried.

Moved by Mr. MARSH, seconded by Mr. BOWMAN, that the Auditors report on the accounts of this Municipality for the year 1858 be adopted, and that the said report, along with the suggestions of the Auditors as to the keeping of the accounts of the township in a different manner to what they are at present be acted upon; and that said report and suggestions be printed in the Markham *Economist* and York *Herald.* Carried.

Mr. MARSH then drew the attention of Mr. Reesor to the following part of the report, as published in his paper of the proceedings of the Council on April 23rd, which he said was incorrect. It reads thus—"Mr. McLeod, of the *York Herald*, requested that the Council would divide their printing equally between the two local papers—the one published in Markham, the *Economist*, and the *Herald*, published at Richmond Hill. Mr. Button then introduced a motion, seconded by Mr. Marsh, in favor of granting Mr. McLeod's request. The Reeve said such a proceeding would not be fair towards the public. He thought it the duty of the Council to let their printing by tender whenever they had a job of importance, and if the local offices would not do it as good and cheap as it could be done in Toronto or elsewhere, not to give them the work. This view was finally concurred in, and the motion was withdrawn."

Mr. Marsh then stated that Mr. McLeod did not request the Council to divide the printing between the two papers, neither did the suggestion in any way emanate from him; neither did Mr. Button introduce the motion; he only seconded it. There was also another error—the Reeve had put Mr. Fenwick's remarks into his (the Reeve's) own mouth. Mr. Button and Mr Marsh also stated that their resolution was not put to the Council, as they had voluntarily withdrawn it, as it did not sufficiently explain their meaning, they alluding more particularly to the advertising, and not for a moment meaning the job work. The Reeve stated that if he had made an error it was quite unintentional; he never was guilty of partiality in his reports. He also expressed his willingness to rectify the error in his paper, if either Mr. Marsh or Mr. Button wished it. They stated they did not wish it. They only wanted to put the matter right. Mr. Reesor, however, stated that he certainly made use of the remarks he had reported himself to have done, still it was very probable that Mr. Fenwick had also made use of similar language.

The Council then adjourned, and decided to meet again next Monday.

VAUGHAN COUNCIL.

The Municipal Council of the township of Vaughan met at the Town-hall, on Monday, May 2.

All the members present.

The Clerk having read the minutes of the previous meeting,

Mr. JEFFERY moved, seconded by Col. BRIDGFORD, that the following alterations be made in the appointment of Pathmasters:

Wm. Mitchell in place of Wm. Thomas, and John Richards in place of John Ashdown.

Mr. JEFFERY moved, seconded by Mr. SMILLIE, that Mr. George McPhillips, one of the Township Surveyors, be instructed to survey the line between lots 30 and 31, in the 10th concession, and to report thereon to the Council.—Carried.

Mr. BROWN moved, seconded by Mr. JEFFERY, that the prayer of the petition of Mr. Shaver and 32 others for the establishment of a Road across lots 10, 11, 12, and 13, in the 8th concession be granted, and that the Clerk be instructed to prepare a By-law by the next meeting of the Council to establish the same.—Carried.

By-law, No. 106, appointing two Surveyors for the Township was passed.

Also, By-law, No. 107, altering the boundaries of two Pathmasters' beats in ward No. 3, was passed.

The Council then adjourned to Monday, the 23rd inst., for the purpose of hearing any appeals against the Assessment for the present year.

List of Pathmasters appointed in the Township of Vaughan, for the year 1859.

Robert Gordon	Henry Akam
Mason Cogswell	James Fenwick
John Pickering	Thomas Henderson
George Leff	Peter Snider
Lutch Chamberlain	Daniel Dickhout
James Newton, sen	Thomas Gunn
Thomas Hislop	Benjamin Wakinson
Henry Simpson	Jacob Burkholder
Thomas Page	Nathaniel Wallace
Archibald Campbell	John Maynard
J. K. Cowperthwaite	Nicholas Shaver
John Veale, jun	John Quinn
Hugh Grass	John Stephenson
David German	William McBride
Christopher Troyer	James Adams
Henry White	Richard Egan
Joseph Keller	William Matthewson
Benjamin Hurd	David Johnson
William Kimble	John Foster
James Dunton	Michael Rauman
Joseph Strong	Henry Kuebler, sen
Michael Oiler	Richard Jeffery
William McDougall	James Mason, sen
Peter Rupert	Alexander Gough
Joseph Burgess	John Finn
David White	William Watson
Joseph Thompson	Henry Ward
Michael Brown	Andrew Riddle
Joseph Snider	John Wood
John Stong	Richard Agar
Jacob Smith	Turpin Cunnam
Jesse Richards	James Burgess
Thomas Armstrong	William Kersey
Isaac Gordon	William Westmoreland
John Stong	William Mitchell
John Turner	Thomas McMaster
William Size	James Mitchell
Archibald Cameron	George Arksey
William Constable	James Freak
A. Matthews	Nicholas Cober
George Freeman	David McCulloch
Henry Castador	

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Tuesday evening last, the debate on the Prohibitory Liquor Law was resumed; the Rev. L. Grillin in the chair, who, in summing up, said: That the arguments on both sides were very good, and contained much truth in them. He was of opinion that it was the duty of the Government to arrange so that good unadulterated wines might be got for the people; but still, under present circumstances, taking into account the lack of good moral and religious principles which prevaded to an alarming extent in Canada, he should give his decision in favor of a Prohibitory Liquor Law. A vote of thanks was, on motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Law, unanimously given to the chairman. The next debate will take place within a week from next Tuesday, subject: "Should imprisonment for Debt be abolished."—Mr. Edwards in the chair.

On Tuesday evening next, at half-past seven, the Rev. James Dick will deliver a Lecture in the Grammar School-house, subject:—"The Common School System of Canada." At the conclusion of the Lecture a Committee Meeting of the above Society will be held. We hope that all the members of committee will attend.

YONGE ST. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the above society was held at Mr. Robert Raymond's Hotel, Richmond Hill, on Wednesday, May 5, 1859—G. P. Dickson, Esq., President, in the chair.

It was moved by Mr. Robert Marsh, seconded by Mr. Jno. Palmer, that the premium for harness do remain the same as last year.—Carried.

It was moved by Col. Bridgford, seconded by Mr. Malcolm McLeod, that the annual Spring Show do take place at Mr. Joseph Gaby's Hotel, Richmond Hill, in the field adjoining.—Carried.

It was moved by Mr. Marsh, seconded by Col Bridgford, that the Secretary's office be held at Mr Robert Raymond's Hotel, Richmond Hill.—Carried.

RICHMOND HILL FAIR.

The usual monthly fair was held here on Wednesday last. There was a very good show of cattle, sheep, &c. The market was rather brisk, as several sales were effected, and the tendency of prices was upward.

STOUFFVILLE SPRING SHOW.

It seems to be the universal opinion that these are hard times, and doubtless they are hard but still it is very pleasing to observe, that in spite of the stringency of money, we are still rapidly progressing. Every Spring Fair or Show is evidently a marked improvement on all preceding. The culture of the field, and the raising of superior Stock, is evidently a desideratum with all practical Farmers. We were much struck with this fact at Stouffville on Friday, the 29th of April last, being the day for the Stouffville Branch Agricultural Society's Spring Show. The day was all one could wish, the company numerous, and seemingly much delighted with the Exhibition. There was a very large stock of very superior Horses and Cattle shown, and although there was no prize offered for Farming Implements there were several on the ground, among which was a Plough, manufactured by Mr Young, a Farmer of Markham, which was highly spoken of by many. Mr. Robinson, of Unionville, also exhibited a very superior Cultivator, which attracted universal attention. An excellent dinner was provided by Mr. Sangster, after which the Judges proceeded to announce to the audience the names of the successful competitors, which was received with great applause. N. Button, Esq., President of the Society, was loudly called upon to make a speech, and on coming forward was received with great applause. He said that he was very glad to see so many people present; he was also glad that so many had entered into competition for prizes; a generous rivalry was the surest road to progress and success in Agriculture; he for one was proud to identify himself in any way with the interest of Markham; he was also happy to inform them that Mr. McLeod, the Editor and Proprietor of the York *Herald*, had sent a gentleman down on purpose to report the proceedings, which they would be able to read in the next issue of that paper. He concluded by calling upon them to give three cheers for the Queen, and three cheers for the Agricultural Society. The cheers were then given heartily and lustily.

The following were appointed Judges of Horses:—John Fishburn, J. Palmer, and Thos. Lloyd.

The Judges of Cattle:—John Maxwell, J. Kessel, and W. Swales.

PRIZES.

Canadian Draught Stallions.—1st Prize Messrs. McNair and Irwin; 2nd do. D. R. Cross, Markham.

Imported Draught Stallions.—1st Prize, Simon Connor, Stouffville; 2nd do. Jacob Williams Markham.

Canadian Stallions for general purposes.—1st Prize, Samuel Horton, Markham; 2nd do. Newberry Button, Markham.

Imported Stallions for general purposes.—1st Prize, John Sanderson, Markham.

Brood Mares.—1st Prize, P. Wideman, Ringwood.

Bulls.—1st Prize, R. Armstrong, Markham; 2nd do. C. Wheler, Stouffville.

Milch Cows.—1st Prize, A. Stouffver, Whitchurch; 2nd do. E. Wheeler Stouffville.

Beef Cattle.—1st Prize, G. Miller, Markham. Boars.—1st Prize, A Stouffver, Whitchurch; 2nd do E. Wheler, Stouffville.

Brood Sows.—1st Prize, Mr. Jones, Whitchurch; 2nd, E. Wheler, Stouffville.

A Defensive Treaty has been prepared between Belgium and Holland. The Belgian Minister of War, M. Berten, having given in his resignation, the affairs of that Ministry are provisionally taken care of by M. Rogier.

The *Charivari*, of Munich, was seized by the police, a few days ago, on the Sardinian Ambassador, for having published a caricature representing King Victor Emmanuel as a frog trying to make himself as large as an ox.

Correspondence.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

No Communication of a purely personal character, and having no bearing on the general interests of the community, will be published in this paper. Communications, however, on all interesting subjects will be thankfully received and willingly inserted. To insure attention, Correspondents must send their names and write in a legible hand. Let each communication be as brief as the nature of the subject will allow.

To the Editor of the York Herald, and Richmond Hill Advertiser,—Canada.

Barracks, Winchester, England,
April 14th, 1859.

SIR:—A few days ago I received the *York Commonwealth* of February 18th 1859, with an article marked under the head of Correspondence, "Theodore Walworth's lecture on Reminiscences of the Crimea." I beg to state, on the part of the 2nd Battalion Rifle Brigade, that what was stated by *him is totally false*;—the said "Doctor" Walworth was formerly a CORPORAL in the 2nd Batt. Rifle Brigade,—and I find, on reference to his record, that he was *reduced* to PRIVATE for some *irregularity*; he afterwards *deserted*, and passed as far as Three Rivers, as an officer in search of deserters;—he was apprehended for *obtaining money* from a Magistrate *under false pretences*—was tried at Quebec, and *sentenced* to *nine months imprisonment*;—he shortly afterwards married and purchased his discharge, when the Regiment was stationed in Kingston, Upper Canada, in the 31st January, 1851, on payment of £20, *with a bad character.*

I beg to say that you are at perfect liberty to make use of this statement, and make it public in any way you may think it—as, in justice to the Regiment, I think the public should be put on their guard against such a regular impostor.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
L. W. MILLES.
Captain 2nd Batt. Rifle Brigade,
Commanding Depot.

To the Editor of the York Herald.

EAST RIDING OF YORK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S SHOW AND PLOUGHING MATCH.

The Spring Show and Ploughing Match of this Society, came off on Wednesday, the 27th inst., on the farm of J. P. Wheler, Esq., Scarboro'. The day was exceedingly fine, and the turn out in every respect worthy of the occasion. 26 entries were made for ploughing, which embraced three Classes.

FIRST.—Free for all, 8 entries.

SECOND.—Opened only to those who never took a first or second Class prize. 11 entries. Then for youths under 18 years, 7 entries.

The field was the best that has been used yet, and the work done, I think, could not be excelled any where, and reflects the greatest credit on the Ploughmen, and shows the great interest and wonderful improvement that is going on in farming operations: and ploughing being the chief is well understood in the East Riding of York.

The Exhibition of Stallions was meagre in the extreme; yet, there were some good Horses shown. The Durham Bulls shown were three in number—aged respectfully, 5, 2 and 1 year old; and I am well assured, three better animals of the kind was not to be found in Canada. The oldest owned by Robert Armstrong, is a noble animal; the second, by Wm. Armstrong, is of courser build, yet strong, square, and well built; the third, owned by Mr. J. P. Wheler, is a perfect beauty large and smoothly built, and with fine glossy hair, altogether beautiful to look upon. The Show of Galloways was miserable, and not worthy of a prize, but the conditions not specifying that any animal deemed unworthy of a prize by Judges should not be entitled to one. I suppose the owner, Mr. Forrence, will get the credit. The whole passed off well, and so delighted were some of the spectators, that Mr. Lackins, Innkeeper, Toronto, presented to the Township of Scarboro' Agricultural Society, an Iron Plough, value $40, for competition in the Fall. And John Bell, Esquire, Solicitor, Toronto, gives a prize of the value of $60, to the East Riding of York Society, for this Autumn or next Spring.

The Judges were, for all Stallions, Bulls, and Ploughing, viz:—David Smillie, Vaughan; John Lawder, Richmond Hill; Thomas Crone, Scarboro'; George Birkes Pickering; James Fran, Markham.

These Gentlemen had some difficulty in awarding 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in first Class Ploughing, as the whole was so well and evenly done, and they expressed much gratification at the Exhibition; and I am gratified in being able to say that at their decision every one appeared satisfied.

The following is the list of the prizes awarded:—

FIRST CLASS.—1. Dugal McLean, York, $10; 2. William Hood, Markham, $9; 3. James Wier, Scarboro', $8; 4. John Bushby, do. $7; 5 Archy Malcolm, do. $6—$40.