

ARRIVAL OF THE "ASIA." New York, Oct. 29th. English politics unimportant. Sir Harry Smith is dead.

FRANCE. France was supplying Sardinia with large quantities of arms and ammunition. The semi-official Constitutionnel has an article complaining of Sardinia.

ARRIVAL OF THE "FULTON." SACKVILLE, October 29. It was asserted that there was great consternation among the Cabinet of Turin.

ARRIVAL OF THE "ILLINOIS." HALIFAX, October 29. The steamship Illinois from Havre via Southampton the 18th, has put in here for coal.

ARREST OF COUNTERFEITERS. NEW YORK, October 29.—The police arrested a gang of counterfeiters having a large quantity of spurious bills on the East River Bank of New York.

OUTWARD BOUND. Sr. JOHNS, October 28.—The steamship Africa from New York for Liverpool, passed Cape Race at four o'clock this afternoon (Sunday).

New Advertisements. American Medical and Toilet Soap Book. Genuine Family Liquors. Notice—Removal.

The York Herald. RICHMOND HILL, NOV. 2, 1860.

The Grand Trunk. THE present position of the affairs of the Grand Trunk R. R. forms just now a theme of general discussion throughout the Province.

CRICKET. On Saturday, the 27th ult., a friendly match was to have been played between eleven of the Aurora and sixteen of the Springhill Cricket Clubs, at Mr. Christison's, Oak Ridge's.

Our Juvenile Cricketers. A very spirited and closely contested match at Cricket was played on the afternoon of Saturday, October 27, between two parties, of eleven each, chosen from among the junior cricketers of Richmond Hill, by Masters W. G. Falconbridge and John R. Teely.

Vaughan Council.—The Municipal Council of the township of Vaughan meets at the Town Hall, on Monday next, the 3rd November.

DEAF AND DUMB.—We would call the attention of the inhabitants of this place, to the fact that this evening (Friday) a deputation from this Institute in Toronto, will address them in Ambler's Hall.

FALL FAIR.—The Vaughan Agricultural Society will hold their usual Fall Fair at Pine Grove, on Wednesday next, the 7th inst. There are to be a great number of prizes awarded, and we hope that all who have anything worth showing will exhibit it, and that there will be a large attendance.

BRASS BAND.—We beg to direct the attention of all who are partial to good music, to an advertisement in another column from the Aurora Masonic Band; and as we have had the pleasure of being present at several concerts at which this band performed, we can confidently recommend them to all who wish to hear good music.

RICHMOND HILL FAIR.—We beg to call the attention of farmers and others to the fact that next Wednesday the usual monthly fair will be held at Richmond Hill. We hope that all who have anything to sell will bring it, as there are always plenty of buyers anxious to give the highest market rates for stock, &c.

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THE EXECUTION OF WILLIAM EZRA BRAINERD. THE PRISONER'S LAST SAYINGS. Special Correspondence of the Montreal Herald. Three Rivers, Oct. 26, 1860. OUTSIDE THE GAOLE.

About one o'clock in the morning, the sky which had been previously clear in a certain measure, became overcast with clouds, and a heavy drizzling rain began to fall continuously. During the previous day there had been a slight drizzling which maintained all and everything in a state of gentle humidity. This morning the streets, which were already in a very muddy condition, became a perfect slough in some places, under the operation of the incessant rain. As the morning advanced, the thoroughfares leading to the town presented a spectacle of unusual activity, and a large number of persons came over from the opposite side of the river. By nine o'clock, the avenues leading to the gaol were swarming with an eager throng waiting through mud up to the ankle—the destination of all being the prison. As many as could get umbrellas did so, and those who could not were content to abide the storm. The sky every moment assumed a more gloomy appearance, and the rain streamed down more and more thickly. When I arrived at the gaol, the yard was already crowded with an assembly, who, with a meretricious hideous when contrasted with the occasion, were jostling and pushing one another in their anxiety to secure a place at the best point of view. The morbid curiosity which is generally manifested on these occasions was here abundantly evident. Sinners seemingly spirit led women as well as men, in large numbers to the spot. To do justice, however, to the inhabitants of the town and district of Three Rivers, the number of those who surrounded the scene of execution, (about 2,000) must have been exceeded, as far as I could judge, by the number of those who decently remained at home. The pitiless rain may have had something to do with this, but still it is a creditable fact to which it is pleasing to bear witness.

THE PASSAGE TO THE GALLOWES. Shortly after 11 o'clock the process of pinning the convict commenced in the cell which he had been occupying. The hangman was rather a stout man, with blackened features, and wearing a black veil. As he was pinning the prisoner, the latter said—"you are pinching me too soon; you are about to commit a murder, and you are commencing too soon."

As they walked along, the marked contrast between Brainerd and the executioner was very striking. The latter, with downcast glance, trembling and shaking in every limb; the former striding with a firm and haughty step, towering high above his executioner, and looking around with a fiercely proud and unmoved countenance. He had allowed his beard (of a reddish colour) to grow to a great length, with the intention, I believe, of disguising himself, before he returned to this country in autumn last. His eyes were slightly bloodshot; he advanced rapidly, and was soon at the open door from which he first obtained a view of the vast multitude below. He here observed to the gaoler—"Please to pull down my hat, as the wind may blow it off."

HAVING stepped through the door on to the platform, he faced the crowd with a steady, fixed gaze. The Rev. O. Caron, one of the Roman Catholic clergymen, standing in the rear, cried out several times in a loud and distinct voice—"Humble yourself and repeat! Humble yourself and repeat! Prepare for the world to which you are going! In ten minutes you will be there! The prisoner preserved an unbroken silence, not taking the slightest notice of the priest's earnest exhortation, but surveying the crowd with a searching and unflinching gaze. The Sheriff, observing this solicitude, stepped forward with an exhortation. He said—"Say your prayers, and when you have finished and are ready to die—not before—open your hands." The prisoner then said, in a loud clear voice—"I once learned the Lord's prayer, I think I recollect the most of it. He then repeated rapidly the Lord's prayer; and when he had concluded, he added, "This is as near as I can recollect it."

The Sheriff then asked him if he had no other prayer to offer. "I do not see that I have, I have prayed to the General Government. I recognize no other." The Sheriff urged him to pray for the forgiveness of his crime, and to acknowledge the justice of his sentence. The prisoner then turned half round towards the speaker, and in his hasty, impetuous way said, "I cannot see the justice of it. Here I am, a man who has practiced virtue all his life, and now at the end, I am to be murdered in this manner, in the presence of so many. It seems as if the Lord were protecting iniquity, instead of virtue."

Dr. Badeaux then asked him if he would allow himself to be baptized. The prisoner answered in the same tone that he did not see the use of it. These dreadful sentiments calmed the hearts of all those around him. They saw that there was no hope of moving him, and the executioner received the signal to advance and do his work. A black cap was then pulled down over his face, the fatal apparatus was adjusted, the eyes of the crowd were fastened on the fatal spot! The prisoner was then heard to say in a lower tone than he had previously used, "Strangers! An innocent, when the drop fell, and the unhappy man was launched into eternity.

It was at first supposed that his death was instantaneous, but this opinion was soon shown to be erroneous by the struggles of the dying man. The work had been very awkwardly performed, as the noose was adjusted so inaccurately that he gasped and gurgled for several moments. It was eight or nine minutes before all motion was stilled, and the body hung insensibly. When life had been pronounced extinct by the gaol physician, the body was cut down, and removed from the crowd's interesting gaze. Before this was done, however, the rain which, during the last fatal moments had been descending in torrents, completely drenching the lifeless and repulsive remains of what had been but a few minutes previously a laughing and high spirited human being. At this moment, as if to render the scene more awful, the sky darkened, and a loud peal of thunder rent the air. Before leaving this harrowing scene it is painful to observe that the throng below believed in a most unseasonable manner when the culprit first showed himself upon the platform, at one time betraying their eagerness for the catastrophe by a shout, and manifesting anything but a due sense of the solemnity of the scene passing before their eyes, or a disposal to profit by it.

TORONTO FALL ASSIZES. MONDAY, October 29. Before Hon. Mr. Justice Richards. The Court opened at 12 o'clock. As the regular business of the court was concluded on Saturday, the prisoners convicted during the sitting of the Assizes were brought up to receive their SENTENCES.

Cornelius Kane and Andrew Collerton, convicted of assaulting John King, on the 12th July last, were fined each \$50. His Lordship in passing sentences said that this trial arose out of a quarrel which the prisoners at the bar had with a person of a different religious persuasion, on the night of the twelfth of July. They had asked him about King William, and this led to a disturbance. Such things taking place were liable to lead those belonging to a different religious persuasion to the prisoners, to consider that they were justified in keeping up such organizations as they belonged to. It was, indeed, a pity that such organizations should be perpetuated in this country, but the prisoners would find that it would be far better if they would obey the law, and thus give those belonging to such societies no reason to think that their perpetuation was necessary. It was not desirable, in his opinion, that such things should be kept up in this country. He then said it was his intention to impress a fine he hoped would have the effect of preventing such offences being committed in future. He then sentenced the prisoners to pay a fine of \$50 each.

I. B. Hope and H. Knowles, common assault, fined \$100 each. Robert Wagstaff, thief of a watch and several previous convictions of larceny, was sentenced to two years in the Provincial Penitentiary. John Allen, picking pockets at the amphitheatre, four years' Provincial Penitentiary.

William Snyder, burglary in the township of Vaughan, five years' Provincial Penitentiary. Robert Wheeler, receiving stolen goods, three years in the Provincial Penitentiary. Jane Wheeler, senr., shoplifting, three months in gaol. Jane Wheeler, the younger, shoplifting, one week in gaol. Before Wheeler was sentenced Mrs. Wheeler rose and appealed, amid tears and sobs, to the learned Judge for mercy for her husband. She said her husband knew nothing of the thefts or of the goods being in the house. She was willing to bear any punishment, in order that her husband might be let off. They had lost everything they had, character and all, and she was willing to suffer any punishment which His Lordship would be pleased to put on her, if he would only spare her husband who, she declared, knew nothing about the goods being in the house. What would become of their five children if her husband was also to be punished also she could not say.

His Lordship said that the woman had taken the little intelligent girl into stores and taught her to steal and he never had to deal with so painful a case. It was indeed painful to see a father and mother in the dock, surrounded by so many interesting looking children. He however must remark that even after what the woman had said, he could not believe that the husband was ignorant of what was going on. He was the head of the house and ought to have been aware of it, and it was quite clear from the evidence that he did know something about it. The learned Judge, after a few other remarks, then pronounced the sentence given above, and concluded by saying that several benevolent gentlemen had intimated to him that the children would be provided for until the mother came out of gaol.

John Alligate, robbery, three years in the Reformatory Prison. Riot and assault.—H. Lennox two months in gaol; James Maloney and Thomas Maloney one month each, and John Alligate one week. Bridget Murry, larceny, two months in gaol. GENERAL GAOL DELIVERY. The following prisoners who had been committed to gaol in default of sureties were brought up and discharged:—William McPherson, John Wragglesworth, Wm. Dandy, William Mellon, Timothy McNamara, Ann Pratis, Catherine Dalton, Ellen Cunningham, Ellen Dora, and Mary Flynn. The business then terminated and the assizes closed.

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