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Worth Knowing! THE Subscriber would intimate to the farmers and others of Richmond Hill and vicinity.

Richmond Hill Bakery! W. S. POLLOCK, BREAD & BISCUIT BAKER. BEGS leave to notify the public that he has purchased the business and good will of J. Hayward's establishment.

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Poetry. YOUTH IS THE VISION OF A MORNING. A FOKK, BY RYNS—(UNPUBLISHED). Youth, is the vision of a morn That flies the coming day.

LITERATURE. Down in the Coal-mine. Get into them, said my new valet de chambre, tossing across what appeared to be a heap of rags.

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fastidious taste, it is to splash his snow-white expanse of chestgear. I had hardly time for my wrath to bubble to the orthodox point, when another 'black' alighted on the back of my hand, and I found that the same thing occurred promiscuously as to situation, at regular intervals.

Every one in his childhood has played at being tipsy, by turning himself round and round until such a giddiness is induced that, after he with difficulty stands still, the objects in the room will continue to chase each other in circuit.

The feeling soon went off, and we procured lights; nothing but dips stuck on holders. They burnt with an insignificant little flicker, and, totally unreflective as were their surroundings, resembled rushlights in sick rooms, that show little beside themselves.

We proceeded. No fear of knocking our heads here,—the natural roof was three feet above us. I should think we went half a mile, and diverged from the main tunnel before we encountered a gang of workers.

With what appeared to me to resemble a common crowbar, about four feet long, a hole was pierced as near the top of the seam as possible. In this was put some gunpowder. We had retired to a little distance; the match was lighted and burning. I can scarcely describe the feelings with which I waited the explosion.

The boots matched. Only Dowe could have made such uncouth thing. You'd better take off your socks; for I don't think they are particularly water tight, was suggested.

Here's the coat. Another sack, apparently with holes in the corners and top for the arms and neck. If I had never put it on before, I was in sackcloth now. A slouched hat, and I was rigged out.

He laughed again. Well, what do you think of 'em? Not over pleasant; but if it's the regular uniform I suppose I mustn't grumble.

The chain, with its four hooked ends, was dangling just above ground. You will have to go down by that, said my friend, pointing to it.

I thought it a dangerous enterprise, but fixed my foot firmly in one of the hooks, and held the chain above. The miner, after a slight hesitation, did the same. gave a sign to the engine-man, and the next instant we were suspended over a cavity two or three hundred feet deep.

My companion muttered, 'It's too bad.' Why, they are sending us down as fast as they can to try and scare you; besides, we ought to have had the proper iron lift, that is always used in coming up and down only you jumped on the hook and they thought it a good joke to send you down so.

asked what smoke it was that came up. Yes, quite distinctly. Well, this is it; and this is the fire that sends up the smoke. We went on; doors opened and closed after us without our intervention. The mechanism was human; there was a boy at each.

We passed two or three other of these perpendicular apertures, each of which I had seen above in the morning, and which were made known to me by some landmark. They varied from half to three-quarters of a mile distant from each other. The hollow we were traversing differed in size many times with much the caprice of a river that widens and narrows alternately.

Do you think you could get through there? Could you? Yes, I could, but perhaps you are not so accustomed to travelling on your back as I am.

That may be, but I am the smaller of the two, and if it will prevent our having to go all the way back it is worth the trial. I could not call it a passage, it was so small; it was nothing but a hole. I stooped down and peered into it. Pushing my light far in front, I could see nothing beyond the wick of my dip.

How long is it? O, not over-long. Come on, you must go in feet first, on your back. Here, I'll carry your light. I gave it him, and he disappeared. I followed, legs in front, not not quite on my back, but with the body inclining, so as to be supported entirely on feet and arms. It was slow work,—twelve or fifteen minutes, and I was my companion, with the candles, wriggling along like a glow worm or something uncomfortably warm.

Raising myself to observe this my forehead hit the top. It was cold and clammy, like the touch of a corpse, but damper, for it left my face wet. Here, as elsewhere about the pit, on the top and sides, on the doors, and even on trolleys and ropes, there was a trickly exudation that to my unaccustomed sense chilled with every contact.

I stayed a little rest; my warm breath was thrown back. I felt oppressed, but after a bit struggled on, and was at length enabled by a slight increase in the height of the passage to crawl on hands and knees, to walk crouched, to raise myself a little, and ultimately to resume my proper attitude.

You can't walk through that; one of the chaps will take you over. There was a pool of water—how deep I knew not—extending as far as I could see. It proved to be no more than eighteen inches or two feet deep at most. One of the men made very light of carrying me on his back, and after some distance of this kind of travel, deposited me at the foot of a shaft three miles from the one I had descended 4 hours before.

We waited; the signals were given, and soon down came the lift. We began the ascent. How cheerful looked the glimmer of light aloft, by degrees expanding—growing—until we were atop, and flood of heaven's light burst on our dazzled gaze! Then I felt a rapturous emotion such as few epochs in our lives vied.

Disrobing at a cottage, I found how necessary was the precaution to submit to be 'figged out.' Dirty begrimed and wet, I was a sorry object. A broken bit of looking-glass, the only mirror I could obtain, showed me an image I did not recognize, although I was on pretty good terms with myself; so not being able to procure a suitable reflection, I reflected for myself, and first came the reflection that hundreds of my fellow-men are condemned to this life of danger and darkness for their bread.

Tha mine, as I had seen it, was unpleasant truly; the work I had witnessed arduous, to be sure; but this was by no means the worst, for there comes a season when this mere hole-bore the worst feature of which that I had experi-

enced being its black dampness—becomes, with the instantaneous rapidity of a fire-flash, and a squelch, where our brethren, absorbed probably in the ordinary thoughts of worldly work, are precipitantly hurled to the judgment of an all-searching God; where mothers are rendered childless, where wives are made widows where weeping and lamentation are generated, and where the finest tendrils of mortal existence are lacerated and left bleeding, never to be healed.

Such a season is this; and when fire drew in circle round a festive we, and are cheered by the merry coal blaze,—when we press the warm hand that is dear to us let us think of the many so suddenly no more; let us spare a plum from our rich Christmas pudding, and send it to the mine.

FRIDAY, Jan. 30. From the Globe. The County Council of York met in the Chamber yesterday forenoon, the Warden in the Chair.

DIVISION OF THE ASSETS OF THE FORMERLY UNITED COUNTIES. The special committee appointed to confer with the delegates from the County of Peel, respectfully report as follows:

Your committee had the pleasure of meeting the delegates, and having heard their opinion in reference to the claims made by them, submitted the whole matter to the County Solicitor, and herewith submit his opinion. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. TYRRELL, Chairman. The following is the opinion referred to: Toronto, Jan. 30, 1867. H. S. HOWLAND, Esq., Warden, York.

DEAR SIR,—In re, County of Peel. Unless as a matter of fact, the county of Peel is entitled to share in the assets of the county of York, now on hand; the Council of York cannot appropriate any of the funds of the latter county, no matter how equitable it may seem for the purposes of Peel, without making the members who vote for it, personally liable. Any funds misappropriated by a vote of the Council may be recovered from the voting for such appropriation, at the instance of any ratepayer in the county of York.

legal claim, and the members of the Council must understand that they will incur the personal liability above pointed out if any vote for any appropriation of the funds of Peel. Yours truly, M. C. CAMERON.

The report was adopted. PRINTING COMMITTEE. The printing committee brought in the second report, recommending the performance of certain work, and after the report passing through committee of the whole, it was adopted.

ROAD BETWEEN HOLLAND LANDING AND HOLLAND RIVER BRIDGE. The motion notice of which was given at a recent meeting by Dr. Hunter, relative to an enquiry into the cost of macadamizing and subsequent keeping in repair of the road between the village of Holland Landing and the Holland River Bridge, was brought up and adopted.

PREVENTION OF HORSE STEALING. Dr. Hunter moved for the introduction of the by-law to offer reward for the apprehension of horse-thieves. The Bill passed to a second reading. SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS. Mr. Button gave notice of motion for the introduction of a by-law to regulate the salaries of the county officers. The Council then adjourned till ten a.m. to-day.

THURSDAY, Jan. 31st. The County Council of York met at 11 a.m. to-day—the Warden in the chair.

PICATORIAL. Mr. Wilmot appeared before the bar of the Council and delivered an interesting address on the rearing of salmon, accompanying his remarks by showing specimens of his own successful efforts. The remarks were listened to with interest.

GRANTS TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES. Mr. Tyrrell, Chairman of the Finance Committee, introduced a by-law to make certain grants to Agricultural Societies within the county. The by-law provided for the granting of \$150 to the Electoral Division Societies of the East and West ridings, and \$125 to the North riding of the county. The Council went into Committee on second reading and rose after passing the bill. The bill was then adopted in Council.