

Young Lady Proposes to a Hindoo Rajah.

A correspondent of the London Star sends the following, which he says has recently arrived from Madras, and is vouchered for by a European officer, who was on a visit to the nobleman referred to when the letter was received. It was handed over to him for translation into the native tongue, which he at once did, evidently to the consternation of the native heavers. Whoever the member of the fair sex may be who perpetrated such a piece of folly, the most charitable construction to be put upon it is, that she is a fit subject for the lunatic asylum of the Cornwall district. In Madras no doubt was entertained of the genuineness of the documents:

"To His Majesty the Maharajah of—, Southern India. May it please your Majesty—I am a young lady of highly respectable connections; my papa and mama are both dead, and I am now residing with a minister, whose name is Rev. ——. I am twenty-one years of age, and have some property, and am anxious to be married to some one very high and rich—a king it is what I want; and as you have been so kindly spoken of in the newspapers—(a few words here are almost illegible, but they look like 'here inform') that you are a very rich, noble, good gentleman, you will pardon me, I hope, for wishing to ask you whether you have any matrimonial engagements; and, if not, whether you would be willing to correspond with me with a view to marriage. If we could agree, I should not object to come out to India and reside in your palace with you as my husband, where we could have plenty of servants to wait upon us and plenty of money to live upon. Will you be kind enough to let me know by the return of post what you think of my proposal, whether it exactly meets with your views, and if so, when we could be married! I should wish to know in time to have all ready for the voyage to India, and for my marriage when I arrived there, unless you would be pleased to come to England for me, and then we could go out together. This would be very nice indeed; but I shall not make any further arrangements till such time as I hear from you. Hoping to hear from you when the mail returns from India, I am yours most truly, J.——, M—, Cornwall, England, August, 25, 1868."

To this is attached the letter of the minister, as follows:

"I hereby state that I have known Miss M.—intimately for four years past, and have always found her to be a very nice, amiable, kind and excellent young lady. She has lived with us more than twelve months, so we know what an excellent wife she would be to any gentleman who could have her. She is well educated, having studied music and several languages; she is piously disposed, and a member of our church, which she has been for several years. Her parents were very highly respectable, and as they are now dead she has control over all the property belonging to her. Should any more information be required, I should be glad to supply it."

NAPOLEON BAUDIN.

(From the Scottish American Journal.)

The uneasiness felt by Napoleon in regard to the future of his reign and dynasty is sufficiently manifested by the severity with which he is treating offending newspapers. Inasmuch, therefore, as the punishment of heavy fines, not only of the editor and printer of the newspaper, but of every person employed in their office, is an unprecedented and unprecedented danger. And so no doubt it is. That the French people should seek to honor the memory of M. Baudin, and that the *Trois Politiques* should publish subscription lists and give it aid in other ways, are circumstances of little intrinsic consequence in respect to the long-buried and forgotten Deputy himself. But the name and the manner of his death have suddenly been remembered by those Frenchmen who have never forgotten the *coup d'état* nor ceased to detest its author.

Napoleon was in 1851 President of the French Assembly. In December of that year his great plot against the liberties of France culminated. It had been in progress, as many suppose, ever since he escaped from the fortress of Ham. He dissolved the Assembly by military force, having gained over the leaders of the army to his side. How a few of the members vainly tried resistance, and how for many hours the streets of Paris with innocent blood, are matters of history. M. Baudin was a chief victim: undertaking to read the constitution; at the only barricade erected, and to denounce the usurper, he was called upon to surrender, and, falling to obey, was instantly shot dead. The protest which he and his associates then uttered has never been withdrawn, and the honors sought to be paid to his memory are meant to emphasize and renew the teaching of his act and the penalty it provoked. In effect the popular mind of France goes back seventeen years, and still refuses to recognize the Emperor as other than a self-made despot; not all the improvements he has wrought, not all the popular suffrage which he professes to hold his throne, has reconciled the people to him. It is felt that the improvements of Paris are carefully devised points of military strategy, and that the elections have been a mere farce.

We do not suppose that Napoleon stands in immediate danger of an overthrow; yet the ground is mined beneath his feet, and the explosion may come at any moment. The vast and complex system of force and espionage by which he protects himself is too powerful to be resisted so long as it holds together. The continuance of such a Government, however, involves immense expenditures, and in a few years the burdens now imposed upon the people will become intolerable. France is now upon the high road to national bankruptcy, and the Emperor must follow that road to its inevitable termination. It will need but the defection of a few regiments then, to precipitate his fall. Careful observers of French politics attribute much of the present agitation to an intense and increasing desire for a Republic, and they are for the most part right. No wonder that Napoleon is alarmed. The revival of Dabuin's memory implies a desire for revenge as well as for political change which he dare not disregard and cannot remove. Hence the vindictiveness, the stern, almost severity, with which he punishes even journalists who presume to indicate sympathy with his enemies.

On the 1st November Lord Somerville met with his death while hunting near Uppingham, Rutlandshire. His horse stumbled and fell upon his rider. The deceased was the eighth son of Lord Somerville in the peerage of Scotland.

The immense eruption of Mount Vesuvius, which commenced on Nov. 15th, is considered by Professor Palmieri to be the usual precursor of a termination to the long series of central eruptions of Mount Vesuvius.

Northern Railway of Canada

RICHMOND HILL STATION.
CHANGE OF TIME.
November 23, 1868.
Going North 8.55 A.M. 4.55 P.M.
Going South 10.02 A.M. 7.02 P.M.

Mails made up at the Richmond Hill Post Office.
Until further notice, the mails will be closed at this Post Office as follows:

MORNING.
Northern Mail 7.20 A.M.
Southern Mail 7.30 A.M.
Mail for Almirra
" Cashel 11.00 A.M.
" Gormley on Tuesdays
" Headford & Fridays.
" Victoria Square

EVENING MAIL.
Southern Mail 5.30 p.m.
N.B. REGISTERED LETTERS will require to be handed in 15 minutes before the time of closing.
M. TEEFFY, Postmaster.
Richmond Hill, Nov. 23, 1868.

New Advertisements.

Clipped Hand—T. Miller & Co.
Planchette at the Herald Book Store.
Enlargement and Improvement of the Weekly Globe.
Strayed—D. Kenne.

The York Herald.

RICHMOND HILL, Dec. 25, 1868.

Subscribe for the York Herald, \$1 a Year.

Post Office Holiday.—Christmas day is a legal holiday. The post office will not be opened after 11 A.M., to-day.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Monday last, being the day appointed by statute for nominating candidates ambitious of municipal honors, the electors of the Townships of Markham and Vaughan assembled for that purpose; those of Markham met at Crosby's large Hall at Unionville; and in Vaughan, at the Town Hall. The candidates proposed at the Markham meeting were numerous but, after ventilating their oratorical powers, many of the gentlemen announced their intention of withdrawing from the field, leaving the contest to stand as follows:

FOR REEVE—James Robinson and Robert Marsh.
FOR DEPUTY REEVES—John Lane, W. M. Button and James Bowman, sen.
FOR COUNCILLORS—William Milliken and William Paget.

The two latter appear to have been elected by acclamation.

In Vaughan Township, we learn that the nominations were:—
FOR REEVE—Peter Patterson, elected by acclamation.
FOR DEPUTY REEVES—W. Hartman, Robert J. Arnold and Neil Milloy.

FOR COUNCILLORS—Daniel Raeman, Thomas Webster and Jacob Smith.
Mr. Milloy, we learn, is a young man of good education, and well informed on municipal matters; his name has been frequently mentioned as a likely person to make a good representative in the Township Council; and, on this account, we are much pleased to learn that he has consented to be a candidate for municipal honors. From all that we have heard of him, we are inclined to believe that he is a more desirable candidate than either of his competitors. It is true that Mr. Arnold calculates on getting the conservative vote, and all others whom he can draw into his net besides—but, with his record of the past year, we shall be much surprised if he is supported by either conservative or reformer who earnestly advocate economy in the management of our Township affairs. Mr. Hartman's treatment of Mr. McCallum, as local superintendent of Schools, is an act that should be reprobated by every lover of fair play and common justice towards a popular and faithful public servant, as we believe Mr. McCallum to be. We find, by the minutes of this current year, that it was Mr. Hartman and Mr. Raeman who deprived us of our pathmaster and road beat in this village—thereby preventing us from expending our statute labour in improving our side-walks. All our road tax, or statute labour, is now taken back upon the concession by their motion, a high-handed and arbitrary act, for which the Deputy Reeves and Councillors are responsible, particularly Messrs Hartman, as mover, and Mr. Raeman, as seconder of the motion—possibly it was carried by Mr. Arnold's vote—of this we have no certainty, but as it was carried without dissent, we have a right to conclude that he was favourable to letting his Richmond Hill constituents shift the best way they could.

The Council has adopted a crafty mode of keeping their extravagances out of sight, by not stating, in their minutes, the amounts fixed for salaries. They have carefully kept out of their minutes that one of the candidates, for the office of Clerk

and Treasurer of the Township, offered to perform the duty for \$200 a year, and that in passing the by-law, fixing salaries, they voted the sum of \$300 to another individual for performing the same duty. It is so recorded that these facts are not made known to the public, who are compelled to pay \$100 more than is necessary.

We consider that it is desirable, for the best interests of the Township, that new blood be infused into our Council, and that Mr. Milloy and Mr. Jacob Smith be elected. It would be as well to give them a trial, and see if they will do the business of the Township with a view to economy. Mr. Arnold may consider himself a fixture in the municipality of Vaughan, and that he is at liberty to throw away the rate-payers money as suits his whim; it is for the electors to say if he may continue to indulge his fancy at their expense.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

On Tuesday last, the examination of the pupils attending the Grammar School took place before a large and appreciative audience. We learn that the boys and girls acquitted themselves in a manner highly satisfactory to all present, reflecting great credit upon the past year's labor of Mr. Lafferty, who has proved himself to be one of the most efficient Grammar School Masters in the Province of Ontario.
On Wednesday, Miss Sinclair's department was examined in the forenoon, and that of Mr. Gray in the afternoon; the examinations in each department were satisfactory. A pleasing incident took place at the close of the examination in Mr. Gray's department; although but a few months in charge of the school, he has won the affections of his pupils: proof of which was manifested, on Wednesday, by the presentation of a richly bound and valuable book. The book was purchased by the pupils, and presented to him through two of their number, Misses Mary E. Sedman and Kate Raymond. The presentation was interesting; it took the Teacher by surprise and affected him deeply.
On the whole, we were much pleased with the proceedings. There is one thing we must not omit to notice here—it is the absence of pupils from the examinations. If boys will make it a point to absent themselves on every occasion that public examinations take place, only one inference can be drawn therefrom. No boy who desires to excel in his studies will stay away, and when it becomes so frequent that casual visitors at the school notice the absence of particular pupils, it becomes a subject of enquiry, why so and so is not present; we trust to see an end of this practice in future, for it is discouraging and discourteous to the Teachers, and a damage to the school, as well as a lasting injury to the pupils themselves.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE—LECTURE.

—We are requested to announce that Samuel Alcorn, Esquire, of Yorkville, has kindly consented to deliver a lecture in connection with the Mechanics' Institute of this place, on MONDAY EVENING next, —Subject, "Woman and her work; her position and her power." Mr. Alcorn is a popular lecturer, and his subject is one in which we should all feel a deep interest; we trust the Hall will be crowded on the occasion.

NEWSPAPER DIRECTORY.

G. P. Rowell & Co., the New York Advertising Agents, are about issuing a complete American Newspaper Directory. It is a compilation much needed, since nothing of the kind having any claim to completeness has ever been published.

Messrs. Rowell & Co. have spared no pains or expense to make the forthcoming work complete. We understand the book will be a handsome octavo volume of about 300 pages, bound in dark cloth, and sold for five dollars per copy.
As the publishers are advertising agents, their issuing a work containing so much information, usually zealously guarded by those in that business, shows that they are confident of their ability to be of service to advertisers, or they would not so readily place in their hands the means of enabling every one to communicate direct with publishers if they so desire.

AUCTION SALE.

TUESDAY, DEC. 29.—Credit Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, &c., on Lot No. 7, 4th Concession of Markham, the property of Mr. Adam P. McDonald. Sale to commence at 12 o'clock. Sanderson and Gormley, Auctioneers.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31.—Credit sale of Farm Stock &c., on lot No. 4, 2nd Concession, King, the property of A. Patton and Hugh McConnell. Sale at 10 a. m. James Gormley, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, JAN. 5.—Cash sale of Timber on the rear of lot 27, 1st Co., Markham, the property of Abner Arnold, Esq. Sale at 13 noon. M. Fisher, Auctioneer.

Parties having Sale bills printed at this office, will have a notice similar to the above, free of charge.

ROMANTIC CASE IN COIK COUNTY.

A singular variation of the Enoch Arden romance is narrated as an incident of last week in a county town of Cork. The heroine of the adventure married ten years ago, was shortly afterwards forsaken by her husband, who emigrated to America. At the end of nine years she married again—the second husband, like the first, belonging to the labouring class. Soon after this the return of the first husband was reported, whereupon the woman, who had kept the fact of her first marriage a profound secret, immediately disappeared, and the most diligent search by both husbands has failed to discover her.

MARKHAM COUNCIL.

Met at Size's Hall, Unionville, on the 19th inst.
Reve in the chair.
Members all present.
Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

By Robert Marsh, for Chris Heise, and nineteen others, for grant to load gravel between lots 25 and 26 in 3rd and 4th concessions.
By Mr. Marsh, from John Velie and others, for aid to Thomas Martin, a pauper.
By Mr. Button, from David Burk and others, for aid to Wm. James, an old and indigent person.
By Mr. Padget, from Wm. Granger and others for aid to Joseph Swift, a poor man.

Said petitions were received and read.
RESOLUTIONS.
Mr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Padget, that the following sums be paid out of the dog tax of this Township, being for injury done to their sheep by dogs, viz:

To Wm King	\$7 00
" Francis Boves	4 00
" Jacob Heise, sr	6 50
" John M Kester	11 50
" George Miller	46 50
" D. Crosby	21 50
" Fred Page	6 50
" John Rescor	21 50
" Samuel Miller	6 00

Their several certificates being duly certified by two of Her Majesty's Justices of the Peace for this County.—Carried.
Mr. Lane, seconded by Mr. Button, moves, that the sum of three dollars be granted to Henry Segar, an indigent person said sum to be paid to the order of the mover.—Carried.

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Moved by Mr Padget, seconded by Mr Lane, that the Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay to Robert Marsh the sum of seventeen dollars and ten cents, being the amount expended by him in obtaining a passage for James Murray, a pauper, from Markham to Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, and for his maintenance by the way as per resolution of the Council.—Carried.

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Wm Kirkpatrick	1
Samuel Sullivan	1
Wm Luman	1

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Mr. Marsh, introduced a By-law for holding the nominations, and for fixing the places for holding the municipal elections and appointing Returning Officers for the same, which was passed by the Council.

The Clerk laid before the Council a certificate of the number of votes polled for and against the By-law granting a bonus of \$30,000 to the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company. The Council then adjourned.

The Returning Officers for 1869 are as follows:

For Division No. 1, Thomas Carr.
" " " 2, John McCague.
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LATEST FROM EUROPE.

TURKEY AND GREECE.
London, Dec. 22.—The following despatch dated Constantinople, 21st, is just received, and embraces the latest news from that quarter:—The Sultan has extended the time for three weeks for the departure of Greeks from Constantinople. The Emperor of Russia has authorised Greek vessels, probably those carrying away refugees, to use the Russian flag. Hobart Pasha, the Turkish Admiral, with 7 men-of-war, is blockading Syria, where the Greek steamer *Erook* took refuge. Phataides Bey, the Turkish Minister at Athens, has returned to Constantinople. The Grecian Government is making rapid preparations for war.

London, Dec. 22.—Despatches from the East say that many Russians are volunteering for the Greek service.
London Dec. 22.—The press of London is unanimous in condemnation of President Johnson's message, particularly the portion relative to U. S. bonds.

London Dec. 22.—A letter from Athens, dated Dec. 17, says the ministerial budget has been submitted to the Chambers, and, notwithstanding the expectations of war with Turkey, the military estimates are not increased. The Chamber of Commerce of Syria has petitioned the Athenian Government to pronounce against war.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—The elections for the Cortes in this city passed off with comparatively slight disturbance of public order. All the Monarchical candidates were elected. The Republicans have carried the cities of Seville and Barcelona. It is stated, on official authority, that up to the present moment 6,000 troops have been sent to reinforce the army in Cuba, and more will soon follow. The Government announce that it will never abandon the colony of Spain.

PORTUGAL.
Lisbon, Dec. 22.—A crisis has taken place in the Cabinet. Da Silva has resigned, and Count Cavalleiros has accepted, personally, the Ministry of Finance, and the Marquis of Bauiera that of Foreign Affairs.

MOUNT ESTA.
La Valette, Malta, Dec. 22.—The recent eruption of Mount Etna rapidly subsided, and the volcano has shown little sign of activity for the past two weeks.

CRIME.—WATERTOWN.—DESTRUCTION.
—A young woman, aged 23 years, but so sadly emaciated by a recent sickness as to make her appear older, applied at No. 1 Police Station, yesterday morning, to see the Mayor. She carried a child in her arms, and while her ordinary queries were being answered by those in charge, the little thing held in her arms was observed to gasp heavily, and exhibit signs of pain. To relieve the mother and assist the child, the Sergeant-Major took the latter in his arms; but he had scarcely done so when it threw its head back and died. The unfortunate mother gave her name as Ellen O'nde, and has been an inmate of the General Hospital since she came from Hamilton, about six weeks ago, until Monday. On the night of her discharge she visited the Mayor's office for assistance, and was on the same errand when the child died. Her statement is that the party to whom she should look for protection has deserted her and gone to Buffalo. The Mayor gave an order for the burial of the child at the expense of the city.—*Globe 22nd inst.*

It has been agreed at St. Petersburg not to employ explosive bullets in future wars, and a resolution to that effect was signed by the representatives of the Powers that have attended the Conference. On the basis of the protocol it is proposed to form an international convention.

At Richmond Hill on the 22nd instant, by the Rev. Mr. Dick, John Rae, of Howmanville, to Katy, second daughter of Richard Wallace, Esq., of Willowdale, late farmer in Lanarkshire, Scotland.

At Richmond Hill, on the 24th Dec., by the Rev. Mr. Dick, Mr. Wm. Valdeur, of the Township of Vaughan, to Miss Martha Irvine, of the same place.

On the 23rd inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Mr. Hodze, Rector of York Mills, Miss Elizabeth Powell, and Mr. John McConnell, medical student, and son of John McConnell, Esq., Markham.

DIED.
On the 19th inst., at his late residence, near Richmond Hill, Charles E. Lawrence, Esq., aged 66 years.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, Dec. 24, 1868.
Flour, barrel \$4 70 @ 4 75
Wheat, bush 1 05 @ 1 10
Spring wheat, bush 1 05 @ 1 10
Barley, bush 1 30 @ 1 35
Oats, do 0 75 @ 0 80
Peas, do 0 50 @ 0 55
Hay, ton 14 00 @ 15 00
 Pork, mess, 100 lbs 9 00 @ 12 00
 Pork, mess, 25 lbs 24 00 @ 25 00
 Butter, lb 0 2 @ 0 22
 Wool, lb 0 26 @ 0 27

New Advertisements.

DUGGAN & MEYERS,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law,
SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
CONVEYANCERS, &c., &c.
OFFICE:—Provincial Insurance Buildings, Court Street, Toronto.
JOHN DUGGAN, Q.C. ADAM M. MEYERS, JR.
Toronto Dec. 24, 1868. 544-ly

New Year's Day Tea Meeting!
THE FRIENDS OF THE
Wesleyan M. Church, Thornhill,
Propose celebrating
NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1869,
WITH A
TEA MEETING
TEA WILL BE SERVED IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH, AT 4 P.M. AFTER WHICH
Addresses will be delivered by several
REV. GENTLEMEN & OTHERS.
The CHAIR will assist to lighten the occasion by singing several
Select Pieces of Music
ADMISSION TICKETS:—Adults, 30 cents; Children, 20 cents; to be had in the several stores in the village and at the door.
*A proceeds to be applied to the debt on the Church.
Thornhill, Dec. 21, 1868. 545-2

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY!

THE Commissioner appointed to construct the Intercolonial Railway gave public Notice that they intend to let 4 sections of the line at once

Section Nos. 1 and 2 embrace about 40 miles from a Junction with the Grand Trunk Railway, near Riviere du Loup, and each section will be about 20 miles in length.

Section No. 3 will be about 20 miles in length and lies between the east side of Resurgence River to near Dalhousie in New Brunswick.

Section No. 4 will be about 4 miles in length and lies between Amulet and River Phillip in Nova Scotia

Plans and profiles with specifications and terms of contract will be exhibited at the offices of the Commissioners in Ottawa, Riviere du Loup, Dalhousie, St. John and Halifax, and after the 11th January, 1869, and sealed Tenders addressed "To the Commissioners of the Intercolonial Railway," will be received at their office in Ottawa up to 4 o'clock on the 8th February, 1869.

A. WALSH,
EDW. B. CHANDLER,
C. J. BRYDGES,
WILLIAM F. COFFIN,
N.B.—Tenders will shortly be called for, for the sale of the coal line