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CANADIAN.

Deputy United States Marshal Healy, who was made captive by Canadian half-breeds and Indians or Milk River, has been released.

In the suit for breach of contract brought by the Northern Transit Company against the Grand Trunk Railway Company a verdict of $111,000 has been given for the plaintiff. The sum claimed was $400,000.

Justice McKay, of Montreal, has declared the Quebec Local Stamp Act to be unconstitutional, as do power lies in the Local Legislature to levy an indirect taxation. The decision, if not appealed against and reversed, will cause a loss to the Government of $30,000 a year.

A very important series of questions has been prepared by the Sub-Committee on Agriculture to be submitted to the farmers throughout the Dominion, to ascertain whether the National Policy exerts for them a beneficial influence and whether any changes in the tariff are needed.

Mr. Tarte's paper, *Le Canadien*, is making matters rather lively for the Chapleau Government, and is now saying that the Legislative Council, which did such splendid execution for that late party, ousting the Joly Ministry, declined to act singly with reference to the railway bargain.

A destructive conflagration broke out in Winnipeg at an early hour Monday morning. The fire started on Main street and cleaned out some ten buildings on that street from the Ontario Bank to the Montreal Bank, with the exception of the Ottawa Hotel. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

The Reformers of Centre Huron have again nominated Sir. R. J. Cartwright as their candidate for the Commons. The Lambton Reformers met on Wednesday to nominate a candidate in place of Hon. A. Mackenzie, and the names of Messrs. J. F. Lister and R. Gurd, of Sarnia, are mentioned in that connection.

An injunction has been granted by the Court of Queen's Bench of Manitoba against Dr. Schultz and his associates restraining them from interference in the management of the South-Western Railway. Chief Justice Wood took three hours in delivering judgment, and his decision was concurred in by Justices Dubuc and Miller.

The singular disappearance of a farmer named James Watson is reported from London. He and his hired man went to the city on Thursday, and the latter returned home alone shortly after midnight. Watson has not been heard of since he was seen in his man's company just before reaching a bridge over the Thames. The hired man has now been arrested on a charge of murder.

Prince Bismarck has addressed a circular to Mr. Munderloh, German Consul at Montreal, asking information under a number of different heads relative to the Canadian North-West and its facilities for farming and stock raising. A reply was prepared by Mr. W. J. Patterson, Secretary, of the Montreal Board of Trade, who also offered to furnish samples of Canadian cereals. The Prince, in acknowledging the reply, states that the samples will be placed in the High School of Agriculture at Berlin and used in the promotion of agriculture at Berlin and used in the promotion of agriculture.

UNITED STATES.

Detailed information from the flooded districts of the Mississippi shows that the reports of terrible sufferings are not exaggerations. Thousands of people are actually starving.

Mason, who attempted to shoot Guiteau has been sentenced by the Court-Martial to dishonorable discharged from the army, loss of all pay and allowances, and eight years imprisonment in the penitentiary. Petitions are in circulation of a pardon.

The Mormons are said to begin to realize that a crisis in their history is at hand, and the closing speeches before the adjournment of the Utah Legislature gave a tacit recognition to the fact that the day of polygamous legislation has forever passed.

Scoville, Guiteau's counsel, has expressed the opinion that perhaps it would be better after all that Guiteau should hang in order to bring about a change in the law which would protect the insane. He has asked the President, however, to confine Guiteau for life, so that if he became a raving maniac his removal to an asylum would be easy.

BRITISH.

McLean, the Queen's assilant, has been committed for trial, charged with high treason. He reserved his defence. The evidence showed that the pistol was sufficiently elevated when he fired for the ball to have struck Her Majesty.

Notwithstanding that a large majority of the English Commons agreed with Mr. Gladstone that an investigation into the workings of the Irish Land Act would at present be embarrassing, the committee of the Lords has declared its intention of proceeding with the enquiry.

Her Majesty the Queen has written to the Secretary of State for the Home Department stating how deeply her heart has been touched by the expressions of affection and sympathy from her subjects and the people of other nations in con-with the recent attempted assassination. She promises to continue unceasingly to the last hour of her life her endeavours to promote the welfare of her subjects, and in conclusion prays God to protect her for her people's sake as he has hitherto so visibly protected her.

FOREIGN.

It is stated that there is strong indignation against the Czar among all circles of Russians.

A planet of the 13th magnitude has been discovered by Palisa at Berlin on the 10th of March.

The Panama canal has already cost over 1000 lives and $25,000,000 and nothing has been accomplished.

Several Russian officers captured among the Bosinian insurgents, it is alleged, were shot without a court-martial by the Austrians.

The French Senate by a vote of 197 to 273 has rejected a proposition requiring schoolmasters to teach pupils their duty towards God and the country.

A terrible earthquake is reported to have recently occured in Costa Rica, by which several towns were destroyed. Thousands of lives are said to have been lost.

A good deal of uneasiness is exhibited by the French press, lest Germany should begin to fear a Russo-Franco alliance against her. The Russian *Gloss* strongly deprecates a war with Germany.

Skobeleff delivered an address to a number of Russian officers, stating that the best Russian is the Czar. "Europe knows," he said "what his (Skobeleff's) views were on the Slav question. His recall was only a new humiliation, proceeded from the man (Bismarck) who with blood and iron founded an empire which must be destroyed by Russian blood and iron."

THE HUMBER

AND ITS TRIBUTARIES.

Timber, Timber floating, Government works, Mills, etc.

The following is one of a series of papers read before the York Pioneers by Mr. William Watson, of Weston, one of the most prominent and respected members of the Association, and is a minute history of the County of York, especially the Western portion.

(PAPER No. 3.)

For the present, at least, I will defer naming the different kinds of timber found in the section of country embraced in these papers, with the exception of the oak and pine. These were very abundant. The latter, indeed, was by many considered as practically inexhaustible; the assertion being frequently made as recently as fifty years ago, that there was sufficient pine within easy reach of the Humber to supply all possible demands for a thousand years at least. Then, and for many years later, the chief consideration was, how to destroy it most rapidly; now it is, how best to preserve it. A dozen good pine trees are now worth as much as many a hundred acre farm was sixty years ago.

Before saw mills were built, anywhere near, higher up than Weston; the farmers for miles above, when clearing land, frequently got out quantities of logs for the mills below. Some delivered them on the bank, the purchaser doing the floating; others deeming it more profitable, did the floating themselves. Our family tried both plans. In 1832 or '33 they sent down a lot numbering between 300 and 400, intended for Fisher's mill, erected by Government. There being almost no freshet that spring we had to employ oxen to drag the larger logs over shallow places. This proving troublesome and expensive, a number even left at one of the Weston mills. The rest on reaching their destination sold for about 50 cents each. Log selling in those early days was scarcely a paying business, nevertheless it was by many considered preferable to burning the timber. The Wadsworth's, of Weston, among others frequently purchased logs on the banks, they also on several occasions, floated plank and other heavy sawn lumber to Humber mouth, and thence rafted it to Hamilton where it was used in the construction of Dundren Castle. Considerable pine was also used in the making of charcoal.

OAK STAVES.—These were made three or five feet in length—generally five—six inches broad, and two or three inches thick. About 1823 a Mr. Chisholm made a quantity of staves which were left in the bush not paid for. It was said he failed in business and died soon after. My father, among others, sold him timber. From 1826 John Paul (Major), Peleg Howland, Hector McLam and others, carried on stave making occasionally, for several years. In 1828 Mr. Lewis engaged extensively in the business, along the main Humber, Little Humber and West Branch. A few parties worked up their own oak and then sold the staves to Lewis. The staves were hauled on strong sleds to the river bank; thence floated to the lake; from thence carried in schooners to an island in the St. Lawrence, below Kingston. Finally they were rafted to Quebec, and shipped to the Old Country. I am getting away from the Humber, but the digression seems necessary. In Vaughan, near the Scotch Block, there is a place which was called "Stave Bank," because of the quantity of staves placed there preparatory to being thrown into the river. A bank on Lot 20, 6th Con of York, was similiarly named, and for the same reason. In 1839 Mr. Lewis got out a quantity of squared oak for the same destination which was also driven down the river. That was his last timber transaction in these parts.

GOVERNMENT WORKS.—About 1795 a mill was build by Government, at the head of still water, about two miles and a half from the lake; also a dock, where a yacht, for Governor Simcoe, and two schooners were built. The dock has long since disappeared About the same time an Indian trail was opened out into what has since been known as the lake shore road. There being no bridge across the Humber, waggons and foot passengers were conveyed over on a scow, for which convenience a charge was made. A frame house was erected near the crossing, probably for the person having charge of the ferry. Who was first employed in that capacity I have not been able to ascertain, but about 1815 a Scotchman, named McLean had charge of the ferry and occupied the house as a tavern. This is said to have been the only public house between Toronto and Hamilton at that time and for a considerable time a terwards. After the death of McLean his widow continued to dispense hospitality at the tavern for many years. In 1853 a Mrs Creighton was in charge, but the building was pulled down when the Great Western Railway was in course of construction. The mill above mentioned was built by a man bearing the appropriate name of Nicholas Miller, who was a millwright brought from the State of New York for the purpose. The walls were constructed partly of logs and partly of boards. The mill was first run by a Mr. Jilson, then by a Mr. Cushman and later by a Mr. Stiles Stevens. Whether those parties rented the mill or were employed by Government is uncertain, though it would seem that Jilson at least, had some control over it, as he at one time thought of converting it into a nail factory. The dock and tavern were on the York side of the river, and the mill on the Etobicoke side

About 1820, Mr. Thomas, later, generally better known as "Squire Fisher," leased the mill together with twelve hundred acres of glebe land for twenty years at a low rental. This not proving satisfactory, he gave up the lease receiving as compensation fifty acres of land with the mill on it, and another fifty about a mile up the river, also on the Etobicoke side 1835 Mr. William Gamble purchased the lower lot and mill and the following year erected on the old site a five story stone flour mill, with six run of stones. The wheat and other supplies for the mill were taken up from schooners outside the bar in barges capable of carrying from one hundred to three hundred barrels of flour each, the flour, etc., being sent down by the same means.* Later on Mr. Gamble built a wharf and store house near the mouth of the Humber, and the barges then plied between the mill and the store house.

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