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A Strange Find.

A dead body found in the ice near Carrville.

On Sunday afternoon while Coomb's children were playing in Mr. Wm. Cook's Woods, just West of Carrville, they saw what they supposed to be a muskrat under the ice in a small pond. They got an axe and began to chop the ice, when they discovered to be a man's coat, and upon further investigation they found there was something in it. They, becoming frightened left it, and went to Sunday School and told their father, who on going to the spot with some others, exhumed from the ice a body of a man, between thirty and forty years of age. It was described by a letter found upon him that his name was John Aspinwall. His friends live in the States. It is remembered that a man of similar description called at Mr. Cooks for a drink two or three months ago, which is supposed to be the same person. The body was found in a state of decomposition. It is thought by some that it was suicide, while others think otherwise, as there was only 20 inches of water. It is thought that at one time he was a street car driver in Toronto. It is supposed that he was displaced, as in a letter from a sister found upon his person, she tried to induce him to lead a better life and return home. An inquest was deemed unnecessary.

LATER.—Per kindness of Rev. C. T. Curtis, who is taking an active interest in finding the friends of the deceased, we learn the following facts as regards press. His name is John Aspinwall, son of a Clergyman in Lodi, Wisconsin. He was time keeper of the Toronto Street Railway for two years, and was highly thought of by his employers. Left Toronto the day before Christmas. On the 20th of Dec received a very affectionate letter from his sister. A pawn ticket was found on him for a watch and chain, valued at \$150, presented to him by his fellow employees

The Champion.

Hanlan Victor the wins an easy race. Four lengths ahead.—The Oxford Regatta.

Hanlan beat Boyd on Monday, on the Tyne, winning an easy victory by four lengths besides playing several tricks on the course.

The Oxford beat the Cambridge crew at their annual regatta, this making four victories in succession.

East York.

Enthusiastic Reform Meeting.

(By our own Reporter.)

A meeting of the Reformers was held at Frank Boston's, Benlamont, on Friday evening, March 31st. The chair was ably filled by Mr. Doll, J. P., of Riverside. G. W. Badgerow Esq. M. P. P., was called upon to address the meeting. After his speech Mr. Badgerow read a letter from Hon. Alex. Mackenzie the candidate for the riding, in which he expressed the interest he felt in the coming election, and thanked his friends for the assistance they were giving him.

Mr. J. P. Farnan next addressed the meeting. He explained his reason for leaving the ranks of the Tory party, and joining the Reformers. His reasons were the corruption and partiality of the Tory party.

Mr. Allan a gentleman from York County, England, explained the system of fighting election battles there. Mr. Inwood of Yorkville also addressed the meeting.

Although there were several Conservatives present, there were no opposition speeches except from a drunken person, who was helped through the door by a constable.

After votes of thanks to Messrs. Doel and Badgerow the meeting pledged itself to support Hon. Alex. Mackenzie and also Bagerow.

Another meeting was announced to be held at the Tedmorden Hotel, on Tuesday evening, April 11th 1882.

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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. 4,

A little below the remains of Gracy's brewery, mentioned in last paper, a tannery business was carried on by Mr. John Lawrence from 1842 to 1855, but scarcely anything now remains to indicate where the building stood. A short distance further up the river on the Etobicoke side two brothers, Edward and Thomas Musson, in 1820 built a small distillery. This building was replaced by a much larger one in 1842, and two years later this was burned, but at once rebuilt. This building is still standing. Towards the close of last century a Mr. Countryman erected a flour mill on a site a few feet above the one occupied by Wadsworth's mill. This building, which was soon after destroyed by fire, was rebuilt in 1865 by Mr. Joseph Holley, grandfather of the late W. R. Holley, formerly a member of this association. Mr. Joseph Holley also built a saw mill adjoining the flour mill. In 1815 the mills, together with about 150 acres of land, were purchased by Mr. James Farr, an Englishman. About the year 1826 Messrs. Alexander Milne of Markham, and Jacob McKay of York, carried on a carding and fulling business in a part of the flour mill, originally intended for that purpose. In 1828 the Messrs. Wadsworth purchased the property from Mr. Farr, and two years later built a new saw mill, which after several renovations was pulled down in 1870. The old timbers were used in the construction of a storehouse. In 1840 the Messrs. Wadsworth erected a distillery at the head of the mill pond. This building was burnt down, rebuilt, and after running for twenty years was finally torn down except the chimney which is still standing. In 1856 this successful firm erected a new flour mill below the old one. It was five storeys high, and had six runs of stones, one for gristing and one for chopping, the others for merchant work. The following year the old mill was taken down. On the east side of the mill pond in 1840 two brothers, William and Peter Gibson, built a tannery, and carried on business for a number of years. On the York side, directly opposite in the year 1841 Mr. Joseph Holley erected a saw mill, which together with nine acres of land was some years later sold to Mr. James Shuttleworth who worked the mill for three years. About 1850 the Wadsworths purchased the property and ran the mill until 1871, when the old timbers were utilized in the erection of a storehouse where Gibsons tannery formerly stood.

Having named the mills, distilleries, tanneries, &c., in and about Weston, a short account of the village then and now may not be out of place. Sixty years ago on the York side of what is now the village of Weston (then Farr's Mills) then where only three houses, and those farm houses. One on lot 5, owned by Colonel Allen and occupied by a Mr. Darling; another on lot 6 owned and occupied by a Mrs. Davis and her adopted son John D. Porter; (who settled there about the year 1800; and the third on lot 7, owned and occupied by a Mr. Hill—all in the 5th con. and near the river. The last mentioned house having several times changed hands was taken down about 9 years ago. On the lots just named the greater part of Weston now stands. When first commenced, and for years afterwards, the village was entirely on the Etobicoke side of the river, principally situated on a narrow strip of land containing between two and three acres, bounded on the West by Wadsworth's mill and tail race, and on the east by the Humber. About fifteen houses, besides shops, arranged in two rows, with a street between, constituted the village. There were two stores, two cooper shops, a tavern, blacksmith's weaver's and saddler's shops. Also among the residents was a tailor, a stone mason, a carpenter and a millwright. For several years a potash business was carried on, first by a Mr. Hardy, then by Major Paul, and last by a Mr. Tours, who removed the works above the bridge, out of the village proper where he continued the business until the farmers ceased to supply him with sufficient ashes.

Owing to heavy spring floods the inhabitants gradually left this locality. In 1842 several buildings were badly wrecked; some quite destroyed, and by the flood of 1865 the rest of that part of the village was entirely swept away with the exception of the chimney. This remain-

ed standing until last spring (1881), when it was bore down by the accumulated blocks of ice which covered the site of the old village to the depth of eight or ten feet. The accompanying photograph, taken by our village artist, Mr. Munn, will give a better idea, than any description of mine, of the place where the greater part of Weston formerly stood. There were also a few dwellings, (besides those in connection with Musson's distillery) along the banks on the Etobicoke side, two or three near where St. Philip's church, now stands—a cooper, a shoemaker, and a blacksmith had erected their dwellings and shops on this elevated part. Weston is now, and has been for some years, almost entirely on the York side of the river, and when it is incorporated in 1882, it will include no part of Etobicoke. About two miles above Weston, in 1842, Mr. Moses Christner, of Dutch descent, erected a saw mill on lot 26 B Etobicoke. This mill, together with the lot (100 acres) upon which it stood was a few years later sold to Mr. Thomas Musson, who worked the mill as long as timber in paying quantities was available. The farm now belongs to his son Walter. The mill long since fell to pieces. On a small stream called Burns' creek, which rising in Vaughan, and running south enters the Humber, on broken front 18, in the 6th con. of York, were two saw mills. One of them, on lot 23, was erected in 1844 by Mr. John Duncan, and the other in 1838 by Mr. Jacob Parsons on lot 21. About the year 1854 the latter mill with fifty acres of land was purchased by my brother, John Watson, who used the timber of the mill in building a barn. The materials of Duncan's mill were a few years earlier, utilized for a similar purpose. In 1848 Mr. William Crosson bought the west half of lot 29, 6th con. York, (100 acres) from Mr. Isaac Devins, (who had settled on the lot during the Administration of Governor Simcoe) and the following year erected a saw mill upon it. This was worked less or more for five years, according as a break in the race could be kept in repair, the timbers were then used in the construction of farm buildings.

In my first paper some further account of two peninsulas transformed into islands was promised. On digging the upper portion of the race for the mill above mentioned, the workmen after cutting through the narrow neck, approached very close to the river for a short distance. In the course of a year or two, during a flood the water broke through this narrow portion, thus converting the peninsula, which contained about eight acres into an island. For years the main portion of the river followed this channel, until Mr. Crosson at considerable expense, filled in the upper part of the race, and forced the river to follow its old course. The other island referred to was a point of lot 34, in concession "B," Etobicoke, called the "ox-bow," jutting between Lots 19 and 20, in York, and containing about five acres. This was only a few rods wide where the river broke through, and according to some, where a passage was made by Mr. Crosson. Be that as it may, he was prosecuted by the owner of lot 19 for land washed away, and forced to pay \$500 damages with costs. The owner of east half of lot 20 put in a claim for the loss of the water in the old channel, this being settled by an arbitrator, he was awarded \$300 damages. In 1835 Mr. Burgoyne Wynt built a saw mill on block front 21, 7th con of York which was afterwards sold to Mr. Keating. A few rods below this building Mr. Keating erected a flour mill on a portion of lot 34, con. A Etobicoke, which he purchased from Mr. Alexander Card. About 1848 the whole was purchased by Mr. J. H. Boniton who for several years did a thriving business. On Mr. Boulton returning to Toronto, the property was sold to Mr. Richard Johnson. About two years ago Mr. Joseph Rowntree purchased a flour mill, which is now worked by one of his sons. The saw mill has since disappeared. About forty rods above the flour mill, and on the same lot, a school house was built of hemlock logs in 1820. For several years this was the only school house for miles around, and supplied the means of education for parts of Etobicoke, York and Vaughan. Mr. Nathan Martin, then owner of the farm upon which the building stood, taught the school during the winter months and cultivated his farm the rest of the year. He also for many years conducted a Sunday School and other religious services in the same building. The school house stood in the bush about fifty feet from the river. About 1835, other schools having been started in more convenient localities, the old hemlock log school house was abandoned. On Lot 23, 7th con. York, Mr. Thomas Ellis erected a saw mill in the year 1837, and a few years later the mill together with the farm upon which it stood, (100 acres) was sold to Mr. Joseph Rowntree. The latter erected in 1843, a flour mill on broken front 29, Con. A. Etobicoke, which is

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