

APPALLING CONFLAGRATION.

Immense Loss of Life! Whole Villages Destroyed! THOUSANDS MADE HOMELESS. Incalculable Damage Done to Property.

(SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE LEADER) OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—I am sorry to have to record the most terrible conflagration that has ever occurred since Ottawa was settled. The fires which have been destroying the country for miles during the last three weeks were let loose by the hurricane of Wednesday evening, and hundreds of families, whole villages and farms, have been destroyed by the devouring element.

At Bell's Corner, out of thirty houses, only two churches are left. The railway station and four cars laden with rails were burned. Several wealthy farmers, Messrs. Thos. Graham, W. Graham, W. Bell, James McGee, W. Mason, W. Hyde, Schoe, Thos. Carr, W. Carr, W. Henry, W. Traveled, Widow Traveled, John M. Adam and a number of others have lost the whole of their farm stock.

Additional Particulars.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19, 4:30 p.m. The fires continue to rage at Rochester, Chelsea and on the Rideau side of the Ottawa. The wind is rising, and should it continue there will be a most fearful destruction of property to-night.

INTERESTING TO FARMERS

[From the Bruce Review] I having lately purchased from James Miller, agent for A. & A. Cochrane, Durham, one of their Combined Reaping and Mowing Machines, and being entirely unacquainted with them, I did not wish to make a mistake for the first, but I was much disappointed.

Fire at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—A great fire took place at the Tanneries, a village about four miles beyond the western city limits, last night and raged from about midnight till after daylight. Fifty houses were burned. The loss cannot be approximated, but must be very great. No fire engines were present, but the Montreal firemen gave effective aid in tearing down buildings.

Serious Illness of Commodore Vanderbilt.

TRUY, N. Y., Aug. 18.—This evening Commodore Vanderbilt was about entering his room at Congress Hall, Saratoga, he fell into an apoplectic fit. Medical aid was summoned. It is thought the excitement of the races brought on the attack, and from appearances the Commodore lies in a very precarious condition.

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THE DISORDER AMONG CATTLE.

We regret to say that the disease which lately appeared among the cattle in the neighborhood is spreading alarmingly. Several valuable cows have died from it on farms along the Dundas road, while the cattle on almost every farm along Yonge street have been visited with it, within the past few days.

THE PRUSSIAN GENERAL VON STEINMETZ.

The Prussian General Von Steinmetz is now 97 years old. He is an old game cock, a splendid fighter, and always goes to win. These characteristics cause him not to shrink or hesitate on other fields than those of battle—for, only the other day, when a young lady, about 18 years old, an orphan daughter of a former comrade of his, wrote to him from Southern Germany for help and relief in her distressing situation, he packed up his traps, went to see the situation, came to the conclusion that the shortest and most effective way to help her was to marry her on the spot, and so he did, and took her home to his estate, and she is now in a fair way of recovery.

THE MONTREAL HERALD UNDERSTANDS THAT MR. H. J. CLARKE, Q. C., HAS BEEN APPOINTED ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR MANITOBA.

The Montreal Herald understands that Mr. H. J. Clarke, Q. C., has been appointed Attorney General for Manitoba. The German Canadians of Waterloo have held a meeting, and intend to raise funds for Fatherland.

HOBEZELLE'S GIVEN NAME IS LEOPOLD.

Hobezelle's given name is Leopold. He is a French Canadian, and was born in the Province of Quebec. He is now in the service of the Government of Ontario, and is employed as a clerk in the office of the Attorney General.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents, and only give them publicity for the information they contain.

DURHAM CHRONICLE.

THURSDAY, AUG. 25, 1870.

UPS AND DOWNS.

With the last ninety years, or, adopting the familiar language of statisticians, within the period of the last four generations, the Kingdom or Empire of France has presented a variety of phases to the narrators of events.

The Walkerston "Telescope" has an elaborate article on the text of my letter. The writer says, "A railway to Durham two or three years in advance of Walkerston will give Durham such a start as we may never be able to overcome."

THE TORONTO LEADER OF FRIDAY LAST.

The Toronto Leader of Friday last says that Toronto will not be satisfied to give its \$250,000 for a road to Arthur merely. The Directors will be startled by the demand for information to their future movements.

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MR. A. M. STEPHENS' RAILWAY LETTER.

We have been favored with an advance copy of a letter from Mr. A. M. Stephens—which will appear in the Times of this week. Mr. Stephens errs when he says the Directors of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Company have offered to build their line to Durham for a bonus of \$100,000.

THE RETURN MATCH BETWEEN THE OWEN SOUND AND DURHAM CRICKET CLUBS.

The return match between the Owen Sound and Durham Cricket Clubs will be played in Owen Sound on Friday.

"Common Barrator."

Our correspondent who complains that he has been victimized by a lawyer, should have exercised his common sense, if he has any, before venturing within the labyrinth of the law.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

DEAR SIR,—Railway matters, so far as this country is concerned, appear to be approaching a climax; and the day is certainly not far distant when a road will be located which will affect our destiny, if not through all time, at least during the life of the present generation.

However we may differ in this part of the country as to railroads, upon one question we appear all to be unanimous, that is: that the projectors and managers of the narrow gauge have forfeited all right to our confidence, either in their judgment or honesty.

THE SEAT OF WAR—DISTANCES TO CHIEF PLACES.

The following are the stations and distances on the principal German and French Railroads, which intersect the seat of the present European war.

Table with columns: Station, Distance, Direction. Includes stations like Bingerbrunn, Mannheim, and Strasbourg.

SALE OF LANDS FOR TAXES—OWEN SOUND OF GREY.

To be sold at the Court House, Owen Sound, on Tuesday, 16th day of November next, commencing at 1 p.m.

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SCHOOL MONIES.

Appropriation of Legislative grant to the Schools in the second District, County of Grey, for half year, ending June 30th, 1870.

Table with columns: Township, Amount. Lists townships like Township of Bentinck, Township of Glenside, etc., and their respective amounts.

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