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### THE EGYPTIAN WAR.

We regret to say that recent dispatches from the Soudan confirm the truth of our paragraph last week, which announced that Khartoum had been captured by the Mahdi, and General Gordon killed by a traitorous pacha.

Under date of February 12, Wolsey telegraphs from Korti as follows: After the British had completely surrounded the enemy's position, about seventy miles above Merawi, on Tuesday morning, Earle commanded the Black Watch Regiment to carry the works at the point of the bayonet. The Regiment responded gallantly. The pipers struck up and with cheers the men moved forward with a steadiness and valor which the enemy were unable to withstand, and which called forth expressions of admiration from Earle. From loopholes in the enemy's works rifle puffs shot out continuously, but the Black Watch kept bravely advancing. They scaled the difficult rocks in their path, and drove the rebels from their position at the point of the bayonet. Unhappily, Earle fell at this point as he was leading the troops to victory. Meanwhile the cavalry pushed beyond the scene of conflict and captured the enemy's camp three miles below this. The manoeuvre was accomplished before the Black Watch carried the main position. While the main attack was being conducted two companies of the Staffordshire Regiment were directed to seize a high rocky hill which Arab riflemen were stoutly defending. The British sprang boldly to work, but the enemy clung desperately to the position, and disputed the ground inch by inch. The Staffordshire men drove the enemy from the hill. This brought the battle of Eli Keliekam to a close. 600 Arabs were killed in this battle. The Rebels lay dead in heaps. The number who escaped from the field was very small.

A copy of an official document addressed to "the faithful" by the Mahdi, has been found in a deserted Arab camp near Dulka Is'and. The document states that the Prophet took Khartoum by storm on the 26th of January, that he had killed the traitor Gordon and captured his steamers. The British war office still believe Gordon to be safe at Khartoum.

### Entrance Examinations.

The high school entrance regulations have recently been revised by the education department with a view to secure increased efficiency on the part of both public and high schools. The following is a synopsis of the changes:

The subjects of examination remain as before, but the details under some of the heads have been altered. In writing, a special paper will be set of a practical nature, and marks will be assigned on most of the other papers for writing and neatness. In drawing, half the marks assigned to the subject may be awarded as the result of the examiners inspection of the candidate's drawing book. Next July the examination on history will be confined, as hitherto, to the outlines of English history. In subsequent examinations the outlines of Canadian history are prescribed, in addition to those of English history; and candidates are expected to have a general knowledge of how England, Canada and Ontario are governed. The literature selections from the Royal and Canadian series of readers as those hitherto prescribed; but new selections have been made from the old Ontario series. After December, 1885, the selections will be from the fourth book of the series of readers now being prepared by the educational department; some of which selections will be changed each half year. In reading, a general knowledge will be required of vocal expression, with special reference to emphasis, inflection and pause. The passages for each examination in this subject will be selected by the department, and the candidate will in addition be expected to satisfy the examiners that he reads intelligently as well as intelligibly. Of the marks assigned for composition, a maximum of about one-third may be awarded on the papers in history and English literature. One feature of the regulations in regard to the subjects of examination is, that full details have been given of the course to be followed by the teacher. The values of the different subjects are now as follows:—

Reading .....	50
Writing .....	50
Orthography and orthoepy.....	50
Literature.....	100
Arithmetic.....	100
Grammar.....	100
Composition.....	100
History.....	75
Drawing .....	50

As before, one-third of the maximum of the marks on each paper is also required.

As in the case of the fourth book and spelling paper for December, 1884, the value of the correct answer to the questions set on each paper will exceed the maximum prescribed above, except in writing, reading, and orthography and orthoepy; but the papers will be so constructed that

well prepared candidate may obtain the prescribed maximum within the given time. The object of the preceding regulation is to allow the departmental examiners to present a greater variety of questions, and thereby to enable the candidate to show more readily than heretofore whether he is in a condition to benefit by a high school course.—News.

### Municipal Council.

The Municipal Council of the township of Rear of Yonge and Escott met in the town hall, Farmersville, on Saturday last. All the members present. Applications from a number of persons for the offices of assessor and collector were read by the reeve. On motion, A. W. Kelley was appointed assessor at a salary of \$45, and Henry Rowson collector, at a salary of \$40. A motion was carried ordering that the names of the township officers be published in the Reporter, and that the proprietor send a copy of the paper to each person named therein, in lieu of a formal notice by the clerk.

A By-law opening up a road allowance between lots 24 and 25 in the 6th concession, was passed. A Board of Health, consisting of R. E. Cornell, I. C. Alguire and Jas. Ross, together with the reeve and Clerk, were appointed for the township. Thos. Berney and A. Kincaid were appointed commissioners to superintend the road work done on road division No. 10. The sum of \$1.50 paid as road tax by Jas. Sheldon, was, on motion, ordered to be handed to the overseer of No. 22, to be expended in that division.

The following officers were appointed:—

#### OVERSEERS OF HIGHWAYS.

P.D. No.	R.D. No.
1. Wm. J. Earle	12. Frank Pierce.
2. John Dobbs	13. James Moulton
3. James Spence	14. Niel's Hollingsworth
4. John Foster *	15. Frederick Scovill
5. Owen Heiffren	16. John K. Redmond
6. Kholer Wiltse	17. Madden Hewitt *
7. Wellington Earl	18. Munsel Brown *
8. Geo. F. Osborne *	19. Barnet Kavanagh
9. John Carss	20. Irwin Wiltse
10. George Nash	21. Benj. Livingstone
11. Almeron Robeson	22. Edw'd Keyes

FENCEVIEWERS.—John Carss, Wm. Clow, Wm. Osborn \*, George Slack, Wm. H. Moulton, Hugh S. Holmes.

POUNDKEEPERS.—Riley Smith, A. C. Brown, Jas. K. Redmond, Luis King, Wm. Clow, Wm. Finlay \*, Frank Pierce, Edward Bulford, John Chamberlain.

ROAD SURVEYORS.—Horatio N. Hawks, Thomas Moulton, Hiram Holmes.

\* Charleston P. O. \* Dickens P. O. All others Farmersville P. O.

Extract from By-law No. 807, passed Feb. 14, 1885—"That each of the said officers hereby appointed shall on or before the first day of April next after the passing of this By-law make and subscribe the necessary declaration of office."

JAS. H. BLACKBURN, Tp. Clerk.

Summarised accounts of township council and Unionville Fair Association meetings always appear in the columns of the Reporter.

### Scott Act Notes.

A meeting for the formation of an association for the better enforcement of the present license laws preparatory to the coming into force of the Scott Act in these united counties, was held in French's Hall, in Brockville on Thursday, the 12th inst. Owing to the extremely cold weather, the attendance was not so large as anticipated. The meeting was called to order by Rev. T. G. Williams, who moved that Jas. Miller, Esq., reeve of Edwardsburg, be appointed chairman and that B. Loverin act as secretary. Mr. Miller, on taking the chair, briefly explained the object of the meeting, and called upon Rev. Mr. Williams to present a draft of the rules and by-laws of the proposed organization (the draft having been ordered to be prepared at a former meeting). The rev. gentleman gave a verbal report of the steps necessary to be taken, and moved a series of resolutions, which may be summarised as follows:—

1. This association shall be known as The Leeds and Grenville Law and Order Association.
2. The officers shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
3. The members of the county organization shall consist of the presidents of the township associations.
4. That an association be formed in each and every municipality in these united counties, with officers consisting of chairman, Secretary and treasurer; the membership of which may consist of all parties favorable to a strict carrying out of the present license laws, even though not total abstainers. Members to be elected after the first meeting by ballot.
5. The funds of the township organization shall be raised by voluntary contributions, one half of which shall be paid over to the county organization to meet current expenses.
6. There shall be a consultation committee of 5 each appointed by the county and township organizations who shall with the officers have full control of all matters relating to the working of the association.

On motion of A. W. Mallory, second by Jas. Bissell, the following were named as officers of the general association:—

Pres., G. M. Cossett,.....Brockville  
Vice-Pres., Wm. Bennett, Spencerville  
Sec'y, Bethuel Loverin, Farmersville  
Treas., Geo. R. Webster,....Brockville  
Consultation Committee, John Rhodes, Heman Shepherd, John B. McIntosh, V. R. Marshall, C. H. French.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to notify all vice-presidents of the existing Scott Act organizations in the different municipalities in these united counties of the action of this meeting, and ask their cordial co-operation in forming township associations.

BETHUEL LOVERIN,  
Organizing Agent