

titled to rights of pensions and homestead entry, and to an honorable discharge. We know many of the best men in that valuable and dangerous branch of the service were Canadians. Frank Drummond, of this city, is well remembered as one of these, and who at one time was captured and held as a prisoner of war at Richmond, Va. We should like some of these veterans to give us details of their experience while on this duty.

EUROPEAN FLASHES.

Prof. Sir W. Thomson, in a recent lecture, stated that the magnetic pole is now near Boothia Felix, more than 1,000 miles west of the geographical pole.

During the six months previous to the battle of Tel-el-Kebir the receipts of the telegraph company which forwarded press despatches to London was \$290,000 more than in the half year that followed.

The lighting of the English House of Commons with Edison lamps has been so satisfactory that additional plant is required, and the Edison-Swan Company have now increased the number of lamps to 478, arranged in a considerable number of separate circuits.

Mr. L. HEDGES, C.E., read a paper before the Royal Institute of British Architects, London, recently, in which he recommended the introduction of the electric light on account of the ultimate saving in the renewal of decorations and preservation of works of art.

An installation has been made in the Bank of England of 150 high tension Swan lamps, fed from 55 Faure-Sellon Molekmar cells, which in turn are charged by a dynamo of the Victoria type constructed by the Anglo-American Brush Electric Light Corporation.

SOME extensive gunpowder works in England are now lighted by the electric light, they being the first works of the kind where this safe mode of illumination has been adopted. The works are very extensive, at least two miles in length. The dynamo is placed near the centre of the works. Very long mains were thus necessary, as each dangerous building is about two hundred yards from its neighbor.

Sir Wm. Thomson, who is so widely known through his electrical discoveries and inventions, will be the President of the Mathematical and Physical Science sections, at the meeting of the British Science Association in Montreal the coming summer. This will be his second tour, having visited this city in 1876, after the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, at which time he was one of the judges.

Mr. C. H. DEVEY, of Lucan Lodge, Queen's Road, Clapham Park, London, gave two dances the early part of last month, when the rooms were illuminated both nights by incandescent lamps. The current was supplied from 30 accumulators, which lasted for the two nights without requiring rectorizing. Miss Devey attracted much attention by wearing a small fairy lamp set in a star and fixed in her hair by a comb. The electric light allowed the complexions and dresses of the ladies and the decorations of the rooms to appear to the best advantage.

W. H. PREECE, F.R.S., M.I.C.E., the well-known electrician of the Government Postal Telegraphs of Great Britain, is to visit Montreal this year on the occasion of the British Association's annual meeting. Mr. Preece has been in Canada before, and writes to Mr. Angus Grant, Superintendent of the Great North-Western Telegraph Company here, that he looks forward to the visit with the hope of much enjoyment from it. Mr. Preece tells the following stories of the awkward blunders sometimes caused by the similarity of signals. Some friends announcing the arrival of a party of ladies "all tight," instead of "all right." In another case a lady telegraphed to her

husband concerning her sick child that "the rash is all gone," but delivering the message to read "the cash is all gone."

BOTH SIDES.

The Montreal Herald of the 24th March published the following paragraph:—

THE GREAT NORTHWESTERN.—There appears to be a great deal of dissatisfaction among the employes of the old Montreal and Dominion Telegraph Companies who remained to serve the Great Northwestern. Notwithstanding the fusion of the two companies, which reduced the working expenses, and the advance of the tariff to twenty-five cents which increased the revenue, besides other changes favorable to economical and profitable management, the Great Northwestern commenced last fall to dispense with a large body of employes, and reduced all salaries over \$50 per month ten per cent., and all under \$50 five per cent. And the cry is now for more reduction, apparently regardless of the efficiency of the service. In consequence of these changes many of the best operators have gone to the United States. As the Montreal Telegraph Company were never driven to this extremity, it is evident that opposition would improve matters for those employed in the business and give the public a better service. It will be a strange state of things if the monopoly now existing cannot afford to employ and pay as good operators as those whom it is driving out of Canada to find employment in the same line of business in the United States.

It may be noticed in this connexion that the Great Northwestern Company has not published a statement of receipts and expenses since it went into the business. How is this?

The Montreal Witness of the following day said:—"With reference to the rumored cut of wages of the Great Northwestern Company's employes, Mr. Angus Grant, superintendent, says that none of the operators have left the employ of the Company to go to New York or anywhere else, and that the staff was the same as it had been since the strike. No reduction in the salaries of either the operators or the clerks had taken place since the cut in the wages of the latter some time ago, and he hoped that none would be necessary, but if business became any worse some of them would have to be discharged."

THE Electric Light is being placed in Messrs. Booth & Perley's saw mills at Ottawa.

Mr. FRANKLIN H. SMITH, President of the Phoenix Electrical Co, is stopping at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

ELINT, Mich., has just been lit up by the Vandepoele system, giving great satisfaction to the storekeepers and the public.

THE CANADA Electric Light Company of Toronto, have had their tender of 62c. per light, for 50 lights, recommended to the City Council for acceptance.

THE VANDEPOELE Electric Light system now lights up Muscatine, Iowa, in a very satisfactory manner.

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