TEREST RECEIVED FROM THE FRONT.

a Unfortunate Incident is Reported by Our Correspondent, the Unexplained Desertion from the Ranks of Some of our St. John Boys-Other Incidents.

number of letters were received last ing from the St. John boys in the swall war. Private Minard G. Fos-

Canadians. The streets were crowded with people the day we lett just as the streets of St. John were when we left home. After a day and a night on the train, we arrived at De Aar and remained there a week. De Aar is a much larger place than Belmont. There were two regiments besides ourselves at De Aar. We have one regiment and a small mounted detachment.

Morley and I have written our letters on the top of a tea can.

Dec. 16, 1899—We are still at Belmont and it looks as if we are soing to stag here. Since we came we have been building trenches. Yesterday and last night we were on guard on the mountains in the rear of the camp, so most of the men are now asleep and the rest are writing letters, as the English mall leaves so.1. Walter Irving is still at Cape Town. W. Unkauf and F. Kirkpatrick wished to be remembered to all their friends. Remember me to all the boys.

There has also been received news that several of the troops, including some St. John boys, deserted the ranks at Cape Town. No reason is given nor are the names furnished but it is told that they were captured and given sentences of from 14 to 21 months in the gail at Cape Town with hard labor.

# CANADIAN CONTINGENTS.

### People may Send Parcels Free to their Friends.

The Elder-Dempster Steamship Company make an interesting announcement to those who have friends in service in South Africa er on their way there. The Milwaukee, which is to take the place of the Montezuma as one of Her Majesty's transports, is expected to sail from Halifax on Feb. 15th.

vaal fund committee, urged the government to increase their grant to the fund from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Messrs. James Reynolds, C. A. Everett, T. Burke and Dr. McAvenney, representing the Relief and Aid Society, asked the government not to allow any legislation transferring the fund to the city council or diverting it from its purpose. The delegation from the Exhibition

Association urged a generous grant for this year's exhibition; consideration was promised all these matters. A Mrs. Hetherington from Perth, Victoria county, asked to have her husband released from the asylum. As the medical officers declared he was insane with spicifal tendencies the asylum. As the medical officers declared he was insane with suicidal tendencies the request was refused. Dr. Pugsley presented the claim of a Kings county farmer for compensation for damages alleged to have resulted from the building of a road flooding his intervale. He was told to present it before the legislature for reference to a comfore the legislature for reference to a committee. Hon. Messrs. Tweedie, Dunn and McKeown were appointed a committee to interview the board of works regarding

### A SUSSEX BOY

water for the asylum.

Is Soldering in the Philippines-

ter, of "G" company, whose parents reside on the Scath Market wharf, writes an interesting letter from Belmont. He tells of the arrival of the Sardinian at the

## Wadding at Chatham

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# LOCAL LEGISLATURE

Will Assemble February 15-Cap tain Carpenter of R. C. I. Goes to

Fredericton, Jan. 19 .- The New Brunswick legislature will meet for the despatch of business on Thursday, February 15th. Capt. Carpenter of the R. C. I. leaves the first of February for Kingston to take a course at Kingston Military College. Major Dunbar of the Royal Rifles, Quebec, is to have command of this depot.

A serious fire broke out this morning in a shed attached to the residence of Mr. Wellington Gerow. on Saunders street. The firemen soon had the flames under control and the main house suffered little damage. A cow, horse, dog, and some hens were amothered to death by the smoke.

John Palmer of this city has donated free of charge a pair of his famous moosehead moccasins to each New Brunswick member of the second contingent. It is claimed that moccasins are the most suitable footwear for campaigning in South Africa. first of February for Kingston to take a

CHARLOTTE COUNTY COUNCIL. Motion to Dismiss the Scott Act Inspector Nearly Passes.

expected to sail from Halifax on Feb. 15th. Between now and the first week in Feb. the Elder-Dempster Co. will be glad to receive at their offices in Sacrament street, Montreal, donations of books, magazines or games for the use of the men during the voyage. They are also willing to receive small parcels for Canadians on aervice in South Africa or new on their way. All these will be carried to Halifax and on to Cape Tewn free of charge.

Government Meeting.

At a meeting of the government held here yesterday morning Mayor Sears, Cols. McLean and Jones and Mr. George Robertson, M. P. P., a committee from the Transval fund committee, urged the government to increase their grant to the fund from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Messrs. James Reynolds, C. A. Everett, T. Burke and Dr. McAven-

# A BAIL PLAYER'S CRIME.

DEED.

Kuls Wife and Two Children with Tragedy Dire vered by the Father of the Murderer—Was one

Tagedy Dire vered by the exhibit of fishing tackle to the Paris exposition. One rod is valued at \$2,999.

The silver handle of this rod is engayed of the best known Ball Players.

North Brookfield, Mass., Jan. 18—
Martin Bergen, one of the best known ball players in the country, and one of the Boston club's catchers last season, killed his wife and two children with an axe, and then cut his own throat with a razor, at his home in North Brookfield this morning. The borrible discovery was

# THE SMALL-POX SITUATION.

No New Cases at Campbellton-Au horities Active.

Campbellton, Jan. 19.—All the small-pox ases so far discovered in town have been removed to the hospital, also one patient from Bordeau, across the river on the Quebec side. No new cases have broken out so far. All houses where these cases were discovered have been quarantined and the board of health are hard at work to avoid the spreading of the disease.

Dr. Beaudry, inspector of the Provincial Board of Health from Montreal, and Dr. Coulthard, of Fredericton, were here today conferring with the local board. They are to have another meeting tonight.

Mr. Alex. McDermott. son of Alex. McDermott, stone of Alex. M Moncton, Jan. 19—No new small pot cases have been reported here, but the board of health and I. C. R. author the case this series of the control of the cont

seen by the board of health and promised financial assistance. Compulsory vaccination has been ordered and districts within the city have been assigned to doctors. The health authorities are trying to secure isolated houses for small per patients.

# LIKE OLD FLIES BEST.

the old standard flies, first patterned in age. He was taken ill with pneumonic the old standard mes, nrst patterned in England over 100 years ago, are still regarded with favor by sportsmen. Makers are turning out new flies every day and adding to the list kept by sporting goods houses, but expert fishermen find that some of the old patterns cannot be im-

proved upon. The coachman, grizzly king, provessor, brown hackle and black gnat flies are over 100 years old and still hold

the fisherman's affections.

Another thing noticeable is the differ-BOS PON'S BERGEN COMMITS ence in the fishing rods. Years ago a man occurre that the signature would whip a stream with a rod weighing from nine to twelve ounces. The rods of the present day run from two to five ounces in weight. The rods are now built on different lines and are shorter. A good serviceable five-ounce rod is about nine feet long. Almost everything used an axe and Cuts his own Throat more scientific principles.

with fishing scenes, and mounted with topaz and other stones.—[New York Mail

Samer, Jan. 19.—The annual needing of the set of the Kings (county) Musical County Musical County of the Kings (county) Musical County Musical County of the Kings (county) Musical County Musical County of the Kings (county) Musical C

stove and paper placed in position for of Mr. James G. Miller, of the Miller lighting, but the kindling had not been foundry, son of Mr. James Miller, which put in. The beds in the house bore evidence of houses been cloth in left with the control of the morning about 10 o'clock.

church and the interment will be in the cemetery at North Brookfield.

Mrs. Bergen, the murdered woman, was all years of age, and as Miss Harriet Gaines, of Pittsfield, married Bergen about seven years ago.

Martin Bergen at times had been subject to fits of melancholia. This was noticeably the case last October when he showed signs of insanity and Father Lottier was called to see him. His mother is not living but his father, four sisters and a brother, all living in western Massachuman a brother at living but his father, four sisters and a brother, all living in western Massachuman a brother at living but his father, four sisters and a brother, all living in western Massachuman a brother at living but his father, four sisters and a brother, all living in western Massachuman a brother at living but his father, four sisters and a brother, all living in western Massachuman a brother a broth when the fatal rock was struck. As yet no bodies have been recovered.

# Married Abroad.

At Boston, on January 12th, Dr. Percy De Mille McLeod, of Boston, formerly of Penobsquis, N. B., was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lois Hyde, of Mohawk, N. Y. The wedding was a very brilliant

TON.

board of health and I. C. R author 1.52 are taking all possible measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Premier Emmerson and other members of the local government who passed through to Halifax this afternoon were seen by the board of health and promised.

YARMOUTH MAN'S DEATH.

More Than a Thousand Made for An-Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 19.—Rufus glers—A Costly Rod for Paris Fair. Churchill, one of our oldest and best Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 19.-Rufus known citizens, died this morning at his residence, Milton, in the 81st year of his about a week ago, and did not rally. His

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# ST. JOHN, N. B.

### Shipwrecked Orew Home. The crew of the schooner Nellie J. Crocker, which went ashore on Schoodie Island near Bar Harbor, on Thursday morning last,

arrived in the city Sunday and have a Grace Fraser, eldest daughter of the late James Fraser, manager of the Hudson Bay Zo.'ss tore at Yale, were joined in wedlock at Vancouver, B. C., on the 10th inst.

Mr. Henry A. Hines. of St. George, and Miss Ansona Galbraith, of Pisarinco. were married at Pisarinco by the Rev. Andrew Boyd, on January 17th.

MOUNTED POLICE, COWBOYS AND MILITIA PASS THROUGH MONCTON.

TON.

The Crocker's crew were made up of Capt. William Henderson, of Adelaide street, mate Warren Whelpley, of Simond street, Albert Henderson, brother of the captain, and three men from Pisarinco. All were saved, but the schooner they say will were saved, but the schooner they say will be a total loss. The Nellie J. Crocker was owned by John E. Moore, and sailed from

SMALL POX AT JACQUET RIVER.

Moncton, Jan. 21.-Dr. Coulthard, secre tary of the provincial board of health, was here yesterday, conferring with the local authorities regarding the small pox situation and urged stringent measures in preventing the spread of the disease. So far only one mild case exists. Train men

# Pictou Advocate Burned

Pictou, N. S., Jan. 21.—The Advocate office at Pictou and contents was totally consumed by fire today. Loss, \$6,000; 'insur-Rotton Section Sec

# Clifton Farmers' Annual Supper

Clifton, Jan. 18.—The farmers of Clifton, Kings county, held their annual supper last evening. Before 6 o'clock almost 300 people had assembled. Tables were spread to accommodate almost 100 persons at a time. The ladies deserve great credit for the successful result of the aunual function.

Tea was served from 6 to half-past 8.

Mr. Lammery, of Hampton, president of the society, then took the chair. Mr. Wetmore, the secretary, made a statement for the consideration of the society and outlined the policy for the ensuing year. The audience was then entertained to a recitation by Miss Wetmore, "England's Flag."

The chairman then introduced Mr. J. M. S. Tompkins, a member of the New Brunswick Farmers' Institute staff, who spoke on the need of business principles in the farmer's avocation—applying them to treatment of soil, selection of seeds, preparing products for market, and especially in producing eggs and poultry for our home markets.

in producing eggs and poultry for our home markets.

The speaker was listened to very attentively. He expressed his regrets that the Commissioner of Agriculture was not able to be present. He urged the farmers to use the Department of Agriculture. The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

AUSTRIAN MINISTRY RESIGNS. Vienna, Jan. 19.—Emperor Francis Joseph today accepted the resignation of the ministry of Dr. H. VonWittek, which succeeded the cabinet of Count Hanfred Clary, last month, and has entrusted to Dr. VonKoerber, who was minister of the interior in the Clary administration, the task of forming a new ministry.