TIA NEWS

N. S., July 15.-Mr. is visiting his . Rand of Canning. rch at Canning reon a strawberry

rup of Canning is her mother. Mrs

of Peraux, who has health for some tack of bleeding at rday morning. He and feeling better, ride on his bicycle. port, where he had hemorrhage, from n after. He leaves ed an insurance of He was an estimand his death is

cLatchy and Avora have gone to the ple's Union conven-

tel keeper at Parrsvcle, ran over Mrs. Peraux. recently. severe and it was she could be taken aux. She will pro-

for life. omidon has a large ies this year. He filled with crates of last Monday. He \$400 worth. The is over in other

Woodside and Fred re having fine large are plentiful. Sal-

14c. per hundred. VN. N. S., July 13. and family arrived on Monday evening red members and hodist church connperance hall to Rev. J. H. Toole and Mr. Atsbury. Owing ess of Mrs. Toole, iends at Wolfville, was unable to be

ds, who has been ne months past, turday evening and cal condition. ur hundred pounds ed at the creamery

ning passed very

has a very fine field e stalks being six ds seven inches yielded 21 stalks. Campbell v. Campbell supreme court today. Veymouth died, leaving 'eymouth died, leaving \$153,187.65. An action the deceased's Campbell, against her ell, the executor of his plaintiff's claim is for that the decree of the g the defendant's ac-

Margaree was found night, was heard com-2 o'clock. About 5 he was found dead at castle steps. The de-ve years of age and th his brother) of the h. Medical Examiner te of death from an

20.—There is great regarding the fuo. Hall the hall otia is with that Half the fish tia ships over one th of fish annu-West Indies, Should ge that would dis-Canadian fish, that ieve a severe blow. connection, Captain British brig Leo, terday from Porto ter today that the ative population of ntirely in favor of and against Spain. port is San Juan, in three thousand re on the island. uised around the end and had exes for observing people. He beres will at once e Americans, and of the island will much fighting. tiful and everyd peaceful on the sailed. The food tiful that some of ere growling that

n, barrister, and sister of Mayor ied this morning. were present and lat Breathed O'er will be the scene

a French fishing oundland banks very thick and unable to make Frenchman. He was not very but soon losing he cannot speak

lackettt of the C. Gov. Daly, Arch-Mayor Stephe ddressed a meets of the several morrow he will it House, and in on an excuren by the local lifax Mr. Hackett h, and thence di-ving this city on

the season closed ere tonight, the ret Anglin's first large and fashwed their appront company. Press edict a great fu-lan giri. The perunder

HIT, NOT HARMED.

Was British Corporal Laurie in Storm of Bullets.

Bayonet Twisted, Rifle Splintered, His Cloth ing Cut and Toe of of His Shoe Torn Off at Atbara, but They "Never Touched Him."

The proverb that every bullet has its billet is very wide of the mark if the bullet in question is the anatomy of a soldier. The vagaries of a rifle bullet have been described again and again. No story told by camp prevaricator of strange wounds received on battlefields, however, ever equalled a true report of a soldier's escape from death by numerous bullets that were aimed at him in the recent great fight between the British forces in Egypt

and the soldiers of the desert. To have the bayonet on the rifle a soldier is carrying bent by a bullet, the butt of the same rifle splintered by another bullet, the toe of the shoe shot off by a third ball, and the man's clothing almost torn off by others is a chapter of lucky accidents that reads like on extract from the thrilling adventure of those dime novel heroe who kill off their enemies by wholesale and never receive a scratch themselves. The story is perfectly true, however, and the hero of it is at present the most talked-of man in the British army, as well he may be. Here is his signal statement of the marvelous escape from death or even injury while bullets rained upon him at the recent battle of Atbara, when the British won such a signal victory,

"I suppose I have been reported as slightly wounded, and pictured as an interesting invalid. Well, I was struck, but the effect was so small that I have With One Foot on Chair and One Foot often been worse hurt in a football match. But during the rest of the day and some days afterwards I have been an object of interest and have been questioned by almost every officer and man in the battalion, referred to as the 'bullet-proof' man and asked if I would mind letting a section fire a few rounds at me to see if they could do me any harm. The fact is that I got most of the corners of my clothing shot off, while personally was unin-

"Refore I entered the zareba I was not struck, but shortly afterwards a bullet took off the toe of my left shoe without hitting my foot, the shoe being a size too big, for easy marching and sleeping at night. Then my bayonet was struck and bent over at a right angle. Then a shot went through my sleeve, near my left wrist, tearing two holes, but not hurting myself. Then my rifle was struck while I was loading, the bullet splintering the butt and being stopped by an iron bolt which it met. The bullet would certainly have gone into my body but for my rifle being there. Then a nigger in a trench let drive at me with a spear, missed my ribs by an inch and slit up my haversack. A bullet then grazed the back of my hand just enough to make

When I reached the river bank, which was nearly perpendicular, a shot came from the bottom, about twenty feet below, and a little to the left, which caused the wound I was supposed to have got, and was so curious that I was paraded before the general. It entered through the lid of my right ammunition boxpouch, which was open, went into my right coat pocket, smashing a penknife and two pencils, tore four holes in my shirt, made a surface wound two or three inches long on my left breast, and came out near my left shoulder through my coat and ammunition

pouch braces. "In the afternoon I strolled over to the field hospital and got a piece of dressing on, and it has never troubled me at all: in fact, it was a farce to put it as a wound, and was done without my knowledge by the color sergeant. So you see I've really been, as I'm told by everybody, wonderfully ducky in getting off as I have done, while other poor chaps were given no chances."
"CORPORAL LAURIE,

Seaforth Highlanders. EIGHT YEARS' CONTRACT.

Gigantic Undertaking by London Engineers One of the largest undertakings in South America since the Panama Canal dissected the Isthmus is the Mexican Canal, which has just been completed by the engineering firm of Sir Weetman Pearson & Sons of London.

The project has found employment for several thousand workmen daily during the past eight years, and it is estimated that the expenditure exceeds \$20,000,000 since the contract was allotted to the English firm.

The earliest inception of the Mexican Canal is traced by Aztec records to a period which is antecedent by half a century to the discovery of America in 1492 by Christopher Columbus. Lack of pecuniary resources has rendered abortive the previous attempts, and it has remained for the ingenuity of Englishment to evolve success out of the difficulties of the enterprise.

Mr. Colls, who has been controlling the

men to evolve success out of the difficulties of the enterprise.

Mr. Colls, who has been controlling the work as chief engineer, was seen by a Dally Mail representative. "The canal," he explained, "starts from the San Lazaro station on the Hidalgo rallway, and encircles the east of the Guadalupe Mountains, flowing through Lake Texcoco into a tunnel six and a half miles long, from which it drains into the Mexican Guif. The entire length is about forty miles, and it drains the whole Valley of Mexico. It will be of great commercial value to the Valley of Mexico, and tend to make it even more healthy than it is at present.

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"We had over 3,000 natives on the excavations, the remainder being Americans and English. The canal is 70 feet deep, and we had to build five aqueducts for the tivers in the valley, four iron railway bridges, and fourteen vehicular bridges."

"How was the work carried out?

"Well, we used five long-shoot bucket-dredgers with an excavating capacity of 18,000 metres of sand and rock a week each, and for the canal, dug out 21,000,000 metres. Before the canal was established the lakes in the valley were always flooding the city, but I think we have remedied that misfortune.

"The country is very quiet now and unaffected by the rebellions in Central or South America. In fact, life is as secure in Mexico "The country is very quiet new and unaffected by the rebellions in Central or South America. In fact, life is as secure in Mexico as it is in any other locality in South America. The people are hospitable by instinct, and during the past five years the progress has been very rapid. The financial condition has incalculably improved, and it is hoped that the drainage system of the canal will offer better agricultural facilities then have hitherto existed.

"The inaugural ceremonies." added Mr. Colls, "when the canal was handed over to the representatives of President Diaz, occurred just before we left Mexico."

Arcther of the works which the firm is engaged upon in this region is the construction of a suitable harbor at Vera Crvz.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

Folks shuck their heads an' whispered' re
In rather a sneerin' way,
That I was crazy, when they found
Me goin' to marry Tommy Gray.
They hinted that I'd beat be dead
Than hitched for life to such as he,
But I jes' let 'em talk an' said
They didn't know him well as me, Extensive Repairs to be Made to the Alms House. Fur though he might be wild at times, He never did no ser'us crimes. When I declined young Silas Pope, Who slung at me his ranch and herd, An' put the rowels to his rope, Without a super-flu-ous word, An' offered Tom encouragement—A cowboy workin' for his hire—The noighbors 'round us nearly went In spasms, an' they used to tire Me half to death a-sayin' I Would take a tumble by an' by.

A RANCH GIRL'S CHOICE.

An' pa an' ma, both of 'em roared Like Texas bulls, they got so wild, An' said they wisht the blessed Lord Had tuk me when I was a child. They saif if I would marry Si "I'd make big folks of all of us, But as fur Tom, they knowed 'at I Would find he was a worthless cuss. I told 'em plain as A B C My heart was doin' it, not me.

An' all the same I married Tom,

An' sometimes when I set an' pee
At that fat beby lyin' there, \
Curled in its little crib asleep,
Resemblin' Tom right to a hair,
An' hear its pa in the corral
A-singin' tunes in his delight,
An' whis'lin' dancin' music—well,
I think I hit it mighty right,
An' as fur Si, I shed no tears—

He's gone to jail for stealin' steers.

—From the Denver Post

TO HER MAJESTY THE OUEEN.

British and American Officers Drank

Her Health in Wine.

Table Each Drank the Toast, Then

Dashed His Glasst Atoms.

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer, July 6.)

"Gentlemen, the health of her gra-

The banqueters rose from their

seats at the wine-laden board and

filled their goblets to the brim. Cau-

tiously they placed each his left foot

on the chair, mounted and planted

Hon. Lieut. Col. Prior, commander

Fifth regiment, Canadian artillery,

raised the wine to his lips. They

Thirty-five crystal goblets lay in

trembling, glittering fragments on the

floor, and the walls were stained with

wine. Never would toast be drunk

from them again. Lips had touched

them in honor to the Queen. It was

So did the British officers and the

diers, led by Hon. Lieut. Col. Prior,

marched into the square from Yesler

way, four abreast, they were halted

in platoons. Col. Prior ordered them

to remove their helmets. They stood

bare-headed in the brilliantly illum-

inated square, the flags brilliantly

waving around, above them, on all

sides, and the bright electric lights

and gave three full-throated

cheers and a tiger for "Seattle and our American cousins." Then they

At the close of the parade, as the

children were being lifted down from

the car, a vig, black-whiskered man,

who said he was an old Alaskan mi-

Lieut, Needham and Lieut, Boyd of-

instead of returning to Victoria on the

brought them out to the ship, where

he and his officers gave them royal en-

tertainment. The Perry steamed over

to the government dry docks at Port

pent in showing the guests around.

anniversary of the signing of the De-

incident whose significance is felt throughout the world, is strikingly

evidenced by the fact that several

streets of an American city by the in-

tional events, is recognized, not only in the east, but throughout the civil-

Children Cry for

CASTORIA

marched on to the wharf.

brough it from Alaska."

grittering on their military trappings.

"Gentlemen, the health of her

clous majesty, the Queen!"

the right boot on the table.

cious majesty, the Queen !"

Crash! Crash!

drank

An' all the same I married Tom,
An' you jest ort to seed 'em stare
To see him settle down an' come
Right to the front, an' every care
I ever had jes' oozed away
Tike smoke before the prairie breeze,
An' we're as happy as the day
Is long, an' also, if you please,
There ain't a neighbor, left or right.
But thinks my Tom is out o' sight.

And a New and Modernized System of Heating the Building to be introduced.

Report of the Finance and Accounts Com mittee-A Word About Good Roads-Thos McPherson Appointed Keeper of the Morgue.

The regular July meeting of the municipal council was held at the court house on the 19th instant. The warden, Coun. Joseph Lee of Simonds, was in the chair, and there were in attendance:

City of St. John-Couns. Sears, Maxwell, Stackhouse, Hamm, Smith, Purdy, Robinson, Waring, McArthur, Lancaster-Couns, Barnhill, Cather-wood and Lowell. onds-Couns. McLeod and Hor-

St. Martins-Couns, Carson, Ruddock and Mosher. Musquash-Couns. Dean and Rose. After the confirmation of the min rtes of the last meeting the recorder called for the reports of committees. The committee on finances and ac-

counts reported as follows. The committee on finance and accounts beg leave to report as follows:

They recommend that the following accounts be paid, such payment to be made out of the contingent fund, except as otherwise directed.

directed:
1, (1) To the sheriff for use of the jail.\$500 00
(2) The county secretary, half care of offices to July 1st, \$3; postage stamps, \$5; half cost of telephone half year to Dec. 1, 1898, \$3.75... 16 75

\$1.50
To J. & A. McMillan, stationary, secretary's office, 75c.; do., registrar probates office, \$20.55; do., J. B. Jones, regist. births, \$9.65.
To Jas. McDade, tin box for country accounts

county accounts
(11) To Barnes & Co., stationery and forms for auditor
(12) To I. E. Smith, candles for Court House 3 60

II. The committee further recommend that the treasurer be requested to keep a letter-book, toples of all official letters and post cards sent out of his office to be entered therein.

So did the British officers and the American officers and citizens at that never-to-be-forgotten Fourth of July banquet two days ago. And so did they also in honor of his excellency, the president of the United States.

It was a royal toast, and they were royal hosts and guests that gave it. They say it is a custom.

Those who witnessed the departure of the British artillerymen on Monday night will never forget the scene in Pioneer square. As the 320 soldiers, led by Hon. Lieut. Col. Prior.

unsold;
And whereas, the fire wards of fire district
No. 1 in seed parish of Lancaster have purchased a steam fire engine for said district, it is desirable that a debenture to the amount of \$500 be issued by the council to pay for Your committee therefore recommend that a debenture to the said amount of \$500 be issued for the purpose mentioned and in and under the authority of said act.

The report was adopted, and Couns. Millidge, McArthur and Lowell were appointed the committee on the Lancaster assessment matter.

The following report was then read:

"The special committee appointed in re alms house and work house Little Miss Bessie Snyder rode in the Liberty car to represent Alaska. matters beg leave to submit a partial report, and request that further time be granted them to prepare and submit a final report

"The committee proceeded to the ner, stepped up and dropped a shin- alms house, and after making a careing nugget in the little miss's lap. ful and thorough examination of the premises, recommend that the re-pairs and improvements mentioned "Take this, little girl," he said. "I and set forth in the report of the architect, which said report is hereto annexed , be made. That tenders for ficers of the Fifth regiment, Canadian artillery, spent yesterday in the city, heating by steam and hot water be called for, and after the receipt of such tenders it may be decided which night of the fourth. During the aftermode of heating may be adopted. noon Capt. Kilgore, commander U. S. S. Perry, sent his gig ashore and

"The committee recommend that all work be done by tender. "The committee further recommend that they be granted power to act in the matter of such repairs."

The letter from the architect, R. C.

Orchard, where an hour or more was John Dunn, was as follows: "Having at a former date examined the buildings, I beg leave to submit to your committee the following report of the requirements which I should consider necessary to put these That the coming of the British soldiers to Seattle to participate in the elebration of the Fourth of July-the in proper repair and condition. These laration of Independence—was not buildings, as you are aware, are now merely a local or a state event, but an partly heated by hot air and partly by stoves. The hot air furnaces and pipes now in the build-ings are practically worn out, and I would also consider them dangerous evilenced by the fact that several large Eastern newspapers, such as the New York Herald and others of the same class, have telegraphed to the special correspondents in Seattle for full news stories of the event. It is a in an institution like the alms house In regard to the stoves, I would consider them dangerous too where there are so many people in really a helpless condition. In all other institutions of a similar character the stoves remarkably unusual thing for a news-paper to send for the story of a Fourth of July parade and celebration which take place 3,000 miles from the place of its publication. But this was only have been removed, and in most cases a system of hot water has taken the place of stoves and hot ain I would, the second time in the history of the therefore, suggest that a system of hot water or steam heating be placed United States when armed military of a foreign power marched through the in the building instead of stoves and hot air. The wooden partitions in the basement near the furnace should be vitation of the one power and full acremoved and replaced with brick par-titions, as they are now in a decayed ally at this critical stage of internacondition. There should be no wooden partitions in the basement, as they have become decayed and are a resort for vermin of all kinds. The floor in the basement of the west wing, also the floor in the basement of main also the floor in the basement of main building, want to be taken up and

does not require to be done. A reserve brick tank or cistern is required in the basement and dining room wing, floors are worn out, also in all the four stories. The three upper stories will require new top floors at some future time, and those in the basement new floors and new joints. ment new floors and new joists. The space between the floors and the ground should be properly ventilated. For the before mentioned floors I would recommend hardwood, birch or maple. The chapel requires to have its celling repaired, and the entire building should have a properly planned effective system of ventila on. The slate roof of the main building requires repairing and patching. The stone capping on the chim-rey of the main building wards to be removed and reset. All the chimneys on the roof of the wash room require to be taken down and rebuilt in cement. The mastic on parts of the walls of the old buildings have fallen off, and would require to have joints cleaned out and new mastic put on The joints of the brick on the south and west walls of this building need pointing with cement and bad brick cut out and replaced with new, and should receive three coats of paint in lieu of mastic. The workshops over the wash room and under the school room appears to be in rather a dangerous condition in case of fire, ind I would beg leave to draw your tention to this."

Mr. Dunn wound up by stating "the stimate of cost of work included in

the accompanying report would be about \$9,000 or \$10,000." Coun. Sears said the principal excense in connection with the repairs of the Alms House would be the introduction of the new heating system which it was estimated would cost be tween \$1,800 and \$2,000. The asphalt floor in the basement was much needed. While the floors in the upper part of the building might last for a year or two, they would then have to enewed. He moved that the report be adopted. If the council desired the committee to go on with the repairs ctually needed they would do so. Deentures would have to be issued. Ald. McArthur, Tufts and Robinso bjected to the adoption of the report s it read. It was too indefinite. The last named gentleman advocated calling for tenders. Then the council

would have a good idea of the expense of the work. Ald. Stockhouse agreed with these gentlemen. Ald. Maxwell stated that he had

ooked carefully over the institution. The basement floors should be asphalted. One or two brick partitions should be put in if the new heating system were introduced. The repairs to the roof and chimneys, the pointing and painting would not cost much. He did not think the whole cost would exceed \$4,000, including the cost of putting in the new heating system. After some explanations the report

Coun. Lowell, who was sent to the neeting of the Good Roads Association at Fredericton, made a verbal report. The result was that it was determined to make an effort to get associations throughout the province, ter roads.

The Alms House repairs matter was again brought up.

Coun. Tufts moved that the amount to be expended should not exceed \$5,-000.

This was seconded by Coun. McArthur and supported by Coun. Lowell. The motion was lost, the vote standing 10 to 11. It was ordered that Constable Mc-Pherson be raid \$1.50 for attendance

at the meeting Henry T. Colpitts was appointed a surveyor of lumber for St. Martins. Thos. McPherson was appointed narshal of the council and keeper of the dead house, The council then adjourned.

Dr. Chase's Cures Catarrh After Op-erations Fail.

Toronto, March 18th, 1897.

My boy, aged fourteen, has been a sufferer from Catarrh, and lately we submitted him to an operation at the General Hospital. Since then we have resorted to Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, and one box of this medicine has made a prompt and complete cure. H. G. FORD,

Foreman Cowan Ave. Fire Hall. DOOLIN AND THE "THUNDER-BOLT.

How a "Wake" Caused an Engineer a Terrible Fright.

(Harper's Magazine.) P. Doolin was a track-walker on the Erie railroad. He attended a wake one day shortly before it was time for him to go on duty, with the lamentable result that early in the evening he seemed ambitious to walk n both siles of the track at once.

The "Thunderbolt" express was due to pass the Haskell road at 8.45. At that time Doolin reached the road, but the train did not appear. She was still invisible at 9, and Doolin began to worry about her in a maudlin way. When she was twenty minutes late he could control his anxiety no longer, and began walking the track towards her as fast as he could in his un-steady condition.

The "Thunderbolt" meantime was

flying along at unusual speed. She had been delayed by a trifling wreck and the engineer was making up lost time. Suddenly a lantern whirled like a glant pinwheel in the gloom far down the track. The engineer's face whitened; the brakes ground into the complaining wheels; the engine rock-ed and trembled; passengers lurched ed and trembled; passengers lurched in their seats, and with hiss of air and steam the "Thunderbolt" stopped. Dropping from his cab the trembling engineer ran up to where P. Doolin stood. "What-what's the matter?" he

"Ye're late," said Doolin. "Fwhat





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The Conservatives Made a Wise Choice When They Nominated Dr. McDonald as One of Their Candidates.

SHANNON, Queens Co., July 18 .-To a majority of the readers of this journal no doubt the name and location of this place is most familiar. The name is taken from its first settler, John Shannon, one of the pioneers from the north of Ireland, who came out here about ninety years ago and took up a crown grant in what was then a dense wilderness. He established himself on the highest hill in the place and there made hi home for many years, giving as a egacy to past and coming generations his name to what is now a prosperous and thriving farming district Captain Shannon of the woodboat remplar, one of the preprietors of this craft, which plies between St. John and Fredericton, is a grandson of the first settler of Shannon settlement. The situation is in the lower part of Wickham parish, in the county of Queens, near the mouth of the Washademoak, not unpicturesque, upon lands broken by hills and deep valleys, but withal fertile lands plowing meadows.

The settlement is the chief centre of

a large surrounding country for trade, politics and religion. The postmaster keeps a thriving country store, which supplies the needs and many of the luxuries of the inhabitants. Near the same corner is a neat Free Baptist church and a commodious public hall-A few years ago a court of Foresters, known as Wickham court, was established here. Yesterday the members of the court made their first public church parade. They marched from the hall to the church led by Rev. Geo. W. Foster, himself a mem-ber of the order, with I. W. Carpenter, M. P. P., chief ranger, in charge of the brethren. Seats in the centre of the church had been reserved, and as the procession entered they were welwith Onward Christian Soldier by the very efficient choir. As the order was seated it so happened that Mr. Carpenter, M. P. P. for the county, and Dr. M. H. McDonald, one of the candidates nominated by the conservative convention at Gagetown last week, were seated side by side. It is scarcely known here yet by the people that their popular doctor is about to enter the political arena. Mr. Carpenter has not enjoyed the luxury of a contested election, but if Mr. Mc-Donald is a candidate at the next dection Mr. Carpenter will have to hustle for votes in Wickham and Hampstead. The opinion is a unit here that the conservatives made a wise selection when they named Dr. McDonald as one of their candidates for the coming election. He is personally known all over the lower part of the county, and has a reputation for honor and ability extending beyond the limits of Queens and with Mr. Wood should put up a winning

fight when the time to count votes ar-This letter, however, was not in tended for a political one, but writing from what is a centre one cannot refrain from a slight reference to what is occupying the attention of the people with whom he associates. But to return to the church. It was crowded to its utmost capacity by a large audience which overflowed into the dooryard and highway. Rev. Mr. Foster began his sermon by stating the three leading principles of the order-liberty, benevolence and con-cord, and took for his subject the revaris of benevolence, and in a very clever and impressive address explained his subject in a simple but eloquent and forceful manner. This was one of the events of this place for the season, but perhaps enough has been said for this time.

SMOKE PROTECTION AGAINST FROST.

The following letter from T. M. Richards of Boca Ratone, Fla., to James E. Ingraham, land commission er of the Florida East Coast railway will prove of interest to fruit growers: Referring to our conversation con-cerning protection against frost for vegetables and pineapples, I would suggest the plan commonly in use, and very successfully so, in parts of Carolina and Virginia, as follows: In the fall, some weeks before danger of cold, one should procure a supply of pine sawdust from the mills. Around each field of not more than four each field of not more than four acres area (and two acres is better) the sawdust should be deposited in conical piles, fifty feet apart, and two bushels of sawdust in each heap. These heaps should be placed all the way around each lot, as the wind may shift to any quarter. When the thermometer shows danger of frost, at three o'clock in the morning let men take cans of common kerosene and go to each alternate heap, make a little opening in the top of the heap, pour in one or two tablespoonfuls of kerosene, and set it on fire. It will not blaze much, but by giving a little time for the oil to spread before firing, the sawdust will smoulder and burn slowly until it is all consumed, all the while smoking forth volumes of thick smoke, which will protect the plants from the direct rays of the sun, and

prevent them from scalding unitariost is slowly drawn out. Last winter's freeze in many instances demonstrated that the sum was responsible for the damage in nearly every case. Wherever there was shade through the forenoon no plants were injured. This is also the case among the orange groves in the interior. This plan has proved extremely successful where tried."Jacksonville (Fla.) Times-Union.

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

The Victoria Cross awards in con-nection with the Indian frontier opertion was instituted forty-two years ago, so many privates have not, with one exception, had it conferred upon them as on the present occasion. The exception was in 1879, when for Rorke's Drift half a dozen of the late Colone Chard's men were decorated. Of the 136 military recipients now alive. 17 are or were privates, two were drummers, one a trumpet-major, and one (Findlater) a piper. Of the 16 V. C.'s held by naval men and marines, five have gone to seamen, and, the most recent of these was obtained for service in Japan 34 years ago. Since that time only two crosses have been awar-ded to the royal navy, one to Gunner Hurding in 1882 for picking up a live shell which one of the guns in the forts at Alexandria had dropped on board the vessel in which he was serving, the other to Captain Wilson in 1884, for entering into single combat with the enemy at El Teb, and so saving the corner of the square attacked until help arrived. For the New Zealand campaign, 1863-6, the same number of V. C.'s were awarded as for Tirah. One of these was given to a drummer. The other drummer mentioned received his for Abyssinia in 1868. The trumpet-major (referred to) having received his V. C. for the Indian Mu-tiny, Findlater is the first musical recipinet of the decoration for the past thirty years, and the very first to pipe his way to it and the £10 pension at-tached. The pension of course, is only awarded to the lower ranks, and act by which the V. C. was gained, and not from the time when it is formally announced.

On July 12th the United States patent office has issued 410 patents, 3 design patents, 17 trade marks, 2 labels and 1 re-issue. Out of this number 395 were granted to citizent England, and 7 to Canadian inventors, as follows:

607,337-John R. Brown, Harrison Hot Springs, Can., rock drill. 607,165-Francis J. Freese, Montreal, Can., sole cutting machine.
607,395-William E. Hunt, Montreal,

bicycle support. 607,122—William H. Murray, Tavistock, Can, combined door holder and

607.266-James F. Nellson, New Westminster, Can., can end crimping ma-

607,070-Addison, Norman and al, Tor onto, Can., electric cable for driving 29,013—George H. Fensom, Toronto, badge (design).

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