

IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle on Top of Spion-Kop.

After Visiting Majuba Hill, Laing's Nek, Mount Prospect and Other Places.

Keeping the Graves of the Fallen British Green—A Battle that the British Won, But Did Not Know It—Review of the Great Struggle.

TOP OF SPION KOP, March 27, 1903.

My Dear M. P. T.—We arrived here yesterday after visiting Majuba Hill, Laing's Nek, Mount Prospect and other places. These make another story. Just now, the view is 4,800 feet above the sea. The view is grandeur supreme. Ranges of mountains stand on all sides. The view is grandeur supreme. Ranges of mountains stand on all sides.

It seems one of those inexplicable misfortunes of the world. We were taken off to the northeast towards the historic Van Keenan's Pass, feeling that they were defeated. The besieged on the mountain could see them go and marvel of wonder. We also saw Buller's army was retreating in a southerly direction. Each army was fighting for its own life and it was too misty to telegraph any news.

Off to our left were two high kopjes, one occupied by British, and at the far end of the other were the Boers. In the middle of the two kopjes was a narrow path which was the battle line of the two kopjes. The Boers were following up and down around the thumb and fingers of one's hand. We attempted to sketch it on paper.

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U. S. WEST INVADING CANADA.

Rush of Colonists Greater This Spring Than Last.

Numbers of Farmers Attracted by the Canadian Government's Offers—Cause of the Rush to the Northwest—May Split the Dominion Some Year, Some Think.

(New York Sun.) LINCOLN, Neb., April 24.—The rush of colonists to Canada which started last year is larger than ever this spring. Railroad and immigration agents say that nothing like it has been seen since the days following the civil war, when the great West was peopled almost in a night by the great waves of immigration from the East.

Land is cheap in Assiniboia, Alberta and the Saskatchewan country. Up there the government has not yet made it known that it has to do with, and has some broadcast through the West literature, illustrated and unillustrated, which is being widely distributed.

Many holders of mortgages, both in the West and East, were compelled to take up land in the West. They were now very glad they did so. The men who lost their farms are now heading for Canada.

Alluring tales are told by the immigration agents of the broad farms waiting for settlers, and at prices even less than in the United States. Much of this energy of colonization has its initiative in the Canadian government, which has been ever since the time of the Northwest.

Very sincerely yours, W. E. EARLE.

OLDEST MEMBER OF N. B. LEGISLATURE.

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Mr. Johnson early took an interest in military affairs, and entering the forces as a private, worked his way up through the various grades to the command of a battalion and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1872. Mr. Johnson has been a justice of the peace since 1888, and in every way has taken an active interest in public affairs, and has proved an energetic and useful citizen.

IRON.

"Joel," said Mr. Chugwater, looking up from her paper again, "what is the deal?" "You've heard of wire grass, haven't you?" said Mr. Chugwater. "Well, that's it."

PARLIAMENT.

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, April 28.—In the commons Mr. Henderson introduced a bill to amend the fruit marks act.

ENGAGEMENT OF 75 YEARS.

It was in Bohemia, and ended in a Deathbed Marriage. The longest engagement on record in 75 years and it took place in Bohemia, where engagements of 15 and even 20 years are so common as to cause no remark, and the custom is still in vogue.

THE ARGENTINE REPUBLICAN ENVOY.

Mr. Johnston, conservative member for Cardwell, was married at Elora on Monday last by Rev. J. R. McLeod, M. P.

FRÉDÉRICTON.

Radical Changes in the Fire Department—Letters Patent Issued—Local and Legislative.

FRÉDÉRICTON, April 30.—The fire committee of the city council last night decided to make radical changes in the fire department.

Letters patent were granted to the Log Cabin Fishing Club, Robert J. Smith, proprietor of the Log Cabin Fishing Club, and others.

FAIRVIEW NOTES.

May 1.—Arbor Day was observed in the school today by doing a little house cleaning inside and a little gardening outside.

FOR A CERTAINTY I AM ORE.

Mr. James Teneman, butcher, 886 Adelaide street, London, Ont., writes that for two years he was laid up with kidney disease and urinary troubles.

TRURO.

Moss Back Magistrate Did Not Know the Present Year of Grace by Almost Nine Centuries.

HALIFAX, May 1.—The Learmont House, Truro, for a third offence, was fined for selling liquor for sale, keeping liquor for sale, and engaging the town court all day and the prosecution by nine hundred years.

WOOD'S PHOSPHODINE.

The Great British Remedy. It is an old, well established, and reliable preparation. Has been used for over 40 years. All druggists and chemists sell it.

WANTED.

WANTED—Local agents and salesmen to sell medicinal and healthful wine, and steady work if desired. It costs you nothing to start. Apply now. FREEMAN TRADING COMPANY, Toronto, Ont. 37

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MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN on city loans, willow and country property, in amounts to suit, at low rates of interest. H. H. PICKETT, Solicitor, 10 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

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CHATHAM.

As Many As 30 Cases of Diphtheria in Town. Large Quantity of Logs Laid in the Woods at Various Points—Did Not Know the Gun Was Loaded—Spring Notes.

CHATHAM, May 1.—Two fine days this week have been followed by raw, cold and disagreeable weather. May flowers have been in evidence for a week, but the supply is limited owing to lack of rain and sunshine.

No arrivals from sea except one P. E. I. schooner, but one three-masted schooner has been reported within the straits of the Strait of Pointe-aux-Les.

The streets of the town are quite dry, and the water cart has been out duty owing to the prevalence of dust. A large quantity of lumber is said to have been left in the yards at various points along the Miramichi and Chatham rivers.

The mills have all resumed operations for the summer. Albert McLean, engineer at the Chatham mill, recently met with an accident, and a result of it was the thumb of his right hand. The catastrophe was caused by the stupidity of another employe, a freeman, who brought a gun barrel to the mill to have the breach removed and thrust it into the furnace to loosen the breach.

Diphtheria has become almost epidemic in town, as many as thirty cases having been reported, but as yet only one case has occurred in the school, and it is thought that all the schools in town will be closed next week.

The telephone company is now engaged in remodeling its plant. Among the improvements will be a new switch board of the most modern and improved type which will necessitate more complicated system of wiring and quite a lot of new poles of a larger size. A gang of men is employed in sinking a new line of poles along Water street.

MANCHURIA.

Russian Charge d'Affaires Asks a Number of Questions. LONDON, May 2.—In a despatch from Peking, the correspondent of the Times says that in an interview held on Wednesday with all the ministers of the Chinese foreign office, M. Plancan, Russian charge d'affaires, asked for reasons for the rejection of the Russian demands. The ministers replied that they were unable to give the reasons separately, but, on the other hand, they were unable to give a statement of the Chinese intentions regarding first, the contemplated alteration in the opening of the ports; second, the non-alienation of lease, concession or otherwise of any portion of the Tiao Yau Valley to any other power; and, third, the opening of new treaty ports in Manchuria.

To the first clause the ministers replied that the alteration had not yet received the approval of the government, and that China had no intention of alienating any of her territory, and to the third that the opening of the ports would depend upon trade developments.

M. Plancan pressed to be satisfied with the replies but the Chinese are still uncomfortable, knowing how powerless they are to resist Russia's demands. M. Lessar, the Russian minister to China, is returning to Peking and it is probable that the fulfilment of the terms of the proposed conference will be postponed until after his arrival and will result from his negotiations.

The fact that Russia now appears anxious to repudiate the opening of the ports, concludes the Times correspondent, "does not mean that her demands have been abandoned by them of that she expects."

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