

BOER GUNNERS DRIVEN AWAY

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arrive in the city on Jan. 6, when the other section of B Squadron will meet here and entrain for Halifax, the point of embarkation.

Capt. Williams has decided to purchase extra horses. About 20 saddle beasts, and 4 draught horses will be bought. Capt. Williams, or the Dragoons, will likely receive an appointment on the contingent.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The first troop of the mounted infantry for South African service was organized here today by Col. Kitson, and 30 men of the Royal Canadian Dragoons were sworn in. The other 12 men to complete it will be taken on tomorrow morning. The total number to be enlisted in Toronto for the mounted infantry, including the dragoons, will be 42. This number may be increased, if it is found that the quota asked at other recruiting stations is not reached. Of the 43 only 10 men and two farriers will belong to the second troop, the others being wanted for the headquarters staff. The balance of the second troop will be made up of 10 men from the 2nd Dragoons, St. Catharines; 10 men from the 3rd Dragoons, Peterborough; and 10 men from the Princess Louise Dragoons, Ottawa.

The 31 men who are wanted for the headquarters staff Col. Kitson has decided to enroll at Toronto in lieu of the small number of duty men required. These men will all enlist as privates, but their positions will be as officers' servants, cooks, drivers, wagon men and orderlies.

Montreal, according to Col. Kitson's arrangement, will supply 23 duty men. The decision of the government to enlist so many police and ranchmen accounts for the small number who will be taken from Eastern Canada.

The militia brigade officer at Halifax is still besieged with applications for positions on the second South African contingent.

Fifteen men, including Major J. B. Rankin, are applicants from Chatham and vicinity for positions in the second Canadian contingent. Miss Belia Bradford, graduate of the Chatham General Hospital, also desires to go as a nurse.

AT KINGSTON. Lieut.-Col. Stone has arrived in the city and will remain until the local contingent of Canadian volunteers will embark for Halifax. A number of volunteers from Belleville, Picton and Peterboro have arrived in the city for medical examination.

Among the successful applicants outside the battery are ex-Batterymen Guest, Picton, and Pte. Norval, late of the Yeomanry Cavalry, England. Dr. G. H. Bowen, of Ganouque, has offered his services to the government for the campaign in South Africa.

AT BELLEVILLE. Belleville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Sergt. E. Green and Pte. Barnwell, of this city, have passed the examination at Kingston for the second South African contingent. Sergt. W. H. Ponton was sworn in at Kingston.

ST. KITTS TO SUPPLY TEN MEN. Lieut.-Col. Gregory, of the 2nd Dragoons, received a telegram from Toronto, instructing him to recruit ten men from his corps for service as mounted rifles.

EIGHTTEEN MEN FROM HAMILTON. Major Hendrie, of the Hamilton Field Battery, has received orders from Ottawa to commence recruiting men for the artillery brigade of the second South African contingent, and a recruiting station will be opened at the gun sheds. More than enough applications have already been received to fill up Hamilton's quota, but the best men will be chosen, regardless of all political or social influence. The instructions are that eighteen men—eleven gunners and seven drivers—will be accepted for C battery.

FORTY-FOUR OF THE R. C. D. Wainwright, Dec. 27.—Capt. Williams, D.O.C., has selected 44 men from the Royal Canadian Dragoons to comprise one troop of D Squadron for South African service.

FOR D BATTERY. Port Hope, Ont., Dec. 27.—Sergt. Major Taylor, of the 2nd Battalion, examined ten men for D battery, special service, and will continue for some days. The applications are still pouring in from the county of Durham.

AT HALIFAX. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.—Two young men arrived in the city on Saturday evening from Lowell, Mass., having come here especially to try and get places on the second contingent. They were Alfred Watson and George Boothroyd. Both are able-bodied young Englishmen, who had been at Lowell but a short time. Boothroyd has served in the British forces, and Watson is a good rider and shot.

THREE BATTERIES. A cable from the war office asked that an extra squadron of mounted men be sent instead of one of the field batteries, but this has been countermanded. The three batteries will be sent as originally arranged for.

GEN. LORD ROBERTS

Sailed from Gibraltar Today for Cape Town.

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—The British steamer Dunottar Castle, having on board Gen. Lord Roberts of Kandahar, commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa, arrived here yesterday evening. Gen. Kitchener, who came from Egypt to join Gen. Roberts as his chief of staff, embarked on board the Dunottar Castle, and the vessel sailed early this morning for Cape Town.

Dollars For Doctors.

But Mrs. Douglas derived little benefit till she used B.B.B.

Proof after proof we have been furnishing how B.B.B. makes bad blood pure blood and cures cases that even the doctors failed to benefit.

Here's the case of Mrs. John Douglas, Fuller, Ont., an account of which she gives.

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Tomorrow Night's Recital. Citizens who have not already secured their seats for Watkin Mills' recital at the Auditorium tomorrow night should do so today. The concert promises to prove one of the greatest treats ever afforded by our citizens. Mr. Mills will be assisted by Mr. Henry S. Saunders, solo cellist, and Mr. W. Spencer Jones and Mr. W. H. Hewlett, accompanists. A varied and popular programme will be rendered, including selections from all the great masters, as well as several English, Irish and Scotch ballads. Call or telephone today and secure your seats, as there is sure to be a bumper house.

There are over 70 miles of tunnels cut in the solid rock of Gibraltar.

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Lyceum Company At the Grand

The reaction following the holiday festivities, and the lack of popular interest in Shakespearean drama, combined to give the Lyceum Theater Company a rather small house at the Grand last night. "Hamlet" was the bill, and Mr. Edward D'Ooge in the title role, evinced considerable originality, refinement and force. The play was admirably staged, and the supporting company, which has been strengthening since the London appearance here, was thoroughly capable. Miss Effie Hext, as Ophelia, made up in grace and charm what she lost in force. The cast: Eliver Buffham, Claudius, King of Denmark; William Clifford, Polonius, Lord Chamberlain; Horatio, William Bokes; Joseph Selman, Guildenstern; Clarence Wardell, Oerick; Mammie Lorimer, Marcellus; Clarence Wardell, Bernardo; Charles Jarvis, Ghost of Hamlet's Father; William Clifford, First Player; Henry Kefer, Second Player; Charles Jarvis, Ophelia; Miss Effie Hext, Queen Gertrude; Marguerite Saxton, Player Queen; Mammie Lorimer, First Player.

EVERY DRUGGIST in the land sells Pain-Killer. The best liniment for sprains and bruises. The best remedy for cramps and colic. Avoid substitutes. There's but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c and 50c.

Mrs. Jones—Did Mrs. Smith's son graduate as an slopsh or a homeopath?

Mrs. Brown—Homeopath, I think. He's been living at home ever since he took his degree—Judge.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc.

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NEWS NOTES

Fire in the business end of Hastings, Minn., caused a loss of \$200,000.

John Hoover, jealous, shot and killed his wife and himself in Indianapolis, Ind.

Bushrod Underwood, famous Confederate army scout, is dead in Washington.

The residence of Philip Murphy, at Fletcher, Ont. was visited last night by burglars and \$500 stolen. No clue.

The Catholic church at Campbellford, Ont., was burned yesterday morning. The contents, loss \$6,000, insurance \$3,000.

Playing with an old musket resulted in the death of Maggie Drayer, aged 14, at the hands of Mrs. William Taylor, in Topeka, Kan.

Employees of the American Window Glass Trust in Pittsburg got good glass pieces Christmas. The corporation gave away \$60,000.

About 2 p.m. Monday Mrs. Thompson, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Dundas, Ont., died suddenly. She was about 84 years old.

The ice in the Saskatchewan River at Medicine Hat broke up Monday, and moved down stream, leaving the river clear. This is an incident of very rare occurrence at this season.

The John P. Lovell Arms Company, one of the largest sporting goods houses in the country, assigned Tuesday as a result of the collapse of the Globe National Bank, of Boston, to which the company was largely indebted.

HILDA BLAKE HANGED TODAY

For the Murder of Her Mistress at Brandon, Man.

The Girl Met Her Awful Fate With Firmness.

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HOW TO FIGHT SAN JOSE SCALE

Important Circular Issued by the Ontario Agricultural College.

In a bulletin on the San Jose scale, Prof. Lochead, of the Ontario Agricultural College, says:

Before spraying operations are undertaken it is advisable that a thorough pruning of the trees be made, and all useless limbs and twigs removed. Most orchards will be able to withstand considerable pruning, but the trunks of the trees are rough and encrusted with lichen or moss, they should be carefully scraped so that no part of the tree can possibly escape the treatment.

All orchardists of the Niagara region now agree with the inspectors that the San Jose scale is prevalent in both the township of Niagara and the city of St. Catharines. Mr. J. Dearness, in a letter published lately in several of the newspapers of this district, says: "The owner of an infected tree must kill it, or it will kill the tree." I was interested in this statement, for, as I have already stated, many persons would not believe in the destructiveness of the scale in this province, something pinning their faith to the theory that it could not withstand the severity of our winters, or the parasites which would appear in the scale, and so forth.

I am of the opinion that the axe and fire method will still be voluntarily used on many trees. Whenever they have become so infested that there has been a decided loss in vitality, then, I think, the orchardist would be wise in using the axe and fire. Prof. Burgess, of Illinois, one of the best fighters of the scale in the United States, says (Bulletin 56, July, 1899): "Trees so covered with the scale that the surface of the bark was generally concealed with a white, waxy cut out and burned. The San Jose scale can clearly be kept in check by thorough spraying with whale-oil soap, but it can't be exterminated unless it has once effected lodgment, only by drastic measures of destruction, supplemented by careful spraying, or by repeated treatment applied in every case just as soon as it is detected as frequently as a watchful inspection gives any evidence of the presence of the scale."

The cost of treatment will always be a determining factor in the fight against the scale. Rather than go to the trouble of treating a poor, weakened orchard with whale-oil soap or crude petroleum, the owner will likely prefer to destroy his trees, but where the trees are of the proper variety, in good, healthy, bearing condition, the owner will find that treatment with some one of these remedies will eventually pay for itself. The Catawba Islanders get their soap for 3 cents a pound, but it is likely we shall have to pay 4 cents a pound for it by the barrel. The soap is applied at the rate of 75 per cent more peaches in water, and as it requires 1 1/2 gallons of the solution for an ordinary sized peach tree, and 2 1/2 gallons for an apple tree, the cost of the materials alone will be 10 cents for a peach tree and 20 cents for an apple tree. The cost of the crude petroleum will probably be less.

The beneficial results of the whale-oil soap treatment on peach trees on Catawba Island are described by Prof. Webster, of Ohio, who says: "A careful, conservative estimate, made by those competent to do so, indicated that there was an average of 75 per cent more peaches on the treated trees than there was on the untreated, and that the difference in size and flavor of the treated trees would amount to fully 50 per cent, and the growth of trees and amount of foliage 35 per cent. Growers claim, and with apparent reason, that the treatment with whale-oil soap for San Jose scale has given them an average of \$1 per tree profit, the soap costing them about 4 cents per pound laid down." It has been found that the only safe time to apply whale-oil soap to peach trees is the period eight or ten days after the opening of the buds, when the reddish tinge appears. All whale-oil soaps are not effective. The soap which has given best satisfaction in the United States is a soft potash whale-oil soap, containing nearly 12 per cent of potash.

Experiments with crude petroleum have not been so largely tried as experiments with whale-oil soap. Prof. J. B. Smith, of New Jersey, secured splendid results, but no experiments were made in early winter, consequently no results are given for early winter treatment. It is generally conceded, moreover, that our crude petroleum is slightly different in composition from the American, and it may be that results of treatment will also prove different.

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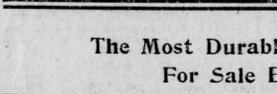
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A TEMPERANCE PLEDGE OF 1804

Fourth of July and Military Musters Were Red Letter Days.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Fred Daly took up the subject for the educational half hour, "Retrospect and Prospect." His review of the progress of temperance sentiment in the last half century was most encouraging. In our own city fifteen years ago, with a much smaller population, we had 118 licenses, while now we have only 40.

The following pledge was adopted by a temperance organization in 1804: "Any member of this association who shall be convicted of gross intoxication shall be fined 25 cents, unless such act of intoxication shall take place on the 4th of July or any regularly appointed military muster."

The strong temperance sentiment of today is largely due to the work of the societies which sprang up at the woman's crusade in 1873.

A resolution of sympathy was passed for Mrs. Darch, for the death of her niece, Miss Minnie Kay, who was also a member of our union.

Our next meeting, Jan. 9, is Crusade Day, and all the members are urged to be present.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY FORMED

Seventy-three Members Secured in a Few Days—Organization Meeting on January 10.

It seems an anomaly that a city so distinguished as London is for the beauty of its tree-lined streets and the lawns and gardens of its residents, should be destitute of any organization for the encouragement of flower cultivation. It is satisfactory to know that this condition of things is about to be remedied by the formation of a horticultural society in affiliation with the Fruit-Growers' Association of Ontario, and in accordance with the act of the legislature of 1895, authorizing the formation of such societies, and prescribing the regulations by which they are to be governed.

At a recent meeting of the Entomological Society the subject was brought forward by Mr. Beall, a delegate sent for the purpose by a small committee who were formed to canvass for members and to arrange for organization if successful. It consisted of Mr. J. A. Balkwill, Rev. Dr. Bethune, Mr. J. H. Bowman and Mr. W. L. Saunders. The act requires that there should be at least 50 members, subscribing \$1 each, and the names had to be obtained by Thursday, 21st, and sent in to the department of Agriculture. With the assistance of Mr. J. Paine, the committee were entirely successful, and had procured no less than 73 names by that afternoon, and others have been obtained since.

By the terms of the act the first meeting for the election of officers and the organization of the society must be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10. The lecture-room in the Y. M. C. A. building has been secured, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance. Each member receives the Illustrated monthly magazine, the Canadian Horticulturist, and a share in the semi-annual distributions of bulbs and plants. It is proposed to hold a series of flower shows during the summer, and occasional public meetings, at which addresses will be given on suitable subjects. Anyone wishing to join should apply to any of the above-named gentlemen, who will gladly give all necessary information.

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