

WORST SNOW STORM

Known in Great Britain in Twenty Years.

All Telegraph Lines to London Are Down and Despatches Have to be Sent by Mail.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The postal authorities say that yesterday's gale and snowstorm caused the worst breakdown of the telegraph and telephone lines that has occurred in twenty years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Commercial Cable Company this evening sent out the following notice: "Our latest advices from London indicate that there is no telegraphic communication between London and Liverpool and places north, including Scotland."

THE WAR.

Wounded Britishers Robbed and Stripped by the Boers—No Hope from Roosevelt.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The war office has issued a statement tonight dealing with the Boer treatment of Col. Benson's wounded at Brakenlaage, which is a result of a special investigation of the matter instituted by Lord Kitchener.

The statement sets forth that eighteen officers and men of Col. Benson's command were kindly and even carefully treated by the Boers, while the remaining 70 men who were examined testified that they witnessed and suffered atrocities worse than those which followed the Vlakfontein disaster.

DOMINION NOTES.

Dec. 7.—After the seven Wednesday runners shot out and now we have which is very good on some

carper, who did business here years, has removed to Sackville to open a bakery.

Mrs. Dobson and they will spend the winter in the university town of Kansas, son of Rev. E. Ramsey, is in the hospital at

asa, very ill with smallpox. sport speaks very favorably of the university town of Kansas, son of Rev. E. Ramsey, is in the hospital at

J. Kirby is conducting a evangelistic services in the church, Bayfield, which are

ended and very successful. today, the 4th inst., a pretoken place at the residence

of his father, Jacob S. Allen, when his daughter Olive is married to Rupert D. Rodney, Cumberland Co.

ceremony was performed Edmund Ramsey. The day

lingly unpleasant, but sunny. Happiness were attendant by couple. A canopy of

placed in one corner of the to hear the solemn charge.

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ent of the Daily Mail at Brussels says that by a proclamation dated Nov. 15, Gen. Botha, ordered the execution of all burghers enrolled with the British forces as scouts who fell into the hands of the Boers.

The correspondent adds that 15 such burghers have already been shot.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—It is now certain that the department of agriculture will not be able to fill the order for oats which the British war office sent to Canada three weeks ago.

The demand for oats is so active in Canada and the price has advanced so rapidly that it is now far beyond the limit fixed by the imperial authorities.

As a result only small quantities of this grain are going forward on the hay ships.

The militia department was advised today that Richard Took of the S. A. C., who comes from St. Helen's, Ont., is dangerously ill of enteric fever.

No further signs of smallpox have appeared at Ottawa University.

The final returns of the census will not be available for over a month, as certain remote points are still to be heard from.

The Allied Trades Association will put four labor candidates in the field in the municipal election.

BIG DROP IN OIL.

Cause of the Break Can Only be Surmised.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—Pennsylvania crude today dropped from 19 to 18, causing much speculation as to why the purchasing agency should make this purchase.

The cause of the break can only be surmised, as those who know will not talk. Among the causes given were

ence today are weakness in the refined market occasioned by complication in the foreign trade and the fact that the Texas product will to a certain extent displace the oil now in use in the southwest.

BALFOUR ALL RIGHT.

Best Workmen Should Get the Highest Remuneration.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A. J. Balfour, first lord of the Treasury and government leader in the house of commons, while distributing prizes to technical students at New Cross last night, referred to foreign trade and competition.

He said he was no partisan but that he believed it was a profound and dangerous fallacy that the trade nations of other nations was an injury to British trade.

The property of one nation, he held, belonged to the property of all. Mr. Balfour said he must take care that our best workmen get the highest remuneration.

FIRE AT UNION MILLS.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 12.—An on today fire broke out in the all of a house at Union Mills, owned by Mrs. Smith, and did about \$300 damage.

Efficient work by the Milltown fire department prevented greater destruction.

ST. MARTIN'S.

There is quite a flutter of excitement in political circles as to who the successor of the late John McLeod will be, and a number of prominent citizens are mentioned.

The general feeling is that St. Martin's ought to produce the man.

Leonard Floyd, who has been for some time in the Northwest, has returned, and while he believes the West to be a fine country, is now satisfied to make his home in New Brunswick.

Rev. S. H. Cornwall is paying a brief visit to friends in Nova Scotia, the home of his birth.

B. V. Skilken has moved into the large and handsome house he has erected since the fire. The building presents an imposing appearance and adds much to the beauty of Beech street.

Mr. Kelly today sold his heavy two White Wyandotte cockerles that when dressed weighed 8 1/2 lbs. He considers this fine stock hard to be had.

Miss Lettie M. Howard, teacher of the primary school, has recalled her resignation, and will teach in this department after the Christmas holidays. The scholars have made steady progress under Miss Howard's training, and people are delighted with her decision to remain here.

SUDDEN DEATH

Of the Rev. Job Shenton of Fairville, One of the Best Known and Most Widely Members of the Methodist Ministry of N. B. and P. E. Island.

Rev. Job Shenton, one of the best known and most beloved Methodist clergymen in Eastern Canada, dropped dead as he commenced to eat his dinner in his Fairville home shortly after seven o'clock on Monday.

Mr. Shenton and his wife sat down to their mid-day meal as usual, both in the best of health, apparently, and happy in spirit. Grace was said by the venerable pastor, and shortly after without a sound—he fell to the floor, and never rose again.

His death was a surprise to all who knew him. He was a man of a cheerful and friendly disposition, and his death was a great loss to the church and community.

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homes in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, his passing away will be felt as a personal bereavement not only in the homes of suffering and at the couch of the dying, but in homes that were not shadowed by trouble of any kind, he was a welcome presence. He was a genial companion and a friendly man. As a preacher he had many excellencies.

There was a fervor and a ring of sincerity about his pulpit utterances which never failed to give pleasure and profit. While he was not unfamiliar with much that is called culture and high criticism, yet he was true to the old evangelist. To him it was not a matter of theory, his life and strong conviction arising from genuine experience.

As a lecturer he was very popular and attractive. Some of his lectures attained more than provincial reputation. But he will be remembered longest and most lovingly as a pastor that looked well after his flock. All the duties of his office were well discharged. He seemed to overlook nothing in the way of the spiritual welfare of his flock.

He was one of the most methodical of men. His work never got ahead of him. Doubtless, it was his systematic methods of work that helped to preserve his health and to render him an efficient minister for more years than most men are permitted to serve their generation. Mr. Shenton's appointments fitted him for an efficient ministry. Sincerely he was stationed amid all the different elements that are represented in the maritime provinces. He enriched by his ministry many centres of commerce and industry. He was stationed at Charlottetown, St. John, (where he held three pastorates, Esplanade street church once and Queen square, twice), Fredericton, Marysville, Sackville, Yarmouth, and St. John's (Newfoundland), and the experience gained by ministering at all these places tended to make him a better workman. It would not be true to describe him as a mere reader, for many men read more than he. But he thoroughly mastered and remembered whatever he read. His memory was one of the most perfect and accurate that could be conceived. In his tenacious grasp it seemed to retain everything that it had ever known. Mr. Shenton was the kind of minister that the Methodist church cannot do without. He looked at questions from the standpoint of his bearing not on isolated charges but as they affected the church as a whole. In all kinds of common work he was plodding and thorough. He was a man of a cheerful and friendly disposition, and his death was a great loss to the church and community.

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HORSE AND HORSE.

New the Dominion Government Works British War Office Orders.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.—Horse buyers will be as plentiful in West Durham during the next two or three weeks as blackberries in autumn. An election is to be held in the riding next month, and no stone will be left unturned to secure the seat for Mr. Beith, who represented the constituency in the last parliament. Mr. Beith is a pretty good judge of horses, and the government was anxious he should purchase the horses for the Mounted Rifles. Beith was afraid, however, to take the job. Accordingly the happy suggestion was made to give the contract to purchase the steeds to Harland Smith of Toronto, who is a connection of Beith's by marriage. As for the candidate himself, he now occupies the important position of inspector general of army steeds for the British government. There is no salary attached to the position, but all the same the "prospect" accounts will be sufficiently liberal to help Smith through his election campaign. The proposition was seriously made a week ago that 1,800 horses should be purchased for \$90 men. Further than this, in order to confine the sale to Ontario, the Beith party felt it necessary to be little the fitness of the Northwest range horse.

Col. Dent came out with a strong testimonial respecting the servility of the Northwest animals for army purposes, and vigorous protests were telegraphed to the government by the stock interests of the Northwest. But it was part of the political game to purchase only in Ontario, as it would never do with an election campaign in progress in West Durham to have the candidate a thousand miles away from the constituency. There is another election in progress in Manitoba, and it had been decided to purchase about a hundred horses in that province. General Beith, however, will not be asked to go to Manitoba. A local inspector will examine the animals purchased, and arrangements will be made for Beith to see them in transit. The desire of the government being that for the present he should hug the constituency.

SMALLPOX IN ONTARIO.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Thirteen new cases of smallpox are reported from Northern Ontario for the last week, making ninety in all in that part of the province since the beginning of November. Three new cases were reported today from Western Ontario and two from Eastern Ontario.

SCOTT ACT IN SYDNEY.

is Rather Loosely Enforced, But Chief of Police Not to Blame.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 12.—The temperance and police committees sitting as a joint committee began today an investigation of the charges made by Rev. Mr. Simpson against the town council, and particularly the chief of police. The inquiry was not finished, and the committee stands adjourned. The investigation brought out nothing of a very striking character, other than that the enforcement of the Scott act law was rather loosely conducted. For this the chief repudiated all responsibility, inasmuch as there was a Scott act inspector to do that work. The chairman of the temperance committee, Councillor Young, admitted being dissatisfied with the manner in which the Scott act law was being enforced. Rev. Mr. Simpson subjected the chief of police to a lengthy examination, but the only important statement elicited was that mentioned above, namely, that he was not wholly responsible for the carrying out of the Scott act law.

KINGS AND DALHOUSIE

Looking Towards Formation of One Central Maritime University.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—It now looks as if Kings and Dalhousie colleges might join hands and interests. For some time the matter of union of the colleges has been under discussion. Dalhousie has always been willing to union with Kings and all other colleges of the maritime provinces. Kings college is now actuated by a similar desire for union, as per the following official statement furnished the press by the Kings authorities today:

"At the regular semi-annual meeting of the board of governors of Kings College, held at the Church of England Institute, the principal subject under consideration was the confederation of the various colleges of the maritime provinces. After careful and exhaustive discussion a committee was appointed to open up communication with the other colleges concerned looking towards the formation of one central university."

The committee appointed was the Bishops of Nova Scotia and Fredericton, Chancellor Hodgson of Charlottetown, President Willets of Kings College, Wainwright, Very Rev. Dean Farridge of Fredericton, Rev. W. J. Armstrong, John Y. Fayant, A. deB. Tremblaine, R. J. Wilson and C. A. F. Simonds of Halifax, J. Roy Campbell, Jr., of St. John, Judge Warburton of Charlottetown, Rev. G. D. Schofield of St. John and C. S. Wilcox of Windsor.

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