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# How the News Came.

Naturally the parents of the St. John boys fighting in South Africa are locally the most interested people in the great itrile now going on, especially that end of the struggle in which their sons are mixed up. In scouring the town for photographs of some of these brave lads this week a Programs representative heard some

PROGRESS representative heard some unique opinions expressed by mothers and absence At present he reports to the rs as to the war outlook, also some duties as may be required of him. tic tales from widowed mothers, indi-

gent fathers and dependent sisters. One dear old mother who feared her boy was languishing in a hospital fically comforted herselt, by the happy thought that if such was the case, he was out of haim's way, for at least a short while, in which time, according to her critical judge-ment of the situation, the heaviest fighting would be over. Brightening up at this home-made suggestion she resumed her

knitting contentedly. "Yes indeed," broke in a teeble father who, was told the Canadians were in the thick of the fray on Sunday last and many had been killed and wounded, "its just as like as not my Jim was smong the best of them. He said he'd make his old father proud of him 'atore he'd come home and its proud I am to know he's there", but then reflecting a moment the white-baired eld man continued in a broken voice, "perhaps me poor boy's already dead or hurted, and if he is may God rest his soul for he's a brave lad."

The posting of the Canadian casualty list n Wednesday struck a blow home to the hearts of the people of the Dominion and hardly a districts escaped the metciless bul-lets of the enemy. For the first time as a country Canada was put on a footing with the Mother Land in this regard, and some appreciation of the tension on the British public when waiting for motuary statistics after each battle, can now be arrived at Compbell and by the propie here. The whole town was alive to the war and its phases on that fateful day in the middle of the week, and in fact ever since. The wounding of four In fact over since. The wounding of four St. John boys and the killing of a suburb anite filled the hearts of townspeople with feelings of sorrow and pride ; pride, because

the common causes of the Empire. MR. BLIZARD'S LEAVE OF ABSENUE about twelve feet high and proportionately

The Auditor General Ca'ls Attention to it iu His Report.

In the report of the Auditor General that was issued a short time ago, the case ot Mr. F. W. Blizard received some attention and the sharp eyed guardian of the inion finances wrote a letter to the deputy postmaster general calling attention to the fact that Mr. Blizard's leave of absence was extended. The circumstances as set forth in the communication are as follows :

"I beg to inform you that I have received "I beg to inform you that I have received an Order in Council dated March S1, 1899, authorizing leave of absence with pay to Mr. Frederick W. Blizzard, a railway mail same ohurch has been some weeks clerk of the New Brunswick division, from September 27, to July 1, 1899. "As you are aware, Mr. Blizzard has the pews at both services. The been practically on leave of absence under the authority of previous Orders in Coun-week are cont-ined in it, also items of The authority of previous Orders in Coun-cil, since September 13, 1897. There was, Funderstand, an interval at eight or ten days in September, 1898, when he re-sumed work, but it seems to me that not-withstanding this short break in his absence from actual service, the order in Council in the present instance is contrary to the in this baptist durch yield will be a result. statute applicable to the case, subsection 2 of twenty selected voices, besid e a regular of section 49, chapter 17, B. S. C., which choir of fitteen vocalis's. Congregational provides as fol son which to him seems sufficient, the forernor in Council may grant to any officer,

port office daily and performs such slight The government apparently considers



ARTHUR HAYDON.

One of the St. John wounded in South Africa. He is the son of Mrs. Haydon, of the Morley-Hay-don College of several years ago and brother of Mr. Haydon of M. R. A.'s wholesale. Arthor is a well educate d Erglish lad and when in St. John was a Y. M. C. A. enthusist. The nature of his wounds are when the several sever

that the lite of a railway mail clerk is worth so much, for the r-latives of Messre Compball and Edgecombe received a certa a sum atter their deaths on the road. If a man is so injured as to be incapacitated, his claim will no doubt be considered a good one. This is Mr. Blizard's position. Some Church Noveltier.

A Sunday school attendance "thermometer" is something quite new in St. John and it has remained for a traditionally conour own lads from loyal St. John were sharing the brunt of England's battles for servative east end baptist church to make first use of one. The "thermometer" is

wide, closely fitting in between the floor and ceiling and in tull view of all the scho-lars. It is fitted with figures in degrees from 100 to 400, the glass tubing being represented by a wide white tape and the mercury by a movable black tape. The attendance each Sunday is referred to by the superintendent as the "temperature" of the school, sometimes warm, other times warmer, and perhaps a stormy Sabbath makes the giant "thermometer take on a trigid aspect. Records ot each week's readings by this novel "glass" are written

and after traversing a long straight line they came to a house with an open door, passing through it in double file formation, traversing a front hall, dining room, kit-chen and scullery in their peculiar march. A high fence in the back yard obecked their advance, and marking time like mechanical men the irate drill sergeant dis covered them. He was very angry and covered them. He was very argy and said naughty things, but the Newcastle boys avow he gave no halt command, and nothing was left for them to do, but to keep on m-rching. "Lut," suggested the left-r writer, "it was for the joke of the thing we kept on marching not so much for the sergeant's absent-mindedness, if you ask me."

Pedlars and smallp x Kent county is about to experience a

smallpox scare through the many arrivals of foreign pedlars during the last ten days. It is estimated that about two bundred of these people are doing that county now and the majority of them have come from the province of Quebec and down thro gh the infected districts of this province and are making their way to the southern counties. It is persistently reported that the disease has already been brought into Kent county by these travellers, who go from house to house showing their warer. There is a growing feeling in Kent county there is a growing feeling in Kent county that these pedlars should be locked attar by the government at once. They should be vaccinated and other precations taken to prevent the spread of smallpox by a class of persons whose ways of living are not calculated to keep dawa disease:

Another Company May do it. As it looks now the St. John Rulway Co. had better hurry up and have the Douglas Avenue branch line built, or the Corleton Fairville system will materialize. The old company with this railway as an object has been given new life and are at the door of Parliament once more. They the door of rarianest dote more. They are evidently in earnest about connecting Fairville Carlston and the bridges by street car communication and a few months may see perhaps this old idea in material form. For the early bird there certainly is a worm in this regard.

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ing :--St. John from on High-what the town looks like from the top of

### \_\_\_\_\_ Will This Judge Retire. ~~~~~~

ticians at the present time. The reasons out there will be a chance for Mr. Carvell for this sudden interest is said to be the of Carleton and a more substantial place in the government for Mr. McKeown. So, taking into consideration Mr. Emmerson's taken place is simply an indication of what may to expected to follow.

be in a position to know that Mr. Emmer-ambition to be attorney general and the necessity of providing for Messre.



#### WM. HUNTER.

Another local lad with a Boyr I allet mark on him in the Transvaal. His home is on Hanover street and when in this city he worked with the water-works department. His triends and folks are naturally very antious to know how tadiy he is

simply as a stepping stone to the supreme court bench. Judges are more acceptable to the general public, when the choice is made from the leaders of the bar. Then it is also said that Hon. A. S. White does not propose to remain in politics but is disposed to accept the chairmanship of a commission to codify the laws of New Brunswick. This is a plan that has been held in ab-yance so long that perhaps it will be accomplished now when there is a man who wents the office. The salary of such a position is estimated at different figures-Some place it at \$3,000 a year, some at \$4 000 and some not so high. If this should be so and the chairman got so much a year until the work is completed the suggestion might well be made that the government should agree upon a lump sum for his services.

Messrs Enmerson and White get the credit of being the strongest men in the government. With them out of it room would no doubt be made for Mr. Pugsley who, needless to say, is quite the equal of either in point of ability. In connection with the rumor of the re-

tirement of Judge Vanwart, Messrs. gas house pitched it over the fence. Tweedie and Pugeley's hurried journey to Ottawa is mentioned. If the Eastern 

The question of the resignation or super- | are unmerciful at times and the favorites numation of Mr. Justice Vanwart is re-eiving a good deal of attention from poli-lf the programme spoken of is carried is prospected to follow. It is openly stated by those who should his prospect of a fat job, Mr. Pagaley's Carvell and McKeown the prospects of Judge Vanwart's retirement do not appear o distant

PRICE FIVE CENTS

ANOTHER HAY BOAT LEAVES. The "Mariposa" Sails on Fhureday for South Africa-The new Bales.

Another big steamer load of hay left this city on Thursday afternoon aboard the "Mariposa," and as soon as the bulky oraft swung from her moorings, another boat the "Jane ts," went in her place. The "Mariposa" took away several thousand tons of hay and fodder for the "patient heroes" on South African fields and was well weighted down with it.

A pointer of interest to Canadians engaged in exporting baled hay on long voyages, can be taken from the report re-ceived concerning the condition when landed of one of the shipments of Canadian hay recently sent to South Africa.

Late despatches say the Hon. Mr. Fisher. Minister on Agriculture, has received a report from South; Africa, saying the bay of the first cargo from Canada sent on t steamer "Montauk," was most excellent. It will be remembered that a portion of this hay was rebaled into Lowry bales. It is cabled that the War Office authorities have approved of these bales. The Lowry bale is cylindrical in form, and the Lowry press compresses the hay so compactly that one ton of hay can be stowed in about 75 cubic test. Ordinary baled hay occupies mearly two and half times as much space. It will be remembered that at the time

the engagement was made for this shipment of hay the action of the government was chall-nged because all the hay was not for-warded in Canadian pressed bales. The agents of the government who had the matter in charge contended that the course pursued by them would enable a much larger cargo of Canadian hay being pur-chased and shipped with every expectation of the same turning out in good condition at port of destination.

Gentle Mary of Brussels Street.

A Brussels street Mary who is prosper-ous at times has a husband who sreks to keep her within the bounds of her marriage vows. She resented this a week ago and some hours later walked off with a companion to do the town. She took the cash drawer with her and when opposite the

Now this did not amount to much of itself because the drawer was empty save Since then the short announcement has they usually wear was more apparent than ever. They knew what they wanted but it ing unbearable when they spied the cash box under the fence. Visions of what might be in that drawer floated before each of them but neither forgot his dignity or presence of mind. So by mutual consent these two pleaders moved to inspect the drawer. It was locked! What is to be done. Their hopes were blasted and the end of it was they delivered the prize to the gas house man to keep secure. Some practical joker carried the news to Brussels street that "Buller" and "Crab" Not Mentioned up There. St. John does not seem to have had a a place in the list of casualties as publish the wounded in Airica are cared for. PAGE 16.—An amising story "The Million Billyer Dollar".—Micellanceus. An another the billion be would like to see him lose the honorable position he helds but politicians wick is net mentioned.

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ernor in Council may grant to any officer, ohief clerk, clark or other employee, leave of 'absence for a period not exceeding twelve months." "In my opinion Mr. Blizzard's leave of absence sheald not have continued after September 1898." This does not present the whole of the case. Mr. Blizzard was a first (lass rail-vay mail clerk running on the train be-tween St John and Montreal. His salary was so much and he received so much for every mile he ran. While on one of his trips there was an accident and the mail car tumbled over an am-

enjoying the benefits of a tour page Sunday weekly distributed protusely in sioging is become a feature in consequence.

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not a member of the government.

been made that Judge Vanwart does not intend to retire. This is interesting in the takes money to buy some things and light of all the facts. Whether the judge and his triends will be able to persuade the government to their way of thinking re-"General Buller" and "Orab" was becom sovernment to their way of thinking re-mains to be seen. The recent deliverance of His benor, Judge Barker was perhaps the hardest blow that Judge Vanwart has received. The latter was sued for a small account by a photographer of Fredericton and the case was appealed from a small court to that of the county court judge and from there to the Supreme court. Why the friends of Judge Vanwart permitted this is a mystery. The debt was a just one an I should have been raid and the effort to postpone or evade the settlethe effort to postpone or evade the settle-ment because a judge was concerned, met with no sympathy at the hands of Judge Barker when he delivered judgment. This is but one of many things that the opponents of Judge Vanwart are able to bring acainst him. It is an oppon secret opponents of Judge Vanwart are able to bring against him. It is an open secret that he has been in financial difficulties for some time, and the manner in which several estates were handled showed a