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H. Macaulay, "THE ARK"

EYE AND EAR

N. H. Stevens said that the people of North Chatham were in a great way. They could neither see nor hear. William Ball, who overheard the remark, responded that the electric light company had remedied the trouble and the people of North Chatham could see all right now.

Manager Laurie, of the Bell Telephone Co., promised to have the new river cable laid by to-night, so that the people of North Chatham may soon again be "possessors of all their faculties."

SPION KOP DISPATCHES

The Buller-Warren Controversy Most Bitter—Lord Roberts' Views.

Buller not Justified in Putting Responsibility for Reverse on Warren.

London, April 17.—All the official despatches referring to the defeat sustained by the British troops under General Buller at Spion Kop, Natal, Jan. 24, 1900, were given out this morning. Those hitherto unpublished merely emphasize how hopelessly muddled were the preparations for that engagement. The controversy between General Buller and General Sir Charles Warren is proved to have been even more bitter than previously hinted at, while a new extract from one of Lord Roberts' despatches brings additional evidence to the fact that Lord Roberts declares that Gen. Buller's endeavor to put the responsibility for the defeat of General Warren was not justifiable. Roberts holds that it was Buller's duty to intervene when he saw things were going wrong. His remark was caused by a despatch from Buller in which he says: "I saw no attempt on the part of Warren to either grapple with the situation or command his force himself. We lost our chance by Warren's slowness. He seems to be a man who can do well what he can do himself, but who cannot command. I can never employ him again on an independent command. I ought to have assumed command myself when I saw things were not going well. I blame myself now for not doing so."

Buller explains that he failed to supersede Warren because it might have discredited the latter with the troops, which was an especially serious matter, as if Buller had been shot, Warren would have succeeded to the command.

The question of the responsibility for the actual retreat from Spion Kop is shrouded in a maze of despatches proving that a mistake was made in sending out a heliogram, and that there was a general desire to shirk the onus.

RAILROAD COAL

Water Commissioners Renew Contract With Lake Erie for Fuel.

A special meeting of the Water Commissioners was held last evening to consider the tenders for coal for the ensuing year and other business. A communication was received from McCull & Co., re the water rate at the Northway store. The letter stated that the elevator now in the store would not be in use after the first of August. The communication was acknowledged.

A petition was read from a number of residents on Lydian Ave., asking that a water main be put down in front of their properties on that street between Forest and Amelia streets.

The superintendent was instructed to get out estimates for costs of same and report at next meeting.

The tenders for the coal were then opened. Tenders were received from Chipman & Co., Detroit; General Hocking Fuel Co., Columbus, O.; W. C. Clark, Detroit; J. J. Couzens, City; J. L. Scott, City; L. E. and D. R. R. Walkerville.

Dr. Bray—Last year we burned 1200 tons against 1400 tons of the year before, and pumped more water in the bargain. We used the L. E. & D. R. R. coal last year and we were very well treated.

Commissioner Sheldon—Cheap coal has been tried and we have only had to throw it out. Although the Lake Erie is a little higher than some, still I think by their treatment of us last year and the good coal supplied that we ought to stand by them.

Mr. Sheldon then moved that the tender of the Lake Erie be accepted.

—Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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Jake Labombard, proprietor of the Montreal House, Head street, is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Maple City Gun Club. Jake has invested in a new Winchester repeater and is practising at every opportunity. Hector Fielder says that now there isn't a bird, not even a sparrow, to be found within half a mile of the Montreal House.

TERMS OF PEACE NOW HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON

Boer Delegates More Reasonable on Being Given the Alternative of Accepting the British Terms or Breaking up the Conference and they Practically Yielded.

London, April 17.—Serious differences, it is said, have arisen between the Transvaal and Free State delegates, who are discussing peace terms at Pretoria. General Botha and Acting President Schalkburger, it is reported, have given the Free State representatives until April 21 to come to a decision, threatening that thereafter the Transvaal delegation will continue the peace negotiations independently of the Free State delegates.

LOYALTY TO ALLIES.

It is further declared that Botha and Schalkburger had practically agreed upon terms for surrender prior to their visit to Klerksdorp, but that out of loyalty to their allies they insisted on a conference, though with slight hopes that their views would be shared by General De Wet and the other Free State leaders.

BASES OF PEACE AGREED UPON.

London, April 18.—The Daily Mail claims to have authority to announce that bases of peace have been practically agreed upon at Pretoria, but it says that some little time will elapse before the details of the plan can be perfected.

The paper adds that upon finding, on Wednesday, that the British government refused to modify its terms with regard to Amnesty, banishment and a responsible government, the Boer delegates met again on Thursday.

The British decision, practically leaving them the alternatives of ac-

cepting the British terms or breaking up the conference, was then communicated to them and the delegates proved much more reasonable.

When Lord Milner, the British High Commissioner in South Africa, promised the delegates one or two seats on the executive council, subject to the approval of the government, and pending the restoration of a responsible government, they practically agreed to accept the British terms.

Some details, continues the Daily Mail, which are not likely to create difficulty, still remain to be settled. Lord Milner has summoned an Australian expert, from Johannesburg, who is to assist in estimating the cost of rebuilding and restocking the Boer farms. The delegates, the paper concludes, have acted, so far, quite independently of their representatives in Holland.

WHAT BOERS IN EUROPE SAY.

The Paris correspondent of the Times quotes the views expressed by Boer exiles in Holland and Belgium. He says the Boers in Europe believe that extreme demands on either side have been abandoned. The Boers know that sacrifices must be made, but cannot consent to sacrifices amounting to a kind of suicide. The Boers must be able to live freely and proudly, not as the slaves of anybody and not bearing humiliations.

Dr. Sans Sauer, a loyalist Afrikaner, who spoke at Bradford last (Thursday) night, was not optimistic about the Boer-British peace negotiations. He said, he thought it quite possible that the Boers would ask Great Britain for £50,000,000 or £60,000,000 and agree in return to clear out of South Africa altogether.

EXTEND LOT

Public Library Board Decide to Purchase Addition to the Site on Queen St.

A special meeting of the Library Board was held last evening with the following members present:—Chairman Thibodeau and Messrs. Scullard, Twomey, Humphrey, Charteris, Smith, Sheldrick, and Secretary Davis.

The Chairman said the meeting was called to consider whether it be advisable to procure a small lot on Queen street adjacent to the one already purchased.

Mr. Humphrey—If we purchase this property we will be able to go right on and build and Mr. Williamson can be given his six months' notice to get off.

Dr. Charteris—I don't fall in with the idea of purchasing more property at all. It may be a fair price and it may not and anyway, everything should be clear before we go ahead.

Mr. Sheldrick—Well then, to bring the matter to an issue, I move that the offer of 47 feet on Queen street at \$500 be accepted.

Dr. Charteris—I move in amendment that the title of the original purchase be made clear at once.

Mr. Scullard—I agree with Dr. Charteris that a great expense will be attached to a larger amount of property.

Mr. Sheldrick—The building will be about 60 feet, and 60 feet on a hundred will only leave a 20 foot margin, and the cost for keeping a little more lawn will not be much.

Mr. Scullard then seconded Dr. Charteris' motion.

The vote stood—Yeas—Humphrey, Smith, Thibodeau, Twomey and Sheldrick.

Nays—Scullard and Charteris.

The original motion of Mr. Sheldrick therefore carried.

Some one mentioned that it be made unanimous, but Dr. Charteris said he could not support it.

The matter of the building was discussed to some extent and Mr. Scullard moved that the Chairman nominate a committee to draft particulars for the building for architects and report at next meeting.

The following committee was appointed—Messrs. Scullard, Sheldrick, Humphrey, and the Chairman.

Mr. Sheldrick moved, seconded by Mr. Humphrey, that the City Clerk be instructed to additional lot and complete the transaction as early as possible.

The meeting adjourned till Friday, April 25th.

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Mrs. William Moore, who lives on Centre street, had a nasty experience with some unknown Jack the Huggler last evening. Mrs. Moore is just convalescent after a severe illness. She had been visiting friends and was returning home. When near the factory of Wm. Gray & Sons she noticed a man following her. Near the C. P. R. tracks, the fellow caught hold of her arm. Mrs. Moore was very much frightened and struck the fellow in the face. The fellow then walked out into the road and, picking up some clods, fired them at Mrs. Moore. The lady says that she would know the fellow again if she saw him. The rowdy was evidently under the influence of liquor. P. C. Groves made a search for the man but did not find him.

STOLEN CHICKENS

Abram Huff, Gravel Road, made a discovery yesterday that surprised him somewhat. Mr. Huff was crossing back through his farm to his son's place. On the rear of his farm in a ditch Mr. Huff found 21 chickens concealed. The birds had evidently been fresh killed and concealed in the ditch over night. He reported his find to the County and city police officers and an effort is being made to find from whom the chickens were stolen.

CONCERNING PEATE FUEL

The Annual Meeting of Share-Holders Held Yesterday—All Officers Re-elected.

The Trip to the Plant at Rond Eau—Very Successful Report of the Directors.

The regular meeting of the directors of the Western Peate Fuel Co., Limited, was held yesterday morning at ten o'clock, at which all the preliminary business for the general meeting was transacted in a most agreeable and satisfactory manner. The Secretary's report for the directors was also approved of.

At 1.30 the directors and between 75 and 80 stockholders and citizens left on the special train for Rond Eau. About 25 more were taken on at Blenheim. The train, when arrived, went up the company's siding and left the passengers off right at the plant and everybody took an opportunity of looking through the plant, inspecting the buildings and machinery.

In consequence of a slight alteration being necessary the dryer was not operating. However, some partially dried peate was secured and pressed, demonstrating the efficiency of the machinery to the satisfaction of all present. The tramway bog, etc., were carefully examined by most of the visitors, who expressed their interest.

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For Little Ones

We have not overlooked the little ones in our purchases for the

Spring and Summer Trade

but have made ample provision for them in all lines of

Slippers and High Lace Shoes

in black, tan and red, also Patent Leather, soft soled shoes for the wee tots.

Little Men's Shoes for the small boys. And the latest lasts and patterns in shoes for the larger boys and girls.

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