

## CITY NEWS.

## Recent Events in and Around St. John

## Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanged.

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Bentley's Liniment cures Quinsy.

John Black of Fredericton has gone on a business trip to England.

Acute Rheumatism. Bentley's Liniment instantly subdues the pain and swelling. 10 and 25 cents.

Rev. J. D. Freeman, of Fredericton, has received a call from the German Street Baptist church to succeed Rev. Dr. Gates. Rev. Freeman is considering the matter, but has not yet decided.

At a public meeting held in Annapolis last week it was decided to organize a board of trade. A committee was appointed to frame a bill, and the board will meet next Monday evening.

A flock of twenty-six wild geese landed on the harbor at North Sydney, C. B., on Wednesday off Bentleys Cove. This is very early for the appearance of wild geese and indicates an early spring.

Sch. John Duffy, Capt. Cameron, bound from Alma for this port with seals, lost life and was otherwise damaged off Quaco the other day. She is at Herring Cove and will probably tow down.

Sch. Joseph Hay, which went ashore at Gulliver's Cove last week, was successfully floated yesterday morning by the tug Flushing and towed to Digby. The vessel is not badly injured, but she is leaking some. She will be towed to this port as soon as the weather permits.

The Windsor Tribune says that the directors of the Commercial Bank of Windsor know nothing about the report that the Canadian Bank of Commerce has been negotiating for the purchase of the Commercial Bank. The matter has never been discussed or even thought of by the directors.

James Mitchell of Newcastle, Northumberland County, died Friday, aged 75 years. He was a brother of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, and was born the year after the great Miramichi fire. Mr. Mitchell was formerly sheriff of Northumberland and one of the best known and most highly respected men on the North Shore. He also held some appointments under the federal government.

Thos. N. Nickerson's new invention in the way of wire lobster traps has been tested and approved by actual use. They are not all of wire, for the bottom is made of wood on the same principle as that of the ordinary trap. They keep in position during storms and are not liable to be destroyed by rough weather. Orders are coming in daily and many of the fishermen will adopt them for general use this season.—Coast Guard.

The St. Croix Courier, referring to the report that the Bank of New Brunswick was to acquire the business of the St. Stephen's bank, says that President Frank Todd of the local bank states that there have been no negotiations of that nature, and that the rumor is without foundation in fact.

The Windsor Tribune says that Manager J. B. Woodworth of the Big Five Mining Co. deposited in the bank at Windsor this week a gold brick weighing 176 oz., and valued at about \$3,500. It represents February's work at the Big Five mine.

A Havelock, Kings Co., correspondent writes that an impression is entertained in some quarters that the young man arrested in Sydney for swindling is a son of E. J. O'Brien of Moncton. This the correspondent wished denied emphatically.

The Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company have ordered from the Robb Engineering Company a 250 horse power engine for their mine at Fernie, B. C. This is the second engine of this size supplied them within a few months.

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Truro's practical shoemaker, Mr. Harris Lynds, writes May 12, 1900: "I find Bentley's the best liniment and strongly recommend it."

The will of the late W. H. White of Sussex divides his property equally between his five children, making also due allowance for his wife.

E. J. Outram, of St. John, says the Vancouver World, was in Vancouver Feb. 22, having been accepted in the 42nd-Post's constabulary. He will come to St. John before going to Halifax.

W. H. Merritt received a telegram yesterday from Huntsville, Alabama, announcing the death of Charles Hughes, formerly of Fredericton, who moved south some little time ago for the benefit of his health. The deceased was a son of the late Rev. Benj. Hughes, and brother of the late Geo. Hughes, at one time a clerk in the N. B. legislature. The remains will be sent to Fredericton for burial and are expected to reach there Wednesday.

ing for Halifax for embarkation.

MINERALS ON WHITE HEAD.

H. Davis has returned from Grand Manan, N. B., where he had been a few days investigating the recently discovered copper mines at White Head, bringing with him several samples of copper, quartz and asbestos, which have been sent to a noted western mineralogist for examination. Mr. Davis, who is something of a prospector and mineralogist himself, thinks the metals discovered genuine and the asbestos of the best; and if the vein is deep, the mine a valuable one. It is said that a company will be incorporated the following spring.—Bastrop Sentinel.

MONEY FOR KING'S COLLEGE.

By the will of the late Senator Almon the sum of \$200 is bequeathed to King's College. The remainder of the estate is to be divided in nine equal parts. One share is left to Thos. R. Almon, one share to children of the deceased Thos. R. Almon, one share to Mrs. W. R. Gravelly, one share to the children of the late Mrs. Brewster, one share to Andrew Binney, one share to George W. R. Almon, one share to Mary Almon. At her demise her share goes to the King's College library. The estate is worth about \$50,000.

THE DRY DOCK.

Some time ago the common clerk for the City Council communicated with George Robertson and asked him to let the city know within six weeks what his plans and expectations are regarding the dry dock. Mr. Robertson replied that he would do so, and Saturday morning Mr. Wardrop received a cable from him saying "Wait letter." This is taken to mean that Mr. Robertson is sending a letter telling what his plans and expectations are regarding the dry dock.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY A HOLIDAY.

This year St. Patrick's day is a holiday all over Canada. All business will be suspended, stores, bars, etc., will close, and everybody will observe the day. This unusual honor to Ireland's patron saint is not due to legislation however; it is the edict of the calendar, for St. Patrick's day this year falls on Sunday.

GOING TO AFRICA.

Vancouver World, Feb. 22: E. J. Outram, who has been with the third battalion at Esquimalt, arrived in the city today with others, having been accepted on the Baden-Powell Constabulary. He left at 8 o'clock for Halifax. Mr. Outram is a native of St. John, N. B., where his father is a prominent citizen. He will stay over in St. John for a couple of days before proceeding to Halifax.

Wanted a case of headache that Kumfort Headache Powders will not cure in ten minutes. Prices 10 cents.

AN IMPORTANT DEAL.

It is understood that D. W. Hoegs & Co., of Fredericton, have made an arrangement to lease the plant of the Maritime Pure Food Co., of Woodstock, and carry on its business in connection with their own canning business at Fredericton and other places.

JUST CURES ASTHMA.

"The Gold Cure." If you suffer write at once for free sample and treatise to Hayes & Co., Simcoe, Ont.

HOME FROM HONG KONG.

(Yarmouth Telegram.)

Capt. Fred A. Brown, a former resident of Hantsport, but who has resided in Hong Kong, China, for over twenty years, leaves in March for Nova Scotia, with his wife and family, to spend some months or a year in their native land. Capt. Brown owns a farm at Wilmet, which is occupied by his brother, Rev. Wm. C. Brown. The captain's wife was formerly Miss Hattie Hibbert, of Yarmouth.

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## HOME AGAIN.

## Corps. Coombs and Armstrong Arrived Monday Evening.

## Given a Rousing Reception—Thousands of People at the Depot When the Boys Arrived—Interview With Coombs.

The Loyalist City's supply of bunting was flung out on the breeze again on Monday in honor of the return of two more of her sons who have borne witness to their blood and breeding on the South African field, playing a not inglorious part in the drama of Britain's Empire. Flags fluttered their greetings from nearly every building and banners swung across the streets in welcome to the latest arriving contingent of St. John's fighting men.

The Halifax express bringing the boys back home was an hour and three-quarters late, and long before its arrival a crowd gathered that filled the railway station to its utmost capacity. The train, which was to go to the city and overboard outside, where it speedily occupied every available point from which there was the slightest chance of catching a glimpse of the returning heroes. A number, impatient of the delay, went out on the Sussex express and came in with the boys from Robesay, but the majority waited patiently in and around the station, passing the time lightly and bearing the unavoidable and painful crush with the greatest of good humor. The Artillery had arrived early, and No. 1 Company, the guard of honor, with their sleigh, running down Mill street about half-past five and joined the waiting crowd at the depot.

At 6.20, local time, when the news passed along the crowd that the train was in sight, cheers broke forth that increased in volume and enthusiasm as she rolled into the station, and when a glimpse was caught of the boys on the car platform the vast assembly surged forward and around the train in such numbers that it was with great difficulty that the soldiers could alight. Both looked in the pink of condition, showing scarcely a trace of their arduous experience in the field and long and painful sickness in various hospitals. As soon as they alighted the crowd of soldiers, followed by the Artillery guard of honor, who lifted Armstrong into a chair provided for the purpose, and enclosing Coombs in their midst, forced their way through the surging crowd to the sleigh which waited outside, and in which the men were placed.

The band formed up in front, the guard of honor grasped the ropes attached to the sleigh, and with a crash of music the procession started through the cheering thousands, and, followed by the Artillery guard of honor, proceeded up Mill street to Union, down Prince William, up King, up Charlotte and Coburg to Kingston, and thence onward to Wellington row to Lt. Col. Armstrong's house. Here it halted and Beverly Armstrong, who had been in the city since the day of the hearty reception, after which he was carried to the house amid rousing cheers. Re-forming, the procession proceeded down Wellington row to Gorman, where the band was dismissed, and along to 275 Gorman, where, after also expressing his pleasure at the hearty welcome accorded himself and Armstrong, Fred Coombs was carried to the house, and after some hearty cheering the crowd dismissed to recuperate their strength with some supper. Col. Armstrong's residence and Frank Ellis' home, where Coombs stopped, were handsomely decorated for the occasion.

A Sun reporter found Fred Coombs last evening in pleasant society at the residence of Frank Ellis on Gorman street, and obstructed proceedings long enough to receive a brief account of that soldier's adventures since leaving St. John with the first contingent of the 42nd-Post, and the sure that that stubborn old veteran on the anniversary of the fateful Majuba day. He was marching forward with G Company through the blackness of that tropic night when the rattle of a piece of falling iron gave the alarm to the defending Boers, and the darkness was split with the red light of a deadly rifle volley at less than fifty yards range, and before he could throw himself upon the ground, his body was pierced, not by a gentle, mainly Mauder, that instantly itself death through a man's anatomy and makes no fuss about it, but by a rending Martini bullet. When the wounded were gathered in by the faithful surgeons he was taken to the hospital, whence he was removed, where he lay two weeks before being taken to Wynberg, where he remained until discharged on May 1st, convalescent, but not yet fit to return to the front. After applying six times to the surgeon for a certificate of health, he finally received permission to proceed again to the front on June 24, but four days later was stricken with a severe attack of enteric fever, from which he has been suffering ever since. He was first taken to Woodstock hospital, was transferred to the hospital at Pretoria on Oct. 5, and lay in Netley hospital until Jan. 15 of this year.

Since that time Mr. Coombs has visited various places of interest throughout England, and had the opportunity of seeing the splendid naval display of Portsmouth at the time of the Queen's funeral. He speaks in the highest terms of the treatment accorded him by the people of England during his stay there, and referred especially to the great kindness he had received at the hands of some natives of St. John whom he met there. He has not entirely recovered from his almost fatal attack of fever, but is gaining in strength daily. The other fifteen colonials who came to Halifax on the Lusitania, were from Western Canada, from Toronto to the coast.

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## ARMY MATTERS.

## Lord Wolseley Attacks the Military System of Great Britain.

## Marquis of Lansdowne Replies that Wolseley During His Term of Office Had Failed to Understand His Duties.

LONDON, March 4.—The Duke of Bedford, in the house of lords today, started a discussion of army matters by asking for information on the military administration and the war office.

Lord Wolseley (the former commander-in-chief of the forces) arose after the Duke of Bedford had done speaking, and for two or three hours he attacked the military system of Great Britain in a carefully written speech, which, it is understood, he has long meditated, and had phrased in consultation with his friends.

"My arguments," he said, "are not directed against individuals, but against the military system, which I have honestly tried for five years and have found wanting, and which entails many great dangers not realized by the people of this realm."

Lord Wolseley said he had worked with the Marquis of Lansdowne, and there had not been a single disagreement. His complaint was that the professional commander-in-chief was robbed of his chief usefulness. He had to hand over the command and the entire management of the army to a subordinate, the secretary of state, who was not a soldier, and who was not a statesman. The responsibility for everything rested with the secretary of state alone. The commander-in-chief could only bring strongly the wants of the army to the secretary. He had often done so. After that he could do no more. He added:

"Although the various needs are undisputed, not only are no steps taken to meet them, but no one outside of the government is aware that their urgency has been raised. The government has been asked for economic reasons to postpone their provision, but yet will not take the nation into its confidence. That such important demands for men and stores have been put forward by experts, and nevertheless refused, I cannot assert too emphatically. It behooves parliament to devise a plan by which strong representations made and still refused should be laid before the nation for it to decide between the experts and the government. In no other way can we safeguard the empire from great and unknown perils. Many an evening, at the end of a day's work, I have felt sick at heart when I contemplated the great national risks deliberately accepted by the government, which have been in my office. Why were they so accepted? Because it was then politically expedient to ask parliament for money."

Lord Wolseley outlined the present system, which, he said, was entirely new for the army, under which it would never be efficient, and he doubted much if they would ever have a contented army.

When he accepted the office of commander-in-chief he had been told it was proposed to introduce regulations for altering the position of future commanders-in-chief. When he learned the nature of these changes they were not to his liking, but he had honestly given them five years' trial and was convinced they would never make an effective army. Up to 1895 he had been commander-in-chief, and he was not to be a commander-in-chief. The Marquis of Lansdowne, the former war minister, replied to Lord Wolseley immediately. He said he was constrained to say that Lord Wolseley during his term of office had failed to understand his duties. He might at least have warned the government that one army corps was not sufficient to crush the Boers. Lord Wolseley might have enabled the government to turn to better account the auxiliary forces of the country. He might have told the government before the South African war that the 42nd-Post was not a suitable military station. He might have prepared schemes for defensive and offensive operations. Lord Wolseley had restricted his duties; he had not taken advantage of the opportunities at hand. The war office system might have been changed to advantage in details, but the main principle of enabling the secretary of state to get advice from his experts at first hand was not wrong to give up. The mistakes and failures in South Africa were not due to the system, but to the fact that it was not carried out as faithfully as it might have been. The noble lord had failed to appreciate the immense importance of the special duties assigned to him.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, upon the eve of his departure from the war office, had considered a military note Lord Wolseley had addressed, he believed, to Lord Salisbury upon the subject of the South African war. He found that Lord Wolseley, in enumerating his duties, had omitted altogether that he was responsible for the mobilization of the army, that the intelligence department was under his special control, or that he was charged with the preparation of plans of offence and defense.

THOMASTON, Me., March 4.—A building owned by Franklin Trussell and occupied by the Port Clyde Fish Co. was burned today. The loss was \$2,000.

JOPLIN, Mo., March 4.—Five men were killed and two others seriously injured in a mine accident at the Englefield mine in Spring Valley, eight miles east of Joplin, today.

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## NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

## HAMILTON, N. S., Feb. 22.—The report of the Nova Scotia mines department presented to the legislature shows that the yield of gold in this province during the year was 3,000 ounces, approximately valued at \$570,000. Gold was discovered in Nova Scotia in 1860, and this year's yield is the largest, with one exception, since then. On one occasion the yield reached a total of 31,000 ounces.

The Sydney Morning Post that some time ago, owing to financial difficulties suspended publication, was sold today by the sheriff and was purchased by Joseph A. Gillies, ex-M. P., for \$4,100. The idea is that Gillies, who controls the Bras d'Or Gazette, will combine it with the property he has now purchased. It will be operated by a company.

The steamer Martello, from New York for Hull, put in today with two blades of her propeller broken and leaking through the shaft packing. The Martello will land her cattle and discharge the cargo in the after part of the ship, so as to make it possible to effect repairs. Possibly the Martello's trouble may be caused by her having grounded at the lower bay on her way to New York.

CORNWALLIS, N. S., Feb. 12.—Last Tuesday evening the horses belonging to George Fines of Canby and Nathan Eaton of Canning, killed in the streets of Canning. Mr. Fines' horse was struck on the head and killed almost instantly, while Mr. Eaton's horse was badly injured.

Mrs. Benjamin Tupper of Kingsport, who about to enter a sleigh recently slipped on the ice and broke one of her ankles.

A horse belonging to James Newcombe became frightened on Friday, ran some distance and brought up on the sidewalk in front of N. W. Eaton's grocery establishment in Canning, breaking the plate glass windows of the store.

Eliza Butler, a well known personage in Kings Co., died in the county poor farm in Horton last week, aged seventy-six.

Mrs. Peter Rafuse died of cancer of the stomach on Thursday at Canning. She was a member of the Salvation Army, having joined the organization when it was first instituted in Canning, some fourteen years ago.

A telephone line is to be put up between Centreville and Hills Harbor at once.

CORNWALLIS, N. S., Feb. 25.—Whitfield Coffin, of Dell Haven, head clerk and bookkeeper with the firm of Potter Bros., Canning, left on Thursday for the Kingsport.

The new house built and furnished for a summer resort at Blomidon by William Corkum recently, was burned on Thursday.

The death of Professor Leicester, organist of St. James' church, Kentville, occurred at Canning on Wednesday. The deceased came from England six years ago for his health. He purchased a farm in Canning, where he had since resided with his wife and two children.

Dexter Collins lost a horse last week by its having been broken a leg. The animal had to be shot. William Brady of Woodside also lost a horse through colic the same week. Ezekiel Harris of Canning lost a horse through colic the same week.

WOLFVILLE, March 1.—Mr. Gale, the evangelist, arrived on Saturday last, and has been having meetings every day in College hall. He is ably assisted by an excellent soprano singer, Miss Hall, and by a large choir from the town and the institutions, led by S. Spidle. The meetings are well attended.

Dr. Trotter, after his return from visiting the various universities, gave the students a very interesting account of what came under his notice while away. He has now resumed his usual routine work.

Lieutenant Colonel Betcher of the 5th Kings County Battalion has been retired from active service with permission to retain his rank. It is expected that Major E. M. Beckwith will be placed in command.

Twenty-five of the Kentville freemen drove to Wolfville on Friday night last and put up at the Royal, where, after partaking of a sumptuous supper, a pleasant impromptu entertainment was held.

Trooper Snyder of the Canadian Mounted Rifles has delivered his illustrated lecture on the Boer war in a number of our leading towns. He has been well received.

The case of the town of Wolfville against the college students has not yet been decided.

LAWRENCEVILLE, N. S., Feb. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Banks of Bricketon are being congratulated upon the arrival of a young daughter.

John Robinson of Williamson, who had one of his feet amputated a few months ago, lies seriously ill at his father's residence.

The Baptist church is undergoing extensive interior repairs. John L. Brown has the contract.

A. C. Stevenson, son of Andrew Stevenson of this town, and two other Nova Scotians have struck a rich claim in Eldorado, 18 miles from Dawson City.

Mrs. Norman Franks, who was severely burned a few weeks ago by the explosion of a bottle of ammonia while extracting the cork, has so far recovered as to be able to attend to her household duties.

TO LET.

FARM TO RENT.—From 1st May next, containing about 150 acres, with stock and implements, about 20 miles from the line of Railway. Rent moderate. For particulars, address, "W," care of Daily Sun, St. John.

EVEN COLORS.

Are made brighter and not as white most colors. Indeed away when you use

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It does away with washboard rubbing, and cannot injure any washable fabric. Two cakes 5c; wash 4 bottles full.

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