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METHUEN'S POSITION.

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THE MONTEZUMA SAILS FOR HALIFAX.

New Orleans, Dec. 24—The British transport Montezuma, Captain Owen, which sailed from this port, October 22, with mules for Cape Town has returned here for orders. She brought back 32 muleteers who had shipped from New Orleans. She sailed again today for Halifax to take the second contingent of Canadian troops to South Africa. Capt. Owens re ports that on the outward trip he encountered severe gales for four or five days during which some 25 mules were lost. The trip to Cape Town took 20 days and 16 hours and all told thirty one of the animals, of which there were one thousand and thirty-five on board, were killed or put to death because of disease. The trip of the Montezuma to Cape Town and return is a record braker. The distance travelled was 15,000 miles and the ship was under full head of steam during 61 days. The Montezuma landed her mules at Cape Town and they were immediately sent north by train to General Methuen in the direction of Kimberley.

CONCERNING COMMANDING OFFICERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The report is again revived here tonight that Lt. Col. Drury will command the Artillery and that Lt. Col. Lessard will command the Mounted Rifles, but this is not by any means settled. Both are now in South Africa on special service and may not be available. Lt. Col. Steele, of the Mounted Police, who was here yesterday, has been mentioned in connection with the command of the Mounted Rifles.

PONTON HAS VOLUNTEERED.

Kingston, Dec. 23.—"Billy" Ponton, of Napanee Bank robbery fame, joined "A" field battery today for service in the Transvaal.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS BY CABLE.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—An artillery recruiting station for the second contingent was opened here today and already many members have handed in their names for enlistment. The officers and men of the 13th regiment today cabled Christmas greetings to the first contingent in South Africa.

CLERICAL AND LAY VOLUNTEERS.

St. Catherines, Dec. 23.—Rev. H. B. Christie, pastor of the Niagara street Methodist church, has volunteered for service with the contingent as chaplain. Nearly every officer and man of the local cavalry and artillery corps have also volunteered.

POLICEMEN EAGER FOR PLACES.

Regina, Dec. 23—Commissioner Herchmer is over-run with applications from Northwest Mounted Policemen and others to join the contingent. The whole troop stationed here, also those at Battleford, MacLeod, and Pincher Creek, have volunteered. Thus the most experienced men on the force are ready.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The council of the board of trade at its meeting Saturday morning passed the following resolution which was then telegraphed to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Col. Tucker, M. P.:—

"The council of the St. John board of trade tenders its sincerest congratulations to the government on its offer of a second contingent to the British government for service in South Africa, as being not only in line with our duty to and a token of our sympathy with the motherland in her time of trial, but also as symbolic of the unity of the empire which our council, in common with all loyal Canadians, so earnestly desires to see."

ARTILLERY RECRUITS.

No. 2 Company of Artillery will meet Tuesday evening at the armory, Winslow street, Carleton, where intending recruits are asked to be present.

A NURSE FROM ST. JOHN.

Miss Parks, graduate of the Montreal Royal Victoria Hospital, and daughter of Mr. John H. Parks, of St. John, has volunteered to go to the Transvaal.

THE COUNCIL WANTS A SHIP.

The common council held a special meeting Saturday morning. Telegrams sent by the mayor to Hon. Dr. Borden and Hon. A. G. Blair, asking that one at least of the Canadian contingent steamers sail from St. John, were read. Statements of the conditions and opportunities for caring for men and horses here and for placing them aboard ship were made by board of trade representatives and others who looked over the ground Friday. A motion by Ald. Christie, seconded by Ald. Seaton, was passed unanimously to the effect that a telegram be sent asking Col. Tucker to inform the minister of militia that St. John would place at his hands all facilities it possesses for forwarding a part or the whole of the second contingent.

LT. COL. MACLEAN'S OFFER.

Dr. Borden, minister of militia, was asked about the offer made by Col. MacLean to raise a regiment of men in New Brunswick, and if there was any prospect of the offer being accepted.

Lieut. Col. MacLean, of St. John, N. B., returned to the city this morning from Ottawa, where he had been in consultation with the minister of militia over a proposal of his to send a detachment of hunters and trappers from New Brunswick to the Transvaal. It is understood that his offer was declined by the minister, who explained that the force which Canada was to send had been restricted to artillery and cavalry, on the suggestion of the imperial authorities.

Dr. Borden, replied Col. MacLean, made an offer on the 16th inst. to enlist a company of 100 men at his own expense, composed of hunters and guides, good shots and possessing all the qualifications for scouts. Col. MacLean also volunteered his services to go in charge of them. He also impressed upon the militia department that when the last contingent was enlisted the country battalions in New Brunswick had not a fair chance to send representatives.

Dr. Borden also said he thought a better class of men could not be found in any country than are to be found in the country districts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Most of them are good shots, self-reliant, of fine physique, and are good practical men, able to do almost anything in the shape of building bridges, making roads, and generally doing work that the Royal Engineers would be called upon to do.

He regretted that the militia department could not avail itself of their valuable services as the government was restricted at present to sending Mounted Rifles and Field Artillery.

"How many men do you propose to send from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia?"

"Fifty-five artillery and forty cavalry."

"Has any appointment of officers been made?"

"No final selection has been made as yet, but those who are best qualified will be chosen."—[Montreal Star.

London, Dec. 26, 4.30 a. m.—Up to this hour nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there. The war office is issuing lists of further deaths and wound, as on account of sickness. Four hundred British cavalry horses at Natal, it is said, have already been shot owing to the occurrence of glanders. The disease is likely to spread with much greater rapidity among the British horses than among the hardy Boer ponies and this may mean a considerable prolongation of the campaign.

A despatch from Chieveley, dated Tuesday, Dec. 19, says:—

"The British naval guns have destroyed the Colenzo foot-bridge, thus preventing the Boers holding any position south of the Tugela river. The enemy are taking up fresh positions on the eastern side near the British camp.

"The British position at Frere is being strengthened. The Tugela river is rising and there is a prospect of heavy rains.

A two hour bombardment of Ladysmith has been heard from here. According to reliable native reports, the Boers had 200 killed in the fight at Colenso."

The news that the Colenso foot-bridge has been destroyed seems to show that General Buller is more anxious to keep the enemy at bay than to attempt a further advance.

Despite the severity of the censorship, hints are being continually received of the serious spread of Dutch disaffection in both the Queenstown district of Cape Colony and Natal.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail at Pietermaritzburg says:—

"The extent of the Dutch disaffection should make the Imperial authorities realize the magnitude of the task before them."

There are unconfirmed reports from Cape Town that General Sir Chas. Warren, commanding the Fifth Division, has returned there.

Commandant Demillon, who was taken prisoner at Elandslaagte and brought Simonstown, where he was confined on the British cruiser Penelope, has succeeded in making his escape.

The Times this morning says:—

"We are informed that the government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrisons in India unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

An undated heliograph message from Ladysmith, by way of Pietermaritzburg, represents the garrison as in no way daunted by General Buller's reverses at Colenso and as confident of being able to hold out indefinitely.

The mails are just arriving from Ladysmith. All the correspondents comment bitterly upon the supe riority of the Boer artillery. The Times correspondent says:

"It is impossible to evade the opinion that, if British gunners were in the Boer positions, the losses of life and damage to property in Ladysmith would be ten times greater."

The holidays have brought no surcease of recruiting activity. Lord Alwyne Frederick Compton, Unionist member of parliament for Biggleswade division of Bedfordshire, will raise a corps of mounted men. Lord Salisbury's private secretary, Mr. Schomberg McDonnell, who is a volunteer officer, has volunteered for service.

The action of the United States government causes considerable discussion regarding the contraband question as affecting Delagoa Bay and Portugal. Widely divergent opinions are expressed. The Daily Graphic in an editorial on the subject says:—

"We believe that every provision has been made in British trteaties with the United States for dealing with this matter. In this special circumstance of the present war the government is bound to regard food as contraband. No doubt the question can be satisfactorily settled by paying compensation for the seizures of American flour.

"The question of neutrality, however, is more serious and Great Britain's duty is to have the Lorenzo Marquez-Transvaal railway watched by capable agents and to warn Portugal that she will be held liable in damages for assistance to the Boers by means of the railway."

The Morning Post on the contrary argues that the government would be mad to treat food as contraband, as "such action would play into the hands of all possible future enemies of Great Britain."

It admits, however, that steps should be taken and money expended to search vessels and to prevent munitions of war entering the Transvaal by way of Portuguese territory.

The Standard says:—

"We do not doubt that this matter is receiving the government's serious attention. As the campaign develops it may become necessary to seize the railway at KaomatiPoort."

The first batch of Boer prisoners has arrived in England. It is announced that the government has accepted another offer of a squadron of Canadian Rough Riders.

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE A MYSTERY.

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 17.—The government is much concerned about the escape of Winston Churchill and the officials are doing their utmost to discover how he got away. The officials have instituted a house to house search for incriminating papers. The Volksrem asserts that he escaped disguised as a woman. The last book Churchill borrowed from the library was "Mills on Liberty."

The official report of the gold output for November shows the amount to be 61,788 ounces.

BOER ACCOUNT OF THE BATTLE.

Details From Pretoria of How Buller Was Repulsed.

Pretoria, Sunday, Dec. 17.—Over 500 British prisoners captured at the battle of Stormberg have arrived here. They have been taken to Waterfall to join the other prisoners. An official account of the Boer casualties at the Battle of Tugela River says thirty men were killed or wounded.

Gen. Schalkberger's report of the battle, dispatched from the head laager on December 16, says:—

"Friday at dawn the day long expected arrived. The Pretoria detachment of artillery gave the alarm. General Buller's Ladysmith column was in battle array, advancing on the Boer positions close to the Tugela and Colenso. The centre consisted of an immense crowd of infantry, flanked on each side by two batteries with strong batteries of cavalry supporting.

The Boer artillery preserved absolute silence, not disclosing its position. Two batteries came within rifle distance of our foremost position and the Boers then opened fire with deadly effect. Our artillery also commenced, and apparently, absolutely confused the enemy, who were allowed to think the bridge was open for them to cross.

Their right flank in the meantime attacked the Boers' southernmost position, but the Mauser rifle fire was so tremendous that they rolled back like a spent wave, leaving ridges and ridges of dead and dying humanity behind. Again the British advanced to the attack, but again fell back, swelling the heaps of dead. Their cavalry charged to the river where th Ermelo commando delivered such a murderous fire that two batteries of cannon had o be abandoned which the Boers are going to bring here. Twice the British essayed to bring horses to remove them. The first time they succeeded in hitching on to one cannon and the second trial the horses and men fell in a heap.

Then the British were in full retreat to their camp, whence they sent a heavy shrapnel fire on Bulwer ridge across the Tugela to prevent the Burghers from recovering the cannon.

The French attache, Villebois, and the German attache, Braun, say the fight could not have been improved upon by the armies of Europe. Generals Botha and Trichart were always at the most dangerous points of the fighting.

Eleven ambulances removed the English dead and wounded.

Such a tremendous cannonade has seldom been heard. The Veldt for miles was covered with dead and wounded. It was a most crushing British defeat. Nine of the cannon have since been brought across the river.

The British asked for and were granted a 24 hours' armistice."

FENIANS TO BE ORGANIZED.

Omaha, Neb. Dec. 25.—The Bee says: There is more than a likelihood that the Pro-Boer agitation now so general through out the United States will lead to the resuscitation of the once celebrated organization among Irish-Americans, known as the Fenians, which planned and executed an invasion of Canada in 1866. An intimation has reached Omaha from other cities that an address calling for a renewal of the Fenian organization and the Clan na Gael had been sent out from this city to enthusiastic Irish Americans in other places. Inquiry developed the fact that there is some sort of a secret movement on foot among the Irish enthusiasts in this and neighboring cities, which has for its object some decisive steps of a more belligerent character toward England than declaration of sympathy for the Boers, far away in South Africa. The movement here will be inaugurated by a meeting to be held next Sunday, when some measures are expected to b taken.

PREPARING THE CONTINGENT.

Ottawa, Dec. 25—The minister of militia and his head officials observed Christmas day by working hard at the department all day on matters connected with sending of the contingent to the front. Dr. Borden told your correspondent that everything was progressing all right at headquarters. One of the principal difficulties which confronted him, namely, the transport of troops, had been finally settled. The mounted men will be sent by the Montezuma and the artillery and extra horses will be sent by the Laurentian and Pomeranian.

Asked about the graduates of the Royal Military College, who were to receive commissions in the imperial army the minister replied that a number of those who recently graduated were to obtain commissions in the Royal Artillery.

The deputy minister of marine and fisheries, has been instructed to get the steamers fitted up and ready to receive the troops and horses.

The Laurentian, which has arrived at Portland, has been instructed to report at Halifax. The Montezuma is now on its way there.

A report is going the rounds that only two batteries instead of three will be sent as part of the contingent and that additional mounted men will be sent instead. Dr. Borden had no information to give on this subject. One thing is certain, at any rate, that whatever changes will be made they will not lessen the number of men to be sent forward, but on the contrary they may be increased. The government will no doubt be guided in this respect, as they have been all along, with the carrying out of the views of the war office. The only digression will be that more will be done than is asked. The fact that additional orders were telegraphed today to the contractors for clothing would give an idea that an extra number of mounted men might be sent to the front, but so far nothing official is forthcoming on the matter.

Dr. Borden's son was here today. He will probably be one of the officers to go with the contingent.

Lists of officers, however, will not be given out until tomorrow.

Later.

Ottawa, Dec. 25—Dr. Borden was seen late tonight and said that negotiations had been going on with the war office to send two batteries instead of three, but this was countermanded by another cable received tonight which asks the government to send three batteries as was arranged at first. This will be done as the whole object of the government is to carry out the views of the imperial authorities by making the contingent in every way as effective as possible.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS PASSED.

Quebec, Dec. 25.—So far 40 men of "B" battery have been examined by Dr. Sewell and accepted, but they have not been sworn in because the enrollment papers have not arrived.

HAVE OTHER USE FOR THEM.

Quebec, Dec. 25.—An order instructing Captain Duplesis and three sergeants of garrison companies and one sergeant from the field battery to proceed to England to take a long course in artillery has been cancelled. They were to have left Friday for Halifax to take the steamer there.

RECRUITING AT PORT HOPE.

Port Hope, Dec. 25.—Lieut.Col. McLean today received instructions regarding recruiting battery "D" for service in South Africa. Lieut. Bradbarn, two noncommissioned officers and 34 men have already applied.

COL. EVANS HAS RETURNED.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 25.—Col. Evans, of the Yukon field force, who is expected to command the Second Canadian Contingent for the Transvaal, arrived here Saturday night and left for the east yesterday. He declined to be interviewed.

MEN FROM KINGSTON.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 25.—Recruiting for the second contingent began here Saturday. Every man in A battery is offered Lieut.-Col. Montizambert will recruit the cavalry and he has a large number to select from.

RHEUMATIC STING.

South American Rheumatic Cure Sway the Wand and Suffering Ceases in a Trice.

Mr. A. S. Kennedy, 44 Sussex Ave., Toronto, says: "I had been attacked very frequently with acute muscular rheumatism, affecting my shoulders and arms. I used South American Rheumatic Cure and found immediate relief after a dose or two. My family have used this remedy with the most satisfactory results. I think it truly a very efficacious remedy for this very prevalent ailment."

MONTREAL BROKER KILLED.

[Special to Telegraph.]

Montreal, Dec. 25.—As the result of a runaway accident this afternoon, James Burnett, a prominent broker, lost his life. Mr. Burnett took a party of friends out for a sleigh drive and the horse, coming downCote des Neiges hill,ran away, throwing out the occupants of the sleigh. Burnett was thrown against a post and his skull was fractured. He was taken to the hospital and died in a few hours. Burnett was 35 years of age and a leading figure in social circles.

LADY LOVES BEAUTY.

Dr. Agnew's Ointment Stops Skin Blemishes—Leaves it Lily-White and Healthy

Skin disease of every nature, from the merest pimples on the flesh to the most distressing eczema, salt rheum and tetter, are quickly, pleasantly and permanently cured by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. In diseases where outward applications make a cure Dr. Agnew's Ointment never fails. One application gives instant relief.

A PECULIAR CHRISTMAS IN TORONTO.

[Special to Telegraph.]

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Christmas sports here were a remarkable mixture of winter and summer. The Granite Bowling club had a game of lawn bowling on the green in the morning, but a snow fall in the afternoon prevented a renewal of the game. In the evening the ice was keen enough for curling. During the day a yachting party took a spin around the bay in a steam yacht and enjoyed it, although the wind was blowing a gale and the spray froze as it fell, till the vessel was covered with ice.

KIDNEY BURDENS.

Vanish Under the Treatment of That Greatest of Kidney Specifics, South American Kidney Cure.

Mrs. W. S. Bissett, 62 Cameron st., Toronto, was troubled with severe pains in the small of her back which doctors said was caused by kidney trouble, and which produced intense suffering at times. She used many remedies without any lasting benefit until she tried the South American Kidney Cure. A few doses proved a wonderful benefit, and after taking three bottles all traces of the trouble were gone.

HOW HALIFAX CELEBRATED.

Halifax, Dec. 25.—Christmas day passed off very quietly here. Heavy wind and rain storm prevailed up to noon, after which the weather cleared and the sun came out. Tonight is freezing.

Furness liner Halifax City arrived from London tonight.

A PHYSICIAN is not always at hand. Guard yourself against sudden coughs and colds by keeping a bottle of Pain-Killer in the house. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer,Perry Davis'.25c. and 50c.

A Canadian Pacific Wreck.

[SPECIAL TO TELEGRAPH.]

MONTREAL, Dec. 25—An engine of the Canadian Pacific Ottawa express jumped the track near Lachine this evening and was completely wrecked. Fortunately the coaches were not derailed and the passengers escaped. Engineer Matt. Corrigan was seriously burned by escaping steam and his injuries will likely prove fatal. The cause of the accident is unknown.

CROPS, COUGHS AND COLDS are all quickly cured by Pyny-Pectoral. It lessons the cough almost instantly, and cures readily the most obstinate cold. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer

Concerning Hon. Mr. Tarte.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25—The rumor is again current that Hon. J. I. Tarte is to retire from the government shortly, owing to the precarious state of his health. If he leaves the government Hon. Mr. Tarte will probably be appointed to succeed Sir Hector Fabre as Canadian high commissioner in France.

THE D. & L. EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL may be taken with more beneficial results by those who are run down or suffering from after effects of la grippe. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

DEATH OF MRS. THOMAS KEILLOR.

Prominent Westmorland County Woman Passes Away Sunday Night.

[SPECIAL TO TELEGRAPH.]

DORCHESTER, Dec. 25.—The news that Mrs. Keillor, who has been ill for some months past, and whose condition during the last few days made death momentarily expected, had died last night, caused a general feeling of sorrow amongst the townspeople, by whom, on account of her kindly disposition and amiable qualities, she was highly regarded. Mrs. Keillor was in her 79th year, and despite her prolonged illness, up to the time of her death there was no appreciable diminution of her mental faculties.

She was the widow of the late Thos. Keillor, one of Dorchester's wealthy and most respected citizens, who at one time was judge of common pleas for Westmorland and, after the abolition of that office, became identified with the shipbuilding and other enterprises which, in the early part of the present half century, made Dorchester one of the liveliest trade centres of New Brunswick. Mrs. Keillor comes of a family widely known, during the fifties and sixties throughout the province and especially in St. John. She was the daughter of the late Robert Moore who came from Ireland to New York in 1833. Mr. Moore removed from New York to Ohio from whence he removed to St. John, and from there, after having been engaged in business for some time,he came to Dorchester. Here he entered upon mercantile pursuits in which he continued until his death. One of her b others was the late William E. Mo re who, in the days when Sir John Harvey was lieutenant governor of the province, occupied a prominent position in St. John's commercial and military circles. Another brother was the well known Westmorland politician, the Hon. Joseph L. Moore, who at the time of his death in 1872, was member for Westmorland in the House of Assembly. The only surviving member of the family is Mrs. Catherine Moore Pascoe, wife of Rev. Joseph Pascoe, now of Petitcodiac. Mrs. Pascoe has been with her sister during the past few weeks.

Mrs. Keillor herself, intellectually, was far beyond the average. Her kindly disposition, ease and grace of manner and her brilliant conversational powers, besides winning the respect and admiration of all with whom she came in contact, made her famous as a hostess.

In her younger days invitations to her "at homes" were sought after by all aspirants of social success. The funeral will take place from her late residence at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

CHRISTMAS IN MONCTON.

The Rain Made a Quiet Day—Navigation Closed — Marriage — Record Company to Make a Display at Paris.

MONCTON, Dec. 25—Monctonians, in common with other parts of the country, spent a rather dull Christmas on account of the very unseasonable weather. Rain fell most of the day and the streets wore a deserted appearance. The merchants, however, report an excellent holiday trade. Merchants generally report the best business for some years past.

Navigation in the Petitcodiac, so far as the port of Moncton is concerned at least, is about closed for this year.

The schooner Morning Star was the last to leave port. The river, however, owing to the mild weather, is still navigable.

Mrs. Beatty, a well-known milliner, was married today to Mr. Ralph Steeves, a prosperous farmer of Dover, Westmoreland county. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Parshley, rector of the First Baptist church, at the bride's home, Botsford street, at twelve o'clock.

The school trustees have created considerable discussion among the citizens by the recent increases of salaries. The action of the board has had the effect of moving the male teachers on the staff, who failed to get an increase, to make application for a larger stipend, and two of the members of the High school staff intimate that they will not re-engage for longer than six months if they do not get an increase. The board has decided not to grant any further increases at present and it is expected that some changes in the staff will result. Chairman Grant's resignation as a protest to the appointment of certain teachers and the adoption of the new salary schedule is creating some stir in school circles.

The Record Foundry and Machine Co. of this city will make a creditable display of their stove manufactures at the world's fair exposition at Paris and expect to ship their goods in a few days. The Moncton firm will send three patterns of staves, three cooking and three heating stoves. The exhibits are models of beauty, being handsomely nickle plated from top to bottom. This foundry's stoves cannot be excelled in Canada and it is expected that their display will receive favorable recognition among the world's manufactured products in this line.

FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

A Young Man, While Hunting Near Moncton, Blew the Top of His Head Off.

[SPECIAL TO TELEGRAPH.]

MONCTON, Dec. 25—E. W. Robichaud, 18 years old, employee of the Dominion cotton mill, was the victim of a Sunday shooting fatality at Dover, about six miles from town, yesterday afternoon. Robichaud, accompanied by two companions named Petitpas and Govang went shooting rabbits. After entering the woods Robichaud separated from his companions and about half an hour after Petitpas and Govang heard the report of a gun. Supposing their companion had fired at game they called to him, but getting no answer became suspicious of an accident and made a search for him.

They failed to find him and gave the alarm at Amos Govang's. Several men went in search but were unable to find Robichaud until this morning when his dead body was found lying across a windfall. Robichaud had apparently stepped on a log and in trying to save himself discharged his gun receiving a heavy load of shot full in the face which was terribly mutilated and disfigured. The scull was partly blown off and death was probably instantaneous. Deceased was the son of Mrs. Amos Robichaud, a widow, and the news of his tragic death was a great shock to his family. Coroner Purdy held an inquest on the remains this afternoon when the evidence went to show that death had been accidental and the jury accordingly found a verdict to that effect.

Harvey Station News.

HARVEY STATION, Dec. 25—There was a large audience at the Christmas concert which was held in the upper church Friday evening. The entertainment was arranged by Mrs. J. A. McLean with her usual ability and consisted chiefly of marching exercises, music and recitations by the Sunday school scholars of the parish. The church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. A large illuminated star was placed in the upper end of the church, which added much to the effect. Two large Christmas trees stood at the sides of the platform and were loaded with oranges, candy and other good things, which were distributed to the children. At the close Mr. John Swan, sr., on behalf of the congregation, presented the pastor, Rev. J. A. McLean, with a handsome black for overcoat, as a token of their high regard for him. Mr. McLean replied, warmly thanking the people for their gift and their expression of good will.

The closing exercises of the Superior school on Friday showed the school to be in a flourishing condition and reflected much credit on Principal Jewett and Miss Minnie Merserean, of the primary department. Miss Merserean was presented with a pair of handsome vases by the pupils of her department, accompanied by an address expressing their good will toward her and their appreciation of what she had done for them. Miss Merserean has resigned charge of the department in which she has had for the last three terms much to the regret of her pupils and the people of the district generally. She has proved herself to be a very efficient teacher and will be missed here in society and religious circles.

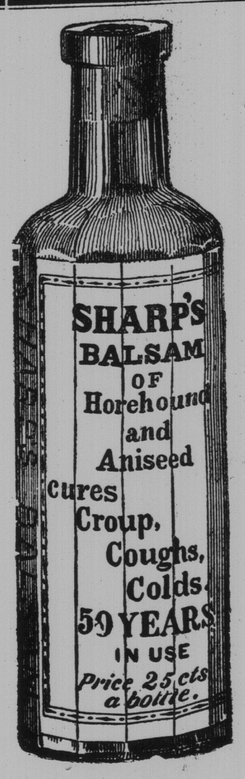
Mr. F. C. Jewett has been engaged as principal of the school for another term.

The Earth Quakes in California.

LOS ANGELES CITY, Dec. 25—The town of San Jacinto and Hemet, in Riverside county, was badly shaken by an earthquake at 4:45 o'clock this morning. No lives were lost so far as known, but several persons were injured. In San Jacinto not a brick house or block escaped injury. Nearly all of the business portion is in ruins. The new Southern California Hospital caved in. It was not occupied. At Hemet the Emmet Company's wall is partly down. The front fell first. The rear of the large Johnson block also topped over. Hemet's new hotel is a ruin. The damage at these places cannot be estimated now. Communication by wire is interrupted.

The Herald has received a telegram from San Bernardino saying that six Indians were killed at Hemet by falling walls during the earthquake. The Santa Fe railroad's report is to the effect that no lives were lost.

A Detective Roughly Used.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25—John Gillies, a detective connected with a private detective agency, is at the County hospital, probably fatally hurt. According to the story he tells, he was hurled from the Twelfth street viaduct by two men yesterday and nearly ground to death under the wheels of an incoming train on the G. T. R. His right leg was severed at the knee, his jaw was fractured, his cheek lacerated and his body bruised.

The police believe Gillies refuses to tell all he knows about his adventure. He told a rambling story and frequently used the word "Enmity." He said the men had been following him several days. Gillies denies his assailants were robbers.