



TWO MORE LIVES LOST IN FLOODS

WALTER GORDON FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Ontario Farmers Swindled—Returns Show Over Six Thousand Votes Against Liquor Act.

Montreal, April 4.—M. Emery, deputy postmaster, died this morning, aged 70. Steel Stock.

There was another big boom in Dominion steel on the Montreal market today. In the vicinity of 12,000 shares changed hands.

Quebec, April 4.—A. Bourbonnais, member of the legislature for Sonitong, died at the Hotel Dieu here this morning.

After Three Weeks. Guelph, Ont., April 4.—Archie Newstead, who was married three weeks ago to Miss Fiske, of Little Germany, sent his wife into Guelph yesterday, saying he would join her later.

Died From Blood Poisoning. Toronto, April 4.—Geo. Gurlay, manager of the Toronto Coal Co., died yesterday of blood poisoning.

Going to Africa. Toronto, April 4.—The public school board has granted a year's leave of absence to the Toronto teachers selected to go to South Africa.

Farmers Swindled. London, Ont., April 4.—A bold swindle has been worked in the township of acid twenty-four Caradoc farmers signed papers purporting to be agreements to drive a couple of agents for steel ranges through the country at \$2.50.

Found Dead. Winnipeg, April 4.—A farmer named Kirke living in the vicinity of Silver Heights was found dead in bed with a bullet hole in his head.

Another Fatality. A son of John Moffat, of Bethel district, Portage Plains, Manitoba, was drowned in the flood.

The Referendum. The referendum totals now stand: For enforcement of act, 12,814; against enforcement, 19,077; majority against, 6,263.

Found Guilty. Walter L. Gordon, who was arrested at Halifax with the Canadian Mounted Rifles on the eve of departure for South Africa and brought back here to answer to a charge of double murder, was found guilty at the Brandon assizes today.

LORD DUNDONALD Succeeds Gen. O'Grady-Haly—His Opinion on Canadians.

Montreal, April 3.—A special cable from London says: "I have authority to state that Gen. Dundonald will assume command of the Canadian militia at the termination of Gen. O'Grady-Haly's term of office.

Gen. Dundonald is now at Ascot awaiting the setting of his appointment. Lord Dundonald sends this message for publication: "The Canadians who served under me in South Africa were men from the tops of their head to the soles of their feet. To be more explicit, there are persons with rifles and men with rifles. When a general has men under him with rifles he knows what he can do, and what risks he can take."

SINGULAR FATALITY. Telluride, Colo., April 5.—Colonel S. B. Tatum, superintendent of the Keystone Fluor Mining Co., whose mines are about four miles west of this town, was killed, and Peter Epawich seriously injured by a hydraulic plant which became unmanageable.

A stream of water coming with terrific force from Col. Tatum's dam above and hurled him fifty feet down the mountain side. When rescued, his body was floating in the torrent of water one hundred feet away from the nozzle of the giant.

CECIL RHODES'S WILL

Provides for Colonial, American and German Scholarships at Oxford.

London, April 4.—The will of Cecil Rhodes provides for establishment of colonial scholarships, as previously announced, and two American scholarships to each of the present states and territories of the United States. The will also provides for five scholarships for students of German birth, at Oxford, to be nominated by Emperor William, and commenting on the bequest Mr. Rhodes in a codicil telegraphed from South Africa, said: "For a good understanding between England, Germany and the United States will secure the peace of the world, and educational relations form the strongest tie." All the Rhodes scholarships, American, Colonial and German, are at Oxford.

There is a codicil attached on the day of the deceased's last departure from England, and another cable from South Africa leaves £4,000 yearly to keep up the spot in the Matopos Hills where his body is to be buried. The will further directs that a railroad extension be made into the Matopos Hills so that visitors may go there at the week end to inspect the majesty and glory of their surroundings.

Mr. Rhodes explicitly says he is to be buried in an aperture, cut in the solid rock, surmounted by a brass tablet bearing the words: "Here lie the remains of Cecil John Rhodes. No one else is to be buried there who has not deserved well of his country. Mr. Rhodes bequeaths all his landed property near Bulawayo and Salisbury, both in Matoposland, to trustees, whom he directs to cultivate the land for the instruction of the people of Rhodesia. His celebrated country place at Groote Schuur (not far from Cape Town), Mr. Rhodes leaves as a residence for the "Prime Ministers of the Federal Government of South Africa," with \$1,000 yearly for its maintenance.

THE COMMAND OF CANADIAN MILITIA

NO APPOINTMENT HAS YET BEEN MADE

Lord Dundonald Recommended for the Position, But Nothing Definite Decided Upon.

Ottawa, April 4.—Dr. Borden was asked this morning if he had learned anything about the appointment of Lord Dundonald, to the command of the Canadian militia.

Dr. Borden replied that Lord Dundonald had been recommended for the position, but he had not been appointed, as it would require an order-in-council by the Canadian government to do this, and they, as yet, had not a vacancy, Gen. O'Grady-Haly's term would not have expired until June 30th.

Railway Bills. The Edmonton & Slave-Lake railway and Velvet (Rossland) Mine Railway Bills were reported at the Senate committee today. Referring to the Velvet (Rossland) mine railway, the Senate committee today—Senator Templeman said that it looked like a road to carry ore out of Canada. Senators Watson and Gibson, as well as Senator Templeman thought that the line to Rossland was only put in to get a charter for a line to the boundary, and Sir Mackenzie Bowell said he had no doubt but the line to the boundary would be the one used.

An amendment was made providing that any connection with United States railways could only be had by the consent of the Governor-in-council. The bill was then reported.

D. J. Munn Returning. D. J. Munn New Westminster, left today for the Pacific coast. He is to act as an appraiser for the company or trust that is arranging to control the canneries in British Columbia.

Finances of Dominion. The financial statement of the Dominion, issued today for the nine months ending March 31st, shows the revenue to be \$41,351,518, an increase of \$3,453,801 over the same time last year. The ordinary expenditure was \$39,441,135, an increase of \$2,286,523, or a betterment of over \$1,000,000. The excess in revenue over expenditure for the nine months was \$1,910,383. The expenditure on capital account was \$8,857,451, an increase of over \$1,000,000. The increase in revenue over all kinds of expenditure was over \$1,500,000 for the nine months. There was an increase of over \$500,000 in the revenue and a decrease of over \$100,000 in the ordinary expenditure. On the capital expenditure there was a decrease for the month of \$1,000,000. Altogether the statement is an excellent one.

Lancashire is the most populous British county, Middlesex second, Yorkshire third. Forests cover one-tenth of the surface of the world, and one-quarter of Europe.

A SPECIAL OFFER

Daily Times for Nine Months for \$3.

The publishers of the Times are aware that a large number of residents of the districts and of other cities and towns than Victoria would like to become subscribers to the daily edition, but are unwilling to pay the regular rate of subscription, owing to the fact that the paper cannot reach them for from six to seven hours, to three days after publication.

The management have decided to quote an extraordinary low rate to out-of-town subscribers, in the hope that the response will be sufficiently general to warrant a permanent reduction. For a limited time subscriptions from date to December 31st, over nine months, will be taken for \$3.

This reduction will give residents outside the Capital an opportunity of following the proceedings of the legislature, a full report of which will appear daily.

In addition to the full reports of the debates, the Times will continue to give the current political gossip at the seat of government, which is frequently more interesting and important than the actual proceedings in the House. Most of the noteworthy political developments of the past few years have been foreshadowed in the Times before they were forecasted by any other paper.

A series of political cartoons by the Times's own artist will further increase the attractiveness of the paper.

The half-tone illustrations of public men of the province, with sketches of their careers, snapshots, views, etc., will be maintained. The special telegraphic service from Ottawa from the Times shall representative there will be continued. This service is unsurpassed by that of any other paper in Canada.

The full foreign telegraphic news, as well as that of the Dominion, will appear regularly.

Twice-a-Week Times

This Edition for the Rest of the Year for 75 Cents.

In order to still further extend the wide circulation of the twice-a-week Times, the publishers have decided to reduce the subscription price for new cash subscribers from now until the close of the year, nine months, to 75 cents.

The features outlined in regard to the daily will be maintained in the twice-a-week Times.

The publishers have in addition arranged with the department of agriculture at Ottawa for an original article weekly, about a column in length, prepared under the authority of the minister. The matter will consist of agricultural news, interesting to all readers, supplemented by brief accounts of the latest experiments and researches at the Government Experimental Farms, and recipes, useful to agriculturists, horticulturists, arboriculturists, horse-breeders, stock-rangers, bee-keepers, dairymen, poultrymen and others.

The market reports will be improved and will be given particular prominence. Other features are contemplated which will further increase the attractiveness of the paper, to the editing of which special attention will be devoted.

This offer is good for a limited period only. Those who wish to subscribe should do so at once. Remittances by mail should be by P. O. Order or Registered letter to THE TIMES-PRINTING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, VICTORIA, B. C.

SUPPOSED MURDER

Fisherman Arrested at Vancouver on Suspicion of Having Killed His Wife.

Vancouver, April 4.—John Costello, a Spanish fisherman, was arrested this morning on suspicion of murdering his Indian wife. Two other Indian women, residents of the Tar Flats, a fishing village in the east end, are also in jail as material witnesses. The story is that Costello and his wife quarrelled and he choked her to death. The sheriff has acted \$200 worth of the personal property of Detective Byers, who worked up the case of the Medical Association against Dr. Jordan. A distress warrant was first issued against Byers as representing the association. Stay of proceedings was granted this morning, pending the appeal of the case against Jordan to the full court.

General Manager Hawkins, of the new Klondike railway, has been also appointed consulting engineer in New York for the proposed line from Valdez to Eagle.

MISS ELLEN STONE Sailed on the Deutschland for Home Today.

London, April 4.—Miss Ellen Stone, the American missionary, sailed for New York on the Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, which left Southampton today. Her departure from London was quiet. Miss Stone will begin lecturing in aid of the missions immediately after her arrival in the United States. The rest, Miss Stone has had in England evidently improved her health, though she was obliged to refuse many invitations to speak before religious and other bodies. Joseph Choate, the United States ambassador, and

THE CORONATION. Proposal to Erect Stand for Accommodation of Colonial Visitors.

New York, April 5.—A private meeting of representatives of the colonial governments has just been held, says a London dispatch to the Tribune, to consider the question of a stand for the accommodation of colonials who will visit England for the coronation. Fully 6,000 visitors are expected from Canada and Australia. It was decided to leave the whole matter in the hands of Lord Strathcona.

Aden, Arabia, April 5.—King Menelik of Abyssinia, has appointed Ras Makonnen, the famous Abyssinian general, to attend King Edward's coronation. Ras Makonnen defeated the Italian troops under General Baratieri in March, 1896, at the battle of Adowa, when some 8,000 to 10,000 of Baratieri's soldiers and camp followers were reported to have been killed. He is a cousin of King Menelik, and is the principal general and confidential representative of His Majesty.

REBATE OF DUTIES Wellington, N. Z., April 4.—The Premier, Richard Seddon, in a speech today announcing that the customs revenue of New Zealand for the year just ended was \$21,000 in excess of the estimate, said the government contemplated providing for rebates of duties on goods manufactured in Great Britain.

DOMINION WAY GET SCHOLARSHIP

BY CORRECTION OF CECIL RHODES'S WILL

The Carrying Out of the Scheme Has Been Left in the Hands of Executors.

London, April 5.—The war in South Africa, politics and every topic usually of interest, were forgotten today in the absorbing discussion of Cecil Rhodes's will. Regarding that extraordinary document, the Associated Press has ascertained some new facts. The total of Mr. Rhodes's fortune is likely to prove to be £5,000,000, or slightly under that amount. The executors to whom he bequeathed the residue of his estate will divide about £1,000,000 or £1,500,000 between them. According to the terms of the legacy, the amount is to be divided during their lifetime, but as each legatee dies his share goes to a common fund until the surviving legatee becomes its sole owner. Hence one of the executors, the majority of whom are enormously wealthy, will one day inherit what will then have probably accumulated into nearly £2,000,000.

The executors, the Associated Press learns, have unusually full powers and can construe and add to the will as seems fit. Hence the omission of British Columbia, Nova Scotia and other Canadian provinces from the list of scholarships is quite likely to be corrected, and each province of Canada put on the same footing as the American states.

One of Mr. Rhodes's most intimate associates said to a representative of the Associated Press: "He drew up his will in the same spirit in which he approached all great undertakings. In his most important tasks he merely sketched the outlines and left us to fill in the details. His trustees are given plenary powers. In the matter of the scholarships Mr. Rhodes saw the advantages so vast that any attempt to too rigidly lay down the lines must result in harm, so beyond setting the best specimens of requirements, he tried to leave the fulfilment of his plans to those with whom during his lifetime he had frequently discussed them."

Regarding the American bequests the same authority said: "In offering the Americans and Germans inducements to go to Oxford, Mr. Rhodes had a dual aim. First, putting the youth of England in intimate touch with what he termed the two most progressive nations of the world, so that they might be broadened and spurred to more strenuous efforts; secondly, bringing the best specimens of Americans and Germans on such terms with the English people and customs that they might become missionaries of a better international understanding."

When the trustees can meet and all the preliminary details are settled a request will be made to several leading Americans to form a committee in the United States in conjunction with the English body and assume certain responsibilities for which the executors are palpably unqualified, both by absence from the United States and ignorance of its customs.

FOR SHOOTING BOERS

Australian Officer Tells of Trial and Sentence on Himself and Two Comrades.

London, April 5.—Lt. Witton, one of the Australians sentenced to life imprisonment at penal servitude at the same time that the Australian officers were sentenced to be shot for shooting Boers who were travelling to Pietersberg with the object of surrendering, has arrived in England to serve his sentence. He gives an account of the affair as follows:

One of their (the Australian) officers had been murdered by Boers. Shortly afterwards the Australians captured a number of Boers, including one wearing the uniform of the murdered officer. They immediately held a drum court martial, found the man guilty, and ordered him to be shot. For this the Australians were arrested in October, and tried by court martial. Their sentences, after revision by the Imperial government, were commuted to them in February. Two of the Australians were shot.

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Crowd Broke Down Barriers at International Football Match.

Glasgow, April 5.—During the international football match between England and Scotland here this afternoon the immense crowd broke down the barriers, and during the terrific crush two persons were killed and fifty were injured.

FIRE IN MANSION. London, April 5.—A great part of the Duke of Grafton's seat at Easton Hall, 30 miles from Norwich, was destroyed by fire this morning. The east and south wings of the mansion were entirely gutted. Valuable pictures and furniture were saved.

IMPRISONED BY FLOODS.

Fifty Persons in School House Are Unable to Get Away.

Winnipeg, April 5.—The town of Souris is now isolated by the floods, all communication having been cut off by the two bridges leading to it being swept away. As a result of the big washout at Nipitka, the C. P. R. trains, bound west, were stalled two days. Fifty residents of the flooded Portage la Prairie district are isolated in Bethel school house, waiting for the waters to recede. Mehta is also cut off by floods. Ice in rivers at Winnipeg is breaking up fast, and the railway bridges are safe. The situation will improve in all parts of the province by Monday, as the weather is very warm.

The Sioux Indian village near Portage la Prairie was destroyed by floods. Nearly all the houses have been swept away, and natives lost everything.

STRANDING OF STEAMER.

St. John Pilot Commissioners Open Enquiry Into Grounding of the Lake Superior.

St. John, N. B., April 5.—The pilot commissioners yesterday afternoon began an enquiry into the grounding of the steamer Lake Superior.

Capt. Thompson said that he left the docking of the steamer to the pilot to decide. Pilot Rogers said when coming up the harbor from the island a tug blew for a line when the captain remarked that he did not want a tug. "We will dock her ourselves," he said. The evidence of the ship's officers was taken and statements heard as to the currents of the harbor. The enquiry was adjourned until Tuesday.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Walter Gordon Will Be Hanged on June 28th.

Brandon, Man., April 5.—Walter Gordon was sentenced this morning by Judge Dubuc for the murder of Chas. James Daw to be hanged June 28th, between the hours of 8 and 10 in the morning.

SEIZED BY ALBANIANS.

Constantinople, April 5.—Advices received here from Uskup, European Turkey, announce that a number of Albanians recently surrounded the government office at Peke, 65 miles from Nis, and took all the officials, prisoners, and then telegraphed to the Yildia palace demanding the release of the Albanians who are in custody in Constantinople. Two battalions of Turkish infantry have been dispatched to Ipek.

ALBERNI RAILWAY.

Mass Meeting at Nanaimo Passed Resolution Favoring Dominion Bonus.

Nanaimo, April 5.—At a mass meeting held here last evening in the interests of the Alberni railway, W. V. B. McInnes, in a message regretting his inability to be present at the meeting, contradicted the statement that the Canadian Northern would not benefit Nanaimo. He stated that Nanaimo would be on the line when the railway was built.

A. H. Hawthorthwaite spoke at considerable length, setting forth his objection to the land grant in connection with the Canadian Northern, and urging that the hands of Ralph Smith, M. P., should be strengthened in urging the Dominion government to grant a bonus to the Cape Scott railway on condition that the railway go by Alberni. He has opposed the bonus to the Cape Scott last year upon principles, but when this was granted, he believed in Nanaimo getting any benefit possible from it.

A resolution along this line, urging upon the Dominion government the granting of a bonus was unanimously carried by the meeting.

Ex-Mt. Coking, one of the delegates who waited upon the government, stated that the Premier had promised that if they would assist in getting a bonus from the Dominion government, that he would divert the course of the railway by way of Alberni.

In outlining the history of the scheme as carried out by the board of trade, it was stated that after the survey of the route by way of the Nanaimo lakes that they had endeavored to get Jim Hill to build it, but it failed. It had been urged in excuse for not taking it up that the lines operated by him in the Kootenays had not been profitable.

E. M. Yarwood and J. H. Cocking have been appointed to go to Ottawa in the interests of a Dominion subsidy to the railway to Comox, via Alberni. They went to Victoria this morning to confer with the Premier, and will leave for Ottawa next week.

FIRE AT CHEMANUS.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) About 10 o'clock on Friday the one-story frame building next to the new hotel was burned to the ground. Loss, about \$500. The building was owned by H. B. Donald, and was occupied by K. Cameron. The fire was without doubt the work of an incendiary, as earlier in the evening the building next to the one that was destroyed was found to be on fire, and the fire was extinguished and then afterwards Mr. Donald's house was found to be blazing, but the fire had secured such headway that it was impossible to put it out.

BRITISH LOSSES IN RECENT FIGHT

THREE OFFICERS AND TWENTY-FOUR MEN DEAD

One Hundred and Forty Seven Wounded—Kitchener's Report on Execution of Australians.

Pretoria, April 4.—The British losses in the engagement in the neighborhood of Hart's river, in the southwestern extremity of the Transvaal, March 31st, were three officers and twenty-four men killed, and sixteen officers and 131 men wounded.

The Boers admit that they lost 137 men killed and wounded.

The action occurred at Doornbait Farm, a few miles south of the scene of General Delarey's defeat of General Methuen. The Boers, who were commanded by Generals Kemp and Potgieter, attacked with great determination, but the Canadian contingent, which was the last to arrive in South Africa from Canada, and two squadrons of Yeomanry, under Colonel Cookson, and the artillery and mounted rifles under Col. Kier, presented such a stout front that the burghers were finally forced to retreat.

The casualty list shows that the second Canadian Mounted Rifles had four officers wounded, nine men killed and forty men wounded.

Sentence on Australians. London, April 4.—The war office this afternoon issued an official statement of the facts in regard to the Australians sentenced for murdering Boer prisoners as follows:

"The Bushveldt Carbineers, who were recruited in South Africa, but included other colonials, were employed in July and August in the wilder parts of the Transvaal, 80 miles northwest of Pietersburg, and took a certain number of prisoners. Grave irregularities on the part of certain officers of the corps were discovered by the military authorities in October, and an exhaustive investigation was ordered by Lord Kitchener. As a result of the inquiries five officers were tried by court martial at Pietersburg in January last, and were found guilty, as principals or accessories, of 12 murders. Lieutenant Hancock and Moran were sentenced to death, which was carried out. These officers were also charged with the murder of the Rev. C. Hesse. Although there was strong suspicion that they committed the murder, the evidence was not considered sufficient to justify their conviction. Lieut. Witton was found guilty of murder, and was sentenced to death, but there were mitigating circumstances and the sentence was commuted to life imprisonment at penal servitude. Lieut. Pieton was found guilty of manslaughter, and was cashiered. Major Lemah, commanding the Carbineers, who became aware of the crimes subsequent to their commission, was convicted of culpable negligence in failing to report them, and was ordered home to Australia, his dismissal being unnecessary, owing to the disbanding of the corps. No doubt exists as to the guilt of the accused, whose plea in exculpation that a number of the corps were ill-treated by the Boers was not sustained by the evidence at the trial. The sentences were such as would have been inflicted on any officers similarly guilty."

No Names Yet Received.

Ottawa, April 5.—Lord Minto received a cable from the war office this morning stating that the names of the officers in the casualty list at Kleinhar's River had been sent forward, and that as soon as the list of rank and file had been received it would also be sent. So far it had not been received. The officers were four mentioned yesterday. The Governor-General called last night for a full list of casualties.

Behaved Splendidly.

General O'Grady-Haly received a cable from Col. Evans, commanding the 2nd Canadian Mounted Infantry, stating that the Canadian troops at Kleinhar's river fight behaved splendidly.

Message From Chamberlain.

The following cable was received today by Lord Minto from Hon. J. Chamberlain, London, April 5th: "I congratulate the Dominion on the heroic conduct of Canadians in the action with Delarey. I deeply regret the heavy casualties, and desire to express my heartfelt sympathy with those who have given their lives to uphold the splendid traditions of Canadian valor."

The news of this engagement has caused the greatest uneasiness in Victoria, owing to the fact that the Victoria and Vancouver men were almost certainly recruited. It will be remembered that the first detachment of the Mounted Rifles embarked at Halifax on January 14th under Major Merritt, the remainder following under Col. Evans. The first detachment sailed from the Manhattan, and were composed exclusively of Eastern men, excepting 30 Western men, who were picked up as recruits for them. The choice of these men fell on No. 4 Troop, a squadron, which included the Victoria and Vancouver men.