

Personal.

We were pleased to have a call from the pastor of the Berwick, N. S., church on Monday. Mr. Simpson exchanged pulpits with Pastor Higgins of Carleton on Sunday, he returns to Berwick on Wednesday.

A Universal Language.

A universal language has long been one of the pressing needs of the world. In the commercial world this need is being fairly well supplied by the English language, and if it continues to spread as it has during the last quarter of a century, business men of all nationalities and in the remotest corners of the earth will soon be able to communicate freely with each other.

Next to a universal language a universal system of shorthand by which business and literary men can freely correspond with each other, or which will enable others to use their notes as occasion may require, takes perhaps the second place.

The only system that bids fair to accomplish this is the Isaac Pitman. Besides being almost exclusively used throughout the British Empire, it has during the last ten years made great headway in the United States, where till recently a number of modifications of the Pitman system were extensively used. Lately it has been officially adopted, in the High Schools of Greater New York, and in leading educational institutions all over the United States.

It is the only system recommended for use in the High Schools of Ontario. Dr. A. H. McKay, superintendent of education for Nova Scotia, makes a strong plea for its adoption in the Nova Scotia public schools, largely on the ground that it is the only system that stands any chance of becoming a universal system.

Isaac Pitman during his life time enjoyed many gratifying evidences of public appreciation, the most notable of which, perhaps, was the honor of knighthood conferred upon him by Queen Victoria in recognition of the great benefit of his invention to the English speaking people. Could he have lived to witness the more recent successes of his system he would have realized even more fully than was permitted to him the importance and success of his life's work.—Daily Telegraph.

The Isaac Pitman is the System taught in the St. John Business College.

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Mr. Samuel Locke Cured of Kidney Disease by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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JORDAN BAY, N. S., March, 19.—Mr Samuel Locke, of this place, boasts that he has never known a moment's pain from his old complaint—Kidney Disease—since he began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills some years ago. This fact he claims—and his claim is certainly just and reasonable—proves that the cures effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills are permanent.

Mr. Locke's case attracted wide-spread attention, and was reported, and commented upon by newspapers throughout Canada. Several doctors prescribed for him but they failed to do him any good. His Kidneys were badly diseased, and were daily growing worse.

At length, when all other means had been tried and had failed, Mr. Locke decided to make a final effort, and to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. He began to mend as soon as he began to use them. To-day, there is not a stronger nor a healthier man in the district.

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News Summary

The war loan passed Thursday in the British House of Commons its third reading by a vote of 172 to 23.

The Strathcona cavalry embarked at Halifax on the troopship Monterey on Friday and sailed on Saturday with fair weather.

On the hall of a hotel in Glasgow is posted this timely notice: "Discussions on the war and the twentieth century will not be allowed until the close of both."

The Nationalist members of the Cork corporation at a meeting held Thursday rejected a proposal to present an address to the Queen during her visit to Ireland. Five members voted in favor of the proposal and twenty against it.

The Queen's Own regiment, Toronto, whose bugle band is claimed to be the best in America, offered to supply sixteen buglers for the Halifax garrison, and a reply was received from the militia department Thursday accepting the offer.

Gen. Gatacre is holding Bethulia, and the whole line of the railroad south of Bloemfontein is now in the hands of the British. Gen. Brabant's column crossed the Orange river after a forced march.

Helen M. Francis aged three years and eight months, left New York without escort for Stroud, Ok., and has reached her destination safely. Helen's mother was dead and she went on a visit to her grandmother.

A Dublin despatch of March 14th says: At a meeting of the corporation this afternoon the Lord Mayor moved that an address be presented the Queen welcoming her to the capital city of her kingdom in Ireland. His speech was frequently interrupted by the occupants of the public gallery. The resolution was carried by a majority of eight.

Cuba's actual population, according to the preliminary enumeration made under federal authority, is 1,572,845; that of Puerto Rico, 957,679. Many of these people—most of them in Puerto Rico—are practically wards of the United States, and must receive aid from federal sources until the difficult problems of insular administration shall have been worked out in their behalf.

Mr. Bond on Thursday agreed to accept the conditions imposed by the governor of Newfoundland, and has formally assumed office. The new government is made up as follows: Premier and colonial secretary, Robert Bond; minister of justice, Wm. Horwood; minister of finance, John Cowan; leader of the upper house, Geo. Knowling; ministers without portfolios Edward Morris and Lawrence Furlong.

Lord Roberts made a quaint speech to the guards at Bloemfontein to-day, when in his first congratulatory words he expressed pride in their splendid march of 38 miles in 28 hours, and gave ample assurance of his ultimate design. "Through a small mistake," said Lord Roberts, "I have not been able to march into Bloemfontein at the head of the brigade, as I intended. I promise you, however, that I will lead you into Pretoria."

Francis Truth, head of the Divine Healing Association bearing his name, was arrested Thursday evening at his office in Boston, on the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The police took charge of a wagon load of letters. A staff of twenty girls were employed to do the correspondence. It is claimed by Chief Watts that Truth's business brought him in about \$30,000 a week recently.

It is understood that all the continental powers, with one exception, uncompromisingly refused to intervene. The exception was Russia, whose reply was couched in less firm language, although, like the others, she declined to interfere. It is said that the Pope was also appealed to, but that he declined to do anything beyond writing a letter to the Queen, appealing to her to stop further effusion of blood. Dr. Leyds's efforts with King Leopold were quite futile.

The Prince and Princess of Wales paid a surprise visit to the new poor man's restaurant in the west end, London, started by Sir Thomas Lipton's Alexandra trust. Their Royal Highnesses purchased tickets for dinners at 4½d., and each of them partook of the ordinary fare. The Prince and Princess afterwards inspected the premises and received an ovation from throngs of working people.



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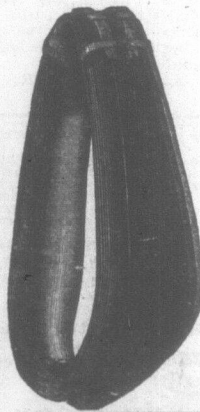
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