

CANADIAN BREVITIES

(Associated Press.)

Toronto, April 23.—Wm. Christie, of the well-known biscuit firm, is dangerously ill and his recovery is doubtful, as the disease from which he suffers is a species of cancer that has attacked his face.

Edward Hooper, the well-known druggist, died last evening, aged 92 years. He came to this country from England in 1832.

Brampton, April 23.—P. L. Woods, one of Brampton's oldest citizens, is dead. He was well-known in the Canadian jewellery trade.

Alexandria, April 23.—The Conservatives of Glenagarry have chosen Col. R. P. McLennan, M. P., as candidate for the next general election.

Ohawa, April 23.—The Schofield woolen mills were partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss, about \$25,000, is covered by insurance.

Montreal, April 23.—Aliseb Lamarche, clerk in the city treasurer's department, charged with having defrauded the city, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Pierre La Croix, building inspector, who resigned that position a few days ago and was subsequently charged with having defrauded the city out of small sums of money received for building permits, has disappeared from the city. He was to have appeared before the police magistrate on above charges on Thursday. It is understood he has gone to California.

The harbor commissioners this morning refused to accept the plans of the Connor syndicate, which was awarded the contract for building elevators at this port, on the ground that the plans submitted only provided for one million bushels of grain when the charter calls for three million bushels.

NANAIMO NOTES.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, April 23.—A meeting of a general committee from all the secret societies in the city was held to-day to arrange for the celebration of Society Day, which will be observed in this city this year. Committees were appointed to arrange for grounds, to fix the date for the holding of the celebration, etc.

Antone Benon had a leg broken in two places by a fall of rock while at work in the mine at No. 2.

"Our Bachelors" was presented at the opera house on Saturday night by local talent for the benefit of Mrs. Kenyon, widow of one of the men drowned several weeks ago. The net sum realized was a little over \$300.

MR. MINTOSH AT OTTAWA.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 23.—C. E. McIntosh, who is running for Queensland district for a seat in the legislature of British Columbia is here. He says that Premier Martin's party will have no chance of being returned. Six seats in the Kootenay district will go against him. Mr. McIntosh is running against Smith Currie, minister of mines, and has no doubt of defeating him. McIntosh evidently sees in the contest a great chance for the Conservatives getting into power in the province.

Sir Robert Tupper has arrived from Vancouver.

PREMIER AT YMIR.

(Associated Press.)

Nelson, April 23.—The Hall Mines smelter at this point and the Silver King mines, which have been closed down for some months past, will resume operations in a short time. This will mean the employment of several hundred men, who were thrown out of work with the shut-down.

Hon. Joseph Martin went to Ymir from Nelson this morning, and addressed the electors there this afternoon.

UNITED STATES CLAIMS.

(Associated Press.)

The Reply of the Turkish Government to American Representations.

Washington, April 23.—The State Department has received through Lloyd Griscom, the United States charge at Constantinople, the reply of the Turkish government to the latest representations of the United States touching the American missionaries' claims.

It is gathered that the very brief outline of the Turkish response cabled from Constantinople to the effect that the American claimants' must take their position along with those of other nations, do not convey accurately the tenor of the whole note, though it is admitted that it does set out properly one portion of it.

The opinion prevails in the diplomatic circles here that, assuming that the Turkish government has insisted on including the American claim with the others, it has played a card of some strength, as it places the United States in a position of seeking to extort better terms from the Turks than are to be accorded to the claimants of other nations.

The State Department has determined not to abandon the preferential position respecting its claims that it has secured through the Sultan's own promises, so it is anticipated that an energetic response to this last note will be sent to the Porte through Mr. Griscom.

DISASTROUS FLOODS.

(Associated Press.)

Houses Carried Away and Thousands of Head of Cattle Drowned.

Miriden, Miss., April 21.—The extensive rains that have prevailed over Mississippi and parts of Alabama for seven days, making the rivers and smaller streams of these states rise to an unprecedented extent and overflow the lowlands, are causing suffering and loss of property never known before. Thousands of acres of farming lands have been devastated, houses have been floated away, and thousands of head of cattle, sheep and hogs, and fowls have been drowned. Railroad traffic has been severely interfered with, and in some of the small towns neither freight, express nor mail has arrived for four days. Fears of a scarcity in food stuff are entertained in some communities. The loss to the railroads in traffic and property is incalculable.

At Jackson, the state capital, the situation is considered more serious than at any other locality. The city is threatened with a water famine, as the waters of the Pearl river has risen to such an extent that the fires under the boilers at the waterworks and pumping station have been put out by the high water. The city is also surrounded on three sides by the backwaters of the Pearl river.

Alleged Dynamiters

Arrested Charged With Attempting to Destroy a Lock on Welland Canal.

Militia Called Out to Prevent a Mob From Releasing the Prisoners.

(Associated Press.)

Niagara Falls, April 23.—Chief Young and Detective Main, assisted by Buffalo detectives, have probably unearthed the gang of dynamiters operating from the gang of dynamiters, Suspension bridge, New Buffalo, N. Y., by rounding up John Walsh, aged 27 years; John Nolan, 35 years of age, and Karl Bullman, they are charged with having attempted to blow up lock 24 of the Welland canal on Saturday night.

The general impression is that this gang has been operating as hirelings to cripple the Welland canal to divert traffic to the upper lakes from Montreal to Buffalo.

Accused will appear before Police Magistrate Logan to-day.

A detachment of the 4th Battalion is guarding the court house to prevent any attempt of a mob from Buffalo, which, it is reported, is preparing to liberate the prisoners.

Soldiers on Duty.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 23.—The militia authorities were advised to-day that an officer and sixteen of the 4th Battalion were ordered to assist the military authorities in the Niagara district, on account of the dynamite explosion at the Welland canal.

Damage Not Serious.

Ottawa, April 23.—In the House to-day Hon. A. G. Blair, in reply to Mr. Foster, said that the damage to the Welland canal was not serious, and that it would be open to navigation the day after tomorrow.

Prisoners Remanded.

Niagara Falls, April 23.—The court house was crowded this morning when the hour of the trial of the accused arrived. Among those who were present to give evidence were American government secret service detectives.

On the reading of the charge against the accused by Police Magistrate Logan, Solicitor McBurney, on behalf of the three accused, asked for immediate trial, but the magistrate refused and remanded the case for eight days.

The prisoners were taken to Welland jail this afternoon.

THE CARRYING OF ARMS.

Strikers' Attorneys Claim They Were Within Their Rights.

New York, April 21.—The twenty strikers from the Cornell dam arrived to-day at White Plains, N. Y. Before the county judge the strikers moved for the dismissal of the prisoners on the constitutional grounds. They pointed out that article 2 of the constitution of the United States gave citizens the right to bear arms and declared that those rights should not be infringed upon.

They said there was no statute or law prohibiting the carrying of arms, outside of an incorporated city privilege, and that Cornell Dam was not incorporated.

The strikers were held in \$2,000 bonds each, to await the action of the grand jury.

HAYTI SETTLED.

(Associated Press.)

Kingston, Jam., April 21.—Mail news received here to-day from Hayti says the army there is in a high state of discipline and prepared for any contingency. The native police, it is admitted, are closely watched, and the finances under Minister Painé are satisfactory. The officials are receiving their stipends regularly. President Sam is receiving popular support and the bulk of the people are apparently tired of revolutions.

France is said to be putting pressure on the Republic for preferential treatment of France's manufactures. Failing this, France threatens to levy a prohibitive duty on Haytian coffee. There is popular uneasiness over this feature of the situation.

QUEEN REVIEWS TROOPS.

(Associated Press.)

Dublin, April 21.—Thousands of visitors arrived to-day to witness the Queen's review of the naval, cavalry and infantry brigades and the boys of the Royal Hibernian military school. Fifteen acres of Phoenix Park were occupied by the 10,000 soldiers and blue-jackets under the command of the Duke of Connaught. A royal salute at 4:15 p.m. announced the arrival of Her Majesty and the Princesses and a scene of great enthusiasm was presented. It is estimated that 200,000 persons witnessed the review. It was 8 o'clock before the evolution of the troops were completed. The cheering everywhere was tremendous, especially for the naval brigade.

MISSIONARIES IN SESSION.

(Associated Press.)

New York, April 21.—There gathered to-day in Carnegie's Hall more than 2,000 missionaries from almost every corner of the globe. For ten years preparatory have been under way for this meeting, known as the Biennial Conference on Foreign Mission. It is the third of its kind ever held. Every branch of the Christian church is represented, except the Roman Catholic, the Greek church and branch of Anglican churches known as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The sessions will last until May 1st.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, April 23.—Stock exchange, mining, bond—Wear Eagle, 141, 139; 20, 118, 117; Montreal & London, 21, 20; Republic, 105, 102. Sales—Wear Eagle, 50 at 149; Payne, 1,000 at 150; Montreal & London, 650 at 30; Republic, 500 at 103.

The Famine In India

Terrible Stories of the Sufferings of the Natives From Hunger.

Children Are Being Sold by Their Parents—Present Relief Inadequate.

(Associated Press.)

Calcutta, April 23.—The latest official reports from the famine district say that the misery existing there is indescribable and unparalleled, and that the present relief is quite inadequate.

They add that the mortality among cattle is so severe that the authorities are trying to adapt farm implements so that human power can replace that of bullocks. One district lost one million out of 1,300,000 head, and almost numberless human beings were among the dead from starvation. In addition children were found wandering in all directions, homeless, naked, emaciated, and cases were reported of children being sold.

The official reports fully confirm the worst stories of the terrible nature of the distress.

UNFOUNDED RUMOR.

A Report That Rev. Mr. Gibson Had Confessed to the Crime for Which Durrant Was Executed.

A rumor was started in Montreal a few days ago that Rev. Mr. Gibson, who was pastor of Emmanuel Baptist church in San Francisco when Benzene Williams and Minnie Lamont were found murdered in the belfry, had died in Chicago and before dying had confessed to having committed the crime for which Theodore Durrant was hanged. The rumor was published by the Montreal papers, and traveled across the continent through the gossip of operators. When the rumor reached San Francisco it was promptly denied by the "dead" preacher. In a letter to the press Rev. Mr. Gibson says: "During the Durrant trial I was willing to bear my share of trouble, and no one ever accused me of saying bitter things about my critics. Five years and more have passed since the murders were committed. I have remained in the city and in the same church. People have had every opportunity to test my character. My ability as a minister has also been proven by the fact that I have been successful, in spite of all the troubles."

"Now, after all these years, the Eastern papers are publishing the fact that I am dead, after having made a confession of the two murders. I have had the doubtful pleasure of reading my death in three papers, and the news is going around. Had I retired into obscurity there, might be some ground for the statement of my death, but here I am in a great city, preaching to hundreds of people every Sunday."

"I do feel like complaining now, for it seems like persecution from which I have no protection. I have remained at my post and stood every test that the public has applied to me. In spite of all plans formed against me, the church has prospered, and if I am not mistaken I do not occupy the lowest place in the San Francisco ministry."

"It is unusual for a man to ask a paper to announce that he is alive. I ask you to do it, however, in the hope that the Eastern papers, after a long while, may get the news. J. George Gibson."

FARMER'S INSTITUTES.

(Associated Press.)

List of Institute Meetings Arranged for by the Superintendent—Some Eminent Lecturers to Assist.

The following is the programme of the spring regular meetings as far as it has been arranged by Mr. J. R. Anderson, superintendent of institutes:

Tuesday, May 1, Cedar; Wednesday, May 2, Comox; Thursday, May 3, Courtenay; Friday, May 4, Parkerville; Saturday, May 5, Alberni. Speaker, A. M. Stevens, Ellensburg, Wash. Subject, "The Dairy Cow."

Monday, May 7, Richmond; Tuesday, May 8, Central Park; Wednesday, May 9, Surrey; Thursday, May 10, Langley; Friday, May 11, Abbotsford; Monday, May 14, Ladner; Tuesday, May 15, Cominlay. Speaker, Mr. H. I. Blanchard, Hadlock, Wash. Subjects, Root Crops, Poultry, Feeding and Management of Dairy Herd, Management of Crops on Dairy Farm.

Friday, May 18, Methosin; Saturday, May 19, Duncan; Monday, May 21, Saanich; Tuesday, May 22, Salt Spring; Wednesday, May 23, Nanaimo.

Speaker, Dr. James Withycomb, vice-director Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Oregon. Subjects, Sheep as a Factor in Farm Economy, Slilage Ensilage and the Dairy Cow and Her Environment, Swine Husbandry, Rotation of Crops and Advantage Thereof.

Saturday, May 26, Chilliwack; Monday, May 28, Agassiz; Tuesday, May 29, Mission. Speaker, Mr. D. A. Brodie, superintendent Puyallup Experiment Station, Wash. Subjects not arranged.

Thursday, May 31, Salmon Arm; Friday, June 1, Armstrong; Monday, June 4, Kelowna. Speakers and subjects not yet arranged.

LIBERAL M. P. DEAD.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, April 23.—Dr. Haley, M. P., Hants, Nova Scotia, died at the Ruse house at 1:45 a.m. to-day. He was 58 years of age. He had been confined to his room for a month. Dr. Haley was a Liberal.

The House of Commons took recess to-day from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to permit of members attending the funeral of the late Dr. Haley from Russell House to the railway depot.

A deputation of merchants from Buffalo, N.Y., waited on the Ontario government this morning and urged that Ontario be represented the Pan-American Exposition to be held in that city next year. Premier Ross promised careful consideration.

Sporting News.

BASEBALL.

SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES.

At Philadelphia—Boston, 2; Philadelphia, 5.

At Brooklyn—New York, 2; Brooklyn, 5. At St. Louis—St. Louis, 2; Pittsburgh, 4. At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 4; Chicago, 3.

CHESS.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE WON.

New York, April 21.—After a two days' struggle Oxford and Cambridge, combined, defeated the American Universities, Harvard, Columbia and Yale, in a cable chess match, by a score of 4 1/2 to 1 1/2.

CRICKET.

M'GILL STUDENTS' TOUR.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, April 23.—The McGill College cricket team will tour Western Ontario shortly. The trip begins about June 1st and will last a couple of weeks. Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, Peterboro and London are included on route.

LACROSSE.

CANADIAN TEAM FOR PARIS.

According to information from Montreal, President Lamarche, of the Nationals, has received a communication from the Great Lacrosse Club, of Brooklyn, relative to the proposed trip of these two clubs to the World's Fair at Paris. The Nationals are billed for the trip and are desirous of making arrangements with the Montreal club so that they can travel together, and also desire to make arrangements about matches. The Nationals were to have heard from the commissioner who is in charge of the sporting department of the Fair some time ago, but they have not yet learned whether their trip is assured or not. It was the intention of the club to leave Montreal about July 15th. The trip would require about five weeks, and satisfactory arrangements had been made for their senior league matches in the meantime.

YACHTING.

SIR THOS LIPTON'S INTENTION.

In connection with Sir Thomas Lipton's determination to compete for the America Cup in 1901, the following statement from Glasgow is of considerable interest:

"Bearing in mind the immense amount of interest displayed in this country in the Shamrock-Columbia races, the members of the committee were forced to the conclusion that another such event taking place in the season of 1901 would seriously discount the importance of the match or regatta which they were planning. A meeting was accordingly summoned, and after a lengthy discussion it was unanimously agreed to appoint a deputation of the yachting men to wait on Sir Thomas Lipton with a request that he should postpone the issue of his challenge for another year, and so leave the summer of 1901 free for the racing of a big international regatta, which could be held on the Clyde."

"At the time of writing the deputation had not yet had its interview with Sir Thomas Lipton, but there is reason to know that he has already considered the matter, and unless the committee can bring forward some good cause, of which the challenger is as yet ignorant, the America Cup contest will go on as already indicated."

Nat. Herreschoff, the eminent designer, has denied the statement that his firm has declined to accept a contract for the construction of the new defender.

THE RING.

BIRTHPLACES OF PUGILISTS.

There are quite a number of foreign born pugilists now before the public, says a New York exchange. Tom Sharkey was born in Dundalk, Ireland; Robert Fitzsimmons in Eilston, Cornwall, England; Peter Maher in Galway, Ireland; Steve O'Donnell in Sydney, New South Wales; Joe Goddard in Fremantle, Australia; Dick Fitzgibbon in St. John's, Newfoundland; Dan Creen in Invercargill, New Zealand; Tommy West in Cardiff, Wales; Peter Jackson in Porto Rico, West Indies; Jim Hall in Australia; Spike Sullivan in Knockmanille, Ireland; Young Griffo in Sydney, Australia; Billy Murphy in Auckland, New Zealand; Eddie Conolly in St. John, New Brunswick; Tom Tracey in Australia; Joe Walcott in Barbados, West Indies; George Dixon in Halifax, Nova Scotia; Paddy Slavin in Maitland, New South Wales; Casper Leon in Palermo, Italy; George Godfrey in Philadelphia, Pa.; and John G. Barry was also born in Pignone Edward's Island; Billy Whistler in County Derry, Ireland; Denver Ed. Smith in Birmingham, England; Jack Root in Austria, and Jack McAnulle in Cork, Ireland.

SWINDLE EXPOSED.

San Francisco, April 21.—Quite a sensation is caused in racing circles by the report that Jockey Hennessy has exposed the plans of an alleged ring which was responsible for the barring of Jockey Pigot from Oakland. An investigation was recently held to inquire into the cause of the erratic going of some of the horses, which, as a probability, has resulted in the confession from Jockey Hennessy, who was recently suspended for a questionable ride on Lucida. According to Hennessy a ring existed including Jockey Joe Pigot, ex-Jockey Wm. Martin, himself and other prominent jockeys, besides trainer Dan Lynch, and at least one bookmaker. According to Hennessy, hard Knox, controlled by Lynch, and a horse generally rolled on, was pulled up and others allowed to win. Martin and the others are alleged to have taken a large amount of money out of the ring. The former's winnings totalling \$30,000.

CRICKET.

THE APPROACHING SEASON.

English cricket authorities are beginning to talk about the approaching season. It will not, they say, be a great season, and the M. C. C. do not intend at present to do anything in regard to the alteration of the leg-before-wicket rule. So complete was the mastery of the bat over the ball last year that at the close there was a general outcry that something must be done to equalize matters, and give the bowler a chance. This state of things was the natural outcome of a dry season, and the perfection of which groundsman have got in the preparation for pitches for first-class matches at which this leveling up process to be effected?

The only ways which suggested themselves as at all practicable were either to reduce the width of the bat, to broaden the wicket, or to alter the leg-before-wicket rule. Low Harris looks broader in the best class of cricket, the reduction of the size of the bat would effect much

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good, while in second-class cricket it would not go to broaden the wickets, as the bowling at present has a distinct command over the bat, so that he would not recommend reform in this direction. The abolition of the boundary necessitating the running out of the bats by batsmen has also been suggested as a means of reducing profit-run-getting, but again Lord Harris does not see much to hope for from this, after a batsman has got his second wind, though he says that the M. C. C. does not, however, appear to be particularly anxious to try an experiment in this direction.

A. G. Steele, on the other hand, is very emphatic that the absolute perfection of the wickets in real cricket weather makes it clear that the interests of the game require some drastic reform of the rules. He does not, however, appear to be in favor of an extra stump, or the addition of the leg-before-wicket rule, which would make it competent for an umpire to give batsmen out if, in his opinion, the ball would have hit the wicket, no matter where it pitched. This, he thinks, would be unjust and unfair. An alteration in the "follow on" rule, Mr. Steele thinks, might do some good, and this is to be considered in an over to six. The raising of the height of the stumps by two inches, Mr. Steele thinks, would make a vast difference to the rate of scoring.

THE RING.

HOW M'GOVERN DOES IT.

McGovern has a few, but important, tricks, if such they may be termed, that other fighters have not, writes George Siler in an exchange. To begin with, he is a natural born fighter, can hit from almost any position, and hits straight as a die when he does hit; he does not have to get set to deliver a blow, and, furthermore, keeps so close to his opponent that the latter, unless accustomed to close or short hitting, is all abroad, so to speak. McGovern, in striking a blow, is not compelled to draw back his arms to any great extent to obtain force, and when he does strike he gets all the leverage possible from the elbows through the forearm. To be more explicit, I should say that his arms, from the elbows on, are perfectly rigid, like a bar of iron or steel, when delivering a blow. This brings his gloved fist flush against the object it strikes, and in a direct line with the forearm; hence the force. Add to these essential points of the game, he is strong of jaw and exceedingly fast with both hands.

I've no doubt but that there are a number of fighters that could give Terry a trimming at purely long range fighting, but that is not McGovern's game. His long snout is mixing at close quarters, and his clever aggressiveness compels his opponents to fight along those lines. That is the secret of his success and the reason he will give any of the lightweights a stiff argument.

THE PROFESSOR'S CLASS.

Professor Robert Foster, familiarly known to every sporting enthusiast the length and breadth of this province, has started a boxing class, and is meeting from 10 to 12 o'clock and from 3 to 5 in the afternoon he imparts instruction in the manly art to quite a number of pupils. Those who are desirous of learning the art of self-defence should avail themselves of this opportunity of receiving instruction from one who has proved himself an untiring friend of all departments of sport in Victoria for a large number of years.

ALWAYS AN AMATEUR.

At the recent reception tendered to John L. Scholes, the 125-pound amateur champion of the world, in Toronto, the young pugilist remarked that he would never box as a professional. There were fully 1,500 admirers at the Bijou theatre, and the champion was most enthusiastically received. Scholes has met the foremost ama-

TOMMY ATKINS TO MR. KIPLING.

London Truth.

You've done us lots of kindness, Mr. Kipling; in the past, You've taught that we are human, any-how; But I do not like the things as you have said of us the last— Not 'tis jolly hard of you to state us now.

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