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they got away. 'After lying close for a bit we took our dispositions as best we could in the darkness. We could not see much, but we took up a position on a likely looking bill. It turned out afterwards to be Nicholson's Nek. Our force was not large enough to occupy the whole hill, so that we shared our end of it with the Gloucesters. "When it began to dawn we saw that our hill was completely surrounded by other hills, which towered above and although we could not se a single Boer the enemy kept pounding us from every side.

NICHOLSON'S NEK.

Story of Gen. White's Attack that

Ended Disastrously,

As Told by Cap'. Rice. Adjutant of the

1st Royal Irish Rifles.

Heroism and Endurance of the British

Troops Exposed to Deadly Fire from

an Unseen Enemy for Ten Hours.

(London Daily Mail, Dec. 15.)

There arrived at Southampton yes-

terday, on board the Jelunga, Captain

Rice, adjutant of the 1st Royal Irish

Fusiliers, who was shot through the

Captain Rice, being the first of the

survivors of that disaster to arrive

in England, a Daily Mail reporter ob-

tained from him the real story of that

"The idea of General White's at-

tack," he said, "was considered a

good one, and, in spite of its calami-

tous ending, is still considered a good

one, at Ladysmith. "We-that is to say, the Glouces-

ters, a mountain battery, and my

regiment, the Royal Irish-moved out

of camp at about 8.30 on the Sunday

flank, while White, with the main

body, delivered a frontal attack. In

the day-time we could see the enemy's

position quite clearly, and watch

their movements. We were surround-

MAIN ATTACK FAILED.

"If that had come off all right we

Some critics have said that we

should have attained our object, and

should have retired when the mules

stampeded with our ami unition. But

had we done so we should have left

White's flank exposed to the main

attack of the Boers, and very likely

he would have been overwhelmed. As

it was, we kept the enemy so busy

all Sunday night and half of Monday

that General White had time to re-

tire with practically no less. In fact,

our disaster, as it was, saved an in-

captain, "till some time after mid-night. It was pitch dark, and nobody

could see an inch in front of him.

Suddenly, as we were going through

a defile, a dozen or so of boulders came crashing down the hillside. We

shouted to our men to lie down, and

they obeyed at once. The battery men

followed suit, holding the halter of a

mule in each hand. Then, after the

stones, some half dozen of the Boers

ashed right through us. It was pro-

"Well, we marched," continued the

finitely greater one.

ed and cut up because White's

completely crushed the enemy.

We were to turn the enemy's

ankle at Nichcison's Nek.

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night.

BOSTON LETTER. and though most of them had not a cartridge left, they had all made up their minds to fight to a finish. Archbishop of Transvaal and "The boys were the worst, and some of the subalterns refused to give up their swords. In fact, it was all most horribly painful. Ancient Order of Hibernians.

them. They were furiously angry,

"Then the other officers and myself

ing to utter the words) well, we had

to break up our swords. That is not

a nice thing at all. Finally, a lot of

the men and the subalterns flung

themselves on the ground and wept

with rage. Even when they had no

weapons they wanted to go on fight-

"After that the Boers came along,

"I cannot say exactly what hap

pened then, for it was getting dark, and I offered a Boer half a sovereign

to take me down the hill. He took

me down the hill very carefully, but

TAKE THE HALF-SOVEREIGN.

two commandants of the Boers passed

your fault;' and they gave me their

"Later on I was taken to a farm-

"I should like to say something

about the prisoners. There has been

a great deal of nonsense talked about their numbers. I cannot say much

about the Gloucesters; but I was the

adjutant of the Fusiliers, and I know

pretty, well how many were wounded.

We went out about 550 strong. Of

these, 160 were killed and wounded.

The remainder were taken to Pre-

and a moderate amount of b

Saw mills are reported to be active

PROBATE COURT.

The will of the late James Currie,

granted to David Hay and Mrs. Eliz

Accounts in the estate of the late

Charles J. Coster for the executors

IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER.

Judge-What's the charge, officer

Children Cry for

CASTORIA

and J. A. Belyea for Mrs. Taylor.

y employed, with the prospect of be

generally in this district is good.

"As I was lying there in the veldt

and we were made prisoners.

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coats.

toria.

stragglers.

A Worcester Man Supplying the had to- (and here Captain Rice hesitated for a moment, as if dislik-Cartridge Belts for the Second

Canadian Contingent.

Quebec Liberals and the War - Recent Deaths of Provincialists - A Memramcoek Student Wins a Schelarship at Harvard-The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BOSTON, Dec. 24 .- There has been practically no frost for weeks and there has been no snow in Boston since last spring. In the city gardens in Dorchester, the superintendent of public grounds has pansies in om; an unusual sight at Christmas. two commandants of the Boers passed by. They said, in English, 'How are you, old chap-wounded?' And I said, 'Yes.' They said, 'Never mind. You made a fine fight, and it was not The grass on the parks and squares is still green. On two occasions this is still green. On two occasions this month the temperature has been as high as 65, and once even higher. The recent financial troubles here bave made Christmas a gloomy one for many. Within the past ten days two large banks in Boston, a prominent firm of bankers, an immense provision company and many smaller concerns have gone down, involving liabilities of \$17,000,000. New York's recent financial panic caused failures for about \$12,000,000. The latest development was the arrest yesterday California of ex-President Charles H. Cole of the Globe National Bank of Boston, which closed its doors on

Thursday, owing \$8,000,000. Mr. Cole "The reason why the wounded were is charged with embezzling and mis-appropriating \$900,000 of the bank's funds. There were heavy runs on the savings banks of Portland on not taken to Pretoria was that the Boers did not wish to be encumbered with wounded men, and they let us send for our own ambulance corps, Friday and Saturday, the indirect rewhich came up or the morrow (Tuessult of the collapse of a big banking day) and took us back. Out of the house there some time ago, but the banks were able to meet the run. The whole regiment only three or four men who were not wounded got back worst is considered over both here and at Portland. to the British camp, and they were

The war in South Africa is attract-"That is pretty well all I can say of the fight, but I should like to say that not from the beginning till the end did one of the Fusiliers funk it for a moment. And what I want you to understand," concluded Captain Rice, very earnestly, "is that we did not surrender. We were surrendered against our will." BRITISH LUMBER MARKET. (Timber Trades' Journal, Dec. 16.) Shippers at the spruce ports are asking high prices, and there ap-"That is pretty well all I can say

asking high prices, and there ap-Paul Kruger and his cause have had pears every probability of their being obtained. We understand that most a rude shock by the statement issued dashed right through us. It was pro-bably a piquet which came down by accident, and had no idea they were coming full upon us. "That started the mules; and the men, being IN A PRONE POSITION. dashed with the big cuts have been purchased of the big cuts have been purchased at a substantial advance on last year's figures. Breakey's, Atkinson's, and other well known stocks have been sold, the latter, we believe, being bought by W. & J. Sharples of Que-hought by W. & J. Sharples of Que-nians, some of whose members have nians, some of whose members have by the Roman Catholic archbishop of the Transvaal, in which he says ardor of the Ancient Order of Hiber-nians, some of whose members have been endeavoring to have men go to South Africa to assist the Dutchmen. T. C. Orndorff of Worcester has rebec. We also learn that Dobell, Bec-kett & Co. have been large purchasers of spruce cuts. A sale is reported of 3x9 third spruce, first-open-water, from Quebec, at about 35s. advance ceived another large order to furnish on last year's opening figures, and bandelier cartridge belts to the insince this transaction shippers, it is stated, are demanding a further adfantry portion of the new Canadian contingent for the Transvaal. He has been in consultation with the vance of 5s. It is really a puzzle to us to understand where this rush up militia department at Ottawa and is making preparations to hurry the work. The bandeliers are worn over of prices is going to end; should the Canadian firms follow the lead of their Russian and Swedish friends the shoulder and carry 100 rounds of there is still a margin for putting emmunition. They are of the neutral present prices a good deal higher. Of tint of the khaki uniforms and as incourse, there must be something at A special to today's Boston Globe the back of the advance to account for the inflation of the wood market. from Ottawa says there is an open revolt in the Quebec wing of the lib-London-Spruce in regular size is in particularly strong demand and of eral party over the question of send-3x11 in., the stock is greatly reduced ing a second contingent to the Trans-The expected shortage in the spruce vaal cut for next year is probably one of The fund which Britishers the causes of the pronounced advance Canadians are raising in Boston and violnity for the relief of the soldiers in South Africa is growing daily and shipping ports. Liverpool-Spruce deals are without the organization which was formed change from our last report. There is little offering for immediate delivfor the purpose promises to be more successful than was at first anticiery, and the sale of the cargo pe nated.

ress. For spruce, millmen's agree-ment prices still prevail, and there has been very little shading. Hemlock is very firm, and laths are still in strong demand at higher prices. Shingles and clapboards are in good request. Prices are as follows: Spruce-Frames, 9 inches and under, \$17:10 and 12 inch dimensions, \$19:10 and 12 inch randoms, 10 feet and up, \$18,50; 2x3 and 2x4, 2x5, 2x6, 2x7 and 3x4, 10 feet and up, \$15; other ran-doms, \$16.50; merchantable boards, \$15; out boards, \$12: bundled furrings, \$13 to 13.50; extra clapboards, \$28 to 29; clear, \$26 to 27; second clear, \$24 to 25; kaths, 15-8 in., \$3 to 3.25; laths, 11-2 in., \$2.90 to 3. Hemlock, etc.-Eastern

stop in November, are still in prog-

carairnozone is a figure query atomized, with a pleasant and penetrating odor when carried by atmospheric air through the in-haler, and recalls more than anything else the rich balsamic scent of the pine woods so eagerly sought by invalids in the Adiron-dacks. When inhaled through the inhaler it difference more words, and see the address at \$14.50 to 15.50; eastern boards, \$14 to 16; No. 1, \$13 to 14; planed one side and matched, \$16.50 to 17.50; extra cedar shingles, \$3.10 to 3.15; clear, \$2.65 dacks. When inhaled through the inhaler it diffuses very rapidly and reaches all the affected parts, destroying the microbic life and other causes exciting disease of the nasal and respiratory organs. It acts energetically as a stimulant to the mucous tissues of the throat, nasal passages and bronchial tubes, relieving congestion, and the affected parts are then quickly restored to a healthy condition. For speakers and singers and persons troubled with an irritable throat, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh, or La Grippe, Catarrhozone is of inestimable value. The inhaler can be carried in your pocket and may be used at any time or in any place. to 2.70; second clear, \$2.10 to 2.25; clear white, \$2; extra No. 1, \$1.50; extra pine clapboards, \$34 to 36; clear, \$30

The dry and pickled fish trade is very quiet, and dealers do not expect much business before the new year. There has been some enquiry for cod-There has been some enquiry for cod-fish for export to the West Indies. Large dry bank are worth \$5.50; me-dium, \$5: large pickled bank, \$5 to \$5.121-2, and large shore and Georges, \$5.50 to 5. Pickled herring continue steady, at \$6.50 for Nova Scotia split and may be used at any time or in any place. Catarrhozone is a guaranteed cure, aud it never fails to permanently cure the most chronic cases. Price \$1.00, at all druggists or and \$5.25 to 5.50 for medium. Canned lobsters are hard to find. Quotation are nominally fixed at \$3.10 to 3.25 for flats, and \$3 to 3.10 for uprights. direct by mail to any address. Send roc. in stamps for trial outfit to N. C. Polson & Co., Fresh fish are plentiful and prices are low. Provincial smelts are worth 6 Mfg. Chemists, Box 625, Kingston, Ont. to 7c., the open weather having ham-pered the trade and caused losses to

some shippers. Live lobsters are in good demand at 16c., and boiled at 18c. When Does the Nineteenth Century S. S. CEBRIANA.

One of the Finest Freight Steamers That Ever Visited St. John. To the Editor of the Sun:

One of the Finest Freight Steamers That Ever Visited St. John. The Furness liner Cebriana, now taking in cargo at No. 1 berth, Sand Point, is one of the finest freight steamers that ever visited the port of St. John. This is her maiden voyage. She was built at Sunder-land by Short Bros., and engined by the Allen concern of that place. She is built throughout of steel. Her dimensions are: Length, 260.5 feet; breadth, 48.1; depth, 30.10. She grosses 4,221.29 toms and her net regis-tered tonnage is 2,736.39. Her capacity under deck is 425,700 cubic feet and her carrying capacity is put down as follows: Indian summer draft, 7,012 tons; summer draft, 5,850 tons; winter draft, 6,687 tons. Her engines are of the triple expansion type, with cylinders 25, 41 and 69 inches in diam-eter with 48 inches stroke. Steam is sup-plied by three boilers working at a pressure of 130 pounds with a heating surface of 6,200 square feet. The Cebriana is fitted with all the modern devices for the rapid handling of cargo. She has five large cargo hatches and a cross bunker hatch. Her derricks are superior to those on the average stcamer. They are double derricks with double wanches for each hatch and a special der-rick for coating purposes. A feature in con-nection with the derricks are the extra leads, which are found to be of great ser-vice in swinging the derricks. The ship's windias is of the latest pattern with quick working barrels for varping purposes. She has stockless anchors, which are drawn up into the hawse pipe. The 'tween deck is admirably adapted for the carriage of cat-ite. On the main deck under the bridge each thers is a large covered space yell ventilated and of good height, in which horses may be carried. The saloon and captain's quarters are on the bridge deck. The saloon is roomy and event minuments of mandogram. The uphel-

What was the order of the year A. D. 2?-The third year. What was the order of the year A. D. 3?-The fourth year.

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WOODSTOCK.

MOMAR YAULON

Bj-stection for the Local House to be Heide January 12th.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 27 .- The the microbes must be killed, and so allow the forces of nature to assert themselves. Many remedies have been tried, snuffs, washes and ointments; but they have all proved ineffectual because they do not reach the affected parts. Late scientific investigation into the rela-fion of disease to microbic life has produced a specific for all diseases of the nasal and respiratory organs caused by geum life, call-ed Catarrhozone. Catarrhozone is a liquid quickly atomized, with a pleasant and penetrating odor when Col. Vince are talked of as pos candidates. The election will be held on the 12th prox.; nomination day the

REFUSED TO ACT.

(Special to the Sun.)

TORONTO, Dec. 27 .- The Telegram's pecial cable from London says: Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. for South Longford, who was nominated as a member of the committee of reconciliation at the recent Healyite unity conferen has refused to act, excusing hims by saying that the people have taken. the task of restoring unity into their own hands.

DEATH OF A WOODSMAN.

Man Supposed to be Thomas Dougherty of New Brunswick Expires Suddenly Near Greenville

(Baagor News.)

On Sunday, Dec. 24, several laborers from the lumbering camp in Shirley came to Greenville Junction in the forenoon and started to return to camp in the afternoon. One of the party died on the road, about three miles below Greenville village. The others returned with the remains 40 Sir-I was amused at seeing in the Greenville. Doctors Hunt and Rio-Sun, the other day, al. artticle in pelle were called and after examinayour paper copied from your New tion reported that the immediate cause of death was probably apoplexy. The body was left with Undertaken F. L. Sawyer.

tro vexata of the last year for the benefit of "confused minks." On Monday the men came He has succeeded, as it seems to camp to Greenville again and gave such information as they were able me, in making confusion worse con-founded, and leaves the whole subject to relative to their decessed companion. None of them knew whether he had relatives or from whence he halled. A ticket Please allow me also to construct an hypothetical conversation by which the question may be answered. from the Oldtown hospital, issued to-I will assume, of course, the popu-Tho nas Dougherty of New Brunslar theory that A. D. means "in the wick, found in the man's pooket, is year of our Lord," and hence that the all the clue at this time. early years of the era are contempor-

Any person having knowledge of the deceased or his relatives should How many years old was our Lord communicate with L. H. Falsom, Greenville, Me. when He was born ?-Nought years

BOOMING N. E. FARMS ABROAD. When, then, did the first century

begin ?-At nought years. How was the first year of the first W. Albert Hickman, who is going W. Albert Hickman, who is going: to lecture in England during the com-ing year on the resources of New Brunswick on behalf of the provincial government, expects to leave this country about the middle of January. One of the chief objects of the plan is to induce some of the better class of Decidal formers to take up their century indicated ? -By months. What was the order of the year A of English farmers to take up the residence in the province, and make the scheme more concrete government are taking options on sirable centrally situated farms, that if a man in England is interest ed in any particular district descri in the lectures, he can obtain not the price of land in that district, but knowledge with regard to farms that can actually be obtained, and the prices at which they can be bought. Anyone having a desirable farm which he is willing to sell is requested to communicate immediately with Mr. Hickman at 127 Princess street. St. John, who will forward an option blank. This option does not prevent the sale of the farm otherwise than. through the government.

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"As time went on the rifle fire be ame terrific, and our men began to drop on every side. The worst of it was that of course we had lost every gun, and had no ammunition but was in our pouches.

'We tried putting the best marksmen on to volley firing, but that did in white goods at North of Europe not seem to even shift the Boers. Then I was hit in the ankle, and compelled to the down. My sergeant piled big stones round me to give me some sort of shelter, but the bullets were Mantanea is looked forward to with plunging all round.

"Our men took what cover there interest. was, but there was not much of that. Belfast-Stocks are unusually low It was terribly wearying and anxious business, and we were exposed to that fire and practically unable to many years past. reply

FROM DAYBREAK TO 2.30 in the afternoon.

"By that time the Boers had pushed up close, and we were occupying the other half of our hill. "Then it was that we heard bugles

sounding the 'Cease fire.' Our troops were so surrounded that some of the men thought they were our bugles. But we knew the difference in the note, and shouted to our men to go on

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"The Boer bugles went on sounding the 'Cease fire' for a long time, and our men got so restive, as they intention of ceasing fire, that we gave the order to fix bayonets for The bayonets were fixed charge. like a shot, but, of course, wasn't anything to charge at. Anyow, it kept the men quiet for a bit. "The poor fellows behaved splen-

didly, though they had no food since Sunday night and had be exposed to deadly firing from an unseen enemy for ten hours.

"Things went on like that for a bit, and then the word came down to us that the white flag had been hoisted by some of the Gloucesters. When the news came along our men simply yelled with rage. That white flag, I may say, is a complete mystery to me. No one knows who hoisted it. But Father Matthews, our chaplain, who went on to Pretoria with the

prisoners, says that it was raised by a subordinate of the Gloucesters, who found himself cut off with ten men, and quite believed that he and his companions

WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS. "Whether that is the correct story or not I cannot say, and I don't know what the Father meant by 'a subordinate.' Probably he meant a ser-. geant.

"Now, as the white flag had been them -Ohio State Journal. raised, and we believed by order, it was our duty to make the men put down their arms. We gave the crder, but were not obeyed, and for some time the men flatly refused. In many cases we had to take their rifles from

Dennis Murphy, a native of John, has been re-elected mayor -of Chicopee, this state.

and prices all round are upon Aubrey Edward Landry of Mem much higher level than that held for amcook has been awarded the Price Greenleaf scholarship at Harvard Dublin-Notwithstanding the stiff College, for excellent work in compeening in prices all round, orders con tition with many others. Young tinue to arrive in good numbers, keep-Landry is a member of the class o 1900 and was formerly a student at St. Joseph's. He has had bestowed ing the quantity of business well up to the mark. Previncial buyers are no doubt under the impression they upon him several marks of distincare at present paying too high for

tion since attending Harvard. spruce, flooring, etc., but it will be a The United States Leather and natter for surprise if a much higher Tanning Company of Boston is configure will not be the prevailing quo sidering plans for the erection of a large tannery on the New Brunswick tation before many weeks have pas side of the St. Croix, not far from Glasgow - The market continues

Vanceboro. The company has bought the Shaw tanneries, which are situ-ated at different points throughout ery firm for both pine and spruce, is being done at the advanced prices Eastern Maine. A large party of excursionists left which now are firmly established.

here for the provinces on Friday by the D. A. R. route. A large number ing so for some time forward. Ship of "Down-easters" went home for the builders are also busy, and trade holidays from Boston and vicinity. Among recent deaths of provincial ists in this city and vicinity were the

following: In Roxbury, Dec. 14, Thou Lynch, formerly of St. John; in Roxbury, Dec. 20, Mrs. Margaret Reid, widow of Capt. Charles Reid, aged 56 of St. Martins, has been admitted to probate and letters testamentary years, formerly of St. John; in the hospital at Cambridge, Dec. 12, Hugh abeth Currie, the executors. The es-McIntosh, aged 68 years, formerly of tate consists of \$500 real and \$1,400 St. John; in this city, recently, Mrs. personal property. E. R. Chapman, Rose A. Hanafin, wife of John Hana fin, aged 30 years, formerly of St. John; in Dorchester district of Bos-Byron G. Taylor have been passed. ton, Dec. 17, William H. Ryan, son of the late William Ryan of St. John, aged 27 years; in Brookline, Dec. 20, Henry Holmes, aged 59 years, formerly of St. John; in Roxbury district, Dec. 20, Edward J. Mullen, formerly of St. John; in East Boston, Dec. 19, Policeman - Petit lardeny, your Charles Daly, 18 years old son of Thomas K. and Elizabeth Hanly Daly, Prisoner-I beg your pardon, judge formerly of St. John; in East Bos--the charge is impersonating an ofton, Dec. 22, Archibald W. McLaren aged 49 years, native of Prince Ed-Judge-How do you make that out? ward Island; in this city, Dec. 16, Prisoner-I took a handful of pea-Henry Curtis, aged 40 years, formerly nuts and an orange from a poor woof Hallfax; in Peabody, Dec. 16, Jas man's stand without paying for

Kehoe, aged 40 years, son of Patrick Kehoe of Northwest Arm, Halifax. Notwithstanding the tightness of money, the lumber market continues Spruce is selling steadily, and building operations, which usually

the bridge deck. The shoon is roomy and elegantity fitted up. If is finished in sati with trimmings of matogany. The upbel stering is attractive. The captain a room is very nicely arranged with bath room, stc. adjoining. Immediately above the saloor are the chart room and wheel house, both of which are finished in ash. The officers and engineers have quarters by themselves on the same deck with mess rooms of their own. All these rooms are heated by steam, in addition to which there is a large open for the crew and firemen are under the and ventilated, and are heated by stores. There is a bath tub for the use of these or any other, in fact, that has ever come there, it is intended to use the space under the poop for the accommodation of cattle. h trimmings of m nicel

the poop for the accommodation of cattle-men. On her trial trip outside of Sunderland the Cebriana in a run of five miles averaged a speed of 11.5 knots. The passage out from London was a rough one, a series of gales being encountered. One day site went 254 miles, a pretty good day's steaming. Capt. Thomas Sullivan, the commander of the ship, who is a man of many years' ca-perience, superintended the fitting out of the Cebriana, and it was at his auggestion that many of the improvements were made. Capt. Sullivan is a most genial man. With comfortable quarters he is in a position to make a visit to his vessel very pleasant. He has a fine library and the most complete nautical instruments obtainable. His off-cers and engineers seem a competent lot of men.

CHATHAM.

Presentation to the Rev. D. Henderson of St. Andrew's Church.

On Saturday evening, Decembe 23rd, the Rev. D. Henderson of Andrew's church, Chatham, had a very pleasant surprise. The members of his board of trustees constituted themselves into an army and leid siege to the manse.

After the capture and occupation, they fell into rank before their minister, and A. A. Anderson, the chair man of the trustees, in an address expressive of appreciation of their minister, the excellence of his pulpi work, their affection for him an pledging continued support in the work of the church, presented Mr Henderson with a silver water pitch er, on a swinging stand, with a gold lined goblet to match. The pitches has the following inscription: "Presented to Rev. D. Henderson by the

trustees of St. Andrew's church, Chat. ham, N. B., Xmas, 1899. Rev. Mr. Henderson, who was taken surprise, briefly replied, accepting valuable gift in the spirit in which it was given. No minister, he said, could have a more loyal congre-

gation, a more harmonious session, more efficient board of trustees, nor age. more devoted and earnest band of Christian workers, and the kindnes received, not merely from his own ongregation, but from the member of the other congregations in the town, had gone far to make Chatham for him a most delightful sphere of

labor. His Young People's Society also remembered Mr. Henderson at Christ mas, giving him a handsome onyn piano lamp table, and the Ladies' Aid Society a pair of Persian lamb gaunt

lets. The St. Andrew's congregation pr sented Mrs. A. Cameron, the leading soprano of their choir, with a purse of gold, as she was on the eve of leaving on a holiday trip to Boston.

A gentleman who is still one of the leading business men of Yarmouth, N. S., says that in 1871-72, the firm with which he was connected supplie the materials for rigging and fitting out twenty-four ships built in the vestern end of Nova Scotia.

What was the order of the year A. D. 99 ?-The hundredth year. When does the century end ?-At the end of the hundredth year. What is the date of the hundredth

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

Relation of Disease to Microbic Life-ity Application in Treatment of Catarrh. It is now an established fact that microbic life is the cause of throat and nasal

Catarrh, and to cure that dreaded disease the microbes must be killed, and so allow the

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

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York namesake, in which a corres-

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ary with our Lord's life.

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year ?-A. D. 99. What is the date of the beginning f the second century ?-A. D. 100. What is the date of the end of the second century ?-A. D. 199. What is the date of the beginning the nineteenth century ?-A. D.

What is the date of the the nineteenth century ?-A. D. 1899. What does the English Prayer Book scribe as the compass of the present century ?

"From the year 1800 to the year 1899 clusive." (See table to find Easter.) I am sorry to see that the Montreal Witness uses this subject for an oc-casion to indulge in a philippic against the Pope of Rome, who, however shaky he may be in his historical facts when he girds the horns of his bull against the English church, seems to have enough sense left to protect him from using the hundred and first

year as a sort of tally to make sure that we have full measure in this 'the glorious nineteenth century.' It is probable that the twentleth century will be still more glorious. I am a thinking we have eaten the last Christmas dinner of the nine-L. A. H. teenth century. Dec. 23rd. 1899.

DIED IN VICTORIA, B. C.

(Victoria, B. C., Colonist, Dec. 17.) F. F. Raitt, a resident of British permeativeness Columbia for sixteen years, latterly conducting a grocery store at North Park street, dropped dead at 6 o'clock last evening.

Deceased, who was a .nan of power ful physique, was apparently in the best of health. He had been transacting some business in the city dur-ing the afternoon, and was returning to his home in company with P. Mc Teigh when the dread sun came. As the two walked along, Mr. Raitt complained to Mr. McTeigh of feeling unwell, and before the latter could summon assistance, Mr. Raitt put his hands to his chest and dropped to the sidewalk. dying almost in-

stantly. Deceased was a native of Bathurst New Brunswick, about 49 years of He for a time engaged in ranching on the Fraser river, but lived in Victoria latterly, and always tool a keen interest in civic matters. He leaves a wife but no children to mour his sudden cutting off.

QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE.

LONDON, Dec. 26 .- The wives an families of the Guards' reservists from Windsor, now servirg in South Africa, assembled at St. George's hall Wind sor, this afternoon, to participate in Queen's Christmas tree celebra tion. Queen Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Conraught, Princess Henry of Battenburg, the Duchess of Albany and others of the royal family

were present. The tree, which was 25 feet high, wis illuminated with electric lights and covered with presents, which the members of the ousehold distributed after a bountiful tea. The Queen evinced the greatest interest in the festivities.

SLANDERING A BRITISH INSTI-TUTION.

(New York World.)

A man who is engaged in mortal combat with an English plum-pud-ding which has just forced its treach-erous way into his citadel is incapa-ble of engaging any external foe. What lyddite is to the outside of a man, exactly that, only slower. is English plum-pudding to his inside. The reason the Englishman is habitually so melancholy of aspect is that his face bears the marks of many a desperate combat with the national pudding. The reason the Englishman on a holiday is the person despair is that he always eats on a holiday a particularly big plum-pudding, having in the extreme oil its essential qualities sogginess, stickiness, nauseating sweetness, point

CHANCE TO GET EVEN.

(Chicago Tribune.) Young bridegroom-Darling, I think: I should like to take your little bro-ther with us to Niagara Falls. Bride-How kind that would be of you, Harry!

Young bridegroom-Yes, I should like to push him over them.

THE MAN OF IT. Wife-John, won't you have another piece if the cake? Husband-No; I don't like home-made

wife-But this isn't home-made. I bought it at the bakeshop. Husband-Oh, you did, ch? Well, I knew there was something about it that I didn't like.-Chicago News.



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