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Notice of Sale.

To John E. Baldwin Esquire, of the parish of Bathurst in the County of Gloucester, and all others interested; Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the twenty-ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven and made between said John E. Baldwin and Annie W. his wife, of the one part; and one John M. Dick of the other part; recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Gloucester, on the second day of October A. D. 1877, as number thirty-seven, on pages 59, 60, 61 and 62 of the 26th volume of records, we the undersigned Sydney DesBrisay and Penelope DesBrisay, executor and executrix of the last will and testament of Aretas W. Y. DesBrisay, late of the Parish of Bereford, deceased, will peaceably and quietly enter into and upon the lands and premises hereinafter, and in the said mortgage, particularly mentioned, on Thursday the fourteenth day of December next; and on said fourteenth day of December next, at twelve o'clock noon, will absolutely sell and dispose of said lands and premises at public auction, in front of the Post Office in the Town of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester; which said lands and premises are particularly mentioned and described in said indenture as follows, that is to say, "All and singular the following pieces or parcels of land, situate in the Parish of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester aforesaid, viz: "All that part of piece of lot number ten, situate on the west side of Bathurst basin, aforesaid, originally granted to one Peter Doucet, Senior, which piece is marked on the plan of partition of the said lot "E" and was apportioned to Pelagee Doucet, having a front on the waters of the said basin of thirty-four yards and two feet, and running with the said width to the rear of the said lot, bounded on the north by the part or apportionment of said lot marked "A", and on the south by the part marked "C", also all that part or portion of said lot number ten adjoining the foregoing, marked on the plan of the partition of said lot "D", measuring thirty-four yards and two feet on the shore of said basin and running back with the said width to the rear of the lot apportioned to Romile Therrian and bounded on the north by part "B", above mentioned and on the south by part "D", (saving and excepting nevertheless a piece or part of the above described land which was heretofore conveyed by the heirs of the late James G. Dick to John E. Baldwin and Herbert Molloy by deed bearing date the eighteenth day of August A. D. 1875, containing sixty-five feet four inches front on the west side of the Intercolonial Railway track, by one hundred feet in depth, which said last described piece is particularly reserved and excepted out of this conveyance) the lands and premises hereby conveyed being the same which were sold and conveyed to the said John E. Baldwin, by the heirs of the late James G. Dick by deed bearing date the seventh day of September instant, as by reference thereto will appear."
(Which said Indenture of Mortgage and mortgaged lands and premises and moneys secured thereby, were assigned and transferred to the late Aretas W. Y. DesBrisay by Indenture dated the eighteenth day of August A. D. 1886, duly recorded) for the purpose of paying and satisfying the principal moneys and interest secured by said mortgage, default having been made in the payment thereof.
Dated this twenty-ninth day of September A. D 1899.

SYDNEY DESBRISAY, PENELOPE DESBRISAY, } Executor and Executrix of the late Aretas W. Y. DesBrisay.

Notice of Sale.

To Charles H. Roy, of the Parish of Beresford, Gloucester County; Notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage dated the ninth day of November A. D. 1883, recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Gloucester the ninth day of November A. D. 1883 as number 156 and on pages 293, 294 and 295 of the 30th volume of records; and also under and by virtue of a certain other power of sale contained in a certain other indenture of mortgage dated the fourth day of November A. D. 1886, and recorded in the office of said Registrar of Deeds for the County of Gloucester on the fourth day of November A. D. 1886, as number 351 and on pages 661, 662 and 663 of the 32nd volume of Records, the first of which said mortgages was made between said Charles H. Roy (under the name of Charles Roy) of the one part, and said late Aretas W. of DesBrisay of the other part, we, the undersigned, Sydney DesBrisay and Penelope DesBrisay, executor and executrix of the last will and testament of said late Aretas W. Y. DesBrisay will on the eighteenth day of January next (1900) at twelve o'clock noon, in front of the Post Office in the Town of Bathurst, in the County of Gloucester, absolutely sell and dispose of the lands and premises hereinafter and in said two several mortgages particularly mentioned and contained, at Public Auction, which said lands and premises are described as follows: "All that piece or parcel of land and premises "situate at Beresford aforesaid, County and Province aforesaid, known as part of lots number "twenty and twenty-one, bounded as follows, to "wit: On the east by the shore of the Bay Chaleur, "on the west by the rear line of the grant, on the "north by land owned by Edward Commeau and on "the south by land owned by Peter Doucet and "James Boudreau and containing one hundred acres "more or less." Also all the dower or thirds, right title and interest, of Philomene Roy, wife of said Charles H. Roy, conveyed to said late Aretas W. Y. DesBrisay, by conveyance dated the twenty-fourth day of January A. D. 1890, recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Gloucester, on pages 105 and 106 of the 41st volume of records, in said lands and premises, for the purpose of paying and satisfying the principal moneys and interest secured by said two several mortgages, default having been made in the payment thereof.
Dated this twenty-ninth day of September A. D. 1899.

SYDNEY DESBRISAY, PENELOPE DESBRISAY, } Executor and Executrix of the late Aretas W. Y. DesBrisay.

Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B. - NOVEMBER 16, 1899.

Ministerial Visit Deferred.

It now looks as if Chatham is not to have the privilege of a visit from the Minister of Railways on 23rd, as announced in the ADVANCE and other papers, as neither of the other ministers named as being likely to accompany him here can do so just at present owing to pressing engagements elsewhere, while Mr. Blair, himself, is obliged to shorten his North Shore visit very much on account of the requirements of some departmental work. He intends, however, to come to the Miramichi later. Whenever he does so he will be warmly welcomed.

The Gloucester Election.

The writ for the election to fill the vacancy in the local representation of Gloucester vacated by the resignation of P. J. Venoit, M. P. P., is issued. Nomination November 27, polling following Monday, December 4. Candidates said to be in the field are Messrs. Prosper Poulin, Gustave Hache, John Young, Fredk Young and Fred Legere—all government supporters.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:—The announcement appears in Les Missions Catholiques de Lyons, France, that the Very Reverend Thos. F. Barry, Vicar General of the Diocese of Chatham, and pastor of the Roman Catholic Church at Bathurst, has been chosen as coadjutor to Rt. Rev. Dr. Rogers, Bishop of Chatham. The appointment of a coadjutor to the venerable Bishop of this diocese has been expected for some time and the selection of Vicar General Barry for the position is hailed with great satisfaction by all interested. He has made a splendid record as an organizer and upbuilder in the Church, and the greatest confidence is reposed by all classes in his learning, wisdom and prudence.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS are to be held in Victoria, Carleton and York counties from Nov. 21st until Dec. 7th. The speakers will be Wm. B. Fawcett, Sackville; W. S. Tompkins, Middle Southampton; W. W. Hubbard, Editor Co-Operative Farmer, Sussex, and the Commissioner for Agriculture, Hon. C. H. LaBillois. Meetings are to be held on the North Shore at a later date.

An Unfinished Purchase.

Now that Chatham has a stone-crusher what is to be done with it? The machine is evidently a good one. But if it was intended to have it brought here and erected on the Public wharf merely to stand exposed in idleness to the snows and rains of the next six months, the purchase cannot be defended.

If the stone-crusher was needed, its erection should have been accompanied by the installation of a boiler and engine to drive it, or the purchase should have been deferred.

Town wags are asking whether the aldermen who were so expeditious in ordering the machine knew that it wouldn't run itself; whether they thought it was an auto-mobile? ; did they intend to work it with the hand-engine, or start it on high ground and let it run down hill? ; was it possible that it was to be used as a mud digger, or would they get an annex pipe from the Newcastle electric light water power and run it as a grain-elevator?

If they hadn't some definite, or even hazy intention in regard to utilising it within a reasonable time after its purchase the public, generally, are asking what they wanted to buy it for at all? and if they didn't know anything about it anyhow, why didn't they wait until they did and then get a stone-crusher and the means of working it at the same time?

The poor thing stands like a gibbet, in solitary inactivity, as matters now are, and if the aldermen can't do any better they should get some rough boards and cover it from the attacks that will be made upon it by the rusting and deteriorating agencies of our rigorous winter and spring climate. But, as they have gone so far and incurred the cost, they should follow it up by going further and working it. Don't be "chumps," gentlemen of the council, you "might as well be hung for a sheep as a lamb."

An Old Landmark.

The tearing down of the old Henderson house, so called, on the corner of Cunard and Duke streets, Chatham, to admit of Duke street being widened, has removed the oldest landmark of the kind on the Miramichi. Its history goes back a good deal beyond 100 years. It was the first house built in Chatham. It was erected by George Henderson, the grandfather of George Henderson, now of New York. It was owned by the latter until a few weeks ago when he sold it, through his agent here, Hon. L. J. Tweedie, Q. C., to the town. When Mr. Joseph Steele, who contracted with the town authorities to remove the old house, began the work of demolition, some interesting features of housebuilding in the old days were disclosed. The most striking of these was the peculiar construction of the walls. There was a substantial hewn frame with studding about two and a half feet apart. Sections of small fir trunks ranging from two to three inches in diameter were filled in between these as the outer side was clapboarded, and a plaster, composed of clay and wild hay was put in in a soft state against the inner sides of the clapboards and trowelled smoothly inside like plastering. In later years this had been sheathed over in some rooms.

All the nails were of wrought iron and made by hand.

The chimney is a sturdy sample of masonry. It is built of sandstone and is still standing. It measures 6 ft. by 6 ft. 6 in. and has open fire-places on its east and west sides. That on the west side has an opening 5 ft. 6 in. wide and 5 ft. high.

It is said that the old place was identified with many unique and startling scenes and events in the olden time. Cooney mentions it, in his History of New Brunswick and Gaspe, as a place of refuge for the whites when a massacre by the Indians was threatened in 1793. He says:—

"I have already said that the sedition of a Mr. M'Lean, who suffered at Quebec, for conspiring against the government, and whose execution took place, I believe, in the fall of 1793, afforded an opportunity to the Indians for renewing their outrages. It is said that this man was here; that he used every means to excite a revolt among them, and that he secretly supplied them with arms and ammunition. It is also stated, that for some time after he went from this, the Indians frequently assembled in great numbers, at Burnt Church, and Moody's Point. On one occasion, upwards of two hundred of them met at the former place, and had concerted measures for the total extirpation of the people, when the timely arrival of the Rev. Mr. Cassinette, a Roman Catholic priest, from Gaspe, put an end to the conference, by informing them of the fate of the man, who had seduced them from their allegiance. On receiving this disagreeable intelligence, they all returned to their duty; and the people who had been obliged to abandon their homes, and concentrate themselves at Mr. Henderson's, in Chatham, and in other places of defence, returned to their respective houses, and enjoyed a tranquility, which has never since been disturbed by the Indians."

Another of the "places of defence" referred to above was Peter or Patrick Taylor's, below Chatham. That was a stone house, but it was built several years after Henderson's.

The walls of this old Henderson house—composed as they were of wood and clay to the thickness of six inches—would easily resist a siege by the Indians, especially when the defenders were the better armed.

In the days when the old house was built Chatham was wooded everywhere almost to its shores. Some of the older residents have told us that they remember when George Henderson's sons, Patrick and George had succeeded their father in Chatham and another son James lived in Moorfields. George's property was west of Cunard Street and Patrick's east of it. Patrick built what is now the Bowser house and lived in it. He afterwards sold it to Joseph Cunard, who improved it. He himself removed to the old house occupied a few years ago by the late John Blake. In those times what is now Chatham public square was a swamp and the Hendersons farmed fields "away back" where the residences of Mayor Winslow, J. D. B. F. Mackenzie and Ald. Snowball now stand—the field running down to where St. Andrew's Church School House stands.

[We are obliged, for want of space, to hold over the remainder of this sketch for a future issue.]

Iron is Cheaper.

Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.'s circular says: "The iron industry, which has led all others in the advance, now leads the way toward a readjustment of values. While contracts for pig cover the entire product of the most important districts for six to nine months in advance, many of the consuming works in some lines approach the end of their orders and have new competition to meet, so that sheets have fallen $4 per ton at Pittsburg and $9 from the highest point in September and plates are $6 lower there and $3 at Philadelphia."

Canada's Revenue and Expenditure.

The financial returns of the Dominion for the four months ending October 31, show that last year's records are being far outstripped. There are large reductions of almost two millions in capital expenditure. Up to the end of October the revenue was $16,000,481, a gain over the same four months of 1898 of $1,202,784 Expenditure reached $9,178,363, as compared with $8,520,150 in 1898, an increase of $658,213, leaving a net gain of 544,571. The following is the statement of revenue and expenditure for the four months up to October with comparative returns for the same period of 1898:—

SOURCE OF REVENUE.	1898.	1899.
Customs	$8,497,017	$9,413,936
Excise	3,137,264	3,208,077
Post office	1,025,000	891,000
Public works and railways	1,615,201	1,835,763
Miscellaneous	523,324	651,705
	$14,797,806	$16,000,481
Expenditure	8,520,150	9,173,365

The expenditure on capital account decreased nearly two millions in the same period, that is in 1899, as compared with 1898.

THE WAR.

REASSURING STATEMENT IN REFERENCE TO LADYSMITH.

The London Daily Telegraph has the following from Bennet Burleigh, at Pietermaritzburg on Monday of last week: "I have some hesitation in accepting the rumors of heavy fighting near Ladysmith. The Boers are apparently trying to effect a lodgement around the place, whence they can shell the town and camps, but General White's batteries are able to prevent them from closing too near. I have sent in one messenger and am returning to Colenso to-night when I will despatch another message. As regards Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg they are safe. So is Ladysmith for a long time to come. Two white men, Barnard and Honkins, who, owing to their knowledge of the district, were able to escape from Ladysmith, Sunday night, arrived at Estcourt to-day, having traveled via Freire. They rode west, following the Kaffir paths. They report that the Boers have guns north, east and west of the town, namely on Signal Hill, Mount Bulwan and Pepworth Hill. Beyond the killing of a few Kaffirs and coolies their shells have done little damage.

ANOTHER NAVAL CONTINGENT.

DURBAN, Nov. 11.—A large force of men and a gun from the British first class cruiser Terrible have started for the front.

MORE TROOPS SAIL.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—The troopship Bavarian sailed from Queenstown last evening for the Cape, carrying the Connaught Rangers; the first battalion of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and a contingent of miscellaneous troops, altogether over 2,000 men, and a large quantity of stores. Crowds witnessed and cheered the departure of the vessel.

The last infantry battalion under orders for South Africa left England to-day and the last of the Hussars also sailed, leaving the Household regiment only (cavalry) still to be dispatched and last but not by any means least, the first battery of Howitzers artillery has started. Great things are expected of the Howitzer battery of which there are only three in the British army. The five-inch breech loaders are claimed to be of a superior character, and are expected to be particularly serviceable in removing the Boers from the hills.

TROOPS ARRIVING AT THE CAPE.

A London despatch of Saturday says:—It is officially announced the troopships Yorkshire, Lismore Castle and Aurania have arrived at Capetown with 3,670 troops. The first two steamers immediately proceeded to Durban and it is supposed the Aurania's troops will be detained at Cape Town. The Yorkshire has the 2nd Royal West Surrey and a detachment of the medical corps; total 1010 men. The Lismore Castle has a part of the 2nd East Surrey, 394 men; the Aurania has the 3rd brigade staff and the 1st Highland light infantry, total 1316 men.

The Roslyn Castle which arrived on Friday had part of the 2nd Devonshire, and the 2nd West Yorkshires, 1000 men. These also were forwarded to Durban. The Moor which also arrived yesterday contained the staff officers of three divisions.

Since last Friday 10,010 men of the army corps despatched from England have arrived at the Cape. A portion of these were sent to Durban and have already reached there.

A SERIOUS SKIRMISH.

The war office has received from General Buller the following despatch: "Cape Town, Nov. 11.—A reconnoitering force from the Orange River had a skirmish with the enemy to-day about four miles out of Belmont. The casualties are:

In the Northumberland Fusiliers, Colonel C. E. Keith Falconer, killed and Lieuts. F. Beran and H. C. Hall, wounded.

In the North Lancashire regiment: Lieut. C. C. Wood and two privates wounded.

A Halifax despatch of Saturday says:—"Lieut. Wood is a Haligonian, son of J. T. Wood, secretary of the board of pilot commissioners. His father received a cable to day saying, his son is dangerously wounded in the head." [Lieut. Wood has since died.—ED]

QUESTIONABLE NEWS.

The Toronto Globe's London cable letter of last Thursday contains the following: "To-day's papers are again filled with highly colored accounts of last week's skirmishes around Ladysmith. Between the war correspondent who proposes, the censor who disposes, and the Kaffir runner who carries messages to points in Natal with imaginative embellishments of the exploits of British cavalry and the treachery of the Boers, it is hardly possible to separate the meal from the chaff, and military writers in despair await the official reports.

"War correspondents also have some scope for enterprise in hiring runners to take messages through the blockade, and one of them has received the distinction of being quoted by General Buller with high commendation."

THE SITUATION AT AND NEAR LADYSMITH.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—On the developments of the situation at Ladysmith in the immediate future depends probably the length of the war. It is pointed out that if General White can maintain his position until Nov. 26th or Nov. 28th, the British authorities will be fully satisfied that all the danger in Ladysmith will be over. Should he fail to do so and be compelled to abandon his position and stores and retire with heavy loss southward where he will get the Boers in position on the Tugela River, it is impossible to predict what may happen. On the other hand should the situation at Ladysmith not be materially changed before Nov. 28, it is confidently predicted that the majority of the Boer force will be caught between two British forces and compelled to retire over the difficult Tenawa pass or Liversnoupe after abandoning its guns. The Boers have expressed the intention of capturing Ladysmith and then marching on the capital of Natal and the fact of their retaining Tugela bridge intact places confidence in their ability to carry out their plans. Gen. Schalburner's flanking movement via Segulurand must shortly develop if it is to be effective. But the experts here scout the suggestion that with the reinforcements already there and the big naval guns continually arriving at Pietermaritzburg there can be any serious danger.

No News.

Owing to the press censorship there is little news from the seat of war of late, but the Boers are now making little progress.

What Partyism Does.

The disgusting length to which party politics will carry both public men and newspapers of a certain class is illustrated in an article in the Yarmouth Times, which speaks for our friends of the opposition in that part of Nova Scotia. We place opposite to the Times slander what General Hutton said on the same subject:

[Yarmouth Times.]

Canada would not have been exposed to the double shame of lagging behind the other colonies and of eventually sending worthless assistance. Tartes has his revenge, instead of a thousand soldiers, he has sent a thousand 'recruities" at the expense of Great Britain in South Africa. Canada will thus have hampered rather than have aided the mother country by thrusting those who do not know their parts upon the stage of the theatre of war.

[Gen'l Hutton.]

Never, he said, in thirty-two years' experience, had he seen a more soldierly body of men than the Royal Canadian Regiment that left Quebec last week to engage in the struggles of the Empire. One and all of the number were what soldiers should be, and rightly recognized themselves as representatives of Canada. * * * A contingent had gone and there might at any time be a further call to arms. If such was the case, he felt sure that the response would be quick and ready.

A Conservative Opinion of Mr. Tarte.

Mr. T. D. Craig, M. P. for East Durham, Ont., at a Conservative meeting in Toronto on Saturday last, gave expression to the following kindly sentiments respecting Mr. Tarte in answer to a query: "Mr. Tarte is not a bad sort of fellow; he is a great friend of mine. Someone behind me says this will be in the Globe, but I repeat, Mr. Tarte is a friend of mine, and he has one quality—he always says what he thinks right out. At the same time I think he has made a mistake lately. I think he is playing to get a solid French vote—that's what he is doing." His remarks respecting Mr. Tarte were received in solemn silence, and the speaker who followed Mr. Craig remarked with becoming severity that "he had been very sorry to hear Mr. Craig say that Mr. Tarte was a friend of his." That is Tory intolerance for you. By and bye, if such intolerant views prevail, even Conservatives who venture to say a good word for a political opponent may expect to be read out of the party. It is a fact nevertheless, that Mr. Tarte has many warm friends on the Conservative side of the house, just as Mr. Craig has on the Liberal side.—Hx. Chronicle.

News and Notes.

In the Transvaal July and August are the midwinter months, October November and December constitute spring, and summer sets in shortly after Christmas. January is the hottest month and July the coolest. The thermometer seldom goes over 90 degrees or under 25.

A new explosive known as theorite has been adopted by the United States war department, and great quantities of the deadly stuff are to be manufactured for use in the Philippines. Theorite, the experts say, is the safest explosive yet discovered. It will not explode when put in the fire, nor will it go off through concussion.

The city of Liverpool is decidedly in favor of a war policy. The British War Office demanded two hundred of the tramway horses of that city for service in the Transvaal, and it so happened that Liverpool was changing its street car system from horse traction to electric and the local authorities wanted to get rid of the horses anyway. The animals have been sold to the government for £50 each, and as they cost only £30 each the city is a big gainer by the transaction.

The testimony of the Roman Catholic bishop of Kimberley is commended to the careful consideration of Boer sympathisers. Writing before the outbreak of hostilities he said: "The state of things in the Transvaal was a scandal to the nations. . . . I am not an Englishman, as you know, nor are my sympathies in general with England, but in this case I do believe that England will do credit to our common humanity by forcing a small state calling itself a republic to give equal rights to all."

The department of agriculture at Ottawa has accepted tenders for the supply of hay for South Africa in accordance with the wishes of the Imperial authorities and has closed contracts for as much as can be delivered between now and the end of the year in South Africa. The department hopes that the high commissioner in London may be able to secure for Canadians an opportunity of sharing in the supply of preserved meats and vegetables, flour, oats, etc., and further orders for hay. It seems to be the desire to take as much from Canada as Canadians can supply.

How does such trash as the following get into the press?

"An Ottawa despatch says: When the government selected Major Drummond as chief military adviser to Col. Otter there was something more behind it than appearance on the surface. It is not the desire to force the Canadian contingent unduly into positions of danger or hardship in South Africa, but at the same time the wish of the authorities here is that it may bear its full share with other regiments in Her Majesty's service in whatever work is to be done. It is generally considered that our men will see fighting. Indeed, it would be a great disappointment were they to be assigned to garrison duty.

"That the movements of the Canadians will be more influenced through Major Drummond than any other man is obvious to insiders. Colonel Otter is, of course, in command of the regiment, but he will arrive in South Africa a stranger to the staff of the field force, and without influence at his back, might be sidetracked with his men, Major Drummond will be able to obviate such a contingency. He is personally acquainted with Gen. Buller and the chiefs under him, and will be able to secure access to the highest military authority, and equal treatment for the Canadians with the other troops."

Col. Otter can hardly feel complimented by the above.

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A National Society.

The Canadian Order of Foresters has an enviable reputation for fair dealing, and continues to receive large accessions to its membership, which is now upwards of 34,000. The Society issues insurance policies for $500, $1,000, $1,500 and $2,000 at the following rates, the fees being payable monthly in advance:

Between the Ages of	On $500	On $1,000	On $1,500	On $2,000
18 to 25	35c	60c	90c	$1 20
25 to 30	40c	65c	98c	1.30
30 to 35	45c	70c	$1.05	1 40
35 to 40	50c	85c	1.28	1.70
40 to 45	55c	1 00	1.50	2.00

After paying upwards of one million and a half dollars in death claims, the Order had a surplus in the insurance department of $802,000 at the end of September last, all of which is invested in gilt-edged securities in Canada, or is on deposit in the best monetary institutions of the country. Not a dollar of the moneys collected for the insurance fund is or has been used for the expenses of management. The Society has branches in every Province in the Dominion, to which its operations are confined, believing that on account of the low death rate the business can be conducted at lower premiums than if it carried on its operations outside of Canada. The death rate per 1,000 of membership in 1898 was 4.56, and since the organization of the society in 1879 the average death rate has been only 4.94.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit branch is a very popular department, and upwards of 17,000 of the members of the Society are participating in this feature of the Order. The benefits are $3.00 per week for the first two weeks of illness and $56.00 during any year, besides a funeral benefit of $30.00. The fees, payable monthly in advance, are as follows:—

Between 18 and 25 years	25 cents
" 25 and 30 years	30 cents
" 30 and 35 years	35 cents
" 35 and 40 years	40 cents
" 40 and 45 years	45 cents

During the year 1898 over $43,000 was paid out in Sick and Funeral Benefits and $143,000 in death benefits. All physically and morally qualified males, between the ages of 18 and 45 years of age, are accepted for membership.

For further particulars enquire of any of the Officers or Members of the Order, or address

R. ELLIOTT, H.C.R., Ingersoll. THOS. WHITE, High Sec'y, Brantford.
or ERNST GARTUNG, Brantford.

A N. B. Red Cross Ladies' Aid Society.

A St. John despatch of last Thursday says: The call of the Red Cross Society for assistance from Canada has been anticipated by the ladies of St. John, who have organized a New Brunswick Red Cross Ladies' Aid Society, and will be prepared to undertake any work that is required of them. The society was organized at a meeting at Lady Tilley's residence. The officers selected were: Lady Tilley, president; Mrs. E. Sears, Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. G. West Jones and Mrs. A. Markham, vice-presidents; Mrs. W. Eatough, Mrs. C. F. Harrison, Mrs. R. Keltie Jones and Miss Alice Walker, secretaries, and Mrs. E. A. Smith, treasurer.

Mayor Sears was present at the organization meeting and warmly approved of the formation of the society, and expressed his belief that it would be of great assistance. It is the intention to enroll a large number of members, and take steps to interest the women all over the province so that the society will be thoroughly representative. As a separate work the society has decided to send a Christmas reminder to each of the New Brunswick soldiers in South Africa. It was found that if these were shipped not later than the 15th inst., they would reach their destination in time. Col. H. H. McLean has volunteered to make all the arrangements to have the gifts forwarded, while Collector Ruel has placed at the disposal of the ladies a room in the Custom House in which the gifts can be packed and made ready for shipment. Since the organization meeting the four secretaries have opened communication with the families of all the New Brunswick volunteers, notifying them of the project and offering to transmit to the men any Xmas gifts they desire to have forwarded. The ladies have arranged to have the gifts enclosed in small tin boxes, and each will be carefully labeled and addressed to the soldier for whom it is intended, and every precaution will be taken to see that it reaches its destination in safety. The gifts to be sent will be little reminders of home and friends, and will show the men that they are not forgotten. Of course, each box will contain the essential of Xmas, a plum pudding.

The future work of the society will depend on the needs of the situation, but the ladies of New Brunswick will be ready to respond to any call that the Red Cross Society or Mayor Sears may make on them on behalf of the gallant volunteers who have gone to South Africa. The ladies have notified the women of Prince Edward Island of the movement, and of the preparations to send the men a Christmas reminder, and the Island ladies will also be to the front with gifts to be forwarded at the same time as those from St. John go forward.

A Code of Morals.

BY RUDYARD KIPLING.

In the first and rare edition of Kipling's Barrack-room Ballads, there is one which does not appear in any of the subsequent editions, either pirated or authorized. "It has been omitted by special request" from all collections of his works, but the tale it tells is too good to be lost to the world. It is appended, without comment, for those who are buying the later and "revised" editions.

Now Jones had left his new-wed bride to
keep his house in order,
And hied away to the Hurrum Hills, above
the Afghan border,
To sit on a rock with a heliograph; but ere
he left he taught
His wife the workings of the Code that sets
the miles at naught.

And Love had made him very sage, as
Nature made her fair;
So Cupid and Apollo linked, per heliograph,
the pair.
At dawn across the Hurrum Hills he flashed
his counsel wise—
At e'en the dying sunset bore her husband's
homilies.

He warned her 'gainst seductive youths in
scarlet clad and gold,
As much as 'gainst the blandishments paternal of the old;
But he kept his gravest warnings for (hereby
the ditty hangs)
That snowy-haired Lothario, Lieutenant-General Bangs.

'Twas General Bangs, with Aide and Staff,
that tittupped on the way,
When they beheld a heliograph tempestuously at play;
They thought of Border risings, and of
stations sacked and burnt—
So stopped to take the message down—and
this is what they learnt:

"Dash dot dot, dot dash, dot dash dot"
twice. The General swore
"Was ever General Officer addressed as
'dear' before?
"'My Love, i' faith; 'My Duck,' Gadzooks!
'My darling popsy-wop?'—
Spirit of great Lord Wolseley! Who is on
that mountain-top?"

The artless Aide-de-camp was mute; the
gilded Staff were still,
As dumb with pent-up mirth they booked
that message from the hill;
For, clear as summer's lightning flare, the
husband's warning ran:
"Don't dance or ride with General Bangs—a
most immoral man."

At dawn, across the Hurrum Hills, he flashed
her counsel wise—
But, howsoever Love be blind, the world at
large hath eyes.
With damnatory dot and dash he heliographed his wife
Some interesting details of the General's
private life.

The artless Aide-de-camp was mute, the
shining Staff were still,
But red and ever redder grew the General's
shaven gill.
And this is what he said at last (his feelings
matter not):
"I think we've tapped a private line. Hi!
Threes about there! Trot!"

All honor unto Bangs, for ne'er did Jones
thereafter know,
By word or act official, who read off that
hello;
But the tale is on the Frontier, and from
Michni to Mooltan
They know the worthy General as "that
most immoral man."

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