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Just Picked Up.

Winter is going.
Tuesday next is election day.
This is the last day of January.
How are you guessing on the election?
Yesterday was nomination day for the civics.
Yesterday morning the 30th January, the mud was ankle deep on the streets.
Good progress is being made in repairing the damage to the Metropolitan rink.
Rev. John Wood preached two excellent sermons in the Congregational Church Sunday last.
The gas company should make another effort to come to Truro. It would be gladly welcomed now.

The committee having in charge the big entertainment to take place under the auspices of the Working Men's Protective Association, is making good progress.

I. C. R. trainmen will, no doubt, be interested in the new schedule of rates for C. P. R. trainmen on the Western division, publication of which we commence to-day. It will be continued in Saturday's issue.

No person, that is, neither candidate mentioned municipal ownership of the town lighting system at Friday night's meeting. We believe the larger majority of the rate payers of Truro are in favour of municipal ownership of the light plant.

Along the Rail.

Traffic is brisk on the I. C. R.

Tom Lowrey, and D. C. McDonald, who captured the spy out in South Africa, are both ex-I. C. R. men.

The South Shore railway people are seeking to have their Halifax terminal on the Common in Halifax.

Mr. Gordon Cooke, mason, is putting up fines in all the section men's houses between Truro and Halifax.

The Sydney C. B. Reporter says T. B. Spencer, Londoniery, has been appointed I. C. R. station master at Sydney, C. B.

Owing to illness Conductor Margeson, for a time at least, has been forced to lay off. Conductor Pollock is now relieving him on the Pictou accommodation.

Juo D. McKay, a former I. C. R. brakeman, but now running on the C. P. R. out of Rat Portage, in renewing his subscription to SEARCHLIGHT says he is doing well in the west.

Thos. Lowrey Writes From the Front.

HE AND D. C. McDONALD CAPTURE A SPY—OTHER INTERESTING NOTES.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Thos. Shea, of this town, we are permitted to make some notes from letters received by herself, and mother, Mrs. Lowrey, Halifax, written by her brother, Pte. Thomas Lowrey, "H" Company 2nd Royal Canadian regiment, South Africa. The letters bear date Belmont, South Africa, December 17th, 1900, and are the latest received in Truro. The soldier lad, among other things, says:— "There was a big fight where we are now stationed, Belmont, and a great number were killed. The dead bodies of Boers are lying all around, only partly covered over with stones; so that you can imagine the sanitary condition of the place. The stench is awful.

The other day we erected a cross at the grave of Lieut. Wood, son of Capt. Taylor Wood, Halifax, who was killed at Modder River, where we were for three days. We have lots of work in the morning and man the trenches, as that is the time the Boers make their attacks—just at sunrise. I have just come in from 30 hours outposts on the "kopjes," the hills. We buried one of "G" Company, a St. John man, the other day. He died of fever; a few others have it, but they are on the mend.

I do not know what the natives live on in this place, as there is nothing but hills and rocks.

I was expected to move to Kimberly at any hour. Dan McDonald and I captured a spy and his horse the other morning, and brought him to camp. We are not able to surprise the Boers, but feel that we can do them up in quick time when we meet them. You should see us at eat. We have hard tack and coffee for breakfast, and soup for dinner.

HANDSOME DONATION.—Mr. Alfred Dickey has donated one hundred dollars toward paying for the Lower Stewiacke Presbyterian church bell.

J. P. McDONALD INJURED.—We regret that our good citizen, John P. McDonald, foreman of the I. C. R. blacksmith shop here, slipped and fell on the icy street Friday last, breaking a collar bone, which will, of course, confine him to the house for some time.

GOOD FARM LAND.—Laugh at rocky Winkler Junction as much as you please, but Mr. James Adams and Mr. McKay, are demonstrating that it is capable of being a good farming locality; there is some splendid land suitable for agricultural purposes around the Junction.

The Contest.

The civic contest goes quietly on. After all it is a quiet election—everything is passing off good naturedly. The only Councillor contest will be in Ward I, between retiring councillor Beck, and Mr. Frank Smith.
In the majority contest, there is very little boasting on either side. The Stuart men, so we are informed, figure on a majority for Turner in Ward I, that Ward II will be pretty even, but that Ward III will give their man sufficient majority to place him handsomely at the head of the polls. On the other hand, the Turner men are confident; they are not revealing their hand as to figures, but say their man can win. In fact, the quiet contentment seems born of assurance.

Where is Kitchener?

People are beginning to ask, "Where is General Lord Kitchener?" Since arriving at Cape Town some weeks ago, he seems to have passed out of the eye of the public. It is also being asked where the multitude of troops are that have poured into Cape Town during the past two weeks. Have Kitchener and those troops gone into the interior? Are they marching on the Capital of the free state? It is said Kitchener is a man of surprises.

Branch at Sydney.

MR. E. Bigelow of the firm of Bigelow & Hood this town, was recently in Sydney, C. B., with a view to locating a branch of their business in that town. The firm already have a branch in Halifax.

WAKING UP.—It is said Halifax people are just beginning to realize what they may lose owing to the Midland Railway coming direct to Truro.

W. S. McDONALD DEAD.—W. S. McDonald, of Pictou, a well-known printer, and lately in the employ of the I. C. R., died at his home in that town, quite suddenly, Sunday last, his death being the result of an injury. Deceased was interested in the "gold cure" some years ago, and practised it in Truro.

WAR SERVICES.—At a meeting of the Truro Ministerial Association, held Monday, 29th, the following motions were passed:— "In view of the present exigencies in South Africa, this association requests all the churches in town to observe Wednesday evening as a meeting for intercession for Divine guidance in the present crisis. Also, that a special Union meeting for intercessory prayer be held Thursday morning, Feb. 1st, at 9.30, in the parlour of the Young Men's Christian Association."