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A deputation from the North American Fish and Game Club of Vermont waited upon the minister of marine and fisheries at Ottawa on Wednesday and asked that the Canadian government enact a law prohibiting net fishing in Lake Champlain and Missisquoi Bay. The government of Vermont had decided to prevent their citizens from fishing with nets and asked that the Canadians be treated similarly.

The Legislatures of Quebec and of Nova Scotia were opened on Thursday last. Premier Murray of Nova Scotia is in the South on account of his health and Attorney General Longley is the Acting Premier.

News Summary

The Canadian Society of Civil Engineers contemplate visiting Sydney next June or July.

Hon. David Mills was sworn in justice of the Supreme Court Thursday at Ottawa by Chief Justice Taschereau.

Sensors Robertson, Church, Thompson, Beique, Gibson and McMullen were introduced on Thursday to the Senate.

The Labor party of Winnipeg has passed a resolution opposing the transfer of their C. R. to the C. P. R. or any other private corporation.

A trooper of Nesbit's Horse, who deserted to Kruitzingers' command and was subsequently captured at Wesener, was shot Tuesday.

The output for January of the mines at Johannesburg was 70,340 ounces of fine gold, as compared with 52,897 ounces in December last.

Herald B. Williston, of the S. A. Constabulary, died of enteric fever at Pretoria, 9th February. His father is Chas. Williston, of 284 Roble street, Halifax.

The House of Commons, under closure, by a vote of 261 to 168, adopted that one of Mr. Balfour's new rules of procedure which requires that a suspended member shall apologize to the House.

The railway committee of the Ontario Legislature have passed a bill granting the Ontario Electric Co., power to build a railway from Cornwall to Toronto. The company propose to spend eight million dollars.

A despatch to the London Standard from Brussels says that the German and Austrian delegates to the international sugar conference have decided to reject the British demands made in that conference.

Three more Canadians in the South African Constabulary are reported ill with fever. Francis Morley Anderson, of Cranbrook, B. C.; Wm. T. McCaugherly, of Kingston, Ont., and George R. Lindsay, of Innisfail, N. W. T.

According to the Calcutta correspondent of the London Mail, the Indian Medical Gazette, announces that Dr. Rost, of the Indian Medical Service, has successfully cultivated cancer, and has infected a guinea pig with its culture.

The coroner's jury at Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., after hearing evidence in the shooting of Pietro Gastarilo by M. Vaillancourt on Sunday night last brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide. Gastarilo was shot dead while attempting to force an entrance into Vaillancourt's house.

Replying to a toast to himself and wife, at the luncheon which took place in the mansion house Thursday, Joseph Chamberlain, referring to the colonial support of the South African war, observed that it would have special effect in the United States, "whose friendship, we desire, of all others, to keep and enjoy."

The Toronto Board of Trade Wednesday passed a resolution that if Great Britain should place a tax on products similar to produced in Canada, preference should be given to products grown within the empire. The petition will be forwarded to Mr. Chamberlain before the British budget speech is delivered.

The sensation in Winnipeg's political circles is the resignation of J. K. McLennan, vice-president of the Dominion Alliance, on account of the stand taken by the alliance in refusing to recognize the referendum. Mr. McLellan published in Wednesday's papers a lengthy article defining his position.

A Pretoria despatch of Feb. 16, states that 150 mounted infantry, while patrolling the Klip River South of Johannesburg, Feb. 12, surrounded a farm house where they suspected Boers were in hiding. A single Boer broke away from the house and the British started to pursue him. The Boer climbed a kopje, the British following. Immediately a heavy fire was opened upon them from three sides. The British found themselves in a trap and in a position where they were unable to make any defence. Eight of the British officers made a gallant effort and defended the ridge with carbines and revolvers until they were overpowered. The British had two officers and ten men killed and several officers and forty men were wounded before the force was able to fall back under cover of a blockhouse. It is said that the men thus entrapped were all fresh from home and were unacquainted with Boer tactics. The bulk of the casualties occurred during the retreat. The killed includes Major Dowell the commander of the force.

Literary Note.

Hellen Keller's First Earnings. She wanted money to buy an island for a summer home and she earned it.

There is a pretty story in connection with the series of articles which Helen Keller, the wonderful blind girl, has written for The Ladies Home Journal, telling about her own life from infancy to the present time. She always has shrunk from the publicity which follows successful literary work, and it was with great difficulty that she was persuaded to take up the task of preparing her autobiography. She had, however, set her heart on owning an island in Halifax harbor for a summer home, and in a spirit of fun the editor of The Journal offered to buy it for her, or to provide the means to buy it. When the work of writing appeared especially irksome Miss Keller was reminded of her desire to become a land-holder, and it spurred her on. Just before Christmas she completed the first chapter of her marvelous story; and on Christmas morning she received from her publisher a check for a good round sum. Her delight may be imagined, for this was the first money of any account which she had ever earned. "It is a fairy tale come true," she said. Whether she will really carry out her plan to buy the island remains to be seen.

That \$1200.

Dear Editor:—I gladly enclose an extra dollar towards the payment of \$1500 proposed by C. H. Harrington of Sydney, hoping the \$1199 balance will soon roll into the treasury. W. J. G.
95 North St. Halifax, Feb. 10, 1902.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bennett will move that in the event of a military force being sent from Canada to the coronation ceremonies such force should be composed entirely of officers and men who have been in active service in South Africa. Hon. John Charlton has given notice of his fighting resolution: "That this House is of the opinion that Canadian import duties should be arranged upon the principle of reciprocity in trade conditions so far as may be consistent with Canadian interests. That a rebate of not less than 40 per cent of the amount of duties imposed should be upon dutiable imports from nations or countries admitting Canadian natural products into their markets free of duty; and that the scale of Canadian duties should be sufficiently high to avoid inflicting injury upon Canadian interests in cases where a rebate of 40 per cent, or more shall be made, under the conditions aforesaid."

The attention of the British government was called some time ago to publications in American newspapers in regard to the ill-treatment of Boer prisoners at Bermuda. The British war office inquired into the matter with the result that Lord Pauncefote has been informed that such statements were entirely erroneous.

Philadelphia North American: An experiment in marine fog signaling is shortly to be carried out off Egg Rock. A large bell is to be fixed below a buoy, so as to be rung fifty feet under water. It will be worked by electricity from the Egg Rock Light Station, so that the operator on the island can sound it when required. The theory of mariners is that a bell ringing under water is heard at a much greater distance by sailors out at sea than when it is rung while suspended in air.

Professor John E. Baldwin, of Indiana, the aeronaut, is preparing to make an interesting experiment. The first time there is a drought next summer he will send up 1,000 balloons, each carrying a dynamite bomb, the same to be exploded as nearly simultaneously as possible, the object being to produce rain. The balloons will be sent up from Richmond, Centreville, Cambridge City, Newcastle, Middletown, Munice, Parker City, Winchester, Hagerstown and Losantville. Several men are backing Mr. Baldwin in making an experiment.

An indictment for manslaughter in the first degree was found by the grand jury at New York Thursday against Ira Shaler, the rapid transit subway contractor, who is building the Park avenue section of the tunnel in which the explosion of Jan. 27 occurred. He was indicted also for illegal storage of dynamite. The powder house watchman, chief engineer and a laborer were indicted for manslaughter in the first degree. Superintendent Geo. Murray and Inspector Smith, of the bureau of combustibles were indicted on a charge of criminal negligence, and Charles E. Fraser, engineer, for illegal storage.



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JAMES E. WHITTAKER, Applicant.

January 28th, 1902

A battle was fought in Middlesboro, Ky., on Wednesday, between twenty mountaineers and fifteen or more citizens of Middlesboro, who were sworn in as a posse to arrest Lee Turner. In the fight Charles Cecil, one of the Middlesboro officers, was killed, and John Doyle another officer, was fatally wounded. Turner's saloon was burned to the ground by the officers and five of his men perished in the flames.

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