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Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 27.-James B. Bar-rie, town treasurer, and one of Sarnia's Firman's Camp and Capmost respected residents, died this morning, aged 72 years. ture Two Guns. ALMS FROM CARNIEGIE. Stratford, Ont., Dec. 27.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate \$12,000 for a public library here upon certain conditions. The offer has been accepted. ROBBED ON CHRISTMAS Winnipeg, Dec. 26.-(Special)-George Elliott's store at Crandall, Man., was robbed of \$1,000 Christmas night.

"Gen. Rundle reports that on the night of December 24, Col. Firman's camp at Zeefontein, consisting of three compan robbed of \$1,000 Christmas night. MAYOR STILL DEAD. Orangeville, Ont., Dec. 26.-William Still, mayor of Orangeville, died very suddenly in his business office this af-ternoon.

Boer resistance has always been very strong in that part of the Orange River FIRE AT CHICAGO. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Eire last night de-stroyed the grain elevator of A. E. Mueller, at 55th street, and the Pitts-burg, Fort Wayne and Chicago rail-road tracks. The loss on machinery and grain is \$200,000. Colony, which was the scene of Gen. DeWet's Christmas coup. A great quad-rangle of blockhouses are being built there, the points of which are Vreinig-nen, Volksrust, Harrismith and Kroon-stadt. At the southeast corner of this oradreardle is an onen space from Beth. BEET SUGAR FACTORY.

quadrangle is an open space from Beth-hehem to Lindley, where the square of blockhouses is still incomplete, and here DeWet made his attack. Col. Firmán's Toronto, Dec. 26 .- (Special)-The Ontario Beet Sugar company let con-tracts today for a factory at Berlin to cost over \$500,000. The plant is to be ready for operation in October next and will use 600 tons of beets daily. force probably amounted to four hundred dred men, and the disaster, especially the loss of the guns, the possession of which may enable DeWet successfully to attack the blockhouses, creates a dis-turbing impression.

A CHRISTMAS SUICIDE. Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 26.-(Special)-. R. MacDonald, manager of D. R

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London, Dec. 26.—The following de-spatch has been received from Lord Kitohener, dated Johannesburg:

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—It was neported by the last flash of the wire before it collapsed between here and Port Moody that a westbound freight train ran into

press so that there will be no clince to confirm the reports until this evening. The following is the official report of the accident on the C. P. R.: The report submitted to the Minister of Mines of British Columbia by W. F. At 6:30 o'clock this morning while the work train, in charge of Conductor George Hateh, was backing out to Bar-Robertson, Esq., the provincial mineral-ogist, is a magnificent production, both

has come to a horrible but just end. Tasaburo, after the crime, was seized by the boss Japanese of the camp and with the assistance of others bound to a tree. The two countrymen, Nashamia and Nashavi, who held the victim while the murder was committed, as well as Rikizo, who aided in the murder, were also bound to trees. The men were thus left alone in the mountains. It was the night of the storm. They suffered terribly from ex-posure, while their remorseful thoughts seered their consciences like red hot irons. Their groans, however, were drowned by the fierce howling of the wind and the thander of falling trees. A JUST RETRIBUTION. GOOD WORK APPRECIATED.

Mineralogist.

Words of Praise for the Provincial

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—A despatch from Buffalo stating that the joint high com-mission is to meet in Ottawa is made out of whole cloth. Those in position Hull, Que., Dec. 28 .- Lacroix, the to know, declare the commission will not Montebello murderer, was sentenced to be hanged on Friday, March 21. The prisoner created quite a scene and in-formed the court that they would ney r eet again. St. Thomas, Dec. 28.—Squire Daniel Luton, one of the best known men of Elgin, and member of the first parlia-ment of Ontario. is dead, aged 81 years. hang him.

KERMESS REPORT.

STORM AT HALIFAX. The following are the returns from the Halifax, N.S., Dec. 28 .- A wind and Kermess held in the market hall in Sep-tember last, showing the net receipts to be \$1,254.60, a most satisfactory result: rain storm of great violence blocked traffic here last night.

DEATH OF EX-M.P.P.

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a tree blown across the track near Port Moody, and that Conductor Hatch was seriously injured and a brakempin hurt. This accident will delay the wattern ex-