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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1903

ST. JOHN MAN TO GREET HER AT END OF A LONG TRAMP IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Winifred Johnston Plowden Meets One of the Lawton Boys -A Journey Over the Veldt-Walking All the Rage There Now-Incidents En Route.

Consternation doesn't express it!

"But there are plenty of farms when we could put up for the night?"

"No, nothing but a road-mending camp."

"You live there, don't you?"

"Yes, in a tent."

Alarm began to be felt!
"But," he continued, "Mr. Jones has place a mile from the road, and he migi

8.30 train to Heidelberg from the siding four miles away. Another four miles

Johannesburg, Aug. 6.—The Telegraph announced some two months ago that Mr. and Mrs. Plowden would come home this summer. Penhaps you remember the terrible storm we passed through just before reaching the Cape, and my determination to walk home via Siberia. The yeasty deep still has its terrors, so there is nothing for the through just before the terrors, so there is nothing for the through just have are plenty of farms where we could not any for the right?"

Walking is all the rage here now. The took exchange sprinted to Pretoria, thirty-ive miles, in five hours and fifty minutes. The bank clerks did a genuine walk to Roodepoort and back, twenty-five and a quarter miles, within five hours. Sundry other walks and go-as-you-pleases are besyou-please we started by train at the ty, early hour of eight in the morning ever before did I get such an idea of tremendous maining industry of the d. The whole ten miles to Elandsein we never were out of sight of echimneys, grouped thickly together, of course, that ten miles is only a ple of what extends all along the reef more than thirty miles. The tailing from one mine, forty feet high, almost hed across to the tailing heap of the and made one wonder if eventually level of the whole valley will be raised this refuse from the cyanide process. We took pictures of the Jones family and their premises, and Mr. Jones went across the veldt to find a resting place. Their house was of corrugated iron, one room, and it cost more than £50. It was very the string bag containing oranges, etc., and politely remarked that there was a good

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stratching out over the weldt. Just outside the town is a slig stone block house,
formidable relic of swar, then the Kaffir
location, and past that a fine grove of
tares. Our first pause was to take pictures of a farm house, roofless, and with
the walls battered clean down an some
places. There also I snapped the Englishman with his pack upon his back, stepping
out in good style. Not far from
the
house were some fruit trees in a hollow,
the leaf buds just beginning to swell, and
all around for miles and miles the grand
old weldt, dead grass yellow, or burnt
grass pumple, and even, yes, depishful
promise of spring, with the faintest peeping
grass, that gave just a swash of green
through the purple. There is nothing like
the weldt for freedom, not a fence, roads
stretching off over the horizon in all directions, not a dead level like our eastern
prairies, but hollow and rise, wave after
wave, dike a great purple sea, dimming off
into the distance. And the air! Well, it
wasn't smoky, dusty Johannesburg, and
we felt we could walk any distance.

Ellaberg, a pretty little Dutch village,
was about three miles on the road structed
on the slope of a hill, with abundance of
fruit frees; it must be a charming place
is bloom times. Here the road branches
several times, so again we asked the way.
(I didn't mention we had asked several
times in the meantime of bicyclists and
small boys), over a good stream of water,
and up the hill to the veldt again at 10
o'clock:

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way-side hastel at Riet Spruit, a hotel
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the sugging of the track where we mise to eat it beside to pin cross, where we mise to meet a proof at least every five mise. So we tramped on, over a veldt now grass yellow and treeless, under a sun fast becoming really hot, surrounded by the glarre of light that almost blinds one on the white at mid-day.

The Englishman talked of the tramps the had taken untrough the lake country, the had taken through the lake country, the had taken through the lake owner, the pitaturesque covered and the yellow the had taken through the lake owner, the pitaturesque owner, botels, the brook-side where we would spend the night. We trudged on and on, encouraged by two Kaffras who said the water was "not of far." Merely as a precaution we stoped at a cookle hut and eaked for a drint. Here we saw a real currosity, encount of west oped at a cookle hut and eaked for a drint. That was the last house for mile.

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Setting a little Anzius.

It was now 20 colock, and hot, so we tailed a hart, not beside the babbling brook, but a three when here we had a shaped it into little can be and gazed on where we would shaped it into little can be and gazed on which the shaped on ugain, and we continued to push on until safer 20 colock. The Bengishman had. sufficient sherely to be and gazed on which and we continued to push on until safer 20 colock. The Bengishman had. sufficient sherely to wash far from the road, to what he continued to push on until safer 20 colock. The Bengishman had. sufficient sherely to be an end gazed on whith the safe was the state of shere and the continued to push on until safer 20 colock. The Bengishman had. sufficient sherely to wash the state of the velta. The half as hours be possible to the proposition of the transport of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition o

From there the Heidelberg range draws in closer. About four miles from the town the summit is crowned by a fort. From there down to the little pro-Boer town drops continually. There is still a military camp just outside the pass between two hills, where a blockhouse guards the road. We had luncheon under the shade of a rock, and a bottle of milk from the Swede's dairy. Heidelberg was reached at 2.30

Meets a St. John Man.

In the cool hotel parlor I had quite a conversation with Jack Lawton, the only urvivor of four St. John brothers, who came out for the war. He expects before

not alone.

Heidelberg is a bower of fruit trees on the slope of a hill, surrounded by mountains on all sides but one. It has a particularly fine Dutch church in the square and a modern merry-go-round to amuse the people. There was a large base hos-pital there during the war. The founda-tions to the tents are still marked in white stones, situated at the entrance to the kloof, where the winds suck through the hills. Much farther on is an enormou The Kloof, with its circling hills and winding paths, reminded us of our kloof

most half of it filled with military graves all neatly marked with crosses. On one

Half an hour's rest was an absolute necessity. We spent it wondering how the dickens we were going to finish the fourteen miles to Reit Spruit, when the aforementioned Jones providentially appeared from Bottsburg. We climbed up on top of his load of supplies and told him we were going to his house. He remarked that it consisted of only one room, but he thought he might find quarters for us with a friend. If not we could take the 8.30 train to Heidelberg from the siding Two hours by train brought us back t Johannesburg. We are absolutely satisfied that thirty-six miles in three days P. S.-After this eprint we may reach

me via Siberia next summer.
WINIFRED JOHNSTON PLOWDEN

BOYS OF TODAY

They Should be Rugged and Sturdy, Full

but there are entirely too many who do not come up to this standard. They take no part in the manly sames all healthy boys indulge in; they are stoop-shouldered, dull and listless; they complain of frequent headaches, and their appetite is variable. Sometimes parents say: "Oh, they'll outgrow it." But they won't—it's the blood that's out of condition, and instead of getting better they get worse. What boys of this class require to make them bright, active and strong, is a tonic, something that will build up the blood and make the nerves strong. the fowls. So even the one English family a mile away was good only for the evenings. She was pining for town and friends. Our unexpected coming was a little God-send to her. She would gladly have put us up, but there was no room. ong. There is no medicine the same price of the same price of the same price of the price of the

son, sine says: "About two yes son sal net began to dee he in grw ver pale and thin a d a prience therious weak spell of a rived, vem out feeling, and went by he rew worse. This for my in was ging the sam woften rud that Dr. William's would cure anaeria, and ecid led that he

use of Dr. Wilhe he Pink Pins, and a con-sider these pills the best of all medicines." Poor and watery blood is the cause of nearly all diseases, and it is because Dr. Williams' Pink Pills act directly upon the any dealer in medicine or will be sent post paid at 50c, a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing to the Doctor Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. If you value your health never allow a dealer to per-suade you to take something else.

Farming Operations. RAIN AND SNOW DO The jolly old Swede informed us in all

FIRE WIPES OUT AMHERST CONCERN

Christie Brothers & Co. Casket and Trunk Factory Burned Friday.

LOSS ABOUT \$40,000.

Insurance Only \$15,500, Nevertheless the Directors Have Decided to Rebuild, and in a Few Weeks Will Resume -- Chas. Christie's Residence Badly Damegad.

The burned factory was situated on the northeast side of the I. C. R. track and rooms and machine shop. The general

The loss is variously estimated from \$30, 000 to \$40,000, with insurance on the burn-ed portion of \$15,500, in the offices repre-

It is generally supposed that the casket department will continue without any serious interruption and that the trunk department will be rebuilt at an early date.

working at full capacity and overrun with orders and the loss owing to this inter-

The origin of the fire is as yet unknown, but it possibly caught from a spark from a spassing engine, as the fire was first discovered in the rear.

The loss to Chas. Christie's house will

be in the vicinity of \$1,000 and, through some misunderstanding as to dates be-tween Mr. Christie and the agent, the policy of insurance had expired.

During the progress of the fire Warren, the eldest son of Chas. Christie, who was removing goods from the upper story of his father's house, was accidentally hit on the face with a fireman's axe which was being used to cut a hole in the roof. Fortunately as the axe came through Mr. Christie looked up and received the blow in the face instead of the top of the head, the cheek down which it penetrated and extending to the end of the nose, partially severing this member. He was immediate-y placed under medical care and the nd sewed up, and although very painiul, his physician does not anticipate ser-ous results and hopes to avoid disfigure-

ment of the face.

At a meeting of the stockholders of Messrs. Christie Bros. & Co., Limited, this fternoon it was decided to rebuild their actory at once and it is expected they will be in operation within a few weeks.

C. R. Hickson, of Carleton, will go to-day to Nappan (N. S.), for a few days before resuming work at Mt. Allison Uni-

Just Two Teaspoonfals of Sovereign Lime Juce with water and sugar vall make a delicious health drink. 1 make Swereign LineJuice is different from other brands, the cause it is pure juice—and takes less. Some

who are accustomed to using more of other brands and using the same quantity of Sovereign find it too strong. Remember two teaspoonfuls of Sovereign contains more Lime Juice than double the quantity of some others. All Grocers sell it. SIMSON BROS. CO., LTD.

HALIFAX, N. S.

Joe Youngheart, b. g., N. L. McDonald Sydney.
Cansot, blk. filly, Wm. Wilson, Halifax. Clayson, jr., C. W. Cooke, Shediac.
Ada Mack, owned by H. E. McLean, o Moncton, has been sold to W. B. Bowness Summerside. The price is said to be \$800 Ada Mack has trotted in the 2.30 class a Amherst, Springhill and Halifax and woi first money in three out of four entries.
The trotting stallion Tarbrook has been sold by Humphrey and Kinnear, of thicity, to R. A. Snowball, of Chatham. The price paid was in the vicinity of \$700.

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Bourbon T., Fred Watterson, St. Stephen Jerry D., B. F. Smith, East Florenceville Golden Gate, H. J. Fleming, St. John. Sunol Prince, S. A. Fowler, St. John. Rainbow Blend, B. Cummings, Houlton. Nellie F., W. C. Eaton, Calais. Joe Hal, Henry Johnson, Calais. Montrose, Harvey McCoy, Fredericton. Tutrix, E. H. Barter, St. Stephen. Erskine Reed, J. M. Johnston, Calais. Fairview Chimes, J. M. Johnston, Calais. Fairview Chimes, J. M. Johnston, Calais. Tomes, J. B. Gilchrist, Greenwich. Kate Willard, J. M. Johnson, Calais. Tutrix, E. H. Barter, St. Stephen. Rainbow Blend, B. Cummings, Houlton. Clayson J., S. A. Fowler, St. John. Golden Gate, H. J. Fleming, St. John. Minnie M., D. Hanlon, Fredericton. Ping Pong, Harvey McCoy.

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W. H. Moody, 2.1214, John McCoy, Fred Nominee Prince, 2.1714, Berry and Nicker on, Houston.
Parker S., 2.06½, B. Cummings, Houlton.
Ituna, 2.10, J. M. Johnson, Calais.
Tutrix, E. H. Barter, St. Stephen.
Walter K., 2.14½, Harvey McCoy, Fred

Paskine Reid, 2.20½, J. M. Johnson, Calais, Fatrylew Chimes, J. M. Johnson, Calais, Gertie Glen, 2.19½, J. W. Gallagher, Wood.

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Guilty, 2.14½, E. LeRoi Willis, Sydney.
The running race not being filled was declared off, and the Trotting Park Association have decided to run instead an additional day's racing, and a purse of \$300 will be offered for the consolation races. There will be two events, the first of which all horses not winning money in the 2.21, 224 and free-for-all classes will be eligible to enter.
This will give all horses a chance to compete for a purse of \$150, four to enter and three to stant. There will be another race for horses not winning money in the 30 and 40 classes for a purse of \$150, the same conditions to govern. These promise to be the most interesting races of the day.

THE KENNEL.

Saturday next, the 19th, is the last day upon which entries for the dog show can be received and all who have not yet procured blanks are advised to at once apply to the secretary, T. McCullough, 38 Charlotte street, for them, or in the evenings at St. Andrew's Rink, where the erecting of benches will commence this evening.

Judging by the number of requests for entry blanks, and the manner in which entries came in yesterday, the show will be a large one. Those persons who intend entering dogs—and every fancier is urged to support a show gotten up expressly in his interests—should do so at once, so as to avoid doing everything at the last minute. The show will be in seasonable weather this year and as classes have been arranged to suit all kinds of dogs no fancier need be absent, and in fact no genuine fancier will fail to exhibit his dog.

KING'S DAUGHTERS IN CONVENTION,

Proceedings of the Sessions on Friday Evening and on Saturday.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Mrs. F. P. Thompson Delivers the Address of Welcome--Report of the Provincial Secretary -- Mrs Isabella Davis, of New York, in

Fredericton, Sept. 13.—The fifth conver pened in this city on Friday.

An executive meeting was held at 4.45 pointed to look after the conve

An address of welcome to the visitors was delivered by Mrs. F. P. Thompson in a few appropriate words.

Mrs. Dean, of St. John, was the first o respond on behalf of the delegates and hanked them very much for the kindly of Canadian Trade.

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Mrs. Davis, of New York, also responded briefly. Shie expressed the great pleasure it afforded her to be present again in the beautiful city of Fredericton and to be

nut, Miss Bessie Armstrong, St. John; Miss Sadie Sterling.

John; Mrs. Fred Williams, Marysville; Auditing committee Miss Bessie Arm-

Babbitt, Mrs. Senator Thompson.
Committee of convention finance—Miss
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Mrs. Foster, St. John.
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The meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock. The convention reassembled on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock with a good attendance of delegates, there being twelve from outside branches and a large number from the circle of this city. The hall was prettily decorated with plants and cut flowers. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Miss Brown, of Toronto, dominion secretary.

Miss Barker, of St. John, provincial secretary, submitted her annual report which was most comprehensive and carefully prepared. The report was indeed a highly creditable one and showed that some excellent far reaching work has been accomplished by the order during the past year which will be productive of good results. Large sums of momey have been spent by the different branches towards charitable institutions and poor relief and good work has been done. The report showed the affairs of the provincial department to be

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A spirited and interesting discussion on this report followed, opened by Miss Brown and participated in by Miss Davis of Central Council, Mrs. F. P. Thompson and Miss Thorne. This proved very helpful to all. A report was also read from the ministering circle of this city by Mrs. Harry Chestnut, which showed that the branch had not been lax in good work. Thirty one families had been assisted during the year, \$161.42 had been raised from different sources and \$120.73 had been expended in charitable work, which is centainly a most creditable showing for the organization. Miss Mabel Gaynor submitted a report from circle of the Fredericton High School which has been accomplishing good results.

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Reports from the St. John branches will be submitted later.

Miss Mellish, of Charlottetown, read an interesting report from Prince Edward Island, which showed that most encouraging

A paper on ituue, carefully prepared by Miss Knewlton, of St. John, was read in an appreciative manner by Miss Ella Thorne. This was especially elever, well written and deeply interesting to all pres-

Order Has Done for Me, took place, led by Miss Isabella Davis, after which folowed consecration and reception service at the Presbyterian church, at the close of the service. Rev. Willard McDonald presided and a good audience was present.

Music was furnished by the united church choirs, led by Miss Bessie Everett. An eloquent and interesting address by Miss Isabella Davis took place, which brought the meeting to a close of the property of the present of the present of the property of the present of the property of the present of the

cathedral, Anglican, in Fredericton, and mother of Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts, the poet and author, are visiting their nicce, Mrs. Damiel Hennessy, in Bangor.

Mrs. Llandry, of Dorchester (N. B.), left last evening for Sherbrooke, where she will pay a short visit before returning home. Mrs. F. X. Chloquet, Dorchester street, entertained a few friends at luncheon yesterday, in homor of Mrs. Landry, of Dorchester—Monttreal Witness?

TRADE CONDITIONS ARE BETTER THAN A YEAR AGO.

Such is the Report of R. G. Dun & Co. - Canadian Business Continues in Good Condition, and Failures Are Few -- Prospects Bright at St. John.

w York, Sept. 11—R. G. Dun & Co.'s aly Review of Trade tomorrow will say: up the the interruption of a holiday the has brought increased activity in branches of business. An encouraging stom is the decreased complaint regard-collections, accompanied by more disting of bills. Weather conditions have favorable for retail trade, distribution herchandise expanding, while there are

season. Failures this week were 172 in the United States, against 205 last year; and 19 in Canada compared with 22 a year ago.

mked them very much for the kindly loome extended.

Of Canadian trade the Review will say:
Despatches from leading cities in the dominion indicate that business continues in good condition, payments are well maintained crop prospects favorable and the output of Fredericton and to be sent at such a well altended convenience of the search and the output of the search and the

bering supplies in fair demand, trade generally good for the season and prospects bright for fall and winter. Seasonsable weather has stimulated trade in dry goods, clothing and kindred lines, and payments are well maintained.

Retail dry goods paper was promptly met at Montreal on the furth, and general collections are up to the average for the season. Fall trade its active in nearly all lines and the crop reports are encouraging. Trade at Toronto has been greatly stimulated by the visitors attracted there to the exhibition, which proved a great success. Vancuyer reports trade active in all lines, collections prompt and the outlook is considered favorable.

THREE INJURED

Bay City, Mich., Sept. 13.—Clarence D. Hopper and Roy Boucher, switchmen of the Michigan Central Railroad, were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite in a car in the yards at West Bay City to day. Robert Roblin, engineer; William Noble, fireman, and John Cracile, conduc-Noble, fireman, and John Cracile, conductor, were injured, the latter so severely that he may die. All of the trainmen were residents of this city. The explosion, occurred as a switch engine was making up a train. The engine backed down upon several cars, the first containing a thousand pounds of dynamite, a consignment of Lee-Medford and a quantity of reduced shells for indoor practice, and it is said that the force with which it struck the explosive laden car exploded the dynamite.

THIRD MYSTERIOUS FIRE AT AMHERST.

Amherst, N. S., Sept. 13-(Special)-The third mysterious fire within as many days occurred this evening just after the services in the different churches had commenced. The stables of D. M. Bent, Eddy street, were badly damaged, and his fine residence adjoining threatened. The loss will be about \$400; insurance, \$100. Three

DROWNED BEFORE HIS WIFE'S EYES. Chatham, N. B., Sept. 12-(Special -Richard O'Brien, who belongs to Amherst, fell off the railway bridge above Newcastle yesterday, and was bridge and stepped off the derrick into the water just as his wife was bringing him his dinner. He sank before assistance rea

OURES WEAK MEN mail show what mer think of costy.

'Dear Sire—Pease coept my sincere thanks for yours of re ent late. I have given your treatment a thou but test and the benefit has been extraordin by It has completely braced me up. I am it as vigorous as when a boy and you contract the many in the second of the contract of the complete of the contract of the contract of the cost of the cos