

Replying to a series of questions in the British House of Commons on the subject of Delagoa Bay railway, Mr. Wm. St. John Broderick said the government had not been vouchsafed any reason or explanation for the delay in the delivery of the award, nor was the government aware of "the causes of the delay, which it considers regrettable."

News Summary

Roland Burnham Molineux has been sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week of March 26.

The distress arising from famine in India is steadily increasing and those now in receipt of relief number 3,784,000.

Failures in the Dominion last week numbered thirty-five, compared with twenty in the corresponding week of 1899.

General Roberts reports the British casualties during the fighting at Jacobsdal as follows: One killed, fourteen wounded and three missing.

Alexander Ramsay, of Seabright, Ont., was smothered to death Friday in a straw stack on which he was at work, when the heavy wind caused it to fall over on him. The stack was heavy with ice.

Thursday night and through the greater part of Friday terrific snowstorms raged throughout Germany. They have been very fierce along the Baltic coast and in the eastern districts of the empire. Great damage has been done to the shipping. In a number of places the snow is deeper than at any time before in a decade.

On March 1 Dr. D. K. Pearsons, of Chicago, will begin the distribution of a half million dollars (in addition to large sums he already has given to the cause of education) among 14 colleges and educational institutions in the United States, the individual gifts to which will average \$50,000—some of these being the Mount Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley, Mass. Mr. Pearsons is to be his own executor in this matter.

Cable advices have been received from London giving the decision of the Privy Council in a case concerning the effect of the Dunkin Temperance Act, which is in force in the county of Richmond, Que. A druggist named Mathieu, doing business near Richmond, was prosecuted and convicted of 32 charges of violation of the act. On appeal Judge Lemieux quashed all the convictions, but on the ground that the accused might be sent to prison for the rest of his life in default of payment of fines, which would be oppressive, the Privy Council has reversed the judgment of Judge Lemieux, taking the view that any number of convictions can be made under the terms of the Dunkin Act.

Lieut. Col. Steele, in command of Strathcona's Horse, states that the desire for military service among the westerners was remarkable. In three days more, he said, he could have enrolled another regiment of the same size. "I've had applications without end and haven't had time to answer half of them. Eight men wired me today from Skagway that they had come all the way out from Dawson to join the regiment. One of them is worth \$200,000. It is a fine body of men that have been enrolled, most of them ranchers who have had, to ride horseback four or five days a week. Every one was tested as to his ability in horseback riding. They are an educated class of men, too. There is not one that cannot write a good hand and a grammatical letter. Dr. McMathern is making good progress in purchasing the horses."

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