

MAJOR GIROUARD.

The Montrealer Who Built the Soudan Railway.

This One of Her Majesty's Royal Engineers Revisits His Native Land and is Warmly Welcomed.

(Montreal Herald.)

"Bimbo" was here, it is four years since he last saw his old home, and although at the period of his last visit, his merits had been recognized by the right people, he had as yet had no wide field for the display of his abilities by means of which he has now attained a fame, second only to that of the sirdar himself.

The major reached home by the Vancouver from Quebec, and was welcomed on landing by his father, Judge Girouard, and a number of friends. No time was lost in getting to Windsor station and taking the first train for Dorval, where the visitor will be met by his father, and the judges' official summer residence, "Quatre Vents," an ideal retreat.

Major Girouard was thirty-two years of age last May. He is, therefore, wonderfully young for the position he has attained, and looks still more so. He is the typical young British officer in manner, accent and bearing. His English is perfect, but, of course, the soudanais has always been at least as familiar to him as the paternal French. He is perfectly courteous, and altogether unaffected, sparingly unconscious of the fame which he has acquired.

DIRECTS EGYPTIAN RAILWAYS.

His present official headquarters are at Cairo. From thence he directs the management of the Egyptian state railways. Major Girouard built the Soudan railway; but the operation of that system is now in other hands, and the major is assumed his present high office, which, as C. W. Stevens remarks, carries practically cabinet rank. The climate of Egypt, Major Girouard thinks, is preferable to that of India. "We have cool nights there," he said, "at least you know when it is a hundred and twenty-five in the shade during the day, it will fall to a hundred and five at night, and we find the atmosphere cool and refreshing. In India, it is hot all night."

As to the future of the Soudan, the major thinks it is as yet unwise to venture any prediction. Nothing is settled there yet. The country is under military rule, and all the chief ports are for the present occupied by British officers, although natives are employed wherever it is judged advisable to do so. The British authorities understand the importance of having their British officials selected from the best classes of society. The admission of the lower class of Englishmen to responsible office would have a disastrous and hinder of the progress of the work which Lord Kitchener (always to be spoken of as the "sirdar") has in hand.

THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN.

Then the major was induced to tell something of the expedition to the success of which he contrasted as a march. First of all he depreciated any semblance of a compliment. "It was not the railway," he said, "that helped the sirdar. A railway is all very well; but you must do more with troops than transport them. Indeed, they could advance without any railway, but they could not do without food, and the sirdar had a corps of ten thousand camels, in charge of his brother Colonel Kitchener, and these kept up communication between the point at which the railway terminated for the time being, and the camp ahead, and so the men had fresh beef every day."

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

There is a double track from Alexandria to Cairo, and the distance is made in three hours and twenty minutes by four express and seven or eight passenger trains per day performing the service. There are a hundred and twenty-five miles of narrow gauge from Assouan to the first cataract, where the much-talked-of dam is being constructed by means of which some of the 200 miles of uninterupted river navigation. All of the locomotives required for the Egyptian railways are designed in that country, and as the management is international, tenders have to be asked for amongst the locomotive builders of Europe, and in almost every case Belgium is able to outbid all other competitors, although most of the passenger coaches are made in England.

DO YOU WANT Money?

At a meeting of the Lake Carriers' association controlling the wages of 30 per cent. of the large shipping interests on the Great Lakes. It is agreed to advance wages on the lake vessels 30 per cent. The advance taking effect on August 15th. This is the greatest advance ever made in pay by lake carriers and does not come in response to threats of any strike, but simply because men are scarce.

RAILROAD ENTERPRISE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Our neighbors down in Nova Scotia are seriously agitating the scheme of bridging the Annapolis river at Annapolis Royal, in order to perfect railroad connections and develop the industrial enterprises of that most beautiful section, most appropriately termed "the garden of Nova Scotia"—the Annapolis valley.

This bridge will connect Annapolis Royal with Grandville Ferry and will form part of the proposed line of railway from Victoria Beach via Annapolis Royal, Dalhousie and Cabotville to Halifax, with its terminal at the two best winter ports in the Dominion of Canada. The recent subsidy estimate in the Nova Scotia budget includes a subsidy for the Halifax and the line of railway which will be the grand trunk line for western Nova Scotia, with branches to Shelburne and Liverpool.

Victoria Beach is never obstructed by ice, and is one of the best harbors for ships of any size. It is admitted by all engineers who have investigated that this is the natural terminus for all the Nova Scotia railways, and the most desirable point to connect by direct steamship with Boston or with the New England and Canadian railways by steamship, 65 miles from the southern end of the eastern terminus of the New England railways. By this route from Halifax or any western Nova Scotia railway station the mileage is 70 to 80 miles less to Boston or Montreal than by any other line.

SOME FIGURES.

Last year the gross receipts of the Egyptian railway system reached \$2,032,100, while the expenditure amounted to \$2,021,000, so it will be seen that the net receipts were \$11,100, or \$13,100, the Egyptian pound being exactly equal to five dollars. These figures do not include the returns from the telegraph system or from the Soudan railway, but the operation of that system is now in other hands, and the major is assumed his present high office, which, as C. W. Stevens remarks, carries practically cabinet rank.

PERSONAL NOTES.

A Toronto despatch of Aug. 10 says: "Dr. Oronhyateka, supreme chief of the 9th division in the 1st Brigade, has been somewhat ill of late, and the matter has caused some anxiety to his friends. This morning, however, it was stated that he was well on the way to recovery."

Mr. Justice Grant, Mr. Grant, formerly Miss Galt of Montreal, and the Messrs Grant of Boston, have arrived at St. Andrews, N. B., to spend the month of September. He hopes to spend Christmas at home, but thinks it probable he may be obliged to return to England by the end of October on legal and other business.

CHILDREN Cry for CASTORIA.

Sergeant Patrick Killen was eighteen years married Thursday, and the occasion was celebrated with a happy gathering at his home. The event was a genuine surprise. Congratulations were showered on the young couple, and Capt. Jenkins, on behalf of the regiment, presented Mr. and Mrs. Killen with handsome china tea set and a rocking chair.

POSTAL MATTERS.

The postal authorities have arranged for the transfer of daily mails between Campbell and Eastport. The present Grand Manan mail arrangement will continue for another week, when it is expected a permanent service will be established, as a new and commodious boat will likely be on the route.

MANCHESTER LINE.

The recent report that the Manchester line steamers had arranged for a fortnightly service between Port and Manchester next winter was incorrect, as no such arrangement has been made, neither have there been any negotiations whatever between the two parties on the subject. The company will, however, provide a fortnightly service between St. John and Manchester in accordance with the terms of their three year contract with the Dominion government—(Globe).

BIG ADVANCE IN PAY.

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WOOD'S Great Peppermint Cure.

It is a fact that every man, woman and child who has ever suffered from a cough, cold, or any other affection of the throat and lungs, has found relief from Wood's Great Peppermint Cure. It is a pure, natural, and powerful remedy, and is guaranteed to cure all such affections.

MIXED UP.

Items and Credits That May Not Harmonize.

The Responsibility Rests on an Open Window and a Naughtily Broeze.

HEART BOWED DOWN.

The yoke of the shirt waist is borne by us all.

RIDDS EXHIBITION HORSE NOW.

The last horse I owned before getting the one I now have, had the heaves.

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The majority are well intentioned enough if there were a sufficient number of capable and stalwart leaders to give the right turn to things.

DO NOT MEND T. G. S.

Some men are so deficient in the elements of success that they will never set the world on fire even if the world were insured in their favor.

GENIUS ON THE SIDE.

Inventive genius worthy of a better cause is being exhibited by some religious people who are endeavoring to evade the liquor law.

SANG TO JOHN IN CHURCH.

Miss Katherine Penny of England, visiting her relative, John Davis, sang splendidly in the First Baptist church last evening.

TO THE LADY TEACHERS.

Remember, my girl, that it was not your stomach more than what you do on your nose that creates a skin of the finest texture and healthful glow.

IT WAS EVER THUS.

"Kipling's poems have been excluded from an Indiana Sunday school library as being unfit for young people to read. Some critics claim, however, that his success is in no wise due to luck."

SCANDALOUS.

"She has no taste." "Why, I have always thought she dressed very well." "Pooh! She keeps on wearing tan shoes that are at least two shades lighter than her complexion."

KNEW HIS CAPACITY.

"Poor Bilkins is dead. He drank a gallon and a half of straight whiskey, fourteen high balls and half a keg of beer right before last."

OUR WAR EDITOR TALKS.

It is always possible for a man in this rank to have a much better understanding of what should be done than is possessed by the general in command. That has long been a principle of military ethics.

THEY ALL BITE.

Visitor—My, but this is a bad place for mosquitoes! Blair's hired man—Oh, I dunno! It ain't half as bad for 'em as it is before war and your family got here from Nova Scotia.

WE HAVE SEEN THEM.

Reports from the coast are to the effect that the sea is so cold this summer as to make bathing disagreeable. This, however, does not necessarily keep the girls from exhibiting their bathing suits.

SHOULD BE MADE A Q. C.

A Kansas justice killed a lawyer for taking exceptions to his rulings and then adjourned court "out of respect for the deceased." This justice may be a fool, but the probability is that he was wiser to work a case of accidental killing, for his own benefit.

WEAR FROCK COATS ON SUNDAYS.

As the well educated native of Nova Scotia emulates British manners as far as possible, it is not to be wondered at that he is partial to the frock coat. From this partially a curious trade has sprung up. Regularly consigned to the British, frock coats are shipped out from England to Halifax.

OPALS FOR GOOD LUCK.

The opal is no longer considered of evil omen by those who are the best informed. It has become popular to believe that instead of ill luck the opal carries with it the best of luck and happiness in its highest form. Indeed, it is now considered the token of mutual love, burning brightly in all the colors of the rainbow. It is the gift of love to sweetheart, the symbol of an eternal devotion, and so devoted a character as to show itself a constant and fiery flashes of beautiful color.

TO EMPHASIZE THIS ROMANTIC IDEA the opal is now cut in the form of a heart, and the sentiment of a heart on fire with love is one which appeals to all lovers. This heart, when small enough, is set in a ring, but Australian opals have recently been imported of sufficient size to permit of their being used in a simple gold frame as a pendant for the locket chain. These opal hearts are also used for the centres of brooches.

ROBED AND THEN MADE TO SING.

Senior Manuel Garcia, the oldest professor of music in the world, was born

MANY LABORERS WANTED.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 10.—A revised estimate of the extra men needed to garner Manitoba's big wheat crop this year places the number at eight thousand, two thousand more than the first estimate. Unless these men arrive it is thought that the whole of the crop must be lost, and it is suggested that the Canadian Pacific railway should reduce the harvest excursion rate to a figure that would induce many more people than usual to come to the west.

Wages will be high. Every branch of labor in the country is short of men and the railroads are at their wits end for hands as soon as harvest begins. William Mackenzie was unable to let the contractors he intended on account of the scarcity of labor and high wages demanded of contractors.

The general harvest is two weeks off yet. The yield in nearly every district promises to be exceptionally heavy.

NOT WANTING A JOB.

(London Answers.) When the late W. E. Gladstone was chancellor of the exchequer, one day he was in the shipping department of the government office getting some information and figures for the coming budget. While thus engaged a Sunderland shipowner called to see Mr. Lindsey, the then member for Sunderland.

"While waiting for Mr. Lindsey to come in, the shipowner got his eye on Mr. Gladstone, and was watching him closely. After doing so a little while he thus addressed him:

"As I have just had a good work and clever at figures, I'll give you that figure, year, and that's an offer thou'll not get every day!"

Mr. Gladstone thanked him, and said he would see Mr. Lindsey. Just then Mr. Lindsey entered. Then Mr. Gladstone told Mr. Lindsey of the offer his friend had made him.

Mr. Lindsey said it was a very good offer, but he did not know if Mr. Gladstone could be persuaded. Anyhow he had better introduce them. Turning to his friend, the shipowner, he said: "Allow me to introduce you to W. E. Gladstone, chancellor of the exchequer—Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Lindsey. The arrangement of the shipowner cannot be described.

The grand old man laughed immoderately.

AN ENORMOUS FORTUNE.

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Mrs. Joseph S. Palmer, of 138 King street, Carleton, is considerably exercised over certain discoveries she made last week and which lead her to believe that she is one of many heirs to an estate valued at two hundred million dollars. The estate consists of property granted by the United States government to the heirs of General Hugh Mercer, who died January 12, 1777, of wounds received in the famous battle of Red Bank, which was fought on the Delaware River.

From the traces Mrs. Palmer can ascertain of her ancestry, she believes that General Mercer was a brother of her grandfather. Her maiden name was Margaret Mercer. She was the daughter of John Mercer, whose father, a brother of General Mercer, originally came from New York to St. John. Mrs. Palmer has two sisters, Mrs. Louis Carvell of P. E. Island, and Mrs. Purvis of Washington, Missouri. Her brother is William Mercer, who lives on the St. John River. Other heirs are a family of Mercers who live at Mercer settlement, Kings county, Mrs. Palmer will at once place herself in communication with the other supposed heirs in the province, and with the American heirs, who meet recently at Chicago. Mrs. Palmer heard of the estate through an account of a meeting of the heirs published in a Chicago paper.

Mrs. R. C. Weyman of this city, who is a cousin of Mrs. Palmer's, will probably interest herself in connection with Mrs. Palmer in the matter.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT BUCTOCHE.

A large and appreciative audience assembled in the public hall, Buctoche, Kent's county, on Thursday evening, Aug. 10th, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, I. O. G. Templars of New Brunswick, R. A. Irving, LL. B., chief templar of Buctoche lodge, No. 335, occupied the chair. After a few appropriate remarks on the work, aims and principles of the order, he introduced the various speakers.

The following programme was successfully carried out: Opening hymn, To the Work; prayer, Rev. C. H. Manaton; chorus, Rescued the Perishing; address by the chairman, B. A. Irving, LL. B.; address, Rev. J. Bennett Anderson of London, Eng.; solo, Mrs. Campbell; Quartet, Rev. J. H. Barry Smith, grand chief templar; solo, Rev. R. G. Vans; address, H. H. James, lodge deputy; solo, Rev. J. Bennett Anderson; address, Rev. W. R. Robinson; doxology and benediction by Rev. G. W. H. H. James.

Rev. J. B. Anderson, W. R. Robinson, F. G. C. T., and Grand Chief Templar Smith, will address meetings in Kingston and Richibucto, Kent Co., also in Sussex, St. John, Fredericton, Woodstock, etc.

FREDERICTON.

Death of Mrs. Alex. Burchill and Miss Limerick—Child Drowned at Lincoln.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 12.—The death occurred at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Alex. Burchill, wife of the water superintendent of this city. The deceased lady was 57 years of age, and had been ill with consumption for about a year. She was well and highly esteemed throughout the city. A husband and one son and three daughters survive. The funeral will take place from her late residence tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

The condition of John G. McNally of this city, who is critically ill, remains unchanged.

Earle Duffy, the four-year-old son of Chas. F. Duffy, of Boiestown, was drowned at Lincoln this morning. Mr. Duffy and her son were visiting her mother, Mrs. John Rowan, and the boy was playing around the Ghazier boom and was not missed from the party until they were returning home for dinner. A search of the vicinity soon revealed the child lying at the bottom of the river in about three feet of water.

The funeral of the late Jared Ryan, who died at Lincoln this morning, was held at St. Mary's this morning. It was under the auspices of Alexandria lodge, P. and A. M., and was attended by the officers of the 7th battalion and members of Rossmore lodge, L. O. G. T., and Court St. Mary's, I. O. G. T.

Gertrude, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Limerick, died Saturday morning after three days' illness of bronchitis. Deceased was a bright little girl of thirteen years, a general favorite, and her untimely death has filled many hearts with sorrow. Deep sympathy is felt on all sides for the bereaved parents and brothers.

Campbell Ross, general stockkeeper, McAdam Junction, has assigned to Sheriff Sterling for the benefit of their creditors. The sheriff held several executions against the firm, most of them for St. John creditors, and levied on the stock-in-trade about ten days ago, since which time the assignment has been executed. The executions in the sheriff's hands amount to about \$1,100.

Geo. F. and A. J. Gregory have been appointed solicitors to the Merchants' Bank of Halifax in place of the late Wesley Whitford, Q. C.

COURT NEWS.

The matter of the Record Publishing Co. was resumed before Chief Justice Tuck, Saturday morning, and examination of H. G. Fenety continued. Mr. S. Carter was then examined and his evidence stated that the company was not in insolvent circumstances when the bill of sale to Mr. Fenety was given.

Chief Justice Tuck instructed the liquidator, B. P. Jones, to receive offers for the purchase of the property to pay Mr. Fenety's bill of sale.

Dr. A. Stockton has been retained as counsel with Dr. R. P. Quigley in the Hesse case, taking the place of the late Hon. A. L. Palmer.

Letters of administration, with the will annexed, of the estate of the late Mrs. Sarah C. Hanford have been granted to Henry Campbell. The estate consists of \$4,800 personal property. Dr. A. O. Barro, executor.

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"All that certain piece and parcel of land situate in Kings Ward, in the said City, as follows, that is to say, beginning at the point of intersection of Garden Street with the northern line of Hazen Street, thence running northerly to Garden Street, thence westerly to an angle on same street, thence northerly on Garden Street forty feet, thence at right angles westerly ninety feet to Hazen Street, thence easterly on Hazen Street seventy feet to the place of beginning, being the lot docketed from Elizabeth B. White, and being the building and improvements thereon." The same having been levied on and sold by me the undersigned Sheriff of the said City of Saint John, at the suit of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Dated at the said City of Saint John this Ninth day of June, A. D. 1899.

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