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Marriages, Deaths.

DIED.

DURDIN—On April 2, 1901, at the family residence, 181 Hamilton road, Jane, beloved wife of Mr. Alex. A. Durdin, aged 62 years.

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Twins Burned to Death in a Shanty Near Fingal Village---Suicide Near Comber.

St. Thomas, Ont., April 14.—While Alex. McGinnis, farm laborer for C. R. Stevenson, of South township, near Fingal village, was cutting wood yesterday his shanty in the woods, some 40 rods distant, took fire. His wife, with two children, were a short distance away gathering wood, her twin babies, seven months old, being in the house. Mrs. Stevenson, on seeing the fire, was prostrated with fear, and fell and lay unconscious, and before the children could reach their father the shanty was consumed and the two babies were burned to death.

Comber, Ont., April 4.—The M. C. R. officials here were notified last evening that the body of a man was lying beside the track about one and a half miles east of the village. The body was identified as that of Bob Palmerston, a young Englishman, who has made his home around Tilbury for some time. The young man had deliberately committed suicide by cutting his throat with his jackknife. It is not known whether the young man has any relatives in this country or not.

BOERS' DEFENSE ALMOST BROKEN

Kruger's Views Regarding the British Occupation of Zoutspan.

Two More Leaders and Their Followers Lay Down Their Arms---The Column From Kimberley Sweeping the Country---The Duke of Cornwall Will Present Medals to Canadians---Botha's Letter to Kitchener.

New York, April 4.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent, the news comes from Brussels that Mr. Kruger thinks that the occupation of Zoutpansberg will finally break down the Boer defense. Zoutpansberg is the Boer seat of government, and contains supplies of stores and ammunition, and it is understood to be in imminent danger as a result of Lord Kitchener's northern campaign. But prisoners who have recently arrived at Pretoria are, however, said to have expressed opinions that the war will last for three years longer.

BOTHA'S LETTER TO KITCHENER.

London, April 4.—The letter of Gen. Botha, the Boer commander-in-chief, to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in South Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meeting, referred to in Gen. Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hope to obtain some clew to the reason of the failure of the conferences, was published as a parliamentary paper this morning. The letter is dated at the commandant-general's camp, Feb. 13, and commences with a reference to "the verbal message from your excellency." Continuing, the letter says:

"I have the honor to inform your excellency that no one desires more than I to bring this bloody strife to an end. I would also very much like to meet your excellency for the purpose of mutual discussion to see if it is not possible to discover terms under which this can be done."

The remainder of the letter of Gen. Botha is of no importance. It merely suggests a place of meeting, and arrangements for the guarantee of safe conduct.

STILL THEY COME.

London, April 4.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Pretoria says that Col. Plumer's operations at Warm Baths, en route to Nylestroom, resulted in the surrender of George Groblaar, a brother of Gen. Groblaar, and Nicholas Potgeiter, with more than a hundred followers.

THE KIMBERLEY COLUMN.

Cape Town, April 4.—The column which left Kimberley last week to sweep the country as far as Boshof has returned after accomplishing good work. Several Boers were killed and a number of prisoners taken. The British casualties were one killed and three wounded. Small parties of Boers harassed the British flanks, and sniping was almost continuous.

CHANGED HIS VIEWS.

Bloemfontein, April 4.—Commandant Vilonel, a Boer general, who surrendered some time ago, writes from Winberg to the Bloemfontein Post stating that the day before Sanna's Post Christian Dewet warned him not to speak to the burghers in a peace strain or he would have him shot. Vilonel declares that to give back independence to the late republics would be to commit the greatest crime that could be perpetrated under any circumstances, since it would mean starvation and absolute destitution for the Boers, leaving them totally unfit for self-government. These statements are interesting in view of the fact that before the war Vilonel was strongly opposed to Mr. Fraser's peace policy.

BRITAIN MEANS BUSINESS.

London, April 4.—In the course of a desultory debate on the conduct of the South African war, in the House of Commons, Right Hon. William St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, said that further concessions by Great Britain would only make England ridiculous in the eyes of the civilized world. The government, he said, had implicit confidence in Governor Sir Alfred Milner, against whom some of the Boers had made protest. Mr. Brodrick added that, while making this clear to the Boers, the government was willing to make peace, and would use every means in its power to end the war.

THE MEDALS FOR CANADIANS.

Ottawa, April 4.—His excellency has received a cable message from Mr. Chamberlain stating that on his approaching visit to Canada the Duke of Cornwall and York would be pleased to present the South African medals to the first and second Canadian contingents. The militia department is asked to forward the names of the several intended recipients, in order that the medals may be properly engraved before presentation.

THE PLAGUE SPREADS.

Cape Town, April 3.—Ten fresh cases of bubonic plague, including one European, were officially reported yesterday.

MARRIED AND SETTLED

Mrs. Curry's Wedding Creates a Stir in Windsor—Her Lawsuit Ended and She Gets $10,000.

The Detroit News says: The marriage of Banker Fred Holton and Mrs. James R. Curry last Tuesday night, although a quiet affair, has caused a flutter in Windsor society circles. Mrs. Curry made a private settlement a month ago in her suit against Banker John Curry, which has been dragging before the courts for five years. She often remarked that she was weary of litigation, and was pleased when the compromise was reached.

The property of her husband was tied up pending the result of the suit. By the will of James R. Curry, his widow was to have an allowance from the estate as long as she remained unmarried. By this settlement she secured $10,000 in cash and was free to marry.

Banker Holton was one of the principal witnesses for Mrs. Curry in the suit. He had been confidential clerk for John Curry for fifteen years. Just previous to the time suit was entered Holton resigned. Banker Curry alleged on the witness stand that Holton furnished information to the plaintiff which he had acquired through his connection with the bank.

The Holton family refused to discuss the marriage when asked this morning. It was announced that the ceremony was performed by Rev. Canon Johnson at the residence of Mrs. Curry, and that the bridal couple had gone to Washington, D. C.

SCRAP-IRON ASSESSMENT.

The Ontario Government Brings in a New Bill to Cover the Point.

Grant to Kingston Mining School and the Trading Stamp Bill Debated.

Toronto, April 4.—In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Premier Ross announced the withdrawal of his bill to amend the assessment act as recommended by the assessment commission. He said it was deemed wise to hold it over to be discussed in connection with the other important assessment questions to be reported on by the commission next year. In the meantime he introduced another bill, which is designed to do away with the scrap iron assessment, the chief immediate difficulty.

Mr. Ross also withdrew his bill giving power to municipalities to remit the taxes of public corporations.

Mr. Whitney and several of his supporters took the government sharply to task for withdrawing the assessment bill, alleging that it was due to pressure by the corporations.

The house held its first morning session and did a considerable amount of business, but members have now decided to return and complete the business after Easter.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill respecting summary convictions was referred back and amended by making it clear that the old act of George II., providing for a security of £50 sterling for quashing convictions, does not apply to the Provincial laws.

GRANT TO SCHOOL OF MINING.

The house reported the following resolution, moved by the premier: "That for the purpose of aiding the corporation for the School of Mining and Agriculture at Kingston in the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the school and the better carrying out of its work there shall be granted out of the consolidated revenue fund of the province to the corporation annually the sum of $6,000, payable in equal half-yearly payments."

When an amendment to the private bill before the house to the same effect was taken up in committee Mr. Whitney asked if it was intended to keep up this grant yearly.

The premier replied that the house might at any time reduce or change the amount if it saw fit to do so.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said the corporation of the school intended to erect buildings on the strength of this grant.

A LITTLE STORM.

Mr. Whitney did not object to this grant, but it would be better for all concerned if the government were frank. He asked who had ever heard of a legislature going to work in such a roundabout cowardly way to reach a desired end. The premier had said they could repeal the clauses if they wanted to, but to pass them now and then repeal them would be a desirable thing. The School of Mining was deserving of aid, but where was the need of such a tortuous and crooked way of arriving at a conclusion?

HOUSE HAS CONTROL.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt said that there was no tortuous way or dealing. The question had been fully discussed in council, carefully and deliberately, and to anyone who could read English the resolution was perfectly plain and clear. The government would watch the needs of the School of Mining from time to time, and aid it further, if required.

The premier reminded the house that notice of the amendment had been published in the votes and proceedings of the previous day.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said no clauses could be more direct, simple, plain or self-explanatory than those in the bill. The leader of the opposition was making considerable noise over a small matter, and overlooking the main issue.

The motion carried as amended.

CALLS TRADING STAMPS A FRAUD.

When the house took up Mr. Graham's bill allowing municipalities to prohibit trading stamps, Mr. Carscallen (East Hamilton) declared that the house should take up the question in earnest and declare definitely whether this business of trading stamps, which he characterized unreservedly as a fraud, should or should not exist.

Mr. Graham (Brockville) said in some localities the people were against the bill, and he thought that the people should be left to decide for themselves.

Mr. Hoyle (North Ontario) declared trading stamps a fraud on the business community, and urged the passage of the bill.

Mr. Pettypiece (East Lambton) said that the matter had been pretty well threshed out in the committee and in the lobbies, and that the lawyer who represented the company only asked that they be given a year to go out of business, as provided in the bill.

The committee on motion of Mr. Carscallen rose and reported progress.

ANOTHER RAILWAY GRANT.

The premier announced that one item had been omitted from the railways to be subsidized. He therefore proposed to add a clause that a subsidy of $10,000 ($7,500 revoted) be given the Grand Trunk Railway to construct a spur line from Burk's Falls to the Magnetawan River.

ASSESSMENT BILL WITHDRAWN.

When the premier moved the house into committee on his bill to amend the assessment act, he said that when it had been discussed on the previous occasion, the debate showed that it contained features which would give a great deal of trouble and perhaps do an injustice. Members on both sides of the house had expressed some objection to the first clause, applying to the valuation of real estate. Exception was also taken to the provision that cost of production be taken into account in assessment. In view of the late stage of the session he thought they might allow that to stand over another year in that form, and when the assessment commission had reported again next year they would have before them a complete bill dealing with the whole field of assessment. He did not, however, intend to allow the decision with regard to the "scrap iron" assessment to stand. The feeling in the house and in the country, he thought, was that there should be some legislation to restore the assessment to what it was before that decision was given. He believed that the adoption of the clause he proposed would get over the difficulty created by the judgment of the court of appeal, and that was the main difficulty for the moment.

THE NEW CLAUSE.

The clause which was intended to meet the scrap iron assessment difficulty was as follows:

"Real property belonging to or in the possession of any person or incorporated company, and extending over more than one ward in any city or town, may be assessed together in any one of such wards, at the option of the assessor, or the assessment of the property may be apportioned amongst two or more of such wards in such manner as he may deem convenient, and in either case the property shall be valued as a whole or as an integral part of the whole."

He also proposed to withdraw his bill for the amendment of the municipal act, by which it was proposed to give certain powers to municipalities to remit the taxation of public corporations. He proposed to substitute a new bill amending the assessment act.

MR. WHITNEY'S ATTACK.

Mr. Whitney charged that the government had maintained itself in power with the proceeds of the corrupt bargain it had made with the corporations to give the scrap-iron valuation the force of law. He charged also that since the introduction of the anti-scrap iron measure recommended by the assessment commission strong pressure has been brought to bear upon the government by the corporations, and that the premier had thrown a sop to them in the form of another bill enabling them to secure exemptions from municipal councils without the assent of the people. With this, Mr. Whitney said, the corporations were not satisfied. Hence the withdrawal of both bills.

Hon. Mr. Gibson said that the new bill practically removed the anomalies of the so-called scrap iron clauses from the assessment act. For his own part corporations were entitled to a fair amount of justice with other people, and the legislature would not be doing its duty in interfering with the rights of any class of the community. He repudiated most strongly that the government was under any obligation or in the hands or control of the corporations, directly or indirectly.

The bill was reported, and the house adjourned at 7:10.

HORSES CAUSE A PANIC

At a Performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in New York.

New York, April 3.—At the performance of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," in the Academy of Music last night, two horses drawing a landau became frightened, jumped off the stage into the orchestra, severely injured their driver, David Peyser, and frightened the spectators so much that they for the moment lost their judgment. Men, women and children leaped to their feet while the employes of the theater shouted to them to remain quiet.

Unmindful of all warning, the crowd made a rush for the street, and the employes, seeing all efforts to bring about quiet were unsuccessful, threw all the exits open to allow people to get out. The police attracted by the excited outpouring from the theater, sent for the reserves, and in a few minutes order was restored.

WINTER WEATHER

In New York State—Heavy Snow Storm—Fruit Trees Damaged.

Former, N. Y., April 3.—A heavy snowstorm in this county commenced during the night, and still continues. The snow is six inches deep. The mercury is at freezing point. Great damage will probably result from the snow breaking down fruit trees.

Easter Display ....OF.... Floral Perfumes

To all lovers of choice perfumes we extend an invitation to inspect our recent importation of the newest creations in perfumery.

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