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ARTILLERY.

Dominion Association Annual Meeting.

PRaise FROM ROBERTS.

Lord Minto Tells of Private Letter in Which the Commander-in-Chief Writes Highly of the Canadians--Lieut. Col. Jones Elected a Vice-President.

Ottawa, Feb. 14--(Special)--The annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association took place here today, Lieut. Col. Lewis presiding. In the report of the executive committee, presented by Lieut. Col. Cotton, allusion was made to the successful work of the association and it was recommended that the time of training should be extended to 10 days. Considerable difficulty, it was stated, was experienced in arranging a programme of competitions for the garrison artillery corps.

The executive called attention to the strong desire to send a representative team to the National Artillery Association meeting at Shoeburyness and submitted the suggestion for the consideration of the association.

Lieut. Col. Cole, of Montreal, moved a vote of thanks to the governor general for his active interest in the work of the D. A. A.

His excellency, in replying, said he had always taken an interest in military subjects, but as he was not an artilleryman he could not enter into a technical discussion on the subjects before the meeting. He did not think it advisable to wholly abolish the comparative efficiency tests as affecting artillery even though it might be necessary to do so as regards infantry corps. His excellency said he was in receipt of a private letter from Lord Roberts in which he expressed his highest appreciation of the work of the Canadian batteries in South Africa. He hoped for a successful future for the work of the association.

Lieut. Col. Maclean, of Guelph, proposed the usual vote of thanks to the governor through the minister of militia.

In acknowledging the vote, Hon. Dr. Jordan said that, in whatever action he had taken regarding the association, he had largely been guided by his military advisers. He promised careful consideration of the recommendations of the association. Regarding improved guns, the minister said he had been assured that they would be forwarded as soon as possible.

Dr. Jordan spoke in the most complimentary terms of the work of the Canadian artillerymen in South Africa. Every unit had done well--infantry, mounted rifles and artillery--and he congratulated them on the laurels they had won.

Major General O'Grady-Haly was elected a life member of the association. In acknowledging the honor the major spoke of the work of the Canadian artillerymen.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Lieut. Col. Irwin, president; Lieut. Col. George West Jones, St. John; Frank King, St. Catharines; Longworth, Charlottetown; and Constable, Ottawa, vice-presidents.

The old council was re-elected.

SMALLPOX BILLS \$12,000.

Westmorland Board of Health Seeking Who Will Pay Them.

Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 14--(Special)--Members of the municipal council today with reference to the payment of bills incurred in stamping out the recent smallpox epidemic. The council, it was stated, was unable to say whether the provincial government will bear part of the expenses or not.

He had not tallied the bills, but reckoned that they would amount to about \$12,000. Further consideration of the matter was deferred until tomorrow.

FOLLOW NEW BRUNSWICK.

Quebec Government Will Be Impressed With Advisability of Wheat Policy.

Dalhousie, N. B., Feb. 14--(Special)--W. H. Clapperton, M. P. P. for Bonaventure, is very ill with inflammation of the lungs. He will not be able to attend the present session of the Quebec legislature.

F. A. Kennedy, the newly elected member for Gaspé county, was in Dalhousie yesterday en route to Quebec to take his seat for the first time. He will impress on the Quebec government the importance of inaugurating a policy to encourage wheat growing in Quebec on the same lines as adopted by the New Brunswick government.

FIRE BUG AT YARMOUTH.

Three Buildings Badly Burned, Two Slightly -- Fire Was Set.

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 14--(Special)--An alarm of fire was sounded about midnight for a blaze in Queen's Row. The building was damaged to the extent of \$500, covered by insurance in the Sun Insurance Company of North America. The fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin.

The fire was in a long row of three-story wooden tenements known as Razor Row and The Nine Chimneys. Three out of the nine houses were badly damaged, two others slightly. The block is owned by N. A. Wyman.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENED BRILLIANTLY.

A Triumphant Journey for the King and Queen From Buckingham Palace--Strathcona's Horse the Heroes of the Crowd--Oath Subscribed by the King--Proceedings of Lords and Commons.

London, Feb. 14--The first parliament of the reign of King Edward VII was opened this afternoon by the king in person. His majesty was accompanied by Queen Alexandra, the Duke of York and Cornwall, the Duke of Connaught and many others of the royal family. The last state ceremony of the kind occurred in 1861, when Queen Victoria opened parliament, accompanied by the Prince Consort, and since the death of the latter nothing equal to today's pomp has been witnessed in London in connection with the opening of the legislature. Not since the wedding of the then Prince of Wales and Princess Alexandra has the gorgeous stage coach, used today, been seen in the streets of the capital. In this coach today the king and the queen rode from Buckingham Palace to the palace of Westminster.

The route of the royal party, which lay through the Mall, the Horse Guards' parade, White Hall and Parliament street, was guarded by five thousand soldiers. Thousands of Londoners packed St. James Park, bordered the route of procession and filled windows, stands and roofs. The King saluted them most cordially and the people cheered them repeatedly. From Buckingham Palace to the House of Lords the procession proceeded without a hitch, at a walking pace, and the greatest enthusiasm was displayed. The approaches to the houses of parliament were black with people, who were kept in their places by Irish and Scots guards.

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long steps below Carlton House terrace was a solid mass of people. The procession moved through a sea of heads and a continuous glitter of red and gilt. In the meantime, the horse guards, with mounted bands, arrived and formed in line from the palace entrance to the principal gate. The members of the royal family drove out in plain two horse coaches, with two footmen in scarlet coats on the box half an hour before the procession formed. When the six horse coaches, carrying the household, appeared, the horse guards' mounted bands struck up "God Save the King," the people uncovering, the state coach rolled out of the archway in the centre of the palace and was greeted with a roar of cheering.

Strathcona's Heroes. The heroes of the crowd were the members of Strathcona's Horse (Canadian volunteers, just returned from South Africa). They alighted in front of the palace and marched down the line to a position a short distance from the palace, where they were drawn up while the procession passed. The King saluted them most cordially and the people cheered them repeatedly.

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PLEA FOR ACCUSED.

Knight's Attorney Made Very Strong Address to Jury.

Saco, Me., Feb. 14--The story of the murder of Fannie Sprague and all the circumstances which led up to and followed the commission of the deed were today reduced from the formless mass in which they were submitted during the past eight days in the supreme court, to a regular sequence of events, by Attorney Yeaton, counsel for Edwin H. Knight, the accused man.

The occasion was the address to the jury and the clearness and precision with which the whole tale was summarized, seemed to have a bearing in lightening the grave task that lay before the jury.

Attorney Yeaton occupied nearly the whole day for his plea. Point by point, the fabric of the state's case was attacked, the actions of the defendant accounted for, and in brief, it was shown that, lacking motive and opportunity Knight could not have committed the deed with which he is charged.

The defense has now completed its case. Tomorrow the state will deliver its plea which is likely to occupy nearly the whole day. There is a probability that the case may go to the jury late tomorrow, although that is uncertain in view of the possible length of Attorney General Scudder's address.

The prisoner has not been more cheerful during the whole course of the trial. He appears to be in the best of spirits and there has scarcely been a time when he has displayed any anxiety over the proceedings.

The city hall, with its gallery, was crowded today even more than it has been during any of the preceding days.

LEGAL SENSATION.

Decision as to Expert Evidence--Blow to Prosecution in Kennedy Trial.

New York, Feb. 14--A vital blow was dealt the prosecution today at the trial of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy for the murder of Dolley Reynolds, when Justice Fursman refused to admit the testimony of William J. Kinsey, an expert in handwriting.

The basis of the refusal was that Mr. Kinsey was not familiar with the handwriting of the defendant and was not competent to compare the disputed writing of the defendant with that conceded to be his.

The justice held that the testimony of handwriting experts could be admitted only when the writing exhibited was the actual subject of dispute. The writings exhibited in this case, he said, were merely pieces of evidence.

The justice's decision, which caused a sensation in legal circles, was taken to an important hearing on the Molineau case in which expert testimony greatly contributed to the conviction.

Senator Allan's Condition.

Toronto, Feb. 14--(Special)--Senator Allan's condition shows no improvement today and he is not yet out of danger.

arms the cushion on which rested the crown. Lord Londonderry, with equal dignity, clasped the sword of state. Smiling gently, the King bowed right and left. He never looked better. His huge ermine cape gave an enormous depth to his shoulders and set off the healthy color of his face.

Queen Wore a Crown. Queen Alexandra, wearing an ermine cape and a small diamond crown, formed a remarkable contrast to her husband. The pallor of her face and her downcast eyes enhanced the idea of mourning, given by the long ermine veil hanging down her back and hiding the costly ermine.

Before the end of the procession had passed out of the royal gallery, the King had entered the House of Lords, and the central feature of the day commenced.

It was 2:15 p. m. before the King arrived in the chamber, where one of the most striking things was the curious reversal of the customary appearance of the scene. Here, for once, the women were somber looking, in black veils relieved only by their white arms and shoulders and the jewels in their coronets. The men, mostly in black, were radiant with brilliant robes of scarlet and ermine. The United States ambassador, Mr. Joseph H. Choate, as usual, was prominent on account of his plain evening dress.

House of Peers. All present rose as the royal procession entered, thankful that the long wait over and all eyes of this "house of peers," as it was dubbed for the occasion, centered on the Queen's dress, which it could be seen, in spite of the ermine cape, was of deep black and glittered with jewels, while across her breast was the "ribbon of the order of the garter, her husband's latest tribute.

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Surging Gathering of Members. Then the gentleman usher of the black rod, after a deep obeisance, hurried to the House of Commons and, in a few minutes, the speaker, wearing his state robes and attended by the sergeant-at-arms and chaplain, appeared at the bar. Behind them surged the members of the House of Commons. Scarcely had Great Britain's legislators presented such a turbulent spectacle. Several hundred of them struggled fiercely to get in a space which could scarcely hold 20 persons.

In solemn tones the lord chancellor administered the oath, with the King sitting. The lord chancellor then, kneeling, handed the King a role, which he signed, after which all present stood up and the King put on his field marshal's plumed hat, rose and, in clear, ringing tones, read his speech.

THE KING'S SPEECH. Matters of Interest to the Empire Spoken Of.

It was as follows: "My lords and gentlemen,--I address you for the first time at a moment of national sorrow, when the whole country is mourning the irreparable loss we have so recently sustained and which has fallen with peculiar severity on myself. My beloved mother, during her long and glorious reign, has set an example before the world of what a monarch should be. It is my earnest desire to walk in her footsteps."

"Amid the public and private grief it is satisfactory to me to be able to assure you that my relations with the other powers continue friendly. The war in South Africa has not yet entirely terminated, but the casualties of the enemy and

his principal lines of communication are in my possession and measures have been taken, which will, I trust, enable my troops to deal effectually with the forces by which they are still opposed.

"I greatly regret the loss of life and expenditure of treasure, due to the fruitless guerrilla warfare maintained by Boer partisans in the former territories of the two republics. Their early submission is much to be desired in their own interests, as until it takes place it will be impossible for me to establish in those colonies the institutions which will secure the equal rights of all the white inhabitants and protection and justice for the native population.

"The capture of Pekin by the allied forces and the happy release of those who were besieged in the legations, results to which my Indian troops and my naval forces largely contributed, have been followed by the submission of the Chinese government to the demands insisted on by the powers. Negotiations are proceeding regarding the manner in which compliance with these demands is to be effected.

"The establishment of the Australian Commonwealth was proclaimed at Sydney January 11, with many manifestations of popular enthusiasm and rejoicing. My deeply beloved and lamented mother had assented to the visit of the Duke of Cornwall and York to open the first parliament of the new Commonwealth in her name. A separation from my son, especially at such a moment, cannot be otherwise than deeply painful, but I still desire to give effect to her late majesty's wishes, and as my own in all that concerns the welfare of my subjects beyond the seas, I have decided that the visit to Australia shall not be abandoned and shall be extended to New Zealand and the Dominion of Canada.

"The proclamation of the hostilities in South Africa has led me to make a further call on the patriotism and devotion (Continued on page 7.)

REPORTER ON THE STAND. Gives Evidence in Bellevue Manslaughter Case.

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IS CHINA PLAYING? Obstnacy Regarded as a Ruse To Gain Time.

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SCHEME DISCOVERED. Chinaman at the Head of An Organization.

Portland, Me., Feb. 14--The federal authorities here are in possession of papers found on the person of Sam Wah Kee, of Boston, when he was arrested in the act of smuggling six of his countrymen to this country with the collusion of government officials. Among the papers are many letters, which gave a clue to the method employed in evading the immigration laws. In one of the letters Sam spoke of having successfully smuggled 1,000 Chinamen across the border in the past dozen years.

Sam, who at one time was a Chinese inspector, was at the head of the organization. A Chinaman who was to be smuggled in was furnished with a certificate of earlier date, containing an original valid second sheet with the affidavits and signatures of two white witnesses, testifying to the applicant being a merchant in this country. To this sheet they annexed one bearing a photograph of the man seeking admission, and forged the United States commissioner's seal which was necessary to make the certificate good.

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There are also in the possession of the government several specimen contracts entered into by the smuggler and the man to be imported by which the immigrants agreed to pay the former party a sum of money from \$100 to \$150 and heavy interest upon any part of the principal left unpaid after a certain time.

FENIAN RAID VETERANS. Sword Presented by Association to Colonel Otter.

Toronto, Feb. 14--(Special)--The annual meeting of the Association of Fenian Raid Veterans of the Fenian Raid of '66 was held last night. The event of the meeting was the presentation to Col. W. D. Otter, D. O. C., first president of the association, of a sword of honor.

The presentation was made by President D. Creighton. The sword is of regulation pattern, and upon the scabbard is engraved: "Presented to Col. W. D. Otter, on his return from the war in South Africa, by the veterans of '66."

Col. Otter accepted the gift in a graceful speech.

HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER. Statement of a Politician as to North Bruce Seat.

Toronto, Feb. 14--(Special)--A prominent politician today stated that if Hon. Geo. E. Foster does not contest North Bruce in the Conservative interest, the name of Col. A. E. Boucher, of Southampton, will go before the convention.

THREE-MONTHS-OLD CHILD BURNED TO DEATH NEAR DALHOUSIE.

Rescuer, Groping in Smoke of Blazing Dwelling, Makes Sad Mistake of Catching Up a Bundle of Clothing Instead of the Child--Mother Frantic.

Dalhousie, N. B., Feb. 14--(Special)--John McIntyre's dwelling house at Mountain Brook, 14 miles from here, was totally burnt on Tuesday night and Mr. McIntyre's three months' old child perished. A heavy gale of west wind was blowing at the time.

Mr. McIntyre was away from home working in the woods and the only occupants of the house at the time of the fire were Mrs. McIntyre, the servant man and two children, one aged three years and the other one three months.

The fire was under full headway when discovered. The mother caught the eldest child and ran outside calling to the man to bring the baby out. The servant man,

gropping in the smoke, caught a bundle of clothing that was near where the infant was and ran outside, thinking he had the child. On examining the bundle the terrible discovery was made that the child was not there.

It was impossible to return to the house and the infant was burned in the building. The mother was frantic, the night bitterly cold and the house at a considerable distance from any neighbors, and Mrs. McIntyre and her eldest child nearly perished from the cold before reaching shelter.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by sparks from the stove or from a defective pipe. When it was noticed, Mrs. McIntyre, the servant man, and the children had been asleep for some time.