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MAKAROFF DRIVEN BACK IN PORT ARTHUR FIGHT WITH ONE TORPEDO LOST

Alexieff Reports That a Jap Torpedo Boat Was Also Destroyed, But Gives Only Meagre Details.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The emperor has received a message from Viceroy Alexieff which says:

"Admiral Makaroff, commanding the fleet, reports from Port Arthur under date of March 10 that six torpedo boats which went out to sea the night of March 10, four of them being under the general command of Captain Matoussevitch, encountered the enemy's torpedo boats followed by cruisers.

"A hot action ensued in which the torpedo boat destroyer Vlastini discharged a whitehead torpedo and sunk one of the enemy's torpedo boats. On the way back the torpedo boat destroyer Stereguschtchi, commanded by Lieut. Sergueireff, sustained damages; her engine was disabled, and she began to founder. By 8 o'clock in the morning five of our torpedo boat destroyers had returned.

"When the critical position of the Stereguschtchi became evident I hoisted my flag on the cruiser Novik and went with the Novik and the cruiser Boyarin to the rescue. But as five of the enemy's cruisers surrounded our destroyer, and as their battleship squadron was approaching, I did not succeed in saving the Stereguschtchi, which foundered. Part of the crew was made prisoners and part drowned.

"On the ships which participated in the night attack one officer was seriously and three others were slightly wounded, but two soldiers were killed and eighteen were wounded.

"At 9 o'clock 14 of the enemy's ships assembled before Port Arthur and a bombardment was begun with the heavy guns of their battleship squadron at long range.

"This lasted until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is estimated the enemy fired 154 twelve inch shells. The damage to our vessels was insignificant, and they are again ready for battle. Our losses were one officer slightly wounded and one soldier killed and four soldiers wounded.

"The illumination of the sea at night by the searchlights mounted at our batteries was most satisfactory, and several times isolated shots from our batteries forced the enemy's torpedo boats to retire.

"At the commencement of the bombardment at dawn the guns of the fortress replied to the enemy's fire.

"The crews of all the ships engaged gave proof of remarkable coolness in action. Below decks the work of day followed its ordinary course, in spite of the shells falling between the vessels and covering them with fragments.

"A bombardment at such a distance must be considered ineffective, but the Japanese cruiser Takeshasago is reported to have been seen to suffer serious damage. The extent of the damage it is impossible to ascertain at a distance of five miles. Many shells were fired at a range of 7 1-2 miles.

"I have the honor to report the foregoing to your majesty.

(Signed) "Alexieff."

FURTHER RUSSIAN CASUALTIES.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—Viceroy Alexieff has sent the following supplementary message to the emperor: "In the fight between our torpedo boats and the Japanese cruisers on March 10, Capt. Mattoussevitch, ensign Alexandroff and Mechanical Engineer Blineff received slight wounds, and Ensign Zaeff was severely wounded in the head, losing his right eye.

"The commandant at Port Arthur reports the following details of the bombardment of the fortress on March 10:

"As soon as the enemy opened fire our batteries replied. Six of the enemy's ships remained behind the Liaotisshim promontory and opened fire on the fortress over that shelter. They ceased bombarding at 1.15. The enemy fired about 200 projectiles. One shell from battery No. 15 on electric cliff damaged a Japanese cruiser seriously. The results of the bombardment were insignificant. Six soldiers were wounded. Three inhabitants were killed and one was wounded.

"According to Gen. Stoesszel's report the officers and soldiers in the shore batteries dispaayed exemplary courage and fired their guns in perfect order."

HAD FOOT AMPUTATED.

Carelessness and a revolving driving wheel cost Delos Reesor a foot. He is a mechanic at the Grand Trunk shops and lives at 417 Manning-avenue. Yesterday he was standing by the wheel when his foot slipped on to the belt and was carried in between the belt and the rim of the wheel and smashed to a pulp. The police ambulance hurried him to the Emergency Hospital, where the foot was amputated about five inches above the ankle. He is reported to have survived the shock of the accident marvelously well.

GOLDWIN SMITH REJOICES.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—Prof. Goldwin Smith, writing to The Times, rejoices that Oxford has set herself free from her mediaeval ecclesiastical shackles by abolishing compulsory Greek. Pass men in Greek thought nothing was possible without the ability to make good translations in prose.

TORPEDO BOATS CLASHED ONE LOST TO EACH SIDE

Removal of Retvizan From Harbor Entrance Will Permit Exit of Heavy Craft.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—The complete story of the fierce fight off Port Arthur, between the torpedo flotillas which occurred Wednesday, and the bombardment which followed on Thursday morning was not given out here until after midnight.

Two official messages from Viceroy Alexieff had been received during the day and presented to the emperor, but the emperor remained in suspense. All sorts of rumors of the information contained in the despatch were spread among the officials, but they did not have the texts, and were under the impression that Admiral Makaroff had directed the attack upon the enemy's fleet. When the texts appeared it became evident that the collisions between the torpedo flotillas, had occurred accidentally during the night while the Russians were scouting in search of the enemy.

As far as is known here this is the first time torpedo boats have engaged each other at sea. Altho the odds were against the Russians, as the Japanese flotilla was supported by the cruiser squadron, the Russians made an heroic dash, sinking a Japanese torpedo boat, until the cruisers got within range and one of the latter's shells crippled the Stereguschtchi.

Man of Action.

The action of Vice-Admiral Makaroff in transferring his flag to the fast cruiser Novik and sailing out in the face of the enemy in an attempt at rescue receives unstinted praise, stamping him at the outset of his command as a man of force and action, who insists upon being in the van of the fighting.

Not much importance is attached here to the bombardment on account of the great distance of the enemy from the batteries. Their cruisers took refuge behind the Liaotishin promotory, fearing to expose themselves to the direct fire of the forts.

Harbor Entrance Cleared.

The removal of the battleship Retvizan from the mouth of the inner harbor, which marked the assumption of command by Admiral Makaroff, will permit the free exit of the heavy armored ships. It had been believed that the reason why the Russian ships had not made a sortie before was the apprehension of meeting with a superior force, but it is now clear that the ships were unable to leave. With the channel open, it is expected that Admiral Makaroff will make the squadron an aggressive force.

Appreciating the misfortune of the division of the fleet before the war, it is believed that Admiral Makaroff will attempt to unite his forces by bringing the Vladivostock squadron to Port Arthur.

Repairs on the battleship Retvizan will be completed in a few weeks, but the battleship Czarevitch is so badly damaged that it is not thought she can participate in any of the operations for a long time.

No unofficial reports of the recent fight have been received here to this hour.

NO ATTACK FRIDAY.

London, March 12.—Altho there is some confusion of dates in the official messages from the far east regarding recent attacks from Port Arthur and other engagements it would appear that no fresh action took place on Friday.

A correspondent at Seoul describes these attacks on Port Arthur as "successful preparatory bombardments,' thereby undoubtedly intimating that a greater attempt to reduce Port Arthur is imminent.

The official announcement from Mukden that the Russian army corps, which arrived at Harib will be held there because of the landing of Japanese troops at different points, and the various reports of the intentions of the Japanese commanders, is an unintentional tribute from Viceroy Alexieff to Japan's extraordinary success in concealing her plan of campaign and mystifying the enemy as to her movements.

A Chefoo correspondent of The Daily Mail says Japanese debarkation is proceeding at Chemulpo and points to the northward with marvelous rapidity.

The correspondent calculates that up to the present, 70,000 Japanese have been landed in Northern Korea.

As an example of the terrible power of the Japanese "Shimose" powder, a correspondent of The Standard at Tokio relates that a Russian sailor, who was hurt in the naval fight off Chemulpo, has been brought to Matuyssuma, Japan; the man has 160 wounds.

CANADA AS A MANUFACTURER.

New York Sun: The Canadian Manufacturers Association recently indulged itself in an elaborate banquet at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec. There is full reason for a belief that the organization was abundantly able to foot the bill for the spread, and have plenty of money left for another one if it wants to repeat the experience.

Naturally, the speakers at the banquet turned loose a good deal of high-flown talk about the greatness of Canada, its illimitable resources, its important place in the world of to-day. It is evident that an American guest might easily have thought himself in his own country, listening to speeches from his own countrymen. But a little buncombe talk hurts no one, and our neighbors across the northern line are rapidly acquiring a perfect right to shout as loudly about their commercial achievements as some of us do about ours.

This is made evident by an interesting little illustration used at the dinner by the Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the Canadian minister of justice. He stated that in the last seven years Great Britain's exports of manufactured articles had increased 26 per cent., those of the United States 47 per cent., and those of Canada 107 per cent. He added that over $480,000,00 were now invested in manufacturing industries in the Dominion.

More power to the Canadian elbow, and more trade to Canada's wide awake people! May they add ciphers to the right hand end of their figures every year.

HOUSE GROWING DEMOCRATIC LAUGHS AT ANCIENT FRILLS

Members Observed That Opening Ceremony Has Served Its Purpose and Become a Farce.

Ottawa, March 11.—(Staff Special.)—The fourth and probably the last session of the ninth parliament opened this afternoon with due attention to all the glittering usages that delight the feminine heart. Promptly at 3 o'clock Lord Minto and his staff pulled into Parliament Square. As the government house party entered the gates, the venerable guns on Nepean Point laboured out a salute of twenty-one guns. The second squadron of the Princess Louise Guards, drawn up in front of the parliament buildings, presented arms, and the outside proceedings interested the crowd of onlookers no more.

In the senate a brilliant assembly of women, officers of the militia and headquarters staff, church dignitaries, and the consuls of various nations, all brilliantly attired, awaited the arrival of the governor. The beauty and fashion of Ottawa was out in force. It packed the floor of the senate, jammed the senatorial contingent into the two front rows, and overflowed into the galleries, where at least five hundred ladies resolved themselves into appreciative spectators.

Within the Circle of Color.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his Windsor uniform, several ministers and members of the privy council, the people's own Major Maude and Col. Sam. Hughes, resplendent in a scarlet uniform, were conspicuous in the flaming circle of color that respectfully surrounded the throne and its august occupant, the Earl of Minto.

Capt. Chambers, the new usher of the black rod, cursing the evil fates, which required him to make two trips to the Commons on two consecutive days, dashed off to inform the lower house that his excellency only awaited a larger audience to reel off the speech from the throne. The silver buckles on Capt. Chambers' slippers glistened brightly as he tripped his way over to the commons, thrice banged imperatively on the doors and admitted by the mirthful sergeant-at-arms, conveyed to a very boisterous house the message which he carried from the foot of the throne.

Members Getting Tired of It.

For some reason or other, these little forms of communicating messages between the two houses, the bowing and scraping of house officials and their fantastic garb are earning more ridicule every year. If they ever lent dignity or impressiveness to the ceremony of opening parliament the sentiment of a more practical and more democratic age has deprived them of their power to dignify and impress. It was a common observation by leading members of the commons to-day that a ceremony which may once have served a sane purpose has degenerated into a farce, bringing ridicule alike on what should be a dignified proceeding, and subjecting officials to needless embarrassment.

Into a bewildering array of color the commoners followed Col. Smith, bearing the mace, and Speaker Belcourt, whose honors are barely 24 hours old, but who nevertheless acquitted himself creditably to-day. His excellency read the speech from the throne in English and then in French. The speech was painfully padded and contained no intimation of interest beyond A SECOND THREAT TO BUILD A TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILWAY, and a reference to an amendment to the Militia Act.

In a Manner Wholly Faultless.

But if the body of speech was open to criticism, his excellency's manner of rendering it was faultless. It was received in solemn silence, for such is the greatest tribute that can be paid to gubernatorial deliverances in the senate. Having rounded off the French translation, his excellency was approached by Major Maude, who bowed and was rewarded by a copy of the speech. This the major carried in his own hands to Speaker Power of the

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AGAINST MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Belleville, March 11.—In January last a bylaw was carried authorizing the city council to acquire and operate the local gas works. A notice of motion was yesterday served upon the city solicitor to quash the bylaw. The motion will come up for hearing at Osgoode Hall about the end of the present month, before the high court.

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ICE BEGINS TO MOVE.

Port Arthur, March 11.—(Special.)—Ice in Lake Superior has commenced to move and open water is now in sight of Silver Island. The ice has blown away clear from Passage Island to within two miles of Point Porphyry. Experienced fishermen here state that the opening of navigation will not be delayed this spring for over a fortnight more than usual dates.

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Milverton, March 11.—The voting here to-day on the bonus for the Guelph Junction Railway resulted in 99 for the bonus and 15 against.

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WAR NOTES.

Vladivostock, March 11.—The Korean inhabitants of Vladivostock have given their services for the construction of defences.

Tokio, March 11.—It is reported that the Russians have 15,000 tons of coal at Wiju, which they keep drenched with kerosene, in readiness to burn should the Japanese land there.

Askabad, March 11.—Seistan and Khorassan are full of English secret agents, who are spreading lies of Japanese victories, with a view to destroying Russian prestige.

St. Petersburg, March 11.—A report received here of the fight at Port Arthur on Feb. 9 says six of the enemy's ships were damaged and that 150 men were killed or wounded.

Tokio, March 11.—The impression prevails that the reason for the Vladivostock forts not replying to the Japanese bombardment of March 6 was lack of ammunition.

Mukden, March 11.—The Russian army corps which has arrived at Harbin will be detained there. Their detention at Harbin will entail much hardship on the soldiers.

Shanghai, March 11.—It has finally been arranged that a Chinese gunboat shall go alongside the Russian gunboat Mandjur and receive the breechlocks of her guns, her ammunition and the essential parts of her engines.

Paris, March 11.—The commander of the French steamer Saghallen, from Piraeus, Greece, on arriving at Marseilles to-day, reported that two Russian cruisers and one torpedo boat destroyer were at Piraeus, about to put to sea, for the purpose of intercepting Japanese merchant ships.

Paris, March 11.—M. Kurino, until recently Japanese minister at St. Petersburg, has arrived here on his way to Genoa, where he will embark on his way home.

New York, March 11.—Of the two thousand and sixty-five steerage passengers brought here by the steamship Graf Waldersee to-day, fully eighteen hundred are Russians, many of them, it is said, being refugees who fled to escape possible army service against Japan.

$5000 LOSS AT CORNWALL.

Cornwall, March 11.—There was a bad fire in the Brennan Block, at the corner of Water and Marlboro-streets, last night. Oscar Lebranch's merchant tailoring establishment was gutted and nearly all of his stock was destroyed. His loss wos $5000. Insurance $3000.

$90,000 FIRE AT ST. JOHN.

St. John, N.B., March 11.—The Maritime Nail Works, comprising three buildings, were completely destroyed by fire, which broke out at 5 o'clock this morning. About 100 men are thrown out of work. The loss is placed at $90,000, with $29,000 insurance.

WHY CANCER INCREASES.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—A. Davies, M. P. (Liberal), believes that the increase in cancer is due to imported frozen meat, and will ask the president of the local government board for official information.

The ISLE OF SPICE

NOT AT PRESENT.

London, March 11.—Colonial Secretary Lyttelton has telegraphed to Lord Milner, the British high commissioner in South Africa, saying King Edward will not disallow the Asiatic labor importation ordinance. Mr. Lyttelton added: "The ordinance cannot, however, be brought into operation for the present."

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FIRST OF THE SEASON.

Parry Sound North Star: G. B. Miller, manager of Mr. G. G. Gladman's saw mill at Westport, brought into our sanctum Monday a real live, and lively, frog, which he caught jumping around in four feet of snow on the 3rd of March.

B. B. B. Pipes reduced to 75c. Alive Bollard.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Windsor, March 11.—Edward Slaughter, for the murder of John Rudden, was given his preliminary hearing today and committed for trial on the charge.

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BILL PEGLEG DEAD.

Port Arthur, March 11. — William O'Hearn, better known as Bill Pegleg, an old timer of Port Arthur, died this afternoon. He has resided here since 1867.

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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The Confederation Life Association's annual report for 1903, just published, shows that the association had a most successful year. 136

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Oranges Grown in Ingersoll.

Ingersoll, March 11.—Mrs. Dr. Carroll has a little orange tree that bears oranges. Two medium-sized oranges have just been picked from it.

HIDING IN ST. KITTS.

Frank Ely Rogers, Kidnapped in 1901, Said to Be Located.

St. Catharines, March 11.—According to a private despatch received here today, Miss Florence Ely and Frank Ely Rogers, the child who was kidnapped from his home in Evanston, Ill., in 1901, are supposed to be in hiding in this city. The New York police are of the opinion that the woman is arrayed in the clothing of a man, while the boy is dressed like a girl. A big reward has been offered for the return of the boy.

OFFER TO NEWFOUNDLAND.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—The Morning Post urges the Dominion government to lose no time in offering acceptable terms to Newfoundland. It says that the Dominion, without Newfoundland, can never carry out an effective scheme of self-defence, and the control of deep sea bait was a most important weapon in treaty disputes with the United States. The French treaty shore difficulty was now in process of final settlement and that would remove the obstacle arising with the French-Canadians.

STRANGER IN THE CELLAR.

St. John, March 11.—A Guy Fawkes story comes from Fredericton this afternoon than a stranger was found in the cellar of the parliament buildings and was ejected. The matter was reported to the premier, who ordered an additional watchman on duty. At 10 o'clock to-night the visitor was found there again, and was handed over to the police. He said he was William McKenzie, of Montreal, a C.P.R. fireman. He states that he was in hard luck and went into the cellar to get warm.

TAXING LAND.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—The house of commons has passed by a majority of 67 a bill for a separate assessment and rating of land values. Right Hon. H. H. Asquith (Liberal), pointed out that the bill was supported by 200 municipalities. If the unoccupied land of Finchley were taxed the present rate would be reduced by 25 per cent. John G. Lawson, under secretary of the local government board, speaking for the government declared the bill would destroy all breathing spaces. If the bill were passed 5 million separae hereditaments would have to be valued afresh at a cost of £10,000,000.

NEW ZEALAND DECLINES.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—New Zealand has decided to send a rifle team to Bisley this year. The Australian rifle associations expect to defend the Kolapore Cup.

Toronto Man Reads a Paper.

Ottawa, March 11.—After two days of seeing the sights of the capital and attending the live stock and horse shows the delegates to the National Association of Canadian Stock Breeders re-assembled in the city hall this morning. F. W. Hodson directed the proceedings, the first item being an interesting paper by H. J. P. Good, editor of The Sunday World, Toronto, upon the relations that should exist between racing associations and the National Association. Inh his paper Mr. Good touched upon the value of the thorobred, which, he said, was the sire of the best class of harness, saddle and military horses.

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Dr. Muir Dead.

Truro, N.S., March 11.—Dr. Daniel H. Muir, one of the best known members of the medical profession in Nova Scotia, died at his home here to-night.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Prof. Hutton on "Romans and Greeks, French and English," Trinity University, 3.30 p.m.

A. T. Drummond on "Plant Life," Canadian Institute, 8 p.m.

Single Taxers v. Socialists, debate, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.

"Pop" concert, Association Hall, 8 p.m.

Princess, "Peggy From Paris," 2 and 8 p.m.

Grand, "In the Good Old Summer Time," 2 and 8 p.m.

Majestic, "Across the Pacific," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Star, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Elks' meeting and banquet, Temple Building, 7.30 p.m.

HISTORY REPEATED ITSELF.

Kingston's Deputation Treated as Was That of 1893.

While Kingston has now the right to make the street railway run cars thruout the year or recover, thru the courts, to the extent of liquidated damages, and also the right to operate the cars over the Williamsville branch for nine months in the year for the next seven years and then all the year around, and while thees changes are looked upon as distinct gains, yet the deputation from the Kingston council place themselves on record as being unwilling partners to these arrangements, which they declare were forced upon them by the private bills committee.

They declare that instead of the committee letting them state their case, led by the Hon. Mr. Gibson, different members persistently harassed them in the presentation of the city's side of the story and then, without discussing the merits of their argument, hastily formulated an agreement with the instructions that they should meet the company's representatives and come to an agreement, and in the event of their not being able to do so the committee would settle it for them. They were not able to agree on all the points the committee had laid down for them, but were compelled to accept what the committee decided.

What they object to most strongly is the fact that the committee, without the slightest notice of the bill, prepared a new form of settlement and informed them that they must agree to it or they would for them. This, they consider, is on a line with what was done in 1893.

One of the deputation said yesterday: "The actions of the committee in taking such prompt action without the slightest reference being made to the bill that the city presented appeared as if they had been previously schooled, and that it was a foregone conclusion what was to be done. However, we have won a victory for the city to even a greater extent than we hoped for."

REPLIES ON MONDAY.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, Colonial Secretary, replied on Monday to a question by John Redmond, M.P., Irish Nationalist leader, asking whether any assurance has been received from the governments of Australia and New Zealand that, under certain circumstances, their tariff against British manufactured goods would be removed.

"LOT OF LIARS."

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—Henry Labouchere, M.P., proprietor and editor of Truth (Liberal), addressed an anti-Chinese labor meeting at Northampton, declared that he had never come across such a lot of liars as the present Conservative ministers.

UNRENUMERATIVE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 12.—The Postmaster-General (Lord Stanley) being asked if, in view of the reduction in the price of newspapers he would reduce the rate of postage replied that the half-penny postage rate was unremunerative.

COMES TO TORONTO.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March12.—The London Gazette has published the appointment of Rochereau de la Sabliere as consul for Belgium at Toronto.

CONFEDERATION LIFE.

The association issues a contract called the Guaranteed Dividend Policy, which is issued at ordinary rates, but contains guaranteed results at the end of the period. Write for particulars. 136

COLE WAS ACQUITTED.

Woodstock, March 11.—William Cole, on trial before Justice Ferguson, for attempted train wrecking, on the Grand Trunk Railway, was acquitted.

BIRTHS.

BLYTH—At Varney, Grey County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of James W. Blyth, a son.

CLAY—A Toronto Junction, on Wednesday, March 9, the wife of Henry C. Clay, of a son.

HEWETSON—At Toronto, on March 10, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hewetson, a son.

SHEEDY—At Osceola, Renfrew County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Edward Sheedy, twin boys.

WILLIAMS—To Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Williams, 349 Manning-avenue, a daughter, March 10.

MARRIAGES.

GRAY—DIXON—At Toronto, Wednesday, January 9, 1904, by the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, B.A., LL.B., William A. Gray of Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway, to Amy Florence, second daughter of John M. Dixon, Esq., of Toronto.

BOWMAN—RUBIDGE — In Toronto on Tuesday, March 1, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Mr. Brougball, at St. Stephen's Church, Miss Maude Henrietta Theodore Rubidge, 3rd daughter of the late Mr. Walter R. Rubidge, to Mr. Norval T. Bowman of Toronto, son of Mr. A. L. Bowman.

DEATHS.

McCLELLAND—In Brampton, of diphtheria, on Monday, March 7, 1904, Alma Edna, daughter of John and Martha McClelland, in her 13th year.

Private funeral Monday, March 7, at 4 o'clock.

AS AN EVERY DAY MISSION KNOX PROBLEM SOLUTION

Correspondent Believes Religious Firing Line is in a Progressive Downtown Church.

Editor World: As a member of a neighboring Presbyterian congregation and one interested in city mission work, will you permit me to state a view of the Knox Church trouble, not generally known. Knox Church property, when it was presented to the cause of Presbyterianism, was given, not to the congregation, but to the Presbytery of Toronto. This fact being established, it shows how little claim Knox Church has to the $200,000 it claims as an inheritance. But even granting Knox Church has prior rights to this money, WHY SHOULD THEY SEEK TO MOVE UP TOWN AND SO OVERLAP such churches as St. James' Square, Erskin, West Presbyterian, Bloor-street, or St. Mark's. The reason given is that the church is slowly dying. In the last meetings of Presbytery the two pastors sat side by side and never said one word in protest when the case was presented in this light. If the building is unsuitable, and I believe it is, sell it, and in some portion of their property, the corner of Bay and Queen-streets, erect a suitable Mission Hall after the pattern of Carrubber's Close Mission in Edinburgh. Many of the members would enter heartily into this branch of work, and the money and interest would help in countless ways to the general good of our churches. Put it in charge of an ordained minister—but carry it out on practical plans, under control of Toronto Presbytery. It would be a splendid institution, and is badly needed. The two hundred members who prefer an up-town site are surely not so narrow as to wish to tie up a hundred thousand dollars in a new church, which is not needed, and would simply serve a few. The present pastor favors by his silence an uptown site—but if his zeal for mission work be lacking or if he be suited better for aristocratic church work the openings are numerous for such men. What I wish to say, and not to intentionally hurt any one's feelings, is that a William Patterson, or Alex Esler, or a Geggie WOULD SOON SOLVE THE PROBLEM BY AGGRESSIVE MISSION WORK SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY AND EVERY DAY. Knox Church is apparently dead spiritually, and by all appearances the blind are leading the blind. A word more and I am done. What do the Presbyterians of Toronto think of the late pastor of this church every year drawing $2000 hard cash, and not doing a blessed thing for it? He also draws $150 a year from the aged and infirm ministers' fund, which is intended for old servants of the church, who have little to keep them in their old days. The plain duty of the Presbytery—unless they just meet for passive routine—is to get to the bottom of the whole matter, and this stagnant church will renew its strength.

Temple Hall.

RELIGIOUS FIRING LINE.

The down-town church is declared by a Canadian preacher, now resident in New York, to be the religious firing line. Knox Church is a down-town church in Toronto.

The New York News, in reporting the preacher's declaration, says:

"We are in the down-town district to stay. There shall be no moving uptown as long as I am here," declared the Rev. Dr. Archibald B. MacLaurin, the new pastor of the West Sixteenth-street Baptist Church. The congregation has long been seriously considering a move up town, because it seemed the church was losing ground down-town. When Dr. MacLaurin was called to put new life into the work, he decided that the church should never move from the down-town field "as long as there was a soul to save."

Determined to Stick.

"Since I have looked over the field here," Dr. MacLaurin said to a reporter, "I am more determined to stick. The congregation has taken my view of the situation, and we shall not move to Harlem, as was contemplated. If Dr. Rainsford can hold the down-town field on the east side, there is no reason why we should not hold it here on the west side. THIS MOVING OF THE CHURCHES UPTOWN SEEMS LIKE DESERTING. For my part, I propose to stick to the firing line, and the firing line is right here on the west side. Some months ago it looked as if the churches would have to move uptown or die; today we propose to stay down-town and live. We can do it."

In order to "do it," Dr. MacLaurin has practically made his home in the church. He has fitted up a library and study there and proposes to live right in the heart of his parish. "I've got my sign out," he said, "and shall be at home for everyone who has need of me. This is the proper place for me. It brings me close to the heart of the people. I shall live here among them, study them and the conditions hereabouts. Then I shall act."

Comes From Canada.

Dr. MacLaurin comes from a preaching stock. His father was a preacher, an older brother is one of the leading ministers of the Baptist denomination and his sister is a worker in the Foreign Missions. He was called to the West Sixteenth-street Church from Atlantic Highlands. Previous to going to Atlantic Highlands he had been pastor of the Union-avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, for eight years.

He was born in St. Vincent Township, Grey County, Ontario, in 1867. He studied for some time with his brother, Rev. Dr. David MacLaurin, before attending the Moody conferences in Chicago. In Chicago he established a mission, which is still fluorishing. He completed his theological studies at Colgate University, then accepted a call to the Conklin-avenue Baptist Church, Binghamton, N.Y. Shortly after being called to the Brooklyn church he married Miss Genevieve Parker, daughter of a well-known Binghamton family.

When Will This Cold Weather Cease

That's the question every citizen is asking of old probs daily. Former years we have had some indication of spring being round the corner by many mild spells. It may be that spring will come suddenly. Any way, Dineen Company is prepared with a full stock of Ladies' Paris and New York Hats and new raincoats. Last Monday they began the spring opening. Don't fail to call to-day. Show rooms open tonight.

FAIR AND COLD.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fair and continued cold.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March. 11.	At.	From.
Corinthian	New York	Glasgow
Ivernia	Boston	Liverpool
Sicilian	Liverpool	St. John
Noordland	Liverpool	St. John
Kaiser W. der G.	Cherbourg	New York
Lahn	Bremen	New York
Victoria	Marseilles	New York
Romany	Marseilles	Boston
Hungarian	Glasgow	Boston
Prinz Oskar	Naples	New York
Prinzess Irene	Genoa	New York