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PAPAL ELECTION MAY HINGE ON PROPHECY.

Prediction of St. Malachy as to "Ignis Ardens" is Held to Have Possible Reference to Three of the Papabili.

Rome, Feb. 18—A lucky chance brought me into contact with one of those prelates who, possessing sufficient ability to merit a high position at the Roman court, have too much philisophy and nonchalance to aspire to supreme power. I took advantage of the opportunity to introduce the subject of the next conclave.

"The thing has been talked of now for fifteen years," said the prelate. "Since then the Sacred College has been renewed several times over. Nevertheless, the Pope is more virile than ever."

"But, Monsignor, the Holy Father is none the less ninety years of age. At such an age accidents are always possible. One may, therefore, without temerity, seek to know what would happen if the head of the Catholic Church should suddenly disappear. Would it be an indiscretion to ask you which, in your opinion, are the cardinals who have the best chance of succeeding him?"

"There is not the slightest indiscretion I have good reasons for believing that candidates are now more numerous than is supposed, for the simple reason that no one candidate has preponderating claims. The names which come up most frequently in the papers—Svampa, Parocchi, Rampolla, Gotti, Vannutelli, Capulatro—are not the only 'papabili.' You know the profound proverb: 'He may enter the Conclave Pope and leave it a cardinal,' which history has confirmed and may probably varify again at the next conclave. I know, for instance, a cardinal who thought himself sure of the tiara. He had numerous supporters; he had relations with several foreign governments. When Leo XIII fell ill, about a year ago, he thought the moment had come to unmask his batteries. Unfortunately for him, Leo XIII got well and the 'proporato' was left stranded or thereabouts."

Lives Like a Monk.

"Tell me something about Cardinal Gotti, monseigneur, of whom every one is talking 'urgi et orbi.'"

"I scarcely know him; at the most I have spoken to him twice for five minutes. He is a monk who has passed most of his life in the cloister. Since he has worn the red hat he continues to live like a monk. He is never seen at the foreign embassies, still less in the salons of Roman princes. When created a cardinal he went to reside in a solitary palace in Trajan's Forum. He probably found it too noisy for him, for within the last few months he has emigrated to the Carmelite convent outside the Porta Pinciana. The Pope has recently appointed him perfect [illegible] the bishops and regulars, and it appears that he devotes all his time to the studies connected with his important office."

"All this does not explain why the name of Cardinal Gotti should be so prominently put forward.

"I suppose it arises from a somewhat singular circumstance. But let us take things in their order. Father Gotti was general of the Carmelites when Leo XIII. (who is a good judge of men) selected him to go and reform the convents of Brazil. It was a severe task for the new Internuncio. He acquitted himself to the satisfaction both of the government of Rio Janeiro and of the Holy See. His reward was the purple. You may well imagine that such an unexpected creation could not [illegible] attract attention to the man who [illegible]ted. It was quite another thing [illegible] two ago, it became known [illegible]etion on the part of one [illegible]ounders of the Holy [illegible] regarded Cardinal [illegible]cessor.

[illegible] Competitors.

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"Then in your opinion, there is great probability of Cardinal Gotti succeeding Leo XIII?"

"I did not say that. I can only repeat, I scarcely know this 'porporato.' He certainly passes for a man of knowledge and judgment, but he has not yet given the measure of his qualities. He is respected but it cannot be said that he inspires much sympathy. He is said to be severe, and one does not acquire popularity in the ecclesiastical world in Rome by displaying stiffness to his subalterns.

Pope Cannot Bequeath Tiara.

"I do not know what truth there is in the story which describes him as the candidate of Leo XIII. What is certain is that the secretaries of state who receive the confidence of the master hardly ever succeed him. My idea is that what creates the high position of Cardinal Gotti is the ferocity of some of his rivals. He has gained a great deal by remaining calm and silent in the midst of the attacks of which he was the object.

"But I will give you one conclusion; here it is: Perhaps you have heard of the prophecies of St. Malachy. The Romans attribute special value to them. It should not be forgotten that the conclave will take place in Rome, and that the Italians will decide the election. This prophecy, which it is said, goes back as far as the eleventh century, but which has been known for more than 150 years, is expressed in brief sentences, which are supposed to characterize the pontificate of each of the popes.

"At any rate they mark some sign ficant feature applicable to each. In these tables Pius V. was designated the 'Pilgrim Traveller,' Pius VII. as 'Aquila Rapax,' which so clearly signifies Napoleon, the actual pope. The motto 'Lumen in Coelo' has been verified, whether in regard to the blazon of the Pecci, which contains a comet, or attaches to the moral signification of the present pontiff, which may justly be regarded as a luminous page in the history of the church.

"Well, the next pope is thus designated: 'Ignis Ardens.' Now, there are three cardinals who may justly pretend that this description applies to them. And these three cardinals are named Svampa, Vannutelli and Gotti. Allow me to close the interview with this remark."

WHOLE FAMILY BURNED.

Father, Mother and Three Children Burned to Death in a Fredericton Holocaust---Notes from the Capital.

Fredericton, Feb. 21—Edward Lawrence, a well known resident of Lakeville Corner, Sunbury, his wife and three children were burned to death in their homes at that place early this morning. On finding the house was on fire Mrs. Lawrence escaped from the burning building, but went back later to save her children, but as she entered the house the roof fell in and father, mother and three little ones were consumed in the flames. The charred remains of the family were found in the ruins after the fire had consumed the house. Two boarders narrowly escaped with their lives by leaping from windows. Mr. Lawrence was a man about 40 years of age.

Hon. John P. Burchill presided at a caucus of supporters of the local government held last evening. All the members of the legislature supporting the government were present, including Mr. Ganong, of Madawaska, and the meeting was most harmonious and enthusiastic. The legislative programme for the session was discussed at some length.

Dennis Hanlon, chief clerk in the Barker house, received a telegram from Brockton, Mass., this morning, conveying the sad news that his brother, William D. Hanlon, had died very suddenly at that place last evening. No particulars were given, but it is assumed that heart failure was the cause of death. The deceased was about 50 years of age, and a son of the late John Hanlon, of this city.

The Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick will hold their 25th annual meeting in the Y. M. C. A. building here on February 27th and 28th and March 1st. Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, Dr. Wm. Saunders, director of experimental farms, Ottawa, and Col. Wm. Blair, of Amherst, will be among the speakers.

FROM THE WISE EDITORS.

A Bas Hutton.

Military dictatorships do not flourish in the free soil of Canada.—[Montreal Herald.

"They're After Me."

Cronje's bands are playing the pathetic little ballad, "Follow me—follow me 'ome." The invitation is cordially accepted.—[Toronto Star.

Capitalists Have Money to Waste on Peddlers.

There is considerable talk and no little dissatisfaction about town at the large number of peddlers and agents of one sort and another who have fairly swarmed the city and suburbs for the past two or three months.—[Fredericton Gleaner.

To Say Nothing of the Opposition.

If all the pulpits of the Dominion would join the Metropolitan in denouncing politicians like Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Tarte, who exist by reason of their ability to put race against race, they would render a signal service to Canada.—[Toronto News.

Lansdowne Knows a Good Thing.

There is mighty little use in talking in parliament in the hope of finding fault with the course the Canadian government has taken in this war, when such cablegrams are arriving as that from Lord Lansdowne, saying: "Permit me to say how proud I am of the manner in which Canada is standing by us."—[Toronto Star.

An Awful Admission.

Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff was the guest of honor at the Daughters of the Revolution luncheon yesterday in the Savoy Hotel. The luncheon was given by the general society to the local chapters. Mrs. Foster M. Voorhees had also been asked, but Mr. Foster M. Voorhees, governor of New Jersey, sent a letter of mournful regret, bewailing that "Mrs. Foster M. Voorhees" is a veritable Mrs. 'Arris, and informing the hosts, in the words of Sairey Gamp's envious crony, that "there ain't no setch a person" and never has been.—[N. Y. Herald.

St. John Wants This Contingent.

Ominous rumors are in circulation in the city regarding the likelihood of a Fenian invasion of Canada in the spring. A meeting of the commanding officers of the Toronto garrison was held on Saturday evening to make arrangments for carrying out the war game settled upon by General Hutton some weeks ago. At this meeting, it is said, the possibility of a Fenian raid was brought up, and the statement made that positive evidence existed in high quarters that a Fenian coup is contemplated as soon as the weather will permit of operations in the field.—[Toronto Globe.

Religious Daily Gets Mad.

More Satanic language than the above from the Toronto Evening News we have never seen in print. We do not hold the preacher mentioned responsible for the astounding calumny with which he is credited, as a paper which would so traduce the man who has done more than any statesman Canada ever had on behalf of the British connection, and who is true to his country in spite of the little-minded malice and hideous ingratitude, would misrepresent any one to gain its base political ends. As for stirring up racial strife, the whole of the anti-Laurier press has never ceased to fume with it.—[Montreal Witness.

An Appeal to Reason.

The fight is really a fight for liberty and for the liberty of the majority. The people who sympathize with the Boers are sympathizing with the unabused party in the war. They want to see a government trust re-established, which shall exist for the benefit of the governors, rather than for the benefit of the governed. If the Monroe doctrine is defensible, and if America must be reserved for the governments here, then the attempt of the British in South Africa to secure to the majority there the right of such governments as they desire, especially as the majority is British, must be defended also, all sentimental sophistries to the contrary, notwithstanding.—[Boston Transcript.

Be Good and You Will Be Wealthy.

It is not true to say that the stage is all evil or that the taste of the great mass of the American public is corrupt. The pure "Little Minister" has made more money than "Zaza." "Ben Hur" will be more profitable than "The Degenerates," "Sapho" and "The Conquerors," all three together. "The Old Homestead," "Shore Acres," "Way Down East," "Shenandoah," "Secret Service" and, to step back a few years, "Held by the Enemy" and "Hazel Kirke" have been among the conspicuous financial successes of the theatre. Every one of them is as sweet and sound as a Baldwin apple. Even among the farces not all the successful ones have been bad. "Because She Loved Him So," with its tender domestic sentiment, has made as much money as the Paris productions which are packed in chloride of lime and exported to this country.—[Boston Transcript.

The Broken Down Exodus.

Formerly our young people were forced to leave Cape Breton in hundreds for the United States. Today hundreds of expatriated Cape Bretonians are arranging to return to their homes. The hearts of fathers and mothers will be made glad and in the future there will be far fewer agonies of partings. The great majority of our people are today better off. There is more demand for labor at better prices.—[Sydney Reporter.

The Old Island.

Newfoundland has done a patriotic thing in consenting that the modus vivendi on the French Shore question shall be continued for another year. We are glad to hear that the motion passed the house of Assembly on Monday with a unanimous vote. The importance of this voluntary surrender of colonial rights to relieve the imperial government of the possibility of a rupture with France while embarrased with war in South Africa, is as valuable a piece of patriotic self-denial as the sending of troops to the front by larger and more populous colonies, and will be so regarded in the mother country. The ancient colony is loyal to the core—and this proves it practically.—[The Wesleyan, Halifax.

A Hot, Hot Time.

We are now truly suffering under the tyrannous rule of the most cruel and heartless oligarchy that has been known in modern times, and the only indication of a change of role at the present time is from bad to worse. They can, without the least scruple of conscience, and with hearts as hard as the nethermost millstone, look with scorn upon those who have been simply impoverished by their unjust and merciless acts.—[Telegram, St. John's, Nfld.

Who Would Not Study.

Exhaustive estimates have just been published of the cost of living at Yale. From $800 to $1,000 is considered enough for an average student. The investigations show that Yale men are spending less for drink than they did a decade ago, and are more liberally contributing to religious and philanthropic societies.—[Bangor News.

Bobs' New Ally.

Perhaps, on the whole, the most effective way in which to defeat Oom Paul's brilliantly unique device would be to fight the Boer amazons with mice. A few hundred of these creatures let loose in a trench defended by the women would set them scampering far more precipitately than would tons of shot and shell. That is, if they are made of the same material as their sisters in other parts of the habitable globe.—[Boston Herald.

Canada's Sacrifice.

Canada has taken her rightful place and amid all our tears and sorrow for their loss we feel a pride that it has been given to our soldiers to give up their lives in so great and glorious a cause. Henceforth there can be no doubt about our position. We have given our best for the empire.—[Fredericton Gleaner.

And He Will Be Thirsty.

When Bob dines at Bloemfontein he will order a bottle of Steyn.—[Boston Herald.

Winston Has the Floor.

Owing to so much of The Patriot being given to the intensely interesting account of Winston Spencer Churchill's escape from Pretoria, editorial and other matter are held over.—[Charlottetown Patriot.

Need for Reform.

There are men, but their number is happily diminishing, who sit on the fence and smoke their pipes while their wives milk the cows, feed the pigs and split the firewood with which to prepare breakfast. They do not ask them to do this, but they permit it to be done, and their wives, poor simple souls, come to regard it as a matter of course and a part of their duty to their lords.—[Gagetown Gazette.

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THE BOERS IMMERSED IN A HELL OF FIRE.

The Valley Full of Green Lyddite Fumes--Cronje's Men Penned in a River Bed and Kitchener Pounding Them With a Hundred Guns.

London, Feb. 23.—The following further details of the fighting have been received:

Paadeberg Drift, Orange Free State, Tuesday, Feb. 20.—As night fell, after the terrific fighting which lasted all day Sunday, there was a sudden cessation of fire. Both sides were thoroughly tired and glad to rest. The work of collecting the dead and wounded proceeded and the men slept where they had fought the whole day. The action was one of the most fearfully contested in the history of the war. The Boers were fighting solely for their lives and the British determinedly harrassed them. The mounted infantry did good work and the Highland brigade fought steadily and sternly. The whole force behaved well. Sunday evening the cordon around the Boers was completely closed on every side in perfect silence. A few Boers came into camp during the night and confessed they were sick of fighting and that

Cronje was being urged to surrender.

General Cronje's force occupied the river bed. All the animals and the men suffered terribly from thirst, it being impossible to transport water. A heavy thunderstorm in the afternoon, however, relieved their sufferings. Lord Kitchener was present with the force. General MacDonald was wounded in the foot, but not severely. Our men marched splendidly to overtake the retreating enemy. Deserters say that a great number of the Boers lost their horses. Trek oxen are daily seen wandering over the plain and many come into our lines. Monday morning found the Boers in the same place. During the night they had constructed entrenchments around the laager, which was still threatened by General Smith-Dorrien. The infantry rested after the terrible hard day's fighting on Sunday. The mounted infantry and a battery of horse artillery started to observe the enemy, who was holding a kopje, but while riding around the southern side of the kopje they received a heavy fusilade and were obliged to move further out. They sustained no casualties. This was attributed to

Bad Boer Marksmanship.

Pushing on the detachment found the kopje extended a considerable distance, sloping gradually to the plain. They seized a good defensive position, which was garisoned. They continued the movement and completely turned the Boers, whose left was held strongly by a farm house. This was vigorousrly shelled. The detachment returned to camp at night fall, leaving a garrison on the ridge. Meanwhile a desultory bombardment of the Boer position was kept up, and a good deal of rifle fire concentrated where the Essex were attempting to rush up the river. About mid-day the cry that General French had arrived was passed down the ranks, but his division operated out of sight of our forces. When Lord Roberts arrived, he addressed several regiments and was vigorously cheered. Early in the day General Cronje asked for 24 hours' armistice in order to bury his dead. Lord Kitchener refused, and a little later came another messenger with word to the effect that if the British were inhuman enough to refuse an armistice for the purpose of burrying the dead, General Cronje saw

No Other Course but to Surrender.

Upon receipt of this mesage Lord Kitchener; proceeded to the Boer laager in order to arrange the capitulation, but he was met by a messenger, who announced that General Cronje said that the whole thing was a mistake; that General Cronje had not the slightest intention of surrendering, but would fight until he died. Kitchener returned and ordered a bombardment of the Boer position. Three field batteries and a Howitzer battery took position directly in front of the laager and began accurate fire, the Howitzers using lyddite shells freely. The Boers were seen retiring from the trenches to the river bed in order to seek shelter, but no cover could protect them from such a fire. The Howitzers dropped lyddite shells with precision into the very bed of the river, and the trenches were soon filled with horrible fumes and green smoke, but

The Enemy held grimly on.

Again during the night deserters arrived. They were much frightened and shaken by their awful experience. They reported that they had water in abundance, but were able to draw only scanty supplies from their laager during the night. To-day (Tuesday) was the third day of General Cronje's imprisonment and grim resistance. Early this morning the infantry engaged the enemy in the bed of the river and drove him back a short distance. The morning sun disclosed the Boers toiling like ants on the entrenchments around their laager. A few shells were fired to prevent them from continuing the work, but most of the day was quiet. General French's artillery was heard off to the east, presumably damaging the Boers reinforcements. Every oportunity was given the Boers to surrender, but when towards afternoon there was no sign of any such intentions Lord Roberts determined to crush once and for all General Cronje's resistance. On the south bank of the river, at a range of about 2,000 yards, were placed three field batteries and two naval twelve-pounders, and on the north bank, enfilading the whole river, one Howitzer, three field batteries and three naval 4.7 guns. Then followed

The Most Wonderful Scene

the correspondent ever witnessed. Once before he had seen one hundred and ten guns in action, but never such a number of powerful guns concentrating their fire upon a spot about a mile square. The exploding lyddite shells raised great clouds of great smoke, completely filling the bed of the river. The shrapnel burst on the edge of each bank, except for a short space where the proximity of the British infantry made it dangerous. Our shells searched every bush and every ravine of the river bed. The enfilading guns must have done terrible execution. The roar was deafening, yet with a spirit of desperate madness the Boers would now and again attempt to snipe the naval guns which were firing at a range of 1,000 yards. The long line of three batteries belched their death misels, while on each side lay two battalions of infantry, whose Maxims sounded pretty beside

The Roaring of the Big Guns.

What loss the Boers suffered is not yet known. This business is being written in the middle of a sleeping camp. Not a sound disturbs the heavy slumber of the tired soldiers. Down the river bed not a face is seen, not a cry heard. There is something tragic in the stern resistance which General Cronje is hopelessly offering. It is impossible not to admire his pluck, but all condemn the wickedness of uselessly sacrificing the lives of his brave followers. He retired northward and came under fire of two other guns supported by a company of Australians near the British western post on Dragoon hil. Col. Henderson proceeded to Mooifontein farm, which he now occupies. The British patrols from Hanover also come out that far. The Boers are not in great force. They have been persistently followed all day long and have withdrawn a considerable distance northward.

WIND STORM PLAYS HOB WITH HALIFAX.

$40,000 Damage Done by the Storm--Electric Services of All Kinds Were Paralyzed--Thought the Milwaukee Escaped.

Halifax, Feb. 23—(Special)—The storm which raged here all last night was the worst since the great Saxby gale in the seventies. The wind reached a velocity of 60 miles an hour and was accompanied with snow, hail and rain. The whole electric system of the city was demoralized and at daylight this morning the principal streets were a mass of broken telephone, fire alarm, and electric light wires. It was in Barrington street that the wreck of wrecks was to be seen and it was plain why the telephone and the tram services were demoralized. Storm had played havoc on this street and cracked the big telephone posts like matches. Poles carrying the wires on Barrington street were of cedar, some of them over 50 feet in height Each had at the top about a dozen cross bars and it was on these bars that wires were carried. Posts were exceptionally fine ones and supposed to be good for at least 30 years' service.

During the early morning hours every one of those poles on Barrington street, between Salter and Jacobs streets, was cracked about the middle like a pipe stem, and this morning the wires were all down. Upper parts of the posts, south of George street, fell over the tram wires, while those north of Prince street remained in place, though broken.

It was sight unparalleled in Halifax and was viewed by crowds. Of course, with interference with the tram wires the cars could not be run.

The breaking of the posts caused a great noise in Barrington street, luckily few were on the street to hear it.

Notwithstanding the tremendous force of the gale and sea, which was stirred up along the wharves, there was very little damage done on the water front. Vessels were tossed about at their berths in a lively way and steamers rolled a great deal, but were not damaged further than straining.

The damage done in the city will amount to about $40,000.

The naval assistant, Capt. Bloomfield Douglas, R. N. R., was asked whether he thought the Milwaukee had escaped the hurricane. He stated that as she had fully 30 hours start before the gale came on and that, as these storms, as a rule, turned from west-south-west to east-north-east, the Milwaukee had plenty of time in her southeasterly course towards Cape Verde Islands, to cross the path of the gale.

The death occurred this morning of Mrs. Elizabeth Hesslein, widow of Henry Hesslein, and mother of Alexander and L. J. Hesslein, of the Halifax Hotel. She was 78 years of age.

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Jemseg, N. B., Feb. 21.—The first of a series of farmers' meeting to be held in Queens county, addressed by W. S. Tompkins, Southampton, N. B., W. S. Blair, horticulturist, experimental farm, Nappan, N. S., and J. F. Tilley, provincial dairy inspector, was held at this place last evening.

The speaker arrived at 7.30 o'clock and were vigorously applauded by some 200 people. Prominent among whom were:—

John L. Colwell, Arch. Taylor, Arch. Purdy, Fred Vesus, C. P. Dykeman, Barnard Kelley, Chas. Purdy, Abiathar Camp, George Camp, James Wasson, C. B. Colwell, Tillet Dykeman, Albert Farris, F. J. Purdy, Arch. R. Fanjoy, James Colwell, Henry Huestis, Henry Dykeman, Charles Robertson, Charles Robinson, Edward Young, Weldon Purdy, Chip. G. Colwell, Harry Colwell, W. H. Dykeman, Devenport Colwell, William Purdy, Menil Colwell, C. B. Colwell, jr., John Moore, Charles Titus, Theodore Titus, C. M. Colwell, J. Bennet Anderson, Fred Colwell, Beverly Colwell, Colwell, William Sharp, Joshua Dykeman, William Dykeman, Bruce Springer, Edward Chambers. Benjmin, Collington, Charles Gunter, Ransford Wright, James Farris, Whitfield Nerus, George Parks, Harry Gunter, Councillor Camp, Alexander Young, William Reece, Charles J. Colwell, Harry Olmstead, Tulley Dykeman, Howard Titus, William Amos. and a large number of ladies.

Mr. Charles D. Dykeman was appointed chairman. He introduced the speakers in a happy mood. He referred to the budget of good news from the seat of war which was responded to in a manner which speaks volumes for the patriotism of this part of the province. As a fitting tribute, God Save the Queen was joined in by all present.

W. S. Tompkins, in his address, referred of the advancement made along agricultural lines in this province during the past few years, and spoke of the good work being done by the Hon. Commissioner for Agriculture. He thought still greater advancement was possible and strongly advised the farmers to pay attention to those crops which would give them not only food for themselves but for their stock as well and check the practice of sending so much money out of this province for food stuffs.

J. F. Tilley said he was glad that an agitation was on foot which soon, he hoped, would result in the establishment of not only a cheese factory, but a creamery as well. He felt that while cheese factories were a good thing a cheese and butter factory combined was still much better. The practice of running such an industry the year round was advancement along the right line. He referred to the fact that Kings county makes as much cheese as was produced in any other three counties in the province, and from looking over both counties from a dairy point of view he believed that Queens county was capable of producing more cheese than Kings county, providing the people enter into it with proper enthusiasm. Reference was also made to the establishment of a creamery at Woodstock, Carleton county, which manufactured last season more butter than the whole of the province the previous year.

Part of the stock for a cheese factory to be located at Lower Jemseg has been subscribed and a meeting is to be addressed by Mr. Tilley there, when it is proposed to fully organize for the erection of building and plant.

W. S. Blair gave some reasons why cultivation and care effects the growth of fruit trees. He thought if fruit trees were bought to be grown in grass and grain crops that he sooner the purchases were cancelled the better. Conditions favoring the growth of grain and grass crops were not at all favorable to fruit trees and that while grain and grass crops required about 100 days to mature and were shallow feeding crops, while the apple requires the whole season to mature and are rather deep feeders. He advised cultivation and growing some hard crop in the orchard and fertilizing the trees as you would for a root crop. A number of charts illustrated his address.

A number of questions were asked the various speakers. The meeting, which was a decided success, closed by all singing God Save the Queen.

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SUICIDE OF A WOMAN AT JORDAN MOUNTAIN.

Mrs. C. M. Lockhart Ended Her Life With a Dose of Poison--Notes of Sussex News.

Sussex, Feb. 22—Mrs. C. M. Lockhart, of Jordan Mountain, committed suicide this morning by taking a dose of poison.

James P. Byrne, barrister, has removed to Bathurst, where he will practice his profession.

At the evening service at Church avenue Baptist church on Sunday evening, a special sermon, bearing on the South African war, will be preached by Rev. Wellington Camp. The sermon will be well worth hearing, as Mr. Camp stands in the forward ranks of New Brunswick's pulpit orators.

Herbert E. Gould is on a business trip to Boston and while away will take in the sportsmen's fair.

Col. E. B. Beer has perfected plans for a supplement to the ordinary hay press, whereby the usual hay bale, 48 inches in length, may be reduced to 24 inches.

ANNIE M. ALLAN IN TROUBLE.

Towed Into Vineyard Haven Full of Water

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 22—The schooner Annie M. Allen, of Boston, Captain Reid, St. John for New York with a cargo of laths, has been towed in here leaking after a battle with the sea lasting 36 hours. The schooner encountered a strong northwest wind off Cape Cod. Tuesday morning and a leak was discovered. The pumps were put at work, but the water gained and Tuesday night when the vessel anchored off Pollock Rip lightship she had four feet of water in her hold.

The pumps were kept constantly at work during the night and yesterday morning signals for assistance were set. The tug Frank W. Munro put out to the schooner. The disabled vessel was towed here late last night and today extra men are at work pumping her out. It is thought temporary repairs can be made at this port.

Militia Changes Gazetted.

Fredericton, Feb. 22—(Special)—The following was gazetted today:—

8th Princess Louise, New Brunswick, Husars, to be second lieutenant provisionally, W. H. Silon, gentleman, vice R. C. McMonagle, retired.

Veterinary Lieutenant J. H. Frink is granted the honorary rank of veterinary captain.

71st York Battalion of Infantry: To be second lieutenant, provisionally, H. O. Clarke, gentleman, vice G. W. H. Thomas, promoted.

Lieut. Col. J. A. Longstroth, of the 4th Prince Edward Island, tenure of appointment extended two years.

BOERS WERE RIGHT.

British Losses at Rensberg Correspond With Boer Reports.

London, Feb. 22.—An additional list of the casualties sustained by the British troops during the retreat from Rensberg on February 15, shows that 14 men were killed, and that 158 members of the Wiltshire and Worcestershire regiments are missing.

The latter fact confirming the Boer reports that a number of prisoners had been captured by them.