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St. Joachim's Branch, No. 334 C.M.B.A. was instituted at Vernon River on Friday last, March 30th, by Grand Deputy Brother James McIsaac.

"OF A GOOD BEGINNING" Cometh a good end. When you take Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify your blood you are making a good beginning, and the good end will be health and happiness.

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A Half Century Record. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry has now been in use for 50 years and there is nothing to equal it as a rapid and effective cure for Bowel Complaints of young or old.

The Markets.

Table with market prices for various goods including Butter, Eggs, Lard, etc. Columns include item name and price.

Mrs. Chas. P. Tennar, Hope Town, P. Q., writes: "I used to be troubled with severe Headaches and Constipation, but Laxa-Liver Pills have cured me and I heartily recommend them to my friends."

DEED.

In this city, March 31st, John Visey, formerly of Pownall Bay, Lot 49, aged 86 years, leaving four children, several grand children and a wide circle of relatives and friends, R. L. F.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

WAR CORRESPONDENT DEAD. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent died in London on Friday morning. He had been ill for several months.

"FIGHTING MAC" ON DUTY. General Hector Macdonald has completely recovered from his wounds and returned to duty as Commander of the Highland Brigade with Lord Roberts.

MUTINY ON A U. S. SHIP. The United States transport Sedge-wick, which arrived at New York on Friday from Havana and Gibara, had thirteen of her crew, all able seamen, confined in irons for mutiny. They refused to work on Sunday.

TROUBLE AT BLUEFIELDS. A Kingston, Jamaica, despatch of the 29th ult. says: The British third class cruiser Psyche left here for Blue-Fields, Nicaragua, in response to an application from the British consul there for protection for British subjects.

IN THE WEST INDIES. According to a recent Kingston, Ja., despatch, the Maroons are again threatening disturbances. Armed police have been sent to quiet them and the military authorities have been notified to hold troops in readiness.

CAMBRIDGE WINS. In the annual boat race between the two English universities—Oxford and Cambridge, on Saturday, Cambridge won, defeating Oxford by twenty lengths. The race was simply a procession; odds four to one in favour of Cambridge as Oxford had lost several of her best oars through illness.

AMERICAN PORK EXCLUDED. Recent advice from Constantinople says that the Porte has informed the United States legation that in future the importation of American pork will be prohibited, giving as a reason for the prohibition that the meat is injurious to public health.

MAY BE COMMANDER IN CHIEF IN INDIA. It is reported in London in a well-informed quarter that Lord Kitchener will be offered the post of commander-in-chief in India, succeeding the late Sir William Lockhart, so soon as definite success has been obtained in the Transvaal, and that General Sir Archibald Hunter will succeed him as Lord Roberts' chief of staff.

DEATHS BY DYNAMITE. By the premature explosion of sixty sticks of dynamite, five workmen were buried under a mass of broken rock, at Spokane, Wash., on Thursday last. One is dead, another will die, and a third will be blinded for life.

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

In this issue will be found the professional card of Dr. J. C. Houston, Souris East.

A new boat crossed from Rocky Point to Charlottetown Friday,—the first this season.

The ferry steamer commenced running between Charlottetown and Southport on Friday.

BAXTER and Lemieux, the Ville Marie Bank robbers were sentenced in Montreal on Saturday to five years each in the penitentiary.

The steamer Californian which ran ashore near Portland, Maine, some time ago, was floated on Saturday, and will go to Boston for repairs.

The work of repairing McDonald's mill dam at Montserrat is almost completed and the electric light plant will probably be in operation this week.

The Minto did not come over from Pictou on Saturday on account of the storm. She crossed on Sunday and the mails and passengers reached the city at 6 p. m.

It is understood that the Plant Line will have three steamers running on the Boston Halifax and P. E. Island route this summer—the Grand Duchess, Halifax and Florida.

CANVELL BROS. have been awarded the contract of supplying the commissariat of sewerage and water supply with 200 barrels of Portland Cement, their tender being the lowest.

MESSES. J. W. Mcintosh, Jas. Gray and James McPhee of Oxford, N. S., have purchased the property known as the McKay Woolen Mills, and are now fitting up the Mills preparatory to starting business.

LIEUT. COL. Moore has received instructions to enroll a few more men for garrison duty at Halifax. He will also receive applications from young men desirous of joining the Royal Canadian Artillery at Quebec.

Two Italians, P. Dimico and C. DiPaoli, who participated in the big row at the Dominion Iron and Steel Works at Sydney recently, have been sent up for trial at the Supreme Court there, charged with assault, with intent to kill.

LAST WEEK Mr. Henry McGregor of Lot 48, disposed of two valuable horses to a Mr. Troop of Annapolis, N. S., for a handsome sum. One of the horses was a driver and the other a draft horse, the latter was two and a half years old and weighed 1300 pounds.

ACCORDING to Frederick Hamilton the newspaper correspondent with the first contingent in South Africa, there are 21 Canadians now on their way to Netley Hospital, England, on sick leave. Among the number is Private Benjamin Coy, of Charlottetown, who left here with the first contingent.

ACCORDING to information received in Halifax Private F. E. Strong, of "F" company, First Contingent, who enlisted at Halifax, acted in a somewhat strange manner on the voyage and was left at Cape Town for medical treatment. Subsequently he was taken to England and placed in Netley hospital. There he has been judged insane, and is to be returned to Canada.

"The Resurrection" was the theme of Rev. Father Campbell's discourse in St. Dunstan's Cathedral on Sunday evening last. It was a great historic fact that the Rev. preacher treated the subject. His text was from the words of St. Paul: "If Christ had not risen our faith would be vain." The Rev. preacher first vividly described to his hearers the place and time of our Lord's crucifixion. Calvary stands a short distance west of the city of Jerusalem, and opposite to it, on the east side of the city is situated Mount Olivet. Between the city and Olivet runs the brook of Cedron, and between the city and Mount Olivet is the Garden of Gethsemane. As the time of the crucifixion the sun was sinking behind Calvary enveloping it in dark shadows, while the reflected rays of the sun shone on Mount Olivet. In the crucifixion, the Rev. preacher pointed out, was epitomized the life of Christ as well as Christianity itself. The earthquake that followed the crucifixion, and the other convulsions of nature are explained by the historians of the time; there can be no question about them. The Jews went to Pilate and begged of him a guard of soldiers to watch the tomb of Christ, Pilate bade them to go guard the tomb as they would, as they had soldiers at their command. When our Lord rose from the tomb, these soldiers who were on guard were struck dumb; then the Jews asked them to say they were asleep, and the disciples stole away the body. When the apostles came to the tomb on Sunday morning, it was empty and an angel clothed in dazzling garments told them that he was gone and to go to Jerusalem and they would meet Him. St. Augustine, the Rev. preacher pointed out, confounded those who would shelter themselves behind the excuse that the soldiers were asleep, by asking them, are sleeping guards well adapted for keeping watch, and if asleep how did they know the disciples took the body? There are those in our day who would like to get rid of our Lord's resurrection, either on the plea of the sleeping guards, or by denying that he was crucified at all. But the evidence of history is too strong against them. It is the duty of all good Christians to glory in the resurrection and to avail themselves of the privileges thereby purchased for us.

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THE WAR!

The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 28th: "General Clements occupied Fauresmith to-day, without opposition. A nine pounder gun and maxim and large quantities of ammunition were discovered hidden in a mine. Col. Pliober, on leaving Fauresmith on the 28th, was attacked, losing one wounded and five missing. During a skirmish north of the Modder on the 22nd, five men were wounded and Capt. Sloane Stanley of the 16th Lancers and five men of the regiment were taken prisoners.

A London despatch of the 30th ult. says: The Queen has telegraphed Lord Roberts to convey her sympathy to the widow of General Joubert and tell her the Britons regarded her husband as a gallant soldier and an honorable general. Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, who served in the Transvaal war, also requested Lord Roberts to convey his sympathy.

The announcement of General Joubert's death from pneumonia is a military event of the first importance. This announcement, it is thought, will mark the beginning of the end of the Dutch resistance. He possessed not only military talent, but also real authority over the Dutch commandos, and his death will be a final stand against Roberts. Joubert had been hampered in Natal by other commanders who were free to express their opinions in councils of war, and even to upset his plans, but his plan of defence had been adopted, and the Boers and Free State allies had confidence in him. Joubert would have been a farsighted worthy of Roberts' steel. His death will deprive the Boers of their only leader really competent to direct the defence of their country. All references in the English press to Joubert are kind and appreciative. He and Chief Justice Hertz were regarded by the Boers as the two pillars of the Boer Republic, and his death will be a heavy blow to the Boer cause.

The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 1st: Broadwood's report has just reached me. It contains no details, but states that he had lost seven guns and all his baggage. The estimates of actual casualties are about 350, including 200 missing. On hearing this morning that Broadwood was hard pressed, I immediately ordered French with two remaining cavalry brigades to follow in support of the ninth division. The latter, after a magnificent march, arrived on the scene of action shortly after 2 p. m. Broadwood's force consisted of Royal Household Cavalry, Tenth Hussars, G and H batteries Royal Horse Artillery and Pliober's battalion of Mounted Infantry. The strength of the enemy is estimated at from eight to ten thousand, a number of which is not yet reported. The Chronicle prints a despatch saying all of Broadwood's guns, which were lost Saturday, have been recaptured.

According to one account the British loss of life was not great as most of the convoy was in the trap before a shot was fired. Lord Roberts seems to have heard of Broadwood's plight very quickly and sent Colville's division at once to the rescue. Latest reports say that Colville arrived on the scene Saturday at noon and began shelling the Boer position so that there is some hope that the guns and wagons will be recovered.

A later cable states that the Boers have been compelled to retire, leaving the wounded.

Broadwood's guns and stores have been recaptured. Among the British troops captured was a whole battery of artillery.

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle, telegraph-

A despatch of the 31st ult, from London says: President Kruger has apparently made up his mind not to wait until the British are ready to advance. Therefore, resuming hostilities, he sent a force of Boers to Kaasere siding, fourteen miles south of Brantford and only twenty-one miles from Bloemfontein. "They entrenched themselves there on three kopjes, but Roberts despatched an overwhelling force against them which drove them back to Brantford. The British loss was one killed and one hundred wounded. Indications are not wanting that Kruger intends to make some attempt to support his threat to retake Bloemfontein. In Natal as well as in the Free State clashes of outpost, which are always frequent, are beginning. Reports from Boer headquarters state that the British troops are massing at Blandelaagte and that Colonel Boshuizen with his mounted infantry, has been busy in the neighborhood of Helpmankar further to the east. The Boers are showing signs of acting on the offensive once again. In order to check this disposition, General Buller has had to strengthen his outposts. Skirmishing continues at Warrenton. The war continues as a game of bluff is being played by the British with the idea of keeping the Boer force stationary on the right bank of the river.

The War Office on Saturday issued the following from Lord Roberts:

BLOEMFONTEIN March 30, 2 55 p. m.—Owing to the activity of the enemy on our immediate front and their hostile action towards the burghers who surrendered under terms of my proclamation, I found it necessary to drive them from some kopjes they had occupied near Kaasere siding station, a few miles south of Brantford. The operation was successfully carried out by the seventh (Thebes) division assisted by the first and third cavalry brigades, under Generals French and Legalla, and a regiment of mounted infantry. The enemy retreated to Brantford and our troops now hold the kopjes. Our casualties were: British, 8 killed, 10 wounded; Boers, 10 killed, 10 wounded; 100 missing.

A despatch from Bloemfontein dated March 31 says: In yesterday's fight, many regiments received their baptism of fire and showed splendid coolness. We have secured a fine natural position facing the huge plain before Brantford. Kipling was present during the fight.

A despatch on Friday from Pretoria says that General Joubert's funeral took place there on Thursday. He was buried at Rustfontein, in his private mausoleum, with military honours. The captured British officers at Pretoria sent a floral tribute. President Kruger deeply mourns Joubert's death and at the grave broke down sobbing bitterly. General Louis

Botha has been appointed to succeed General Joubert. It was he who commanded the Boer forces at Spion Kop and at Kraants.

The second Canadian contingent have been ordered to join Lord Roberts' force at Bloemfontein.

The situation in the East, due to Russia's aggressive movements and her demands upon Korea, continues to be ominously threatening.

The Times' correspondent at St. Petersburg says the Government is considering a new scheme for more warships requiring an extra credit of many million roubles. The correspondent of the same paper at Yokohama says that Russia is pressing Korea for the lease of a piece of land outside the settlement of Masampo, thus setting an example which it is feared the other powers will follow.

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The British showed magnificent bravery and the officers were quite cool and composedly directed the operations. The opportune arrival of reinforcements saved Colonel Broadwood from annihilation. The water supply was cut and the pumping gear destroyed, as well as the gold telegraph. One hundred wagons were lost through the cowardice of the Kaffir drivers.

Gen. Cronje and 1000 prisoners sailed yesterday for St. Helena.

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THE QUEEN VISITS IRELAND. The Queen left Windsor on Monday evening for Ireland. She took the train to Holyhead, Wales, where she arrived at 9 a. m. yesterday. After replying to several addresses by local bodies, she embarked on the royal yacht "Victoria and Albert" and according to a Dublin despatch of yesterday, the royal yacht reached Kingstown at 2 p. m., three and a half hours ahead of schedule time. Kingstown is a seaport town six miles S. E. of Dublin with a population of 30,000. On account of a steady down-pour of rain the royal party did not go ashore, but will do so today. It is estimated that Dublin's population will be swollen to a million today. The whole city is gay with preparations for Her Majesty and the Irish people are taking much interest in her visit, wearing red, white and blue and pictures of the Queen, Roberts, Kitchener, Powell, etc. A sensation has been caused by the announcement by James Egan, sword-bearer of Dublin, that he will not take part in the ceremonies. Egan was for nine years a political prisoner. His withdrawal at the last moment hampers the arrangement somewhat.

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