

NOVA SCOTIA FOREST FIRES COVER 1,000 ACRES

Worse Than First Reported—Four Miles of Trenches Dug to Divert the Flames.

Amherst, July 30.—(Special)—The forest fires referred to in last evening's telegraphic report are even worse than at first supposed. It seems that the fire started last Wednesday in the woods of R. A. Christie, about four miles from his residence. Some suppose it was set by lightning, a heavy storm having passed over that section. It has rapidly spread in an easterly direction for about six miles, passing over portions of the properties of E. B. and R. A. Christie, Kelly Bros., Rufus Christie, James Porter and B. B. Barnhill, an area of over 1,000 acres having already been covered through the very best section of the lumber area.

On Sunday the homes of R. A. and E. B. Christie were threatened, but a force of about 30 men were at work all day digging trenches, thus diverting the course of the fire. About four miles of trenches were dug.

Yesterday morning the fire reached within half a mile of the residence of James Porter and within a mile of the mill and buildings of Kelly Bros. A message was sent from River Hebert at 9 a.m. so Amherst asking for assistance and Chief Bliss sent by special train No. 1 fire engine and 600 feet of hose. To show the promptness of Chief Bliss and his men the fire engine was at River Hebert station, 18 miles from Amherst, in just two and a half hours from the time the telegram was sent. It is hoped their efforts will prevent the fire reaching the Porter and Kelly buildings. E. B. Kelly is in Chatham, Maine, having been summoned there by the death of his sister. A summary of the properties reported yesterday as burned is:

Kelly Bros., 600 acres; E. B. and R. A. Christie, 200; James Porter, 100; and properties of B. B. Barnhill and Rufus Christie. The smoke in Amherst today is quite noticeable.

MEETING OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS' UNION

Convention Opened in Halifax Tuesday—Various Conferences Held.

Halifax, July 30.—(Special)—The 10th convention of the Maritime Union of Christian Endeavorers was opened this afternoon at Grafton Street Methodist church, when, after the convention was organized, there was a conference of superintendents and presidents and also of junior workers.

Tonight's session was devoted to devotional exercises, a welcome on behalf of the Halifax local union, made in support of the nominating committee and addresses by Rev. W. G. Lane, who was chaplain with the second South African contingent, and W. H. Baer.

The Junior Endeavorers held a meeting this afternoon. A Presbyterian C. E. rally will be held in St. Matthew's church on Thursday morning, when Rev. J. D. Mackay will be chairman.

Halifax, July 31.—(Special)—The maritime Christian Endeavorers began work this morning with a "quiet hour" from 6.30 to 7.30. Dr. McMillan led in prayer and J. W. Baer, of Boston, secretary of the United C. E. Society, made an address. His topic was "Consecration." He illustrated how Christ is crucified afresh from day to day, while He should be thanked for His death enjoyed. "Go to the Bible for spiritual help," said Mr. Baer.

The forenoon session opened at 9 o'clock with a praise service. Rev. R. G. Strathby, of Truro, gave in the chair and conducted devotional exercises.

Miss Connors, secretary, read the minutes of the previous session and the junior superintendents' report was read by Mrs. Morrison. It showed 77 junior societies in the maritime union—45 in Nova Scotia, 27 in New Brunswick and five in Prince Edward Island. The membership all told was 2,100.

The report of the secretary, Mrs. D. A. Morrison, showed that 200 societies out of 683 had reported.

County superintendents' reports were called for but only Cumberland and Colchester had reported.

Rev. Dr. Black urged that the societies be made interdenominational.

Mr. Baer conducted a conference on local and county unions, commencing at 10 o'clock and discussing the report of the society. He suggested that the fault of so many failing to report might be with corresponding secretaries, but the Endeavorers were to blame also. He advised having interesting programmes for the meetings and have a pastor's advisory committee to find work for the local unions. The Christian Endeavor is really the pastor's aid society. He also touched upon the interdenominational feature.

This afternoon a junior rally took place at Orpheus hall. There was an opening chorus by 400 juniors. Prayer, welcome and greetings followed. The exercise "Bow of Friendship" by the juniors and intermediates was given and an address delivered by Mr. Baer.

At this evening's session Rev. A. F. Gandler gave an address on Our Duty as Christian Citizens. Mr. Baer also gave an address.

Halifax, Aug. 1.—(Special)—Denominational rallies in connection with the Christian Endeavor convention took place in the various churches this morning. Mr. Baer conducted the quiet hour exercises at 6.30 o'clock and the rallies took place at 9.30. Rev. J. D. Mackay, B. D., presided at the Presbyterian rally at St. Matthew's; Rev. Mr. Craig, Methodist, at Grafton street church; Rev. G. A. McDonald, Baptist, at the First Baptist church; and Rev. J. C. B. Appel, the Disciples of Christ rally.

This evening's meeting at Grafton street Sunday school closed the convention. The delegates will leave in the morning for their homes.

THE PACIFIC CABLE

British Commons Authorizes Expenditure of \$2,000,000.

London, July 30.—By a vote of 150 to 44, the House of Commons adopted a resolution authorizing the expenditure of £2,000,000 on the Pacific cable, Great Britain's share under the agreement with the colonies.

LONG CHASE; SHARP FIGHT; BRITISH WIN.

General F. W. Kitchener Defeats Vlijoen's Commando; Inflicts Punishment.

AN ALL DAY BATTLE.

What Was First Thought to Have Been a Skirmish July 25 Proved a Hard All-Day Fight—Four Hundred Boers Again and Again Rushed British Position.

London, July 30.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener:

"General F. W. Kitchener, after a long chase of Ben Viljoen's commando, caught up with it. A sharp fight ensued. We captured a pom pom and twenty-two wagons and took thirty-two prisoners. The British had five wounded."

Durban, Natal, July 30.—Details received here of what at first seemed an ordinary skirmish between a British column and a Boer commando near Nouta, July 25, show that a hard all-day fight occurred in which the British narrowly escaped the loss of a gun of the 67th Field Battery. Four hundred Boers repeatedly rushed the British position, killing Major Edwards and Gunner Carpenter. The gun was limbered up and taken at a gallop for three miles under heavy fire. Five British were killed.

New York, July 30.—The London correspondent of the Tribune, noting the report that General Lyttelton will soon succeed Lord Kitchener in South Africa, says it may be assumed that the latter will not be recalled until the end of the war in sight, so that Lyttelton's task will be more passive and administrative than that of his predecessor. General Lyttelton did good work under Buller in the early days of the war, while he had previously distinguished himself in civil life. When private secretary to his uncle, Mr. Gladstone, he was regarded as a man with a future. He has expressed himself in public as sanguine of a satisfactory settlement of the South African question in the long run, and he sees no reason why British and Boer should not live peacefully side by side. The man, however, to whom is fully confided the task of solving the final problem is Lord Milner, and he is well aware of his difficulties.

London, July 30.—In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Salisbury, the premier, read a message from the King, which had effect that in consideration of the eminent services of Field Marshal Lord Roberts in South Africa, his majesty recommended that parliament grant him the sum of £100,000.

London, Aug. 1.—"I am informed on good authority," says the Brussels correspondent of the Daily Mail, "that Mr. Kruger's visit to the United States has been absolutely decided upon. It will take place probably about the middle of September and he will be accompanied by Messrs. Fischer, Wessels and Wolmarans."

London, Aug. 1.—"On the arrival here of the steamer Montezuma July 24 with mules and horses from New Orleans," says a despatch from Cape Town to the Daily Express, "she was minutely searched for arms and ammunition she was suspected of carrying."

Montreal, July 31.—(Special)—Sergeant F. W. Ellis, Canadian Regt., died of malarial fever on the S. S. Roslin Castle at St. Vincent, 28th July. Sergt. Ellis enlisted as a trooper in "C" squadron, Strathcona Horse. His home is in London, England.

Captain Armstrong, Canadian infantry, sailed from Cape Town on steamer Englishman, July 27, and is due in England Aug. 20.

FORMER C. P. R. OFFICIAL COMMITS SUICIDE.

Loss of Position, and Financial Troubles Supposed to Have Led to Shooting.

Niagara Falls, Ont., July 31.—(Special)—H. C. Sheffield, until recently sleeping car distributor for the Canadian Pacific railway in Ontario, committed suicide at Windsor Hotel here this morning by shooting himself through the head. Despondency over the loss of his position and financial troubles is supposed to be the cause. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

A Bank Amalgamation.

New York, July 30.—Normal announcement was made today that the National Bank of the Republic is to be merged with the first National and that after August 10, checks drawn on the former will be paid by the first National.

Bentley's Liniment is the best white liniment. It is unequalled for Sprains, Bruises, and all soreness of the limbs or muscles. The price, ten cents (10 cts.), places it within the reach of all. Large bottles containing three times as much for twenty-five cents.

Welcome Rain at Halifax.

Halifax, July 30.—(Special)—The dry spell which has lasted here for nearly a month, was broken today. It has been raining hard since 2 p. m. A dangerous forest fire on the Dartmouth side has been put out by it.

There is no sense in suffering with a headache when you may be quickly cured by Kumfort Headache Powders. Four in a packet 10c.

HOW THE BOXER LEADERS OBEYED SUICIDE ORDER.

One Ate Gold Leaf, Second Hanged Himself, and Third Suffocated Himself With Earth.

London, July 30.—A Chinese paper published today has obtained the following details relative to the deaths of the high officials Chan-chu-chai, Yung-nien and Prince Chuang, who committed suicide on command of the Emperor. It is impossible to give the full report, as the details of the actual suicides are given with true Chinese brevity and unadorned lucidity. The whole account, however, bears the stamp of truth, and the statement of the Chinese court that the three officials had died of natural causes, is generally assumed, but by asphyxiation, as the thin gold leaves which he was eating. Hoping against hope, however, that the emperor would have mercy on him, he took too little, and as he still lived when the time reversed had elapsed, he took opium and other means to effectuate his death. His religion forbade him to do this by injuring his body in any way. Prince Chuang, who received the news of his sentence in Bichou-tai, a large town in the southwest of Shanai, immediately hanged himself in a temple of the local mandarin with whom he was living, in the presence of the imperial commissioner, Ko-pau-hwa. He used a white silk cord, and his death was a significant sign of the mitigated punishment.

Yung-nien, the president of the court of censors, was the most cowardly. He was in prison in Singan-to, and continually upbraided Prince Chang "for leaving him the lurch." He suffocated himself with earth before the imperial decree, so his death was kept hidden some days till the presence of the imperial commissioner, Ko-pau-hwa. He used a white silk cord, and his death was a significant sign of the mitigated punishment.

KOCH'S DISCOVERY.

American Professor Claims He Knew it Long Ago.

Koch's announcement before the present London session of the British congress on tuberculosis that bovine tuberculosis, found in cattle only, does rarely, if ever, produce consumption in human beings, is the well known fact that the bacteria of this disease, as Dr. Theobald Smith, of the Harvard Medical School, came to the same conclusion several years ago after a long investigation, which he started in 1894, says the Boston Transcript, and his discovery is known to his colleagues in the well known fact that he called attention to his work. Dr. Smith confirms the claims for his investigation and adds that one of the principal reasons why the bovine tuberculosis is not productive of consumption in man is that Dr. Vagelos, who is one of Koch's assistants, found in a tuberculous culture from a human being bacilli which apparently are of a bovine type.

It was the only case of which the professor had any knowledge at the time and the official report on it was made public after Dr. Smith had issued his second paper, in 1898, on his study of bovine tubercle bacilli and of human bacilli from sputum. Cultures have been examined since. Dr. Smith and many American bacteriologists who are using his methods, but no more cases of that kind have been found.

HE GAVE UP MILLIONS.

James Pratt Would Not Give Up British Allegiance at Boers' Demand.

Johannesburg has been the cause of many of a man's misfortune or good luck, but none of the many names associated with the gold-rush city has suffered such reverses of fortune as that of James Pratt, who died recently in Surrey, Eng., worthsome. For \$1,300 in cash he at one time bought several thousand acres of land near the Limpopo river, including groups now lawlessly claimed by the richest gold mining companies in the world. Pratt, however, was too much of a Briton for the Boers, and though his title to the land was irrefragable, he was deprived of everything at the time of their rising in 1898, and refused to in any way restore the confiscated property until he should promise to become a burgher.

This was a condition which Pratt would never accept, and so the chance of millions slipped from his grasp.

During the Indian mutiny Pratt commanded the Galvesta naval brigade, and served under Sir James Outram at Lucknow, Cawnpore and Delhi.

PRESIDENT OF THE TRACKMEN ARRESTED.

Head Officials of C. P. R. Strike Locked Up on Criminal Libel Charge.

Montreal, July 31.—James T. Wilson, president of the Trackmen's Brotherhood of America; Joseph Linton, chairman of the C. P. R. strikers' committee, and A. F. Start, secretary, were arrested today on charge of criminal libel, preferred against them by R. C. Montgomery, ex-member of the committee, who complains he was called a traitor in an official circular. The accused were remanded for enquiry.

Revolutionists Seized Public Lands.

New York, July 31.—A despatch from Colon, Colombia, says that on Friday night, the Revolutionists attacked the towns of Bohia, Gatun and Paraiso, took the town officials prisoners and seized the public funds.

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PLAN TO HAVE DUKE OF YORK EXTEND STAY.

Great Many Places Want the Royal Visitors to Give Them a Call.

ARE ASKING OTTAWA.

So Numerous Are the Applications That the Month's Stay Will Be All Too Short—Hoped a Fortnight May Be Added—New Brunswick Militia Notes.

Ottawa, July 30.—(Special)—The secretary of state is in receipt daily of letters asking for definite information as to the time when their royal highnesses will visit particular localities. But this he is not yet able to supply. The tour as announced is but provisionally adopted. There are applications from hosts of places which will not be touched at if the royal party is to spend one month in Canada. It is probable that representations will be made to his royal highness when he comes here to show how inadequate will be the visit made to the north in the short space of time that he has allowed and to induce him to extend his stay a fortnight at least.

In regard to Premier Laurier's trip down the St. Lawrence, an official who has some knowledge of the matter, points out that there are many more aids to navigation along the route than formerly, but that, despite this, accidents are now of more frequent occurrence. He says that the St. Lawrence is a regular river, and that most of the accidents. He says that apparently they do not pay the attention to buoys and lights that they should, but that they are not so much as they were formerly. It is illustrated of the carelessness of some sea officers, the official mentioned a complaint in a recent issue of the "Canadian" that a certain fog whistle was too much like a steamer whistle in sound. The whistle in question is used at regular intervals of about a minute while a steamer whistle of course is not. The exercise of a little ingenuity is all that is necessary in such a case. Where the whistle is used the building is always blamed no matter what the cause.

The 3rd New Brunswick Regiment, 39 officers and 72 men, will attend camp at Island of Orleans, Quebec from 20th Aug. to 23rd Aug. The 4th P. E. Island, 10 officers and 72 men, will attend Island of Orleans from 24th.

Ottawa, July 31.—(Special)—His excellency the governor general and party will be in Montreal on August 4, and will spend a few days there, returning to Ottawa about the 10th of the month. He has expressed disapproval of the new walk which Mayor Paret, of Quebec, has proposed for the city. He thinks it spoils the grandeur of the scene and ought to be removed.

It is not thought probable that the Canadian immigration department will voice through a letter to the high commissioner in London its disapproval of the scheme suggested to the British government for assisting immigration to South Africa. The feeling here is that if any money is to be sent to the colonies, it should be sent to take its course in the case of O'Brien, the Yukon murderer.

The customs receipts of Canada, which have reached the department up to this date of the month—amount for July to \$2,274,067. This is a decrease of \$149,708 as compared with the same month of last year, but is in reality an immense improvement over the normal records as the imports for July, 1900, were greatly swollen by merchants holding over goods of last year, and the 31.3 per cent cut on British importations, which only came into operation there. The customs collections in July of 1899 were \$1,933,333.

Mayor Paret, of Quebec, telegraphed the militia department today asking that he be given in honor of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall at the ancient capital. Col. Paret, the deputy minister of militia, replied that this could not be granted. As a matter of fact the review already suggested will be too large and will require to be held on a larger scale. Instead of having 7,000 men at the Toronto review it will not likely be larger than 5,000 and the reviews at Quebec and Halifax will be cut down in the same proportion. But that is a mere matter of talk at present, as nothing definite will be done until the return of the premier and minister of militia about two weeks hence.

Frank Pedley, superintendent of immigration, has called to W. T. R. Preston, inspector of European agencies, in London, that from 20,000 to 25,000 farm laborers are wanted to harvest the crops of western Canada. The work will last from August until November at from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per day. Mr. Pedley has also caused advertisements to be inserted in the United States papers promising employment to farmers.

Mr. Hebert, the Canadian sculptor, arrived in the city today to examine the statue of the late queen designed by him and recently erected on Parliament Hill by Contractor Brunet, of Montreal. He came to make an investigation into the cause of dissatisfaction expressed by Hon. Mr. Tarte and others with respect to the pedestal of the statue. Today Mr. Hebert and Mr. Brunet made an examination of the statue and tomorrow they will make another. So far neither will make any statement beyond the intimation that there is nothing so wrong that it cannot

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THERE ARE NO NEW CASES OF SMALLPOX.

The Four Near Woodstock are Mild --Bood of Health on the Watch --To Build Hospital.

Woodstock, N. B., July 30.—(Special)—There are no new cases of smallpox other than the four already reported and these are of a mild type. The nearest case is nine miles from Woodstock, rather near to Fredericton for the reception to morning on account of the smallpox scare. Doctors Hand and Sprague are attending the sick cases. Mr. Fisher, secretary of the provincial board of health, will confine the cases close to the boundary line and keep the disease out of town.

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Teething, Fretting Children.

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