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THOS. O. GRANDBOIS DEAD.

field, passed away Monday afternoon at St. J seph hospital in his 58th year. Mr. Gratdbois had been ailing for sev-

eral weeks with remicious snaemia and

his condition became so starming that

CALEB COATSWORTH DEAD.

Collector of Customs Rufus Stephen-

son this morning received a telegram

stating that ex-Warden Caleb Coats-

worth, of Romney, passed away last

evening in his 73rd year. Mr. Coats-

worth had been suffering from a can-

cer in his throat. Twice surgical op-

erations were resorted to to save Mr.

Coatsworth's life but, though afford-

ing relief for a time, they did not prove wholly successful. Some time ago Mr. Coatsworth returned from

Detroit, after undergoing the second operation. It was evident even to himself that he could not survuve for long. But he bore his affliction with

a patient resignation. Born in England on Nov. 6, 1828, he came to this

country when a young man, and per-receiving the timber wealth and the ag-ricultural productiveness of the coun-try in the vicinity of the Lake Shore, he settled in Romney in the heart of

ter body, he had the honor conferred upon him of being elected its warden.

On April 5, 1870, he was appointed preventive officer in Her Majesty's customs for Romney at a salary of \$400

per annum, which position Mr. Coats-worth has since held. The schooner

worth has since held. The schooler, Eliza Allen, used to carry staves from Romney to Buffald and it was necessary to have an officer at the port of export, so Mr. Coatsworth was given

the position. In politics, he was

life-long Conservative, and one of the hardest campaign workers in the

country. His widow and two sons and two daughters survive him. The sons are Sidney and Robert. Withrow and Frank Coatsworth, of this city, are.

nephews. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clocks

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BIETHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS DIED.

GRANDBOIS.—Died at St. Joseph's Hospital, on Monday, 12th March, Thomas Oliver Grandbois, aged 58

THE BOWLING CLUB.

The bowling club held its angual meeting last evening. The election of officers, resulted as follows; President, W. A. Taylor; vice-president, J. S. Black; secretary-treasurer, R. G. Fleming; executive committee, J. Sowerby, J. Hendershott, W. A. Thrasher. Representatives to the The funeral will take place on Thursday, at 2 o'clock p. m., from his late residence in Bloomfield, to the

First-class waist-maker wanted, Apply to Madame Skirving, manager Thomas Stone's dressmaking depart-

The Side Bankrupt Shoe Stock will be opened for sale on Saturday, the 17th inst. The store will be to rent after April 1st.

Ex-Ald. John Dyer accompanied his daughter Eva as far as Detroit this morning on her way to Dakota where she will spend the summer with her aunt.

Mr. R. Victor Carter, who has been ill with la grippe and confined to the

ill with la grippe and confined to the house of his sister, Mrs. Edward Newman, at Ridgetown, for the past ten days, has sufficiently recovered to be able to return to Chatter. able to return to Chathar, to resume

his teaching. \$2,638.51 worth of Shoes and Rubbers at the Side Bankrupt Sale, to be closed out by 1st of Aprilestore opens Saturday, the 17th.

George Dean, colored, was convicted at this morning's police court of the larceny off an overcoat. He claimed to be too lil to undergo sentence, and Judge Houston remanded him for medical examination.

Rufus Stephenson, was a warm personal friend of the late Caleb Coateworth, will attend the funeral in Romney to morrow after-

Side Bankrupt Shoe Sale, winding up business, shoes and rubbers cheap. Store opens Saturday, the 17th inst.

This afternoon W. N. Morley, of this city, received a telegram announcing the demise of his brother, Washington Morley, of Toronto, Mr. Morley will go to Toronto to attend the obsequies.

Miss Edwards, who has been an in-mate of the Public General Hospital for some time but was recovering, went for a walk yesterday. The young lady had the misfortune to step on the icy pavement and break her thigh. She was taken to the hospital where the fracture was attended to. Miss Edwards seems to be resting easily this

SPRING HATS.

It's a little early, but if you are in need of a hat you might just as well buy a spring hat as one that will be out of date in six weeks. We have sold hats for four years, but we never had such a display of Darky and Federa had such a display of Derby and Fedora hats as we are now showing. Another case of Barrington Federa hat's arrived this morning.—The 2 T's. A WHIST MATCH.

A pleasant whist match took place last evening at the residence of A. F. Falls between six members of the senior whist club and six members of the junior whist club. The result was a victory for the secults was a victory for the seculors by a majority of eight points. The score: Table No. 1—Dr J L Bray and G P Scholfield vs. C H Gunn and B R Clayton Score 93 to 89. Table No. 2—Dr McKeough and A F Falls vs. F Gibson and L C Mercer. Score 94 to 93. Table No. 3—Dr Cornell and H A Stevens vs. W Bray and H A Willoughby. Score 93 to 90.



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## Boer Communication to the South.

has received a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing that after a fight with the Boers Gen. French occupied two hills close to the station commanding Bloemfontein. Following is the text of the despatch:

"Venters Viei, March 13.-I directed Gen. French, if there were time before dark, to seize the railway station at Bloemfontein and thus secure the rolling stock. At midnight I received a reply from him that after considerable opposition he had been able to NEARLY POISONED.

A two year old daughter of Robert
Learst, Park street, swallowed a
quantity chloroform and sweet oil
which immediately put the baby into a
profound sleep. Under the influence
of medical treatment the child rallied
and has a chance of recovery. The
mixture of chloroform and sweet oil
was used for dropping in the ear and
the child managed to get hold of it.

THE ROWLING CLUB. occupy two hills close to the railway station, which command Bloemfontein. "A brother of President Steyn has

and the railway broken up. PRETTY HEAVY LOSS. "I am now starting with the third cavalry brigade, which I called up from the seventh division near Petrusburg yesterday and the mounted in-fantry to reinforce the cavalry divis-

been made prisoner. The telegraph line leading northward has been cut

burg yesterday and the hard professions. The rest iof the force will follow, as quickly as possible."

Prior to this Lord Roberts sent the following from Venters Vlei:

Our march was again unopposed. We are now about 18 miles from Bloemfontein. The cavalry division is astride the railway, six miles south of Bloemfontein. There were 321 men wounded at Driefontein, and about sixty or seventy killed or are missing. Col. Umphely has died of his wounds. Lieut. Pratt, of the Essex Regiment, was wounded severely. The wounds are as a rule more serious than usual owing to the experience. serious than usual owing to the expandin gbullets which are freely used

by the Boers. MEDIATION REJECTED. London, March 13.-The United States government, at the request of President Kruger and President Steyn, has offered to the British government its services as mediator, with the view of bringing about peace in South Africa. Lord Salisbury bas not yet replied, but a representative of the Associated Press learns he will decline the United States' good offices. He will do so, however, in terms as cordial and polite as those in which the offer was couch-

BRITAIN'S REPLY.

London, March 13.-In the House of London, March 13.—In the House of Lords to-day the Premier, Lord Salisbury, read the British Government's reply to Presidents Kruger and Steyn. The concluding sentence is as follows:—"Her Majesty's Governments can only answer your honors' tele-gram by saying it is not prepared to assent to the independence of either

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he settled in Romney in the heart of the primitive forest.

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London, March 13. - The War Office of the South African Republics or the Orange Free State.

FRANCE'S POLICY. Paris, March 13 .- A representative of the Associated Press has secured from a responsible mouthpiece of the French government the exposition of France's attitude in the matter of intervention in the Anglo-Boer war, which, it is said, has been decided upon. The same policy will be followed by Russia, There will be no intervention of any sort, not even a suggestion of mediation. The reason for this is fear of further exciting the public feeling on both sides of the English channel.

IS THERE OPPOSITION?

London, March 13. - Lord Roberts' actual entry into the Orange Free State capital seems likely to be delayed until to-morrow or late to-day, as his statement that he is going to reinforce Gen. French implies that opposition is being encountered on the outskirts of the town, though the definite statement that the British cavalry leader has positions which command the situation leaves no doubt that the occupation will speedily be effected, and with it, so the London critics think, will accrue to the British important captures of supplies, if not of prisoners. However, it may be that the Boers may make a strenuous resistance, which will not be overcome until Lord Roberts' main army catches up with the cavalry.

The strategic importance of what is taken to be the practical capture of one of the enemy's seats of government has created little enthusiasm in London, as for days it had been regarded as certain that Lord Roberts would soon be at Bloemfontein. AT BIGGARSBERG.

Ladysmith, Monday, March 12.— The main body of the Boers is in posi-tion at Biggarsberg, Gen. Joubert is at Glencoe. There is reason to believe that few Boers are at Dundee, though the place is well fortified. / Gen. George Stewart, White has ar-rived at Durban and embarked on a transport for East London. MAFERING'S CONDITION.

A despatch to the Times from Mafekind, dated Monday, March 5, says the garrison were then feeling acutely the stress of the siege. They were reduced to the use of horse flesh and bread made from horse forage, while the water was parasitically contaminated.

Typhoid, dysentery and diphtheria were epidemic but it was impossible to isolate the victims. The sufferings of the women and children were terrible and there were deaths in the women's laager daily. The native population was starving.

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The military operations were progressing favorably. They had been extended to the brick fields whence the enemy had been completely, expelled. pelled.
A despatch received by a South Africa firm in London, dated Mafeking, Tuesday, March 6, via Lobatsi, March 9, says: "All well, but town still

besieged. ARRIVED TOO LATE. Dreifontein, Orange Free State, Mar. 12. — The Canadians, with the head-quarters' staff of Lord Roberts' army, quarters' staff of Lord Roberts' army, arrived here after dark last evening—too late to take part in the unexpected engagement at this point with the Boers, who were come upon by the advance guard of cavalry strongly entrenched in the neighboring kopjes. It was expected that the battle would be resumed this morning, in which event the Caradian troops would have been the Canadian troops would have been actively engaged. When daylight actively engaged. When daylight came, however, it was found that un-der cover of the darkness the enemy had retired, taking his guns with him.

## MR. CASEY'S IDEA.

He Wants to Break the Present Telegraphic Monopoly

Ottawa, March 13 .- In the commons

yesterday, Mr. Casey introduced a bill for the establishment of a government system of telegraphs, as a branch of the public service. It authorizes the government, when parliament provides the money, to establish a system of government telegraphs throughout Canada, either by constinuation of new lines or exproconstitutation of new lines or expro-priation of existing lines. The draw-back of private ownership of tele-graph, Mr. Casey, contended, were un-due cost of communication and dis-crimination in rates, in favor of the larger newspapers. The bill provides that the rates shall be uniform, throughout the country—a maximum of 10 cents for eten words on private messages and ten cents for 100 words of 10 cents for eten words on private messages and ten cents for 100 words on press telegrams. Mr. Casey instanced the splendid results of the government system of telegraphs in Great Britain and prophesied similar achievements in Canada under the proposed system.

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