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CANADIAN MILITIA.

Many Changes Were Gazetted Yesterday.

BATTALIONS IN AFRICA

Are Affected by the Orders—Capt. Weeks Has Been Gazetted Quartermaster—Changes in the Field Artillery and the Mounted Rifles as Well.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special)—The following was gazetted today:

8th Princess Louise, New Brunswick Hussars—The undermentioned officers resign their commissions to enlist for special service in South Africa:

Lieut. S. R. H. Arnold, J. H. Parks, second lieutenant, R. Markham, 2nd January, 1900.

Lieut. J. E. Fraser, having left limits his name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars—Major T. S. Hetherington, on completion of his period of service in command of this squadron is transferred to the reserve of officers.

Canadian Mounted Rifles, 1st battalion—To be lieutenant (superannuated): Lieut. and brevet Capt. E. H. C. Sutton, Royal Canadian Dragoons. This officer to be absorbed when a vacancy occurs.

The Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry—2nd (special service) battalion—Capt. S. J. A. Denison, quartermaster, is seconded for duty on the staff of Field Marshal Lord Roberts commanding British forces in South Africa, 31st January, 1900.

To be quartermaster—Capt. W. A. Weeks, vice S. J. A. Denison, seconded for staff duty.

To be captain—Lieut. H. E. Burnell, vice W. A. Weeks, appointed quartermaster, 31st January, 1900. A. H. Macdonald, vice H. E. Burnell, promoted.

To be lieutenant (superannuated)—Captains C. F. Winter, the Governor General's Foot Guards, A. J. Boyd 10th Royal Grenadiers, Lieut. and brevet Capt. A. T. Carpenter Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry. These officers to be absorbed as vacancies occur.

The Governor General's Foot Guards—To be lieutenant colonel and to command the battalion: Major A. L. F. Jarvis, vice Lieut. Colonel W. E. Hodgins, transferred to the reserve of officers.

3rd New Brunswick Regiment, Captain B. R. Armstrong resigns his commission to enlist for special service in South Africa.

6th St. John Fusiliers Battalion—To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, H. W. Frank, gentleman, vice D. Robertson, retired.

67th Battalion, Carleton Light Infantry—To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. C. H. Taylor vice F. H. Wordsworth, retired; to be 2nd lieutenant provisionally, Sgt. J. S. C. Weimore, vice Lieut. Babel, promoted.

71st York Battalion of Infantry—Lieut. Col. T. Alexander, on completion of his period of service in command of this battalion, is transferred to the reserve of officers.

74th Battalion of Infantry—Provisional 2nd Lieut. H. Metzler, A. H. Morehouse retire to enlist for special service in South Africa.

92nd Dorchester Battalion of Infantry—To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, J. E. Caron, gentleman, vice J. W. M. Wallace, promoted.

IN WEST AFRICA.

A General Rising Seem to Have Occurred.

WIRE FROM KUMASSI

States the Ashantis Have Killed Five Hundred Bekus—The Authorities Seem to Have Let the Matter Get Beyond Their Control.

Accra, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, April 19.—The governor, Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, writes from Kumassi that the other tribes are rising again and he asks for assistance. The loyal Bekus have been attacked by the Ashantis and 500 have been killed. It is feared that this will compel them to join the rebellion.

Evidently the matter is extremely serious and was minimized until it was too late.

The St. Lawrence About Clear.

Montreal, April 19.—The St. Lawrence is almost entirely clear of ice and navigation is expected to commence in a few days.

SHOT BY MARKSMEN.

A Section Hand on the Boston and Maine Killed.

BULLET IN HIS HEAD.

Three Men Were Firing at a Mark--A Badly Directed Bullet Took the Life of John Moynihan Who was in a Group of Workmen.

Lawrence, Mass., April 19.—John Moynihan, a Boston and Maine section hand, was instantly killed today while at work on the tracks about a mile below the North Andover depot. Three well known Lawrence men, who were practicing with firearms on the other side of the river, are held responsible for the man's death.

They are Fred Gay, aged 35, of 17 Lawrence street; Arthur D. Mouchon, 30 years, of 6 Howard street, and Gustave S. Troit, 24, of 9 Howard street. They gave themselves up and were subsequently released on bail, Judge Stone fixing surety at \$2,000 in each.

The three men went down to the river bank below the gas works this afternoon to do some shooting. Troit carried a 32-calibre Winchester rifle and the others had revolvers. They threw a number of tin cans into the river and when the cans had floated down about 100 feet they all opened fire. Troit, who carried the rifle, became alarmed lest someone had been hurt. Almost simultaneously they saw a gang of railroad men on the tracks across the river fleeing to cover and the young men became alarmed lest someone had been hurt. Their worst fears were realized when they saw one of the men being taken away on the shoulders of his companions.

They hastened to the gas works and telephoned to North Andover depot, where they learned of the result of the accident. Moynihan, the victim of the accident, was in the middle of a group of 35 workmen engaged in repairing the roadbed. Half a dozen men in the immediate vicinity heard the whiz of the bullet, while Patrick Neely, who was nearest Moynihan, was grazed by the ball, which passed through his cap. Moynihan was struck in the head and died instantly. The victim is 37 years old and resided at 37 Lowell street. He leaves four children.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

The Thousand Islands Railway Bill UNDER DISCUSSION.

Large Bonding Privilege Objected to and Reduced—General Character of the Charter Also Objected to but Allowed—Another Bill.

Ottawa, April 19.—The railway committee met today when the Thousand Islands Railway bill came up for consideration. This route is owned by the Railway Company and connects at Gananoque, Quebec, with the Grand Trunk Railway. The company asked for powers to generate electricity and do mining. Mr. Blair said that it was time to refuse giving general powers to railway companies. There were many objections to the combination of railway and commercial business: One was that it interfered with the application of the railway act. Formerly it was the exception to give these powers, now it was coming to be the general rule. The time had come when the committee should take a stand.

Mr. Clarke recommended to strike out the clause.

A long discussion followed on the principle involved in Mr. Blair's suggestion, but the powers complained of were allowed.

The large bonding privileges of \$30,000 per mile were objected to and the bill was amended making the amount apply to the first ten miles to be built.

In addition to the four miles already constructed it is intended to extend the road northward into the mining country. The bill was reported.

On an act to incorporate the Quebec Southern Railway Company, Mr. Brodeur was instrumental in getting a clause put in to pay the laborers, switchmen and agents on the road, as many were not paid. The road was sold by the sheriff.

YOUNG QUEEN OF HOLLAND RECEIVES BOER DELEGATES Who Were Delighted by Her Affability—Afterward Entertained by the Queen's Mother.

The Hague, April 19.—The Boer peace commissioners, headed by Dr. Leyds, had an audience of Queen Wilhelmina this afternoon, lasting a quarter of an hour. The delegates, apparently were much gratified by the affability of Her Majesty. Subsequently they were received in private audience by the Queen's mother.

LORD ROBERTS' MOVEMENT HAS AT LAST BEGUN.

The Censor Let the Bare Fact Slip Out—No Intimation of Which Way the Forces Are to Swing—Accounts Cabled of a Concert at Bloemfontein.

London, April 20, 4.15 p. m.—A deluge of rain, lasting 16 days, has brought operations in the southern part of the Free State almost to a standstill. The creeks have become raging rivers, and the roads are streams of mud.

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19 10.55 a. m., and beginning: "Via Press Censor, Bloemfontein," reports an exchange of shots in the direction of Dewet's Dorp, where the Boers are said to be concentrating "after their withdrawal from Wepener."

There is nothing else to indicate that the investment of Wepener has been abandoned by the Boers. Notwithstanding the rain, however, the British have made some progress, as Dewet's Dorp has been occupied by them, probably by the advance of Gen. Hand's division.

An obscure message from Alwal North, dated April 19, says that Gen. Drabant has arrived there; but whether he returned alone or with his troops is not clear.

Boer reports from Alwal North are from 8,000 to 10,000 Boers are at Wepener.

Extended reports of the Bloemfontein concert for the benefit of the widows and orphans have been cabled. No less than seven separate accounts are published in London today.

The content, the weather and the bare statement that Lord Roberts is ready to move are about the only things that the censor has allowed to pass; and the correspondent who announces that Lord Roberts is ready to move does not specify the direction in which he is going.

Gen. Hunter from Natal, commanding the newly formed division, arrived at Bloemfontein yesterday (Thursday) and left immediately after conferring with Lord Roberts. To what point he proceeded is not mentioned; but it is understood to be in the west of Bloemfontein.

NO RESIGNATIONS MENTIONED AT LADYSMITH.

A Russian Nobleman Killed With the Boers.

London, April 20.—The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, in a despatch dated Wednesday, April 18, says: "The news of the nature of the despatch of Lord Roberts to the war office regarding the Spion Kop operations has created much comment locally, but no resignations are mentioned."

A despatch to the Daily News from Pretoria, dated Monday, April 16, says: "Prince Bratton Morgan, a Russian nobleman, was killed the same time with Gen. DeVilliers Marcell."

Bishop Harzell, bishop of the American M. E. church for Africa, who will sail for the United States Saturday by the St. Louis, says that he considers Great Britain has been entirely right in the South African trouble from the outset; and he expresses the hope that the Dutch colonies will be converted into British South Africa.

While speaking kindly of the Dutch leaders and criticizing them with many fine and robust traits, he says: "I wish to see England win because her victory will mean progress, better treatment for the blacks and greater welfare for the Boers."

THE TROOPS HAVE ENOUGH WATER.

Rains Have Filled Every Water-Course—The Recruits Have Arrived and Ranks Are Full.

Bloemfontein, April 19.—During the last 10 days there has been constant rains; and an enormous quantity of water has fallen. These conditions, although extremely uncomfortable so far as the soldiers are concerned, have had their advantages, for every dam in the country round about is filled and the question of water, which hitherto, has been one of great difficulty, is now practically solved. The troops will be able to move in any direction with a certainty of finding a sufficient quantity of water. The whole regular and volunteer drafts have arrived; and the Highland brigade is now at its full strength.

Handy Roberts and her daughters have arrived at Bloemfontein.

BEACONFIELD'S PRINCIPLES AND THE PRESENT WAR.

Great Britain Should See to It That She Never Again Shall Occur in South Africa.

London, April 19.—The anniversary of the death of Lord Beaconsfield (Benjamin Disraeli) was observed throughout the country today with customary zeal. Primrose were thick everywhere.

The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, responding to the toast to the government at the Primrose Day banquet at Bristol, said he could not tell when a general election would be held, and he was quite certain that nobody else knew; if the war did not extend beyond the natural life of parliament, the government would not appeal to the constituencies until it was in a position to know the policy which it would recommend.

FURIOUS FIRE RAGING.

Lewiston and Auburn Were in a Blaze This Morning.

FIRE STILL BURNS

At the Hour of Going to Press Great Destruction Had Been Wrought in the Two Maine Towns—Firemen Make Some Progress in Subduing the Flames.

REMOUNTS HAVE ARRIVED AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

The Army is Anxious for a Forward Movement.

London, April 20.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphing Wednesday, says:

"This city of canards has been brooding impossible peace rumors during the last few days. Everyone now awaits eagerly the announcement of a renewed advance."

"The latest arrival of remounts show an improvement on the earlier arrivals."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Thursday, says:

"The requisite remounts and equipments have arrived, and all the infantry divisions are now supplied with tents."

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AVOIDED ATTACK.

Mr. Davin Kept Away From Mr. Davies.

LETTER TO THE GERMANS.

Mr. Davin Claimed Credit for Having Passed the Naturalization Law Which Had Been Passed While He Was Still in Ireland.

Ottawa, April 19.—In the House today Mr. Gillingham called the attention of the government to the famine in India. He suggested that the government should take charge of private subscriptions for the famine sufferers in India and forward contributions to their destination.

Mr. Davies, who is now in South Africa, was a member of the team.

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A BANK SENSATION.

Teller Under Arrest for Stealing Heavily.

WAS SPECULATING.

Yesterday Teller George M. Wilson Reported to His Manager That He Was Unable to Account for a Ten Thousand Dollar Package of Notes.

Toronto, April 19.—It is reported a package of \$10,000 in bills mysteriously disappeared from the teller's cage in the Merchants' Bank here yesterday. A new man occupied the teller's cage today, but neither the police nor the bank authorities will make a statement.

George M. Wilson, paying teller of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, was arrested at his residence tonight on the charge of theft and is believed by the bank authorities to be responsible for the loss of the ten thousand dollar package and other defalcations. When the bank closed yesterday Wilson informed Manager Miller he was short ten thousand dollars in his cash for the day. The manager's suspicions were aroused and Wilson's books were overhauled, resulting in a shortage of two thousand dollars being discovered from November to the present time exclusive of the missing ten thousand.

Wilson is 37 years of age, married, and has been in the employ of the bank twenty years and lived quietly. The defalcation is supposed to be due to speculation.

SUICIDE IN LIVERPOOL.

Elkanah Hutt Ended His Life With Carbolic Acid.

Liverpool, N. S., April 19.—Mr. Elkanah Hutt, a resident of Milton, in this county was found dead in his barn, near house at noon today, having committed suicide by taking, as it is thought, carbolic acid. He was sixty years of age, ill and weary and is supposed to have been the cause for his taking his own life.

HELD FOR MURDER.

A Countryman in Trouble.

James Little now in Jail—Will Answer for the Highest of all Crimes.

Fredericton, April 19.—(Special)—James Little, who is suspected by the authorities of having been responsible for the terrible tragedy which occurred at Lakeville Corner a short time ago by which five lives of the Edward Lawrence household were lost, is now a prisoner in the Sunbury county jail charged with murder. His arrest was effected at Westfield Beach yesterday by Provincial Constable James Roberts of this city. The prisoner was brought to the city on the evening train and this morning he was taken before Squire Stevens of Wausau, who remanded him until Wednesday, April 19th, when the preliminary examination will be commenced at Lakeville Corner.

The prisoner is a man about 60 years of age, of rugged appearance and six feet tall. He declares he was on the boat of terms with the Lawrences and is at a loss to understand why he should be suspected of having to do with their death.

He has been staying at Westfield with his son, Joshua, and when arrested, was doing some carpenter work for Mr. Thos. Mills, three miles from Westfield Station. The prisoner and his wife have been living apart for some years. She is now at Jemsg with one son and three daughters. Two sons live in the United States.

At the annual meeting of Harrington Rose Croix Chapter A. and A. S. Rite, last evening, the following officers were elected:

John A. Watson, M. W. S. George B. Hegan, S. G. W. B. Wallace, J. G. E. J. Everett, chaplain. W. H. B. Sadler, rapport. Thomas Walker, M. D., M. of C. T. A. Godson, treasurer. G. Gordon Byrne, registrar. John V. Ellis, classmate.

DISEASED CATTLE.

England is Taking Great Precautions

AGAINST DISEASE.

South American Cattle Must Be Slaughtered Within Thirty Hours After Being Landed—Fluctuating Reports Concerning the Fate of the United States.

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Forty Million Increase in Trade

There Were Vast Increases in the Imports and the Exports the Nine Months Just Past Compared with the Pre-war Year.

Ottawa, April 19.—(Special)—The Canada Gazette of tomorrow will contain returns of exports and imports of the nation for nine months of the fiscal year up to the end of March, which show aggregate trade of \$275,632,510, an gain of \$285,662,353 for the same period of 1899 an increase of \$30,970,163. Imports for 9 months have amounted to \$135,659,265 compared with \$112,790,000 and exports to \$139,973,245, an increase of \$27,883,245.

For the month of March alone the increase over March, 1899, in exports about \$2,000,000, and in imports over 1 million. The customs revenue in nine months has also shown a development of \$3,265,080. The returns for nine months with comparative figures 1899 is as follows:

Imports.	1899.	1900.
Dutiable goods.....	\$64,772,597	\$70,018,678
Free goods.....	\$43,939,716	\$50,678,593
Coin and bullion.....	4,077,693	5,963,593
Totals.....	\$112,790,006	\$135,659,265
Duty collected.....	\$5,751,708	\$22,010,000
Exports		
Canadian produce.....	\$104,944,707	\$119,500,000
Foreign goods.....	14,807,944	12,400,000
Coin and bullion.....	3,519,096	7,968,000
Totals.....	\$123,271,747	\$139,868,000

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