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RECENT DEATHS.

James L. Phillips, one of the best known and highly respected residents of the north end died last Tuesday of hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Phillips had been in poor health for some three or four months, but it was not until about three weeks ago that he was confined to his house. He was for a long time a member of the firm of Phillips Bros., boot and shoe dealers, but a year and a half ago he retired from the firm and began business for himself in the boot and stationary line on Main street. He was a native of the north end and married Miss Alice Hall of Woodstock, who with eight children survive him. His death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Phillips was 45 years of age.

The death is announced at her residence, 77 Rockland road, of Mrs. Frye, widow of Henry Frye, a former well known resident of Charlotte county and at one time a member of the provincial legislature. Mrs. Frye was a daughter of the late Dr. Henry Cook of this city, and was a very estimable lady, with a wide circle of friends, who will regret to hear of her death. Two children survive—Mrs. Chas. H. Lee of this city, and Henry Frye of Frye's Island, Charlotte. Her death is a great loss to the sad intelligence of the death of Prof. Clarence Arthur Saunders, A. M., Ph. D., of Paso, Texas, Dec. 13, 1898. His body was brought to this province for interment and was buried at Florenceville, Carleton Co., on Tuesday, Dec. 27th. Mr. Saunders was the only surviving son of John L. Saunders of Florenceville. The greater part of his life had been devoted to preparation for educational work. To this end he studied at King's college, Windsor, N. S., taking his degree of B. A. in 1855 and M. A. in 1858. For two years he studied at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., when he was appointed Fellow in Physics in Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Here he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1865. The same year he was elected Professor of Physics and Mathematics in Ursinus college, Collegeville, Pa. In 1866 he married Miss Lottie E. Wilder of Worcester, Mass. In January, 1897 he was compelled to give up work owing to poor health, and February found Professor and Mrs. Saunders in Texas. The flattering nature of his disease led him to hope for recovery, but month succeeded month and season after season passed away and left no improvement. The end came suddenly. After a confinement to his bed of only four days he passed away.

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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Sir John Bourinot on Laurier's Senate Reform Suggestion.

Lady Minto Accepts Honorary Presidency of Executive of Victorian Order of Nurses.

Supreme Court Will Meet February 21st—Medical Experts to Examine Mental Condition of Murderer Brown—Another Patriot to be Rewarded.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—As a result of the visit to Ottawa of Messrs. Hugh A. Allan, of the Allan line, and D. McPherson of the Dominion line, commencing this week there will be an important change in the mail service to England. Mail steamers will hereafter leave St. John on Sundays and Halifax on Monday nights, after the arrival of the mails from the west. All western mails will leave Montreal on Sunday night by C. P. R. train and reach Halifax at 10 p. m. Monday, the steamer leaving immediately after the mails are put on board. The first sailing from St. John under the new arrangements will take place next Sunday.

The maritime province premiers and ministers who have been conferring with Sir Louis Davies on the fisheries questions left for their homes today. The object of the conference was to reach a mutual understanding in regard to the carrying out of the Australian judgment of last June, but while there has been talk, no definite conclusions were reached. One of the provincial ministers explained that the view of the provinces was that they owned the land embraced in the three mile limit, and hence they were entitled to the right to issue licenses for traps, nets, etc., within the three mile limit. By the privy council decision, the duty of making regulations respecting fishing rests with the dominion, but the provinces are to be paid for the cost to protect lobsters and sea fisheries. The provinces claim jurisdiction over the oyster fisheries.

The post office department has only on hand about one month's supply of three cent stamps, and when these are exhausted it is necessary to issue a stamp may be issued to meet the demand for a double rate over the ordinary domestic or imperial rates. The department today issued a new two cent envelope. The die was procured from the famous De La Rue & Co., the making and printing of the envelope being executed at the government printing bureau. The contrast between the work done by the English company and that done by imported contract engravers from New York is markedly in favor of the old country product.

J. W. Carmichael of New Glasgow has been offered the vacant Nova Scotia senatorship, but owing to the advanced age (73) he has declined to accept.

The customs revenue for December shows an increase of \$5,000. The Doukhobors en route to Canada passed Constantinople last Saturday. The general belief in political circles is that Mr. Gillmor, ex-M. P. for Charlotte Co., will get the vacant New Brunswick senatorship. A Montreal correspondent had brief conversation with Lord Harsbail before his departure for Washington. The question of the alleged sacrifice of Canada's interests was discussed. His lordship was evidently a little put out at attacks upon the treaty which he had signed, but he had long realized that there are penalties which men in public life have to face. So far from there having been any sacrifice of Canadian interests, he could only say that the Canadian people would be in a position to judge the work of the commission. The treaty was signed, and not till then. Up to the present, although considerable work had been done, it could hardly be said that anything had been accomplished. The accomplishment would be the breaking down of the British constitution, Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his suggested reform of the senate would discard British practices and purposes to adopt that of France, and in a measure, of the United States. A Toronto barrister, who was here today, points out that the premier has evidently got his ideas of the houses sitting together from Hon. Mr. Mills, who suggested this method of senate reform in one of his Toronto university lectures.

The board of arbitration in connection with the disputed accounts between Ontario and Quebec and the dominion, assumed its sitting here today. The arbitrators are Sir L. Cassels for Quebec, Chancellor Bird for Ontario, and Justice Burbridge for the dominion. Argument of counsel on former questions respecting the division and adjustment of the assets of the old province of Canada, between Ontario and Quebec in relation to the common school fund and lands, was proceeded with, after which the board adjourned to meet again in March, when it is likely the proceedings will be brought to a close.

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—The Reform club proposed to tender a banquet to the American and Canadian members of the joint commission at the Windsor hotel, on the completion of its labors. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been requested to extend the invitation to his fellow members. Some people suggest that the Reform club should wait until it finds out what the United States

BRITISH VICTORY.

Col. Lewis Defeats Ahmed Fedil on the Blue Nile.

Stormed His Position and Took Fifteen Hundred Dervishes Prisoners.

The Emir Escaped With Some of His Followers—Severe Fighting—The British Loss—Official Report.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—An official despatch from Col. Lewis says that with a Soudanese regiment and a detachment of irregular troops he attacked Fedil while he was crossing the Nile at the cataract south of Roseirox (Rosero). The colonel's force stormed the island on which Fedil took up a position and some severe fighting followed. Eventually Fedil fled with 500 followers across the river, where his force was dispersed with the Maxim guns.

On the British side Major Ferguson, six Egyptian officers and 18 men were wounded, and 27 men were killed. Particulars regarding the recent battle of the Blue Nile have been received in a despatch from Cairo to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Col. Lewis, it appears, when he routed Emir Fedil, the last remaining formidable Dervish chief, killed five hundred of his followers and made many prisoners. The Emir, however, succeeded in escaping.

CAIRO, Jan. 5.—Col. Lewis defeated the Emir Ahmed Fedil on the Blue Nile on December 26. His position was taken by storm and 1,500 Dervishes were captured. Cairo, Jan. 5.—Viscount Cromer, British diplomatic agent in Egypt, and General Lord Kitchener, the Sirdar, have held a reception of Soudanese Sheikhs and notables at the Sirdar's house at Omdurman. Lord Cromer, in the course of a long address to the Sheikhs, pointed out the British and Egyptian flags floating together near by, and said: "For the future you will be governed by the Queen and the Khedive. The sole representative in the Sudan of the two governments will be the Sirdar, in whom the Queen and the Khedive have the fullest confidence. No attempt will be made to govern the country from Cairo, much less from London."

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

LAURENCEVILLE, N. S., Dec. 30.—The body of the late Thos. R. Baker was interred in the new cemetery yesterday with Masonic honors. He was only sick a few days of pneumonia. He leaves a sorrowing daughter, Mrs. William Bishop of Williams-town, with whom he resided since the death of his wife last May, and two sons, who reside in the United States.

RUSSIAN PRISONS.

Exile to Siberia Found to be Useless and Undesirable.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Fryer Councillor Salomon, of the Russian administration, has just returned here from a five months' tour of the prisons and exile colonies of the Russian government in Siberia, and the Island of Sakhalin, off the east coast of Asia. He has furnished me with the chief points of his personal report to the czar. His leading feature is Salomon's conclusion that imprisonment is useless and undesirable as a form of punishment, because it produces the complete moral degradation of the exile."

FOR LIBERAL LEADER.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Right Hon. Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, radical member for the forest of dean, division of Gloucestershire, in the course of a speech to his constituents at Newent this evening, expressed the opinion that the liberal members of the house of commons would choose as their leader, in succession to Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, the Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, member for Stirling district, former chief secretary for Ireland and former secretary of state for war.

YARMOUTH.

Funeral of Victor Baker Very Largely Attended.

YARMOUTH, Jan. 5.—The funeral of Victor Baker at Yarmouth today was one of the largest ever seen in the town. There were many floral offerings, and expressions of sympathy were universal.

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HALIFAX, Mrs. Cowan, now of Omaha; Mrs. Caldwell of Boston, and Louise, who resides at home. The funeral of the late William F. Boggs took place on Saturday. He was for several years a resident of Watford, and formerly of Truro. He left three sons, Dr. W. B. Boggs, missionary to India; Dr. Boggs of Columbia, and S. W. Boggs of the D. A. R. Kennebec, where he resided at the time of his death. William Boggs, a physician in India, was the father of the late Dr. A. Albert and Theodore, who are attending Acadia, are grandsons of the deceased.

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.—Not for years has there been a wedding in Halifax which excited so much interest in or out of society circles as that of Captain Charles of the 1st. Light Infantry Regiment and Miss Daisy Oliver, daughter of Surgeon Colonel Oliver and niece of Sir Thomas Gait of Ontario. The ceremony took place at the Garrison Chapel. Hundreds of presents were sent by friends of the bride. They left by the afternoon train, proceeding to the far West. The trip will be extended to Niagara Falls. The couple will reside in St. Lucia.

Steamer Fernmore came in this afternoon with the Neptune liner Queen Wilhelmina in tow. She was picked up 235 miles south of Halifax on the afternoon of New Year's day, with her interior lights short broken. The accident happened early Sunday morning.

The death occurred at Montreal last evening of Robert Dalgleish, vice merchant of that city. Mr. Dalgleish was well known in Halifax. He was born in Glasgow, and was 52 years of age and leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters. The Gallia sailed today for Liverpool with 300 British troops and officers on board.

The Dominion line's Vancouver arrived this morning from St. John. She will be the last mail boat to sail on Thursday, as thereafter they will leave on Monday. The Vancouver sailed after the arrival of the late train, taking several hundred tons of freight here, most of which came from western Canada.

A great crowd assembled at the shipping office today, trying for a chance to get on the steamer Lake Ontario for the voyage to Cuba and Spain. The ship advertised for fifteen waters at fifteen dollars a month. (The orders now being filled for the steamer Lake Ontario are very large, and it is probable that \$20,000 will be spent here among local firms. T. A. S. DeWolfe & Sons, who have the business in hand, are buying everything in Halifax. The 1,600 berths being put in the vessel will give employment to a large number of hands, and as work is rather scarce just now, carpenters are delighted with the prospects. At the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company's factory extra hands are working day and night to fill orders for 1,500 mattresses and pillows. The contract, which is a large one, will be filled at an early date, and the work is being rushed. Hardware firms, druggists, grocers and butchers are all getting a share. The meat bill will be very large, and large quantities will be taken and kept in cold storage. The 1,600 tons of coal required is almost all on board.)

LONDON CABLE.

New Year's Honors That Evoke Surprise by Omissions.

About Five Thousand Doukhobors Now on Their Way to Canada to Settle in the Northwest.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Stars London cable says: "New Year's honors evoke surprise by the omission of Henniker Heaton, M. P., and William Mulock. The omission is all the more significant because the list includes a post office official, Jasper Paddock. The only suggested explanation is that he hopes to avoid the completion of the imperial penny postage by the inclusion of the Cape and Australia. The reduction of Canadian inland postage rates excites much attention. It is felt it must hasten inclusion of the United States in the imperial penny postage scheme. Henniker Heaton writes me that the news from Canada was indeed a most pleasant surprise. 'The courage and wide progressive views of the Canadian postmaster general put to shame my own Australian statesmen.'"

The first party of Doukhobors, some 2,600 strong, passed Constantinople December 26 and will reach St. John January 13 (?). The second party, 2,000 will leave Batoum today in charge of Count Serge Tolstol. Altogether over 5,000 will settle in the Northwest this spring. H. P. Archer, Tolstol's representative in England, sails on the Californian January 4 to arrange for their settlement.

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