

LORD ROBERTS' PLAN.

With Thirty-five Thousand Men He Will Attempt to Turn the Boer Flank at Magersfontein,

Thus Compelling Cronje to Withdraw His Forces from the Vicinity of Kimberley.

General Sir Henry Colville Selected to Command the Ninth Division—New Arrangement of Press Censorship—Kimberley in Sore Straits.

WAR SUMMARY.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Feb. 13.—All but conscription and that also, if other means fail, is Great Britain's new military policy, as announced in parliament today. An army which will number little short of 600,000 men, re-armed with the most modern weapons, including huge reserves in artillery, is the force which the government declares is necessary for the defence of the empire. Such is the startling sequel to the proclamation of peace in which all the nations joined a few short months ago at the Hague. There will be few in England to say the government may, as a whole, will apply the ministerial decision as only possible, and they will meet the enormous expense of this call to arms with resignation. The century will end with military burdens resting on the old world so great that none can conjecture what will be the result in the gigantic game of armaments.

The press views the proposals on the whole with satisfaction, and where there is dissatisfaction it is because too little, rather than too much, is contemplated. Thus the Daily News (liberal) regards the government's plans as marked chiefly by the moderation, and says it does not believe the proposed permanent increase of the regular army will be held by the country to endanger converting it into a military kingdom. It concludes its comments by appealing to the patriotism of the people to ensure the success of the scheme.

The Standard (conservative) calls the proposals emergency measures that are mainly to tide over the present difficulties. It hopes they will lay the foundation for reforms of a permanent character. It urges the government to strain every nerve and to tax its resources to the utmost to replace the obsolete artillery which the volunteers carry so long been mocked.

The Chronicle (liberal) generally approves the government proposals. It thinks the net result ought to be a large addition to the available forces, with increased efficiency.

The Telegraph says the country will be satisfied with the broad principle on which the scheme is based. The Daily Mail is dissatisfied with the makeshift nature of the scheme. It says there is no radical reform or attempt to build up a sound scheme of military defence, nothing to demonstrate to Kruger and Great Britain's continental enemies that she is in deadly earnest.

A great deal of the criticism in the house of commons is directed at the absence of legislation as to how the cost of the permanent increase is to be met.

Mr. Wyndham, under secretary for war, did not deal with this question in the house of commons, and the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary for war, did not clear up the matter in the house of lords.

The temporary portion of the scheme will, of course, be met by the supplementary issue of £12,000,000 sterling, as announced in the house last Friday, and any such emergency money will be given unhesitatingly, but the most far-seeing already predict a storm of protest against a permanent addition to the military budget.

There is meanwhile nothing new from South Africa, and it is improbable that anything will transpire just yet.

Gen. Lord Roberts has sanctioned certain new press regulations, which, according to the Standard's Modder River correspondent, will allow mailed communications to pass unchecked. Telegrams only will be censored. The correspondent adds significantly: "During the next few days, however, very little news will be permitted to go through."

There is nothing from the Natal side except Gen. Buller's explanation of his withdrawal from Vaal Krantz. Skirmishing is reported from Rensburg, with some losses on either side, but there has been no forward movement.

Kimberley is suffering somewhat severely from the bombardment, which is damaging the residential portion of the town more than anything. The inhabitants are probably now severely pinched for supplies. Cape Town papers of date Jan. 1, which have arrived here, report that the canned meat in Kimberley was then consumed. Three-fourths of the available meat was horseflesh, the price of which the authorities had fixed at nine pence per pound.

During December the death rate of the whites rose to sixty per 1,000, and of the blacks 133 per 1,000, as compared with 21.7 per 1,000 among the whites and 53.6 among the blacks, in 1898. The infantile death rate reached

the extraordinary height of 671.1 among the whites and 912.7 among the blacks.

LONDON, Feb. 13, 4.15 a. m.—Lord Roberts had gathered 25,000 men, with whom, according to the best military opinion in London, he purposes turning the left of the Magersfontein lines, near Jansdorp, entering the Free State, compelling Gen. Cronje to raise the siege of Kimberley, and thus making his first step toward Bloemfontein. Yesterday Lord Roberts announced the appointment of Gen. Sir Henry Colville, his former commander of the Guards' Brigade, to the command of the ninth division, which is being formed, and will consist probably to a great extent of colonial troops. Gen. Colville will be succeeded by Gen. Reginald Pole-Carew.

Lord Roberts tells the correspondents that when he gets down to business they shall have ample opportunity to send news. His chief press censor yesterday issued new rules, and in future all written communications are to go unchecked. Only telegrams will be censored. For the next few days little news is likely to get through, but later there will be more freedom. Thus says the censor, and the last clause may be interpreted to mean that something is about to happen.

Kimberley, twenty miles away from the Modder River position, is in sore straits. Details of the December death rate show that in a population of 14,000 whites and 19,000 blacks the mortality was 60 whites and 138 blacks per thousand. The infantile death rate was 671 per thousand among the whites and 912 per thousand among the blacks. Enteric fever was prevalent.

This frightful state of things in December cannot have improved much, if at all, since, and the fighting power of the garrison must have been greatly diminished.

Meanwhile the bombardment by the Boers has increased, and there is imminent danger of the town falling under the very eyes of Lord Roberts. It is believed in circles close to the war office that he will move at once. Scouts have approached to within a thousand yards of the Boer intrenchments at Magersfontein. They have found these strong, and ascertained that they are used as dwelling places. Naval gunners are constantly watching the enemy's lines with strong glasses, and they declare that there is an appreciable diminution in the Boer forces.

In Natal the Boer commandos south of the Tugela occupy Bidd's farm and several mines west of Ciskei. Two thousand Boers, with three guns, are advancing through Zululand towards Natal.

The war office is making preparations to continue the service of South Africa. Four large steamers have been chartered. Japan agrees to let the Armstrongs transfer to England four naval quick-firers that were built for her, consenting to wait for the execution of her own order until the hostilities in South Africa are over. Several European powers, by similar consents as to guns being constructed by Vickers Sons and Maxim, enable England to secure one hundred Maxim guns.

Two thousand men are constantly employed at Woolwich arsenal, and all the gun and ammunition factories are working night and day to execute government orders. The weekly output of four firms is 4,000,000 rounds.

PASSING THROUGH THE BOER LINES.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Natal, Feb. 12.—News was received here yesterday that Major Doveton is seriously ill at Ladysmith.

Gen. White, commander of the British forces at Ladysmith, obtained permission from Gen. Joubert, the Boer commander in chief, for Mrs. Dove-ton to join her husband. She left last night, and is passing through the Boer line today.

THE SIGNAL FOR ACTION.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Spence Wilkinson, discussing the military situation in the Morning Post today, refers to a Cape Town letter, dated Jan. 23, which asserts that Lord Roberts will allow no movement until the transport organization is complete, and says: "It is probable, therefore, that the transport is now ready and that the arrival of Lord Roberts at Modder River is the signal for action. It is possible that, before beginning his move, he wishes to ascertain from Lord Methuen how matters stand in his part of the theatre of war; and this would account for a pause of a few days."

HEAVY BOER FIRE.

KIMBERLEY, Friday, Feb. 9.—

There was a heavy bombardment yesterday, and today the fire of the Boer big gun at Kamperdam has been very trying.

PREVENTED BOER MOVEMENT.

KOOBESSBURG, Feb. 10, via Modder River, Feb. 10, 4 p. m.—The British buried 14 Boers yesterday who were killed in the fighting here. The expedition to this place prevented a projected Boer attack upon the British communications between here and Enslin.

THE ARMY'S HERO.

MODDER RIVER, Feb. 10, 4 p. m.—Gen. Lord Roberts visited the camp of the Highlanders this morning and made a brief speech to each battalion. He recalled their association with him in India, and declared that they had helped to make him what he is. He added that he had never made a campaign without Highlanders, and would not be without them. He was glad that Gen. MacDermid reported well of them. He referred to an arduous march the Seaforth Highlanders had made with him, and added that the brigade would have a shorter march now. Though it would not be walk-over, he did not have the slightest doubt of its success. The brigade gave three cheers for the commander-in-chief and another three cheers for Lady Roberts. In response to the cheering for the latter, Lord Roberts said that Lady Roberts was perhaps doing better work for them at home in helping the welfare of their wives and children.

DR. LEYDS' VISIT POSTPONED.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, explains that the contemplated visit of Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal representative, has been postponed because the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and his family are the guests of the Czar. It is said that it is certain that the visit to St. Petersburg will be made at an early date.

SOCIALISTS ROUGHLY HANDLED.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—The socialists tried to hold a pro-Boer meeting at Mile End, London, last evening. A hostile crowd invaded the hall, shouting "Down with the Boers," and singing the national anthem. Henry Hyndeman, the socialist leader, and others attempted to speak, but they were roughly handled and scattered. The utmost violence prevailed, and the police were obliged to intervene and to clear the streets in the neighborhood of the hall.

THE FRENCH IDEA.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—The latest French theory in regard to the visit to San Remo, Italy, of the Rt. Hon. Sir E. J. Monson, the British ambassador, is that it was owing to the Queen's health. It is said that her majesty is suffering from depression caused by the British reverses in South Africa, and it was thought that a trip to France, in the winter, would have beneficial results. Similar reports were in circulation that the anarchists would attempt to assassinate the Queen, and for that reason Mr. Monson went personally to find out whether it would be safe for her majesty to make the trip.

WILL SAIL ON TWENTIETH.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—Intercolonial Railway passenger officials here today were advised to provide transportation on or about the 20th instant for Strathcona's Horse. The order incidentally mentions Tuesday, Feb. 20th, as the date of sailing of the Milwaukee from Halifax.

CANADIANS IN FAST COMPANY.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—The Globe's correspondent with the first contingent cables his paper as follows: "BILMONT, Cape Colony, Feb. 12.—The Canadians have been brigaded with the Second Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, Second Shropshire and First Gordon Highlanders, to form the nineteenth brigade, and with the second brigade to constitute the ninth division. The first brigade of the third (middle) battalion of Highland regiments. It is understood that Major General Smith Dorrien will command the brigade to which the Canadians are attached.

"FREDERICK HAMILTON."

The Globe adds the following note to the despatch: Major General Smith Dorrien, mentioned as likely to command the brigade to which the Canadians are attached, saw service in the Zulu war of 1879, Egyptian war in 1882-84, N. W. frontier (India) in 1897, and Khatroum in 1898. He holds the distinguished service order, many medals and clasps. The brigading of the Canadians, taken in conjunction with Roberts' arrival at Modder River, undoubtedly means that the Canadians will take an important part in the active operations pending on the western border. The Cornwallis and Shropshires have been on the line of communication between Belmont and Modder River for several weeks. The Gordons have been in action at Enslin and Magersfontein.

LIEUT. McLEAN GETS A COMMISSION IN THE IMPERIAL ARMY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—The dominion government has decided to send four special officers to South Africa, by the Milwaukee. They are to take the places of the officers who are leaving now and who will join their battalions when they reach there. For instance, one will take the place of Lt. Col. Drury, who takes command of a bat-

tery division, and another will take the place of Lieut. Col. Lester, who will command the 1st Battalion Mounted Rifles. Another will replace Major Forrester, and a fourth will take the place of Lieut. Weldon McLean of St. John's, who has got a commission in the imperial army. Major Forrester will also join the battery, and Capt. McKie of Pembroke was appointed some time ago to take his place in the infantry.

On Jan. 12 Col. H. H. McLean received a cable from Lord Lansdowne, secretary for war, offering Lieut. McLean a commission in the Cavalry, Royal Field Artillery or Infantry. This offer was communicated to Lieut. McLean, and he has decided in favor of the field artillery. To what detachment he will be gazetted is not known, but he will probably be placed with one of those now under arms in South Africa. Lieut. McLean has a certificate of competency from the Kingston Royal Military College and makes another one of his graduates who has entered the imperial service. Announcement is made elsewhere that an officer will be sent from Canada to take his place on the Canadian contingent.

FREDERICTON.

Elaborate Preparations Being Made for the Reception to Bishop Casey—One Hundredth Anniversary of the University.

(Special to the Sun.) FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 12.—Great preparations are being made for Bishop Casey's reception in this city tomorrow night. His lordship will arrive from St. John at 7.30 p. m. and will be met at the train by the reception committee and escorted to a residence in waiting. A procession, headed by the 7th band, and made up by A. O. H. and C. M. E. A. societies, will be formed and will march to his lordship's residence. From there the party will proceed to St. Dunstan's church, where the reception will be held. Special music has been prepared by the choir, and as the procession moves towards the sanctuary, the Ecco Sacerdos Magnus will be sung. At the conclusion of the hymn and recitation of the Lord's prayer, the bishop will be presented to him on behalf of the congregation, and the Catholic societies of the city will conclude the benediction of the bishop. The interior of the church is being appropriately decorated, and a beautiful throne to be occupied by his lordship is being erected. About forty invitations are being issued to the reception, and leading members of other city churches, as well as the general clergy, will be invited to attend. The reception will be held in the afternoon, and the bishop will be accompanied by his family and other guests. The bishop will be accompanied by his family and other guests. The bishop will be accompanied by his family and other guests.

THE LARGER PATRIOTISM.

(London Mail.) Australia now proposes to raise a regiment of bushmen, recruited from the back country, for service in Africa. Details of the scheme appear in another column. The idea is a splendid one; such a regiment would be composed of the finest type of men ever warred against the Boers. Already generous pecuniary contributions have been promised, and at the meeting to be held in London on Monday handsome donations are certain to be made. For the Australian colonies which bind the great self-governing colonies to the mother land. These words apply with equal force to Canada and to other sections of the Empire. The little crown colony of Ceylon, for instance, has raised a contingent of 125 men, and equipped them at its own cost. Never has this globe witnessed a larger and more spontaneous outburst of patriotic fervor. No mere frothy sentiment is this, but solid help, involving great self-sacrifice. The mother country in the past has not always given generous treatment, sometimes perhaps not even just treatment, to her daughters beyond the seven seas. Of late she has tried to do better, and the fruit of her endeavors is being gathered in today. A new era is dawning. The British Empire marches forward shoulder to shoulder; sea and land will, as before, separate it, but never again will it be divided by jealousy, neglect or party faction. The latest casualty lists furnish further evidence of the heavy price in blood that our loyal fellow-subjects in Natal and Cape Colony are paying to win freedom for South Africa. The blood of these brave men is not shed in vain.

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PARLIAMENT. A Short and Unimportant Session, Monday Afternoon.

Mr. Tarte Admits That He Had Slandered Residents of Fox Bay, Anticosti—The Motion Paper.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—Sir Louis Davies introduced two bills. One provides a method of regulating pilotage matters in respect to this time. Sir Louis finds that the same as the bill introduced last year, in extending the summer deekload period to steamships. The part of last year's bill which gave portwardens an authority to decide about deekloads is struck out this time. Sir Louis finds that the same as the bill introduced last year, in extending the summer deekload period to steamships. The part of last year's bill which gave portwardens an authority to decide about deekloads is struck out this time. Sir Louis finds that the same as the bill introduced last year, in extending the summer deekload period to steamships. The part of last year's bill which gave portwardens an authority to decide about deekloads is struck out this time.

Mr. Tarte admitted that he had slandered the residents of Fox Bay, Anticosti, in the Motion Paper. He explained that no change had been made in the measure, and he hoped that after another year's reflection both houses would give effect to this righteous measure. Several new men had been called to the senate since last year, and he hoped they would be able to convince their colleagues that the measure should be carried out this time. Sir Louis finds that the same as the bill introduced last year, in extending the summer deekload period to steamships. The part of last year's bill which gave portwardens an authority to decide about deekloads is struck out this time.

Mr. Dr. Borden, in reply to Mr. McNeill, stated that the government had decided to offer the imperial government a garrison for Halifax in case the imperial garrison were withdrawn. This announcement was received with cheers from both sides, and Mr. McNeill expressed his gratification that the course he had urged upon the government had been adopted. He would, however, urge on both sides that the house should now consider what further could be done to help the empire in the present grave condition of affairs. He recommended that the leaders of both sides should consult over the matter and try to arrive at something adequate to the present urgency.

Mr. Charlton refused to believe that the British empire was in danger. There was no occasion for the minister to offer the imperial government a garrison for Halifax in case the imperial garrison were withdrawn. They had better sit down and allow British generals to work the matter out, which he was sure they would do successfully. He commended the ministers for not acting too hastily and in advancement of public opinion. "No great leader will attempt to lead public sentiment," was Mr. Charlton's astonishing declaration.

Mr. Davin took exception to this declaration, expressing the view that a leader who did not lead was not a leader. He pointed out that undue security and over confidence had been the greatest source of British reverses and checks in Africa. He believed this mistake would not be made again, but that the men and the resources of the empire would be used freely, and he hoped that Canada would in this mood do something worthy of her position and the patriotism of her people.

Sir Adolph Caron said that the loyalty of the French-Canadians ought not to be discussed in parliament. It was beyond question. Replying to Col. Prior, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the dominion government would accept the offer of troops from British Columbia on the same terms as in the case of Strathcona's Horse.

Col. Prior—Does this mean that the British Columbia government is expected to pay transportation not only to Halifax but also to South Africa?

Laurier—Yes. The government had no business ready, the debate was resumed on Mr. Davin's motion in favor of the organization of rifle corps in the west.

Mr. Borden admitted that late developments had established the fact that mounted men were the troops of the future, especially in large and sparsely populated countries. The government had in view the establishment of several corps of mounted rifles in the Northwest and British Columbia. Arrangements would go on as fast as possible. He hoped that in view of this assurance Mr. Davin would withdraw his resolution.

Mr. Davin did so, whereupon Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the house, though it was not yet six o'clock and a government day.

THE SENATE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The senate

stands adjourned till Thursday, March 1st.

Senator Power today apologized for stating that Sir Charles Tupper's despatch from Halifax to the premier, asking him to send a second contingent to South Africa, was sent to the Montreal Star the same time as to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He had since learned that the Star did not contain the despatch until after Sir Charles had referred to it in Yarmouth.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—Hon. Mr. Sifton, replying to Mr. Davin, stated that since January, 1897, 7,424 Doukhobors and 16,757 Gullifians had come into the country. The average cost to the government was \$7.48 per head for Doukhobors and \$4.80 for Gullifians.

Hon. Mr. Tarte explained that the cost of the telegraph line from Bennett to Dawson was \$346,967, or \$22 per mile.

Hon. Mr. Fisher said that the Essex-brook campaign literature was not printed in the government bureau, but that some of them were franked by clerks in the public office.

Hon. Mr. Fladging told Mr. Martin of P. E. I. that the government of Newfoundland had made a proposal for reciprocity with Canada, but that the Canadian government was considering the whole question of reciprocity with other colonies.

Mr. Taylor put his question concerning a demand made on the minister by the Montreal Methodist conference for an apology and retraction of Mr. Tarte's statement that the residents of Fox Bay, Anticosti, were professional wreckers and thieves.

Hon. Mr. Tarte replied that the misunderstanding had been cleared up. He had ascertained that he had unwittingly done an injustice to the Fox Bay settlers and had written to that effect to the representative of these people.

A number of unopposed motions for returns were carried, and after a short discussion the house endorsed a proposition of Mr. Davin concerning the half breed claims.

Other motions were passed over on account of the absence of the ministers concerned in them, and the house adjourned at 5.30 p. m.

Before adjournment Sir Charles Tupper enquired whether the government could give any additional information concerning the Nioarasug canal treaty.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he could explain nothing now, and did not think he could say anything until the United States senate had disposed of the treaty.

Mr. McNeill will ask from what electoral districts in New Brunswick have the original lists of 1899 been received at Ottawa, and whether such lists are being printed. He also will ask about the dates when lobster fishing will begin in the various districts this year.

HALIFAX.

Str. Lake Superior Made a Good Run—A Military Precedent—Miners Demand an Increase in Wages.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 12.—The Elder Dempster steamer Lake Superior arrived this morning and sailed for St. John at four o'clock in the afternoon. The steamer made a fine run, a little over eight days from Montreal, had good weather on the entire voyage, which is about the first experience of this kind this winter. The Lake Superior brought on board passengers Miss Alice Wilson, Miss Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Lucy Hebble, S. David John McIvor, Mr. Dickman, with seven intermediate and 154 steerage. The steerage passengers are chiefly Russians and German. The majority of them are bound for the western states. The steamer Manchester importer arrived at midnight.

Yesterday is said to be the first time that a band was brigaded in order to play soldiers to church to attend other than a Church of England service. The 68th band is ordered to play the Banns, Presbyterians and Methodists to a Baptist church. Although the same band played the men to church the preceding Sunday, yet the band was not brigaded in accordance with militia orders.

Another Halifax man has been enrolled in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, Harry Vizard, son of the former naval stockbroker at H. M. Jockey, was enrolled on Saturday as a trooper, and will leave on the transport Milwaukee.

The Provincial Workmen's Association, the union to which the coal miners of the province belong, announces that an advance in pay will be demanded from the mining companies on March 20th. They will notify the managers of the mines that an advance of five cents per ton is asked on all coal raised, and that ten per cent be added in the pay of men engaged about the mines at other work than actual coal cutting. An answer will be required on March 20th, the new rates to go into effect on May 1st. The miners say that coal prices have advanced and that they should share in what is going.

Mrs. Youngling (going out)—John, do you suppose you can hear the baby from where you are if he wakes up and cries? John (who is reading the newspaper)—I don't; I hope not.

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# MONTREAL

## General Buller's Third Attempt to Relieve the Garrison at Ladysmith Has Been Unsuccessful.

### Believing a Further Advance from Vaal Krantz Was Inadvisable, He Decided to Withdraw.

### Buller's Last Advance Regarded by Critics as Merely a Demonstration to Prevent the Boers Sending Reinforcements to Magerfontein, Where an Immediate Advance is Anticipated.

**HEADQUARTERS BRITISH CAMP, SPRINGFIELD BRIDGE, Feb. 9, 10.6.**  
—Finding that the kopjes of Vaal Krantz were subject to a cross fire from the Boers' 100 pounder and crewed gun, and that the nature of the ground prevented the construction of the entrenchments, the British troops will withdraw, and the advance in this direction will not be pressed.

The British have not been repulsed, but have held their ground at all points.

#### HAS NOT YET CROSSED.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 5.15 a. m.—A special despatch from Spangman's Camp, dated yesterday (Friday), noon, says that, owing to the Boer cross-fire and the impossibility of interchanging Vaal Krantz, Gen. Buller's forces withdrew.

The Financial News, which publishes this despatch, suggests that General Buller has not yet actually crossed the Tugela.

#### WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, Feb. 10, 4 a. m.—Gen. Buller's third attempt to reach Ladysmith has failed, and the British have again retired south of the Tugela river. A despatch from the Boer head-quarters at Ladysmith, dated Feb. 8, reached London last evening announcing that the retirement occurred Thursday morning. The accuracy of previous reports from the same source concerning crucial operations afforded sufficient reasons for accepting this announcement as true, and the public uneasiness is not allayed by a suggestion that the Boers were confused by the withdrawal of the troops employed in Monday's feat. Inquiries at the war office and in the house of commons in the course of the evening only drew out the assurance that the government had received no news, and at midnight the war office officially intimated that it had received nothing confirming or contradicting the report of Gen. Buller's withdrawal. Lord Roberts, Mr. Balfour stated that Gen. Buller was not pressing his advance from the position he occupied Wednesday, and a little later the Sun's special despatch from the British headquarters at Springfield bridge reached London conveying the first definite announcement from the British side that the troops had been withdrawn. Springfield bridge is south of the Little Tugela river and eight miles in a bee line from Molen Drift where the main British attack crossed on Feb. 5.

Thus, the British people are called upon for the third time to face a serious check to the British arms in Natal, and the relief of Ladysmith is again indefinitely postponed. Such a statement as that in the despatches that the British troops were not repulsed, will in some measure temper the disappointment, but three days' fighting, with the attendant heavy casualties, ending in failure so far as the main object was concerned, at a severe price to pay for such negative comfort.

What was known yesterday of the British position at Vaal Krantz prepared the military experts to find that the position was untenable. Vaal Krantz ridge is a spur a mile long, running at right angles to the Brakfontein Ridge, and is dominated by Spion Kop on the west and Dornkop on the east, both the latter heights rising considerably above Vaal Krantz. On Spion Kop the Boers had long range guns and on Dornkop field artillery and Maxim's. For hours Monday these poured shell and shrapnel on Vaal Krantz, on which was also focussed a severe rifle fire from both east and west. It also seems that the British position was impracticable for guns, without which an advance as was organized Tuesday was impossible.

The war in Natal now seems to be at a dead-lock. It is difficult to see what Gen. Buller can do beyond remaining in camp until he is reinforced, or until the operations at other points possibly turn the tide in favor of the British and induce the Boers to reduce their forces in Natal to strengthen the defence to their own territory. Meanwhile the situation on the Modder River, so far as it is understood here, is not altogether encouraging. It was at first hoped that Gen. MacDonald's move to Koodoosberg was likely to result in an effective flanking of the Boer right in view of the success of his initial operations, but it has since been reported that Gen. Methuen had ordered the retirement of the whole force, which is proceeding. Gen. Lord Roberts in a despatch dated Feb. 8, the same date as the foregoing report, does not mention the retirement, which is not confirmed by other telegrams sent the same day, and it is doubted here, but as the reports of Gen. Babbington's share in the operations are also con-

flicting, the information is too incomplete to reliably judge the position.

Gen. Babbington's force marched to the north bank of the river, but according to the most trustworthy account he arrived too late to effect the intended purpose. The Standard's correspondent says he succeeded in getting close to the enemy, but it was then nearly dark and too late for an effective charge. Moreover, that men and horses were tired, having found the march exceedingly difficult, owing to the numerous fences and other obstacles. In any case the Boers were aware of the approach of Gen. Babbington's command, but were unable to intercept it. Gen. Roberts states that the Boers evacuated their position, but they have apparently only withdrawn to their laagers at Kametsi Koek. Gen. Roberts reports coincidentally with the report of Gen. MacDonald's movements, that reports had been received that the railway between Orange river and Modder river was likely to be threatened. Col. Broadwood's force was ordered to advance and to take the enemy retired before him, and it is reported that they crossed the Riet river. There is possibly a connection between the two movements. The military critic of the Morning Post thinks that Gen. Buller's failure to reach Ladysmith is a demonstration to prevent the Boers from sending reinforcements to Magerfontein, where an immediate advance in the district shortly.

The despatch confirming Gen. Buller's retirement was furnished to the newspapers here in time to allow them to comment on it. Though several of the latest news regarding General Buller's operations is puzzling. It looks as if he never seriously contemplated an attempt to relieve Ladysmith, but only a demonstration to prevent the Boers from diverting reinforcements to Magerfontein.

**DO NOT PRESS FOR DETAILS.**  
LONDON, Feb. 9.—Mr. Balfour, the government leader, replying to a question in the house of commons this evening as to whether any information had been received from the seat of war, said: "Our information points to the fact that Gen. Buller is not pressing an advance from the position he has occupied. We do not consider it right to press him for details of the operations which are in progress, nor, if he gives such information, do we deem it proper to make this public until such operations are completed. The government has no information as to whether Gen. MacDonald has retired."

**REINFORCEMENTS TO THE RIVER.**  
BOER HEAD-QUARTERS, Ladysmith, Thursday, Feb. 8.—The British who were in possession of the kopje at Molen's Drift, abandoned it after a bombardment by Boer cannon this morning and retired across the Tugela river to the fortified hills still from between the Natal army and the beleaguered town it is vainly trying to relieve.

The Times says editorially: "We would not be surprised to learn that Gen. Buller has not yet found the key to Ladysmith."

The Times critic reviews the situation gloomily. He says: "If the third attempt has failed, it may be questioned whether another on the same side of the railway would be justified. The terrible initial strategic mistake of abandoning a principal objective for a subsidiary operation still overshadows the campaign, but the time is at hand when his beneficial influence will close to fetter our action. The great issue of the war will not be settled in Natal."

The Times now confirms the British retirement from Koodoosberg. Its correspondent in a despatch dated Feb. 8, 7.20 p. m., says: "It was reported that Boer reinforcements were arriving from Magerfontein. Our position was easily tenable, but the entire force has been ordered to return to Modder River tomorrow."

This puts an unpleasant complexion on the operation and will lessen the hopes based thereon. The Times' critic hints that Gen. Methuen sent the order without Gen. Roberts' knowledge. He says: "If Koodoosberg was worth occupying, and it as events proved, it could have been held, in order to retire seems inexplicable. If the strategic complexion of this eccentric movement was false, then Gen. MacDonald's tactical success was naturally unavailing, and the retirement appears to be an admission of the initial mistake."

A special edition of the Telegraph prints a despatch filed on Feb. 8 at Springfield bridge and transmitted on Feb. 9. It says: During Tuesday the Boers set fire to the grass and by the

light then employed rifles, Maxim guns and cannon in a determined assault on Vaal Krantz. Gen. Hilliard's brigade repulsed every attack. Shrapnel fire was directed at our lines between 11 o'clock and midnight. Our loss was one wounded. Wednesday's bombardment was most severe. The Boers mounted a second six-inch gun, and they also brought 20 pounders and three one-pounder quick-firing and one pounder. The latter we could deal with, but the others were beyond reach of our guns except the naval 4.7 inch and the 5 inch siege gun. Gen. Hilliard held his ground splendidly, but unfortunately the enemy's big guns were not silenced by our heavy shells. Shells from the enemy's cannon even fell among our forces in the valley. Only at greatest and with needless risk could Gen. Buller have forced his way through. He decided to face the wisest alternative and not to insist upon an advance that way. I ask you to suspend judgment and rely upon Gen. Buller.

The Telegraph's correspondent at Pietermaritzburg in a despatch dated Feb. 9, says: "Gen. Buller is here. He is indisposed, not wounded."

A despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marques says it is reported that the Portuguese customs officers at Inhambane have seized a quantity of arms and ammunition consigned under a false description. The consignment was not large and was probably sent as an experiment.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Feb. 10, 4.20 a. m.—London accepts as true the Boer statements that Gen. Buller has failed again. These statements were passed by the British command and are read in the light of Mr. Balfour's announcement in the commons that Gen. Buller is not pressing his advance.

Winston Churchill wires that Vaal Krantz was impracticable for the guns which were needed to support a further advance, and the cablegram leaves Gen. Buller on Tuesday night sending a fresh brigade to relieve the tired holders of Vaal Krantz.

The descriptive writers with Gen. Buller were allowed a rather free hand again in explaining the ugly position which they held and the natural obstacles which had to be overcome. So it is easy to infer that, with Boer rifleman and artillery defending these hills, ravines and jungles have not been overcome, and thus the public is prepared in advance for bad news.

Charles Williams, a military writer who is understood to be in confidential relations with Lord Wolseley, says that beyond doubt the most authoritative opinion in London regards it as probable that an advance will be made to force the line of the Orange river before Wednesday next, possibly by Monday. The first lord of the admiralty, George J. Goschen, is preparing estimates for a large increase in the navy. It is thought not improbable that parliament will be asked for £20,000,000 for new ships.

**SPENCER WILKINSON'S OPINION.**  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—In the Morning Post today, Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation, says: "The latest news regarding General Buller's operations is puzzling. It looks as if he never seriously contemplated an attempt to relieve Ladysmith, but only a demonstration to prevent the Boers from diverting reinforcements to Magerfontein."

**TORONTO MAN KILLED.**  
TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Relative of Private Robert Lindsay of the Chester Regiment, now in Ladysmith, has been notified that he was killed on January 6th, the day of the Boers' attack on the town. He was the eldest son of James Lindsay of this city.

**BRITISH BARK SEIZED.**  
DURBAN, Feb. 9.—The British bark Birkdale, with contraband, has been seized by the British.

**WILL SAIL ON THE 20TH.**  
HALIFAX, Feb. 9.—Col. Irving tonight informed the Sun that the transport Milwaukeee could not be got ready for sea to sail before Feb. 20th. He had no doubt, however, that the steamer would leave Halifax for South Africa on that date.

Steamer Monterey, which is to be transported for the Strathcona Horse to South Africa, has left Liverpool for Halifax, and will be ready for the embarkation of the troops on March 2nd.

**GEN. CLERY ILL.**  
LONDON, Feb. 10.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Modder River, dated Thursday, says that Gen. MacDonald and Gen. Babbington's forces will return shortly, and adds that the initiative for the reconnaissance emanated from headquarters.

The Daily Telegraph announces that Gen. Sir Francis Clery is on the way to England invalided.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg says that Lady Randolph Churchill has visited Chieveley camp.

### TO COMMAND THE IRREGULARS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—The Star's London cable says: Hamilton Merritt of Toronto writes to friends here announcing that he had been given command of the South African mounted troops, and that he is now busy under Brigadier-General Buller, in connection with the impending invasion of the Orange Free State.

Merritt, who was refused service in the Canadian contingent, hurried at his own expense to London to enlist there. He was provided by Hon. Geo. Wyndham, under-secretary of state for war, with a letter of introduction to Sir Alfred Milner, with the result stated.

**MOST DIFFICULT.**  
LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Times, in an editorial dealing with General Buller's task, says: "The problem before him is unquestionably most difficult. We cannot be surprised or disheartened should he be unable to solve it with success. His task is not merely to find a way through the Boer lines to Ladysmith; that operation would be formidable enough. But it would be easy compared with the one he must perform if the large strategic points are to follow his efforts. He must insist a crushing defeat upon the Boer army. Unless he can drive into the Drakenberg or otherwise destroy that army the relief of Ladysmith can hardly be accomplished with safety. We await the issue of the operation with great anxiety. Elsewhere the Times comments on the fact that General Buller is "plying his part in the general scheme, which is being co-ordinated by Lord Roberts." It says on this point: "The British public is still kept in ignorance of the whereabouts of some 25,000 troops, and great developments may be expected. It is difficult to believe that the Boers are effectually ignorant of the disposition of the British forces. The great game of war will have shortly begun and we may confidently hope that the period of reverses is drawing to an end."

In regard to Gen. MacDonald's operations Lord Roberts does not mention the former's retirement to the Modder river. He says: "MacDonald was despatched to prevent the Boers blocking the main drift at Koodoosberg, and successfully established himself there in spite of the determined efforts of the Boers to dislodge him. At MacDonald's request, Babbington was sent with reinforcements Wednesday, Feb. 7. Babbington threatened the Boers north of Koodoosberg, while another force drove off the Boers southward."

The despatch concludes with the statement: "The enemy have now evacuated their position and none are in sight."

**FOR WAR EXPENSES.**  
LONDON, Feb. 9.—A parliamentary paper issued this afternoon estimates £13,000,000 additional will be required for the war expenses of the year ending March 31.

**ROUGHLY HANDLED.**  
BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A despatch from Montreal says that an American freshman at McGill University was knocked down and ducked in the dissecting bath for criticising the British troops in South Africa. The British officers are "assess," and the troops are "cowards."

**A GOODLY SUM.**  
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The benefit concert given in the Grand Theatre this afternoon for the benefit of the English soldiers in South Africa and the widows and children of the American soldiers who fought in the Philippines, netted about \$8,000.

**ORDERED TO THE FRONT.**  
OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—It is officially announced tonight that Gen. Hutton has been selected by the war office for special service in South Africa. This involves the relinquishment by him of the command of the Canadian militia, and will summarily dispose of his controversy with Col. Hughes.

**FEASIBILITY OF INTERVENTION.**  
BERLIN, Feb. 9.—During Emperor William's two visits yesterday to the British ambassador, Sir Frank Lascelles, his majesty expressed sympathy with Great Britain and based upon the feasibility of friendly intervention.

The Kaiser also expressed his regret at the recent utterances of Duke Regent Johann Albrecht of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, to the correspondent of the Echo, adding that he had telegraphed the Duke, regretting his indiscretion for the role he had displayed.

### LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(To Correspondents—Write on one side of the paper only. Send your name, not necessarily for publication, with your communications. The Sun does not undertake to return rejected manuscripts. All unreturned communications are promptly consigned to the waste basket.)

**THE OROMOCTO INDIANS.**  
7 Elliott Row, Thursday, Feb. 7.  
To the Editor of the Sun:  
Sir—In reply to "De Facto," will you kindly permit us through the columns of your valuable paper to inform the public that the W. C. T. U. feels the greatest confidence in the lady at Oromocto who is dispensing a little charity for us towards the destitute Indians in that locality. At a meeting held this afternoon we recorded ourselves as in full sympathy with her kind and generous efforts in their behalf, and resolved to correct the statement by your correspondent.  
(Signed) AVIS DAVIDSON.  
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# A FORLORN HOPE

## Winston Churchill Says Buller Has so Regarded the Relief of Ladysmith from the First.

## Nevertheless He Will Shortly Make Another Fierce Attempt to Break Through the Boer Lines.

## Lord Roberts is at Modder River—Australians Show Their Mettle in an Engagement at Rensberg—Enemy Concentrating Their Forces at Kimberley.

### WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, Feb. 21, 4 a. m.—Winston Churchill, the Morning Post's correspondent, with Gen. Buller, sends a long despatch, reviewing the situation in Natal. He says that Gen. Buller from the outset regarded the relief of Ladysmith as a forlorn hope. He adds that the second attempt to relieve the beleaguered town was nearly successful, but at the critical moment Gen. Warren shrank from ordering a bloody frontal attack on the Boer right. Regarding the third attempt, the correspondent says that unfortunately no regular survey of the country between the Tugela river and Ladysmith exists. When Vaal Krantz was found to be an unsuitable position, Gen. Buller gave the artillery one chance to kick the enemy from their positions, but the disappearing mounds and the extreme range of their guns prevented them. Perhaps it would have been possible to have thrust the enemy back off Brakfontein or Doornkloof, but it would probably have cost three thousand men, and two brigades at least are necessary to keep the door open behind the British. Too few would have remained to attack the engagements have not been fruitless. Moreover, the water question was most serious. If Gen. Buller's force were only a Ladysmith relief column, all might be staked on the issue of a battle, with the possibility of heavy losses to the British, but it is also the only army for the defence of Natal. Therefore Buller withdrew. Another fierce attempt will be made shortly. The correspondent declares that the country should be prepared for certain and heavy loss and a possible disappointment. The task would strain 50,000 men, while 100,000 would not be an unnecessary number. But the engagements have not been fruitless. The Boers admit heavy losses in each day's bombardment of Spion Kop and Vaal Krantz. They cannot replace a man or horse. Their resources are already strained to the utmost. One day the British captured a man of 40 years and a boy of 12. Gen. Buller's spirit is unabated. The men only ask for a most decisive trial, believing that in spite of difficulties and numerical weaknesses they would outweigh the adverse chances which regard the general with sympathy and trust.

The Post's despatch adds the following incidents to the reports already published regarding the fighting at Vaal Krantz. Seven armed Kafirs were seen fighting on the left bank of an officer of the Durham Regiment. This has been absolutely authenticated. A Maxim-Vickers gun that had been abandoned by the enemy in a donga was about to fall into the hands of the British, when the British officer, the fearless Commandant Viljoen himself, brought back a team of horses and escaped with the gun, threading his way between the red flashes and black clouds caused by the lyddite shells, which the artillery had concentrated on his position. Gen. Buller by night continually fortified himself with the most skill, building traverses and head covers. Consequently he lost only 41 men, though exposed to a terrific shell fire throughout Feb. 7. In 12 minutes 64 shells exploded on the hill. Two hundred and forty shells were counted in two hours, and in addition to these there were a steady fire from innumerable Maxim-Vickers guns. Prince Christian was knocked down by the concussion of a hundred pound shell, which burst against a rock near which he was sitting. A Boer prisoner admitted that the enemy had sustained heavy loss. He declared their unflinching determination to resist the British to the uttermost. He said: "You are not fighting the Boers; they would soon have given in. You are fighting Europe."

LONDON, Feb. 12, 4 a. m.—The latest despatches from the front, showing the real reasons for Gen. Buller's retirement and his intention to try again, quite destroy the comforting and ingenious theory that the movement was an elaborate feint to facilitate the main advance of Lord Roberts. The Boers have accepted the advance largely because of Mr. Balfour's misleading statement to parliament. These seemingly useless reticences and precautions on the part of the government and the war office are beginning to be criticized severely. No word has yet issued from the war office regarding Gen. Buller's latest attempt, although the correspondents are allowed to telegraph with a fair amount of freedom, and, thus far, only a partial list of casualties has been published. The dating of messages from Frere Camp may indicate that Gen. Buller has withdrawn all his forces there.

The London newspapers, having become accustomed to check, maintain a hopeful tone, but the situation is much more threatening than it seemed to be a week ago. Proofs of the terrible strength and mobility of the

Boer artillery, together with the rumor that Gen. Joubert is taking the initiative, with the object of cutting off Gen. Buller's communications, are in no way reassuring. Even the most sanguine persons begin to see that it is quite hopeless to execute the relief of Ladysmith, while it is clear that, if it is impossible for Buller to reach Ladysmith, it is equally impossible for the garrison, exhausted by sickness and privations, to cut a way out.

Reports of the Boer advance through Zululand are disquieting. If they should be able to strike at Greytown, Gen. Buller would be compelled to turn his attention to the eastern side of Natal. The fact that Lord Roberts arrived at Modder Friday seems to show that he has been on a round of inspection of the chief commands, and that the main advance is not so near as has been supposed.

Startling intelligence comes from Kimberley in the Cape newspapers just received by mail in London. It appears that since Jan. 8 the rations at Kimberley have been for the most part horseflesh, so repugnant to women and children that many refuse to eat. It also appears that the death rate has been heavy, and that the privations of the garrison have been increasing steadily.

This news is startling because the censor has not allowed it to be cabled. Possibly such conditions explain the presence of Lord Roberts at Modder River and the apparent preparations for an advance from that point. The mention in the despatch of Lord Roberts to the war office yesterday of Rensberg is interesting to show that Gen. French, with his cavalry, has gone to join Lord Roberts, and that considerable changes in the distribution of troops in that district have occurred. The unexpected strength and activity of the Boers at Rensberg, where they are reported as rather pressing the British than being pressed by them, causes anxiety.

There is no confirmation of the report of a sortie from Ladysmith. The latest despatch from there, dated Wednesday last, reported that all was quiet there and that instructions had been issued to beware of the possible approach of Boers in the guise of a British relief force.

Today sees the beginning of the fifth month of the war. Charles Williams, the military expert, says: "After all this interval, our fine, big army, instead of being free to manoeuvre in the field, is tied by the left leg to Kimberley in order to please Cecil Rhodes, and by the right leg to Ladysmith in order to please Joseph Chamberlain. Yet neither town has the very smallest military value."

missing and one escaped unhurt. Out of a patrol from Tjerfontein, under Captain Hamilton, composed of eight Tasmansians and eight of Gen. French's scouts, only two Tasmansians and three, scouts returned. The others were despatched to the Boers.

NOT THE KIND THAT SURRENDER.—RENSBURG, Saturday, Feb. 10.—The Boers outflanked the British here yesterday. A considerable force of the enemy was threatening communications between Rensburg and Slingersfontein, 12 miles away, and during a reconnaissance by some Inniskillings and twenty Australians from Slingersfontein, the Boers were discovered attempting to get a gun in position to shell the British camp.

The Australians, having come into close contact with the enemy, took cover under a hill about 9,000 yards from the camp. Thereupon the Boers took up a position with a view of preventing their retirement. Some Burgers got within 200 yards of the Australians and called upon them to surrender. They replied by firing bayonets and shouting defiance. Sergeant Edwards and two men made a dash, and, galloping under a hot fire, passed a number of hills held by the Boers, took word that the Australians were safe and confident of holding the enemy at bay, and getting out after dark, which eventually they did. The Inniskillings prevented the enemy getting their guns in position. The Australians lost one man killed and three wounded.

The convoys have been successfully gotten to Slingersfontein today, the British escorts having had several brushes with parties of from 20 to 30 Boers infesting the region. Lieut. Col. Page, with a section of artillery and 150 horse, got one large convoy through by shelling the enemy out of the road. The Boers also outflanked us on the west, placed a gun in position at Bassard's Nek, and fired on one of our outposts, driving off 1,000 sheep. In Wednesday's brush two correspondents, Mr. Hales of the London Daily News, and Mr. Lambie of the Melbourne Age, fell behind. Mr. Hales, who was slightly wounded, was captured by the Boers, and Mr. Lambie was killed. The British took two prisoners.

### CHURCHILL REVIEWS THE SITUATION.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Winston Churchill sends from Frere Camp to the Morning Post a long review of the situation. He says: "Gen. Buller always thought it impossible to hold the strategic object of the Tugela, but the initial mistake was made owing to the miscalculation of the Boer strength and the fact that millions worth of stores had been collected at Ladysmith. From the first he regarded the relief of Ladysmith as a forlorn hope. He does not feel justified in ordering a subordinate to perform such a doubtful task."

"The absence of good traps has cost much blood. An attempt to thrust the enemy back from the position of Doornkloof would have cost 3,000 men; and since at least two brigades would have remained to force the way to Ladysmith. Moreover, the Boer reinforcements that his army is the only army for the defence of the rest of Natal. Therefore, he decided to withdraw and to try elsewhere."

"Another fierce attempt will be made to force the Tugela. Great Britain must realize the fact that the relief of Ladysmith would strain an army of 50,000, and that 100,000 men would not be too many. The country, therefore, must be prepared for a heavy loss, perhaps for disappointment."

"Remembering that considerations of honor, more than policy, demand ceaseless efforts to relieve Ladysmith, the whole army, despite disappointments and retreats regards Gen. Buller with sympathy and trust, such as are seldom seen even in fortunate circumstances."

"The security of southern Natal is our important consideration. The necessity of obtaining control of Delagoa Bay is very apparent. The ingress of foreigners and the sale of arms is ceaseless. Surely a settlement with Portugal would be only a question of money."

TO OUTFLANK BULLER.—DURBAN, Feb. 11.—It is rumored here that Gen. Joubert is marching with a column of 6,000 men to outflank Gen. Buller.

BOERS SOUTH OF THE TUGELA.—LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The Boers have occupied Bloy's farm, south of the Tugela, which is under an hour's ride from Chieveley, and have turned the homestead into a hospital."

"On the farm are hills commanding both bridges over the Tugela, as well as Foch's and Molwen's, and from which a view of Bulwans and Ladysmith is obtainable. There is much apprehension here regarding the Boer movements, and the authorities are on the alert."

CAPTURED BY THE BOERS.—RENSBURG, Feb. 11.—A picket of five Victorian Rifles, after holding a post for some hours yesterday, were forced to retire, the Boers getting on a hill and firing down upon them. Three were slightly wounded, one is

been despatched thither. It is now working northward, but has not yet come in fact with the enemy.

CREATING UNEASINESS.—DURBAN, Feb. 10, 6 p. m.—A despatch published here that six thousand Boers are marching to outflank Gen. Buller. It does not state where they crossed the Tugela. The movement of the enemy in Zululand is creating uneasiness here. It is expected that Eshewe will be attacked, and Greytown is apprehensive. It is reported that the Natal government is seriously considering the wisdom of sending a section of the Zulus to repel the invasion, and forming a native reserve.

QUIET AT CAMP FRERE.—FRERE CAMP, Feb. 11.—All is quiet here today. The British troops are resting and the Boers are inactive.

EATING HORSE FLESH AT KIMBERLEY.—CAPE TOWN, Feb. 12.—The Cape Argus says that three-fourths of the meat served in Kimberley since Jan. 1 has been horse flesh.

BOER LOSS WAS HEAVY.—MODDER RIVER, Saturday, Feb. 10.—The Highlanders returned last night. Before retiring they found the bodies of twelve Boers. They believe the loss of the enemy was heavier than those of the British, because it is known that the additional Boers found, several had been buried.

ROBERTS AT MODDER RIVER.—MODDER RIVER, Feb. 10.—Lord Roberts is here. Upon appearing before the troops on Friday he was enthusiastically cheered. He visited the camp of the Highland Brigade this morning and complimented Gen. Macdonald and his men on the steady conduct at Kooceberg Drift.

TO SHELL KIMBERLEY.—MODDER RIVER, Saturday, Feb. 10.—Apparently the Boers have brought all their big guns from Mafeking to shell Kimberley.

Our naval guns shelled Magerfontein today, but the Boer guns were silent. It is supposed that the enemy have withdrawn their artillery. They are blowing up the permanent way beyond Magerfontein on Slingersfontein. The Boers still man their trenches, but their numbers are apparently reduced. The bulk of their force has gone to Kimberley or toward our flank.

BOERS BEATEN OFF.—LONDON, Feb. 11, midnight.—The war office has just issued the following despatch, dated today, from the general commanding at Cape Town: "Clemens's reports from Rensburg that on Friday, Feb. 9, the Boers tried to turn right flank, but were beaten off. Position maintained. Casualties small."

"Kimberley reports that the Boer fighting force was apparently increased on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Next day the Boers commenced the construction of trenches to the east, nearly parallel to the Tugela, and 4,000 yards from Premier Mine. A native reported that he accompanied some Boers who left Mafeking for Kimberley, carrying with them a six-inch gun and a quick-firing field gun. The former opened fire on Kimberley. Otherwise the situation is unchanged."

PICKED IRISHMEN.—CAPE TOWN, Feb. 11.—Lord Roberts has authorized the formation of a squadron of 100 picked Irishmen for special duties.

Sir John Henry De Villiers, chief justice of Cape Colony, will sail for England next Wednesday.

Every available truck on the western system of railways has been secured by the military authorities.

WHAT NEWFOUNDLAND PROPOSES.—ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Feb. 11.—At the forthcoming special session of the Newfoundland legislature, called for Feb. 19, the government will propose a vote of \$20,000 toward the imperial patriotic fund, as the colony is unable to send any volunteers to South Africa.

All political parties have signified their approval of the measure extending the modus vivendi with respect to the French treaty shore.

CARDINAL MORAN EXCITED.—LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Sydney, N. S. W.: "The news of General Buller's reverse has caused a great sensation here. Cardinal Moran, in a remarkable speech, has advocated conscription in Australia, in view of possible complications. He thinks it may soon become necessary to defend Australia and therefore regrets the departure of the local troops."

RIFLES ATTEND DIVINE SERVICE.—HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—The Canadian Mounted Rifles today paraded for divine service to St. Luke's Cathedral and to one of the Baptist churches. The Anglicans, headed by the 1st Canadian Artillery band, went to the Cathedral, while the 63rd Rifles played the mass of other denominations to the Baptist church. At St. Luke's, an eloquent sermon in justification of the righteousness of the British cause in the present war, was preached by Rev. J. A. Richardson, Trinity church, St. John.

Chaplain Lane, who sails by the Milwaukie, preached at the other church.

CAVALRY DELAY SPOILED IT.—MODDER RIVER, Feb. 10.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts, commander in chief of the British forces in South Africa, arrived here yesterday and was enthusiastically greeted upon his arrival. Early today he visited the camp of the Highland Brigade and congratulated Gen. Macdonald's troops upon their steady conduct at Kooceberg. The brigade returned to camp Friday evening, tired but better after their hard work. The reconnaissance might have been brilliantly successful had the cavalry arrived sooner; as it was, they wasted time in shelling unoccupied bushes. They mistook the Boer lines for British, but fortunately there was no serious results beyond delay. F. O. Tait, the



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golfer was shot through the body while defending a kopje. As he lay on the ground he exclaimed: "They've got me at last." He was previously wounded at the battle of Magerfontein. He died as he was being led back to camp.

PRO-BOER MEETING IN LOWELL.—LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 11.—An enthusiastic pro-Boer meeting was held here tonight, 1,000 persons being present. Hon. George W. Fernald, of Lowell, was the principal speaker.

He claimed that England disregarded the flag of truce and massacred wounded captives. She believed that neutral nations should interpose to see that the rules of war were observed. She deplored the fact that Irish soldiers were wearing the badge of servitude in the English army, but took consolation in the fact that a resolution of the British House of Commons, passed on the 10th inst., declared that the success of the British arms in South Africa was inimical to American principles.

The meeting was held in the hall of the Irish Society of Lowell, and was devoted to the aid of the widows and orphans of the Boer soldiers.

TO JOIN THE BOER ARMY.—CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—The ambulance corps, 24 in number, recruited and equipped by the United Irish Societies of Chicago, left for New York today on its long journey to the front. The ambulance corps of the South Africa. Two special coaches were attached to the regular Lake Shore train for the party.

The corps is equipped with surgical and medical supplies, which, in addition to the personal effects of the members of the corps, filled three baggage cars. On arriving at Pretoria, the men will join the Boer army and work under the flag of the American Red Cross society.

KRUGER'S ENGINES OFFERED TO P. E. I. RAILWAY.—Yesterday the Guardian published a short reference to the fact that twelve months ago the Dickson Manufacturing company of Sacramento had received an order from the South African republic for five locomotives which the Boers were to use in their war equipment. The locomotives were completed and boxed for shipment, when orders were received to postpone it until further notice, and the engines are now lying idle there, while the Boers and their army are waiting for their armored trains.

It was thought, evidently, when the order was given, that trouble might be met, and directions were given, when the engines were completed, to take them to pieces and place the various parts in boxes, which were to be addressed to a firm in Durban, Natal. Durban, however, is now swarming with English soldiers.

The engines, being of the narrow gauge class, are not saleable to the standard gauge roads.

The Guardian understands that the manufacturers have now offered the engines to the Prince Edward Island railway and a photo has been received.

The engines are of the mogul type, with three driving wheels. Total weight of each engine is about 75,000 lbs.; water tank capacity, 850 gallons. To all appearances the engines would be good for the hauling of heavy trains.

The engines are constructed specially for use of armored trains, and are modelled on the same lines as the locomotives which served so efficiently in the Sudan campaign. They are so made that by placing bags of sand against the wheels, they can be used on the roughest roads.

The boiler and mechanism may be protected, and are compact and built quite close to the rails.

Frank Lane of this city has received a letter from a friend with the first Canadian contingent. The letter is dated at Belmont. After referring to the trip out, which he described as very pleasant, and the short stay at Cape Town, Mr. Lane's correspondent describes the situation at Belmont. The heat was almost unbearable, while wood and water were very scarce, it being difficult to get enough of the latter to wash in. Brief reference is made to the death of the poor fellow who died on shipboard, also to the death of Private Chappell, which occurred at Belmont.

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We have received a copy of the Falkirk Herald of Saturday, January 28th, in which we found the following: "There was launched on Wednesday afternoon by the Grangemouth Dockyard Co. a handsomely modelled steel four-masted barkentine of the American type, built to the order of W. L. Lovitt of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Dimensions of the vessel are 175 by 35 by 15 feet 6 inches moulded, and she has a loop, long raised quarter deck, topgallant forecastle, a house for the accommodation of the crew, and is fitted up in the most modern manner for working sails with the minimum number of hands. She is built on the bulb frame principle, having one long clear hold for stowing lumber, of which it is expected she will carry one million superficial feet, and she is fitted up with bow ports for loading and discharging timber."

ST. JOHN COUNTY WEST, L. O. L. Report of Proceedings and List of Officers—An Interesting Session.

The county lodge, L. O. A., of St. John Co. west, held its annual meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 5th, with Hughes Lodge, No. 97 of Fairville, Worshippful County Master George Galbraith in the chair.

The reports of the county officers showed the county lodge to be in a flourishing condition.

After routine business was transacted the county master, invited Past Senior Deo., Grand Master, Douglas McArthur to preside during the election and installation.

The following officers were elected and duly installed: H. P. Allingham, worshippful Co. master; Joseph Scribner, dep. Co. master; W. A. Smith, Co. chaplain; Edward Long, Co. fin. sec.; Walter Sutton, Co. rec. sec.; Robt. Lawson, Co. treasurer; Austin Galbraith, Co. direc. of cer.; William Kearns, Co. lecturer; Robt. Ross, Wm. Calvin, dep. Co. lecturers.

Between the election and installation Hughes lodge provided ample refreshments for the members of the county lodge.

After installation the senior deputy grand master made an interesting and instructive speech, followed by all the new members of the county lodge.

As the years pass the Orangers of St. John Co. west manifest more and more interest in the annual meeting of their county lodge. At the meeting of Tuesday night there were forty-four members of the county lodge present. There was also a large number of visiting Orangers present from Musquash and other parts of the county. Dr. Macfarland and other past county officers made very interesting speeches. The meeting closed with G-d Save the Queen.

### I. C. R. TRAIN WRECKED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—Several attempts have recently been made to wreck intercolonial trains at New Glasgow. The latest was made last night. Points on the track near Stellarton were tampered with. A special freight from Mulgrave, in charge of Conductor White, and Gunner Butler came along. The engineer saw the danger, and the train jumped for the safety of breaking several ribs. The engine and four cars were derailed. Had the train not been stopped up somewhat, much greater damage would have been done. A wrecking train today is repairing the damage and clearing the track.

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This being the case, would it not be wise for persons getting up in years to consider carefully any lumps or growths on any part of the body, however insignificant they may appear to be. They may not cause any trouble now. What may they develop into a year hence? At this early stage we would strongly advise everyone to take treatment, as it is a simple matter to have these growths removed by our remedy, and much subsequent suffering averted.

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BY THE RECORD.

Grit newspapers, in their efforts to counteract the effect of the government's delay in offering a contingent for South Africa, not only treat the matter lightly, but very unwisely assail the record of the liberal conservative party. They are unwise in this, because their readers know the facts, and the facts are against the grits. When a grit paper states that the liberals have sent a contingent, and asks what the liberal conservatives have ever done for the mother country, it invites a reply that liberal conservatives are only too glad to give. But for the triumph of liberal conservative principles since 1878, Canada would not be in the proud position she now occupies, able to recruit men from the Atlantic to the Pacific and hurry them across the continent on a line of railway that is in itself a magnificent contribution to the defence of the empire. The building of the C. P. R. and the opening up of the Northwest were opposed at every stage by the liberals. The great development that has been witnessed throughout the Northwest and in British Columbia would not have occurred if the liberals had had their way. The broad and comprehensive policy of the liberal conservatives with respect to railways, the protection and development of our industries, and the cultivation of a national spirit, has elevated Canada to the proud position she now holds. The liberal conservatives were nation builders when the leaders of the grit party were advocating policies that would either have prevented the country's expansion or forced it into annexation to the United States.

In 1898 the liberals assumed the reins of power. They found the country well-governed. They found the world at large entering upon an extraordinary period of industrial expansion, in which Canada necessarily shares, and

out of which they were able to secure an abundance of public funds to feed a hungry horde of favorite contractors and officials. The gold discoveries in the Yukon gave a boom to the western portion of Canada, and gave the government an opportunity to show their incompetency. They had the Queen's jubilee to give Canada a boom in the mother country, and to give Sir Wilfrid Laurier a chance to secure some decorations and misrepresent Canada with respect to preferential trade. And when the present war threatened, they failed to rise to the height of their duty and their opportunity until the rank and file of their own party joined the liberal conservatives in an outburst of feeling which they dared not ignore.

Edward Blake has by his recent action given the world his opinion of the leaders of the grit party. Mr. Blake was once the hope of his party in Canada, but he could not accept the un-Canadian and un-British policy of its other leaders. The other day in the British parliament Mr. Blake wrote himself down as a humble follower of John Redmond, who says that England's troubles fill him with hope and satisfaction. Mr. Blake can swallow Redmond, but he could not swallow the leaders of the grit party in Canada. If this appears to be rather hard on them, the quarrel is none of ours. It is between Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues and the Hon. Edward Blake.

THE WINTER PORT.

The Montreal Star, referring to the steady increase in the winter shipments from St. John, says that if the rate of progress of the past five years is maintained, it will before many years become one of the great grain ports of America. It believes that the citizens of St. John never made a better investment than when they put money into harbor improvements which are likely to give this city a real right to the title of the "winter port of Canada." Continuing, the Star says:

Montrealers can sympathize with St. John, N. B., in its competition with Portland, Maine, for control of the winter shipping business of Canada, as Portland is beginning to offer serious competition to Montreal in summer. Anything that strengthens Portland as a winter port will help it to compete with Montreal for the summer trade, and anything that weakens Portland as a winter port will make its competition less injurious to Montreal in summer. The great disadvantage of Montreal is that it is closed during the winter months. Other things being equal, a port that is open all the year around, can offer better rates than one that is closed for a portion of the year, during which the capital invested in providing facilities for handling business is idle and unproductive. Fortunately Montreal has so many advantages as a summer port over all other ports of America that its winter disability is offset.

AN ODD FEATURE IN TRADE.

According to a Montreal paper there is at least a possibility of some Australian butter coming on the Canadian market by way of London. The unusual condition of affairs arises from the fact that heavy receipts of Australian creamery butter glutted the English market and caused such a decline in prices that Canadian butter

was shipped back to Montreal and after paying freight both ways realized more than the London price. A London firm has since asked a Montreal house for a quotation on a thousand boxes of Australian butter. Fortunately for Canada, the bulk of its butter for export had been sold before the Australian article arrived, and at present the price in this country is good and stocks light.

THE NEW BISHOPS.

While their lordships Bishop Casey and Bishop Barry were the centre of interest in the imposing ceremony at the Cathedral on Sunday. Both they and the public will wish for the present venerable incumbents of the episcopal office in the dioceses of St. John and Chatham many more years of life and usefulness.

Bishop Sweeney and Bishop Rogers have been identified with the temporal and spiritual concerns of a large section of our citizenship for half a century, and have labored with zeal and success for the welfare of their people. They have now the aid of able and zealous coadjutors, and may fairly shift upon younger shoulders some of the burdens which grow heavier with years, and some of the work which has grown in volume with the growth and development of the province. The new prelates, both of whom are natives of New Brunswick, will have the good wishes of all denominations at the outset of their new career.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

The government will find it difficult to escape responsibility for the fact that Strathcona's Horse will not embark at St. John. Lord Strathcona would have no sentimental interest in Halifax. If he entertained such a feeling it would rather be in relation to St. John, the Atlantic terminus of the great railway with the building of which he was prominently identified. But it is absurd to suppose that his lordship would impose any conditions as to the port of departure. Certainly he would not run counter to an expressed desire of the government.

They would not, of course, attempt to dictate to him in the matter, but to make a suggestion on their part that it would be a graceful act to meet the laudable and patriotic desire of the city of the loyalists would beyond question have been gracefully and cheerfully assented to by the high commissioner. The people will not forget it.

The Telegraph, which it is said is now largely owned by persons in Quebec province, appears to be having its new policy dictated from that quarter of the dominion. It has of late devoted many articles to the glorification of Mr. Tarte, and there is a suggestion of Mr. Tarte's policy in its sneering attacks upon Hon. Clarke, Wallace and Mr. H. B. Hetherington. It would be quite in line with the ambition of Mr. Tarte to establish an organ here to carry on the work to which his personal organ in Quebec province is devoting so much sectional zeal.

A Toronto gentleman, who desires to see the appearance of country roads improved, has offered prizes amounting to a hundred dollars to encourage tree planting in Scarborough township. At least ten farmers must compete, and each must plant fifty trees, which will be divided into prizes of \$50, \$30 and \$20 each.

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NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

PARRSBOBO, N. S., Feb. 7.—The town elections yesterday resulted as follows: For mayor—James W. Day, re-elected by 121 majority over T. R. Hartney, who was mayor two years ago.

For councillors—Alexander H. Dyas, re-elected; R. T. Smith and Dr. Johnson. The other candidates were Alfred Holmes, John H. Cameron and Alfred Nicholas. The last named candidate was nominated against his wish and asked his friends not to vote for him.

The first skating carnival of the season was held in Cecilia rink last night. The attendance was large, and some of the stunts were very pretty, but the effect was spoiled by allowing a lot of skaters on the ice without costumes.

CORNWALLIS, N. S., Feb. 7.—A sailor cut off two of his fingers at Kingsport on Saturday, while engaged in making a wedge with a small knife.

Thomas Onderdonk, of the firm of Nesbit & Onderdonk, Ontario, received the intelligence on Saturday of the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Onderdonk (relict of the late John Onderdonk) of Ontario, from congestion of the brain. She was eighty-three years of age.

Mr. Onderdonk ships from Canning this week five hundred barrels of apples to Liverpool, England. He still has four thousand barrels in his warehouse at Canning. He considers the call for fruit this year smaller than usual on account of the war in Africa. People are denying themselves luxuries in many parts of Great Britain.

A little child belonging to William Saulman of Berwick ran a fork into one of its eyes a short time ago. It is at present in Halifax, where it has undergone a successful operation.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9.—The steamer Manchester commenced arrival at 3 o'clock this afternoon. She had only a small lot of cargo for this port, but a considerable quantity for St. John. Pulp is being taken aboard, and the steamer will sail for St. John tomorrow.

A. L. Stephens, trainman from Truro, who is quarantined for smallpox in Moncton, has terrified the people of the Nova Scotia town, whose town council has ordered a general vaccination of all persons over three months old. Mayor Stuart and the members of the town council were vaccinated on the spot.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—A fire of a mysterious origin at Glace Bay early this morning destroyed a large tenement house and two lives were lost. Several women threw their children from the second story window when the flames burst in. They were safely caught. Miss Steale, the sister of Mrs. McIntyre, one of the tenants, remembered at the last moment that a ten-year-old boy of her sister's was still sleeping in a back room of the burning building. She bravely went to his rescue and had her arm and her aunt perished. The charred bodies were found with the arms of the girl clasping the child. The burning tenement was occupied by the families of coal miners.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—The Donaldson line steamer Elmore, commanded by Capt. R. Fairley, came in this morning with a broken shaft. She left Glasgow for Newport News on Jan. 19. Bad weather has experienced her several times during the voyage. On Feb. 3rd, in calm weather, the shaft of her funnel shaft broke. After 20 hours labor it was temporarily repaired with iron bars, chains and wedges. Repairs, which will consume two or three weeks, will be effected here.

D. M. Dickie of Canning, registrar of deeds for Kings county, died on Saturday. He was a pioneer apple shipper, and had long been a prominent man in Kings county. Capt. C. J. P. Clarkson of this city will dig the steps of St. Luke's cathedral as

he was leaving the church after service this evening. In falling he struck his head on the side rail, fracturing the skull and he never recovered in a dangerous condition.

HALIFAX, Feb. 11.—Chas. B. Broulasky, a woman of 66, and her two sons, Russian Jewish immigrants by steamer Vancouver, were stopped by United States commissioner here and forbidden to proceed to New York, their destination. They were suffering from typhus, a contagious and fatal disease. A number of other Vancouver immigrants were detained but they were able to show money enough to guarantee they would not be paupers.

WAR FUNDS.

Considerable Important Business Transacted at a Meeting of the Transvaal Contingent Fund Committee.

At a meeting of the Transvaal contingent fund committee, held in the mayor's office yesterday afternoon, there were present: J. R. Ruel, L. P. D. Tilley, L. C. Col. McLean, J. V. Ellis, M. P., L. A. Col. Markham, L. C. Col. Armstrong, Geo. Robertson, M. P., Dr. Daniel, Mayor Sears, Mayor Winslow of Chatham, Major Sturdee. Col. McLean was appointed chairman.

Geo. Robertson reported for the committee which interviewed the government to obtain an added grant. The committee were received graciously, and it seemed the intention of the government to grant the larger sum asked by the general committee. The legislature would have, of course, to vote the money.

It was moved that the committee be granted an extension of time in order to secure the payment of the sum.

The treasurer reported receipts and expenditures as follows: Receipts—St. John, \$5,612.41; St. Andrew's, \$15.25; St. George's, \$395.50; Milltown, \$200; Municipality Charlottetown, \$300; Woodstock, \$122; London, Eng., \$182.94; Chatham, \$291.75; Campbellton, \$200; Grand Falls, \$3.80; Sackville, \$35; Marysville, \$400; Shediac, \$30; Newcastle, \$55; Lt. Gov. McClellan, \$25; Fredericton Junction and McAdam Junction, \$12; Fredericton, \$50; Municipality York Co., \$400; Fredericton subscriptions, \$13; Hiram Lodge, Fredericton, \$25; Commercial Travellers' Association, \$66; Municipality Sumbury Co., \$100; total, \$8,822.65. Disbursements, \$2,470.03; balance, \$6,352.62.

The treasurer intimated that only about \$1,000 was necessary to complete the first contingent fund. The report was received and entered on minutes. J. R. Ruel moved that the balance, \$6,352.62, which would be due to the late Mr. Chappelle, be paid to his father—Carried.

Mayor Winslow explained that while Northumberland Co. does not seem to show up to a large extent, yet the municipal council had raised funds to insure the lives of the men from that county. This money might yet come into the common fund.

On motion of J. V. Ellis, the treasurer was empowered to pay two more installments to the men when these came due.

Col. Markham thought some steps should be taken in regard to payments to those men dismissed from the service.

Col. McLean explained that payments were suspended, waiting information from the commanding officers. Mayor Sears thought an executive committee should be appointed to consult with and aid the treasurer in such difficulties. His worship also deprecated having a first and second fund.

Col. Markham wanted to know what objection there was to this committee taking charge of the second fund. J. V. Ellis said there was no objection, but as yet there was no money for the latter.

The motion to pay two installments carried. Col. Markham moved that J. R. Ruel be appointed treasurer of the second contingent fund. Seconded by Geo. Robertson and carried. Mr. Ruel did not wish to act, but waived his objections at the unanimous request of the members. Dr. Daniel moved that this committee now take charge of the second fund. Seconded by Col. Markham and carried. Mayor Sears requested that the fol-

lowing amounts in his hands for this fund be taken over: \$2,074.83, less \$128.50 paid for sovereigns, etc., totaling \$1,946.33.

His worship's request was granted. Mayor Sears moved that the communication from Moncton asking for information be handed over to the secretary to answer—Carried.

Col. Jones and Col. McLean were appointed a committee to secure an official list of the members of the second contingent. Col. McLean suggested that a committee be appointed to bring the needs of the fund before the people.

Geo. Robertson moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Mayor Sears for his personal exertions on behalf of the funds. Seconded by Col. Markham and carried unanimously. His worship responded briefly.

The following committee was appointed to carry out Col. McLean's suggestion: Mayor Sears, Geo. Robertson, Dr. White, Mayor Winslow and Col. McLean. The matter of granting the committee approval to a picture of St. John to be sold for the benefit of the fund was left in the hands of a sub-committee.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT AT GRANVILLE.

Little hall at Granville was well filled with an enthusiastic and intelligent audience on Wednesday evening, Feb. 7th. The chief feature of the evening was a lecture by Rev. J. E. Warner upon his recent trip from Sea to Sea, over the C. P. R., illustrated by lantern slides. Mr. Warner spoke in high praise of the Canadian Pacific Railway as the best road across the continent. During the evening several patriotic songs were sung. Rev. Mr. Appleby gave, with much feeling, the inspiring song, A Soldier and a Man. Miss Cora Eaton did ample justice to a similarly suggestive piece. The audience joined in the chorus of the above and such other patriotic songs as Red, White and Blue, the Maple Leaf, etc. The last verse of the Red, White and Blue was composed by Rev. Mr. Warner.

The receipts at the door were some \$22, and with the subscription list, will probably reach \$60, to be added to the fund for the relief of the wives and children of the Canadian contingents.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

WEDDING BELLS. The marriage of H. H. Melanson, chief clerk of the I. C. R. passenger department, and Miss Lottie T. O'Neill, niece of Miss Hennessey of Moncton, took place at St. Bernard's R. C. church on Monday morning, in the presence of a large number of friends of the contracting parties. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Melanson left for St. John, en route to Montreal and Ottawa, on a week's bridal trip. On their return, says the Times, they will reside at the Minto. The bride, who was formerly on the Moncton schools teaching staff, is held in high esteem, and was the recipient of many valuable presents.

THE LATE MRS. CROZIER.

The funeral of the late Henrietta Crozier, wife of James Crozier, whose death occurred very suddenly on Saturday, took place on Monday from her late residence, Willow Grove. The deceased, who was a daughter of Ephraim Treadwell, leaves, besides a sorrowing husband, eleven children, the eldest of which is but fourteen years of age, while the youngest is but a week old. The deceased was highly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, and Mr. Crozier and family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in the sad bereavement.

OPORTO, Porto-Rico, Feb. 13.—The melting of the snow on the mountains has flooded the river Douro with unprecedented suddenness and shipping casualties have ensued.

WATERY BLOOD AND WEAK NERVES ARE AN OPEN DOOR TO DISEASE. Image of a door.

GUARD THE DOOR. Good health is the best asset that any man or woman can have; but good health can only be had by keeping the blood rich and red and the nerves strong. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People surpass all other medicines as a blood builder and nerve tonic. The genuine are sold only in packages like the engraving on the right, bearing the full name Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Sold by all dealers or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50c. a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

CITY Recent Around Together With from Corn Ex When ordering WEEKLY SUN which the part that of the oil is sent. Remember! Office must be ensure prompt request. THE SUN WEEKLY SUN nation of all part Maritime Province please make Bentley's Land in a few minutes. William C. A. Ridge, Kings Co. to establish a Robert Melan Lake of the V donated \$1,000. H. C. Jenks appointed deputy land county, in who has been Wanted—A Kumford Head relieve in ten ten cents. To see it is in vining—Union The marriage on Thursday of Ross C. Jaugh of the University Rev. G. M. the N. B. and will preach in dist church on Rev. C. H. P. B. F. Keith's party on board, the 7th inst. coast end to go aid. Two lumber are now seeking vana and the former porch and the has been made. The store at Sullivan at Red land county, ago. The Commercial U stock in the Capt. Geo. Pe I, and Miss Samuel Musgrave Sydney, C. E. united in matrim cent of Pitt s. The will of Witham has been and letters test his widow, Mrs. The estate in property. G. E. Miss Edna M Smith's Cove, in the general recently receive and been tion of head n —Digby Courier The heaviest ten years is re on Monday. S 22 inches, the st between Rogers Campbellton n feet of snow. There is evid laborers in Sydr attended to by cleas. On yester were two carrie going to Cape iron and steel The Globe lat the following real, Feb. 9: writer on the came here from years ago, has ing editor of the He will take ch We have Gold and are now may be sent only the pro GEN Ger HO We Have t We can achieve the best SHARP



CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges.

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THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY, issuing weekly 8,500 copies of THE WEEKLY SUN, challenges the circulation of all papers published in the Maritime Provinces. Advertisers, please make a note of this.

Bentley's Lintment will cure Croup in a few minutes.

William C. McKnight of Butterfield Ridge, Kings Co., has gone to Sydney to establish a meat business.

Robert Melcham, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., has donated \$1,000 to the patriotic fund.

H. C. Jenks of Parrsboro has been appointed deputy sheriff of Colchester county, in place of D. K. Holmes, who has been retired.

Wanted—A case of Headache that Kumfort Headache Powders will not relieve in ten minutes. All dealers, ten cents.

To see it is inviting, to use it is convincing—Union Blend Tea.

The marriage occurred at Chatham on Thursday of Geo. B. Fraser and Rosa C., daughter of the late Dr. Jack of the University of New Brunswick.

Rev. G. M. Campbell, president of the N. B. and P. E. Island conference, will preach in Exmouth Street Methodist church on Sunday morning, and Rev. C. H. Paisley in the evening.

B. F. Keith's fine steam yacht Courier, with Mr. and Mrs. Keith and party on board, arrived at Havana on the 7th inst. from a cruise along the coast and to gulf ports.—Boston Herald.

Two lumber cargoes from this port are now seeking vessels, one for Havana and the other for Grenada. For the former port \$7 has been offered and for the latter \$5, but no charter has been made.

The store and dwelling of Daniel Sullivan at Red Bank, Northumberland county, was burned a few days ago. The property was insured in the Commercial Union for \$2,000 and the stock in the store for \$1,000.

Capt. Geo. Peters of Montague, P. E. I., and Miss May, only daughter of Samuel Musgrave, International pier, Sydney, C. B., were on Wednesday united in matrimony by Rev. Mr. Vincent of Pitt Street Baptist church.

The will of the late James B. Witham has been admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to his widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Witham. The estate is valued at \$400 personal property. G. E. Fairweather, proctor.

Miss Edna Mcintosh, formerly of Smith's Cove, who has been a student in the general hospital, St. John, has recently received her graduate diploma and been appointed to the position of head nurse in that institution.—Digby Courier.

The heaviest single fall of snow in ten years is reported at Campbellton on Monday. Snow fell to the depth of 21 inches, the storm being most severe between Rogersville and St. Plavie. Campbellton now enjoys about five feet of snow.—Times.

There is evidently more work for laborers in Sydney, C. B., than can be extended to by unemployed provincials. On yesterday's Atlantic express were two carloads of Italian laborers going to Cape Breton to toil for the iron and steel company.

The Globe last evening published the following despatch, dated Montreal, Feb. 9: J. C. Walsh, editorial writer on the Montreal Herald, who came here from the Toronto Globe two years ago, has been appointed managing editor of the St. John Telegraph. He will take charge next week.

Mrs. Chloe A. Nickerson, widow of the late Freeman Nickerson, South side, died at that place on Feb. 13, aged 46 years, says the Halifax Herald. She leaves four children. A sister of the deceased is Mrs. Swin, wife of Rev. O'Meon Swin, now stationed at New Brunswick.

A Red Bank, Miramichi, letter says: "On Feb. 3rd, the house and store of D. Sullivan & Sons was destroyed by fire. A considerable portion of the contents were saved, though somewhat damaged. The loss was fairly well covered by insurance, but the blow is heavy, as this is the busy season with the lumbermen."

Dickie & McGrath have purchased the steamer Briardene, from her English owners. She is now in Liverpool, England, undergoing repairs to her propeller. The Briardene will carry over 1,000,000 feet of lumber and will come out to Tusket Wedge shortly. The firm have an order for 5,000,000 feet from parties in Bordeaux, France.—Yarmouth Times.

Miss Christie MacDonald (a native of Pictou, N. S.), will make her appearance in the title role of "The Princess Chloé" at the Columbia theatre this evening. Miss MacDonald has been in constant rehearsal for the past week, and her appearance in a part that seems to be so nicely fitted to her capabilities will be a real event in comic opera.—Thursday's Boston Herald.

There is a suggestion of one of Bret Harte's stories in an item that comes from Sydney. It is as follows: "Capt. Allan D. Lawson of Wallace, N. S., yesterday sold the schooner Rhuma to Capt. J. B. McNeil of Sydney. As indicating the scarcity of living accommodations in Sydney, it will be interesting to know that Capt. McNeil leased the cabin of his new purchase to a new arrival for \$5 a month."

A Philadelphia despatch of Feb. 7 says: "Under orders from the officials of the American Sugar Refining company, the Spreckels refinery here has closed, throwing out of employment 1,000 men. It was announced today at McKean's refinery, which is a rival of the American Sugar Refining company, that the plant will be temporarily closed within a few days. Nearly 2,000 men are employed at this place."

Albert Huntley McNeil, aged three years and ten months, son of John McNeil, printer, of Antigonish, formerly a resident of St. John, was drowned in the river near his home on Saturday. With his older brother and another comrade he was walking along the stream, when he fell in and was carried down by the current. His playmates ran for help, and the body was soon found. Medical aid was summoned, but the efforts of the doctors were unavailing.

The warrant of the minister of justice for the delivery of Elmer Maxwell, the murderer of Capt. Paisley, to the American authorities, is now in the hands of Sheriff Sturdee, and the United States marshal from Portland, Me., is expected here today, to take the prisoner back with him. The warrant was received by the sheriff from the lieutenant governor, Consul Myers was at once notified, and he telegraphed to Portland, Me., to send an officer. The murder was committed on November 11. The United States authorities are to pay the expenses of the preliminary examination and Maxwell's board in the jail at the rate of 40 cents per day.

COUNTRY AHEAD of the city for residence. But alas, neither place is proof against coughs or colds, and so Adams's Botanic Cough Balsam is welcome in both localities. 25c. all druggists.

James Brayden, Upper Loch Lomond, a son of the late Wm. Brayden, died Monday morning after a lingering illness, aged forty years. The mother of the deceased and five sisters and three brothers survive. He was an unmarried man and had many friends in the county. Rev. L. A. Hoyt will conduct the funeral service on Wednesday.

MEDAL CONTEST. The following is the standing of the leaders up to yesterday in the competition for the gold medal at the Currier Business University:

- Points. Alkida Wood, city ..... 149. Beatrice Thorne, Moncton, N. B. 137. Fred Grant, city ..... 137. Roy Crawford, city ..... 133. Bliss A. Smith, Hopewell Hill, N. B. 127. John Foley, Corn Hill, N. B. 127. Laura Hackett, city ..... 122. John Hughes, city ..... 122.

EVERY DRUGGIST in the land sells Pain-Killer. The best liniment for sprains and bruises. The best remedy for colds and coughs. Avoid substitutes, there's but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

Notice to Subscribers.

John E. Austin is travelling in Queens Co. N. B. in the interests of the Sun.

SUDDEN DEATH.

J. J. Bostwick Found Dead Sunday in His Warehouse. James J. Bostwick, well known wholesale grocery and provision merchant, was found dead at midday Sunday in the upper story of his establishment on North wharf. He had been for some time troubled with indigestion, and the circumstances surrounding his death give color to the belief that it was caused by an overdose of the medicine he had been using to induce sleep.

He went into business with a partner, and the circumstances surrounding his death give color to the belief that it was caused by an overdose of the medicine he had been using to induce sleep. Mr. Bostwick was a member of the Baptist church, and his death was a surprise to the public and his sudden taking on a fearful shock to his wife and family. Mr. Bostwick came of a long family and was born about fifty-four years ago at Kingston, Kings county. He was a son of James Bostwick, and came to this city when 21 years of age. He went into business with his brother, C. M. Bostwick, and was connected with him till December, 1898, when he purchased the business of Geo. L. Slipp, which he continued till his death. The deceased gentleman was one of the foremost members of the Baptist congregation, having been a deacon of the German street church for many years. He took a deep interest in Sunday school work, having been largely instrumental in the establishment of mission schools in this city. He took a leading part in the promotion of the interests of the Baptist Seminary and did much to establish the school at St. Martins. Mr. Bostwick married a daughter of the late Rev. James Spencer, who, with three daughters and one son, survive him.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon from his late residence. An inquiry was held on Monday by Coroner Berryman relative to the death of James Bostwick. The jury consisted of Joseph F. Merritt, Thorne, J. A. Likely, J. J. McCaffrey, A. W. Adams, J. E. Moore and M. Gallagher.

Kenneth Bostwick, son of the deceased gentleman, the first witness, said he had his father's room at 11 o'clock Saturday night. He seemed to be as well as usual. The witness did not know what time his father went out Sunday morning; he did not take breakfast with the family. After looking for his father, he called on his sister, Mrs. Titus, and that gentleman accompanied him to his father's store on the North wharf. There his father's body was discovered by Mr. Titus.

Mr. Titus described the position of the remains and surroundings. The witness thought Mr. Bostwick was all right Saturday and produced business letters written by him in proof of his opinion. Mr. Titus was shown a letter written by his father to his son, telling him that he would never see him alive again. Directions were given the case to family and business matters.

Dr. James Christie said he examined the body of the deceased but did not consider a post mortem necessary. Death was caused, in his opinion, by the inhalation of chloroform. Dr. John Barryman said Mr. Bostwick consulted him in April, 1899, relative to great depression of spirits, nervous restlessness, and that the deceased complained that he was going from bad to worse; and added that he did not know what the end would be. Witness gave him general and moral treatment. Later on Mr. Bostwick took a dose of some very well known medicine. In April last, the deceased seemed utterly hopeless. It was possible that he lost control of himself.

Witness E. Brittain, who worked for Mr. Bostwick from the time he started his business till Saturday last, said the deceased had been drinking whisky in spirits at times. He seemed to worry over previous business. On Saturday he made a remark to witness about something going to happen, and said witness should look after the business. Handed a letter written by Mr. Bostwick, witness identified it and said it was written in January. In it Mr. Bostwick stated that he felt badly over things generally and business in particular. He requested the witness to look after the business in case anything happened to him. Business, he continued, had gone wrong and his troubles were sapping the life out of him. He advised Brittain, in the concluding part of the letter, to avoid giving notes, stating that they had been his ruin.

Wm. R. Williams, another employe, agreed with others that Mr. Bostwick seemed to worry over things. The jury, after listening to a short address from the coroner, returned a verdict to the effect that Mr. Bostwick came to his death by the inhalation of chloroform, administered by his own hand, while temporarily insane.

On Saturday evening the late Mr. Bostwick was in company with Rev. G. O. Gates making a call upon a sick friend. He was then cheerful and apparently in excellent spirits.

THE EXTRADITION CASE.

W. S. Hasty, United States marshal, came in from Portland on the Atlantic express yesterday morning to take Elmer Maxwell, charged with the murder of Captain Paisley, to Portland, Maine. Mr. Hasty will leave with his prisoner this morning. The warrant for the delivery of Maxwell has been issued by the justice of the peace to Sheriff Sturdee and is in his possession. The state department of the United States has assumed the expenses of the preliminary examination here and of Maxwell's board, at 40 cents a day. On Maxwell's arrival at Portland a warrant will be issued against him and he will be brought before a commissioner for a preliminary trial. Then he will be remanded and tried at the circuit court, which meets in April. Chief Clerk Dr. Berryman and numerous other witnesses will have to give testimony in person at the latter trial.

THE DEANERY OF KINGSTON.

The regular quarterly meeting of this deanery was held at Upham on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8th and 9th. There were present: Rural Dean Hamilton, and the Revs. E. A. Wainwright, D. I. Wetmore, H. S. Wainwright, A. J. Crosswell, A. W. Daniel, S. New, A. A. Slipper, C. A. S. Wainwright, W. J. Bate and C. D. Schofield.

The business meeting of the chapter was begun with prayer and the reading of Greek Testament, with a paper and discussion on the chapter read. The first matter to come before the meeting was the election of officers. Rev. A. W. Daniel was re-elected secretary-treasurer; Rev. A. J. Crosswell and G. O. D. Ody were re-elected representatives from the Deanery on the board of home missions.

The future of the K. D. Choral Union was considered. A lengthy financial report being made by the secretary-treasurer, it was unanimously decided that the union should continue to carry on its work. Officers of the Choral Union were then elected: President, Rev. S. Nesley; Conductor, Rev. C. P. Henington; secretary-treasurer, Rev. C. D. Schofield.

A session on Sunday School work resulted in a decision to hold an examination for S. S. teachers some time in the year, and a committee was appointed to submit a detailed scheme for the same at the next meeting of the chapter.

Dean brought forward the question of the appointment of a corresponding secretary for the Deanery. Reference was made to the difficulty of getting accurate reports of church meetings, even in church papers. On motion, the Rev. C. B. Schofield was appointed to the office, and it was decided that matters for publication should be sent through the secretary.

The matter of systematic reading by the clergy was discussed, and steps were taken for the strengthening and encouragement of such work. The action of the County Council in regard to the war fund was commended, and a resolution unanimously agreed to, that we, the clergy of Kingston Deanery, assembled in session at Upham on Feb. 8th, do hereby express our appreciation of the action of the County Council in making a grant of \$500 towards the Canadian patriotic fund.

Two public services were held in conjunction with the meeting—evangelical service on Wednesday, and a celebration of the Holy Communion on Thursday at 8 a. m. The next meeting of the chapter will be held at Hampton on May 9th and 10th.

NOVA SCOTIA'S MAYORS.

- Antigonish—P. S. Floyd. Annapolis—Aug. Robinson, M. D. Amherst—J. A. Dickey. Bridgewater—Harry Burgess. Dartmouth—A. C. Johnston. Digby—G. I. Letteney. Hantsport—W. S. Whitman. Halifax—Mr. Hamilton. Kentville—Wm. Todd. Lunenburg—D. J. Rudolf. New Glasgow—R. H. Graham. North Sydney—D. D. McKenzie. Port Hawkesbury—J. Philip. Pictou—A. J. Craig. Springhill—William Conway. Sydney—William Crowe. Stellarton—Robt. Drummond. Truro—Geo. W. Stuart. Westville—E. McDonald. Windsor—Rufus Curry. Yarmouth—Geo. W. Thompson. Wolfville—A. F. Steneman.

MAN AND WIFE.

See Changes as They Change. To sweeten sour human nature, one of the best methods is to leave off coffee if it gives you dyspepsia or makes you nervous.

"I asked husband this morning to write out a testimonial for the Postum Cereal Co., and from it I quote, 'I am pleased to be able to state that my wife has been cured of sick headaches and nervousness by leaving off coffee and using your Postum Food Coffee. My home is now a happy one.' 'I am forced to admit the joke contains more than a modicum of truth, for I find now I have complete control of my nerves, which formerly was often irritable, and my husband himself has been entirely cured of insomnia by leaving off coffee and taking up Postum. He sleeps now like a baby, from the time he goes to bed until morning, and perhaps his improvement is nearly a reason for his seeking such an improvement in me. At any rate, our old sickness and troubles have disappeared.' 'I had tried everything for my sick headaches, but, as long as I stuck to the coffee the headaches stuck to me. It took us a little while to learn that we must follow the directions in making Postum, in order to obtain a really palatable, delicious beverage. People must get over the idea that they can make it up in any kind of a slipshod way and have it good. The great element in making good Postum is to allow it plenty of time to boil. That certainly is simple enough, and when the cook becomes accustomed to making Postum, one can depend upon a regular quality every morning.' 'I know people who seem to be able to drink coffee, with no bad effects; and on the other hand, I know that probably one-half of all my friends are more or less unpleasantly affected with coffee, when they persist in using it, but Postum has obtained a strong hold since its qualities have become known, and a great many of our friends are steady users of Postum in place of the ordinary coffee, and you may be sure every family that uses Postum for even one month will be ready to testify to the improvement in health.' 'If you should publish this letter, please suppress my name, as I have a horror of undue publicity. If any one would like to see the original, or to have my name and address I will cheerfully answer any questions that may be asked, and furnish satisfactory evidence to substantiate my statements. Respectfully, Mrs. —, Hyde Park, London, Can.

RECENT DEATHS.

Miss Berle Hocken died at her home in Chatham on Monday after an illness of only a few days. Miss Hocken was the daughter of the late Richard Hocken of Chatham. She leaves four sisters, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Schriever and Mrs. Rogers. Two brothers, M. and Richard Hocken, also survive.

Henry Brooks of Weymouth, N. S., aged 68, died suddenly on Feb. 6th. He was a prominent citizen, a life long liberal, a member of the high court of Foresters, and also a member of St. Thomas Anglican church, and an active temperance man. He leaves two sons, two daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.

William C. Desbrisay of Charlottetown, who was an official in the public works department, died at the general hospital, Ottawa, on Feb. 5th. He was 47 years old. Mr. Desbrisay was formerly clerk of the legislative assembly of P. E. Island. He went to Ottawa as a seasonal clerk, was promoted to the privy council staff, and finally given a position in the public works.

Isabel, wife of James Carr, died at their home at Canterbury station on Wednesday, January 31st. She leaves a husband, two sons and several grandchildren.

By telegram received by Mrs. Stephen Whitty of Charlottetown on Saturday it was learned that Mrs. Gallant, widow of the late Moses Gallant, died suddenly in Roxbury, Mass.

Capt. John Crosby, died on Sunday morning at his residence near Broad Brook, Yarmouth county, N. S. The deceased was formerly Miss Mahulda Huriburt of Tusket lakes, and was first married to Capt. Nathan McConnell, who was lost at sea in the schooner Dreadnaught in March, 1879, on the passage from Antigua to Yarmouth. Capt. Crosby died about two years ago. The deceased was 70 years and 6 months of age, and leaves no children.

The death occurred on Saturday, the 11th inst. of Mrs. Charles Beverly Foster, chief clerk in the C. P. R. general office, this city. Mrs. Foster was formerly a Miss Page of Truro, and was a sister of Mrs. O'Day, wife of one of the Standard Oil magnates of New York. Mrs. Day is at present in this city. The deceased, who was a most estimable young lady, had a large circle of friends, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved husband. Two infant children survive.

TEAT HACKING COUGH IS A WARNING NOT TO BE LIGHTLY TREATED.

Perry-Pectoral cures with absolute certainty all recent coughs and colds. Make it time. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry's Pain-Killer.

ANOTHER SMALLPOX SCARE.

Barnes Allard, a mill hand, formerly of Carleton, who has been working at Nouvelle, Quebec, arrived in the city Saturday, accompanied by his mother. Allard has had smallpox, and his mother nursed him during his illness. Allard is now convalescent, and has a certificate from the doctor at Nouvelle that he had been properly cared for, fumigated, etc. Nevertheless, the local authorities were not satisfied, and it was deemed probable the danger of contagion.

The Board of Trade received a telegram from Moncton, stating that the couple were on the train, and Dr. W. L. Ellis and Inspector O'Neill were at the station to meet them. It was found that the train men had taken every precaution by putting the two alone in a colonist car, which was pretty thoroughly saturated with carbolic acid and other disinfectants.

Dr. Ellis advised that Allard be still further quarantined in this city, and that all possible precautions be taken to protect any who had in any way come in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Allard during their journey. Mr. and Mrs. Allard have been removed to the epidemic hospital. Mr. Allard, who has been in the epidemic hospital for some days, will finish his quarantine with Mr. Date.

LEFT A GOOD INCOME.

Mrs. Charles W. Welch of Portland, Me., has received notification that she has fallen heir to a sum of money which was recently bequeathed to her by her father, Edward D. Welch, late of Charlottetown, P. E. I. Mrs. Welch before marriage was Miss Ella May Wiley, and she was married to Mr. Welch of Portland in the year 1887. The property consists of real estate valued at about \$15,000 and real-estate taxes, and three grand-children.

THE LATE LORD AVA.

The Sun is indebted to Col. H. H. McLean for a copy of the following telegram sent by C. A. Duff Miller to Lord Dufferin, on behalf of New Brunswick, on learning of the death of his son, Lord Ava, and a copy of Lord Dufferin's reply. Mr. Duff Miller, Marquess of Dufferin, Clarendon, Belfast: Beg to offer heartfelt sympathy of province to represent where your name is as honored as you personally and Lady Dufferin are beloved.

CLANDEBOYE, Co. Down, 16th Jan. 1900.

The Hon. Chas. A. Duff Miller, Agent General for New Brunswick: My Dear Mr. Duff Miller—I need not say how deeply grateful my wife and I are for the kind words of sympathy you have been good enough to send us in behalf of the province of New Brunswick. We well know how kind all the nobles and the Dominion have ever shown themselves toward us, and it is indeed a pleasure to think that after this long interval of time, we are not forgotten by those to whom both Lady Dufferin and I were so warmly attached. My thanks very truly, Believe me, Yours very sincerely, DUFFERIN AND ALVA.

NEW COMPANIES.

W. A. Trueman, Albert W. Wells, Moncton, and the Realty, Moncton, and James R. McDonald, New York, are seeking incorporation as the Alma and Harvey Railway company, with a capital of \$100,000, to acquire and operate the Albert Southern railway. W. B. Snowball, R. A. Snowball,

PROFESSIONAL.

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WANTED.

WANTED—A Second Class Female Teacher for School Dist. No. 4 in the Parish of Brunswick County, N. B. Wanted immediately. Dated the 8th of January, 1900. Apply to JARVIS T. COREY, Secretary to Trustees, Dist. No. 4, Canada Fork.

WANTED—\$2 per day sure, gentlemen or ladies, special work, position permanent; reliable firm, with best references; experience unnecessary. Address, S. M. FRY, Post-Manager, Hamilton, Ont.

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Geo. E. Fisher, R. A. Lawlor and D. G. Smith, Chatham, are seeking incorporation as the Chatham Electric Light Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$50,000, to carry on a general electric lighting business in Chatham and vicinity.

E. R. Machum, H. W. Machum, Jas. F. Weston, J. Willard Smith, Charles W. Sempie, A. P. Barnhill, R. Duncan Smith and John S. Machum of St. John, and Thomas A. Lindsay of Woodstock are seeking incorporation as the D. R. Machum Co., Ltd., to carry on a general fire, marine, accident, fidelity, guarantee, identification, plate glass and other general insurance and agency business. The capital stock is \$50,000 and the head office will be at Woodfield.

SATURDAY'S AUCTIONS.

At Chubb's Corner on Saturday Geo. W. Gerow sold the Lawrence McGrath property, situate in the parish of Simons, to Kane & McGrath at \$850. W. A. Lockhart sold a fresh lot of land situate on Sheffield street, belonging to the estate of the late James Carr, to A. B. MacLean at \$85.

Mr. Lockhart next offered for sale 28 shares Bank of New Brunswick stock, which was knocked down at 200 per cent. premium. The three-story wooden houses on the corner of Leinster and Carmichael streets, with fresh lot, was purchased by Richard G. Magee at \$2,225; also the building lot on the east side of Prince William street, adjoining the Pottinell property, at \$300 to Wm. Magee. The lot on Germain street will be sold by private sale, as a reasonable bid was not made.

Twenty shares Auer Light stock, par value \$100 per share, were withdrawn at 28 per cent.

IF TAKEN IN TIME The D. & L. Emulsion will surely cure the most serious affections of the lungs. That "run-down" condition, the after effects of a heavy cold is quickly counteracted. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

STARTLING TRAGEDY AT CARIBOU.

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 12.—A special to the Whig from Caribou, says that an attempted murder and suicide occurred three miles from that village late this afternoon. Norman Campbell shot a Mrs. Whitehead in the face and back and then shot himself. He died immediately. At 1 o'clock this evening the woman was still alive. Jealousy is the supposed cause of the tragedy.

BOER WAR MAP.

SEND FIVE CENTS to the Daily Sun Office for a large map of the Transvaal, showing all places where fighting is likely to take place.

TRANS-PERSIAN RAILWAY.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The construction of the trans-Persian railway has been absolutely decided upon. The line will be 1,500 miles long and will cost \$30,000,000 (Turkish). The Videmost says the route will be from Dehli, by way of Tabreez, Hamadan, Ispaan and Kerman to Bander Abbas."

WILL TAKE MEN FROM N. S.

BUCKSPORT, Me., Feb. 10.—Negotiations were closed here today by the shipbuilding firm of McKay & Dix of New York for the lease of the Beaulieu shipyard for a term of five years. It will at once commence the building of three large vessels, one a heavy three-master for the Greenland trade and two four-masters. No vessels have been built here since 1881, although the facilities are excellent for the industry. McKay & Dix will employ 150 men, bringing a large number from their works in Parrsboro.

RINK ROOF COLLAPSED.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Feb. 11.—The roof of the new Victoria skating rink, conducted by A. D. Holyoke, fell in Saturday morning about 7:30 o'clock. Fortunately there was no one in the building at the time. A children's carnival was to have been held in the afternoon, Friday evening as the band was playing the last selection, several iron rods across the interior of the building snapped, causing some alarm. The accident was caused by the immense weight of snow on the roof.

TO SPEAK IN BOSTON.

MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—Sir Charles Tupper has accepted an invitation to address a monster mass meeting to be held in Boston in March in aid of the British South African patriotic fund.

WE CLAIM THAT THE D. & L. Menthol Plaster will cure lumbago, backache, sciatica, or neuralgic pains quicker than any other remedy. Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

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SHIP NEWS.

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CANADIAN PORTS.

At Yarmouth, Feb. 8, sch Preference, Tretry, from Sydney.

BRITISH PORTS.

At Sydney, N S W, Feb 10, ship Norwood, Roy, from New York.

FOREIGN PORTS.

At Carrabelle, Feb 7, sch Wentworth, Gibson, from Havana.

At New York, Feb 7, sch Adelene, McLennan, for Cattaret.

At New York, Feb 9, sch Gypson, Empress, from Boston.

At New York, Feb 10, sch Avalon, Howard, for Annapolis.

At New York, Feb 7, sch H B Hoeman, McNeil, for Barbados.

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BOSTON LETTER.

About \$8,000 for the British South Africa Fund.

How the Emersonian Policy is Interpreted by New Brunswickers in Boston.

Deaths of Former Provincialists - French Canadian Church Trouble - Lumber Market Fairly Active - Fish Trade Quiet.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BOSTON, Feb. 11.-The business community of Boston is slowly recovering from the effects of the failure of two banks and a dozen large business firms early in the winter. It is believed that the last of the embarrassments arising from these difficulties has now been received and a score of assignees are working hard to bring an effort to deal with the same.

The men in charge of the fund now being raised in this state for the relief of British soldiers' families are meeting with much encouragement. The names collected by the British South Africa Patriotic Fund Association now amount to about \$8,000. This does not include large sums which have been subscribed independent of this organization.

An incident in connection with the collection of the fund was the contribution of \$2 by the British-born employees of the Assabet woolen mills of Maynard. These men had failed about a year ago, owing to their operatives they had held on deposit for some time a savings bank principle, and one-third of the amount was lost. This, however, did not prevent the Britishers at Maynard from expressing their sympathy with the old country in a substantial manner, although had not been for the financial troubles their contribution would have been larger. Worcester has started a fund for the families of British soldiers, and the first day of the fund was inaugurated \$3,288 was pledged.

Archbishop Williams has declined to recognize the French Canadianism of North Brookfield who left the Roman Catholic church there and built one of their own. Rev. Jean Bergeron, their pastor, continues to have the form of the Catholic church, and appears not to be disturbed by the refusal of the archbishop to recognize him. The trouble arose over the failure of the bishop of the diocese to provide a French speaking priest, and the withdrawal of the majority of most of the French Canadianism, who, it is said, constituted the majority in the parish.

J. H. McGlenn, an attorney of Charlottetown, after some difficulty, has succeeded in locating Mrs. Charles W. Welch, formerly of this city, who is heir to an estate valued at about \$15,000. The property was left her by Edward W. Willy of Charlottetown, her father. Mrs. Welch has been located in Portland, Me., where her husband is a teamster. Both had written several letters to Mr. Willy, but had never received any answer. Through enquiries set on foot by Attorney McGlenn, the couple were located, and Mrs. Welch was considerably surprised when she heard that her father was dead. They will leave for the island in a few days.

The Newlowne Hockey Club, the leading aggregation of the kind in New England, contemplates visiting St. John and Halifax this season for the purpose of meeting some of the crack players of eastern Canada. Negotiations for the proposed trip are now pending.

The disappointing inaction of the New Brunswick government regarding the big sportsmen's show to be opened here on Feb. 22, is causing some comment among some of those interested in the exhibition and in the press. The refusal of the government to lend Tweedie and one or two other lights to do anything towards having their province represented, has disgusted New Brunswickers in Boston. It is believed that if Hon. Mr. Dunn had his way the local government would have done something this year to advance the interests of the province, but it appears that the politicians, contractors and favored bridge builders have so sapped its financial resources that those in control have decided that those exercise economy.

The Worcester Telegram, commenting upon the slunder, says: "The decision of the government of New Brunswick to have no part in the show comes as a disappointment to Worcester sportsmen, who in former years have been won by the exhibit over the line. Nevertheless, the show will be a big one, it is predicted, and New Brunswick can do as it pleases."

The jury in the case of Thomas D. Burns of New Brunswick against William S. Janvin, a Boston merchant, for \$25,000 damages for the alienation of his wife's affections, was unable to agree, and the case will have to be tried over again, if the matter is not dropped.

Among the deaths of former provincialists were the following: At Arlington, Feb. 9, Mrs. Ann Yeo Ellis, aged 57, wife of Robert Ellis, formerly of Biddeford, Lot 12, P. E. I.; in Roxbury, Mrs. Moses Gallant, formerly of Charlottetown; in Dorchester Lower Mills, Feb. 5, Mrs. Elizabeth S. Ingie, widow of George Ingie, aged 74 years, formerly of Halifax; in Malden, Feb. 4, Mrs. Mary Rebecca Johnson, wife of George A. Johnson, late of Nova Scotia; in Somerville, Feb. 8, Debbie E. Tooker, formerly of Yarmouth; in Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston, Feb. 8, Rebecca McEllan, daughter of Duncan and Catherine McEllan, aged 18 years, formerly of Nova Scotia; at Waltham, Feb. 8, Lawrence Foster Berry, aged 52 years, formerly of Nova Scotia; in Roxbury district, Feb. 4, Henry C. Clark, husband of Mary A. Clark, formerly of Prince Edward Island; drowned on Jan. 29, from Gloucester fishing schooner Pythian, James Tarrlo of Antichat, N. S.; drowned Feb. 10, from Gloucester

CATARH. TREATMENT AND CURE.

Statistics prove that ninety seven per cent of Canadians suffer from Catarrh, and that this disease is most dangerous owing to its tendency to extend to the bronchial tubes and lungs, causing consumption.

So inadequate has the use of sprays, douches and auufs proved in the treatment of Catarrh that these methods have not been in use by the regular physicians during the last decade, but it was not until the discovery of Catarrhose, the medicated air treatment, that the profession could be persuaded to treat this disease locally.

Catarrhose treatment, founded upon the knowledge that air, and dried only, can enter the bronchial tubes and lungs, at once commended itself to all scientific and medical men.

They found in Catarrhose a new germicide of sufficient power to kill the bacilli of Catarrh, Bronchitis and Asthma, and volatile enough to impregnate every particle of air breathed by the patient, yet leaving it free from moisture, thus enabling the cure to reach every part of the passage, the head and throat, and to penetrate the minutest air cells in the lungs.

After the germs have been killed, Catarrhose at once acts upon the inflamed mucous membrane, soothing and restoring them to their natural and healthy condition.

The convenience and value of the Catarrhose Inhaler is easily recognized. A sudden change in weather, damp feet or sitting in a draught is often the beginning of serious complications, but having the Inhaler in your pocket, at the moment of need you can apply the remedy and avoid fatal consequences.

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Some of the names of the former of Shelburne, N. S. The following visitors from the provinces were in the city recently: J. Francis Gregory, F. Skinner and Mrs. Skinner, J. M. Johnson, E. H. Fredericks, B. P. Pearson, Halifax; H. K. Ellis, Antigonish.

A meeting in sympathy with the cause of Great Britain is to be held at Tremont Temple in this city, on March 5. It is to be held under the auspices of the South African Patriotic Fund Association, and among those invited to speak is Sir Charles Tupper, the able leader of the conservative party in Canada.

The lumber market here is fairly active, with a good many orders for spruce for large construction. Spruce boards are firm, with the demand good and the supply limited. There are few orders as yet for lumber for house building, but reports from the coast early for much business from this source. There have been no increase in prices of late, but the mill men's agreement rates are being lived up to in the expectation that a further advance may be ordered at an early date. Much of the lumber is being shipped to the logging regions, which up to ten days ago had but little snow. It is now said, however, that there is plenty of snow and that operations are being rushed.

Homeick here is very firm and scarce. Shingles are selling at \$1.25 to \$1.50; eastern boards, \$1.10 to \$1.25; No. 1, \$1.40 to \$1.50; boards, planed one side and matched, \$1.70 to \$1.85; cedar shingles, \$3.15 to \$3.20; clear, \$2.65 to \$2.70; second clear, \$2.10 to \$2.25; clear white, \$3.20 to \$3.30; extra pine shingles, \$3.50 to \$3.60; clear, \$3.00 to \$3.20; second clear, \$2.50.

The fish trade is generally quiet, with little doing in any department at present. Codfish are selling slowly, although there is a little better than several weeks ago. Large dry bank are still held at \$5.00, large pickled bank at \$5.00 to \$5.25, and small bank at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Pickled herring are very steady, with cargo lots in short supply and firm. Nova Scotia split herring are worth \$6.50 for large and \$5.50 for medium, and fancy Scattered \$7 to 8. Canned lobsters are still in short supply and cheapest to be had are \$1.25 to \$1.50. Flat fish are quoted nominally at \$3.15 to \$3.30, and uprights at \$3 to \$3.15. The supply of fresh fish is large and consequently prices are lower. Provincial smelts continue steady at 6 to 7c. Live lobsters are scarce and much higher. The price of fish held at 20c, and bottled at 22 to 25c.

BIRTHS. MACDONALD - At Edmonston, Northwest Territories, on Jan. 30th, the wife of Charles Dew. Macdonald, of a son.

MARRIAGES. FRASER-JAET - At Chatham, N. B., on Feb. 11th, by the Rev. D. Henderson, Geo. Fraser, barrister at law, and Gertrude Rosa C., daughter of the late Dr. W. B. Fraser.

SHEPPARD-McWHINNIE - At the Baptist Parsonage, Digby, on Feb. 8th, by Rev. Byron H. Thomas, Ambrose Sheppard and Miss Lizzie A. McWhinnie, both of Grandville, Annapolis Co.

DEATHS. BOSTWICK - Suddenly, in this city, Feb. 11th, James J. Bostwick, in the 63rd year of his age.

CELANO - St. Martin's, N. B., Feb. 8th, 1899, Ann Cronk, widow of the late James Cronk, aged 74 years.

CROZIER - At Willow Grove, on Feb. 9th, Foley Henrietta, wife of James Crozier, aged 74 years.

ELLIS - Surrounded by her children, at 85 Medford street, Arlington, Mass. in the 74th year of her age, on Feb. 10th, the wife of Robert Ellis (shipbuilder), formerly of Biddeford, Lot 15 of Prince Edward Island.

FOSTER - On Feb. 10th, 1899, Rita, beloved wife of Charles Beverley Foster, aged 57 years, accidentally killed at Magalloway, N. B., on Jan. 23rd, Brest W. Gibson.

McLELLAN - In Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Feb. 8th, Rebecca McEllan, daughter of Catherine and Duncan McEllan, 17 years, 8 months and 10 days. (Nova Scotia papers please copy.)

POPPE - Entered into rest, Thursday, Feb. 9th, at 8 o'clock p. m., after a brief illness, Rev. Henry Poppe, D. D., leaving a sorrowing widow, two daughters and a son to mourn their loss.

WILSON - Entered into rest, Thursday, Feb. 9th, at 10 o'clock p. m., Mrs. Bertha Wilson, aged 33 years.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Important Statement in Regard to Army Measures.

England Will Soon Have an Army of Over Half a Million.

The Government Propose to Put the Pay of the Militia on the Same Scale as the Regulars.

LONDON, Feb. 12.-The house of commons was crowded today, in anticipation of the statement of George Wyndham, parliamentary secretary of war office, in regard to the army measures. Joseph H. Choate, the United States ambassador, Henry White, the secretary of the U. S. embassy, and W. T. Barker, the president of the Chicago Board of Trade, were among those present in the distinguished strangers' gallery.

Mr. Wyndham rose amid cheers, when the house went into committee of supply, and said that he did not propose to deal with the question of the prosecution of the war, but would proceed immediately to outline other military measures necessary for placing home defence on a permanent footing. The government, he continued, had not even considered the question of compulsory service, which was entirely unnecessary, in view of the activity of recruiting for the auxiliary forces. Since the war 100,000 recruits had joined under the existing conditions, and he pointed out, if improved facilities were offered, he anticipated that the voluntary auxiliary forces, if their efficiency was increased, would easily suffice for passive defence and to garrison the seaports and other positions. They might even be qualified for undertaking more onerous duties. The government proposed to put the pay of the militia on the same scale as the regulars and embody the whole militia. During the spring and summer the volunteer artillery could be re-armed, and a higher capitulation grant would be given the volunteers, coupled with the demand for higher efficiency. A mounted infantry volunteer corps would be formed, and the Yeomanry would be treated on the same broad principle. The artillery, army service corps and engineers necessary for two additional army corps would be raised forthwith, namely, thirty-six field batteries and seven horse batteries. The speaker also said it had been decided to raise twelve additional infantry battalions.

Continuing, Mr. Wyndham said the existing cavalry forces would also be expanded by seven regiments, and that commissions would be offered to militia officers, to the colonies and to the universities. At present, the speaker further pointed out, there are 100,000 men in the country, and the increase was anticipated to be 30,000. There were now 225,000 men in the auxiliary forces, and it was estimated the increase would be 50,000 men. So altogether, the country would soon have at least 517,000 men, and Mr. Wyndham said that the number would be nearer 600,000 than half a million.

The secretary of state for war, Lord Lansdowne, furnished the house of lords with a statement similar to that of Mr. Wyndham.

The House of Commons and the Duke of Cambridge were interested listeners in the house of lords.

Mr. Wyndham's announcement that commissions in the regular army would be offered to the colonies was received with great cheering.

During the course of his remarks, Mr. Wyndham referred to the government's confidence in the power and splendid efficiency of the fleet, saying it was never greater or more legitimate than now.

But, in case of the fear of invasion, the government of the day would have to rely on the auxiliary forces, and it would be the first duty of the fleet to be off the enemy's coast, or face to face with the enemy.

The government, Mr. Wyndham then said, was not making an appeal for money and men in a spirit of panic. The risk was not very much nearer than a year ago, but it had increased in exact proportion to the reduction of the home military defence, which sufficed to justify the present demands for an increase of the resources for home defence.

The liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, followed the speaker and said he had heard of the great scheme for the administration of a great army, but he had not heard a single figure mentioned as to the cost thereof, nor even in regard to the particular vote. How much of the money required was due to the present war?

To this question Mr. Wyndham replied: "Four hundred and twenty thousand pounds."

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said he could not be expected to pronounce an opinion upon the scheme suddenly, but he added he believed that nine-tenths of his hearers were ready to do almost anything for the purposes of the present war, but would like to regard it as a war measure alone, leaving the question of future increase and re-arrangements open for future discussion.

Sir Charles Dilke, advanced radical, said Mr. Wyndham's speech "seemed to support the theory that Great Britain should rely upon home defence, while the truth was that the most powerful defence lay in the striking power of the fleet."

It was explained in the lobbies of the house of commons that Mr. Wyndham meant to convey that all the supplementary estimates asked for were due to the war, except \$400,000 required for the new scheme to close the financial year of March 31.

REV. DR. CLARK RESIGNS.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.-Rev. Wm. Clark, D. D., of Trinity University, the ablest professor who has held the chair of mental and moral philosophy since its establishment in '83, has resigned. Trinity, it is understood, is the difficulty under which he was laboring. "Want to make me a present, Harry?" exclaimed Lucy, in well-counterfeited astonishment. "Why, Harry, you forget yourself!" Harry took the hint, and offered himself on the spot.

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Castoria is an excellent medicine for children. Mothers have repeatedly told me of its good effect upon their children. G. C. OSOOND, Lowell, Mass. "Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any preparation known to me." H. A. ARCHER, M. D. Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Chas. H. Fletcher APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER.

ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL. Service of Intercession for the War in South Africa. (Halifax Chronicle.)

Services of intercession for the war in South Africa were held in the Anglican churches in this city Sunday morning. The services at St. Luke's Cathedral were of an unusually impressive nature. At the holy communion service at 8 o'clock special prayers were said immediately before the benediction.

The Church of England members of the second contingent attended the 11 o'clock service. They paraded to the church, headed by the band of the 1st C. A. Major Williams was in charge. The troops occupied the seats in the centre of the church and there was a very large congregation there. The services opened with the procession hymn, For Our Valiant Soldiers. Rev. E. P. Crawford gave a preliminary address, stating the necessity for the service, after which the Litany was sung, followed by special prayers. The hymn, O Lord of Hosts Without Whose Will, was sung by the choir and congregation. Rev. Dr. Bullock read the lesson from Joel 1:2-7. After the recitation of the Apostles' Creed, the Miserere was sung, together with the latter part of the communion service. Another hymn (376, H. A. and M.) followed, and Rev. J. A. Richardson, rector of Trinity church, St. John, ascended the pulpit and preached an appropriate and eloquent sermon. The reverend gentleman, who, by the way, was recently called to Trinity church from the west, is a very powerful preacher. His discourse was listened to with the deepest attention by the large congregation.

ing the past summer. He leaves a wife and one son. It is to be hoped that at the inquest which is to be held the entire matter will be thoroughly ventilated, as there are a number of most unpleasant rumors about the streets, which for the good name of the institution in which the man died should be cleared up.

SHIPPING MAINE POTATOES. (Bangor News.) Over 500,000 bushels of potatoes were handled by the Maine Central railroad last month, and nearly all of them were turned over to that road in this city, by the Bangor and Aroostook railroad. A considerable part of this shipment was made in the Eastman heater cars, but a large part of the potatoes were shipped in ordinary cars fitted up for the shipment of potatoes.

There are at the present time over 500 Eastman heater cars in use in the state, and these are used in shipping perishable freight. The greater part of the cars are used in shipping potatoes, but this number is inadequate to meet the demand of the shippers from Aroostook county.

To meet the demands a large number of the box freight cars are fitted up with the heating apparatus. This consists of a small stove fitted with a funnel in each car. These stoves are burned wood for fuel. The door is left open a part of the way and this space is fitted in with boards, through which the funnel protrudes. In order to keep the cars warm and the potatoes from freezing, a fire is kept burning all the time and a man is sent along with each car to keep the fire burning.

TO COMMAND THE 71ST BATT. (Fredericton Herald.) The tenure of command of Lieut. Col. Alexander of the 71st battalion expired yesterday, and he has been granted leave of absence pending his transfer to the reserve of officers. The senior officer, who is Major T. G. Loggie of this city, is now practically in command of the corps, though of course no appointment or transfer of stores has yet been made. Col. Alexander is one of the oldest militia officers in New Brunswick, having been connected with the 71st battalion ever since its formation in September, 1859. He served in the capacities of lieutenant, captain and major, and assumed command of the regiment five years ago, on the retirement of Lieut. Col. John L. Marsh.

Major Loggie, who succeeds Col. Alexander, is one of the best known, and most efficient and popular militia officers in Eastern Canada. He has been an active militiaman ever since he was old enough to shoulder a rifle, and has always given liberally of his time and means to promote the welfare of the 71st. His numerous friends in all parts of the province will rejoice that his turn has now come to take over command of the corps, with which he has had such a long and honorable connection.

Harry wanted to give Lucy a birthday present, but could not make up his mind what it should be; so the next time he called he frankly told her the difficulty under which he was laboring. "Want to make me a present, Harry?" exclaimed Lucy, in well-counterfeited astonishment. "Why, Harry, you forget yourself!" Harry took the hint, and offered himself on the spot.

Was he poisoned? Suspicions Death of Wm. Fraser of Dalhousie, N. B., at Vancouver. Says the Vancouver, B. C., World of Dec. 5: William Fraser, aged 38, a native of Dalhousie, N. B., about eight days ago while working on the Granville street bridge had one of his legs broken below the knee by a steel bar falling on it. He was removed to the city hospital and the injured limb seen by Dr. D. H. Wilson. The patient was doing nicely up to Sunday night. On Monday morning, after being given some medicine by a nurse, he complained of feeling unwell, and it is alleged made the statement that there had been some mistake made and that he had been given the wrong dose. He gradually became worse as the week advanced, and last night passed away.

I. A. Yerex of the Columbia Commercial Co., a brother-in-law of the deceased, is the only person who could throw any light on the case. "Mr. Fraser was doing nicely until Monday morning," he stated, "when, after being given medicine, he remarked that he was positive there had been some mistake made; in fact," continued Mr. Yerex, "he said he was sure he had been poisoned. This he adhered to up to the time of his death, and what is more," said Mr. Yerex, "he asked that a post-mortem examination be held on his remains to ascertain if such was not the case."

The post-mortem has been held and an analyst was telegraphed for from Victoria. Mr. Fraser but a few months ago returned from Aikin and that district, where he had been working dur-

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