

SATURATED WITH CRIME.

UNPARALLELED ATROCITIES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN

Guyaboro County, Nova Scotia—Vessels Burned or Sunk; Buildings, Public and Private, Given to the Flames—Lighthouses Threatened.

The eastern end of Nova Scotia seems to be inhabited by a very undesirable element who escapees would furnish material for a Clark Russell or a Capt. Murrat for a lifetime. Last week Otto N. Felmate, Perry Munro and Arthur Munro were sentenced to the penitentiary for scuttling the schooner Juniver and this opened a chapter of the most startling and horrible crimes, of arson, conspiracy and attempt to murder by people who occupy prominent places in the county of Guyaboro.

The information appears to have been obtained from Mrs. Melinda Munro, who is the mother of the two Munros sentenced for the scuttling. What premises the authorities have brought to bear upon her to induce these confessions is not told, but it certainly must have been Friday, as on Friday last she charged her brother, Enos J. Munro, collector of customs at Whitehead, with setting fire to the government buildings at Whitehead. On this information he was arrested and warrants sworn out for Cranwick and Howard Munro for the same crime.

The Halifax Chronicle yesterday morning contained the following further particulars of the affair: "Otto N. F. mate, Perry Munro and Arthur Munro are to leave tomorrow for Dorchester prison, under the supervision of Maguire and a posse of police. When notified this evening to be ready they were much crestfallen, as they had some expectation of a revision of the verdict and a trial on account of points raised in court by their counsel, that is so far as Felmate and Perry Munro are concerned.

"The sheriff has learned of a plot by which the prisoners had decided upon an attempt to break jail. Two means were offered \$100 each to cut away the door in the rear part of the jail, when the prisoners were to make the dash for liberty. The man who was offered the bribe informed the sheriff and every precaution was taken to prevent escape.

"Tonight Sheriff Maguire armed two special patrol men. An examination by the sheriff of the jail revealed that the prisoners had cut away part of the interior wall. The men who had been informed that the scheme was arranged by the prisoners' own mother.

"Constables have been sent after Cranwick and Howard Munro, who, with Enos Munro, will be examined tomorrow.

"Mr. Mackinnon, crown counsel, has given the sheriff instructions for the exercise of special vigilance.

"Tonight there is no occasion as regards the interest being taken in the case, due to the continued unfolding of many crimes, making the whole one of the most interesting that has ever occurred in this county."

The Halifax Herald sent a man to Whitehead and he collected the following list of horrible instances of lawlessness: Whitehead is rather a pretty place. The houses are well kept. The stories laid here of fire and shipwreck are unprecedented in almost any other quarter of the globe. There are many respectable people in Whitehead, but through the actions of a lawless element it has been designated by other residents of Guyaboro county as Pirates' Cove, whether deservedly or not can be judged from the long list of events which would give much larger places than Whitehead an unenviable reputation. The trial of the recent scuttling case has brought to light many new offences of a very serious nature. Schooners have been wilfully set to the bottom by bandits. The torch has been applied, and in many instances persons were obliged to beat a speedy retreat from the locality, fearing bodily harm. Frequently a keeper of the light has been compelled to have his loaded rifle beside him in bed, ready to resist an attack from masked men. Many a time the lighthouse man has passed sleepless nights, momentarily expecting a leaden ball to crash through the light.

The fire brand has been kept busy and the sea has claimed many vessels sent to the bottom by the scuttler's hands. The record is an alarming one and it is less than a year since a schooner called the Bonnie Doon. Her gallant captain was Abner Munro, one of the informers in the scuttling case tried last week, and one who admitted having taken an active part in the scuttling affair. The Bonnie Doon was lost off Whitehead and was well insured in a Halifax office. It was reported that she had sprung a leak and foundered. A peculiar thing about the case was that the vessel was brought home.

The schooner Welsh also came to grief off Whitehead. The plundering and wrecking of the schooner Union Star was another case which the residents of Whitehead will long remember. On one occasion a fine new sail boat belonging to the keeper of the light house at Whitehead was stolen and taken up the bay, and wilfully sunk in eleven fathoms of water. At another time a large schooner was wrecked on the ledge of Whitehead. She was owned by a resident of the village. The vessel was reported as lost by the peril of the sea, and a claim filed for a large sum of insurance which was paid. Melinda Munro testified Saturday evening that the vessel was wilfully cast away to get the insurance.

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burn owned by George Munro, cremating the contents, including a horse, many boxes hay and vehicles. The name of the man who committed the deed will be given to the public soon, the matter being at present under consideration. The next to fall prey to the incendiary's hands was the barn belonging to W. S. Harris, postmaster. Fire burst out at present under consideration. It was proven that a fire bug was at work, yet the culprit escaped apprehension. The barn of the Otto Felmate, who was convicted of scuttling, was also burned down and claims forwarded to the insurance company at Halifax for \$1500. The money was handed over to Felmate. It was stated at the time that it was a case where those awful rats had again got hold of the market.

The destruction by fire of John Handebee's house, was another wilful act. Arthur Munro gave the name of the man who fired the structure. He saved him to the spot and waited until the fire bug's return. Oil and matches did the work. Munro has made a written statement under oath giving full particulars, including the name of the man who applied the torch.

The incendiary also razed to the ground the store house of John George. The name of the man who it is alleged did the business was furnished to the crown. There was no insurance. The barn of Daniel George shared a similar fate. A large quantity of lobsters were stolen before the flames showed themselves. The destruction of the barn was clearly the work of an incendiary.

The barn of Levi Munro, including its contents was burned up last fall, the perpetrator of the crime selecting the midnight hour as the time for his mischief. There was no insurance, being another case where a neighbor's hatred got the better hand of him.

The burning of the Dominion buildings at Whitehead has already been referred to. Those charged with this offence will be examined tomorrow. The informant is Mr. Hugh Munro. She alleges she has been interfered with. She has been approached by several persons asking her not to press the charges against the accused, intimating that if she refused, she would be the next.

The constable entrusted with the execution of the warrants against Cranwick, Howard and Enos Munro, did not go after the accused, nor has he made any return to His Majesty's Davison. This matter will be brought before the court, as it is contended that great stress is being brought to bear from some unknown yet influential source to prevent the case from coming to trial.

Arthur Munro has furnished a most sensational story regarding the attempt made to murder the keeper of the Whitehead light. He overheard the conspiracy to kill the keeper. His wife can also give important testimony and also several other persons.

The burning of the buildings would, it was expected, attract the keeper from his light, but the plan did not work. The man, who it was intended to murder, did not leave his isolated home. Had he, he would have been killed by the bullets, armed with which he was waiting for the keeper's appearance. They had cut adrift his boat to prevent a possible escape to the mainland. He planned to shatter the lantern of the light with guns. Arthur Munro was offered a large sum of money to assist in the burning of the light house, and when he refused he was given a large quantity of oil to keep his mouth closed. Munro has made a full statement of the affair and he will be called as a witness in the case against Collector of Customs Munro, and Cranwick and Howard Munro.

A few months ago a clergyman had to leave town. He made some remarks concerning scuttling that had happened within the limits of Whitehead. For this it was made so uncomfortable for him that he was obliged to leave. He stopped with Postmaster Harris the night his barn was destroyed with fire and head of cattle. The clergyman had been threatened before this, and he considered it prudent to remove after the blaze to another clime.

On one occasion a horse belonging to William Munro was found near the owner's stable with an axe embedded in its stomach. Wrecks of vessels belonging to residents of Whitehead have been frequent and in all cases the ships were well insured. The list of casualties caused by the fire is a long one. The price at which the vessel was sold under the hammer was \$1500.

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NEWS FROM HALIFAX.

DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAYS SAFE BLOWN OPEN

And a Hundred Dollars Stolen—Two Weddings—The Halifax City Not Coming Here This Trip—Halifax Men Who Are With Regiments in the Transvaal.

HALIFAX, Oct. 10.—The Liverpool regiment is at the Transvaal and among the men are three Halifaxians, including Thomas Adams, son of John Adams, of the Queen Hotel. The trio of Halifax men on this station five years ago. Mr. Adams yesterday received a letter from his son, who stated that the Liverpool regiment had been at Cape Town, but previous to date of letter, August 27, had been ordered to Ladysmith camp, where there were then 9000 troops, all equipped. Young Adams, who joined when he was 16 or 17, as a drummer, thought there would be war, and that Liverpool regiment would be one of the first to go to the front.

At noon today at the Pines, on the Northwest Arm, Marie Louise Trennam, daughter of Dr. Thomas Trennam, city medical officer, and Dr. Hugh L. Dickey, of Charlottetown, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Nicholson, of New Glasgow. The bride was attended by Miss Jean of Glace Bay, while Edw. Dickey, brother of the groom, was best man.

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Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who has just perfected an invention that facilitates the removal of the firebox from an engine and thereby reduces materially the cleaning of this important part of a locomotive, as well as expediting the work considerably, has always shown a great aptitude for mechanical work. Despite his wealth, he has gone into the shops and, clad in jumpers, has worked at the machinery like an ordinary laborer. He asked for no special privileges, and has quietly accepted office discipline and been regular in his work.

Undoubtedly, however, he is an inventor of great ability. He has been in every detail. He especially devoted himself to engines, and made a thorough study of every minute part of the intricate machinery that goes to make up a locomotive. While there he paid special attention to the firebox which could be readily removed and re-attached. He learned that efforts had been made in Germany to improve upon the firebox attachment, but that the trial had failed. He also heard that several attempts had been in this country to provide a new style of firebox, but with indifferent result.

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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA. After a long period of suspense in which hopes and fears have alternated, Great Britain and the Transvaal republic have come to the brink of war.

The Boer nation has issued an ultimatum to the British government demanding four things that are stated in the despatch we publish elsewhere and requiring an answer to the affirmative by 5 p. m. today.

The despatch was received by the British government at 6:45 Tuesday morning. As Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal republic, is in 29 east longitude 5 p. m. there will come what is only 3:04 in London, so that the British government has been allowed but thirty-two hours in which to agree to the demands of Kruger and his advisers.

This fact alone shows that a peaceful solution of the difficulties was not expected or intended and that the Boers are bent on war. The Boer despatch states that if an affirmative reply is not received at the hour specified it will be regarded as a formal declaration of war on the part of the British government. It is therefore to be presumed that at the hour named the Boers will advance and that we shall hear of fighting on the borders of Natal before this day is ended.

Five o'clock at Pretoria would be 10:44 a. m. in St. John, so that the evening papers of today ought to contain important and perhaps startling news.

There have been, for some days past, rumors of the intention of the Boers to issue an ultimatum to the British government requiring the withdrawal of the British troops from the Transvaal borders within forty-eight hours.

These rumors were discredited, because it was inconceivable that such a preposterous demand should be made, but they were only in error in the fact that they were far below the reality. The modest Kruger not only demands that the British troops shall be withdrawn from the Transvaal border, but he also requires that all British troops which have been landed in South Africa since the first of June last shall be sent back to England, and that all British troops now on the high seas shall not be permitted to land in South Africa.

Moreover the British government is required to submit its differences with the Transvaal to arbitration under a threat of war is something not contemplated in the Hague conference. The Boer despatch clearly shows that the Dutch republic means to be the ruling power in South Africa, for the demand for the withdrawal of the British troops applies not only to Natal and the Transvaal borders but also to Cape Colony. Great Britain is only to be allowed to maintain such a garrison in South Africa as Paul Kruger and his advisers shall designate.

This is turning the tables on the supranational power with a vengeance. Kruger claims to be master of South Africa and the only way to reduce his pretensions to supremacy is to meet his forces in the field and defeat them. The last word of diplomacy has been spoken and nothing now is left but war.

Why Kruger should put forward such a demand at the present time is a question that will be widely asked and the answer to it will not be easy. Two theories may be set up to account for an act which can only lead to war, the one

domestic considerations. It may be that some great European power has intimated to Kruger that the Transvaal would receive its support if he acted a bold part and defied Great Britain. On the other hand Kruger's hand may have been forced by the conduct of the Boer armies which are demanding to be led against the enemy or allowed to return home. They have now been in the field for about ten days and are chafing under the restraint imposed upon them.

Their idea of war is to kill and plunder and not to watch the British borders from a distance. It is clear enough that the Boer forces would speedily dissolve if they were kept inactive, for it is at no small sacrifice that a Boer farmer abandons all his occupations and takes to the field. The Boer is a half-civilized creature of brutal instincts, but he has a wife and family and a home, and they are more to him than even the desire to have it out with the British.

The theory with regard to the intervention of a continental power or powers receives some support from the transactions of the past few days. It has been intimated to Portugal by France that the transfer of Delagoa Bay to Great Britain would not be so readily regarded by the French government. Count Muraviev, the Russian assistant minister of foreign affairs, has recently been in Spain in conference with the Spanish government, the object of his visit, it is said, being to interest Spain in a continental alliance against France and Russia.

The sympathies of both France and Russia are with the Boers, not because of any question of right but for the reason that they hate Great Britain. The German press also shows its hostility in every way possible, but the German government will not interfere. The recent treaty between Great Britain and Germany has effectively settled that question.

In a crisis like the present Great Britain would not be deterred from taking her own course by any continental threats. It is pretty safe therefore to assume that neither France nor Russia will do more for Kruger than to indulge against Great Britain. They cannot help the Transvaal directly because there is no European power that can carry a regiment of soldiers across a mile of salt water without Great Britain's leave. But they might create difficulties for Great Britain in India or in Northern Africa or in China. They will, however, probably not do so because that would mean to be a dangerous game. There might be a sudden collapse in the Boer campaign and then Great Britain would have an opportunity of dealing with her enemies free handed and in a very direct fashion. Neither France nor Russia desire a war or are prepared for it. They may threaten and bluster but their acts will go no farther.

There has within the past four or five days been a sudden stoppage of news with reference to the movements of the British forces in South Africa. This is a result of instructions from England to General Buller, the commander of the British troops in Natal. He has been ordered that important news concerning his forces which had been telegraphed to London should be telegraphed back to Pretoria for the benefit of the Boers. General Buller is therefore instructed to keep his military arrangements secret. For this reason the number of British troops now in South Africa is not accurately known, but it may be fairly estimated at 15,000 with 7,500 more on the sea bound for South Africa and liable to land at any moment. The lack of specific information with regard to the strength of the British forces on the borders of Natal and the Transvaal throws a shade of doubt as to the result of a sudden Boer attack in force on Newcastle or Dundee. There cannot be less than 12,000 British troops in Natal, and it is probable that the number is greater. The British troops will doubtless be massed near the Transvaal border and one half of them ought to give a good account of any Boer force that can be led against them. We should regard it as a very extraordinary fact if with 12,000 British soldiers at his disposal the British commander in Natal had not secured Laing's Nek and the passes from the Transvaal so as to be able to defy any sudden Boer movement in that quarter.

The Dutch conspiracy against British authority in South Africa has come to a head, and the question of supremacy will be settled in the only way that a permanent settlement is possible, by an appeal to arms. It is certainly unfortunate that it should be necessary to resort to war under such circumstances, but even a war is better than the strain and tension of such conditions as have been existing in South Africa for several years, due to the conduct of the Transvaal government and of the other friends of Dutch supremacy in South Africa.

For bringing on this war Great Britain is not to blame, although all the enemies of our country will seek to throw the onus of the conflict on her and distort the plainest facts in order to justify their course. Anti-British newspapers

in Canada, will naturally take the side of the Boers, not that they love the latter or know anything about the causes of the quarrel but because they hate our mother country. The public, however, will not be deceived by such ill and guides, but will assume, as they have a right to do, that in this case Great Britain has been most patient and forbearing, and has endured insults and injuries at the hands of the Boers which ought to have been resented long ago, and would have been resented by almost any other nation.

The conspiracy against British supremacy in South Africa is not a new thing but has been going on for many years. Its visible development is the Africaners, a diabolical association in Cape Colony, which, while ostensibly founded for the sole purpose of keeping South Africa free for the Africaners, had for its main object the destruction of British power. Although essentially a Dutch association it has at various times been countenanced by Englishmen, who thought they could improve their political fortunes through its means. Mr. Cecil Rhodes, who now poses as a great Imperialist, was at one time coquetting with the Africaner Bund and did as much as any one person in Africa to encourage the Dutch to believe that they would win the permanent power in South Africa. Mr. Rhodes has since changed his tactics and does not care to be reminded of the course he pursued sixteen or seventeen years ago when the Transvaal Boers were seeking to obtain possession of Bechuanaland. The Africaner Bund has constantly supported the Transvaal in its attitude of hostility to Great Britain. It has used Transvaal money to win elections in Cape Colony, and through that corrupt means it has now control of the government of that British province. Mr. Schreiner, the premier of Cape Colony, is an Africaner, and most of the members of his cabinet are Africaners. The attitude of the Cape government towards the Transvaal has been very clearly defined throughout these difficulties. It has been one of sympathy and support. Schreiner and his friends, although the generosity of Great Britain placed him in the position he occupies, is still a Dutchman at heart, although the Dutch never had a colony with a free government. He would like to see the British flag hauled down in South Africa, and his best efforts have been employed to bring about that result.

There is no doubt that if the Cape Dutch acted according to their inclination they would give military assistance to the people of the Transvaal, but that is not easy to do under existing conditions. At the time of the battle of Lexington any man with a shot gun was as well armed as the British soldiers, and bodies of men thus armed could take the field against the regulars. But in these days of small bore rifles, cordite ammunition, rapid fire and machine guns and light shells war cannot be carried on without the aid of organization and an expenditure of money that is quite beyond the reach of private individuals. The Cape Dutch may be ready to rebel but they cannot organize their forces, and therefore any of them who wish to take the field for their brethren of the Transvaal will find it necessary to escape to one of the two South African republics and there organize a Dutch force against the Boers, and if she had done so she would have been accused of opposing a small nation. But now the Boers have relieved the strain and the practical demands that Great Britain shall obey the orders of the Transvaal by withdrawing her soldiers from South Africa and by refraining from sending any more troops there. If such a demand were obeyed the Transvaal would be the controlling power in South Africa. Of course Kruger knew that this demand would be rejected, when he made it, so that the making of it must be regarded as a proof that he and his people are bent on war. The Boston Transcript puts the situation very clearly in the following editorial paragraph:

The Boers are playing directly into the hands of the British by sending to the latter an ultimatum demanding the withdrawal, not only of the British forces on the Transvaal border, but those recently landed in the Cape Colony, which has not yet reached the front. In effect this is the demand of one party armed to the teeth that the other party shall disarm and go home. Of course Great Britain can return but she cannot

this demand, the sending of which indicates that President Kruger has lost all control of the situation, which appears to have been seized by the hot-headed young Boers, whose words are and have been all for war. Within the past few days it has looked as if Great Britain would make another effort to achieve her purpose by peaceful methods before finally committing herself to war, but the Boers' demand must be answered by the signal to advance. The Boers have shifted from Great Britain to their own shoulders the onus of beginning the war. They have taken this dreadful responsibility with that "light heart" that augurs unfavorably for their cause. Of their eventual defeat there can be no doubt, but they may be hanging in the balance at the present time against the influence of the long-headed "Oom Paul."

The invasion of Natal by arms of Boers from the Transvaal and the Orange Free State has brought about a state of war in South Africa between Great Britain and the two little Dutch republics. Instead of being brutally attacked as some of the enemies of Great Britain have been trying to make the world believe, the Boers have been the attacking party, and have embarked apparently on a war of conquest with the avowed object of driving the British into the sea. Thus the issue is joined and the loyal men of the British colonies in South Africa are put on the defensive and are required to fight for their homes and property. This is the culmination of the Dutch conspiracy against British power and it is in line with all the recent acts of that element which is opposed to British rule, whether it resides in the Dutch republics or in the British colonies. Of the two open enemies of Great Britain who live in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State are the least dangerous for nothing better has been expected of them. But with the aid of traitors, in Cape Colony it is otherwise, for they were thought to be loyal. Yet it now transpires that they were all the time plotting against British power and stinging the hand that had warmed them into life.

The Boer campaign, so far as developed, appears to contemplate four different attacks on British territory, two of which have already been made. The Boers of Orange Free State have invaded Natal by Von Breenan's pass, and are advancing against Ladysmith. The Transvaal Boers have occupied Laing's Nek and are threatening Newcastle and Dundee. There may be major operations on these lines. The Boers are also threatening Kimberley and Mafeking, both of which are in Bechuanaland and are included in the bounds of Cape Colony. Kimberley is defended by a force which is believed to be sufficient to repel any attack the Boers may make, but there have been some fears in regard to the safety of Mafeking. This place is of much less importance than Kimberley, but if it was taken by the Boers Great Britain would suffer a great loss of prestige among the natives. The latest advice from that quarter represents Mafeking as safe, the commander of the British forces there feeling himself strong enough to send out a body of troops to watch the Transvaal border and give warning of any force that might be approaching with hostile intent. As the Transvaal Boers are making attacks on the British colonies on three different lines, without counting the demonstration against Rhodesia, it is clear that their forces are too widely scattered to be trench with each other. There is, it is true, in each other, but it is not very perfect, and are more than counterbalanced by Great Britain's command of the sea. This raises the question of the number of Boers that are in the field, and one well informed resident of South Africa estimates their number at not more than fifteen thousand. This estimate refers to the Transvaal forces, and it is agreed with the estimate we made some time ago. The Dutch population of the South African Republic probably does not exceed 100,000, and therefore an army of 15,000 would be a large force as they could put in the field. The number of males in such a community from 16 years up to 40 would not exceed one-fifth, and from that figure we must deduct those that are weakly and infirm and the number that would have to be left on the farms to do necessary work. Possibly the Boers might place 20,000 men in the field by commandeering all citizens under the age of sixty, but a considerable proportion of such a force could not remain in the field for any length of time. But even twenty thousand men would be too few to undertake three separate invasions of British territory and therefore it may be safely assumed that the larger Boer force is on the Natal border where the largest British force is likely to be. We are not told anything in regard to the number of men the Orange Free State has in the field, but it probably does not exceed 5,000 at present. If there are 15,000 Transvaal Boers on the Natal border, we can easily estimate the number of British troops that would be required to repel their attack. We are far from believing that a Transvaal Boer is as good a man as a trained British soldier, even if we admitted

that, 20,000 British soldiers ought to be able to hold in check all the Boer forces now in the field. There are at this moment fifteen thousand British troops at Natal, but, as the number is daily increasing, it can only be a matter of a few days until the British forces become too strong to be successfully attacked.

MR. FOSTER'S DINNER. The political friends of Mr. George E. Foster gave him a dinner last Thursday afternoon which will be found in our local columns. This is the second dinner that Mr. Foster has had in St. John, the first having been given about seven years ago, when he was finance minister of Canada. A good many changes have taken place in the position of the Conservative party and its members since the last Foster dinner. Mr. Foster was then in office, and when he came to town he never lacked visitors, most of them being of the office seeking class. Now Mr. Foster can come and go as he pleases without being troubled with a following of obsequious friends. He is simply a private citizen and the member for York, nothing more. Sad ironies have been made in the former occasion on which Mr. Foster was honored with a public dinner. The great leaders of the party are gone or they have left no necessary worthy of the name. "The Boys of the Old Brigade" have mostly disappeared and the banner of conservatism is carried by weaker hands than it was before. Possibly it may have been thought that by giving a dinner to Mr. Foster some enthusiasm would be created in the ranks of the party in St. John, but the result of such a gathering can hardly fail to be far otherwise, for the contrast between the past and present of the party is too palpable to be forgotten or ignored. And if as Tennyson says "A sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things," what a crown of sorrow Mr. Foster must have borne last evening. The Sun yesterday informed its readers that Mr. Foster reserved this tribute of respect for his services in opposition. The people of Canada are well satisfied to have Mr. Foster remain in opposition, and intend that he shall share the opposition benches for many years to come.

Fatal Accident. Shortly after noon Wednesday an accident which was attended with fatal results occurred on Dorchester street. Capt. William A. Wilband, proprietor of the Dorchester House, has been engaged for some weeks in painting and making repairs about the house. Yesterday morning he was at work on the front of the house painting. He was on a scaffold and started, at noon, to come down to dinner. The ladder is supposed to have slipped and he fell to the ground, about 30 or more feet below, striking his head on the cobble stones of the street. He was born at St. John, N. B., and was called and the injured man was carried into the house. Everything possible was done for him, but to no end, for he passed away between 3 and 4 o'clock. He was 55 years of age. He was a member of the St. John's Lodge, Albert county, and for years commanded deep sea vessels. He had been in Messrs. Scammett's employ. He is survived by his wife and other relatives to whom his sudden death has caused a great shock. He had been proprietor of the Dorchester Hotel, St. John, N. B.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD. Of the Baptist Church Decide to Send Miss Williams to India on Mission Work. The regular meeting of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board was held Wednesday afternoon at the board's room, Gerardo street, Mr. E. M. Sippell, the chairman, presiding. The board should have met a week ago, but did not, as the secretary was in Halifax. Several matters left unfinished at the last meeting were taken up in connection with the forward movement for home and foreign missions as proposed at the conference at Fredericton. A committee was appointed to co-operate with committees appointed by the home mission boards of the New Brunswick and Maritime provinces to make plans for raising \$50,000 for a 20th century fund. The board appointed as its committee the secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. W. Manning, and the resident pastors of the city and Fairville.

Rev. Mr. Manning reported having attended a farewell meeting in Halifax when good-bys were said to the missionaries the board is sending to India. Of these Mrs. Sanford, Miss Grey and Miss Blackadar, sailed on the 6th inst. for India, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. G. Churchill will leave about the last of the month. The board decided yesterday to send out Miss Williams, daughter of Rev. John Williams, of Oshawa, N. S., and she will accompany Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Churchill when they go. The board elected its committees for the year.

A St. John Man. Geo. H. Crosby, M. A. S. M. E., a prominent and successful inventor, formerly of the Crosby Steam Gege and Valve Company, Boston, Mass., has devised and constructed an entirely new combination of mechanical means, a perfectly resilient, light and durable, safe and graceful wheel is obtained for all cycles or other vehicles without resorting to the use of any material in its construction, other than solid substances and compressed air applied within the wheel, and the outside of its periphery. The forces are self-producing and constant. The action is automatic, resilient and reliable. The wheel tread is always a perfect circle. This wheel is available for use on all known vehicles, viz. cycles or ordinary carriages, automobiles or auto-trucks weighing 15,000 lbs. Carriage springs are entirely dispensed with and pneumatic tires worn out. Claims are already allowed by the U. S. Patent Office, and applications filed in foreign countries, and as soon as granted, models will be ready for exhibition and test by all manufacturers who are interested. A company is organizing for the purpose of disposing of "rights" to manufacture and sell under these letters patent in the United States.

St. John's Four Hundred. In making their returns the commissioners appointed to secure and hand in the names for taxation missed about 400 or so who should have been taxed. More than a few had been ratepayers for years and they were probably surprised to find that no tax bill had been sent them. Some made inquiries at the assessors' office and found that they would be placed on a supplementary list. This had not been ready previous to October 1, or if so the bills had not been sent out and these people were prevented from taking advantage of the 5 per cent. reduction allowed on the tax bills paid by that date. Now the question arising in the minds of many of the 400 is should they be deprived of this right because of the neglect or mistake of the officers who were appointed to hand in the names of people to be

Why CATARRH Returns.

Why does Catarrh of the Head often get better in the summer and return in the fall? Because dry weather drives the Catarrh germs to the interior of the body.

The only way to permanently CURE Catarrh is to kill the germs that cause it. Snuffs and local washes cannot do this. Yet, if it is not done, the coming winter will be like the previous ones, or worse. For the germs multiply like every other living thing. When they become too numerous in the head they will spread down into the chest and lungs. This is most sure to happen if you did not get entirely free during the summer. When Catarrh germs are not afraid of dry weather it shows them to be dangerous. Their invasion of the lungs is only a question of time. Their increase there, means, CONSUMPTION. Why run such a risk? Catarrh of the Head is easy to cure under the proper treatment. Dr. Sprague can do it quickly. Let him take it in hand now. You will then pass the coming winter and all following ones in health and comfort. You will no longer disgust your friends with your hacking and blowing and spitting. You will breathe easily. You will think clearly.



For your head will not be heavy with Catarrh. You will find yourself filled with a new energy and ambition, and life itself will look brighter. For all the strength that your system is now wasting in fighting the Catarrh germs, will then be yours to use.

Catarrh of the Head and Throat. Do you spit up slime? Are you eyes watery? Does your nose feel flat? Does your nose discharge? Do you sneeze a good deal? Do crusts form in the nose? Do you have pain across the eyes? Does your breath smell offensive? Is your hearing beginning to fail? Are you losing your sense of smell? Do you hawk up phlegm in the morning? Do you have a scratchy feeling in the throat? Do you have pains across the front of your head? Do you feel drowsy in back part of throat?

Do you take cold easily? Do you breathe too quick? Do you have frothy material? Is your voice hoarse and husky? Have you a dry hacking cough? Do you feel worn out on rising? Do you feel all started up faster? Are you greatly losing strength? Have you a disgust for fatty food? Do you feel a sense of weight on chest? Have you a scratchy feeling in throat? Do you cough worse at night and on waking? Do you get short of breath when walking?

Dear Doctor: I have waited to see if there was any return of my trouble. I cannot tell you how well he is in every way and he is entirely rid of the Catarrh, and he is having cold and wet weather. There is no more swelling at the root of the nose. And all the passages are clear now so that he can breathe properly which he has not done for two years. The mucous discharge is all gone, and he is once more our lively baby. If your remedies act so safely and surely on a child of five certainly no one need be afraid of them. We cannot thank you enough; for we were almost discouraged with trying cures and doctors.

Our testimony is at your service anytime and anywhere. Yours respectfully, I. W. IRVIN, Carleton, Ont.

If you think you have Catarrh you can have your case diagnosed FREE by answering the above questions and sending them to Dr. Sprague, B. A., (formerly Surgeon British Royal Naval Service), English Catarrh Specialist, Nos. 7 to 13 Deane Street, Boston.

MISCELLANEOUS.

AN OFFER OF A LIFE TIME—To the person sending this card and telling me where Noah's Ark rested after the flood I will send them from a first class ticket to the second class answer I will give a handsome pair of shoes will be shipped immediately to the lucky parties. This is positively no fraud. Write to this day may receive answer. Address, T. B. MANN, Ballis, Charlotte County.

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A GENTLE-OUR NEW BOOK, "Marvelous Discoveries in Bible Lands, Disclosing a World of Ancient Sacred Treasures, Bearing Direct Testimony to the Truthfulness of Sacred History, &c." now ready. Many of the discoveries described in this book are strange starting, and of recovering forgotten languages, restoring lost empires to a place in the annals of mankind, and making clear and easily understood many obscure passages of the Bible narrative. We want agents everywhere to sell this timely and interesting work. Special terms and exclusive territory will be given to those who act without delay. A copy of the complete book (with 100 illustrations) will be sent to all applicants. Address: T. B. MANN, publisher, 50 Garden Street, St. John, N. B.

BIRTHS.

ATB—At Parrboro, on Oct. 10th, to the wife of James E. Ayer, a son, Charles W. Ayer.
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MARRIAGES.

DELANO—HOWARD—On Oct. 10th, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. H. H. Harrison, Howard DeLano, of Newcastle, to Adelaide Howard, of Fredericton.
GEOFFREY—MORRISON—At Moorfield, Lower Newcastle, on Oct. 10th, by Rev. D. Mackintosh, Douglas Geoffrey, of St. John, to Elizabeth Morrison, of Moorfield.

DEATHS.

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NOTICE TO MARINERS.

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FREE BAPTISTS

DEAL WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT MATTERS.

Temperance Report is Lengthy—Discussion on the Office of General Secretary Favorable to Its Continuation—Finance Told of Other Convention Phases.

The Free Baptist conference sessions continued Tuesday. The attendance was not so large as before, for some members have returned home. In the morning Rev. A. G. Downey's request to be dismissed from the ministry and be regarded as a layman was granted.

A letter of good will from the convention of the Disciples of Christ was read and a similar message returned. Rev. W. J. Clarke submitted the accounts of the general secretary fund, showing contributions of \$114.

Local boards of trustees were appointed for the churches. There was quite a discussion over the question of a new hymnal. It was finally resolved to purchase a supply of the Century Songs of Praises.

The report of the treasurer, B. S. Palmer, showed receipts of \$558.35, and a balance on hand of \$359.10. The committee on nomination submitted the following supplementary report:

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The report was adopted after some discussion. Executive committee of foreign missions—Rev C T Phillips, corresponding secretary; F W Blipp, treasurer; Rev Dr McLeod, Dr Hartley, Rev W E Purdy, Rev Abram Purdy, Rev H A Bonnell.

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people in the body than in any other denomination. What was needed was teaching the people in the duty of better support of the pastor—a systematic paying into the treasury of the Lord.

There were 40 pastorate in the conference, two in the first district, six in the second, eight in the third, four in the fourth, four in the fifth, eight in the sixth, and eight in the seventh. Of these 12 were not provided with pastors for next year. There was need for constant supervision of some features of the work of the denomination.

Mr. Wm. Peters spoke to the report. He thought considerable had been done.

Dr. McLeod wanted the utmost freedom in criticism of the work done. Mr. C. W. Weyman was satisfied to continue contribution to the general secretary work. It was a work which might not show best results at first.

Rev. Long took up the statistical portion of the report. It showed certainly that work had been done. He thought the report would be well received by the general secretary. He would contribute as last year.

Rev. J. W. Clarke felt as strongly, or more so, in favor of a general secretary being kept in office than he did even last year. He heartily believed the office should be continued.

Rev. F. G. Francis was in favor of the continuance of the office, but he thought the work had not been equivalent to the outlay. Six hundred dollars had been paid, meaning \$100 a month.

He thought the general secretary should have his functions defined more clearly. True it was an experiment and had not wholly failed and he was in favor of continuing the office being a conjunct one in the person of an executive evangelist, so that the spiritual interests of the churches be conserved as well as the material interests of the denomination.

Rev. B. H. Nobles thought time would be wasted in discussing the office. He would be glad to recommend as to the future course of the office, but he thought it better to have a discussion over the question of a new hymnal. It was finally resolved to purchase a supply of the Century Songs of Praises.

The report of the treasurer, B. S. Palmer, showed receipts of \$558.35, and a balance on hand of \$359.10. The committee on nomination submitted the following supplementary report:

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favor of it a prohibitory law would be enacted. The expression of public opinion in the plebiscite was sufficient, substantially, for an amendment in prohibitory legislation; and we must, in faithfulness to the principles for which we stand, put on record strong condemnation of the refusal to keep faith with the people in this matter.

There are indications that the electorate may soon be called upon to elect a more united and determined effort than it has ever before been represented in parliament by men who shall correctly and faithfully vote and vote for prohibition sentiments and purposes.

It is the duty of prohibition electors in every constituency to confer and resolve upon the action necessary to secure parliamentary representation, and this conference urges all our people to cooperate in such movements, and to secure prohibition in every election, federal, provincial and municipal, and to support only such candidates as are all trustworthy on this question.

A wrong or falling step now by the Christians will inflict an injury on the cause which will be felt for generations to come. It is their duty to stand fast in their loyalty to the prohibition cause and to press forward for the triumph of righteousness, which is not far off, if God's people are faithful.

The conference expects every minister to be a faithful teacher and leader in the great reform, every church to be the centre of influences which shall find expression in Christian citizenship, and every member an unwavering and brave supporter of the men and measures that are set for the final struggle.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. Peters, Wm. Dewar, Mr. C. W. Weyman moved the following: "Whereas, the present manner of the payment of funds for denominational purposes is not, in his belief, giving the most satisfactory results; therefore

Resolved that this conference urge upon each church in the several districts to pay all monies for denominational purposes to the treasurer of the district on or before the district meeting, and that such treasurers make a full report of the amounts so paid by each church; also report the churches not paying anything for denominational purposes to the treasurer of the district.

This was quite generally discussed and adopted, 22 to 10. The conference on collections of this conference reported. For ministers relief fund, \$38.78; for home missions, \$6.65; for foreign missions, \$5.55; total, \$50.98. It was decided to have 5,000 copies of the year book printed and \$30 was voted for the recording secretary.

A motion to proceed to elect the conference executive was defeated 23 to 12. The home mission report was again taken up and discussed. Gideon McLeod submitted the report of the ministerial relief fund at the opening session. It showed a balance on hand at the beginning of the conference year of \$49.66; there was received from the board of managers \$9; from the first district, \$8.97; from the second district, \$13.41; third, \$27.51; fourth, \$22.94; fifth, \$13.41; total, \$136.86. Other sources, \$46.78. Total, \$183.64. The expenditures were \$169.64, leaving a balance of \$14.02.

ATTEMPT AT ARSON. Some One Tried to Burn the Military Stores at Toronto Last Night. Toronto, Oct. 11.—This evening, about 9 o'clock, fire was discovered in one of the buildings at the Stanley barracks, in which the military stores of the district are kept. The fire spread very rapidly and the fire brigade was called out and extinguished the flames after only nominal damage had been done.

Investigation showed a deliberate attempt to set fire to the stores had been made. The fire spread very rapidly and the fire brigade was called out and extinguished the flames after only nominal damage had been done.

THE MAIL CONTRACT. The Allans Have Made Arrangements For Boats to Fulfill the Service. Ottawa, Oct. 11.—Mr. Allan, of the Allan line, was here today. He told your correspondent that the British government had taken the Bavarian, Mongolian, Siberian and Sicilian, of their line, for carrying troops and provisions to South Africa. He was here informing the government that he had made arrangements for other boats and would be able to close for the British mail contract. The department had the matter before it.

A PROMINENT VANCOUVERITE. Permanently Cured of Asthma, Clarke's Kola Compound Cures. Mr. F. J. Patton, the well-known proprietor of Patton's Musto Store, Vancouver, B. C., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from asthma in its worst form for over four years, very often having had to sit up nearly all night. I had consulted physicians both in England and Canada without obtaining any permanent relief and tried many remedies with the same result. A friend who had been cured by Dr. Clarke's Kola Compound advised me to try it. And three bottles have entirely cured me. It is now nearly two years since my recovery, and asthma has not returned. I am now very well and feel able to do any work. I am very grateful to Dr. Clarke for introducing this wonderful remedy, suffering as I was, and of no known of a single case where the required number of bottles have been taken that has failed to cure. See that you get Clarke's Kola Compound, and not any other. Mention this paper. Address: The Grimsby Dispensary Co., Ltd. Church street, Toronto, or Vancouver, B. C., sole Canadian agents.

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CHARLOTTE CIRCUIT COURT.

The Grand Jury Concluded on the Absence of Crime.

St. Andrews, Oct. 11.—The October sitting of the Charlotte county Circuit court was opened here yesterday by his honor Judge Vanwart. The grand juryman who were in attendance at roll call were: E. E. Armstrong, foreman; G. King Greenlaw, J. S. MacMaster, H. Owen Kirby, G. Herbert Lamb, Douglas C. Rollins, Henry O'Neill, Edwin O'Dell, Theodore Holmes, E. H. Simson, Nelson Pys, John McFarlane, Thomas Burton, James Taggart, Samuel W. Anthony, Taylor, Ernest Haavey, Harry Maxwell, James M. Lord, Peter Clark, James McDowall and Charles DeWolfe.

In a brief address to the grand jury his honor congratulated the county of Charlotte, through their grand inquest, on the absence of crime, an evidence of which he had the pleasure of seeing in the absence of the sheriff's blank calendar and the customary white kid gloves before him. There was, however, one matter of a criminal nature in which the grand jury had to pass upon the evidence of a bill of indictment and did not, therefore, intend to allow it to occupy their time.

The case was one which arose in St. Stephen and complaint had been made against one John W. Bailey for malicious destruction of property. It was investigated before a justice of the peace and the justice had dismissed the complaint. The prosecuting party not being satisfied with such decision had bound himself over to appear at this court and prosecute the case by indictment and his honor believed the prosecutor was present now. In dismissing the complaint the justice had acted within his right and he quite approved of his action in that matter. It was a case when the grand jury had claimed a bona fide title in the property destroyed which title the prosecutor disputed. The dispute was one that might properly be settled by civil action between the parties, but was clearly not one that should be dealt with by the grand jury. He would therefore not submit it to the grand jury at all. He had nothing to say before them and unless they know of something requiring their attention he would be pleased to release them from further attendance. There were no civil cases entered for trial and the court was adjourned sine die at one o'clock.

Before being dismissed, the grand jurors made the following presentation to the court: Your grand jurors beg to present to your honor that they have made a careful inspection of the Charlotte Circuit Court building and have found it in a good, clean and well kept condition, but find the supply of water therein quite inadequate for flushing the closets and sewers connected therewith. And your grand jurors beg to recommend that the water supply be increased to the amount of 100 gallons per day per person in the county jail.

Judge Vanwart instructed the clerk to enter such presentation in the records of the court and to serve notice of same upon the warden of the municipality and the members of the committee on county property. The Hon. A. H. Gillmor, who is making a tour among the inland parishes on the 11th of October, in connection with the Paris exposition, was in town yesterday.

Mr. F. DeWolfe, the energetic stevedockman, received an injury a few days ago while getting into a carriage from which he has since been laid up. A cargo of Spring Hill coal is being discharged at the Market wharf for Mr. J. T. Ross.

SUICIDE NOT MURDER.

Mr. Cornwall of Digby Was Not Killed by Others as at First Suspected. Herfordshire, Que., Oct. 11.—Particulars of the death in an English railway carriage of G. W. Cornwall, a native of Digby, N. S., has been received here. It was thought to be a case of foul play, but upon investigation, and in view of the fact that all his personal effects and valuables were untouched that the cry was dissipated.

Cornwall was alone in the carriage, and it is supposed so soon as the rash deed was committed he threw the instrument of destruction out of the window. Investigation has shown that lately Cornwall had been subject to melancholia, and frequently expressed himself as too worn out to live. After the testimony of medical men, a verdict of suicide while mentally deranged was returned. A letter addressed to his wife proved he contemplated the rash act.

Bubonic Plague in China.

BERLIN, Oct. 11.—The German office has been officially informed that the bubonic plague has appeared in north China and in Assam in India.

CHATHAM NEWS.

The Oysters Are Arriving—Leg Broken in a Mill—Miramichi Natural History Club.

CHATHAM, Oct. 10.—Mr. Frank Bassett and family, who have been spending the summer here, leave today for their homes in Fort William.

One thousand barrels of P. E. I. oysters arrived here today in a schooner and were shipped to Fredericton. A schooner load of Beauce oysters are being disposed of by private sale.

Last Sunday was observed as Thanksgiving Sunday in St. Mary's church, which was solemnly decorated for the occasion with flowers, fruit and grain.

A man named Landry had one of his legs broken in Snowball's mill on Saturday. He was removed to the Hotel Dieu, where the limb was set.

Miss Foster, of Dorchester, is the guest of the Misses Gillespie. The first meeting of the season of the Miramichi Natural History Society was held on Tuesday evening. Questions for the museum were received from Rev. Mother Superior Walsh, Messrs. J. D. B. F. McKinnon, J. Clark, T. Cox, Kocky Mountains, J. Connors, W. A. Hickman, Dorchester, A. J. Williston, Bay du Vin, Fred Jenkins and Dr. Cox. An instructive paper on the Geological and Economic Minerals of Northern New Brunswick, prepared by Mr. Robert Foster and the geologist survey of Canada, was read by the president, Dr. Baxter.

Rev. Dr. Bruce, pastor of the church, will spend his vacation in Truro with his family.

Mrs. Gus Leardy is preparing to move from her present place of business and to open her restaurant in the building known as the Blackville house and recently vacated by a family named McNeil.

Miss Mary Williston left today for New York being called there by the illness of her sister, Miss Kate Williston, who is so well and so favorably known here.

The St. Stephen Meeting.

St. Stephen, Oct. 11.—The Hon. G. E. Foster and G. W. Ganong, M. P.'s, were greeted last night by an audience of probably five or six hundred people in the rink building. Mr. A. I. Teed, president of the Conservative Association, was chairman and after a few remarks introduced Mr. Ganong, who was in good speaking form and called there by the illness of his sister, Miss Kate Williston, who is so well and so favorably known here.

Mr. Ganong's speech was on the prohibition question, which as an issue is as dead as the political policy of course, he attacked Sir Wilfrid Laurier for, as he claims, breaking a pledge given to the people when elected if a majority vote was cast in favor of the plebiscite, the government would introduce a prohibitory measure. Yet Mr. Ganong on the same platform before the vote was taken on the plebiscite question told his audience "that unless a majority of the voters want to see the plebiscite, the Conservative party would take any notice of the matter."

Mr. Foster's speech was a rebuke of his and other Conservatives who advanced no new ideas, and as the voters had heard him repeat his charges against Laurier and Teed, he was particularly venomous of the Hon. Mr. Blair, telling his audience of the manner in which Mr. Blair tried to secure a Conservative seat through corrupt means when seeking a constituency after his appointment as a cabinet minister, and the manner in which he was forced to go from county to county before he landed in Quebec. Mr. Foster said nothing of his change of constituencies or of his present hunt for a political home nor of certain Conservative members who are willing to run as Liberals at the next election, particularly the prominent member Mr. Foster met recently in St. John who, when he was requested to get his county ready for an election, quietly told the ex-minister that he did not propose to run as a Conservative any more, and there are others." Mr. Ganong did not tell the electors what the Conservative party would do with the prohibitory question if returned to power, and Mr. Foster did not instance when he and his party would have refused to expand the same amount or more for public improvements if in power. Nor of any future policy which he thought would be for the benefit of Canada.

Stranded Dredge Pulled Off.

HOBLAND LOVER, Mass., Oct. 10.—Through the efforts of the Carboneo and Tesser the dredge Empire State was pulled from the beach at Caboon's Hollow, where she stranded Monday night after parting from the tug Haliback, and passed in for Boston in tow of Tesser at dark tonight. The five crews of the tug are full of sand and were abandoned on the beach.

Crushed Beneath a Cart.

HALIFAX, Oct. 11.—Maurice Curran, aged 56, a well-known and highly respected truckman, was crushed to death beneath his cart while driving into his own yard today. While leading the horse through the gate he was tripped by one of the horse's feet, struck the gate post and fell, and before he could get out of the dangerous position the horse had passed over him and he was caught between the ground and the front end of the low fat wagon. In this manner he was dragged along for a few feet and was terribly bruised and crushed.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

Two Weddings Yesterday—Election Results—Mrs. Henrietta M. Burnett Dead.

FREDERICTON, Oct. 11.—Joc. W. Parde, of the Education office, has resigned his position and will in future reside in New York, where he has a good position.

The home of John Anderson, ex-M. P. P., of the Barony, was the scene of a joyful event this afternoon, when his daughter, Lizzy, was united in marriage to Clarence P. Haugh, Rev. Wm. Ross, of Prince William, performed the ceremony.

A wedding was celebrated at St. Dunstan's church this morning, when Miss Annie M. Goldrick, daughter of the late Owen Goldrick, was married to Matthew Bohan, of the firm of Bohan & Sons, prominent merchants of Bath, Carleton county.

The Sunbury municipal elections took place yesterday, and resulted in most of the old councilmen being returned. The result of the contest in the several parishes was as follows:—Lincoln, Eli and Smith; Burton, McEroy and Armstrong; Ellersville, Hoyt and Taylor; Northfield, the old councilmen were returned; Sheffield, Burpee and Taylor; Mansfield, Ferry and Baker; Gladstone, Tracey and Currie. The Liberals will have a majority in the new council.

Mrs. Henrietta M. Barnett passed away at her home in Kingscliff last evening of cancer of the stomach. The deceased lady was a sister of John J. Weddell, that well known dry goods merchant, of this city, and Rev. R. W. Weddell, of St. John.

At the University yesterday the degree of B. A. in course was conferred upon William Johnston, of Newcastle.

Charles Corey, of Southampton, was brought to this city today and placed in the county jail. He has been committed for trial by Squire Maurice, of Southampton, for assault on the complaint of Mr. Annie Parent.

MURDER CONTEMPLATED.

The Friends of the Munros Would Have Killed the Guysboro Jailer. Guysboro, N. S., Oct. 11.—The residents of this town were startled today when the news that a plan had been concocted to knock Munros or slay the jailer and release the Munros was made public. Fortunately the villainous act was not carried out, but the conspirators would have succeeded had it not been for the interference of Michael Farrell, who, although offered money, refused to become a party to the act and threatened to alarm the old jailer should the conspirators make any attempt to carry out their plot.

Quite a number came to town to attend the preliminary examination of the Munros, charged with arson and conspiracy, but owing to the witnesses in the matter not all having been served with summonses to attend, the case was again deferred until tomorrow, when also other matters on which Mr. McKinnon is at work will be attended to. The sheriff is still engaged on his ill break case. He has collected some very damaging evidence against certain parties, whose names will be made public in a few days.

TO SURVEY SABLE ISLAND.

Its Position and Size Are to Be Determined Before It Disappears—Watches Presented Life Savers. HALIFAX, Oct. 11.—The Canadian government steamer Minot, Capt. Brown, arrived at Pictou yesterday afternoon from Sable Island with Deputy Minister Gourdeau, Commander Spain and Inspector Eustache. Co. Anderson, chief engineer of the marine department, will remain two weeks on the island to make a complete survey and to determine its extent and exact position. He will get the exact latitude and longitude at the signal station of the main station which will be the starting point for the survey.

The monogram gold watches and money awarded by the Emperor William to Sup. Boullier and seven of the men on the island, were presented by Deputy Minister Gourdeau. The crewman of the life saving boat had left the island and so his watch has not yet been presented.

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WAR DECLARED.

to British refugees from the Transvaal... The latest advice from Maitland says that every precaution has been taken against attack...

The searchlight on the fort is kept working since the raid. Three Boer spies have been arrested in the town...

OTAWA, Ont., Oct. 12.—The cabinet was in session all forenoon. Those present were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Edward J. Sullivan, Sir Richard Cartwright, and Messrs. Fielding, Sifton, Scott, Borden, Tarte and Mulock.

It was generally understood that the question under discussion was to the despatch of Canadian troops to the Transvaal. At the close of the meeting ministers said that there was nothing to be given to the public.

Views of the English Feon. TORONTO, Oct. 12.—A London special cable says: "Bristol Western Daily News says that if Canada led the way in strengthening the inter-imperial bond in a commercial sense, the anti-imperial colonies have rectified the balance by being first in sending troops to South Africa."

Friends in Advertiser. MONTREAL, Oct. 12.—The following resolution has been adopted by the Montreal branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians: "Whereas, Ireland has been persecuted for the past 300 years and denied the right of self-government and all sorts of liberties to obtain their rights..."

La Patrie Approves. MONTREAL, Oct. 11.—La Patrie, Mr. Tarte's organ, says this evening: "The Canadian contingent which is going to the Transvaal is composed of men who have voluntarily received their arms..."

What the Times Thinks. TORONTO, Oct. 11.—A London cable to the Telegram says: The Times, referring to the offers of help from the colonies in case of hostilities, says in anticipation of any malvoient misinterpretation of Canada's not having yet followed the example of Australia that it is not on account of any lack of unanimity in legislation or enthusiasm of the people, which is all on the side of Great Britain, but it is solely on account of the hesitation on the part of the government, which, though its reasons may be legitimate, already excites impatience throughout the dominion.

Sanctioning the Corps Equipment. HAMILTON, Oct. 11.—The Sanford clothing manufacturing company are working night and day on a hung up order received from the militia department for clothing for the Canadian rifle corps to be despatched to the Transvaal. The order is a large one and must be completed this month.

GAZETTES. — Mr. Gilbert A. Williams' house at Gagetown, occupied by John R. Dunn and family, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday. Most of the furniture was lost. The house was partially insured, and the furniture was not.

A FINE FAIR.

THE SIMONDS AND LOOMOND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Made a Better Showing this Year than Ever Before—The Attendance was Large and the Displays Unusually Fine—List of the Prize Winners.

The Simonds and Loomond Agricultural Society held their annual fair Thursday in the Agricultural Hall, near the Ben Lomond House. The weather was exceptionally fine and, as a result, there was the largest crowd of people ever seen at the fair, and the produce was of a fine quality.

The hall was filled with produce and hand-made cloths, and presented a fine appearance. The produce was as good as ever shown at the fair, while the handiwork of women, such as mats, quilts, socks, etc., showed great patience and skill. The articles were highly commended on by the visitors.

The horses, cattle, sheep and other animal exhibits were above the ordinary stock shown at similar fairs. As early as 8 o'clock the visitors began to arrive and before noon there was not a chance in the Ben Lomond House stable to put a horse. Those who arrived after noon were obliged to have their horses looked after outside the stables.

The dining room of the Ben Lomond House was crowded for a couple of hours after noon. The menu offered by the proprietor, Mr. Sterling Barker, was never before so excellent, and the dinner was quickly served. After dinner a large number of persons arrived from the city and surrounding neighborhood and at 2 o'clock the hall was crowded with men, women and children, while in the rear of the hall a large ring was surrounded by large numbers who eagerly watched the judging of the horses.

The following is a correct list of the prize winners: HORSES. Best stallion for agricultural purposes—Fred. Stephenson, 1st; Wm. Barrell, 2nd; Walter A. McFate, 3rd. Best pair of horses for agricultural purposes—Samuel Creighton, 1st; James Stephenson, 2nd; Walter A. McFate, 3rd.

Single horse for agricultural purposes—S. Creighton, 1st; Michael Stephenson, 2nd; Fred Joselyn, 3rd. Breeding mare for agricultural purposes—W. A. McFate, 1st; T. W. Boyle, 2nd; S. Creighton, 3rd. Colt, 3 years old, for agricultural purposes—W. A. McFate, 1st; Wm. A. Shaw, 2nd. Colt, 2 years old, for agricultural purposes—Thos. Moriarty, 1st. Colt, 1 year old—W. A. McFate, 1st; Thos. Moriarty, 2nd. Spring colt—W. A. McFate, 1st; Frank Joselyn, 2nd. Stallion for driving purposes—James Stephenson, 1st. Breeding mare for driving purposes—Thos. Clark, 1st; Ed. Murphy, 2nd; Thos. Clark, 3rd. Driving horse, any kind—Ed. Murphy, 1st; Jas. Stephenson, 2nd; Thos. Clark, 3rd. Colt, 3 years old, driving purpose—Thos. Clark, 1st. Colt, 2 years old, driving purpose—Thos. Clark, 1st. Spring colt—Ed. Murphy, 1st; Thos. A. McFate, 2nd. The judge on horses was J. A. Frink, V. C.

THOROUGHBRED YEARLING STOCK. Cow, 3 years old or over—S. Creighton, 1st; Jas. Desmond, 2nd. Heifer, 3 years old or over—S. Creighton, 1st; Jas. Desmond, 2nd. Heifer, 1 year old—Jas. Desmond, 1st. Bull, 3 years old—Jas. Desmond, 1st. Bull under 3 years old—S. Creighton, 1st. Spring heifer calf—S. Creighton, 1st. THOROUGHBRED JERSEY STOCK. Cow, 3 years old or over—S. Creighton, 1st; Frank Joselyn, 2nd; W. A. McFate, 3rd. Heifer, 2 years old—S. Creighton, 1st; Frank Joselyn, 2nd; W. A. McFate, 3rd. Heifer, 1 year old—S. Creighton, 1st. Bull under 3 years old—S. Creighton, 1st. Spring heifer calf—S. Creighton, 1st.

During the afternoon there arrived at the grounds a party composed of His Worship Mayor Sears, Capt. Peely, Lieut. Griffith, Paymaster Spriggs of H. M. S. Psyche, Recorder Skinner, Ald. W. C. Allen and Robt. Marshall. Among others at the fair was Col. J. J. Tucker, M. P. Wm. Shaw, M. P. P. Connors, DeBary, T. Dunning, Jas. V. Russell, Jas. Doody, Richard O'Brien, Father McGill of Bangor, John Russell, Alexander McDermid, Councillor Gilliland, Mrs. Jackson, Eli McCarty, James Kelly, James Sinclair, Ralph Humphrey, W. G. Scoville, Thos. Kirkham, J. F. Watson, Thos. Dunlop, George H. Waterbury and many others. After the judging had been completed the hauling match took place on the road and, although it took up considerable time, the matches proved very exciting. The judge was Councillor Thomas Gilliland and resulted as follows:— Pair of horses—S. Creighton, 1st; Thos. Moriarty, 2 d. Single team—James Stephenson, 1st; N. Stephenson, 2nd; Joselyn and Young, 3rd. This closed the fair, while a large amount of produce, etc., were purchased by visitors.

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ST. ANDREW'S, Oct. 12.—Martha Shaw, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. Harry Shaw, was burned almost to death yesterday afternoon by her clothes catching fire, and her recovery is quite uncertain. The unfortunate girl was working in the yard in the rear of her home when the accident occurred and how her clothes got on fire is a mystery as she had no matches about her person and there was not any fire in or about the premises at the time. The clothing was all burned from her back and her shoulders and lower extremities were terribly burned. The fire did not reach the hair or face, nor the front portions of her body. She was lying in a very low condition last night. Dr. J. A. Wade is in attendance.

Horace Holmes, son of Theodore Holmes, while working on a fire with yesterday afternoon was struck on the side of the head with a pile driver and knocked unconscious. He has regained consciousness but is suffering severely from the blow.

THE CONFERENCE OVER. Free Baptist Sessions Closed Wednesday—Rev. Dr. McLeod Reappointed General Secretary. The Free Baptist conference closed at noon Wednesday. The auditor pro tem, Oct. 12, McLeod, reported the accounts of the home mission executive, foreign mission executive, board of managers, treasurer of conference and executive for sick and disabled ministers, as already published, and found them correct. The treasurer of the board of managers' statement was:— Invested in mortgages.....\$4,000 00 Interest on mortgages..... 75 25 B. S. Bank..... 338 10 Cash..... 5,880 51

The report recommended that the board of managers pay \$300 to the treasurer of the home mission executive and that the treasurer of conference pay to the treasurer of home mission executive \$100, and to the students' fund \$100. Also that the treasurer of the executive for sick and disabled ministers pay over to the board of managers for investment \$200.

The report, with the various accounts referred to, was adopted. Rev. F. C. Hartley and J. C. Hartley and J. C. Hartley were appointed a committee to disburse the students' fund. It was ordered that the report of the Board of Managers be laid on the table and that the treasurer of conference pay to the treasurer of home mission executive \$100, and to the students' fund \$100. Also that the treasurer of the executive for sick and disabled ministers pay over to the board of managers for investment \$200.

The location of the next session of the conference was set to the executive. The thanks of the conference were extended to the pastor, members and friends of the Free Baptist church, St. John West, for their kind and united efforts in entertaining the members of the conference. The conference re-affirmed its confidence in its official organ, the Religious Intelligence. All necessary steps in regard to the appointment and duties of the general secretary were left with the executive. The executive was also empowered to deal with the cases of Congregationalists Williams and Kirkpatrick. The following were elected the executive: Rev. J. McLeod, D. D. Rev. D. Long, Rev. T. Papp, Rev. F. C. Hartley, Rev. E. H. Noble. On motion the conference adjourned, with prayer by Rev. T. Phillips.

Executive Meeting. Wednesday afternoon a meeting of the executive was held. Rev. Dr. McLeod was re-appointed general secretary. Rev. D. Long was named to preach the annual sermon at the conference of 1900, the place for whose meeting has not as yet been decided on. Rev. E. H. Noble and Rev. D. Long were appointed a committee to procure the printed stationery for denominational purposes. It has been decided not to ordain Licentiate Gregg this year, because of his youth. The conference has been a successful one in all particulars and the members are well satisfied with the results of their deliberations. The delegates have about all returned to their homes.

Sudden Death. YAMOUQUET, Oct. 11.—This town has been called to mourn the sad loss in the best of health until Thursday last and when he rose that morning he said he never felt better in his life. He did his morning work as usual, then went into the house and had some conversation with his wife. A few moments later he fell from his chair. He was almost helpless when his wife got to him and lay unconscious until Friday at 4 o'clock, when death came to his relief. Mr. Milliken was one of the oldest and most highly esteemed residents here, and by his death the community will lose a faithful and consistent neighbor, also a man of sterling character. He was 68 years old and leaves two sisters, one brother and a wife to mourn their sad loss. The funeral took place

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from his late residence Monday afternoon, and was one of the largest ever attended here. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. E. Rickard. Interment was made at Royal Centre. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the whole community in their hour of sorrow. Letter on the St. Stephen Meeting.

To the Editor of THE TELEGRAPH: Sir,—I attended the political meeting in St. Stephen last night for the purpose of hearing the larger political issues discussed. I had a right to expect something of the kind from Mr. G. E. Foster, I was disappointed. There were the old and worn issues—the stock in trade of the parish politician. I had a right to expect from Mr. Foster some breadth of vision. He might have touched the great issues of the day. The Anglo-Saxon mission and Canada's part in it, might justly have claimed his attention. The justification of the empire and kindred matters might fairly have been discussed. But no, there was the old and threadbare political speech—the libelous praise of Conservative and present—the somewhat acid and sour fault-finding of a man whose sensibilities towards mental atrophy judging him by this speech.

With just criticism I find no fault, but surely a man with Mr. Foster's experience may be expected to generate ideas, and here is a man who has been so interesting as an example of verbal gymnastic, but the electors have a right to expect business-like propositions from a man of standing in the political world. Mr. Foster has come to a time of life when mere mental abilities should give way to serious business. His technique is well enough, although there still remains too much pedantry. That is a small matter. But of ideas the man is woefully barren.

I heard Mr. Foster some years ago and I formed high hopes of him. I thought "here is the scholar in politics." I remembered Justin McCarthy, Prof. Bryce, Gladstone and others, and we seemed to have alighted on a worthy successor. I was ready to place him among the gods and to render him the honor due a hero. But with respect to him my hopes have been severely dashed to the ground. His main thesis last night were: Laurier is a good natured and harmless old fellow, a safe and a blunderer. The cabinet is a band of opportunist. His inevitable conclusion was that the Conservatives should be again placed in power. His high opinion as a saviour of the country and purifier of the body politic.

Now, in all fairness, does Mr. Foster believe his own doctrine? Mr. Laurier has worked his way from obscurity to the highest political position in Canada. Is such an achievement bespeak him a fool? Is anything to be gained for Canada by stigmatizing his statement that "as Mr. Blair does any man in Canada believe he is not a business success? What about his career as a lawyer? Was he not a success in his career as a politician? Mr. Foster does not surely consider him a failure there. Even though a man should differ with Mr. Blair or not, I think it is scarcely prudent to reckon him a failure, and it would seem to be especially imprudent in the practical day of an election contest.

I submit to Mr. Foster that a man of his standing should occupy a place somewhat higher than that which he occupied last night. I am quite willing that he should oppose the Liberal party, I am by no means finding fault with him because he does so. But I do think that he should impart to his politics a somewhat purer philosophy of men and events, than he has done at the present time. As a Canadian I am proud of his talents, and I am grieved to see him fighting with mud balls instead of Damascus steel.

I could write more for I feel strongly on this subject. But I shall simply close by pleading with Mr. Foster to lay the man in the day of opposition. His own party expects it of him and however they may differ with him in politics the Liberals of all schools will to see a man who was once finance minister, maintain his dignity as a man upon whom Canada has placed high regard. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for permitting me this use of your valuable paper, I remain Yours most respectfully, CANADIAN.

Weddings. Miss Isabel Cameron, of Coldbrook, and Mr. Alden Swatlow, of Brockton, Mass., were united in marriage Monday at Coldbrook by Rev. Dr. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Swatlow left for Brockton, where they will reside. The home of Mr. Robert Turner, Sandy Point road, was the scene of a happy event on Thursday, when his daughter Isabella was united in marriage to Mr. Vigo Peterson, bookkeeper for Messrs. Murray & Gregory. Both young people are very popular. The bride was organist at St. Barnabas' church, and the groom was a former member of the Y. M. C. A. orchestra and the 62nd band. A large number of useful and costly presents testified to the esteem in which the young couple were held. They left by steamer Prince Edward last night for a short honeymoon trip to Boston and New York.

Berlin contains 110,000 Jews, and 45 per cent of the houses of Berlin belong to Jewish owners. FOR BELLEISLE. Steamer Springfield having been rebuilt under the supervision of the most practical government inspectors, will leave North End, Indian Point, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 9 o'clock, local time, until further notice, for the BLUE WATERS of the BELLEISLE, and will call at the best landing and steaming points on the river and Belleisle, returning on alternate days at 1 p. m. Freight and fare low of usual. Good accommodation. Meals at all hours. Free attendance and good time return. Patrons are invited to send orders to with promptness. Thanking our patrons for past patronage and hoping for a continuance of the same. J. G. DOWNEY, Manager.

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BORDER NEWS. NINE FISHERS CAUGHT BREAKING THE LAW AT CALAIS. Were Each Relieved of Twenty-Five Dollars on Tuesday—Funeral of Hazel Inches—Thirteen Hundred Dollars Given for the Methodist Century Fund. ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 10.—Nine fishermen belonging to Deer Island were captured while illegally fishing on the American side of the river at Mill Cove, below Robinson, early Monday morning, by Fishery Officers Hanna, of Lincoln, Me., and French of Calais, assisted by Constable McKay also of Calais. Four boats and all their seines were taken. The men were arraigned before Trial Justice McGarrigle, of Calais, and each was mulcted in the amount of \$25, which was promptly paid, and all went their way rejoicing that the penalty was not heavier. The funeral of Hazel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Inches, took place this afternoon and was largely attended by their many friends. Hazel was an unusually bright child, beloved by all her companions. Mr. and Mrs. Inches are regretting the sincere sympathy of all in this sad bereavement. At the evening session in the Methodist church, a collection for the Century Fund was taken up, when the magnificent sum of \$1,300 was realized. It is expected that \$2,000 will be St. Stephen's share of that fund. Mr. C. J. Milligan, of St. John, is a guest at the Windsor hotel. Mr. Milligan is in town on business. The Calais attorneys are all at Machias, where the fall term of the S. J. court opens today.

THE IDOL OF THE TURF. The Most Popular Jockey in America and England Recommends Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. No jockey has ever appeared so strongly in public favor as Tod Sloan. He has achieved more than his most noted predecessors ever attempted and stands in a class by himself. Not satisfied with his successes in his native country, he went to England and now his fame as a successful horseman is on the tip of every tongue not only in this country and England but in every section of the globe where racing has found favor. When Tod first went to England his tameness was openly laughed at, but the little American played antics with his English rivals and his victories made all England gasp. Having the stamp of royal approval, society both at home and abroad "lionized" him and he is feted and petted to an extent that would turn an ordinary mortal's head. The great jockey was in such demand socially and in such demand to such an extent that it was feared his health would give way. Too much society and the nervous strain of racing led to indigestion and appetite in good repute. Perfectly healthy people use them after heavy dinners to keep their good health and to make sure that no ill effects will follow an unusually hearty meal. Your druggist will tell you or your doctor either that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are composed of digestive ferments, Aseptic Pepsin, Hydrastis, fruit acids, etc., and for the strong stomach as well as the most delicate constitution a safeguard against indigestion and stomach troubles.

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