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SEVENTY-FIVE RESIDENCES AND THREE CHURCHES AT HOULTON TAKEN BY FIRE.

Loss of \$400,000 Occasioned Saturday by Most Disastrous Conflagration Ever Experienced in the Maine Town—Assistance Rendered by Nearby Places, Including Woodstock.

Houlton, Me., May 17.—What proved to be the most disastrous conflagration in the history of the town started at noon today and before it was finally gotten under control, had destroyed the greater part of the business section, 75 residences and three churches...

WATCH TROOPS PASS FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF.

Grand Military Spectacle at the Festivities in Madrid.

Madrid, May 19.—The entire population of Madrid seemed to have assembled this afternoon along the broad and leafy Paseo del Prado and Paseo de Recoletos, the grand boulevard of Madrid, to witness the great military review.

GROGERS CUT DOWN CREDIT OF MINERS.

Action Taken by Them in Scranton; Wholesalers Demand Cash.

Scranton, Pa., May 19.—At a meeting tonight the retail grocers association decided to restrict credit during the pendency of the strike. The wholesalers in the afternoon decided to demand cash payments from the retailers.

GAYNOR AND GREENE BACK TO QUEBEC.

Kidnapped Prisoners Delivered to Ancient City's High Constable.

Montreal, May 19.—(Special)—Col. Gaynor and Captain Greene, wanted by the United States government, charged with embezzlement, and who were kidnapped at Quebec last week by Montreal detectives, were taken back tonight on a writ of habeas corpus.

TERRIBLE DISASTER COMES UPON COAL CREEK MINE WORKERS BY EXPLOSION.

Only One Who Went Down to Labor is Alive, and He Was Blown Out of the Mine Entrance—Awful Sight Met View of Rescue Party.

Coal Creek, Tenn., May 19.—The worst disaster in the history of Tennessee mining, occurred at 7:30 o'clock this morning when between 175 and 235 men and boys met instant death at the Fraterville coal mine, two miles west of this town as a result of a gas explosion.

SWEARING IN POLICE.

Trouble Feared Today --- It is Thought Effort Will Be Made to Prevent Supplies of Soft Coal Reaching Those Who Have Been Using Anthracite.

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CHINESE REVOLT.

Russian Reports Make It Very Serious—Pekin Says It Has Been Quelled.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—A telegram from Khabarovsk, East Siberia, dated May 18, says the revolt in the northern part of the Chinese province of Chi Li has become considerably more serious during the last few days and the greater part of the population are involved.

CANADIANS ON SICK LIST.

One Halifax Man Among the Ill in South Africa—Ontario Trooper Dead.

Ottawa, May 19.—(Special)—A cable to Lord Minto from the special department at Cape Town announces that E. C. Redwell, of Medicine Hat, with the C. M. R., is dangerously ill at Pietermaritzburg.

MAINE HAS NOW A SMALLPOX SCARE.

Eleven Cases Near Hallowell; Four New Ones Saturday.

Hallowell, Me., May 17.—There is some excitement on account of the outbreak of smallpox on Granite Hill about three miles from this city. An alert strike discovered today making 11 in all. A strict quarantine has been placed on a number of buildings there.

BURGLARS AT WORK IN MUSQUODOBIT.

Use Dynamite in Archibald's Safe Door, But Get Only a Few Dollars.

Truro, N. S., May 17.—(Special)—The quiet village of Musquodibit was started by the presence of burglars last night. Archibald, blew open the safe and caused general disturbance. They were unsuccessful in locating the cash, but carried off a few dollars left in the till, and a quantity of dry goods and clothing.

STORY OF CANADIAN'S GALLANTRY AT HART'S RIVER OFFICIALLY TOLD BY COLONEL EVANS.

Details of the Conflict Where Canada's Name, Earned on South African Battlefields, Was So Admirably Upheld—A Number Singled Out for Special Mention—Lieutenant Carruthers' Brave Stand.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special)—Colonel Evans, commanding the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa, has sent to the general officer commanding the following report of the action at Kleinhart's River on March 31:

"The 1st and 2nd columns marched at 3 a. m., carrying two days' rations and one blanket per man. The right wing marched with the main body and the left wing followed in the rear. The object of the march was a reconnaissance in force to the junction of Brakpoort and Hart's Rivers. The remainder of the division was to follow a few hours later and to go into camp within reasonable distance of the above point."

"When the advanced party, composed of about 60 men, reached Lieutenant Callaghan, they galloped up to get the guns. When this party had gone about three miles they were opened on by a strong Boer rearguard concealed in the bush about a farm house and clumps of bush to the right and left. The advanced party at once dismounted and opened fire, being largely outnumbered. Within five minutes this party had two men killed and nine wounded and 15 horses killed. The main column then came in sight and the Boers' rearguard retired. The Boers' main body, when the main column galloped into view, showed up in great force, and fired slowly towards the high ridge. They appeared to be contemplating an immediate attack on the position of the column in view. About this time, however, the convoy appeared in sight and as the wagons were moving across country in line instead of in column on the road, its appearance with the right wing C. M. R. in advance and the left wing surrounding it, gave the effect of a very large additional body of troops and I believe this to some extent deceived the enemy as the convoy was enveloped in a cloud of dust and its exact component parts were difficult to distinguish."

CARRUTHERS' STAND.

Well Worthy of the Best Traditions of Canada and the Empire.

"While the camp was being attacked Lieutenant Carruthers' party (about 21 men of 3rd and 4th troops, 'E' Squadron) had moved off to the right of the farm. Sergeant Hodgins with another party of the 3rd and 4th troops, 'E' Squadron, was to the right of Lieutenant Carruthers. Still further to the right was a detached post of about 75 mounted infantry. Several hundred Boers swept down on this post on the right, stampeding the mounted infantry, who galloped through the line occupied by our men. Lieutenant Carruthers, assisted by Sergeant Perry, Corporal Wilkinson, Lance Corporal Bond and Private McCall, kept his men in hand, dismounted them and formed in a half moon shape to face the Boers. Sergeant Hodgins, whose men were being swept off in the stampede, rallied about 10 of them and dismounted to meet the attack. The splendid stand made by Lieutenant Carruthers' party without cover of any kind and against overwhelming odds was well worthy of the best traditions of Canada and the whole Empire. Before their annihilation was entailed, 19 out of the 21 were either killed or wounded."

PERSONAL INSTANCES OF GALLANTRY.

Sergeant Perry, although badly wounded, fought until he was killed. Corporal Wilkinson, shot twice through the arms and body, continued fighting until he was shot through the eye. He then threw the bolt of his rifle into the long grass to render it useless to the enemy. Private Evans, although mortally wounded through the bowels, exhausted his own ammunition, secured another bandolier, used it up and as the Boers were making their final rush he broke his rifle, rendering it useless. Private Evans died shortly after being brought into camp. Private Minchin, although wounded in six places, fired his last shot when the Boers were only 25 yards off and threw his rifle bolt into the grass.

TWO CAMPBELL BOYS DROWNED SUNDAY.

Boat Overturned by Squall as They Were on Their Way to Work at Lubec.

Lubec, Me., May 18.—Two young men of Campbell (N. B.), Arthur Porter and Henry Williams, each aged 16 years, lost their lives by drowning today while en route to this place where they had secured employment in a saw mill factory. Porter and Williams were making the trip from Campbell in a sail boat and were near their destination when the accident occurred. The boat being struck by a squall just off Pope's Folly Island. The boys attempted to lower the sail, but the craft was overturned and sank, carrying them with it. The bodies had not been recovered up to tonight.

THREE FISHERMEN FINED \$100 EACH.

On Payment, Ottawa Orders Captain Pratt to Release Schooners He Caught With Dynamite Aboard.

St. Andrews, N. B., May 16.—(Special)—The department of marine and fisheries has instructed Captain Pratt, of the Curlew, to release three captured dynamite fishing vessels on payment of \$100 fine each. The department desires it to be known that in future the full penalty, with forfeiture, will be exacted from offenders against the anti-dynamite regulations.

Another Ontario Smallpox Outbreak.

Toronto, May 19.—(Special)—The provincial board of health was informed today of the existence of 30 or 40 suspected cases of smallpox in Grey township, a Grey county. A new outbreak of the disease is reported from Cayuga, Hamilton county, and five new cases in other parts of the province.

FORMER NURSES AT GENERAL HOSPITAL GIVE SOME REMARKABLE EVIDENCE.

Patients Disturbed at Night by Noise of Doctors and Nurses—Doctor Bayard's Contribution—His Opinion That Smallpox Got Into the Main Hospital from the Epidemic—His Suggested Improvements.

Friday was the Royal Commission's busy day, and in fact was somewhat of a bustling time for all connected with the case. Morning, afternoon and late into the evening the work of inquiry went on...

THE DAY SITTING. Doctor Inches and Holden Not in Favor of Present System. Miss Ada Burns testified. She said she graduated from the hospital in 1887 and afterwards took a post-graduate course at the Polytechnic Hospital, New York.

The closest accommodation is small. The older part of the building has closets of an old-fashioned type and the rooms are too small for the utensils in them. The old closets have no ventilation, but the new closets have a wooden rim. The new part of the hospital has better appliances. The hospital has an odor of carbolic which it is difficult to tell if there is an odor from the closets.

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DR. BAYARD'S LETTER.

His Opinion of How Smallpox Got Into the Main Hospital—He Suggests Improvements. Mr. Bayard read the following letter from Dr. William Bayard, who was out of the city on professional business, and was in consequence unable to be present at the session.

de to do and no head nurse to assist me. I think both a superintendent of nurses and housekeeper are required. At times the nurses were overworked. The food supplied was very good. I think there might have been better ward equipments.

Found Discipline Loose. Miss Melissa A. Brown, said she was a nurse in the hospital from 1886 to 1887, and went back as head nurse in 1888. At that time there were sometimes 14 on the staff, but it frequently dropped to 10 or 11.

Matron of Hospital Testifies. Miss Mitchell's Evidence Taken by the Royal Commission Saturday. A hospital matron's lot isn't always a happy one any more than a policeman's.

Nurses Give Evidence. Remarkable State of Affairs—Patients Disturbed at Night by Noises of Doctors and Nurses—Miss Hegan's Authority Overruled by Commissioners.

Miss Hegan said she was matron of the General Public Hospital from 1892 to 1895. Dr. A. D. and Dr. C. H. were then house physicians. I was not satisfied with the discipline as some of the nurses did not do as I should have liked.

"VIGILANT" NEST. SLIDING—ADJUSTABLE. Patented Oct. 1, 1890. This is a new and improved method of securing a safe and reliable way of locking doors.

what action he took. She remembered Miss Iddolls calling her attention to bed bugs. She did not think it pedantic to bring them in. Miss Mitchell described how patients' clothes are sterilized and how the patients are bathed.

Miss Clara Keller said she had been at the hospital nearly two years. She never saw Doctor Morris in the hospital while he was tending on the smallpox. Sometimes it is necessary to go from one ward to another for utensils.

Miss Winifred Flagler said she had been 16 months nursing. She did not know anything of drunkenness in the hospital and had never seen anybody in the institution drunk except patients.

COMMISSIONERS SPEAK OF HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT. Doctors Walker and Daniel, and W. C. R. Allan Give Evidence. The hospital inquiry was resumed Monday morning before the royal commission in the admiralty court room.

Dr. Walker thought that the condition of the hospital was all right, so far as an income wholly inadequate to place it on a par with other institutions, could make it. The money, in his estimation, had always been properly expended, and so far as he was concerned personally he had heard very few complaints.

Dr. Walker favored ladies having a voice in hospital matters, which led the chairman to innocently enquire if the witness didn't think that ladies "with babies to attend to at home would be better than the other kind?" Of course, Doctor Walker favored the present style of management, though the chairman was at pains to explain that St. John was

unique in its way of running the hospital, and that the centralized power idea prevailed everywhere. Dr. J. W. Daniel favored a superintendent, and believed that to him should be entrusted the purchase of supplies.

Dr. Thomas Walker said he had been treasurer of the hospital commission since the death of A. C. Smith. They can assess in St. John for \$20,000. They have interest on a savings bank fund, now \$2,500; authority to assess for a sinking fund for the new wing, and a government grant of \$3,800.

Dr. Walker said the heating system cost \$67,236.75. The laundry cost about \$3,000 more. As far as he knew, the food had been very good. For the last three years the receipts have been less than the expenditures. He thought it very bad policy not to issue the bonds. The ordinary running expenses of the hospital, exclusive of capital, are from \$18,000 to \$20,000.

Dr. Walker said the cost in St. John, excluding employees, was about 30 cents. He said it must cost a good deal less than in some other places. Doctor Walker did not know what Dr. Truman's salary was, but he desired to ask the food supply or the quantity he was willing to go into the question.

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Around the Town.

A number of young ladies at McAdam and other points along the C. P. R. are receiving a number of unexpected, but none the less welcome gifts. These are in the form of gloves, bon hats and such trifles as fancy purses...

Harping on fish narratives reminds me of a stream that has its source in a secluded lake up in country and its mouth in the neighboring county of...

RHYMES OF THE DAY.

To the Big-Fisted Man. O, here's to the man with a hand like a hammer. And just as big as his heart; To the big, manly chap, he's banker or frugal...

MARKET REPORTS.

Table with columns for 'SAINT JOHN WHOLESALE MARKET', 'LIME', 'TAR AND PITCH', 'COALS', 'LIVESTOCK', and 'COUNTRY MARKET'. It lists various goods and their prices.

Light, unfavorable weather has affected trade in most lines at Hamilton. Trade continues favorable at Montreal with collections good. Temperature however, drops at Quebec. Failures for the week numbered 17 in Canada against 18 a year ago.

THE WEEK'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, May 16.—Barrister's tomorrow week: Conditions governing trade in commodities and explain irregularity in advances from different sections. The shadow of overhanging eastern trade in the shape of a general substitute coal strike, has deepened the pessimistic opinion of work and the strike announcement...

NEW BRUNSWICK TEACHERS FOR SOUTH AFRICA ENTERTAINED IN LONDON.

Miss Johnston Describes Delightfully the Time Spent in the Old Country—They Met "Bobs"—Taken Up by the Social Set—Addressed by Joseph Chamberlain—Visit to Parliament.

(Special correspondence of The Telegraph.) London, May 2.—Not 48 hours in London and what haven't we seen? All the old familiar names and places, quizzing strolling, crowded buses, auto-cab, a little in the middle of the crossing holding up his hand and stopping 50 vehicles; everything we ever heard of or read of, just the same as we expected, and just so delightfully new.

Passing the Customs at Liverpool. It would be impossible to begin to tell you all we have seen, but from first to last it has been one increasing round of kindness. Miss Langton, a dear old lady, met us at the steamer, saw us safely through the customs...

BURIAL OF THE GALLANT DEAD. Colonel Evans led the Service-Crosses Mark the Graves. Colonel Evans, writing on April 1 says: At 11 a. m. in a heavy down-pour of rain I read the burial service over our gallant dead...

Pluck in Fighting and Suffering. "The loss of so many of our best men is generally deplored by myself and the whole regiment and the courage shown by them will always live in the memory of the regiment. The example shown by the wounded when brought into hospital is also worthy of special mention. The cheerful bearing during a journey of 20 miles in the pouring rain or while waiting in a B. E. car, house in the Boer lines occupied as an hospital, the women of which were so kind and friendly with the younger Boers endeavoring to escape, all these things, each in its way, are a credit to the pluck and courage of our men."

SINGLED OUT FOR GOOD WORK. Names Mentioned by the Officer Commanding 2nd C. M. R. "List of names mentioned by the officer commanding the 2nd regiment C.M.R. to the officer commanding Cookson's column for good work performed at the engagement at Bosholt on the 13th March, 1902: Surgeon Major J. A. Devine, 2nd C. M. R.; Surgeon Major H. R. Duff, 2nd C. M. R.; Lieutenant Robert H. Campbell, field hospital; Private P. H. Kelly, 2nd C. M. R.; Virden, Manitoba. These officers and this man attended to the wounded during the whole engagement under a constant shell and machine gun fire."

Miss Balfour at Home. Thursday morning we separated into various groups, visited many points of interest, did some shopping and came home at 3 to dress for Miss Balfour's at home, 430 to 630, 10 Downing street. In the tea room we found the bishop of London, the bishop of Rochester, Canon Wilberforce, Mr. Sadler, Lady Edward Cecil, Lady Alice Shaw Stewart, Lady Wilton, Mr. Alfred, Mrs. Cecil, Hon. Chamberlain, the Earl and Countess of Jersey, the Duchess of Marlborough, and I couldn't tell you how many other titled people.

Insures Loved and a Happy Hope for All. How any man may quickly turn himself after years of suffering from sexual weakness, lost vitality, and low vitality, etc., and enjoy a happy and healthy life, and enjoy a happy and healthy life, and enjoy a happy and healthy life...

