

MODDER RIVER BRIDGED.

Gen. Buller and Staff Have Moved to the Front.

Believed That All is Now Ready for the Advance to Ladysmith.

Lord Methuen Has Received Valuable Reinforcements, and It is Expected Will Push on at Once in the Direction of Kimberley.

KIMBERLEY.

A Sortie That Cost the British Dearly.

Failed to Capture the Enemy's Lager and Were Compelled to Retire.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 5, 1899.—A despatch from Kimberley, dated Nov. 25, reports sharp fighting as the result of a reconnaissance in force at dawn of that day.

Major Scott-Turner, of the Black Watch regiment, led the attack on the Boers who held an entrenched position on Lazarus Ridge.

LADYSMITH SAFE.

A Jolly Banquet on St. Andrew's Day.

Gen. Methuen's Column Still at Modder River—Casualties at Kimberley.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The continued absence of news of an advance by the British forces in Natal is creating some impatience which would be greater but for the apparently unquestionable reports that Ladysmith was safe up to Dec. 3, and the less authenticated rumors that a considerable section of the besiegers has been detached.

G. W. Stevens in a despatch dated Dec. 1, informs the Daily Mail that only two of the besiegers' big guns are dangerous, and his account of sports and festivities in the camp show that the beleaguered troops are cheerful enough to play cricket, football and polo.

St. Andrew's Day presided at a banquet of the Gordon Highlanders, at which salmon, haggis, turkey and

fruit figured. In a speech Gen. White said it was unpleasant to be bombarded without stirring, but everybody had the satisfaction of knowing they were playing the correct game.

AT MODDER RIVER.

The latest news from Gen. Methuen's column was sent on Dec. 2, when the camp was still at Modder river. All was well except that two men had been wounded in a small reconnaissance half way to Jacobsdale.

MAJOR SCOTT-TURNER KILLED.

The casualties at Kimberley on Nov. 28 show that the fighting which, as previously reported, resulted in the capture of the Boer laager, was severe. Of the two officers killed, one, Major Scott-Turner, was prominent in the engagement of Nov. 25. He was an energetic leader in the various sorties, and his death will be a serious loss to the garrison.

SHELLED BY NAVAL BRIGADE.

ESTOUCHE, Natal, Dec. 4, via London, Dec. 6.—The naval brigade shelled the Boers near Chelvey on Saturday. Two of the enemy were killed.

BOERS ARE BOLDER.

MOLLENO, Natal, Dec. 1.—The Boers in this part of the colony are becoming bolder. They have appeared on two farms within three miles of this town. They have seized all the rolling stock of the railway for the conveyance of ammunition and provisions, and have repaired all the bridges from Henning to Burgersdorp.

MAKING.

Impossible for the Boers to Capture the Town, Which is Well Stocked With Provisions, and is Strongly Fortified by Col. Baden-Powell.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A brief report from Pretoria says there was heavy firing at Making on Dec. 2, but it is not supplemented with details. The normal distress is wholly absent. Danger is largely a question of accident. Making was stored with provisions by government contractors, and the defences were equipped by Col. Baden-Powell. The Boers' acquaintance with the force here is the determining factor of the close investment, but it is impossible for them to capture the town.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch to the Times under date of Making Nov. 27, says that the Boers continue the investment of the town, but are raiding the back country in preference to attacking the British positions. They have raided cattle belonging to the Barralong tribe in the Molopo valley, and the natives are therefore disinclined to remain idle. Should the Making garrison eventually enter the Transvaal there would be great danger

of a general rising of the natives, there not being a force available to check it.

The despatch adds: "The past few days have been quiet. There has been the usual amount of shelling and sniping, but the Boer force here is not of great strength, every available man having been called to Natal for six weeks since. Loading was languid, yet though commercial intercourse with the outside world has been impossible, prices are very little above normal."

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

For Endeavoring to Obtain British Recruits in the Rand.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A despatch to the Central News from Durban, Dec. 4, says that information has been received from Johannesburg, Transvaal, that David Robertson, who was arrested before the outbreak of hostilities on the charge of endeavoring to obtain recruits in the Rand for the Imperial Light Horse, has been found guilty and sentenced to death.

PRETORIA.

Turn a Deaf Ear to the American Consul.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Cape Town, cabling under date of Dec. 1, says that the Transvaal government obstinately refused to furnish the American consul at Pretoria with the information concerning the British prisoners. The authorities say that Gen. Buller must apply to Commandant Joubert for such information, and refuse to recognize the right of the United States to intervene.

KIMBERLEY MINES FLOODED.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, East Africa, Dec. 1.—The Standard and Digges News of Pretoria says that an interrupted communication from Cecil Rhodes, who is in Kimberley, has declared that the De Beers mines have been flooded owing to lack of coal with which to work the pumps. The damage amounts to £10,000 sterling.

FORGIVE OFFICERS TO HELP BOERS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The Daily Mail correspondent at Lisbon, Portugal, says that on Dec. 1 two Russian colonels, a French general and a French colonel started for Lorenzo Marquez to assist in the defence of Pretoria. The secretary of the French legation escorted them to the ship on which they had taken passage.

GEN. JOUBERT DISPLACED.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Not enough is known in London of the movements of the probable effect of Commandant Joubert's supersession, but it is assumed that though Commandant Senhale-Burgher is a younger and more impetuous man, the Boer plan of campaign will not be effected, it being understood that it was arranged by the council of war.

GEN. CLERY IN COMMAND.

FRERE, Natal, Dec. 7.—Major Gen. Sir Francis Clery has arrived here and assumed command of his division.

TELEGRAPH LINE CUT.

QUEENSTOWN, Natal, Dec. 2.—The telegraph line has been cut between here and Dordrecht and also between Steynsburg and Maraisburg. It is believed that the Boers occupied Steynsburg. Commandant Steyn's brother has been appointed landvoet of Burgersdorp.

REINFORCEMENTS EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch to the Times from Putters Kraal, which is close to Sterkstroom, Gen. Garcor's headquarters, says there were 1,200 Boers at Dordrecht on Dec. 2. It adds that further British reinforcement were expected shortly.

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 7, 4.30 a. m.—Again there is a complete lull in news from the seat of war. Ladysmith has established heliographic communication with Frere, and it is reported that all was well up to Sunday. A despatch from the Boer laager, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, dated Thursday, Nov. 30, confirms the report that the commandos have been closing in upon Ladysmith and mounting big guns in new positions. A cannonade has been maintained and a general assault had been ordered for Thursday morning, but was countermanded at the last moment.

LORD METHUEN'S POSITION.

Modder river despatches say that the Boers are encamped within half way to Kimberley, but it is also asserted that a large body of the enemy has gone in the direction of Jacobsdale. It is possible, therefore, that Lord Methuen may endeavor to clear his flank as far as Jacobsdale before continuing his advance. He is still waiting at Modder river for stores, guns and ammunition.

FIGHT NEAR CARTER'S FARM.

The sortie from Kimberley on Nov. 25 appears to have been much more serious than had been supposed. De la Rive now arriving of a reconnaissance in force by mounted troops under Major Scott-Turner, at dawn, in the direction of a ridge near Carter's Farm, where the Boers were strong, by entrenched. Finding the Boer pickets asleep, Major Turner proceeded

along the ridge under cover and, rushed the Boer redoubts at 5.35 a. m. to the face of a hail of bullets.

THE WHITE FLAG AGAIN.

The Boers hoisted a white flag and fired at the British under its protection before surrendering. Owing possibly to the exhaustion of their ammunition the British were unable to follow up the attack and to scatter the large Boer laager, about 300 yards ahead, especially as Boer reinforcements were sent approaching, and the enemy was keeping up a heavy fire from the shelter of their guns.

During the sortie an armored train reconnoitered north and south while a considerable force of British with field guns and Maxims advanced toward Steynsburg, where the Boers in check in that direction.

TERRIBLE FUSILLADE.

Ten guns were engaged simultaneously and viewed from the conning tower, an artillery duel seemed proceeding in every direction except toward Kimberley, the fusillade being terrible at eight o'clock.

Having no force sufficient to hold the position he had stormed, Major Turner began gradually retiring his men. He had a horse shot under him, and a bullet wounded the right part of his shoulder. Several men had terrible wounds.

TWENTY-EIGHT BOERS CAPTURED.

It is alleged that the Boers used Martini and explosive bullets, and that they frequently fired at the British ambulance wagons. The British captured 28 of the enemy.

There appears to be some doubt as to whether this was the reconnaissance in which, according to the announcement of the war office, Major Scott-Turner was killed, or whether that officer met his fate in a subsequent sortie.

It is reported from Cape Town that the Transvaal government still refuses to acknowledge the right of the United States to interfere regarding prisoners in Pretoria, insisting that Great Britain must inquire through Commandant General Joubert.

SIEGE OF LADYSMITH.

LADYSMITH, Dec. 2.—The hottest bombardment of the siege took place last Thursday. The Boers got a new big gun in position on Lombard's Kloof completely commanding the town, and shelled our camp that day and yesterday, planting shells with great accuracy in the camp of the Gordon Highlanders and the Manchester regiment, where there were many narrow escapes.

Today the enemy resumed the bombardment, doing some very effective shooting. Several of our guns have been silenced by the Boer big gun.

LORENZO BRIDGE BURNED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—A despatch from Frere, dated Sunday, December 3, reports that in Colonel Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance near Colenso fifteen Boers were killed and many wounded. The road bridge across the Tugela river is intact. The same message reports that President Kruger is anxious that the burghers leave Ladysmith in order to oppose the British marching in the direction of Pretoria from the west.

FREE STATE BOERS UNBEAST.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch from Frere Camp, dated Dec. 5th, says: "The Boers are firing into Ladysmith. It is rumored that six thousand Free State Boers have left Ladysmith, entering the gravest fears as to the safety of their own country."

BOERS AT STEYNSBURG.

QUEENSTOWN, Cape Colony, Saturday, Dec. 2.—The Boers have become very active in the country around Steynsburg Junction, to which General Garcor will make his next move.

CASUALTIES AT KIMBERLEY.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The war office has received the list of casualties during the sortie from Kimberley November 25 as follows: Killed—Major Scott-Turner of the Black Watch, Lieut. C. Wright of the Kimberley Light Horse, and twenty non-commissioned officers and men. Wounded—Capt. Wallock, Lieut. Clifford and Lieut. Watson, and twenty-eight non-commissioned officers and men.

If General Buller asks for further reinforcements a brigade of militia may be sent to South Africa with the view of conciliating the militiamen who think that branch service has been slighted in favor of the reservists.

DUBLIN TO PROTEST.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—In compliance with a requisition signed by W. Redmond, John Clancy and others, the committee on the patriotic fund has decided that the colonials as well as the British troops now engaged in the South African war have an equal claim for aid for their widows and orphans.

OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

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early fighting. The Boers, defeated at Modder River and having retreated to Jacobsdale, may now turn north to Spryfontein to bar Lord Methuen's advance on Kimberley, or may proceed southwest to threaten Methuen's line of communications with De Aar. In the latter case the Canadians certainly will meet them.

Cape Town reports say the colonials generally are of a fine physique, and are keen for battle, although thirty-nine Canadians failed to pass the medical inspection at Cape Town.

At the instigation of the war office funds are generally now being raised here for the relief of dependents, will apply equally to the Canadians as to the British.

PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Ronalds and Mrs. Blow, of the American Ladies' hospital ship committee, were presented to the Queen yesterday by Lady Randolph Churchill.

A BRITISH SUCCESS.

Garrison at Ladysmith Made a Successful Sortie on Monday.

After Hard Fighting the Boers Retreated Having Suffered a Heavy Loss.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch received by Dalziel's news agency from Durban, dated Dec. 5, says runners who arrive at Frere state that the Boers made a great effort to capture Ladysmith early on Monday. They kept up a furious bombardment for hours, but it had no effect. The British subsequently silenced the guns and the garrison made a sortie. After hard fighting the Boers retreated, with heavy loss. It is probable that the Boers have decided to abandon the siege, as large commandos have been observed moving in the direction of the Orange Free State.

RINDERPEST.

One Case of the Dread Plague Has Been Discovered at Camp Frere.

FRERE CAMP, Dec. 6, 7.35 p. m.—A patrol of Thornycroft's horse under command of Capt. Mann today met two Boers with a white flag some distance from here. Nothing can be learned of the object of their visit or the contents of their message, if they brought one. One of the men looked like a well-to-do farmer and the other like a professional soldier. They were detained outside the camp. They expressed surprise that the British patrol was so far out.

One of the Boer camps above Colenso moved today. The Boers were seen moving their impediments in wagons. Capt. Birdwood of the Eleventh Bombardier Lancers has been appointed brigade major by Lord Dundonald. There is one case of horse sickness here. Every effort will be made to prevent the spread of the disease.

Rinderpest, or horse sickness, is at times a terrible plague in South Africa, and its appearance among the horses of the British army would be a very serious blow. These horses are, of course, not "salted," and once the disease gets started among them they will die off by hundreds. This would put an end to cavalry operations and would give a great advantage to the Boers, whose horses are undoubtedly "salted" animals.

WHAT THE BOERS SAY.

All is Quiet at Colenso and at Ladysmith—Repulsed the British Forces at Kimberley and Regained Their Old Position.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 7.—An official despatch from Pretoria, dated Dec. 1, says: "Our forces at Colenso have taken a position on this side of the Tugela river. The enemy is on the opposite side within cannon shot. All is quiet at Colenso and Ladysmith. Making was bombarded yesterday. There was a slight response from one Maxim gun."

Wessels advises government that he arrived at Kimberley on the morning of Nov. 29 bound for Bloemhof. The Boer contingent had repulsed the British on Nov. 26 and regained their old positions. The Boer losses were 3 killed and ten wounded.

It is officially announced from Bloemfontein that the British were repulsed with great loss at Modder river and that Gen. Methuen, the British commander, was badly wounded. The Boer losses are reported to have been small."

A LONG RIDE.

Party of Carbiners Arrest Three Suspects and Capture One Hundred and Fifty Cattle.

FRERE CAMP, Dec. 7, 10.10 a. m.—Provost Marshal Chichester with thirty carbiners and a few police started

yesterday morning for the Gourlian district to arrest three suspects. The party rode through the mountains, loitering in the Drakensburg mountains. They arrested four men and found in their houses large quantities of food that had been taken from neighboring loyalists. They also captured 150 head of cattle. As they were returning they were fired on by six Boers, who were in a good position. The prisoners and cattle were sent forward under guard and the remainder of the party held the Boers back. Five Boer ponies were killed. There were no casualties among the English. The party reached the camp here at 4 o'clock this morning, having ridden about 100 miles in 28 hours.

SITUATION REVIEWED.

Believed That Lord Methuen Has Received Valuable Reinforcements.

LONDON, Dec. 8, 4 a. m.—The announcements that Gen. Buller had gone to Frere and that Gen. Methuen had assumed active command of his division intensifying the eagerness with which the public awaits news of the apparently impending battle at Tugela River, in Natal, and Spryfontein in the northern Cape Colony. Little is allowed to be known of the preparation or strength of the two British forces, but it is assumed that Gen. Methuen has received valuable reinforcements from Cape Town since the Modder River fight, possibly including the Howitzers battery, which arrived at Cape Town on Dec. 4. It is not known whether Gen. Methuen has advanced, the latest advice from him being dated Dec. 6, in which he says that he had again assumed command of his division. The troops in Natal were reported on Dec. 1 to be within cannon shot of the enemy. These troops were probably only British outposts inasmuch, as telegram from Frere yesterday indicate that the main camp is still there. The constant rumors of the withdrawal of part of the Boer forces in northern Natal seem to have some basis, but the stories of dissensions among the enemy, though published on General White's authority, are not officially claimed to be true, and they are therefore quite unsubstantiated. It is more likely that whatever part of the invading force had been withdrawn has been sent west to assist in opposing Gen. Methuen, is not far out. Meanwhile the reports from Ladysmith are couched in gloomiest language, and everything indicates that the enemy is striving to the utmost to make the British position untenable before Gen. Buller can reach the town. The Standard's correspondent at Ladysmith in a despatch dated Dec. 2, supports the other statements concerning the anxiety, with which the movement of the relieving force is awaited.

MODDER RIVER BRIGADE.

People of Kimberley Do Not Fear the Besiegers, But Find It Difficult to Feed the Animals.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Modder River, telegraphing under date of Dec. 4, says: "The Kimberley searchlight signalled last night that there was a sufficient supply of food in the town, and that the people were cheerful. There has been no bombardment since Nov. 25. Runners who have arrived at Modder River say that the people at Kimberley do not fear the besiegers, but are greatly troubled to feed nearly 10,000 bastards, who are in the diamond field camp."

LADYSMITH.

Situation Becoming Graver and More Difficult Every Day.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The correspondent of the Times at Ladysmith, in a despatch dated Dec. 2, reiterates, strongly that the situation there is becoming graver and more difficult every day. The enemy is keeping up a more systematic artillery fire and is concentrating it on every point, with the result that considerable damage has been done. It has also been found necessary to remove the wounded from the hospitals to the banks of the river. The Boers have placed a large calibre gun 4,000 yards distant from the western defence. Thus the Boers have in position three Creusot six inch guns, four 4.7 inch howitzers, two batteries of high velocity, long range field guns, and several mountain automatic rifles.

CAMP FRERE.

Boers Occupied a Strongly Fortified Position Near Colenso.

FRERE CAMP, Natal, Dec. 2.—Capt. Cayser of the signal corps went to Anklumba yesterday afternoon and

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MR. TARTE AND THE IMPERIALISTS.

La Patrie of Montreal is the organ of Mr. Tarte. He bought the paper himself from Mr. Beauregard. The story of the purchase was told to the Drummond County enquirer.

It is important for the people of Canada to understand that this cry is still kept up. La Patrie has been discussing ever since the outbreak of the war the press of Paris, which is assailing the Queen with language and caricatures too brutal and too indecent for reproduction.

Having denounced the imperialism of the Canadian Tories and of their leaders, and more particularly of the Orangeism, and thus assailed the imperial aspirations of Mr. Chamberlain, La Patrie opens fire on General Hutton, who also has the misfortune to be an imperialist.

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General Hutton is right and Mr. Tarte is wrong. The people of Canada agree with Chamberlain. They know that if Mr. Chamberlain is responsible for the war in Africa it is because Mr. Chamberlain refused to tolerate any longer the oppression of British subjects in the Transvaal.

We take the liberty of informing Mr. Tarte that the longer, the more fierce, the more bloody, the war in Africa may be, and the harder Britain may be pressed by hostile Boers in the Transvaal, or by treacherous Boers in Cape Colony, or by Boer sympathizers in the United States, the stronger will be the determination of the Canadian people to come to her assistance.

Greenway is gone. Two or three constituencies are in doubt, but it is clear that the government is in a minority. This means that a tremendous over-turn has taken place. When the house was dissolved Mr. Greenway held thirty-four out of the forty constituencies.

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Conservatives Carry Manitoba With a Handsome Majority.

Greenway and His Horde Routed, Horse, Foot and Artillery.

People of the Prairie Province Strike the Death Knell of Grit Rule in Canada.

(Special to The Sun.) WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—In today's election the government lost two seats in this city and two cabinet ministers fell by the way.

FOR THE WHOLE EMPIRE. The announcement that the war office has caused the way fund to be made available for the dependent relatives of colonial volunteers who serve in Africa contains another lesson of imperial unity.

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Greenway and His Horde Routed, Horse, Foot and Artillery.

People of the Prairie Province Strike the Death Knell of Grit Rule in Canada.

(Special to The Sun.) WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—In today's election the government lost two seats in this city and two cabinet ministers fell by the way.

FOR THE WHOLE EMPIRE. The announcement that the war office has caused the way fund to be made available for the dependent relatives of colonial volunteers who serve in Africa contains another lesson of imperial unity.

Greenway is gone. Two or three constituencies are in doubt, but it is clear that the government is in a minority. This means that a tremendous over-turn has taken place.

It is important for the people of Canada to understand that this cry is still kept up. La Patrie has been discussing ever since the outbreak of the war the press of Paris, which is assailing the Queen with language and caricatures too brutal and too indecent for reproduction.

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BY CONSTITUENCIES.

Following table shows the result in each constituency, and what seats have been gained by each side: Avondale-Argue, (c) gain. Beautiful Plains-Ennis, (c) gain. Birds-Hon. J. C. Mickle, (l) gain. Brandon City-McLennan, (c) gain. Carleton-Portage, (c) gain. Centre-Winnipeg, (c) gain. Cypress-Steale, (c) gain. Deloraine-Young, (l) gain. Emerson-McFadden, (c) gain. Gimli-Kildonan, (c) gain. Kildonan and St. Andrews-Dr. Grain, (c) gain. Killarney-Lawrence, (c) gain. Lakeland-McKenzie, (l) gain. Lansdowne-Souris, (c) gain. La Verandrye-Lagimodiere, (l) gain. Le Pas-Ridley, (c) gain. Manitow-Rodgers, (c) gain. Minnedosa-Meyer, (l) gain. Morden-Ridley, (c) gain. Morris-Campbell, (c) gain. Norfolk-Lyon, (c) gain. North Brandon-Greenwood, (c) gain. Portage-Portage, (c) gain. Rhineland-Winkler, (l) gain. Rockwood-Ridley, (c) gain. Rosedale-Headley, (l) gain. Russell-in doubt. Sault Ste. Marie-Strand, (l) gain. Saskatchewan-Tie, with one place to hear from. Souris-Thompson, (c) gain. South Brandon-Powier, (l) gain. Springfield-Portage, (c) gain. Turtle Mountain-Johnston, (c) gain. Verden-Simpson, (c) gain. Winnipeg Centre-Hon. Mr. McMillan, (l) gain. Winnipeg North-Hon. Mr. Nelson, (c) gain. Winnipeg South-Hugh John Macdonald, (c) gain. Woodlands-Roblin, (c) gain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON. LESSON XII.—December 17. GOLDEN TEXT. Whosoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Gal. 6: 7.

THE SECTION includes only the lesson. PLACE IN THE HISTORY. Neh. Chap. 15, where Nehemiah is seeking to make needed reforms.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—B. C. 433-427, probably. (See last lesson.) Place.—Jerusalem and vicinity.

FRUITS OF RIGHT AND WRONG. Compare Malachi 3: 1-8, also Matthew 11: 7-15. Commit verses 16-18.

13. Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, (a) What have we spoken (b) so much against thee? 14. Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept His (c) ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of Hosts?

15. And now we call the proud happy: yea, they that work wickedness are (d) set up; yea, they (e) that tempt God (f) are increased and delivered. 16. They that feared the Lord (g) spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard (h) it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name.

17. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in (i) that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

18. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, and between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. 19. For ye beheld, the day cometh, (j) that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud (k) shall be as chaff; and they that do wickedly shall burn thereon: but they that do righteously shall burn as straw upon the floor.

20. But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth, and (l) grow up as calves of the stall.

21. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I (m) shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts. 22. Remember ye the law of Moses my servant which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, (n) with the statutes and judgments.

23. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the (o) coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. 24. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

REVISION CHANGES. Ver. 13. (a) Wherein. (b) Omit so much. Ver. 14. (c) Charge. Ver. 15. (d) Exalt. (e) Omit that. (f) And are delivered. Ver. 16. (g) Spake one with another. (h) Omit it. Ver. 17. (i) The day that I do make, even a peculiar treasure. Ver. 18. (j) I) It burneth as a furnace. (k) Omit yet. (l) Work wickedness. Ver. 20. (m) Sun. (n) Gambol. Ver. 21. (o) Do make. Omit this. Ver. 22. (p) Omit the. Ver. 23. (q) Before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

LIGHT ON THE TEXT. We are still in the midst of the reforms Nehemiah was making among the Jews who had returned. He again shows them the causes of their distress and disappointment, and how in the midst of these was a way to do better things. God had not forgotten them, but cared for them as precious jewels.

13. Your words have been stout against me, saith the Lord.—They had heard served Him, very poorly, and yet expected the fulfilment of His promises to those who loved and served Him with all their hearts. Ordinance.—The required forms of worship. Walked mournfully.—Outward signs of sorrow, such as fasting.

14. Set up.—Built up, in prosperity and success. 15. They that feared the Lord.—With inward awe that led them to trust and obey Him. Spake often (often is not in the Hebrew) one to another.—Thus encouraging and strengthening one another. A book of remembrance.—Everything is recorded. God never forgets. (Compare Rev. 20: 12; 21: 27.)

17. Make up my jewels.—Those who are His choicest people, who stand highest and are most precious to Him. 18. Return.—Look again, return to a right view. 1. The day cometh.—The judgment day, referring first to the judgments

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which would fall on wicked nations: a type of the final day of judgment. 2. Healing in His wings.—Help, comfort, peace in His wings, which are like winged messengers. Calves of the stall.—Well protected and cared for. 5. I will send you Elijah.—Fulfilled in John the Baptist, who came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Matt. 11: 14; Mark 9: 11). Dreadful day of the Lord.—The coming of Jesus, whose very presence compelled men to decide one way or the other. Befitting Him led to the destruction of Jerusalem.

GUIDING QUESTIONS. (For home study and for oral and written answers. Do some work daily.) Subject.—God's Care of Good Men in a Wicked World.

Introductory.—To what period of Jewish history does this lesson belong? Who was Malachi? What can you learn about the circumstances from the book of Nehemiah?

I. How Good Men May Thrive in a Wicked World (vs. 13-18).—What did bad men say against God? (Job 12: 6; 21: 7; Ps. 73: 2; Eccl. 7: 15; Jer. 22: 1.) What did the good people do? What is the book of remembrance? Why are God's people called His jewels?

II. The Righteous and the Wicked in the Day of

CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John,

Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges.

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A fair exchange of a pound of UNION BLEND TEA for 25, 30, 35 or 40c, at any grocer's.

Barkentine F. B. Lovitt, Captain Fancy, arrived at Yarmouth on Tuesday morning for the schooner "Demerara."

The Baharel lumber property at Amherst head has been bought by D. M. Jackson of Turkish for \$5,000, says the Press.

Harry R. Daley, of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to the branch at Oxford, N. S.

Rev. R. Barry Smith has resigned his pastorate at Buctouche, and for the present his address will be at Buctouche, Transpore.

The dwelling of George A. Love at Southampton, York county, was burned on the 8th instant. The house was insured in the Western for \$500.

Rev. W. C. Calder of Loggieville, N. B., will conduct the services on Sunday in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church.—Yancover World, Nov. 27.

Willed Sullivan, son of Chief Justice Sullivan of Charlottetown, left Tuesday morning for San Francisco, Cal., where he intends going into business.

W. B. Gillies of Hartland, N. B., shipped 452 sheep from Sunderland on Tuesday to England, and C. A. Macnutt, Kensington, shipped 200 lambs to Halifax.

P. E. Island shippers complain of a scarcity of schooners for carrying produce to the mainland and coal from Pictou and Cape Breton, and freights have advanced greatly.

John Connolly of New Glasgow has been appointed to the office of coal inspector on the eastern division of the Intercolonial railway. His field of labor will be the inspection of Pictou and Cape Breton.

Several of the milkmen of Shubenacadie have sold their cows and gone out of the business. They say milk cannot be produced for the small amount it is now being sold for to the milkmen in Halifax.

U. S. Consul Myers sent the crew of the wrecked schooner Hazel Dell to Bangor Wednesday afternoon, that being the nearest point on the railroad to their homes. The men were fitted out with clothes and provided with their tickets by the consul.

The three members of the crew of the J. B. Vandusen, Mate Campbell, Seaman McIntyre and Steward Snowden were Wednesday afternoon sent to Portland, Maine, by U. S. Consul Myers, there to await proceedings in the Maxwell case.

The death occurred at Tempe, Maricopa Co., Arizona, on the 26th November, of Robert Marshall Robertson, formerly of St. John, but for many years a resident in Arizona. Deceased was a son of the late Robert Robertson of Indiantown, St. John, N. B.

CHILDREN WILL GO SLEIGHING. They return covered with snow. Half a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer in hot water will prevent ill effects. Avoid substitutes, there's but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c and 50c.

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The latest addition to the Manchester fleet is the Manchester Shipper, which was launched from the Irvine's Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company's yard, West Hartlepool, on the 18th ult. She is 322 feet long, 43 feet beam and 38 1/2 feet deep, and is 10,666 tons dead-weight.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Innes of Norton Station, Kings county, celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday evening last. A large number of relatives and friends assembled and extended congratulations, together with numerous gifts appropriate to the happy occasion.

George W. Clark, charged with assaulting Blanche Keane on Friday on the Sand Cove road, was yesterday brought to trial. His counsel, J. B. M. Baxter, applied for bail. The magistrate offered to accept \$1,500 in two instalments, and John C. Thomas and Fred J. Bellain became Clark's bondsmen.

The will of the late William Vassie has been admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to Mrs. Vassie, the sole executrix, and also the sole legatee under the will. The estate consists of the residence of the deceased on Mecklenburg street, the Knight property on the corner of Ludlow and King streets, Dartmouth, the leasehold property corner King and Canterbury streets, St. John, and also the deceased's interests in Vassie & Co., Limited. The probate value is \$67,500. H. H. Pickett, proctor.

There was joy among the I. C. R. employes in the city yesterday when news was received of a number of increases in wages. F. E. Harrington, ticket agent; W. Kelly and F. Henderson, in charge of the baggage room, and H. H. Hatch, chief clerk in the freight shed, all get increases of \$120 per year. Increases ranging from \$150 to \$5 per month are also made to the freight shed clerks, John W. Rusk, James Gorham, W. Daley, J. W. McKean, H. H. James, H. H. McLeod, C. W. Thomas, E. L. Corbett, J. Wilkins, D. McL. Smith, W. F. Magee, C. B. Rowe, P. E. Tapley, T. E. Dyer, W. D. Kelly and H. T. Comeau.

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GOOD CONGREGATIONS are nightly greeting the evangelists in the Union church, and a great spiritual awakening has begun. Three services were held last Sabbath, and a wonderful spiritual power was manifest among the people. The solos of Evangelist McLean are greatly appreciated, and are rendered with fine effect. Mr. McLean is a singer of rare ability, enthusiastic in his work, and never fails to inspire his hearers with the true spirit of praise. Rev. Mr. Nobles speaks direct to the hearts of the people, and his sermons are full of pathos and tender appeals. The meetings will be continued for several days longer.

LARGE CATCHES OF SMELT. The Sun's Sheldie correspondent writes on Dec. 8th: The smelt fishing began here Dec. 1st, and some very large catches have been made. A one load was sent by express to New York last Saturday. The price this year is very good.

A new flag pole has been erected at the public school. It adds much to the appearance of the grounds.

Arthur Rogers of Montreal is in town.

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RICHMOND, Kent Co., Dec. 2.—Smith Scott was married on Tuesday to Maggie, eldest daughter of Peter Barnett. Rev. H. A. Meek performed the ceremony at the home of the bride. The newly married couple are visiting friends in Kings county.

R. O'Leary's mill at the north end has closed down for the season. The schooners Ella Maud and Magdalen Roach arrived from Charlottetown this week with cargoes of merchandise. The smelt fishing season opened yesterday.

NORFOLK STATION, Kings Co., Dec. 2.—A highly interesting social event took place at the R. C. church here on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 1st, when Miss Anna Kelly of Belleisle was married to John Carter of Fredericton. The marriage was solemnized by Rev. H. A. Meek. Miss Lena Kelly attended her sister, and Miss Kelly, principal of the Hampton school, was the bridesmaid. The church was a most brilliant appearance, and was crowded to the doors. About 100 guests were present, and the newly wedded couple took leave of their friends at their honeymoon home in the city. Mrs. Carter will visit Quebec, Montreal and other places in the province before returning home in the capital. Being for some time a teacher in the public schools, she is very widely known and very popular, and her worthy partner, at present forman of the machine shops of the railway, is an active young man of the highest standing.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 2.—Sir Louis Davies and the minister of railways arrived here at noon today from Woodstock via MoAdam. Both gentlemen are the guests of Hon. P. F. Thompson. The minister of railways is attending a meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. and will remain in Fredericton over Sunday. Sir Louis Davies left later in the day for Ottawa.

Judge Wilson delivered judgment this morning in the case of John Menzies v. John Dupuis and William Mullin, on review from the parish of Thompson. The minister of railways is attending a meeting of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. and will remain in Fredericton over Sunday. Sir Louis Davies left later in the day for Ottawa.

James Kennedy of White's Point, who has been engaged in digging wells during the past summer, recently completed an excellent well for Robert McCready of Wiekham. Mr. Kennedy was forced to dig through twelve feet of solid rock and reached a depth of forty feet before striking water. The flow was such as to produce a depth of six feet of water during the greatest drought. This is an exceptional thing in the locality, as Mr. McCready and others have bored to much greater depths with poor results. At the top of the well Mr. Kennedy built a cement floor and after Mr. McCready had placed a pump in the well he valued the water privilege at \$100.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 5.—The report of Secretary Northrup of the Moncton board of health for the past twelve months has been made public. It shows that the city has been peculiarly free from infectious and contagious diseases during the year just closed, the total number being only 41, as compared with 533 in the previous year. Of these 1888 cases were 21 cases of diphtheria, 10 cases of measles of which there were 417 cases, against none this year, but deducting this disease there were 116 cases in 1898 against 41 this year. Of typhoid fever there were 21 cases and no deaths this year, against 22 cases and two deaths last year. Of measles no cases this year, against 47 cases and three deaths last year. Of diphtheria there were no cases this year, against 40 cases and four deaths last year, and of scarlet fever eight cases, no deaths this year, against 35 cases and one death last year. From all causes there were 106 deaths this year, against 124 last year, showing a healthier condition of the city generally. The decrease in the number of deaths of young children was particularly marked, while there is a noticeable increase in the deaths of old people, as the following table shows:

Deaths. 1898. 1899. Under 2 years of age..... 54 37 Smith Bros. of Central Blissville are building a two story dwelling house and a store 22x40 feet. Austin De Witt is the contractor.

The fifth anniversary of the starting of the Church of England mission at Fredericton Junction will be held in the hall at that place on the evening of December 12th. Rev. H. Montgomery and H. E. Dibbille will be present. The mission will likewise give a patriotic entertainment at the same place on the evening of Dec. 19th in aid of the church fund.

At W. D. Smith on Friday last, was nailed boards on his barn the ladder on which he was standing slipped and he fell to the ground, a distance of 16 feet. After regaining consciousness he made his way to the house. Dr. Murray was summoned and found a severe bruising; that two ribs were broken in his left side.

Miss Samuel Crawford, aged twenty-seven years, died suddenly at her home, Mill settlement, on Sunday evening. She was a daughter of Frederick Byers of that place, and leaves a husband and seven small children.

MONCTON, Dec. 6.—Dr. J. McWilliam, an old and respected resident of Moncton, died at his home on the Salisbury road this morning, aged 73. Deceased was a native of Kent county, and had been employed in the city of Moncton for many years. He was a member of the Baptist church, and was a devoted and successful farmer. He was married and leaves a wife and family of 11 children and one brother living at Petitcodiac who is over 80 years of age.

Miss O'Neill and Willis have resigned from the Moncton teaching staff. Among the applications for positions are Nina L. Fisher of Woodstock and Edith Darling of Sussex. All the teachers below grade 7 have applied for increase in salaries. The amount they receive, \$240 a year, is, they say, less than is paid in St. John and Fredericton.

Andrew Hunter, electrician of St. John, is suing the Moncton school trustees for \$40 in dispute in their bill for wiring the Aberdeen school building here.

The next meeting of the Moncton court next Wednesday to settle up the affairs of the recent campaign and devise means for the enforcement of the act.

London policemen have been forbidden to wear tan shoes on the ground that they are "too stylish."

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week to Miss Taylor of Moncton, is expected to be married in the near future. D. A. Moore and wife are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son, WHITE COVER, Queens Co., Dec. 4.—Miss Fox, who has had charge of the Waterborough school, will sever her connection at vacation. She will be succeeded by Gordon E. Knight, who has been in charge of the Mill Cove school, which is now vacant.

S. B. Orchard will leave the Robertson's Point school at the end of this term. Miss Mary Orchard will continue in charge of the White's Cove school, much to the satisfaction of the ratepayers. Miss Orchard has already been here two terms.

Thomas Carmichael still continues to, and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Mrs. D. H. Farris and family will come here today, to Mrs. Farris' old home, from Lower Cambridge, where she has been living for some time with her husband, John E. Holder.

Charles W. and W. B. Farris will this winter do a large business in getting logs and cordwood on land owned by Chas. W. Farris. The ceremony of the marriage of Chas. W. Farris and Miss M. J. Cameron of White's Point engaged as cook in his lumber camp on Wilson's grove.

Mrs. Arthur Vradenburg of Fredericton, N. B., sister of Mrs. C. P. Kesat, is lying at the point of death.

B. Leonard White of White's Point, who had the contract to build the Cox road bridge, has thrown up the sponge in remodelling the bridge on the bridge again by Road Commissioner James McLaughlin.

John F. Wright has added much to the appearance of his residence by recent repairs and painting.

C. P. Kesat of McDonald's Corner is building a large barn on the site of the barns burned a year ago.—Thomas Hann of Waterborough is also erecting a barn.—John E. Barton of Mill Cove is remodeling the interior of his residence. Whitfield Thompson is doing the carpenter work.

James Kennedy of White's Point, who has been engaged in digging wells during the past summer, recently completed an excellent well for Robert McCready of Wiekham. Mr. Kennedy was forced to dig through twelve feet of solid rock and reached a depth of forty feet before striking water.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 5.—The report of Secretary Northrup of the Moncton board of health for the past twelve months has been made public. It shows that the city has been peculiarly free from infectious and contagious diseases during the year just closed, the total number being only 41, as compared with 533 in the previous year.

Deaths. 1898. 1899. Under 2 years of age..... 54 37 Smith Bros. of Central Blissville are building a two story dwelling house and a store 22x40 feet. Austin De Witt is the contractor.

The fifth anniversary of the starting of the Church of England mission at Fredericton Junction will be held in the hall at that place on the evening of December 12th. Rev. H. Montgomery and H. E. Dibbille will be present. The mission will likewise give a patriotic entertainment at the same place on the evening of Dec. 19th in aid of the church fund.

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administrator of Melinda V. Pennington, et al.—F. St. J. Bilas moves to continue injunction restraining Seely from exercising a power of sale contained in a mortgage given by plaintiff to Mrs. Pennington in her lifetime and to continue in force until the hearing. Ordered accordingly.

MILLSTREAM, Kings Co., Dec. 4.—E. R. Folkins received four carloads of cats and a large consignment of country produce from the late Edward Island the first of his work.

J. T. Kirk has sold his farm and residence to Samuel Belding. John McHugh, who has been confined to the house with a very sore hand, is somewhat better.

The blacksmith shop of Mr. Stewart which has been closed in consequence of its owner's illness, has been opened with James O'Brien in charge. A number of men have left here for the St. Martin's lumber woods. John E. McLaughlin has moved his portable saw mill to Kara, and intends to operate extensively in the lumber woods.

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MEADAM JUNCTION, Dec. 4.—Rev. J. E. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury, spent Sunday at MoAdam and held three services.

In the account of the sale and tax, last week, your correspondent omitted to mention the candy table in charge of Miss A. Barker and Miss G. Robinson. The candies were all home made and found a ready sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Skiene are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son.

Mrs. H. Rogers is quite ill. She is attended by Dr. Young of Vancouver.

Mrs. W. R. Farmer, whose husband resigned his position here a few months ago, and who has since obtained an excellent position in Oldtown, Me., sold the steam yacht Waverley to H. Branen of the Junction House, and rented her house to Israel Nason.

CONTREVILLE, Dec. 5.—A snow fall of four inches last Monday has made good sledding. There is a good demand for men. Teams at fair prices are sought after by the lumbermen.

C. M. Sherwood has purchased the property in the village recently owned by the late H. B. White. He has also erected and finished a dwelling on the front street.

Rev. Mr. Calder has recently filled the Baptist pulpit. As there is no resident minister in the town, he has also made a supply for each week to be in order.

Doctors Brown and Peppers are quite busy. The latter is steadily gaining in favor and getting a succession of patients.

Mr. and Mrs. David Burt will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of married life on the 7th inst.

Delightful weather has given the farmers time to get their fall plowing done and now they are busy thrashing, yarding wood and otherwise preparing for winter. They are realizing remunerative prices for all farm produce.

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BOARD OF TRADE.

Annual Report Shows a Substantial Cash Balance on Hand.

J. D. McLaughlin Re-elected President, and G. Wetmore Merritt Elected Vice President.

What Has Been Accomplished During the Past Year—Members of Council and Board of Arbitration.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon, President McLaughlin in the chair. There were also present, Secretary Allison, G. F. Fisher, F. A. Dykeman, S. S. Hall, W. S. Fisher, F. L. Potts, H. A. Drury, J. J. Barry, John Sealy, W. F. Hatheway, C. F. Kinneer, J. A. Likely, T. H. Eastbrooks, Thos. Gorman, H. C. Tilley, R. B. Emerson, W. F. Burditt, A. E. Epie in hand.

The secretary read the monthly report, as follows: "Since the last meeting of the board the council had dealt with the following matters: "The taxation committee has reported to the council that the committee has asked the Common Council to obtain information regarding rentals under Act 22 Vic, cap. 43.

"A telegram has been received from the acting deputy minister of trade and commerce in reply to a telegram from the president in regard to the fax, N. B., stating that the matter will receive immediate attention.

"The council having been informed that a difficulty had arisen in regard to the signing of the contracts between the Furness line and the Dominion government for the London service owing to the government wishing to fix the rates of freight to be charged, the president has written Hon. A. G. Blair, in the matter which is now being arranged and the contract signed."

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR. The council submitted the following report of the work of the board during the past year: "The board has held thirteen meetings during the year, in addition to which a number of meetings of the various committees, and four public meetings under the auspices of the board have been held.

"The last annual meeting sixteen new members have joined the board, 18 have withdrawn or removed from the city, and three have died, leaving the membership of the board 151, the same as last year.

It is with much sorrow and regret that your council is called upon to record the deaths of three of our members during the past year, all of them identified with the trade and commerce of St. John. Ward C. Pitfield, whose death occurred last April, was a long period connected with the board, and also vice president of the board. Geo. F. Baird, and William Vassie, while unable to spare much time from the large business conducted by them, were constant in their attendance at the board, were always ready to uphold it in its work. By the deaths of these members both the board and the city of St. John have sustained a great loss.

The reading room of the board has been well looked after by the committee in charge and several new newspapers have been added to the files. Several directories of Canadian cities have been added to the reference library, and arrangements have been made whereby the number of directories of United States and Canadian cities will be materially increased during the coming year.

The illustrated pamphlet, "St. John as a Winter Port," which was prepared by a committee of the board, and annual meeting has since been issued and the greater part of the edition of 10,000 copies has been distributed throughout the commercial centres in Great Britain and Canada. A few copies of this pamphlet are still in the custody of the secretary and members desiring them for special distribution can obtain a limited number on application.

The board of Trade of Montreal has called the attention of your council to the question of the inspection of grain laden vessels at St. John. Your council has referred the correspondence and report of our committee to the common council, with the request that they will take such steps as they may see proper to obtain the necessary legislation bearing thereon.

The president was requested by the board to prepare a concise statement of the history of the movement resulting in the establishment of the terminal facilities at Sand Point, including a statement of the total expenditure and gifts by the city to date, and also a statement of the total revenue at present derived both summer and winter from the improvements in question, and a statement of the revenue derived from the same property prior to the time when the improvements were commenced. In response to the request the president submitted at the meeting of the board on 7th of February, 1899, a statement of the financial history of the movement from its inception, showing very fully and in detail the cost to the city of our winter port improvements. This report is on file at the office of the board and will be found valuable for reference.

The public meetings under the auspices of the board of trade were held in March last to consider the question of the assessment of the terminal facilities at Sand Point, including a statement of the total expenditure and gifts by the city to date, and also a statement of the total revenue at present derived both summer and winter from the improvements in question, and a statement of the revenue derived from the same property prior to the time when the improvements were commenced. In response to the request the president submitted at the meeting of the board on 7th of February, 1899, a statement of the financial history of the movement from its inception, showing very fully and in detail the cost to the city of our winter port improvements. This report is on file at the office of the board and will be found valuable for reference.

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It having come to the knowledge of the council that a strong effort was being made to do away with all subsidies to all ocean steamers except mail steamers and lines whose contracts were still running, a delegation consisting of the president, John Sealy and T. H. Eastbrooks visited Ottawa, with the result that all the subsidies to lines of steamers running to St. John are being continued.

The council has endeavored through the agent general of New Brunswick at London, and others, to counteract as far as possible the increase in the rates of marine insurance by the English underwriters, by drawing their attention to the extremely low percentage of loss on vessels and cargoes owned by St. John. An article on the subject by the secretary was published with a map showing the approaches to St. John in Seely's London Commercial Intelligence. A committee of the board has been appointed to look into this matter.

A committee was appointed by the council to oppose the enactment of the material changes proposed to be made in the present assessment law until such time as full information as to the nature of the proposed changes had been obtained under authority given to the assessors for that purpose, and in view of an entirely new assessment act being passed in the near future, it was not considered advisable to have any changes made in the present act last session, and also to oppose the opposition to submit the question of an exhibition grant to a plebiscite. Members of the committee proceeded to Fredericton and opposed the bills, with the result that they were rejected by a committee of the house. The bills to legalize the erection of the I. C. R. grain elevator and the bill to enable the assessors to provide information as to rentals and other taxable values required to secure the preparation of an improved municipal taxation act for St. John, both of which were advocated by the board, were also rejected.

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The secretary submitted to the board at the end of the session a statement prepared from the manifests of outgoing steamships showing the quantities and values of goods exported from St. John during the past year. This statement shows a gratifying increase in the volume of exports, the total value being \$1,176,246, against \$4,838,768, an increase of over 57 per cent.

A fine has been arisen between the Canadian Pacific and Intercolonial railways in regard to freight arrangements, the president and other members of the council have used their best efforts to bring about a settlement of the difficulty, and are glad to know that the matters in dispute have been arranged for the time at least.

The annual meeting of the board of trade of the maritime provinces was held in this city on the 16th, 17th and 18th August. The meeting was well attended, 33 delegates being present, and the discussion created much interest both in St. John and other parts of Canada. The Church of England lecture room was provided by the St. John board for the meetings, and the visiting delegates were entertained by an excursion on the St. John river and dinner on board the steamer Victoria.

The visiting delegates all expressed themselves much pleased with the meeting and reception in St. John. In connection with the meeting of the maritime board the council organized a "merchants' week" arrangements being made for reduced rates by steamers and trains for the visiting members and a large number of circulars being sent through the provinces by the St. John wholesale houses inviting the attendance of business men in St. John during the meeting of the Maritime Board. It is to be regretted that a larger number of merchants did not take advantage of the opportunity.

Your council received a delegation from the apple shippers of Nova Scotia who made a complaint that they were put to loss and inconvenience by the running arrangements of the Furness line. Messrs. Mooney of the Mispec pulp mill at the same time made similar complaints. The council has endeavored to have the matter put right, and were assured by the acting deputy minister of trade and commerce that it would receive immediate attention.

The secretary will present to the annual meeting his financial statement for the year, which has been duly audited, and shows the board to be in a sound financial condition.

During the year the secretary has as usual received many inquiries as to matters relating to the business of St. John, to all of which he has given the desired information.

The council has also dealt with a number of other matters of importance, and has endeavored to have the matter put right, and were assured by the acting deputy minister of trade and commerce that it would receive immediate attention.

On motion of W. F. Hatheway, the report was received and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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Balance cash preparing, publishing and mailing pamphlet "St. John as a Winter Port"..... 726.57 Grant towards publishing Ball's pamphlet on taxation..... 25.00 Copies of manifests of trade per Fort steamers..... 28.85 Miscellaneous expenses..... 25.41

Balance in Bank of Montreal..... \$1,006.93 Memo of Assets 5th Dec., 1899..... 2,138.14 Subscriptions outstanding..... 115.00 Arrears..... 540.00

Balance of liabilities 4th Dec., 1899..... \$1,546.43 Current account outstanding..... 38.60

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. President McLaughlin, in calling on the board to elect officers for the year, heartily thanked the members for the manner in which they had always assisted and upheld the chair. He was sorry that the meetings throughout the year had not been more largely attended, and urged an increased interest during the year to come. If the members would act as city missionaries he believed they could raise the roll to 250. He suggested that the rooms should be nearer the business centre of the city, and, referring to the well equipped news room, thought it would be better patronized if in a better location. The handsome sum in bank to the credit of the board led him to hope that some day, see long, the board might have a building of its own. As W. M. Jarvis, vice-president, had positively declined for reasons of his own to accept the presidency, it now devolved on the board to select another man.

Geo. Robertson, in nominating President McLaughlin for another term, expressed regret that Mr. Jarvis had declined nomination. He eulogized Mr. Jarvis' services during the past year as president of the board and president of the exhibition association.

W. M. Jarvis, in seconding Mr. Robertson's motion, bore hearty testimony to Mr. McLaughlin's work on behalf of the board and of the city. He regretted that he found it impossible to accept the position of president, but would do all in his power to strengthen Mr. McLaughlin's hands.

Mr. McLaughlin thanked the board for its hearty expressions of good will, but felt that having filled the position for two years, he should give place to some other member.

G. Wetmore Merritt, who was elected vice-president without opposition, returned thanks from the bottom of his heart for this unexpected honor.

The following were elected members of the council: Geo. Robertson, W. S. Fisher, W. H. Thorne, John Sealy, W. M. Jarvis, S. S. Hall, Likely. The other six members will be chosen by the council.

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THE BRITISH LOSSES

In Each Engagement of the Present War In South Africa.

How the Names of the Killed and Wounded After a Battle Are Ascertained.

A Useful Table of Distances for Reference in Connection with the Despatches—"Our Boys" Are There—Notes from the Front and Elsewhere.

The three battles fought in Cape Colony have swelled the casualty list of the British forces enormously, the total to date numbering 4,180, as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Category, Killed, Wounded. Rows include Killed (408), Wounded (1,906), Captured and missing (1,866).

The following table shows the number of men reported as killed, wounded, or missing in each engagement of the war:

Table with 4 columns: Making, Kild, Wnd, Cpt'd. Rows include Blauwbaan, Blauderslaagte, Crocodile River, etc.

The names of the British killed and wounded after a battle are ascertained by means of the identification cards which all our soldiers carry sewn up in the left-hand corner of their khaki tunics.

On the card is written the soldier's name, rank, regimental number, together with the name and address of his next-of-kin. The latter is added so that the authorities may know where to forward the effects of any soldier who gets killed.

After an engagement the roll is called as soon as the regiments get back to their camp. Every man who does not answer is "ticked off" as missing, and search is made for him on the field. As the search parties come across the dead and wounded men they open the tunic at the left-hand corner and take out the identification card. The cards thus collected are carried back to camp and handed over to the clerks of the general in command, who therefrom compile the casualty lists.

After all the cards have been collected the roll is checked again, and a note made of those men of whom no trace has been discovered. These are usually presumed to have been taken prisoners, but it does not always follow that the assumption is correct.

OFFICERS KILLED. The deaths among officers, and those who subsequently died of wounds, are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Name, Regiment. Rows include Colonels (3), Majors (7), Captains (15), Lieutenants (67).

The following table shows the list of the casualties to British arms to date by battalions:

Table with 4 columns: Battalion, Killed, Wounded, Cpt'd. Rows include Gloucesters, Irish Fusiliers, King's Rifles, etc.

At this period in Natal the sun rises at five o'clock and sets at seven. "Lighting-up time" somewhere about eight.

The women of the Free State and the Transvaal are indignant at the suppression of casualty lists, and the general secrecy maintained by the authorities as to the fate of their husbands and sons at the front.

"When we had got their position," writes an officer from Elandslaagte, "a man came with a flag of truce in one hand, while he fired right and left with his revolver in the other. Can one wonder if Tommy shoots them, surrender or no?"

Here is the latest photograph of Oom Paul, published in "Transvaal under the English." "A human loss a fat-bellied man with a heavy face and greasy clothes and a napless tall hat."

General Hilyard, who is commanding at Estcourt, began his career with five years service in the navy. Subsequently, through a Nottinghamshire man, he became adjutant of a Highland regiment.

"English officers," says a Russian paper, "are courageous, but they are too fond of comfort. Every transport is followed by a private steamer carrying officers' luggage, cigars, and champagne."

"Would you like to see a grand bird I shot during the last war?" said a Boer two months ago to an English visitor, and with that he led the way into the living room, where above the door hung a Highlander's kill. "He was

running away and I stopped him," explained the Boer; "he dropped on his knees and prayed for mercy, and as he prayed I shot him dead."

THE MARCH OF MEN. If you could see away the pain, And see the world as it is, And live a life of smiles, And be happy as a child again, Be free from thoughts of care— Would you appear as other men? More noble or more fair?

Ab, no! a man should do his part And carry all his load, Rejoice to share with every heart The roughness of the road: Not given to thinking overmuch Of pains and griefs behind, But glad to be in fullest touch With all his human kind.

—Charles Buxton Going, in Harper's Weekly.

CANADA AND THE EMPIRE. The Transvaal War Not the First Occasion Upon Which Canada Has Offered Assistance.

(Family Herald.) Some of the Canadian newspapers have been declaring that Canada never before offered the imperial government any assistance in the wars of the Empire. The following from page 211 of the report for 1894-95 of the Royal Colonial Institute in this connection ought to be of interest:

Colonial Military Assistance for the Sudan.—At a meeting of the council, held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1885, the following resolution was passed: "The council of the Royal Colonial Institute have received with great gratification the announcement of the spirit and patriotic offers from Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, South Queensland, to equip and send military contingents, at their own cost, to the Sudan, to assist the British government in their struggle to maintain the permanent unity of the Empire. They trust that the home government will heartily respond to these offers."

"That copies of the foregoing resolution be forwarded to the right honorable the secretary of state for the colonies, and to each of the agents-general for the colonies, for transmission to their respective governments."

When a man borrows trouble, imagination is the loan agent.

THE END IS PARALYSIS.

If the wasted Nerves are not restored and revitalized by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

"A living mind in a dead body" is the way paralysis is sometimes described. What can be more horrible than to lose all control of the body and feel death gradually claiming you?

Sleeplessness, nervousness, headache, loss of energy and vitality, gloomy forebodings, easy fatigue and weakness of the body are symptoms of the nerve exhaustion which will finally end in paralysis, nervous prostration or insanity.

Whether overwork, worry or irregular habits were the cause, restoration can be most effectually brought about by a few months' treatment with Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great restorative in pill form.

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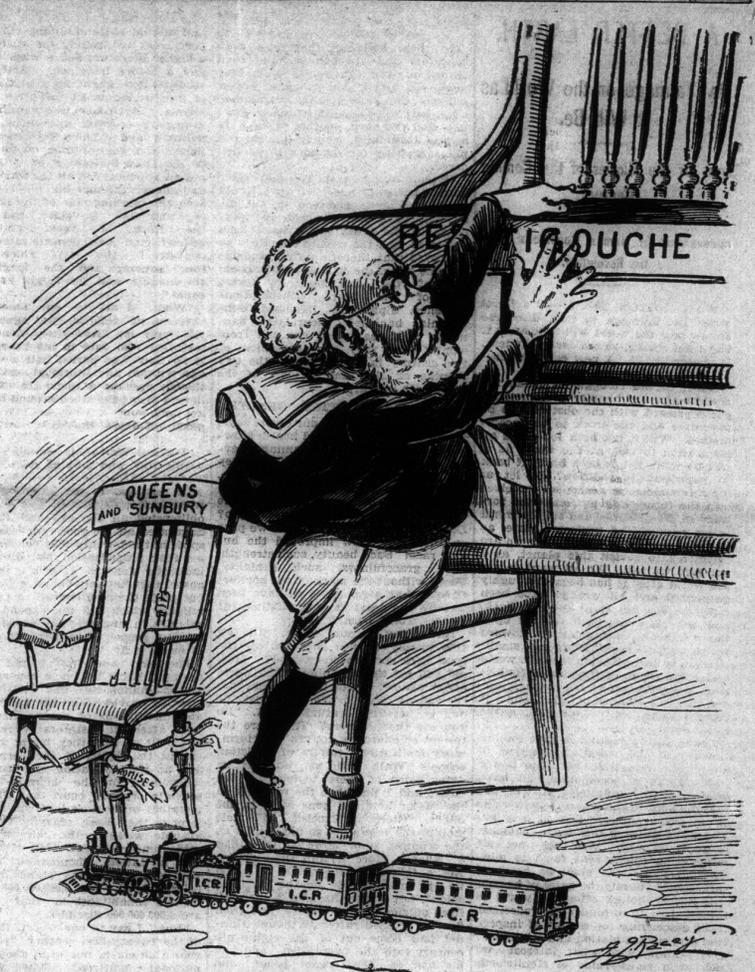
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BUTTE CITY. An Epidemic of Smallpox and Its Amusing Side.

One of the City's Most Prominent Physicians—Mr. Swetland Sends Regards to a Number of His St. John Friends.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BUTTE, Montana, Dec. 1.—After making a tour of nearly every city and town in the state, smallpox has finally landed in Butte with every prospect of it becoming epidemic. Cases are daily springing up in every section of the city and suburbs, and of course there is considerable excitement. So far there have only been a few deaths. Miss Gertrude O'Donnell, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Attorney Charles O'Donnell, formerly of Woodstock, N. B., was attacked, but is now recovering.

While the appearance of this dreaded disease has its serious side, the authorities, doctors and lawyers have given it a somewhat amusing side. A general vaccination was ordered and each person had to procure a certificate. School children being required to present theirs at school, otherwise they would be sent home. Then the question arose how often a person should be vaccinated. Some doctors (very few) argued every seven years; others were for five years, and others again for two, and some for one. The mayor and city physician finally decided every five years. This settled, next came a wrangle among the doctors as to a case of genuine smallpox. The city physician examined a man, pronounced his case smallpox and ordered his removal to the pest house. At that institution the doctor in charge declared the man did not have smallpox, and refused him admittance. The city physician became very angry, insisted it was smallpox and asked for a commission of three doctors to report on the case. This request was granted and the commission reported that the man was suffering from smallpox. Then the pest house doctor got his work in. He denied the correctness of the report and asked that he get a commission to report on the case. This request was granted and in five days the three doctors reported that the man was not suffering from smallpox. All this time the man was being detained in the private apartments of the pest house doctor. The authorities now stepped in again, upheld the city physician and notified the pest house doctor that he must receive all cases sent by the city physician.

The next excitement was the discovery one evening of a case in a lodging house occupied by over fifty people. The house was immediately quarantined, with all the lodgers, for fifteen days and the man removed to the pest house. A policeman was stationed at the door to see that nobody left or entered the building. Next morning it was found that the place was deserted, the lodgers having made their exit from the rear of the building during the night by means of a fire escape. Now all infected buildings are guarded night and day, both front and rear.

An undertaker got rather badly left a couple of days ago. A policeman stepped into his place of business to

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telephone the authorities of another smallpox case in a large lodging house. The undertaker, who had a friend in the house, and hearing the message, slipped out to notify him. The policeman suspected this, and concluded he would repay him for his smugness. When the undertaker came leisurely walking out of the front entrance he was stopped by the policeman and informed he was in for fifteen days, as the house had been quarantined. And there he is with the rest of the lodgers. The lawyers have apparently only made a small start yet in getting their feet in. The lodging house keepers are going to sue the city for damages through having their houses closed up, while the lodgers are taking similar action to receive damages through being detained from work. A dozen or more lawyers have already taken some preliminary steps. So doctors and lawyers are in for a rich harvest. One doctor, a Canadian and a graduate of McGill, who has a very large family practice, and who will not attend a smallpox case, vaccinated in one day alone last week an even hundred at a dollar apiece. He did not go as low as eighty any day of the week. His name is Dr. McDonald, and he was a classmate of Dr. J. P. McInerney of the north end. Dr. McDonald has an immense practice here, and is looked upon as one of the most skillful physicians in Butte. He has a beautiful home in the residential part of the city, and in his stable are to be found nine of his fine driving horses as to be seen anywhere. Mr. Swetland, a well known and

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