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to the high merit of many of these books. Fortunately these books are not distributed carelessly, but are given to those who show that they really wish to learn something of Canada.

shall protect the interests of China when the time for negotiating peace comes. The Emperor's policy is to be peaceful.

Want of Watchfulness Makes a Thief. Many cases of poor health come from want of watchfulness.

The one effective natural blood purifier is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It never disappoints. Impure Blood - My wife suffered with pain and distress from an affection of the throat caused by impure blood.

Tien Tsin Volunteer Arrives by the Empress and Tells of the Siege of the City.

Horrible Death of the British Marines Captured by the Boxers. More Arms in Chinese Fort than in the Whole United States.

rush when Capt. Beattie was wounded and the party having no one to lead it, retired in disorder. Two days afterwards the Chinese got a fine 4.7 gun mounted on the mud wall.

Bayes and a party of seven bluejackets were tortured to death in a horrible manner. During an attack on a Boxer village they climbed a fence to pursue some of the Boxers.

NADIAN HARDWARE. Publication Speaks Well of the Exhibit at Paris. The Ontario exhibit consists of several very handsome photographs of the universities and school buildings.

Messages of The Emperors Kwong Su of China Appeals to the Japanese Ruler for Aid. Mikado Suggests How His Country May Protect Its Neighbor's Interests.

The text of some highly interesting correspondence between the Emperor of China and the Emperor of Japan. The former makes an appeal for aid.

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WHAT NOT TO SAY. I can't eat, I'm hungry all the time and food never hurts me. I don't know, she must have a delicate girl.

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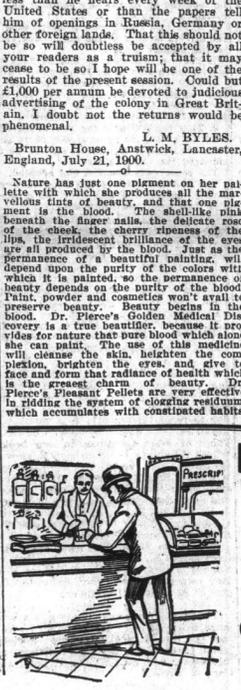
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Smith Surrenders

Paul Reported Ready
to Terms With
"Bobs."

With Kitchener Who
Out Rounding Up
the Boers.

Aug. 7.—Lord Roberts reports
office, under the date of Pres-
ent 6:
Smith surrendered on August
neighboring country seems quiet.
er is with the force south of
river. He was joining rest of
strong detachment of Brabant's
the Canadian regiment.
bers attacked the garrison at
ver on the morning of August
ation was sent to Carrington
was on his way to Eland's
Hamilton, who reached Rus-
esterday, reported having
g in the direction of Eland's

the firing seems more distant,
as if the Eland's River gar-
been relieved and was retiring
eert.

ted that Kruger is willing and
o surrender provided a satis-
onise is given as to his uti-

7.—Railway communi-
h Natal has been re-estab-
Macdonald's capture of Har-

Aug. 7.—Hon. Joseph Cham-
erary for the colonies, said in
Commons today that the
Canada and Australia were
in accord with Her Majesty's
at as to the necessity for the
of the Orange Free State and
aval to the British Empire, and
llement of a government sup-
a military force with the ul-
tention of a representative self-

Aug. 7.—The militia depart-
today that Pearce and Hop-
"A" squadron, of the Royal
Dragoons, Toronto, who were
L. Lessard, in the second com-
were tried and sentenced to ten
nal servitude for collecting
in the Boers and re-selling the
ons. Death is the maximum
for this offence. The nomi-
J. A. Hopkins, of Robinson
front, and Wm. Pearce, of
Ont.,
red Miller cables to Lord Min-
ows: "Capetown, Aug. 7.—21st
Commandant of the 27th
d fever at Johannesburg on Aug-
Signed) Miller."
Crane is of the 27th Battalion,

Canadian contingent, removed
near Johannesburg, a few
are now at Wolterbeek, fifteen
mth of Diddan's Drift, on the
er, and forty miles east of Betz-
ere. Commandant Devereux
he capture of another wily
peral as they did in the capture
at Paardeberg.

TUG IN TROUBLE.
Worked Up With a Net and Has a
Narrow Escape.

veston correspondent, writing on
says:
freighting steamer J. L. Card,
Brand S. C. Co., while on her
Point Roberts picked up Messrs.
little steamer Horseshoe, help-
completely bound up with web-
aving run over a net. There
heavy sea running, and she was
Commandant Devereux
he capture of another wily
peral as they did in the capture
at Paardeberg.

Card returned to-day to the
with salmon, and then proceeded
sandbar opposite the mill race
to divert herself of the unwele-
ment of cotton line and net floats
affixed to one propeller.
The ladies in charge
ore traps, but very scarce at the
e locations, and gill net men's
are reported light.

Monthly Meeting.—The monthly meeting
of the Friendly Help Association was
yesterday at their rooms. The
nts and reports were received as
s: Twenty-four had assistance,
oceries, 5 fuel, 4 milk daily, and 8
firmly acknowledged. The Corpora-
cash; Mrs. Gaudin, clothing; Mrs.
ot, clothing; Mrs. L. H. Hardie,
ing; Mrs. Hardie, Clark, cloth-
Mrs. Newton Spicer, clothing;
George Powell, sugar; R. Porter
ps, meat. The ladies in charge
d emphasize the need of visitors
very vigilant in investigating
application for help is made to
as in some cases fraud is being
sed.

Donations Acknowledged.—During the
of July the following donations
received at the Home for Aged
Infirm Women: Mrs. Penberton,
ries and apples; Miss S. Smith,
eries; Mrs. Owen, flowers; Mrs.
eary blouse, basket and pictures;
McTavish, marmalade and under-
Mrs. Hamilton, cake; Mrs.
rell, cushions; Mrs. Ewer, books;
or C. E. First Presbyterian church,
ers; Mrs. The, lemons; Mrs.
ngraves, butter, cheese, pickles and
Mrs. Laing, clothing; Mrs. Mor-
clothing; Miss Goodall, clothing;
the hospital board, cash; Times
olonist, daily papers; Hall &
el coal; and Mrs. Carro, preserved

Societies' Celebration

Local Committee Complete Arrangements at a Meeting Last Evening.

Programme to be Carried Out at the Coal City on Saturday.

The final meeting of the societies re-union committee was held last evening at Pioneer hall, when arrangements were made for the grand re-union of secret societies in Nanaimo, on Saturday next. A number of communications were received and disposed of and committees appointed to carry out the various details. It was decided that the local lodge will turn out in regalia in order that they may join their own orders in the parade at Nanaimo, thus ensuring uniformity. This will not affect, however, any lodge wishing to use parade badges. The City band has been engaged by the committee, and will provide a musical entertainment on the steamer City of Nanaimo, going ashore returning. Highland pipers have also been secured, and it is expected the bugle band will take part. Invitations have been issued by the Nanaimo committee to Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, M.P.P., Ralph Smith, M.P.P., W. B. McInnes, M.P.P., and Rev. Mr. Rows to address the assembled societies, and every indication points to an interesting and entertaining programme. The steamer City of Nanaimo will leave the dock sharp at 7 o'clock, followed by the train at 8 a.m. The E. & N. Ry. are sparing no pains to ensure a safe and a great success. Stateroom will be on sale on Friday morning, and everything possible will be done towards the comfort of those who are returning. The day's outing. Already a large number of tickets have been disposed of and it is expected that fully twelve hundred people will take advantage of the opportunities offered. The Vancouver committee have reported that the sale of tickets has been stopped in that city owing to the large number who have already applied. In consequence of this several of the smaller crafts have returned to avoid disappointment. The following programme has been prepared by the Nanaimo committee:
At 1 p.m.—The parade will take place, commencing at Pimby's drug store and proceed to the Crescent along Harbour street to Dixon street, thence to Milton street, along Milton street to Fitzwilliam street, thence to Fildes street to Comox road, thence along the Commercial and Commercial streets to the Green; Chief Crossan, Grand Marshal.

FLLOATS.
1. Best society representative float, \$30.
2. Best decorated float, \$20.00; 3. Best represented society, \$20.00; 4. Society marching in best order, \$10.00.
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ATHLETIC SPORTS.
1. 100 yard foot race, (amateur), 1st prize, fishing rod, by W. H. Morton, value, \$5; 2nd prize, hat and shirt, by G. B. Scott Co., Ltd., \$4.50.
2. 75 yard foot race, boys; 1st prize, fishing rod by Handle Bros, value, \$3.50; 2nd prize, pair shoes, by the Patterson Shoe Co. value, \$2; 3rd prize, sweater, by Quigley & Co., value, \$1.50.
3. 100 yard foot race, (professional), 1st prize, cash, \$7.50; 2nd prize, cash, \$4.50.
4. Standing broad jump, (professional) 1st prize, cash, \$5; 2nd prize, cash, \$2.50.
5. 50 yard foot race (married ladies) 1st prize, pair pictures, by W. M. Langton, value \$5; 2nd prize, fancy lamp, by J. H. Good, value \$3.50; 3rd prize, pair silvers, by Whitfield shoe store, value, \$2.
6. 220 yards foot race (amateur handicap) 1st prize, fancy vest, by Farke & Aitken, value, \$5; 2nd prize, suit, (cloth) by D. Shanahan, value, \$5.
7. 50 yard foot race (girls) 1st prize, perfume case, by J. Sampson, value \$3.50; 2nd prize, box perfume, by F. Stearnman, value, \$2; 3rd prize table, by C. M. O'Boya, value \$1.50.
8. Running broad jump, (amateur), 1st prize, cigars, by L. J. Booth, value \$3.50; 2nd prize, pair silvers, by Ed. Hughes, value, \$1.50, and pocket, by L. H. Ellis, \$2.—\$3.50.
9. Nail diving contest (for ladies) 1st prize, fancy lamp, by Taylor, Smith & Co., value, \$5; 2nd prize, lady's hat, by M. L. Masters, value, \$3.50; 3rd prize, bread and cakes, by Jerome Wilson, value, \$3.
10. 200 yard foot race, handicap (professional), 1st prize, cash, \$10; 2nd prize, cash, \$5.

11. Society tug-of-war. Cup, presented by H. D. Hinchey, M.P.P., now in possession of Orangeton, Esquimalt, to be won three years in succession.
12. 100 yards foot race, (married ladies), 1st prize, by Stanley Craig, \$5; 2nd prize, groceries, by J. H. McMillan, value, \$3.50; 3rd prize, half sheep, by D. H. Beckler, value, \$3.
13. Running hop, step and jump, (professional), 1st prize, cash, \$7.50; 2nd prize, cash, \$3.50.
14. Tossing the caber, 1st prize, cup, 15, 100 yard foot race (fat man's), 1st prize, cash, \$5; 2nd prize, bread and cakes, by G. M. Smart, value, \$2.
15. 440 yard formal society team race, 3 men to each team. 1st prize, cash, \$20; 2nd prize, cash, \$10.
16. Tub race, contestants to furnish tubs. 1st prize, violin, by A. Wheeler, value, \$7.50 2nd prize, groceries, by G. Bevilockway, value, \$2.
17. Floating barrel race, time limit. 1st prize, cash, \$5; 2nd prize, cash, \$2.50.
18. Greased pole and pig contest, 1st prize, according to Fletcher Bros, value, \$20; 2nd prize, pig, value \$2.50.
19. Scottish dance—Highland Fling for ladies gold medal, Highland fling for gentlemen, gold medal.
ARCHEERY.
Ladies.—Distance, 30 yards; 3 arrows each 1st prize, value \$3; 2nd prize, value \$1.50; entrance fee, \$1.
Gentlemen.—Distance 40 yards; 3 arrows each. 1st prize, value \$5; 2nd prize, value \$2.50; entrance fee, \$1.
Team Archery for Ladies.—Distance 30 yards; entrance \$1 for each team; teams to be composed of four ladies from 1st lodge, 2nd prize, cash, \$5; 1st prize, cash, \$8; 2nd prize, cash, \$4.
Team Archery for Gentlemen.—Distance, 40 yards; entrance \$1 for each team; teams to be composed of four gentlemen from 1st lodge or court; 3 arrows each. 1st prize, cash, \$5; 2nd prize, cash, \$2.
Illuminated Boat Parade.—Will leave N. V. C. Co.'s docks at 8:30. 1st prize, \$15; 2nd prize, \$10.
Dancing in the opera house, commencing at 8 o'clock.

That the C. P. R. would spare no exertion to consult the comfort and in every way to further the interest of its patrons

and town in the Province would welcome the advent of so important a representation with open arms. The idea is thrown out with the belief that it is essentially and immediately practicable, and would be at once a singularly happy combination of business and pleasure.

COLUMBIA SOLD.
Grand Forks Buys Out Its Rival Town.

The Grand Forks Townsite Company has purchased the land of the Columbia Townsite Company. The deal was closed Wednesday. The consideration, it is understood, was in the neighborhood of \$15,000. The announcement of the purchase, which originated with T. W. Holland, manager of the Grand Forks Townsite Company, was received with general rejoicing in both cities. One thing is certain—the former bitterness prevailing between them will disappear, and all animosities in Columbia and Grand Forks will cease to exist. Instead of an antagonistic rivalry, that their respective interests are identical. At the present rate of growth the intervening space between the two towns will be built up within a year. Grand Forks is the older point, has secured a start as a banking and commercial centre, but Columbia possesses natural advantages that are unsurpassable. The latter town, which was first a resident point, and this advantage will be emphasized with the early completion of a projected trolley line between the two towns, whose streets adjoin.

ESSAYED HARD TASK.
Story of an Attempt to Capture Johannesburg That Failed.

From the Montreal Gazette.
Lieut. Stewart, of the Ottawa company of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who was left on duty at Bloemfontein when Lord Roberts' army left, writes from Johannesburg July 2 as follows: "I left Bloemfontein about twelve days ago and only caught up yesterday. We came along with a convoy and there were three officers, including myself, we had a pleasant trip. You have no idea how hard we had to work. A division of 10,000 men when they are on the move. After we crossed the border we did only a day's hard work. Lord Roberts' army had had orders to push straight on to Johannesburg, which we heard had fallen. We left this morning at 10 o'clock, and the army in the night and made straight for the town, which was then full of Boers. We had got within two miles of the city when we were fired on, and could see the Boers trying to get around behind us to cut us off. We then saw the mistake we had made, got the convoy turned around, which took some time, as there are 18 oxen to a wagon, and we had 10 wagons, and started back as hard as we could. The Boers after us. We managed to get away all the wagons but one—the last one, which was the letter, as we had to have it, that wagon contained all Lieut. Pelletier's baggage, so that you see we had a close shave. We have had great fun since talking to the Boers, and only two men with rifles trying to capture Johannesburg a day before it fell. The Boers are very confident, and in the morning it surrendered, so that although we missed our engagement, our regiment was in on the 20th of May, we had a little engagement of our own and entered the town with the main army."

AN EXCURSION TO B. C. MINES

Canadian Trade Review Advises That Eastern Men Should Visit This Province.

The Canadian Trade Review, of Montreal, is evidently a wide-awake paper, as the following advice shows that it is alive to the great importance of the mining industry of British Columbia.
"It is safe to say that no outside communities are more directly interested in the mining industries of British Columbia than those of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec, and it may be added with equal truth that, notwithstanding this, comparatively few from any of these cities have visited our sister province to inspect the districts or individual properties in which many of them have invested so largely. Their whole reliance is therefore placed on what they read and hear. Their broker is not their adviser and their agent, and though the confidence placed in him is not unfrequently well justified, it is not to be in a position to think for oneself and not to be helplessly dependent on the judgment of others. This is the case with the mining and mining investments with exceptional force, and should be acted upon by all who are engaged in the matter. The conditions of the gold discoveries, when the ore fields were almost as inaccessible as the distant posts of the Hudson Bay Company, there was a legitimate excuse for not confronting the difficulties that stood between the outer world and the new lands. That, however, has given place to a very different state of things, and the whole country has now been brought within easy distance, while the conditions of travel are such as to invite the journey with all the character of a pleasure trip. This being the case, it seems hard to understand why the number availing themselves of the opportunities given is so comparatively small. The ever-present question of cost is, of course, the simplest, and most natural explanation, and it is undoubtedly a stubborn factor to deal with, but there seems a method by which that cost may be at least temporarily offset. This is the case with the mining and mining investments, when the railway companies are willing to provide the means of travel at what may be called temporary rates. Excursions are the order of the day, and while particularly favorable terms attach to ordinary tours, it is but right to suppose that the best should be named for those of an exceptionally important character. In this connection it may be said or suggested that an excursion to British Columbia, organized under the auspices of the several boards of trade and mining boards of Montreal, Toronto and Quebec, would probably prove more attractive to the capitalists and mercantile men of Quebec and Ontario than that which has yet been put before them.

Action By Conservatives

Preparations for the Elections Made at an Executive Meeting.

Hugh John Macdonald to Deliver Series of Addresses in Provinces.

The executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association held an enthusiastic meeting last night in Forster's hall, Government street, for the purpose of arranging preliminaries for a general meeting, and other matters in connection with the coming Dominion general elections. As will be seen by advertisement in another column, a general meeting is called for Tuesday, August 14, for the following purposes:
Election of officers for the ensuing year.
Election of delegates to attend convention of the Liberal-Conservative party, to be held at New Westminster on the 30th inst.
Also, the fixing of date and the necessary arrangements for the holding of a convention for the purpose of selecting candidates to contest this city in the forthcoming election.
All Liberal-Conservatives are cordially invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday evening next.

It is understood that Hugh John Macdonald, premier of Manitoba, will make a tour of the province towards the end of the month. He will be accompanied by a Conservative party, delivering addresses at different points.
BOOTLESS TROOPS.
Why the Men in South Africa Are Bare-footed.

From the London Daily Mail.
Unreadiness—once again unreadiness—has been the explanation of the fact that soldiers in South Africa have to go barefooted.
"A year ago," said a government official, "I was in the Cape, and I saw that everyone knew well that this country was likely to be involved in war, the government store of boots in Pinelike was ordered to provide boots for an army."
"The war office had no excuse for being unprepared. It knew perfectly well, not only that a large stock of boots would be wanted, but it knew the quality and the quantity of boots demanded for a campaign in South Africa."
"It knew, for example, from experience during the Egyptian campaign, that seven boots are no use in that dry, sandy climate. So it substituted screws for stiches. Also it knew that in certain instances the life of a boot was only three weeks. That happened to more than one pair of boots in the Atbara affair."
"With that knowledge in its possession," he continued, "and the South African war-cloud overhead, the war office ought to have had millions of pairs of boots on hand. But as a matter of fact, no special effort was made, and so very large number of additional contractors were called upon to supply boots."

EASY TRAVELLING.

The Travelling Sidewalk at the Paris Exposition.
The travelling sidewalk, at the Paris Exposition, while by no means new in conception, is here carried out on a far larger scale than ever before attempted. Extending for a length of 3.4 kilometers around the quai formed by the Rue Fabert, the Quai d'Orsay, the Avenue de la Bourdonnais, and the Avenue de la Motte-Picquet, it forms a continuous connection between the main portions of the exposition. The mechanical operation is very simple, thanks to the ease with which the platforms, the motors being carried upon spring suspensions, are held up against the rails driven by them with a uniform pressure, so that unnecessary friction is avoided, and in practice the whole operates remarkably well, there being very little or no jarring or irregularity.

Warren's Circus Plays at Tien Tsin While Chinese Shell The City.

All the while the siege of Tien Tsin so graphically described already in these columns—was going on, Warren's circus was performing in the beleaguered city. The circus man had on route, according to the story told by Mr. Nils Moller, who with his daughter, Mrs. Strindberg, reached Shanghai on July 6 on the steamer Malthide. The Coscacks piled into the band wagon and on top of the animal wagons, to rest their weary feet from the arduous march. On June 13 the circus got circulars printed at the office of the Pekin and Tien Tsin Times and the next day the biggest, best and most triumphant circus that had ever reached Tien Tsin, the most illustrious amusement enterprise that ever hit the road—teeming with new and sensational feats and uproarious mirth—was ready for business. Their big tent was up in a recent lot, the pink lemons made and the peanuts strewn about, and all was ready for the big Chinese "Long Tom" was pumping shells into the town. It was hard to down the circus men. They showed all along during the siege and gave extra special performances after the relief.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Andrew Hamilton, of Tara, was drowned at Owen Sound on Monday, taking cramps while swimming a couple of hundred yards from shore, while his wife and three children were watching. Three small boys were brave but fruitless attempts to reach him, and one, aged 13, even dived for him, but was unable to reach him.
The Chouinard dock, adjoining the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co.'s wharf, Quebec, was burnt to the ground last night, together with a stock of provisions, the property of O. Jacques and Messrs. Bussier & Co., provincial underwriters, Ottawa, Ont., and his four sons, capsized on Lake Deschamps, on Monday. The two elder boys were drowned, but the father saved the two younger children.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Enormous Waste Yearly Caused in Canada and United States.
From Monetary Times.
The text is an unflinching one, whether homilies upon it are long or short, clever or dull. The fire waste grows in Canada, as in the United States; the percentage of insurance losses to premiums increases year by year, the underwriters grow more reticent, and threaten more loudly—but the people are no more careful of fire than before, and seem to think it is none of their business that the re-

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Allison Townsite

LOTS NOW ON THE MARKET
Situated on the Beautiful Valley of the

SIMILKAMEEN RIVER

At the point where the Railway leaves the valley for Spence's Bridge, and in close proximity to Copper Mountain, is the coming business centre for all Mining Camps from Twenty-Mile to Otter Valley, and the country west of the railway, known as the Hope Mountain, is so situated as to command the trade north to Spence's Bridge, back to Penttoston, west to Hope and the Tulameen, and south to Copper and Kennedy Mountains.
Now is the time to secure the most favorable location before the railway is commenced and the Government establish the head offices for that district.
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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Andrew Hamilton, of Tara, was drowned at Owen Sound on Monday, taking cramps while swimming a couple of hundred yards from shore, while his wife and three children were watching. Three small boys were brave but fruitless attempts to reach him, and one, aged 13, even dived for him, but was unable to reach him.
The Chouinard dock, adjoining the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Co.'s wharf, Quebec, was burnt to the ground last night, together with a stock of provisions, the property of O. Jacques and Messrs. Bussier & Co., provincial underwriters, Ottawa, Ont., and his four sons, capsized on Lake Deschamps, on Monday. The two elder boys were drowned, but the father saved the two younger children.

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