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GENERAL REVIEW.

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LONDON, Dec. 27.—There is no change in the main situation in South Africa. Stalmate seems to be a term that is temporarily applicable to both forces, though both are busily strengthening their positions and collecting their resources. The greater part of the British fifth army division has reached Cape Town. The best opinion confirms the expectation that everything will halt until Gen. Buller's return, though the Cape Town correspondents are beginning to hint that some large movement will be accomplished very soon.

The war office has issued further list of casualties at Ladysmith, indicating that there was fighting there on Dec. 22. The list places the killed at eight and the wounded at fifteen, the latter including Lieut. Col. J. F. M. Fawcett and four other officers of the 5th (Royal Irish) Lancers. Holograph messages are seen passing frequently between Ladysmith and Pietermaritzburg, but no details are vouchsafed of what is happening. A newspaper correspondent at Pietermaritzburg in a despatch dated Dec. 26, reports that a telegraph from Ladysmith said: "Anxiety on our account is needless; provisions are ample. The health of the troops considering the season is good, and their spirits are excellent." The telegraph before us does not exceed our resources.

The Daily News correspondent at Ladysmith sent a telegraph message on Dec. 15, reporting "another sortie by Gen. Buller, the result of which was the destruction of a howitzer, a maxim gun, and a crescent. This seems to be a related report of the sortie that occurred on Dec. 8. The occupation of Dordrecht by Major Dalgety's force of mounted police, who are co-operating with Gen. Gatacre, is treated by some of the newspapers as being of considerable importance, but nothing is known beyond the bald official announcement of the fact.

There is nothing later than Dec. 20 regarding the disaffection in Cape Colony. The absence of anything very alarming encourages a hopeful view by a section of opinions here.

IN THE HOSPITALS.

PIETERMARITZBURG, Natal, Dec. 19 (delayed in transmission).—Your correspondent visited the convent hospital at Estcourt yesterday. The rooms are large and are very well suited for the purpose. The 140 wounded men there are progressing favorably and appear to be well cared for. Major Downman is in charge. The correspondent visited the hospital here today. It is situated on a high ground above the town. Col. Long and Major Salford are doing as well as could be expected, though they are dangerously wounded. No bullet has been extracted from Col. Long's body and it is thought it may have passed clear through.

British artillery was necessary in order to prevent the Boers bringing their guns across the river. The weather is much cooler. Messages from the front are two days in transit.

BOER SYMPATHIZERS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19 (delayed in transmission).—An one of the latest instances of the growing section in Cape Colony are the cases of three members of the house of assembly, one of whom presented an Orange Free State flag to the Boer commander occupying the district, the member represents, at the same time expressing the hope that the commander would carry it to glory and victory. Another has openly declared his sympathy with the Boers, and is now recruiting for the enemy; while the third allows his son and daughter to wear the Free State colors.

There has been an outbreak of ganders among the 1,100 American soldiers at Stellenbosch, a short distance from Cape Town. Twenty-six of them have been killed and 78 are now isolated.

A TEMPORARY BRIDGE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Telegraph's correspondent at Chiveley, in a despatch dated Dec. 20, says that the Boers have constructed a temporary bridge across the Tugela River, near the station, and from that place have sent a commando, which is now building entrenchments on Mount Llandawan and the hills further east. The correspondent supports the previous British statements of heavy Boer losses on Dec. 15. He says that certainly more than 300 were killed.

DURBAN ADVICES.

DURBAN, Dec. 19 (delayed in transmission).—It is stated that every member of the well known Ermlo Netherlands lodge of Free Masons has been killed while fighting on the side of the Boers. The fact is believed

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DUTCH DISAFFECTION.

Despatches from various points indicate the steady growth of Dutch disaffection. The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

18th Lancers will go to South Africa from India, at the special request of Lord Roberts.

The transport Tantallon Castle has arrived at Cape Town with a number of howitzers and quick-firing guns, which Gen. Buller urgently needs.

CANADIANS CUT OFF.

Despatches from Modder River, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides. A number of Free State burghers had surrendered. There is an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont. It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

A despatch from Olivevale Camp, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, says:

"Lydtke shells are daily thrown in the Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of the big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith."

GOOD HOSPITAL POLICE.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20.—Sir Wm. MacCormack, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who volunteered his services to the army, reports that excellent hospital work was done in connection with the engagement at Tugela River on Dec. 15. Trains full of wounded men began leaving the field for Estcourt at two o'clock in the afternoon. Others quickly followed, and the field was cleared of the wounded at five o'clock. The volunteer ambulances worked splendidly. Eight hundred wounded passed through the Chiveley hospitals, from which all the patients were transferred to the hospitals by the morning of Dec. 17.

RE-ASSURING REPORTS.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21 (delayed in transmission).—The Cape government has received most reassuring accounts from all the country magistrates regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch.

The Boer prisoner who escaped yesterday was not Commandant Develton, but his son. He was re-arrested near Cape Town.

SENTRIES ARRESTED.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Cape Town despatch to the Chronicle, dated, Dec. 21, says it is reported that several men who were lately employed as sentries have been arrested as the result of the discovery of a plot to conspire at the escape of Boer prisoners.

WARREN'S LIGHT HORSE.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 19 (delayed in transmission).—Another regiment of irregular horse is being raised. Gen. Warren has accepted the honorary colonelcy of the regiment, which will be called Warren's Light Horse.

SURPRISED THE BRITISH.

CHEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 20 (delayed in transmission).—The Boers today surprised a picket of Hussars to the eastward of the camp here. Two of the British and seven of their horses were killed.

EIGHT THOUSAND RESERVES.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Daily News Cape Town correspondent says he learns from well-informed Afrikaner band sources that there is a reserve of 8,000 European officers and men at Pretoria, all of whom are skilled in modern tactics, particularly the handling of artillery.

ANOTHER SEIZURE.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 21 (delayed in transmission).—A British cruiser has seized another ship laden with goods destined for the Transvaal. The seized vessel has been taken to Port Elizabeth.

BOERS MOUNT A BIG GUN.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 20 (delayed in transmission).—The Boers have mounted a 90-pounder, to counterbalance the British naval guns throwing lydtke shells. All of its shells have thus far fallen short.

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 27, 4.50 a. m.—Despatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed.

There appears to be no great change in the situation. A despatch from Lourenco Marques dated Dec. 21, gives the following from the Boer head laager, dated Dec. 19: "The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Burver bridge, over the Tugela River, with a view of smothering it."

"The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. Gen. Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on Dec. 15.

BRITISH PRISONERS.

"More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Col. Buller, Major Walters, Major Balfour, Major Foster, Capt. Dick, Captain Norton, Capt. Fitzherbert, Captain Ford, Capt. Hutchinson, Lieut. Bonham, Lieut. Smythers, Lieut. Thorne, Lt. O'Connell, Lt. Kinnaird, Lt. Christie, Lt. Briggs, Lt. Birch, Lt. Halford, Lieut. Farwell and Lieut. Jones."

"The report to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Dec. 15th, says: 'Another sortie last night. General Hunter with 500 volunteers destroyed one six-inch crescent gun, one howitzer

St. John? This question was put to C. B. Lockhart, ex-M. P. P., last evening by the Sun.

"I do not know how many could be established by others but A. C. Smith & Co. could easily take care of more than 200," was the reply.

Mr. Lockhart explained that the firm had stables over 100 horses at a time before the new building was erected for that purpose. This building had stables for 22 horses. The firm had other buildings in which fifty horses could be put up, if necessary.

There would be no trouble in providing room in St. John for all the horses and all the men, said Mr. Lockhart.

Major McDougall of Moncton on Saturday received the following applications for cavalry service in the Transvaal: F. L. Doyle, Irvine Melchior, Arthur Porteous, Henry Boyd, Capt. Mackenzie, Clarence Chandler, Tom McGeary, Henry S. Johnson, Moncton; J. I. Stevenson, Richibucto; E. E. Mugridge, Alfred Roberts, Ernest Roberts, Shediac.

Rev. H. Cameron, Presbyterian minister, Brandon, Manitoba, has volunteered to go with the second Canadian contingent as chaplain. Rev. Mr. Cameron belongs to New Glasgow, and is a brother to W. D. Cameron of Halifax.

Miss Alice Webster of the sanitarium, Kentville, N. S., has offered to go as nurse with the second Canadian contingent.

Mr. Mackenzie of Chatham, N. B., has the following names of young men who have volunteered to go with the second contingent to South Africa: Wm. Mackay, Stanley Morrison, G. H. Hall, W. D. McLean, Jack McCuller, G. H. Murphy, J. Douglas, Millet, Stewart.

THE MOUNTED POLICE.

A detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police arrived in Vancouver, Dec. 20th, from Calgary. They were in charge of Staff-Sergeant Frisling, a Nova Scotian, who has many friends in Vancouver. The boys are en route to Dawson, and will in all probability leave on Thursday by the steamer for the north. One of the men, asked by the West what sort of work the mounted police would do in South Africa, replied: "Well, just wait until they get there. They will be perfectly at home, and will fight the Boers in a manner which may surprise the British officers, and what is more, some of our boys should have gone out with the first contingent."

FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

(Woodstock Press.) Immediately on learning that a second Canadian contingent for South Africa would be sent, the committee in charge of the local company, organized in the city of staff at Ottawa, tendered the services of several companies. They were fully justified in this by the requests from the men under the notice in for permission to enlist.

Lt. Col. Vane, who has the services of the British Engineers, himself to accompany them, and suggested that the 8th Engineers should be of the kind of assistance that is accustomed to the construction and repair of bridges, buildings, railways and earthworks. To this he has not yet received a reply.

Lieut. Charles Appleby and Neville Vince of the Engineers also tendered their services.

Maj. God tendered the services of the Woodstock Field Battery, and it is probable that part of the battery will be accepted. Among these of the battery who have made special request for places are: Sergt. Maj. Vanwart, and Sergt. Toms, Gray, School of Gunners, all of whom are former members of this company, now in the United States, has sent a request to join the battery if it is to see active service.

The prospect now, Saturday noon, is that Major God and about fifteen men will be accepted.

THREE WEEKS LONGER.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing Dec. 20, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer."

PROBABLY COL. LEISSARD.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The Telegram's special cable from London says Lieut. Russard, Canadian officer in South Africa, has been attached to the staff of General French, says the Daily Mail today. No Canadian officer as above named is now serving in South Africa. The officer referred to is probably Lieut. Col. Leissard, who accompanied the Canadian contingent as a special service man.

NO NEED TO WORRY.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The Telegram's special cable of London says, the Daily Chronicle says the reports that Irish armies intend invading Canada need not large our statesmen awake at nights.

LARGE CONTRIBUTIONS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—The Bank of Montreal directors today voted two thousand guineas to the relief fund for British soldiers, and the directors further personally subscribed 1,500 guineas.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—Mayor Parent has sent the following cable to Col. Otter, commander of the Canadian contingent. Mayor and citizens of Quebec offer their hearty Christmas greetings and compliments of the season.

ABOUT FENIAN ORGANIZATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The alleged attempts in different parts of the country to organize Fenians for a raid into Canada have not as yet been drawn to the attention of the State department, a notice is known upon the subject beyond the matters set out in the newspaper publications. The officials do not give the smallest credence to the stories, and are of the opinion that the purpose in setting them afloat is to frighten the Canadians into keeping their soldiers at home and failing to answer the appeal of England for volunteers for the African campaign.

Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, is too well experienced in American methods to make this mat-

PLENTY OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR HORSES.

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ter the basis of official representations at this stage, an incident which at the state department that he has not even found it necessary to remonstrate against the alleged violation of neutrality involved in the recruiting of soldiers for the Boer army within the domain of the United States. It is suggested that the explanation for this attitude is a preference on the part of the British to deal with such persons as may enlist here for the Boer army of the United States, and it is not doubted that all of these movements that really promise to amount to anything are being carefully watched, with a view to catching the volunteers at some convenient point by a fleet cruiser.

PROMPT REPRESSIVE ACTION. Should it turn out that a Fenian movement of the kind alleged to exist is actually discovered and brought to the attention of the United States government, sharp and prompt repressive action will be taken not only to prevent the violation of the neutrality laws, but also to save the raiders themselves from such consequences of their actions as befall the unfortunate Fenian raiders of 1866.

The talk of a Fenian raid is well calculated to cause alarm on the Canadian side of the border, as the people of that section were greatly agitated during the former Fenian excitement. Although an actual movement occurred at that time, the trouble occurred over alarming reports of invasions which never took place. Something of a panic took possession of the Canadians on the border, and many women hurried their children and valuables on the small islands of the border rivers, fearing that the Fenians were about to loot the towns. On the American side the excitement was intensified by local Fenian organizations, which drove in apparent anticipation of a movement, although these proved to be purely local bodies more or less sympathetic with the movement, but wholly without systematic connection with the head organization.

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SECOND CONTINGENT.

Partial List of Officers—Captain C. F. Harrison on the Staff.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—At half-past nine this evening, Hon. Dr. Sorden, minister of militia, in his office in the Western block, dictated to five representatives of the press the following list of officers of the second Canadian contingent:

The cavalry—Canadian Mounted Rifles (two squadrons).

Staff.

Lt. Col. Lessard, R. C. D., in command.

Lt. Col. T. D. B. Evans, R. C. D., second in command.

Adj. Capt. C. M. Nelles, R. C. D., transport officer—Capt. C. F. Harrison, Eighth Princess Louise Hussars, N. B.

Quartermaster—Capt. Wynne, Second Garrison Artillery, Montreal.

Medical officer—Surgeon Maj. H. R. Ruff, Fourth Hussars, Kingston.

Veterinary officer—Vet. Maj. Wm. B. Hall, R. C. A., Toronto.

"A" Squadron.

Major—Capt. and local Maj. Forrester, R. C. D., Toronto.

Captain—Capt. C. St. A. Pearce, R. C. D.

Lieutenants—1st Lt. J. H. Elmley, R. C. D.; 2nd Lt. H. Z. C. Cockburn, G. B. G., Toronto; 3rd, Capt. W. B. Johnston, Third P. W. C. D., Peterborough; 4th, Major A. H. King, First Hussars, London.

"B" Squadron.

Major—Captain and local Major V. A. G. Williams, D. C. D., Winnipeg.

Captain—Capt. H. S. Greenwood, Third Prince of Wales Dragoons, Peterboro.

Lieutenants—1st Lt. Van Straubenzee, E. C. D.; 2nd, Captain F. V. Young, Manitoba Dragoons; 3rd, Capt. R. E. W. Turner, Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, Quebec; 4th, Major H. L. Borden, King's Canadian Hussars, Canaan, N. S.

Other squadrons of the cavalry are to be composed of mounted police and recruits. The minister said he was not quite ready to give out the names of the officers tonight.

The officers of the brigade division, Royal Canadian Artillery, are as follows:

Staff.

Lt. Colonel Commanding—Lt. Col. Drury, R. C. A.

Adjutant—Capt. H. C. Thacker, R. C. A., Quebec.

Medical officer—Surgeon Maj. Arthur Worthington, Fifty-third Battalion, Sherbrooke.

Veterinary officer—Vet. Lt. J. B. S. Massey, R. C. A., Kingston.

"C" Battery.

Major—Maj. J. A. H. Hudson, R. C. A., Quebec.

Captain—Capt. H. A. Panet, R. C. A.

Lieutenants—1st Lt. J. N. S. Leslie, R. C. A., Kingston; 2nd, Lt. W. B. King, Seventh F. B. St. Catharines; 3rd, Lt. L. E. W. Irving, R. O. Toronto.

"D" Battery.

Major—Maj. W. H. Hardman, Second Field Battery, Ottawa.

Captain—Capt. D. I. V. Eaton, R. C. A.

Lieutenants—1st Lt. T. W. Van Tuyl, Sixth Field Battery, London; 2nd, Lt. E. W. B. Morrison, Second Field Battery, Ottawa; 3rd, Lt. J. McCreane, Sixteenth F. B., Guelph.

"E" Battery.

Major—Maj. G. H. Oglivie, R. C. A.

Captain—Maj. R. Coetgan, Third F. B., Montreal.

Lieutenants—1st, Capt. E. L. Laliberte, First F. B., Quebec; 2nd, Lt. A. T. Oglivie, R. C. A.; 3rd, Capt. W. G. Good, Tenth F. B., Woodstock, N. B.

Attached for duty is Capt. H. G. Mackie, Forty-second Lanark and Renfrew Battalion. Captain Mackie upon arrival in South Africa will exchange with Capt. H. A. Panet, R. C. A., who is now on duty with the infantry, but who is to be captain of "C" Battery of the second contingent.

FOUR SQUADRONS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—A change has been made in the establishment of the second contingent. The artillery remains as at first arranged, namely, three batteries, but as regards the mounted rifles, there are to be four squadrons, composed of the number of men originally ordered, instead of three. Two squadrons from the Mounted Police and Rough Riders, and two from the eastern cavalry. The only effect will be to require the appointment of more officers.

All horses purchased for the contingent will be branded either C. M. R. or C. F. A.

Enrolling officers are to use every effort to insure that only men who are good shots and very good horsemen are permitted to enroll themselves. The men are to be tested in one of both of the above qualifications where means exist.

Mr. Pope, government inspector of horses and cattle at Montreal, has been instructed to proceed to Halifax in a few days to inspect all horses before being placed on shipboard.

In place of Colt's revolvers being furnished to officers of the contingent,

it is likely that they will each be equipped with a Mauser pistol, which is considered more effective.

RECONNAISSANCE AT MODDER RIVER.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 27.—The reconnaissance by the British this morning drew out a heavier artillery fire than has been experienced since the Boers occupied Magerfontein. The British had determined to destroy a house on the bank of the river that the Boers were using as a shelter from which their sharpshooters picked off incautious British soldiers. At dawn the 12 pounders and 4.7 inch howitzers with three wagons, and escorted by the 12th Lancers, went out to attack the Boers' line in front of the kopjes. The wagons were fastened behind the river bank. As soon as the British were seen by the Boers they opened fire on them.

There was a party of Boers stationed 30 yards from the well, near Gangers Cottage. A detachment of lancers attacked them, but they scattered unharmed. The Boers worked another gun from the railway track to the north. Altogether they had four guns, besides two quick-fires. These guns were mostly mounted beyond the crest of the kopje. The heaviest fire was directed against the lancers. The reconnaissance was successfully carried out. The house on the bank being blown up, creating a great dust. The Boers fired a few shots afterwards, but the British made no reply. Four of the horses of the lancers were hit by a shell. None of the men were hurt. The enemy have brought their trenches a thousand yards nearer the British lines since the repulse of the English at Magerfontein.

PLENTY OF MEN IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—A mounted infantry recruiting office opened here today. Sixty men offered, among them being some former Northwest mounted policemen, several old ranchmen and one United States cavalryman. The Toronto field battery will furnish eighteen men to be selected tomorrow.

Col. Kitson is buying cavalry horses throughout Western Ontario and in this city. Sixty horses have already been secured out here, required, a large number being trained cavalry horses and draught mounts.

Lieut. Col. DeLamere of the Queen's Own, stated tonight that 100 good gentleman horsemen and good shots of this city and vicinity, many of them members of the Hunt club, were prepared to go to South Africa as an independent organization, providing their own horses and equipment, and asking the government only for transportation. They will serve free if permitted to do so as irregular horse.

GENERAL REVIEW.

Cable Along the East Coast of Africa Has Been Repaired.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The cable along the east coast of Africa has been repaired and this has enabled the receipt of news concerning Gen. Buller's progress up to Dec. 26. There is, however, nothing of the least importance received. The most noteworthy item from Natal is contained in a Pietermaritzburg despatch dated Dec. 26, which states that Gen. Warren commencing whose movements much mystery has been observed, arrived there with his staff on Christmas day, and went to the front. The report needs confirmation.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, in a despatch dated Dec. 21, records a curious report that Gen. Buller is returning to that city to meet Gen. Warren, and that both of them will probably go to Modder River. This story can be safely ignored as untrue, as five battalions of the eight, belonging to Gen. Warren's division, have gone to Natal from Cape Town. Gen. Warren's arrival at Chieveley is not improbable.

The military critic of the Morning Post writes: "The task before the British is to collect at some point, to be decided superior to the enemy's and to drive the latter before them. Not until that is done will there be a chance for the better, but a superior force means more than a numerical excess. There must be efficient transport and a due proportion of cavalry, mounted infantry and horse artillery. There are no means of knowing the state of Gen. Buller's transport, but until he has three-quarters of his force equipped with the minimum transport he will not have the mobility requisite to turn the enemy's position. It will be the beginning of February before the necessary transport and mounted troops can be available in the west. By that time Gen. Roberts may be able to concentrate the forces of Gen. Methuen, Gatacre and French, and the Sixth and Seventh divisions, but much may happen before then."

So far as is ascertainable the position of the British at Ladysmith is unchanged. The Standard's correspondent at Chieveley telegraphing under date of Dec. 26, reports that the Boers continue fortifying the hills around Colenso and the road from Springfield.

A telegram to the Chronicle from Ladysmith explains the British casualties on Dec. 22, eight of the Gloucestershire regiment being killed by a single shell.

The latest advice from Mafeking bear date of Dec. 18, when there was a mutual bombardment, which lasted two hours without, however, apparently changing the situation.

The Chronicle's Cape Town correspondent in a despatch dated Dec. 22, gives an interview had by him with Mr. Schlessinger, agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Association of New York, who recently arrived from the Transvaal. Mr. Schlessinger says that the republics have immense stores of food, and that speculative capitalists imported a huge quantity believing that mining would continue during the war.

The Times' correspondent at Pietermaritzburg says there is a strong suspicion that the innocent descriptions given on the bills of lading of the cargoes of German steamers arriving at

Delagoa Bay conceal contraband of war. The press, he adds, demands that the naval officers be ordered to open and search packing cases in the cargoes and to seize the vessels if contraband is discovered.

SUCCESSFUL RECONNAISSANCE.

A Boer Shelter Near Modder River Destroyed.

MODDER RIVER, Dec. 25.—A reconnaissance by the British this morning drew out a heavier artillery fire than has been experienced since the Boers occupied Magerfontein. The British had determined to destroy a house on the bank of the river that the Boers were using as a shelter from which their sharpshooters picked off incautious British soldiers. At dawn the 12 pounders and 4.7 inch howitzers with three wagons, and escorted by the 12th Lancers, went out to attack the Boers' line in front of the kopjes. The wagons were fastened behind the river bank. As soon as the British were seen by the Boers they opened fire on them.

CHURCHILL'S ESCAPE.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Winston Churchill has been rescued from the hands of the Boers. The news was first reported in the Daily News, which states that the British general had been captured by the Boers on the morning of Dec. 27. The report was confirmed by the Daily News, which states that Churchill had been rescued by a party of British soldiers on the morning of Dec. 28.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 27.—The City of Victoria arrived here today from the Orient, with news of a prospective war between Russia and Japan. Her officers say that all Japanese forward and applications could you not let me know as soon as you can, as you can't accept me. I can not blow the bugle, but could learn.

The Japanese navy is reported to have a large number of ships in the Pacific, and it is believed that they are preparing for a conflict with the Russian fleet.

TWO OFFICERS CAPTURED.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Dec. 26, 1.30 a. m.—The British pickets were fired on by the enemy this morning. The news was first reported in the Daily News, which states that two British officers had been captured by the Boers during the attack.

MOVING SOUTHWARD.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 21.—According to information received here from Boer source the chief laager of the Boers was being moved southward on December 18.

N. E. AND M. S. WAR NOTES.

SEBASTIA SPEAKS.

At a representative public meeting, held in Sebastia, N. B., on the 28th day of December, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

Resolved, that this meeting heartily endorse the action of the government in sending both the first and second contingents of troops to South Africa;

And further resolved, that while the developments of the war are largely unknown, to express a sentiment, recent developments have made it the serious duty of the citizens of this province to assist the government in the Transvaal, both by the sending of troops to our own safety and to bring the war to a speedy and merciful termination.

Whereas the policy of burdening the imperial government with the payment of troops to the Transvaal is a policy of the liberal treatment of the colonies with the liberal treatment of the colonies has received at the hands of the government, and that the government is hereby urged to support the government's policy of burdening the imperial government with the payment of troops to the Transvaal, and that the government is hereby urged to support the government's policy of burdening the imperial government with the payment of troops to the Transvaal.

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SHELLED TOLL PAN.

KIMBERLEY, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—At half past two this morning, mounted detachments under Col. Peckham, with three Maxim guns and three seven pounders under Major May, reconnoitered. Leaving the entrenchments, the British advanced on Toll Pan. The Boer pickets fired and our Maxims replied. The Boers disappearing over a ridge.

Our guns then began to shell Toll Pan at a range of 2,500 yards. A Boer gun dropped four shells near our men but did no damage. As the Boers were steadily entrenched, we withdrew. Their guns are well placed.

ENJOYED CHRISTMAS CHEER.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Monday, Dec. 25.—Although the two armies were in sight of each other, with the temperature 102 degrees in the shade, the British, today, enjoyed Christmas cheer.

Captains Glenfield and Kirkwood of the South African Light Horse, left here yesterday to inspect the patrols along the eastern hills. Their horses returned at night clean.

Col. Donald of the Royal Fusiliers has had his collar bone broken by being thrown from his horse while on outpost duty.

BOER POSITION SHELLED.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 26.—The naval guns began shelling the Boer position at 2 o'clock this morning, using lyddite. The shelling continued about two hours. Ever since the engagement at Colenso, the enemy have been energetically improving their entrenchments. They can be seen sniping freely from hill to hill.

Ladysmith also had a busy morning today, shelling the Boers' position on Umbulwana Mountain. The bursting shells were plainly visible at Chieveley.

CAPTURED 500 CATTLE.

CHIEVELEY CAMP, Natal, Dec. 22.—Our scouts have reported Boers in force on the side of the Tugela River. Three regiments of regulars, supported by artillery, and all the available mounted volunteers, under the command of Lord Dundonald, were sent to the Boers' position on the river. The British captured 500 cattle.

TEACHER DISMISSED.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., Dec. 27.—The Dunaville, Ont., public school board has dismissed S. T. Crane, principal of the public school, because he is a strong supporter of the Boer side in the present war. He has so publicly expressed himself and the charge is that he endeavored to imbue the same ideas in the minds of his pupils.

WILL BE ALL READY.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—Notwithstanding statements to the contrary, it is a positive fact that no orders whatever have been received regarding the removal of the Leinesters from Halifax. There will be a medical inspection tomorrow, so that the battalion will be ready to leave if orders should come.

THE FIRST CONTINGENT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—No information has reached the militia department in reference to the capture of any Canadians by the Boers.

Mrs. Rogers, wife of Major Rogers, captain of D Company Royal Canadian Regiment, this morning received the following welcome message from her husband, dated Belmont, today's date:

"Happy returns; all well. (Sgd.) ROGERS."

A telegram was received from Lord Strathcona, at the militia department, this afternoon, to the following effect: "Have cable from Col. Oter, dated Belmont, 18th, that compressed meat and lime juice tablets were most acceptable." Committee being formed; will act accordingly.

GOLD MEDALS FOR LIFE-SAVERS.

Upon the recommendation of Mrs. D. Myers, the American consul, his government will present to Fred. C. L. Lay, Richard B. Cline, Robert Murray, Wm. Scott, Edward Lacey, Alfred Bennett, Robert Nichol and Edward Kelly a gold life-saving medal in recognition of their heroic conduct in gallantly rescuing the crew of the shipwrecked schooner Hazel Dell.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

and the same night I left the state school prison in Pretoria by climbing the wall when the sentries' backs were turned. I walked through the streets of the town without disguise, meeting many burghers. I got through the pickets of the town guard and struck the Delagoa Bay railway, walked along it striding the watchers at the bridges and culverts, and walked as far beyond the first station. The 11.30 goods train from Pretoria had arrived before I reached the place and was moving at full speed. I leaped it with great facility and hid under coal sacks. I jumped from the train before dawn and was dressed during the day in a small wood in company with a huge vulture, who displayed a lively interest in me. I walked on at dusk. There were no trains that night. The danger of meeting the guards of the line continued, but I was obliged to follow it, as I had no compass or map. I had to make wide detours to avoid bridges, stations and huts and my progress was very slow. Chocolate was gloomy, but I persevered with God's help. For five days my food supply was very precarious. I was kept up by daylight and walking by night. Meanwhile my escape had been discovered. All trains were searched and everyone was on the look-out for me. Four times the vultures were arrested. The sixth day I managed to board a train before dawn and was in Delagoa Bay where there was direct service to Delagoa.

CHURCHILL AT CHIEVELEY.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Morning Post received the following from Winston Spencer Churchill, under date of Dec. 28, telegraphed from Chieveley Camp, where he has arrived:

"I have had complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of command, but the British and the Boers are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader. The situation, nevertheless, is difficult. The Boer position is one of extraordinary strength, with high hills lined for miles with trenches and galleries, rising from smooth plain in front. The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the duty is commanded by converging musketry fire from the probably 1,000 Boer guns. Several miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

GENEROUS EDWARD SINCLAIR.

(Chatham World.)

Mr. Sinclair's gift of \$1,000 to the photo of this port is only one of a great many generous actions that are to his credit here and up above. The amount is larger than usual, but the act itself is characteristic of the man. There was a young man in the hospital here, some months ago, with both feet amputated. Mr. Sinclair dropped into Mackenzie's drug store and casually asked what artificial feet for the boy would cost. Mr. Mackenzie replied that the price was \$200, but as he would throw in his commission, the limbs could be got for something less. Mr. Sinclair at once wrote a cheque for the amount, and gave the order for the feet.

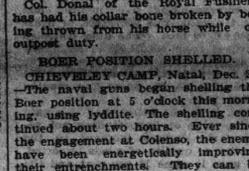
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(Puck.)

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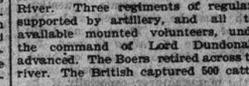


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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 30, 1899.

THE TALK OF THE RACE CRY.

It seems to be necessary to state that neither Sir Wilfrid Laurier nor Mr. Tarte need hope to escape just criticism, by falsely accusing their critics of raising a race cry.

Mr. Tarte and the Tarte organs in this province and elsewhere may as well understand that this defence is not sufficient. No one has found fault with Mr. Tarte because he is French.

Mr. Fielding is making strong claims for support on the ground that the trade of Canada has greatly increased under his management. The increase is admitted, but it is worth while to consider what it represents.

Mr. Tarte and his associates habitually assail the theories of "orangeists." They denounce Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster because they associate with the French.

We are of the opinion that a score or even fifty politicians who support the Laurier government are not the French speaking people in Canada.

THE PORT OF DEPARTURE.

Those who are trying to secure the departure of a part of the contingent for St. John see not getting much help from the government in this city.

THE INVADERS.

The London Chronicle yesterday said that the Canadians need not stay awake nights in dread of the Fenians.

IMPORTS AND PRICES.

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THE QUEEN'S COUNTY STORY.

A few days ago Le Journal, the new French morning paper of Montreal, sent to Mr. Foster a copy of an article concerning Mr. Foster with certain language alleged to have been used in Queens County on his behalf.

SAMOAN SETTLEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The British government has acted on the agreement and treated for the withdrawal of the British from Samoa.

ST. GEORGE'S NEW RECTOR.

St. George's (St. Andrew's Beacon.) The difficulties which surrounded the nomination of the rectorship of the St. George and Penfield churches have been removed in a manner satisfactory to all.

THE UNKNOWN QUANTITIES.

Doubtless the troops in Africa are on the move, with the exception of those who are drawn up in the face of each other on the Modder and Tugela rivers.

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 20.—The firemen held their annual meeting for the election of officers and transaction of other business on Monday night.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON I—January 7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt call His name Jesus; for He shall save His people from their sins.—Matt. 1: 21.

THE SECTIONS.

Includes all that pertains to the birth and infancy of Jesus (Luke, chaps. 1 and 2; Matt., chaps. 1 and 2; John 1: 1-18).

PLACE IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

The Incarnation.—The beginning of His human life on earth.

HISTORICAL SETTING.

Time.—Jesus was born probably in December B. C. 5 four years before our Christian era.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.—Luke 2: 1-16.

Read Luke 1: Matthew 1: John 1: 1-18.

Comment verses 8-11.

1. (a) And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

2. (c) And this taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria.

3. And all went to be taxed, every one (e) into his own city.

4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, (f) unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (g) because he was of the house and (h) lineage of David.

5. (i) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

6. And (j) so it was that, while they were there, the days were (k) accomplished that she should be delivered.

7. And she brought forth her first-born son, and (l) wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

8. And (m) they abode in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9. And (n) lo, the angel of the Lord (o) came upon them; and the glory of the Lord shined about them; and they were sore afraid.

10. And the angel said unto them, (p) Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall come to all people.

11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

12. And this (q) shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find (r) the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, (s) lying in a manger.

13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

14. Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace, (t) good will toward men.

15. And it came to pass (u) as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go and see this thing which we were told.

16. And they came with haste, and found (v) Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying (w) in a manger.

REVISION, CHANGES.

Ver. 1. (a) And it came to pass.

Ver. 2. (c) This was the first enrollment made when Quirinus was, etc.

Ver. 3. (d) To enrol themselves. (e) To.

Ver. 4. (f) To. (g) Omit brackets.

(h) Family.

Ver. 5. (i) To enrol himself with Mary who was betrothed to him.

Ver. 6. (j) It came to pass that. (k) Published.

Ver. 7. (l) And she wrapped.

Vers. 8, 11. (Slightly changed order of words).

Ver. 9. (m) And an angel. (n) Spoke by.

Ver. 10. (o) Be not afraid. All the people.

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A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

HOPWELL HILL, via Albert, N. B., Dec. 28.—Miss Martin of Belmont Creek was found dead in the woods this afternoon, near the residence of Wm. Milton, Memel. The deceased, who was a brother-in-law of Mr. Milton, left the latter's residence in the early part of the day to show a girl by the name of Kenzie through the woods to the Chemical Road settlement. Nothing further was heard concerning him until his body was found by M. M. Tingley's lumber crew, who were returning through the woods. The body was lying face downwards on the edge of a wood road. The deceased had evidently left the girl when he thought he had given her sufficient directions, and returned, as the girl was seen earlier in the day by Mr. Tingley's men going in the direction of her destination on the Chemical Road. The deceased was about fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife and family. Coroner West was summoned, and will probably hold an inquest.

A CAPE BRETON MYSTERY.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 28.—Arichat has a romantic mystery. About thirty years ago there retired and settled in Arichat a French naval doctor named Robert, an intimate friend of Senator Miller. He shortly afterwards married a Miss Lennox, a daughter of a Halifax barrister of that name. Seven years after their union Dr. Robert became stricken with muscular rheumatism, and lay almost constantly helpless, dependent on the care of Madame Robert and friends since that time. Latterly he was able to move about by the aid of a rulle, attached to the ceiling. A few weeks ago tidings were received of a death in France, whereby the doctor, who was entitled to participate in a large fortune. The suffering man did not, however, receive any money. On Friday night last he disappeared, and up to this time his whereabouts is a mystery, although strenuous efforts have been made for his discovery both by friends and the authorities.

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—A proclamation will appear in the Canada Gazette Saturday calling for the deposit of business notices on either Jan. 25th or Feb. 1st. The matter was talked over in the council today and was generally approved. The changes are all in favor of Feb. 1st, as some of the ministers desire to go to Halifax to see the departure of the contingent. By-elections for the vacant seats, namely West Ontario, Winnipeg, Becharley, Lettiners, Sherbrooke, Lethbridge, and Vancouver, will take place simultaneously during the third week in January. Commissioner Robertson awarded prizes offered to boys and girls for a hundred heads of wheat and oats bearing the largest number of heads. Columbia took first prize for both wheat and oats. The prizes went to the following: following order: Ontario, 13; Columbia, 3; Territories, Manitoba, New Brunswick, 2 each; Nova Scotia and Quebec, 1 each.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Hon. Mr. Tarte's organ, La Patrie, tonight announces February 1 as the probable date of the meeting of parliament.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 28.—The modus vivendi respecting the Newfoundland fisheries between the Dominion and the Province will expire Dec. 31. Serious trouble will arise on the coast if this agreement is not renewed. The Dominion government is now anxious regarding the action the colonial authorities propose to take. It is likely that the colonies will agree to compromise the question in view of British difficulties in South Africa.

THE ONLY OBJECTION.

Jabbe—Would you be afraid to go up in a balloon? Dabbe—Not in the least; it would be the chance I would have to take in coming down that would alarm me.—Ohio State Journal.

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James Goss left Vancouver on Dec. 20th for Moncton, N. B.

The death occurred at Lawrenceville, N. S., on Friday night of Mrs. John Woods, aged 83 years.

Mrs. Kellor, widow of the late Thomas Kellor of Dorchester, died on Sunday night. She was about 81 years of age.

On Christmas Eve Moore presented Rev. W. H. Lodge with \$80 from a few friends in the First Methodist church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

John McLeod, Orwell, P. E. I., died Saturday evening after a lingering illness. Deceased was a brother of D. D. McLeod, merchant, Orwell Cove.

C. P. R. earnings for week ending Dec. 21 were \$51,000 greater than for the same week last year, and the Grand Trunk showed an increase of \$67,000.

Lumber for the three masted schooner to be built at Bridgetown, N. B., next spring, is being delivered at the shipyard. The keel will be laid early in March.

A unanimous invitation has been extended to Rev. Wm. Harrison, Methodist, to be the pastor of the Tryon, P. E. I., circuit for the next conference year.

G. A. Viets of Digby, who has recently returned from the Klondyke, has been appointed inspector under the Scott Act, with a salary of \$20 per month.

John Simpson, for several years connected with the W. H. Thorne Co., Ltd., left on Tuesday for Greenwood, E. C., where he will enter upon business for himself.

Rev. H. H. Saunders, formerly pastor of the Elgin Baptist church, but for the past year situated in British Columbia, has accepted the unanimous call of the Elgin church to return.

On an order from the New Zealand government, five splendid moose calves have been procured from the north of Westborough, Manitoba, by the Hudson Bay Co.

News was received yesterday morning by Mrs. T. W. (Capt.) Roberts of the death of her father, Benjamin Gammon, at River John, Pictou Co., N. S.—Victoria Colonist, Dec. 17.

W. J. Fraser of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Chatham has been transferred to Amonte, Ont., and William Wilkinson, son of Rev. W. J. Wilkinson, has entered the bank at Chatham.

Robert Scribner of Hampton and Mrs. Martha Frosham of this city were united in marriage yesterday. The ceremony was performed at 118 Waterloo street by Rev. C. T. Phillips.

THOUSANDS OF CANADIANS can vouch for the efficacy of that peerless cough remedy, Fny-Pectoral. It cures a cold very quickly. 25c. of all druggists. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

J. A. Kirk, late Immigration agent, left Halifax on Friday for Wolfville, to meet his wife and family, from whence they proceed to Dorchester, where Mr. Kirk enters upon his new duties as chief warden.

The \$400 in cash has been distributed to the patients of UNION HOSPITAL, and the demand for the tea increases. A key will be placed in every pound package this year also.

DRESS GOODS.

BLACK CREPONS, 55c, 65c, 90c, \$1.20 per yard. BLACK USTRE (Plain or Figured), 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 65c, 75c per yard. BLACK SERGES, 28c, 35c, 40c, 55c, 60c, 70c per yard. BLACK CASHMERE, 35c, 45c, 55c, 75c, 90c per yard. COLORED DRESS GOODS, 15c, 25c, 27c, 35c, 40c, 55c, 60c per yard. COSTUME LENGTHS (No Two Alike), \$5.00 to \$5.50 a costume. WOOL PLAIDS, 45 and 50c per yard.

JACKET CLOTHS.

Beaver in Blacks, Browns, Blues and Fawn, 75c, \$1.10, \$1.40, \$1.65, per yard. Ulster (10ths - mouth or Rough Finish), \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.40 per yard. Goat Cloth in Black and White and Colors \$2.25 per yard. Elder Down for Children's Coats, Plain or Fancy Colors, 45 to 50c per yard.

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An Annapolis despatch says: Messrs. Pickles and Mills of this place, have purchased the schooner Foster Rice from Mr. Rice, of Weymouth. The schooner is 227 tons, and the price paid about \$10,000. She will be used in the lumber trade.

Rev. G. R. E. MacDonald of Fredericton was ordained at the Cathedral there on Sunday. A large congregation was present. Rev. Mr. MacDonald has been appointed curate at the Bathurst church, over which Rev. Mr. Street is rector.

The death of John Leonard, aged 52 years, occurred on Friday at his residence, Queen street, Truro, N. S. Up to the time of his late illness Mr. Leonard had been in the government service as engine driver in Truro railway yard, for over twenty years.

On Saturday night last the residence of Mrs. Sarah M. Armstrong, Belleisle, was burned to the ground. Nothing in the way of furniture was saved, and a young lady who was boarding with her lost \$32 in cash. There was no insurance on the house or furniture.

On Sunday evening Joseph Hancock, M. E. P., on behalf of the members of the Baptist church of Round Hill and Annapolis, presented Rev. H. H. Roach with a fur coat. The coat was a present from the ladies made him a Christmas present of a beautiful fur coat.

A stained glass window in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Amable was recently dedicated at the College chapel, Windsor. It represents Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, in the year 668, under whom the Roman and Celtic missions in England were consolidated into a national church.

Charles McCulloch and family of Marysville are leaving this afternoon for Wadesboro, Nevada, where they intend to take up their residence, says Tuesday's Gleaner. On Friday a committee from Amethyst Rebekah lodge of Marysville presented Miss Gertrude McCulloch with a beautiful belt with gold buckle.

A pleasant social event took place Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence, Teo. The occasion being the 25th anniversary of their marriage. The presents were valuable, among them being a silver tea service from James Birch, M. E. P., of Alberton, brother of Mrs. Teo.

George Dunphy of Mouth Keswick died at the home of his son, George K. Dunphy, Fredericton, on Tuesday, in the ninety-fifth year of his age. He leaves two sons and two daughters, George K., at whose home he died, and Edward Dunphy of Fredericton. Mrs. John Sheppard of Somerville, Mass., and Mrs. B. Jones of Fredericton.

The shipments of coal from Springhill for the eleven months ending with November are 24,708 tons ahead of the shipments for the same period last year. The shipments for October were 33,353 tons against 30,300 for October, 1889; for November the shipments were 30,345, against 31,029 for the corresponding month of 1889.

Captain Jacob Robbins left his vessel, the "Cedrician," in Liverpool, and came out by steamer to Portland. Mr. Robbins, who has accompanied his husband, returned with the steamer last winter at their home in Kelley's Cove, N. S. Capt. Robbins will take another ship in the same employ next year.

At Souris, P. E. I., on Saturday night, Peter McDonald of Little Harbour was thrown from his cart, one of the wheels of which went over his head. He died on Sunday morning. Mrs. McDonald has been confined to bed since last June and her death is expected at any moment. Besides the widow, five children survive.

Mrs. J. C. Beatty, milliner of Moncton, was wedded on Monday to Ralph A. Steeves of Dover. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. L. Parsley, pastor of the first Baptist church, at the home of the bride, Botford street, Moncton. Mr. and Mrs. Steeves left by the C. P. R. on a visit to Boston and other Atlantic cities.

James Desmond, with a dozen or so of ship carpenters, is setting up at Chatham the frames of a big schooner. The vessel will be 115 ft. long, 24 ft. beam, and 11-1/2 ft. deep. It will be used in bringing lumber from Mr. Snowball's Tracade mill to Chatham.—World.

THE EMPHATIC STATEMENT

that the D. & L. Menthol Plaster is doing a great deal to alleviate neuralgic and rheumatic pain is based upon facts. The D. & L. Menthol never fails to soothe and quickly cure. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

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A Cornwallis, N. S., correspondent writes: "The sch. Harold Borden is ready for sea, carrying 1,700 bbls. of potatoes to Havana. The shippers complain of lack of vessels for this trade. Large quantities of potatoes are being shipped by D. A. railway to Halifax for transhipment to Havana."

The marriage was celebrated at the home of the bride's father, at Quebec, on Wednesday, of Miss Eleanor Jean Glass and O. M. Sanford, field secretary of the Nova Scotia Sunday School Association. Rev. Mr. Grant performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford will reside at Burlington, Hants Co., N. S.

R. Stanley Murray, at present in the employment of a New York electric light company, will sail in a few days for Melbourne, Australia, as manager of a branch office of the Electric Light and Power Co. His engagement is for two years. Mr. Murray, who is a younger son of Dr. J. S. Banson of Chatham, will accompany him.

The Moncton Times is informed that a case of hardship exists along the I. C. R. near Calhoun's mills, which should be investigated. It is said that a family of three children, the eldest when only eleven years of age, are living in a sort of tumble-down building, suffering from the necessities of life. It appears the children are maintained by the people in that vicinity and the train bands.

The Arrostook farmer is a happy man today. He is receiving a fair price for each and everything in which he deals. Potatoes have remained at \$1.25 and \$1.30 for five weeks without any material break. His wood brings him \$1.50 and \$5 a cord, 1/2 more than it ever brought before, and with the exceedingly bright outlook for his hay, which he thinks is bound to bring \$12 per ton in the spring.—Bangor Commercial.

In the early part of last week, Mrs. John Foss of Waterbury, Sunbury Co., while doing the housework inflicted a slight scratch upon her hand. Next day her hand and arm became painful and swollen, and on Friday the lady was taken to the hospital in Fredericton suffering from blood poisoning. Her death occurred on Sunday. The deceased was fifty-seven years of age and a daughter of Jeremiah Smith. She leaves a husband and eleven children.

Gilbert Sherwood, who resides on Brussels street and is janitor of the Centennial school building, received word Sunday of the death of his wife, W. B. Straight, of Washeadmoke Lake. The sad event occurred late on Saturday night while Mr. and Mrs. Straight were crossing the lake from their home to Thom's farm, which is situated on the opposite side of the lake. It is presumed that both walked into an ice hole in the lake. Mr. Straight was rescued in an exhausted condition.

An interesting wedding took place at Soudon last Thursday morning, says the Vancouver World of Dec. 20th. The parties were Frank Jewell, J. P., city clerk, and Miss Jennie Howard, daughter of Vancouver, formerly of Fredericton, N. B. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. F. L. Christie. The bride was given away by Mr. Christie, and the Rev. A. M. Sanford performed the ceremony. The happy young couple left on a tour to Rossland and other Kootenay points.

The Sun has Wednesday of a generous act on the part of Messrs. Magee's Sons, wholesale and retail hatters and furriers. Robert Magee, senior member of the firm, a few days ago requested, except for his age and in making young Christians present to their employees amounted to a considerable outlay. However, the generosity on the part of the firm will, no doubt, be appreciated by their employees.

TO PARENTS.

What plans have you formed for that boy, who is almost a man, a better chance to make his way in the world? Can you do a better thing for him than to afford him the advantage of a practical business education—such an education as will give him a hopeful start on the life road to success and independence? And the girl? Is it not well that she should learn something by which she could support herself honorably and comfortably should occasion arise? We do not, however, urge the value of a business education solely for its use in making young men and women self-supporting, important as that consideration is; we maintain that it will make them stronger in thought-power, re-inforce the education they already have, and, by the discipline it offers, strengthen them for the exigencies of life, even better than most of the so-called scholastic training which has little practical value. It takes but very young Christians present to make a good stenographer or book-keeper. It would be well for parents who have sons or daughters requiring education, to investigate the merits of the Curtis Business University of this city. This institution is now offering a special discount of 25 per cent, which holds good until school re-opens January 2nd.

A SUDDEN CHILL often means sudden illness. Pain-Killer is all that is needed to ward it off. Unequalled for sprains and Rheumatism. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

900 DROPS Vegetable Preparation for Assisting the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of INFANTS CHILDREN Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC. Fac-Simile Signature of NEW YORK 35 DROPS - 35 CENTS EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF CHAS. H. PITCHER IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA. Contains no opium in one bottle only. It is not sold in bulk. Don't allow anyone to sell you anything else on the plea or promise that it is "just as good" and "will answer every purpose." See that you get C-A-S-T-O-R-I-A. The Signature of CHAS. H. PITCHER is on every wrapper.

RECENT DEATHS.

Wm. D. McVey, aged 74, a resident of Bloomfield, died suddenly at the residence of Mrs. T. S. 22 Brussels street, Tuesday morning. Mr. McVey, in company with his son and daughter, came down to the city to spend Christmas day with Mrs. T. S. The young man returned to Bloomfield early in the evening, but the remainder of the party attended services in one of the city churches. During the service Mr. McVey was taken ill and had to be taken home in a cab. He died at 4 o'clock in the morning. The immediate cause of death was heart disease. The body was taken to Bloomfield yesterday afternoon.

The death occurred Tuesday at her home on the Bay Shore of Mrs. McLaughlin, wife of Capt. John McLaughlin. The deceased lady was 65 years of age, and leaves besides her husband, three sons and a daughter. Mrs. McLaughlin was a very estimable lady. She was well known to many of the summer visitors to the shore, and will be held in kindly remembrance by all who knew her. Her husband and family there will be general sympathy.

Mrs. Elizabeth Woods, widow of Anthony Woods of St. John, died at Moncton on Saturday. She had been ill for some time. Mrs. Woods formerly resided on Simonds street. She was about 76 years old. Five children survive her.

Capt. John Lane died at his home, Long Island, N. Y., on Dec. 15. Capt. Lane was an old-time St. John master mariner. He sailed for John Fraser, and when Wm. Thomson & Co. took over the vessels he continued in their employ as captain. He was a long time in the ship Honolulu. Capt. Lane was a good navigator in his day. After his retirement from the navy, he settled down in Long Island. Deceased was about 73 years of age.

The death occurred Wednesday of Miss Frances Hamilton, third daughter of the late Dr. Geo. Hamilton, of Long Island, N. Y., on Dec. 15. Capt. Lane was an old-time St. John master mariner. He sailed for John Fraser, and when Wm. Thomson & Co. took over the vessels he continued in their employ as captain. He was a long time in the ship Honolulu. Capt. Lane was a good navigator in his day. After his retirement from the navy, he settled down in Long Island. Deceased was about 73 years of age.

The death occurred on Friday of Robert Armstrong, at his late residence, Rockland road. The deceased, who was 78 years of age, was a gentleman most highly respected by all, and whose loss will be deeply felt, not only by his relatives and his immediate friends, but by the community at large. Mr. Armstrong died very suddenly, being sick only one day. The deceased leaves four sons and three daughters. The sons are Capt. R. E. Armstrong, proprietor of the St. Andrew's Beacon; Henry S. of Moncton, and Fred. of New Glasgow. The daughters are Mrs. Thomas A. Graham, Mrs. J. Rouvan and Mrs. E. Green of this city.

Mrs. William T. Kelley died at Shelburne on Saturday, aged 72 years. Deceased was a daughter of the late Capt. Charles Bruce of Shelburne. She leaves a husband and six children. Mrs. Arthur Hood, Mrs. E. C. Blanchard, Mrs. J. Johnston, Shelburne; Mrs. (Dr.) Agnes Stewart, Bridgetown; Dr. Fred Kelley and Charles Kelley, Cambridgeport.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Station Happy Harry, 10 7 years old and is without a fault of breeding, made his record, 2:57, at Shelburne in 1888, and is now for sale. For price apply to NAT. McNAIR, River, Lunenburg County, Restigouche, N. B.

WANTED.

WANTED.—First class male teacher in charge of Superior school in District No. 2, Parish of Summers. Teachers applying must hold Home and Normal diplomas, and a superior school also state salary. Address: THEODORE ARSENAULT, Secy School Trustees, Tracadie, Gloucester Co., N. B.

WANTED.—A Second Class Female Teacher for School District No. 8, Parish of Peterborough. Please apply, stating salary, to JOHN CULBERT, Peterborough, Queens Co., N. B.

WANTED.—A third class female teacher for District No. 3, Parish of St. Martins, St. John's County. Apply salary to JOHN M. BRADSHAW, Secy to Trustees (post district).

WANTED RELIABLE MEN.—Good honest men in every locality, looking for introductions and advertising our goods (taking up new-catch on fences, along public roads and in conspicuous places. No experience needed. Salary \$100.00 per month, plus expenses \$2.00 per day. Write at once, full particulars. THE EMPHATIC MEDICINE CO., London, Eng.

ESTATE NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the Estate of the late Henry Walton of Greenwich, Kings County, are requested to make immediate payment to either of the undersigned Administrators; and all persons having claims against the said Estate will present same, duly attested, to the undersigned Solicitor. Dated St. John, N. B., Dec. 27th, 1890. JAMES H. WALTON, FRED. WALTON, Administrators. ALEX. W. BAIRD, Solicitor, etc.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby forbidden to cut timber or in any way trespass on a certain lot of land situate in the Parish of Saint Martins in the Province of New Brunswick, and bounded as follows: North by the "Hokey Mill Brook" east by lands formerly owned by Thomas Fournier, south by the Salmon River Road, and on the west by lands formerly owned by the late George Byrnes. LYDIA ANN BISHOP, Harvey, Albert County, N. B., November 13th, 1890.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Grateful for Their Rescue. CAMBESSELLO, Dec. 28. To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—Under the head of "A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed," Capt. Lo Wilton of Grand Manan writes, to thank Capt. Alexander, of the sch. E. G. Morris for saving the well known boat Gladstone from destruction, and possibly the crew from drowning, on Tuesday, the 18th of Dec. last. The Gladstone lost or twisted the head of her rudder while between Head Harbor, Campobello, and the Wolves, in a heavy southeasterly, and but for the timely assistance rendered by the Morris and crew, who towed the Gladstone to Quoddy River, they might have had a close call. Respectfully, X.

FILLS FOR 15 YEARS. Mr. Jas. Bowles, Councilor, Embro, Ont., writes: "For over 15 years I suffered the misery of bleeding, protruding piles. The many remedies I tried all failed. I was advised to use Dr. Chase's Ointment, and must say that the first application gave relief. After the third day the bleeding stopped and two boxes cured me completely."

TO CURE A COLE IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. B. W. Green's signature on each box.

J. E. Porter, principal of the St. Marys, York Co. school, has resigned and will continue his studies at the U. N. B. His successor at St. Marys will be Mr. Oulton, a recent U. N. B. student, and a young man of considerable experience in the teaching profession.—Report.

NICHOLSON'S NEK.

Story of Gen. White's Attack that Ended Disastrously,

As Told by Cap. Rice, Adjutant of the 1st Royal Irish Rifles,

Heroism and Endurance of the British Troops Exposed to Deadly Fire from an Unseen Enemy for Ten Hours.

(London Daily Mail, Dec. 15.) There arrived at Southampton yesterday, on board the Jelunga, Captain Rice, adjutant of the 1st Royal Irish Fusiliers, who was shot through the ankle at Nicholson's Nek.

Captain Rice, being the first of the survivors of that disaster to arrive in England, a Daily Mail reporter obtained from him the real story of that affair.

"The idea of General White's attack," he said, "was considered a good one, and, in spite of its calamitous ending, is still considered a good one at Ladysmith."

"We—that is to say, the Gloucesters, a mountain battery, and my regiment, the Royal Irish—moved out of camp at about 8.30 on the Sunday night. We were to turn the enemy's flank, while White, with the main body, delivered a frontal attack. In the day-time we could see the enemy's position quite clearly, and watch their movements. We were surrounded and cut up because White's MAIN ATTACK FAILED.

"If that had come off all right we should have attained our object, and completely crushed the enemy."

"Some critics have said that we should have retired when the mules stamped with our ammunition. But had we done so we should have left White's flank exposed to the main attack of the Boers, and very likely he would have been overwhelmed. As it was, we kept the enemy so busy all Sunday night and half of Monday that General White had time to retire with practically no loss. In fact, our disaster, as it was, saved an infinitely greater one."

"Well, we marched," continued the captain, "till some time after midnight. It was pitch dark, and nobody could see an inch in front of him. Suddenly, as we were going through a defile, a dozen or so of boulders came crashing down the hillside. We followed our men to lie down, and they obeyed at once. The battery men shouted out, holding the halter of a mule in each hand. Then, after the stones, some half dozen of the Boers dashed right through us. It was probably a pique which came down by accident, and had no idea they were coming full upon us."

"That started the mules; and the men, being IN A PROMISED POSITION, were quite unable to hold them, and they got away."

"After lying close for a bit we took our dispositions as best we could in the darkness. We could not see much, but we took up a position on a likely looking hill. It turned out afterwards to be Nicholson's Nek. Our force was not large enough to occupy the whole hill, so that we shared our end of it with the Gloucesters."

"When it began to dawn we saw that our hill was completely surrounded by other hills, which towered above ours, and although we could not see a single Boer the enemy kept pounding us from every side."

"As time went on the rifle fire became terrific, and our men began to drop on every side. The worst of it was that of course we had lost every gun, and had no ammunition but what was in our pouches."

"We tried putting the best marksmen on to volley firing, but that did not seem to even shift the Boers. Then I was hit in the ankle and compelled to lie down. My sergeant piled big stones round me to give me some sort of shelter, but the bullets were plunging all round."

"Our men took what cover there was, but there was not much of that. It was terribly wearying and anxious business, and we were exposed to that fire and practically unable to reply."

FROM DAILYBREAK TO 2.30 in the afternoon.

"By that time the Boers had pushed up close, and we were occupying the other half of our hill."

"Then it was that we heard bugles sounding the 'Charge' fire. Our troops were so surrounded that some of the men thought they were our bugles. But we knew the difference in the note, and shouted to our men to go on firing."

"The Boer bullets went on sounding the 'Charge' fire for a long time, and our men got so brave, as they had had no intention of ceasing fire, that we gave the order to fix bayonets for a charge. The bayonets were fixed like a shot, but, of course, there wasn't anything to charge at. Anyhow, it kept the men quiet for a bit. The poor fellows behaved splendidly, though they had no food since Sunday night and had been exposed to deadly firing from an unseen enemy for ten hours."

"Things went on like that for a bit, and then the word came down to us that the white flag had been hoisted by some of the Gloucesters. When the news came along our men simply yelled with rage. That white flag, I may say, is a complete mystery to me. No one knows who hoisted it. But Father Matthews, our chaplain, who went on to Pretoria with the prisoners, says that it was raised by a subordinate of the Gloucesters, who found himself out with ten men, and quite believed that he and his companions WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS."

"Whether that is the correct story or not I cannot say, and I don't know of the Father meant by 'a subordinate.' Probably he meant a sergeant."

"Now, as the white flag had been raised, and we believed by order, it was our duty to take the men put down their arms. We gave the order, but were not obeyed, and for some time the men flatly refused. In many cases we had to take their rifles from them. They were furiously angry, and though most of them had not a cartridge left, they had all made up their minds to fight to a finish."

BOSTON LETTER.

Archbishop of Transvaal and Ancient Order of Hibernians.

A Worcester Man Supplying the Cartridge Belts for the Second Canadian Contingent.

Quebec Liberals and the War—Recent Deaths of Provincialists—A Memorial Cook Student Wins a Scholarship at Harvard—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BOSTON, Dec. 24.—There has been practically no frost for weeks and there has been no snow in Boston since last spring. In the city gardens in Dorchester, the superlatively good public grounds, the pansies in bloom, an unusual sight at Christmas. The grass on the parks and squares is still green. On two occasions this month the temperature has risen as high as 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

The recent financial troubles here have made Christmas a gloomy one for many. Within the past ten days two large banks in Boston, a prominent one here, and an immense provision company and many smaller concerns have gone down, involving liabilities of \$17,000,000. New York's recent financial panic caused failures for about \$12,000,000. The latest development was the arrest yesterday in California of ex-President Charles H. Cole of the Globe National Bank of Boston, which closed its doors on Thursday owing \$8,000,000. Mr. Cole is charged with embezzling and misappropriating \$300,000 of the bank's funds. There were heavy runs on the savings banks of Portland on Friday and Saturday, the indirect result of the collapse of a big banking house there some time ago, but the banks were able to meet the run. The worst is considered over both here and at Portland.

The war in South Africa is attracting considerable attention still in this country. At a meeting of the Boot and Shoe Club, Thursday evening, Fred. Mayhew of Harvard College, a native of P. E. I., was one of the speakers, and he ably upheld the side of Great Britain in the struggle. At a meeting of the Congressional Club in New York, recently, President J. G. Schurman of Cornell, also a native of P. E. I., said a good word for Great Britain. Irish-Americans who have been sympathizing with Paul Kruger and his cause have had a rude shock by the statement issued by the Roman Catholic archbishop of the Transvaal, in which he says that the Boers have constantly harassed Catholics, and are the foes of religious liberty. The archbishop's statement has somewhat cooled the ardor of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, some of whose members have been endeavoring to raise a contingent for the Transvaal. T. C. Orndorf of Worcester has received another large order to furnish handkerchiefs for the contingent of the Transvaal. He has been in consultation with the militia department at Ottawa and is making preparations to hurry the handkerchiefs to the front. The militia department will follow the lead of the shoulder and carry 100 rounds of ammunition. They are of the neutral tint of the khaki uniforms and are inconspicuous as possible.

A large party of excursionists left here for the provinces on Friday by the D. A. R. route. A large number of "Down-easters" went home for the holidays from Boston and vicinity. Among recent deaths of provincialists in this city and vicinity were the following: In Roxbury, Dec. 14, Thos. Lynch, formerly of St. John; in Roxbury, Dec. 20, Mrs. Margaret Reid, widow of Capt. Charles Reid, aged 66 years, formerly of St. John; in this city, recently, Mrs. Rose A. Harnish, formerly of St. John; in Dorchester district of Boston, Dec. 17, William H. Ryan, son of the late William Ryan of St. John, aged 27 years; in Brookline, Dec. 20, John Holmes, aged 28 years, formerly of St. John; in Roxbury district, Dec. 20, Edward J. Mullen, formerly of St. John; in East Boston, Dec. 19, Charles Daily, 18 years, formerly of St. John; in East Boston, Dec. 22, Archibald W. McLaren, aged 49 years, native of Prince Edward Island; in this city, Dec. 18, Henry Curtis, aged 40 years, formerly of Halifax; in Peabody, Dec. 18, Jas. man's death, without paying for them—Ohio State Journal.

Notwithstanding the tightness of money, the lumber market continues quiet. Spruce is selling steadily, and building operations, which usually stop in November, are still in progress. For spruce, millmen's agreement prices still prevail, and there has been very little shading. Hemlock is very firm, and laths are in strong demand at higher prices. Shingles and clapboards are in good request. Prices are as follows: Spruce—Frames, 3 inches and under, \$17; 10 and 12 inch dimensions, \$19; 10 and 12 inch randoms, 10 feet and up, \$18.50; 2x2 and 2x4, 2x6, 2x8, 2x10 and 2x12, 10 feet and up, \$15; other randoms, \$16.50; merchantable boards, \$15; cut boards, \$17; hand-sawn lumber, \$18 to 18.50; second clear, \$28 to 29; clear, \$28 to 27; second clear, \$24 to 25; laths, 1.5-1.8 in., \$3 to 3.25; laths, 1.2-1.4 in., \$2.90 to 3.

Hemlock, etc.—Eastern hemlock, \$14.50 to 15.50; eastern boards, \$14 to 16; No. 1, \$12 to 14; planed one side and matched, \$16.50 to 17.50; extra cedar shingles, \$3.10 to 3.15; clear, \$2.65 to 2.70; second clear, \$2.10 to 2.25; clear white, \$2; extra No. 1, \$1.50; extra pine clapboards, \$34 to 38; clear, \$30 to 32; second clear, \$28.

The dry and pickled fish trade is very quiet, and does not expect much business before the new year. There has been some enquiry for codfish for export to the West Indies. Large dry bank are worth \$5.50; medium, \$4.50; small, \$3.50. Pickled fish, \$5.15 to 5.2, and large store and Georges, \$5.50 to 6. Pickled herring continues steady, at \$6.50 for Nova Scotia split and \$5.25 to 5.50 for medium. Quotations for lobsters are hard to 3.25 for flats, and \$3 to 3.10 for uprights. Fresh fish are plentiful and prices are low. Provincial smelts are worth 10c to 15c, the open weather having hampered the trade and caused losses to some shippers. Live lobsters are in good demand at 16c, and boiled at 18c.

S. S. CEBRIANA. One of the Finest Freight Steamers That Ever Visited St. John. The Furness Line Coburns, now taking in cargo at No. 1 berth, Sand Point, is one of the finest freight steamers that ever visited St. John. This is her maiden voyage. She was built at Sunderland by Short Brothers and is of the Allen class, of that class. She is built throughout of steel, and is 300 feet long, 25 feet beam, 12 feet depth, 30,120 tons gross, 4,228 tons net, and has a speed of 12 knots. Her engine is a vertical cylinder, 42 inches diameter, and her carrying capacity is 7,000 tons; summer draft, 8,500 tons; winter draft, 8,875 tons. She has a double bottom, and is fitted with cylinders 5, 4 and 38 inches in diameter with 12 inch stroke, and is driven by three boilers working at a pressure of 120 pounds with a heating surface of 8,200 square feet. She is fitted with the modern devices for the rapid handling of cargo. She has a crew of 100 men, and a crew of 100 men. Her deck is superior to those on the average steamer. She has a double bottom, and a double bottom for each hatch, and a special arrangement for stowage of cargo. Her deck is superior to those on the average steamer. She has a double bottom, and a double bottom for each hatch, and a special arrangement for stowage of cargo. Her deck is superior to those on the average steamer. She has a double bottom, and a double bottom for each hatch, and a special arrangement for stowage of cargo.

CHATHAM. Presentation to the Rev. D. Henderson of St. Andrew's Church. On Saturday evening, December 23rd, the Rev. D. Henderson of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, had a very pleasant surprise. The members of the board of trustees constituted themselves into an army and led siege to the manse. After the capture and occupation, they fell into rank before their minister, and A. A. Anderson, the chairman of the trustees, in an address expressive of appreciation of his pulpit work, the excellence of his pulpit work, their affection for him and their appreciation of his services, presented to Rev. D. Henderson by the trustees of St. Andrew's church, Chatham, N. B., Xmas, 1899.

Rev. Mr. Henderson, who was taken by surprise, briefly replied, accepting the valuable gift in the spirit in which it was given. No minister, he said, could have a more loyal congregation, a more harmonious session, a more devoted and earnest band of Christian workers, and the kindness received, not merely from his own congregation, but from the members of the other congregations in the town, had gone far to make Chatham for him a most delightful sphere of labor.

His Young People's Society also remembered Mr. Henderson at Christmas, giving him a handsome silver lamp table and the Ladies' Aid Society a pair of Persian lamb gauntlets. The St. Andrew's congregation presented Mrs. A. Cameron, the leading soprano of the choir, with a purse of gold, as she was on the eve of leaving on a holiday trip to Boston.

A gentleman who is still one of the leading business men of Yarmouth, N. S., says that in 1871-72, the firm with which he was connected supplied the materials for rigging and fitting twenty-four ships built in the western end of Nova Scotia.

SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

Relation of Disease to Microbe Life—Its Application in Treatment of Catarrh.

It is now an established fact that microbe life is the cause of throat and nasal catarrh, and a cure has been discovered in the microbes must be killed, and so allow the forces of nature to assert themselves.

Many remedies have been tried, snuffs, washes and ointments; but they have all proved ineffectual because they do not reach the affected parts. Late scientific investigation into the relation of disease to microbe life has produced a specific for all diseases of the nasal and respiratory organs caused by green life, called Catarrhazone.

Catarrhazone is a liquid quickly atomized, with a pleasant and penetrating odor when carried by atmospheric air through the inhaler, and recalls more than anything else the rich balsamic scent of the pine woods so eagerly sought by invalids in the Adirondacks. When inhaled through the inhaler it diffuses very rapidly and reaches all the affected parts, destroying the microbe life and other causes exciting disease of the nasal and respiratory organs.

It acts energetically as a stimulant to the mucous tissues of the throat, nasal passages and bronchial tubes, relieving congestion, and the affected parts are then quickly restored to a healthy condition. For speakers and singers and persons troubled with an irritable throat, Bronchitis, Asthma, Catarrh, or La Grippe, Catarrhazone is of inestimable value.

The inhaler can be carried in your pocket and may be used at any time or in any place. Catarrhazone is a guaranteed cure, and it never fails to permanently cure the most chronic cases. Price \$1.00, at all druggists, or directly by mail to any address. Send for stamps for trial outfit to N. C. Polson & Co., Mfg. Chemists, Box 625, Kingston, Ont.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. When Does the Nineteenth Century Begin.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—I was amused at seeing in the Sun, the other day, an article in your paper concerning the New York namesake, in which a correspondent endeavored to settle the question of the date of the year for the benefit of "confused minds."

He has succeeded, as it seems to me, in making confusion worse confounded, and leaves the whole subject as clear as mud. Please allow me also to construct an analytical conversation by which the question may be answered.

I will assume, of course, the popular theory of A. D. means "in the year of our Lord," and hence that the years of the era are contemporaneous with our Lord's life.

How many years old was our Lord when He was born?—Nought years old. When, then, did the first century begin?—At nought years.

How was the first year of the first century indicated?—By months. What was the order of the year A. D. 1?—The second year.

What was the order of the year A. D. 2?—The third year. What was the order of the year A. D. 3?—The fourth year.

When does the century end?—At the end of the hundredth year. What is the date of the hundredth year?—A. D. 100.

What is the date of the beginning of the second century?—A. D. 101. What is the date of the end of the second century?—A. D. 200.

What is the date of the beginning of the nineteenth century?—A. D. 1800. What is the date of the end of the nineteenth century?—A. D. 1899.

What does the English Prayer Book describe as the compass of the present century?—"From the year 1800 to the year 1899 inclusive." (See table to find Easter.) I am sorry to see that the Montreal Witness uses this subject for occasion to indulge in a philippic against the Pope of Rome, who, however shaky he may be in his historical facts when he gives the year of his bull against the English church, seems to have enough sense left to protect him from using the hundred and first year as a sort of tally to make sure that we have full measure in this glorious nineteenth century.

It is probable that the twentieth century will be still more glorious. I am a thinking we have eaten the last Christmas dinner of the nineteenth century. L. A. H. Dec. 23rd, 1899.

DIED IN VICTORIA, B. C. (Victoria, B. C., Colonist, B. C.) F. F. Raitt, a resident of British Columbia for sixteen years, latterly conducting a grocery store at 90 North Park street, dropped dead at 6 o'clock last evening.

Deceased, who was a man of powerful physique, was apparently in the best of health. He had been transacting some business in the city during the afternoon, and was returning to his home in company with P. McTeigh when the dread summons came. As the two walked along, Mr. Raitt complained to Mr. McTeigh of feeling unwell, and before the latter could render assistance, Mr. Raitt put his hands to his chest and dropped to the sidewalk, dying almost instantly.

Deceased was a native of Bathurst, New Brunswick, about 49 years of age. He for a time engaged in ranching on the Fraser river, but lived in Victoria latterly, and always took a keen interest in civic matters. He leaves a wife but no children to mourn his sudden cutting off.

QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The wives and families of the Guards' reservists from Windsor, now serving in South Africa, assembled at St. George's hall, Windsor, this afternoon to participate in the Queen's Christmas tree celebration. Queen Victoria, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Henry of Battenburg, the Duchess of Albany and others of the royal family were present. The tree, which was 25 feet high, was illuminated with electric lights and covered with presents, which the members of the household distributed after a bountiful tea. The Queen evinced the greatest interest in the festivities.

WOODSTOCK.

By-election for the Local House to be Held January 12th.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 27.—The writ is out for the election of a member of the local legislature in place of C. L. Smith, lately appointed postmaster. Among the names mentioned on the government side are Coun. Frank Shaw of Wakefield; H. Paxton Baird, C. E. Gallagher and J. Y. Fleming. It is probable that the seat will be contested by the opposition.

J. P. Dibblee, W. K. Fleming and Col. Vince are talked of as possible candidates. The election will be held on the 12th prox.; nomination day the 5th.

REFUSED TO ACT. (Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. for South Longford, who was named as a member of the committee of reconciliation at the recent Healyite unity conference, has refused to act, excusing himself by saying that the people have taken the task of restoring unity into their own hands.

DEATH OF A THOMASMAN. Man Supposed to be Woodsman Doughterty of New Brunswick Expires Suddenly Near Greenville.

(Baigor News.) On Sunday, Dec. 24, several laborers from the lumbering camp in Shirley came to Greenville Junction in the forenoon and started to return to camp in the afternoon. One of the party died on the road, about three miles below Greenville village. The others returned with the remains to Greenville. Doctors Hunt and Riopelle were called and after examination reported that the immediate cause of death was probably apoplexy. The body was left with Undertaker F. L. Sawyer.

On Monday the men came from camp to Greenville again and gave such information as they were able to relative to their deceased companion. None of them knew whether he had relatives or from whence he hailed. A ticket from the Ottawa hospital, issued to Thomas Doughterty of New Brunswick, found in the man's pocket, is all the clue at this time.

Any person having knowledge of the deceased or his relatives should communicate with L. H. Folsom, Greenville, Me.

BOOMING N. B. FARMS ABROAD. W. Albert Hickman, who is going to lecture in England during the coming year on the resources of New Brunswick on behalf of the provincial government, expects to leave this country about the middle of January. One of the chief objects of the plan is to induce some of the better class of English farmers to take up their residence in the province, and to make the scheme more concrete the government are taking options on desirable centrally situated farms, so that if a man in England is interested in any particular district described in the lectures, he can obtain not only the price of land in that district, but knowledge with regard to farms that can actually be obtained, and the prices at which they can be bought.

Anyone having a desirable farm, which he is willing to sell, is requested to communicate immediately with Mr. Hickman at 121 Princess street, St. John, who will forward an option blank. This option does not prevent the sale of the farm otherwise than through the government.

SLANDERING A BRITISH INSTITUTION. (New York World.) A man who is engaged in mortal combat with an English plum-pudding which has just forced its treacherous way into his stomach, is incapable of engaging any external foe. What yiditte is to the outside of a man, exactly that, only slower, is English plum-pudding to his inside. The reason the Englishman is habitually so melancholy of aspect is that his face bears the marks of many a desperate combat with the national pudding. The reason the Englishman on a holiday is the personification of despair is that he always eats on a holiday a particularly big plum-pudding, having in the extreme all its essential qualities—sogginess, stickiness, nauseating sweetness, poisonous permeativeness.

CHANCE TO GET EVEN. (Chicago Tribune.) Young bridge-room-Darling, I think I should like to take your little brother with us to Niagara Falls. Bride-How kind that would be of you, Harry! Young bridegroom—Yes, I should like to push him over it.

THE MAN OF IT. Wife—John, won't you have another piece of the cake? Husband—No, I don't like home-made cake. Wife—But this isn't home-made. I bought it at the bakery. Husband—Oh, you did, eh? Well, I knew there was something about it that I didn't like.—Chicago News.

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