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OTTAWA.

Great Concern Regarding Safety of New Government Steamer Minto.

Contract for the Levis Graving Dock Extension—Goods for Paris Exhibition.

Thanksgiving Day Fixed for the 19th—To Drill at Head-quarters.

OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—Canada's representatives on the Pacific cable commission, when that body is constituted, will be Lord Strathcona, high commissioner in London, and the Earl of Aberdeen.

The Ottawa Ministerial Association made a protest against Hon. Mr. Scott going to Quebec to welcome the Papez ablegate to Canada on behalf of the dominion government. Hon. Mr. Scott says he merely went to Quebec on behalf of Premier Laurier and himself.

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OTTAWA, Oct. 5.—It is reported tonight that the contract for the extension of the Lorne graving dock at Levis is to go to Thos. Powers of that city, the lowest tender. There has been keen competition for the work, as there are not many big contracts looming up just at present.

Canadian commissioners for the Paris exhibition have decided to recommend that exhibits be sent by regular steamer, instead of by one of the government vessels, as at first proposed. Neither the Newfoundland nor the Stanley has sufficient carrying capacity. Hence it has been decided to acquire space on the steamship line running to Antwerp, and send exhibits on from Antwerp to Paris by rail.

Editor Pascaud of Quebec got judgment in his favor in the suit brought against him by the crown to recover \$100,000 in connection with the Esau Chateau railway.

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FIGHTING REPORTED.

Boshof Advises Say British Forces Have Crossed the Line.

Report That Fighting Has Occurred Denied and Discredited by Government.

Transvaal Government Has Made a Big Gold Seizure—Chancellor of Exchequer Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Sanctions a Provisional Expenditure.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—According to a despatch from Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, a crowd of Boers who were assembled at the Machador station, forced the refugee passengers to uncover during the singling of a Boer national air, and severely maltreated several Englishmen, stabbing one and kicking and trampling upon others.

Montagu White, consul general of the South African republic in London, told the Associated Press this morning that he telegraphed President Kruger yesterday, urging him to make a personal appeal to Lord Salisbury to respect the complete independence of Great Britain, declaring the despatch of troops a casus belli, in which event he would be compelled to close his office.

White added a curious statement to the effect that a representative of one of the largest capitalists of the land had called upon him this morning and asserted that it was known in capitalist circles that Lord Salisbury had determined there should not be war and had instructed the secretary of state for the colonies to wire to South Africa further assurances with regard to the British desire to respect the complete independence of the Transvaal.

The Natal authorities have announced that the Boer mails were despatched to the Transvaal until further notice. Last Friday's mail was sent back from the frontier.

LOMBOPFSTEIN, Oct. 4.—The government publishes a telegram from Boshof, stating that the British forces have crossed the border and that fighting has commenced.

Another telegram says the troops have taken typhoid fever there, but that no fighting has occurred.

The government discredits the report.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—A special despatch from Newcastle, Natal, dated Wednesday, says: "The Boers have left the Laager at Volksrust and are moving toward the frontier. The situation is most critical. The magistrats and municipal officers have assembled in the town hall to concert measures for the defence of the town against an expected attack. All the women and children have been ordered to leave for the frontier of Natal."

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Lourenco Marques reports that H. M. S. Phillon has gone to Durban for the purpose of landing 100 men and a gun.

The Daily Mail says it considers that the action reported indicates grave danger and it thinks it probable that other British warships are converging silently upon the theatre of war.

A special despatch from Pretoria says that the Transvaal government has seized gold to the value of £800,000, which is now lodged in the state bank. The government, the despatch says, has indemnified the banks to which the gold is consigned.

Other telegrams represent that a Boer attack upon Natal is expected at any moment, but assert that Commander Gen. Joubert has threatened to shoot any man who moves without orders.

The London morning papers are inclined to regard the seizure of gold by the Transvaal government as an act of war.

No absolute confirmation is obtainable of the report that a Boer ultimatum has been presented, but the news comes from unusually good Boer sources.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The most interesting announcement in connection with the Transvaal crisis today is that the chancellor of the exchequer, Rt. Hon. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, has sanctioned the provisional expenditure of £3,000,000, and the government will not exceed that limit without authority from parliament, which will be asked to vote a sum not exceeding £5,000,000.

despatch drawn up by the cabinet on Friday was still unacted up to this evening.

On the other hand, a telegram from Brussels gives from a "well-informed source," the news that Dr. Leyds, the president of the Boer national air, has received confirmation of the report that President Kruger had addressed an ultimatum to Great Britain, demanding the withdrawal of the British forces from the frontier within 48 hours, and that it was delivered on Monday. This report, however, still lacks official confirmation.

The confidence of the military authorities, and that of the Cape, is shown by a despatch received tonight from Cape Town, which stated that a conference between the military authorities there and Gen. Sir George Stewart White, V. C., commander of the British forces in Natal, and Lieut. Gen. Sir Frederick Walker, held to consider the situation. Gen. White expressed himself as confident that the British could be able to hold their own against a force sufficient to repel any attack.

Gen. White, who intended to go to Durban on board a warship in order to save time, has now abandoned the idea, and will be accompanied by a line steamer left Lourenco Marques, Delagoa Bay, today with 1,200 Rand refugees. Large numbers were left behind, and all trains are crowded with those taking part in the exodus from the Transvaal.

A despatch from Volksrust says the Boer camp on the Natal border now comprises 6,000 men and is growing daily. The camp breathes a religious fervor. The commissariat arrangements, the despatch says, are defective. One of the largest crops lay in the field without shelter during a heavy thunder storm.

Commandant Gen. Joubert is momentarily expected to assume command of the Boer forces.

CHARLOTTE CO.

Result of the Municipal Election in the Parish.

ST. STEPHEN, Oct. 4.—The parish elections were held in Charlotte Co. on Tuesday. In the parish of St. Stephen, the first three named were elected, and each of the other parishes the first two.

St. Stephen—John A. Grant, 88; Chas. Cogran, 74; Geo. I. Hill, 74; M. Macmonagle, 48.

St. Andrews—R. Billings and E. B. Coakley, no opposition.

St. George—W. Dewar and Chas. Lynde, no opposition.

St. James—Wm. Douglas and Wm. Forsythe, no opposition.

Dunbar—W. McBean, 24; Jacob Young, 23; Levi Fernon, 22; Sidney Hamak, 18.

Dumbarton—Jos. Hill, 55; Wm. Emerson, 50; W. Peacock, 46; W. McCann, 37; Judson Joyce, 3.

Flume Ridge poll to hear from.

St. George—Thomas, 47; Wm. Emerson, 46; D. Johnson, 43.

St. Patrick—J. W. Stevenson, 60; J. Henry Dyer, 57; McMillan, 56; M. Smart, 61.

St. David—Geo. M. Hyslop, 117; A. W. Simpson, 97; Stillman Smith, 68.

Pennfield—John Mealey, 84; David Eldridge, 81; I. J. Justason, 81; G. Ailen Eldridge, 77.

Lepraux—Oscar Stansford, 54; R. Marwinney, 37; Mulharg, 27.

Campobello—Jas. A. Calder, John Matthews, L. J. Simpson.

CABLE NEWS.

Queensland and New Zealand Will Send Troops to South Africa.

So Far the Canadian Government Has Made No Official Offer—Boating Agents Showing Hostility to Canada.

MONTREAL, Oct. 3.—Two well known citizens died this morning, Major Atkinson, formerly of the Sixth Fusiliers, and W. W. Robertson, advocate.

The Star's London correspondent says: "The British government is to be expected to accept Canada's offer that it gladly accepts Canada's loyal offer for troops for South Africa. Acceptances have already been cabled to Queensland and New Zealand. The ministers feel that such an opportunity of giving England's enemies a magnificent object lesson in the solidarity of the empire cannot be neglected. Canada's proposal has not taken the shape of a formal government offer, but was outlined in a private despatch from Premier Laurier to Hon. Mr. Chamberlain with a view to learning whether Canada's co-operation would be acceptable in the defence of the cause of equal rights and British supremacy in South Africa, and in what form the co-operation would be most serviceable. After full consultation with Sir Hercules Buller, the ministry is now sending Ottawa a cordial and grateful acknowledgment, intimating that they will welcome from Canada a military unit to be transported by Canada to Cape Town for immediate service. Similar units will be received from the Australian colonies. The British government does not desire any large number of troops, but only enough to have a fighting unit from each colony to represent a united empire in the field.

Lord Strathcona and the Earl of Aberdeen have been appointed Canadian members of the board of control of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, as the most suitable, with some others from the Royal Canadian Dragoons. General Britton will select from the police suitable horses at Regina and Calgary. The battalion of infantry will be attached to and form part of an infantry brigade. The squadron of cavalry will be attached to a cavalry regiment, and the battery of artillery to a field artillery division. It is probable that the men volunteering for this service would have to undergo a rigid medical examination, in accordance with army regulations, and be unmarried. The officers should be selected for their knowledge and experience, and the highest qualifications. There is little doubt but that such a battalion would be unformed, armed, equipped and paid by the Canadian government.

OTTAWA, Oct. 4.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was shown this morning the press cable stating that the Canadian government had accepted Canadian troops to serve in the Transvaal. The premier replied that the report was unfounded and unfounded. He said that the sending of troops to the Transvaal was an important matter, which would properly call for parliamentary sanction, as it would involve a large outlay of public money. The position of affairs in South Africa was such that no one could tell in the event of war whether the struggle was to be long or short. There was no doubt but the Boers would fight from ambush and avoid meeting the British face to face in pitched battle. On the other hand, British would force the fighting and bring the end as speedily as possible. If this latter view, which no doubt the British would follow, prevailed and was successful, the war would be over before Canadian troops could be sent forward. If, on the other hand, there should be a condition of affairs which prolonged war, there would be good time for the dominion to take a more active part, and to be present in the field, especially against such an enemy as the Boers. In this connection it is said that the commanding has been offered to Colonel Herbert, C. B., A. G. Home District, London, England, formerly in command of our militia. Col. Herbert in command would inspire confidence, and the battalion could depend on before Canadian troops could be sent forward. If, on the other hand, there should be a condition of affairs which prolonged war, there would be good time for the dominion to take a more active part, and to be present in the field, especially against such an enemy as the Boers. In this connection it is said that the commanding has been offered to Colonel Herbert, C. B., A. G. Home District, London, England, formerly in command of our militia. Col. Herbert in command would inspire confidence, and the battalion could depend on before Canadian troops could be sent forward.

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TORONTO, Oct. 4.—The Telegram's London cable says: "Continental booking agents have adopted a policy which works considerable injury to Canada. The dominion having abolished the bonus, agents show their hostility by booking final, wants anywhere but to Canada."

ALL IS READY.

Military Gazette announces the Canadian Contingent's Composition.

The Commandant, it is held, based offered to Col. Herbert—Officers Already Selected.

(The Canadian Military Gazette.)

If war should be commenced in the Transvaal, which seems most probable, the offer of a force from the Canadian militia for service will be made by the Canadian government. In that event an eight-company battalion of infantry, composed of 28 officers and 861 N. C. O. and men, will be raised. Such a battalion should be made up from all over Canada by allotting a certain number of officers and men in proportion to the number of militia in each district. The battalions for the Red River expedition were organized on this basis, which was found to be the most satisfactory. In addition to this battalion there will be a squadron of cavalry, composed of six officers and 154 N. C. O. and men, and 181 horses, and a battery of field artillery, made-up of six guns; five officers and 156 N. C. O. and men, and 131 horses. The above strength is the war establishment of these units.

Major-General Hutton shows his preference for his old corps by clothing the infantry battalion in the uniform of riflemen. The horses for the cavalry will be taken largely from the Northwest Mounted Police, as the most suitable, with some others from the Royal Canadian Dragoons. General Britton will select from the police suitable horses at Regina and Calgary. The battalion of infantry will be attached to and form part of an infantry brigade. The squadron of cavalry will be attached to a cavalry regiment, and the battery of artillery to a field artillery division. It is probable that the men volunteering for this service would have to undergo a rigid medical examination, in accordance with army regulations, and be unmarried. The officers should be selected for their knowledge and experience, and the highest qualifications. There is little doubt but that such a battalion would be unformed, armed, equipped and paid by the Canadian government.

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As the battalion of infantry will form a complete unit, and may have to act independently under its own commanding officer, great care has been exercised by the department in selecting an officer to command who would inspire confidence in those under him, as well as to the Canadian public. The government think that it would be a criminal act of folly to appoint an amateur militia officer to command a battalion on service in the field, especially against such an enemy as the Boers. In this connection it is said that the commanding has been offered to Colonel Herbert, C. B., A. G. Home District, London, England, formerly in command of our militia. Col. Herbert in command would inspire confidence, and the battalion could depend on before Canadian troops could be sent forward.

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BOSTON LETTER.

Trying to Coax French Canadians Back to the Dominion.

A Woodstock Lady Petitions for a Decree of Divorce from Her Husband.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—Julia Arthur in a New Play—Horse Market Quite Active—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

BOSTON, Oct. 2.

The Canadian Colonization society, which has its headquarters in Montreal, and is backed by the governments of Ottawa and Quebec, and the Quebec and Lake St. John railway people, is to make another effort this fall to induce French Canadians to return to Canada and settle.

The society is planning to open branches in Worcester, Lowell, Woonsocket and other French Canadian centres in New England. Rene Dupont of the railroad, and L. E. Caruel, secretary of the society, are to begin a tour of the eastern states shortly.

Among the recent weddings of provincialists in this city and vicinity were the following: In Boston, Sept. 28, by Rev. Father Carey, John J. MacNeil, son of the late Rev. J. J. MacNeil, and Miss Mary Kirkham, daughter of the late Edward Kirkham of Souris, P.E.I.; at Everett, Sept. 27, by Rev. A. K. MacLennan, John L. Mackay and Miss Christine MacKinnon, Nova Scotians; in this city, Sept. 26, by Rev. A. D. MacKinnon, John A. MacLeod of Cape Breton, and Miss Margaret MacKenzie of Pictou, N. S.; in Roxbury, Sept. 27, by Rev. A. D. MacKinnon, Fred Borden and Miss May McCulloch of Nova Scotia.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Saunders of Somerville, formerly of Belfast, P. E. I., celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding Sept. 25. The couple were married at Belfast.

A Boston illustrated weekly yesterday published a two-column out-of-Folkman Richard Johnson of Halifax, being tossed by a recalcitrant cow on George street in the latter city.

Mrs. Agnes Johnson (nee McCalm) has petitioned the superior court of Suffolk county for a decree of divorce from Richard Johnson of Halifax, Franklin county, New York, whom she married at Woodstock, N. B., June 9, 1886. Mrs. Johnson has resided here most of the time since the marriage. In her petition she alleges that the respondent was guilty of cruel and abusive treatment at various times, and that he inflicted bodily injury upon her. She also alleges gross and confirmed habits of intoxication, etc.

The case is to come up for hearing in this city on Monday, Nov. 6.

Quite a large number of visitors from the provinces have been in the city recently, many going to New York to see the Dewey celebration and to be present at the big yacht races. Several wedding parties from St. John and elsewhere in the provinces also came up here in addition to many excursionists on the I. S. Co., D. A. R., and the Plant line.

Among those in town last week were the following: Mrs. Frank Stetson, Miss Stetson, Henry M. Young and Mrs. Young, all of New Brunswick; J. P. Archibald and Mrs. Archibald, Truro; C. L. Strickland, F. A. Holl, A. J. Holl, Charlottetown; W. A. McDonald, W. H. Coyne, W. McKee and Mrs. McKee, Halifax; Henry Redding, Yarmouth.

Henry Redding, a manufacturer of Yarmouth, who was at one time a well known promoter of horse racing in Rhode Island, came up here last week, renewing old acquaintances. He went on to New York.

A. W. Hooper, vice president of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, and Dr. H. W. Stetson of the same city, passed through here yesterday on their return from a shooting trip in New Brunswick. They captured a moose, and are quite enthusiastic over the hunting grounds in the province.

An important event in theatrical circles will occur here Tuesday night, when Miss Julia Arthur will put on the stage for the first time in America the great French play, "More than Queen." The play deals with court intrigues during the day of Napoleon. Miss Arthur will appear as Josephine de Beauharnais, afterwards the empress of France. The author of the play is Emile Bergerat.

It is said that the securities of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company will soon be traded on the Boston stock exchange. This company is closely connected with the Dominion Coal Company, both doing business in Nova Scotia.

It is announced in Rochester, N. H., that Mrs. Lizzie Provincich, who is soon to be tried on a charge of killing Miss Annie Cox of Calais, and formerly of St. John, will plead guilty to manslaughter, throwing herself on the mercy of the court.

Mrs. Hammond, wife of H. F. Hammond, Boston agent of the Yarmouth Steamship Company, died in this city last week of two of his children, and their death was a severe blow to the mother.

Among deaths of provincialists the following are announced: In this city, Sept. 24, Abbie F. McFadden, two year old daughter of Delbert P. and Rose McFadden, formerly of St. John; in Jamaica Plain, Boston, Sept. 28, Sophia B. Mackenzie, daughter of Donald A. and Mary E. Mackenzie, aged 18 years, formerly of New Brunswick; in Everett, Sept. 29, Miss Oella Gray, aged 18, formerly of Halifax; in Everett, Sept. 24, Florence M. Blackburn, wife of Frederick Blackburn, aged 22 years, formerly of Halifax; in Roxbury district of Boston, Sept. 30, Peter McClellan, aged 35 years, motorman on the Boston Elevated railroad (crushed to death between a car and wall of car barn).

The horse market here is quite active just now, and good horses of all kinds are bringing high prices. The auction sales and all sales stables are largely attended by buyers. Poor horses are not in very brisk demand and prices are generally low for this class.

The feature of the local lumber market is still the activity of spruce, according to the prevailing millmen's list frames 9 inches and under are selling at \$17, and 10 and 12 inch randoms, 10 feet and up, \$18, the same as quoted last week. As other quotations are spruce are the same as given in the Sun last week, and at the present time are of little value to shippers, as the New England Millmen's Association called a meeting in this city early this week to make another advance. It is not yet known how much the increase will be. Trade is brisk and the demand is good. Hemlock is scarce and very firm, and is also likely to advance. Eastern boards are worth \$13.50 to 14.50. Cleopards are steady and in fair demand at \$29 to \$31 for extra spruce, \$27 to \$28 for clear, \$24 to \$26 for extra pine, and \$30 to \$32 for clear. The lath situation is firmer both here and in New York. In the latter city prices have further advanced, and a raise is probable here next week. Here \$2.85 to 2.70 is asked for 1-5/8 inch and \$2.50 to 2.35 for 1-3/4 inch. Shingles are steady and unchanged.

The fish market is quieter. Mackerel are much more plentiful, some large hauls having been made off the coast of late. Large mackerel out of vessel are nominally quoted \$27 to 29; small at \$18 1/2 to 21. P. E. I. No. 1, \$20 to 24. Wholesalers are still very firm on mackerel. Nearly 2,000 barrels were received from the provinces last week. Codfish are steady and unchanged at \$5.50 for large dry hank, and \$5 to 5.12-1/2 for large pickled, and \$5.50 to \$6 for large hock and Georges. Barred herring are firm and in good request. Nova Scotia split are selling at \$7 for large and \$6 for medium; fancy Scattered, \$8. Sardines are easy, with prices low, due to the light between the trunks. Fresh fish are very easy, owing to large arrivals. Canned lobsters continue scarce, with prices nominally at \$3.10 to 3.25 for flats and \$3 to 3.10 for tails. Live lobsters are unchanged at 7c., with boiled at 8c.

BOARD OF TRADE.

Tuesday's monthly meeting of the board was very slimly attended. In the absence of the president, the chair was taken by W. M. Jarvis, and there were present Messrs. Hall, Fisher, Spencer, Likely and Hayward. The secretary read the following summary of the proceedings of the council since the board's last meeting: The council met on 12th Sept. to consider the situation in view of the unsettled state of matters between the Intercolonial and Canadian Pacific railway respecting traffic arrangements, at which the matter was discussed for some length, and the following telegram sent to T. G. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R.: "The council of the St. John board of trade deeply regret that the city delegation has been unable to obtain from the minister of railways a definite promise of concessions except as is reported, running rights for your passenger trains over Intercolonial; but earnestly hope that since this is now known, you will make such arrangements as may lead to a continuance of the winter service here for the coming season."

President Shaughnessy has replied as follows: "It is most unfortunate that when we are all striving for the same end, we cannot so reconcile our interests as to attain it. We are sure that the city council and board of trade have done everything possible to remove what we consider an insurmountable barrier to the unlimited use of the port for our steamship business. We shall now try to determine the extent to which we can contribute to the traffic of St. John without too serious loss."

It is understood that an arrangement has since been arrived at whereby the winter business will continue to the present season hereafter.

The council has had under consideration the complaints of shippers of apples in Nova Scotia, that it is understood that the steamer Halifax City, now on her way to Halifax, will return to London direct from that port without coming to St. John, which would cause them great loss and inconvenience. The Furness line claim that their contract with the government only calls for 20 trips a year, and that the trip in question being an extra trip, it is optional to send the steamer where they will. On the other hand, it is claimed that the subsidy contract calls for the trips of the steamers to be made from St. John to London, with Halifax as an intermediate point. Mr. Mooney of the Mispic pulp mill also complained that the Furness line have cancelled an arrangement made by him with them for the shipment of pulp, thereby subjecting him to loss and inconvenience. A telegram has been sent by order of the council to the deputy minister of the matter before him and asking his intervention, as it is considered that the action of the Furness line would be a violation of the subsidy contract, and would seriously affect the import and export trade of St. John. (A reply was received that the matter will receive immediate attention.)

The council has accepted the invitation of the London chamber of commerce to send delegates to the Fourth Congress of the Chambers of Commerce of the Empire, to be held in London next year. The delegates will be elected at a later date.

The secretary reported that the board's taxation committee would meet at noon today (Wednesday) with the committee of the common council.

A. A. McCleaskey & Sons were elected members of the board.

W. Frank Halliway gave notice that at the November meeting of the board he would move for the appointment of a committee to consider municipal ownership and control of gas lighting, electric lighting and street railway transportation in St. John city, such committee to report to the board before February 1900.

THE HITCH.

(Philadelphia North American.)

"Why doesn't Great Britain send a Transvaal expedition to the Transvaal?"

"What's the worrying old Kruger?"

"He knows if he does fight that it will end the Transvaal."

BRITISH LEADER.

Lieut. Gen. Sir Geo. White, V. C. G. C. B. G. C. S. I., Etc.

Commander-in-Chief of the Army in India, He Knows the Game of War by Heart.

Now Chosen for a Most Onerous and Responsible Position, the Command of the Forces That Will Wield the Boers.

(Jan McCallan in London Mail.)

"This fire is too hot to halt under. You must get on your long legs and charge with your company," said the major commanding the advance of the British Grenadiers, the old 22nd Highlanders. The scene was a battlefield, the brilliant action that was fought outside Candahar by Roberts after his great march across Afghanistan, and the speaker was George White.

He had long been spoiling for a fight. Of Irish extraction, although serving in a kilted regiment, and more Scotch than English, he had the combative instincts of his race, which when they see a head want to hit it. White, although his militant instincts were curiously keen, had till quite lately been denied much chance of active service. As a lad he had taken a small part in the repression of the Indian Mutiny, but he had reached the mature age of forty-four and had seen no more blows struck. Now, at the outbreak of the second Afghan campaign, when his regiment formed part of Roberts's Cabul army, he was on the verge of compulsory retirement. A year or two more and he must have been pensioned—of course, to his own deep chagrin—and as has since been fully shown, still more to the public loss. The country would have missed in White a stout, stalwart soldier, with strong natural aptitudes for the business of war, and needing no more than fitting opportunity to come.

CONSPICUOUSLY TO THE FRONT.

It is, indeed, a curious commentary upon our whole system of army advancement that he should have been kept back by pure accident for so long, and that now, at the eleventh hour, when fast approaching man's appointed term of years, he should have the luck to be chosen for a most onerous and responsible command in the field.

White had soon shown his quality in Afghanistan, and his constant engagement with his regiment in all the fierce conflicts around Cabul, Sherpur, Takhti Shah, Childirakeen, Charalash. At the last named he contributed largely to the success of the attack, for he led the attack on a fortified hill strongly held by the Afghans, and outnumbering the force he commanded by eight to one. In this business he advanced along a ledge of the mountain, hand, carrying a rifle, with which he shot the Afghan leader dead. This bold onslaught and the loss of their leader spread dismay among the enemy, who fled with a "Yeh" where the victors had not a man hurt and actually stopped in the middle of it to eat their breakfast.

BELLEROPHON.

3rd October, 1899.

BORN SO.

Troubles of a Man Who Has a Genius for the Inopportune.

(New Orleans Times-Democrat.)

"There goes a man," said a Canal street philosopher, "who has made a failure of life in spite of exceptional equipment for success. He is honest, affable, highly educated, and as industrious as a beaver. He has no bad habits, and I couldn't name a man in New Orleans who possesses a kinder disposition, yet he is continually dropping his job, and he has never been able to do anything but what everybody who knows him."

"The mysterious part of it is that nobody can tell you just why, and the poor fellow doesn't understand it himself. He is beginning to think that somebody has worked a rabbit's foot on him, but the secret is really this: He has a genius for the inopportune. By some malign freak of fate he always says and does the wrong thing at the wrong time. It is not lack of tact; it is destiny. For example, I like him, but he never called on me in his life that his visit wasn't highly unwelcome. He is morally certain to drop in just in time to catch one doing something foolish or discreditable, and you know how we hate the innocent chance witness of our follies. He made a moral error of Col. B. He happened to walk into his office while the old man was dying his moustache. He chanced on a certain prominent lawyer smoking before a mirror, rehearsing an important after dinner speech, and the prominent lawyer got even by knocking him out of a valuable contract. Those are two cases out of dozens."

"He never gossips or tattles, but the mere fact that he has seen things he oughtn't to see and heard things he oughtn't to hear makes his very presence embarrassing to the other fellows. It's most unfortunate, and all fate. If he were introduced to a man whose handiwork had been hanged he'd be absolutely certain to begin talking about rope inside of two minutes. As I said before, he has a genius for the inopportune. My wife's mother-in-law had been hanged and landed on top of his umbrella. He had nothing whatever to do with either the frizzes or the elements, but now I can't ask him to come to my house. Terrible to be under such a curse, isn't it?"

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COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Quaco Lands to be Sold at Public Auction.

Will Repair the Barn in Rear of the Jail, Partially Destroyed by Fire—Maintenance of Pauper Lunatics.

The regular quarterly meeting of the municipal council was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Court House. Warden Maxwell presided, and there were present:

City of St. John—Couns. Waring, Stockhouse, Seaton, McGoldrick, Millidge, Macrae, Colwell, Allan, Christie, Keast, McMulkin, Robinson. Lancaster—Couns. Lowell and Catherwood. Seaside—Couns. Cochran, Fowkes and Ruddick. Musquash—Couns. Dean and Hargrove. Simonds—Couns. McLeod, Lee and Hogan.

The minutes of the last meeting having been adopted, the reports of committees were called for.

The committee on finance and accounts recommended the payment of the following bills, such payment to be made out of the contingent fund except as otherwise directed:

To the sheriff for the goal..... \$500 00 To the assessors of the city of St. John and of the several parishes of St. Martin, Simonds, Lancaster and Musquash, assessing for county purposes, as follows: City of St. John..... \$1,200 33 Parish of St. Martin..... 128 28 Parish of Simonds..... 128 28 Parish of Lancaster..... 422 56 Parish of Musquash..... 42 49

(This amount to be paid out of the assessors' fees fund account.)

To the assessors of the several parishes, making up list for revisors: St. Martin..... \$12 00 Simonds..... 12 00 Lancaster..... 12 00 Musquash..... 10 00

(This amount to be charged to the revisors' fees fund account.)

To the county secretary: Half cost care of offices, and postage..... \$ 8 00 To the county treasurer—Care of offices and postage..... 7 00 To D. E. Berryman, M. D. corner—Holding 2 inquests and 13 views..... 101 00 To J. J. Brown, M. D. corner—Holding 2 inquests and 13 views..... 101 00 To W. H. Bowman—Appraising damages to goal barn, recent fire..... 5 00 To McAlpine Directory Co.—Directors' treasurer's office..... 2 50 To J. J. Brown—Appraising damages to goal barn, recent fire..... 14 40 To J. & J. D. Howe—Repairing furniture in treasurer's office..... 9 50 To J. & J. D. Howe—Repairing furniture in treasurer's office..... 7 83 To Gen. A. Knodell—Printing and printing revisors' lists to be shown to revisors' fees (see account)..... \$142 07 Printing forms, Rag births, deaths and marriages..... 6 00 Making books for treasurer..... 155 67 To Bowman & LeLachur—Repairs to registry office..... 7 60 To Wm. F. Robinson—Holding 3 views to Sept. 27, 1899..... 38 29

The committee further recommended that Thos. McPherson receive one-half year's allowance as keeper of the dock house, namely, \$15.

The committee also recommended that the following be made a standing order: That the secretary enter upon the order book to the credit of the sheriff, such amount as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the use of the jail, such amounts not to exceed in any year the amount of the appropriation therefor.

The report of the committee was adopted, except the portion relating to the payment for the directory for the treasurer's office. It was shown that Mr. Deveber did not make a requisition to the secretary for the same.

The committee on public lands and school lands reported as follows: That the largest portion of the Quaco school lands has been sold, and owing to the very small revenue now derived from these lands, and the persistent effort of some persons to appropriate the lumber thereon to their own use, the committee recommended that the secretary be authorized to sell the remaining portion of said lands at public sale. The committee further recommended that the amount to the credit of the said Quaco lands account be distributed as by law required.

The report was adopted and its recommendations ordered to be carried out.

The committee on county buildings submitted the following report: That on September 24th last past the barn in the rear of the jail was partially destroyed by fire. The building was insured in the Phoenix Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn., for \$600. That on the following day notice was given by the secretary to the agents of the said company, Messrs. Knowlton & Gilchrist, of this city, who caused the damage to be appraised and promptly paid over the amount of the award, \$366, to the secretary. The committee therefore recommended that the repairing of the damage caused by said fire be referred to a small special committee, with power to act. The committee also had before them a communication from D. E. Berryman, coroner, asking for the use of the council chamber in which to hold inquests, when the room is not otherwise in use. They, therefore, recommended that the use of the chamber be granted to the coroner for holding inquests, provided it is not required for other purposes, this fact to be ascertained by the coroner, either from the sheriff or the county secretary, and further, provided that any coroner so occupying the chamber shall, immediately after holding any inquest or an adjournment of any inquest, have the said chamber and hallway adjoining thereto properly cleaned and put in as good condition as before using the same. They also recommended that a partition, with door, be placed at the foot of the main stairway in order to prevent persons going up stairs on occasions when inquests are being held. They also recommend that this matter be referred to the above named special committee with power to act.

This report was taken up section by section.

Coun. McMulkin moved the adoption of the first section.

Coun. Colwell inquired whether this barn was required for storage purposes

or whether it was intended to provide a barn for Sheriff Sturdee to keep his horses in.

Coun. McMulkin replied that the barn was needed to store straw and other things in.

Coun. Colwell wondered how it was that if this barn was so fully occupied in this way that Sheriff Sturdee was able to find room in it for his horses, two wagons and two sleighs.

Coun. McMulkin did not know the sheriff used the barn till the fire occurred.

Coun. Seaton asked if the sheriff paid anything for the use of the barn.

Coun. McMulkin could not answer this question. He did not think anything was received from the sheriff.

Coun. McGoldrick urged that the county should be careful about the central police station, which was close by. If a new barn was to be erected, he suggested that it be built of brick.

Coun. Christie did not object to the provision of a new barn or the repair of the damaged place if it was really required for storage purposes. But he would vote against providing a barn for Sheriff Sturdee.

The warden replied that the deputy sheriff held that the building was required in which to store fuel, straw, etc.

The section was adopted, as was the remainder of the report.

The secretary read a bill from the commissioners of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum for \$277.50 for the maintenance of 14 pauper patients for the quarter ending Sept. 31st. The account was referred to the warden, the chairman of the finance and accounts committee and the secretary, with authority to pay the same if it is found correct.

John McCourt, the owner of a lot of land in Simonds, petitioned for remission of taxes due on the same. Referred to the councillors for Simonds.

John G. Hatheway of Lancaster sent in a letter relative to the valuation placed upon his property—Referred to the councillors for Lancaster.

Mrs. Alex. Fox complained about the assessment on her property in Simonds—Referred to the Simonds councillors.

It was ordered that the revisors of the several parishes be paid the usual amounts.

The usual fee was ordered to be paid the marshal.

The warden appointed the following to constitute the committee required under the report of the building committee: Couns. McMulkin, Robinson, McGoldrick, Stockhouse and Waring, with the warden.

Coun. Catherwood said he had been spoken to by prominent people in Lancaster as to the advisability of having Albert Taylor re-appointed a constable. The councillor knew of the mean act of which Taylor was guilty some time ago, and had no personal wish to see him again made a constable. Still the people desired it. He moved that Taylor be re-appointed.

Coun. Lowell called attention to the fact that he had at the last meeting moved that the petition looking to the re-appointment of Taylor be laid on the table for six months. That motion passed.

Coun. Catherwood's motion was not, therefore, received, and the council adjourned.

THE LAST OF POOR JO'S GRAVE-YARD.

(Liverpool Courier.)

Very few people who know Covent Garden and Drury Lane were, until recently, aware of the fact that there is, or rather, was, a cemetery in the vicinity, although it is described in Bleak House. There was a cemetery there for centuries, and it contained the bones of many aristocrats and wealthy people, for the neighborhood of Covent Garden was at one time a highly fashionable locality—the beginning of the great West End. Today a new thoroughfare is to be constructed between the Strand and Holborn, and as the cemetery is in the line of route it became necessary to remove the bones and deposit them elsewhere. This has been reverently done, and, unknown to the busy habitues of the locality, the bones of 28,000 persons have been removed. It was found that some of the bodies had been interred as deep as 18 feet from the surface. The most remarkable discovery was that of a wine cellar full of all kinds of bottles. Fancy a wine cellar in the midst of a cemetery!

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END OF A BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

Four years ago Great Britain and the United States were rather hot over the Venezuelan boundary question.

So far as can be learned, Great Britain gets something less than the last claim, but much more than she would have had by the Schomburgk or Aberdeen or Granville lines.

THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG.

There is no longer room for doubt as to the statement which Sir Wilfrid has made to the government press about the Canadian corps for South Africa.

THE BOER STANDPOINT.

The key-note of the South African situation appears to be that struck by Dr. Engelburg, editor of the Pretoria Volksstem.

limitations are very clearly defined. And so it is that we have not offered a Canadian contingent to the home authorities.

Sir Wilfrid knows that his government has in the past three years expended several millions without the authority of parliament.

Again Sir Wilfrid says: "As to Canada" furnishing a contingent, the government has not discussed the question.

One report makes the premier say that there is no occasion to do anything, because if the war is short the Canadians would not get there in time.

It will be hard to make the people of Canada believe that the excuses offered by the premier are the real obstacles in his way.

THE TWIN COMPANIES.

There is food for thought in the two notices of incorporation which appeared in the Royal Gazette yesterday.

There is a lesson in the York county municipal elections. The grit machine in the county set about the work of capturing the council.

A report comes from Cody's that the Blair meeting there was not a complete success as a political demonstration.

as the Transvaal, and more than twice as large as both of the foreign republics. Then there is Southern Rhodesia, comprising Mashonaland and Metabehaland, and Northern Rhodesia beyond that, the whole of Rhodesia and Bechuanaland comprising over 1,100,000 square miles of territory.

The claim of Dr. Engelburg that peace and harmony might have prevailed had Britain left this empire to the Boers, or to a state of nature may be sound.

The charges which Dr. Engelburg makes against the British include the "dishonest annexation of Basutoland by the British authorities."

The London Telegraph truly says that the Transvaal question is much larger than the franchise and representation.

It is a question of whether Great Britain shall be allowed to maintain her position and fulfill the responsibilities of the empire in Africa.

SUSSEX EXHIBITION.

The Attendance Surpasses the Expectations of the Management.

Awards in the Swine and Poultry Classes.

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SUSSEX, Oct. 5.—The fine weather of last night, practically the first with which the exhibition has been blessed, brought out a large number of people.

The race between Lina Bell and Minota, which was to have taken place tomorrow, will not come off, and much disappointment is felt among the sportsmen on that account.

The object for which incorporation is sought is the printing, publication and sale of daily and weekly newspapers, the printing and selling of books, pamphlets, papers, legal and other forms, general job printing, book making and binding, stereotyping.

BOSTON.

Missing Nellie Lovett of Halifax is With Friends.

Rev. R. M. Hunt, Formerly of St. Stephen Relinquishes Pastorate of Jamaica Plain Baptist Church.

BOSTON, Oct. 5.—Miss Nellie Lovett of Halifax, the young lady who was made the subject of a "mysterious disappearance" story this week, has been located at the residence of her friends, 74 West Newton street, in this city.

It appears that the Halifax girl arrived here on Sunday last on the steamer Prince Arthur. The steamer was late, and two of her friends who were in the city, Miss Lovett and her sister, were waiting for her at the wharf.

PRIZE LISTS.

- Barred Plymouth Rocks—Seth Jones, 1st and 2nd. White Plymouth Rocks—Seth Jones, 1st and 2nd.

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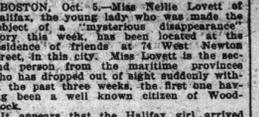
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Probably CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.

When catarrh has been allowed to run along for any length of time, there is a dropping in the back part of the throat.

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