

EXTENDING THE WORKS

Boers Have About Twenty Miles of Entrenchments at Modder River.

Believed that a Truce will be Kept for the Observance of Christmas.

Correspondent Telegraphing from Modder River Says One Hundred Thousand More Troops will be Required—The Second Canadian Contingent.

GENERAL REVIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—At midnight the war office received a despatch from Gen. Buller...

Charles Warren's fifth division is being utilized to reinforce various points, instead of being concentrated at one.

OUR SOLDIERS BY V. GRIFFITHS. OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—A telegram received by Gen. Hutton will be welcome news to New Brunswickers. It reads: "Belmont, Dec. 24.—All well, regiment sends greetings to all."

THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

Two Hundred Horses for Remounts Will be Taken—A Third Steamer Chartered.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Arrangements for the transportation of the second contingent have undergone a further change. It has been represented to the minister of militia that in view of the long journey from Canada to South Africa and the possibility that, notwithstanding the best of care, some of the horses may succumb to climate changes either en route or on arrival at the Cape, it would be advisable to take a number of horses to serve as remounts.

VERY ANXIOUS TO GO.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A semi-official statement has been given to the press that the Duke of Connaught, the Queen's youngest son, falling under renewed pressure to obtain employment with the forces in South Africa, has been asked to resign his military rank, which is that of a general.

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 4.30 a. m.—The war office has received a cable from Gen. Buller, dated Cape Town, yesterday, saying: "I have no further news of the general situation."

OUR LARGE STOCK OF CLOTHING

will be sold at Manufacturer's Prices during the last week of December. Look for Bargains. Fraser, Fraser & Co., - Foster's Corner, 40 and 42 King Street, St. John, N. B.

to arrange for the payment of daily pay, subscription and all incidentals, from the date of enrollment up to and including the date of concentration.

RATES OF PAY.

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Pay. Lieutenant colonel, £7 10; Major, £8 10; Captain, £9 10; Lieutenant, £7 10; Medical officer, £10 10; Veterinary officer, £7 10.

N. C. officers and men: Regimental sergeant major, £2 10; Battery or squadron sergeant major, £1 10; Sergeant, £1 10; Orderly room sergeant, £1 10; Hospital sergeant, £1 10; Pay sergeant, £1 10; Orderly room clerk, £1 10; Corporal, £1 10; Bombardier, £1 10; Private, £1 10; Farrier, quartermaster, sergeant, £1 10; Corporal, bombardier, private, £1 10; Trumpeter, £1 10.

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BACK TO FREER.

Scarcity of Water Compels Part of Buller's Force to Return to Former Camp.

General Buller Had a Close Call, a Bullet Hitting Him in the Side.

Describing the Loss of the Guns at the Tugela, a Correspondent Says they Were Served Until the Ammunition was Exhausted—The Second Contingent.

"TO ARMS!"

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)
LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Telegraph publishes a poem by Alfred Austin, poet laureate, "To Arms." The following are two of the stanzas:
"From English hamlet, Irish hall, Welsh fourth and Scottish laird,
They come to show that they are still sons worthy of their sire,
That those old days are not dead,
Whose fathers fought at Waterloo and died at Trafalgar.
Shoulder to shoulder see them stand wherever men are,
To guard the lordship of the land and trench of the sea.
Now in the parent tale alone, springing legends from the ground,
Canadian shore and Austral zone with kindred folk renowned,
From skirmishing plain and snow-dusted stream
Across the deep we come, seeing the British bayonet gleam,
Foot in stirrup, hit in hand, tremble to keep men free.
All, all will help to hold the land while England guards the sea."

GENERAL REVIEW.

Sortie from Ladysmith on Monday Last—How Buller's Guns Were Lost.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)
LONDON, Dec. 25.—The casualties mentioned in the war office despatch from Pietermaritzburg as having occurred in an engagement on Dec. 18, which is the first report of any fight on that date, were all among regiments that are known to be with General Buller, indicating either that another sortie was made by the Ladysmith garrison or that the Boers have succeeded in making their bombardment of the town much more effective than when last accounts were received. This is the only hint of any action in the whole theatre of the war for a week past.

HOW THE GUNS WERE LOST.

The Standard's Chieveley correspondent in a despatch dated Dec. 15 gives the most definite news yet received of Gen. Buller's lost guns. After describing how the batteries reached their too advanced position and remained there an hour and a half under a hail of shell and bullets until their ammunition was gone, and that the casualties represented efficient serving of the guns, the correspondent says: "Then as there were no signs of the much needed ammunition columns, the column doubled back to a donga in the rear. The men remained there for hours protected from the enemy's fire but exposed to the burning sun. Col. Bullcock with two companies of the Devonshire and a few Scouts flustered managed to reach the donga in support, but it was impossible to do anything in face of the terrible concentrated fire that was brought to bear on them."

BOERS CROSSED THE RIVER.

The correspondent then relates how Schofield and Roberts' recovery of part of the guns, and continues: "At daylight hour in the afternoon, while the men were lying without hope of success in the blazing sun, a strong party of Boers crossed the river. Firing was stopped and they surrounded the dongas which had been taken to the dongas for shelter and captured all of them. Col. Bullcock at first refused to surrender, but was told on first sign of resistance he and his men would be shot down. Nevertheless most of the rank and file managed to escape in the confusion. A majority of the artillery men were either killed, wounded or taken prisoners."

ENEMY'S POSITION STRONG.

Nothing new has been received from Modder River, but accounts of the fight at Magersfontein continue to reveal the amazing strength of the enemy's position, which it is now generally admitted is absolutely unassailable by direct assault. There, as at Tugela River, British bravery was completely thrown away as would be arrows against a cannon port. The trenches at Magersfontein are likened to underground dwellings.

BULLER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)
CHIEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 17, 4:30 p. m.—General Buller had a very narrow escape Friday, a spent bullet from a shrapnel shell cut the skin on his side. The body of Major Chichester has been found. A Mauser bullet was discovered in his havresack, it having passed through a note book during the battle.

BACK TO FREER

CHIEVELEY, Natal, Dec. 17 (delayed in transmission).—Owing to a scarcity of water part of the troops have returned to Freer.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

List of Officers not yet Completed—Col. McLean's Suggestion.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The list of officers of the second contingent has not yet been completed, and the minister will not make any announcement. The transport Montebello arrived at New Orleans today and left immediately for Halifax.

The governor general received a despatch from the war office offering commissions in the British army to graduates of the Royal Military College, not already engaged in the imperial service, and recommended by Hon. Dr. Borden. Out of 363 graduates 129 are now in the army.

THE ARMS TO BE CARRIED.

The following will be the arms carried by the men of the regiment of mounted rifles: 1 Lee-Enfield 303 rifle, 1 sword bayonet, 1 44 Colt revolver. Provisional field service manuals will be published in a few days, which will lay down exactly the equipment required, and how carried, for the regiment of mounted rifles, and the brigade division of field artillery. The arms and equipment now in possession of the men of the militia and of the Northwest mounted police, and not included in the schedules of equipment required, will be left with their respective corps, except in the case of Mexican saddlery for the Northwest mounted police.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE SQUADRON AND A HALF OF THE RIFLES FROM THE NORTHWEST WILL CONSIST OF A MAJORITY OF MOUNTED POLICE, BUT THE AUTHORITIES FORESEE DIFFICULTIES, AS NEARLY ALL THE UNMARRIED CONSTABLES ARE IN THE YUKON, AND THERE IS LITTLE INDUCEMENT FOR MARRIED MEN WITH FAMILIES TO VOLUNTEER, ESPECIALLY WHEN WIVES AND CHILDREN DRAW ONLY A BEGGARLY Pittance, SIXTEEN CENTS A DAY FOR WIFE AND FOUR CENTS A DAY FOR EACH OF THE CHILDREN. THIS DOES NOT GO FAR IN THE NORTHWEST.

COL. McLEAN'S SUGGESTION.

Lieut. Col. McLean of St. John has made a suggestion to the minister that after the departure of the second contingent arrangements be made to mobilize a further force of say five thousand volunteers at Halifax, so that in the event of the home government requiring additional troops from Canada they could be sent with the utmost despatch.

A SMALL QUANTITY OF RED AND WHITE RIBBON FOR GENERAL SERVICE MEDALS WAS RECEIVED TODAY, AND SIX OFFICERS ON THE HEADQUARTERS STAFF ENTITLED TO THE MEDALS WERE THE FORTUNATE RECIPIENTS.

Hon. George A. Kirkpatrick, late lieutenant governor of Ontario, received his medal just before he died. The medal to the second recipient, inscribed "Private L. H. Pinaud, Rimouski," the present deputy minister of militia.

A PROPER SPIRIT.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—A special meeting of the board of trade today passed, with enthusiasm, a resolution favoring the despatch of a second contingent, and adding: "It is incumbent upon the dominion government to strengthen the hands of the imperial government and the bonds which hold the empire together by providing the necessary money for mobilization and equipment in Canada of a still larger force of volunteers to be employed in the performance of such duties as may be found most useful during the present campaign, thereby giving expression to Canada's resolution to do her share in maintaining the national position; also, that a special session of parliament be called to give the people an opportunity to endorse the resolution if necessary parliament should be asked to vote ten or fifteen millions towards the defence of the empire and the preparing of further Canadian contingents."

WHAT THE LONDON PRESS SAYS.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: The

Times says: Lord Roberts' admirable message sent to the people of America and the Dominion of Canada, has given adequate and welcome expression to the sentiments of the British nation. The morning Post and Daily News remark that the delight felt in Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg and other Canadian cities when the order for the mobilization of another contingent was received, will strike a responsive chord in every heart in the mother country.

MAY CALL PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The cabinet last for four hours this afternoon when, it is said, the question of calling parliament together was discussed but no conclusion reached as to the date. Hon. Mr. Tarte, it is reported, is insisting that parliament must meet before the second contingent leaves. If he gets his way, therefore the houses will be summoned much earlier than was anticipated, possibly January 4th or 5th. Telegraphic notices would have to be sent to the western members to enable them to get here in time.

NO RECRUITING ORDERS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—No orders have yet been received here for recruiting the second contingent. Any applications have not been received, including several members of the field battery, all the officers having volunteered.

OPPOSES SECOND CONTINGENT.

D. Monet, liberal M. P. for La Prairie and Napierville, has a letter in La Prairie today saying that when the contingent question comes up in the house he will vote against the sending of troops. Since Monet's letter was received it is said the ministers have been in consultation by wire discussing the possibility of other liberal members following suit. The fact is that there is a serious look and may precipitate the general elections. Mr. Monet argues in his letter that it is not now as in the case of the first contingent, a question of politics towards England, but Canada has taken sides in a war which Hon. Edward Blake has declared to be unjust and oppressive. There is no longer any question of ordinary military parade, but Canadians are asked for their contribution of blood in one of the most murderous wars of the century. Canada has nothing to do with this war, and not having been represented in the cabinet, he would not be asked to contribute to it. He would not be asked to contribute to it. He would not be asked to contribute to it.

N. B. WAR NOTES.

When the dominion government first decided to send a contingent to South Africa the officers of the 8th regiment C. A. volunteers have been received, many officers and men as the government might allot to the corps. One captain and twenty-three men sailed with the contingent. This offer has been accepted by the government, and the regiment that they may again be permitted to aid in the defenses of the empire.

THE SUN HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION FROM A DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC OPINION IN GERMANY REGARDING THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA, BECOMING APPARENT. THE CHANGE IS LED BY THE INSPIRED SECTION OF THE PRESS. TODAY SEVERAL ARTICLES APPEAR IN THE NEW DIRECTION.

THE COLONIAL GAZETTE SAYS: "GERMANY'S REAL INTEREST IS TO MAINTAIN ABSOLUTE NEUTRALITY IN SENTIMENT. IT IS WISE TO RETAIN ENGLAND'S GOOD WILL IN THE PRESENT, AND TO DEVELOP COLONIALITY."

THE BERLINER POST CONTAINS OBVIOUSLY INSPIRED ARTICLES, IN WHICH THIS ARGUMENT IS MADE: "SOUTH AFRICAN CONFEDERATION IS IMMINENT WITHOUT HAITING THE NEIGHBORS. ENGLAND, AS A GREAT POWER, IS NECESSARY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WORLD'S POLITICAL EQUILIBRIUM, AND GERMANY'S POLICY WILL BE TO KEEP FRIENDS WITH ENGLAND."

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BEGINNING TO BRING THE WEIGHT OF ITS INFLUENCE IN THE PRESS TO BEAR IN FAVOR OF ENGLAND. THE SAME IS TRUE REGARDING THE ARMY, NAVY AND OFFICIAL WORLD.

EMPEROR WILLIAMS' INFLUENCE IS NOW STRONGLY EXERTED IN ANTI-BOER DIRECTION. IT IS SAID ON RELIABLE AUTHORITY THAT HE HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT. "WE MUST NOT REPEAT LAST YEAR'S MISTAKE. RIGHT OR WRONG WE MUST CONTINUE FRIENDS WITH ENGLAND."

WHAT PARIS THINKS.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The war in South Africa has all but monopolized public attention this week. The best Paris journals, the Temps, Figaro and Journal des Debats, have throughout discussed the pros and cons of the imperialist. A large section of the press of lower standing but wider circulation has been persistently revealing in Anglophobia. This sentiment is apparently shared by a majority of Frenchmen, who regard England as a bully attacking a small, plucky state, and who are bitter against England because of her unparading and often partial criticisms of France during the Dreyfus trial.

THE SERIOUS REVERSES OF ENGLAND HAVE LED TO THE IMPRESSION HERE THAT SHE MIGHT WISDOMLY ACCEPT MEDIATION. BUT THE ABSENCE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER OF BRITONS GENERALLY AND THEIR APPARENT DETERMINATION TO FIGHT TO A FINISH CAME AS A SURPRISE TO MOST FRENCHMEN AND EVOKED ADMIRATION FOR ENGLAND'S COURAGE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE FROM ALL BUT THE MOST ANGILOPHOBIC ORGANS.

THE FIGARO HAS WARNED FRANCE AGAINST THE IDEA THAT GREAT BRITAIN WOULD ACCEPT THE MEDIATION OF GERMAN, RUSSIA OR EVEN THE UNITED STATES AT THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE WAR. "IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS," SAYS THE FIGARO, "THERE IS MUCH MORE DOMINANCE THAN IN EUROPEAN LEGISLATURES, AND SUCH QUESTIONS MIGHT BE DISCUSSED THERE, BUT, EVEN THOUGH CONGRESS WERE TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP ON SUCH DELICATE GROUND MR. McCLINLEY WOULD BE THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE THEIR MISAPPROPRIATENESS AND WOULD BURY THEM UNDERNEATH."

THE PUBLICATION OF THE FRANCO-AMERICAN RECIPROCALITY HAS CAUSED BUT LITTLE PRESS COMMENT.

"IN SOME DARK HIDING PLACE."

LAWRENCE, MASS., Dec. 22.—The Boer sympathizers held another meeting at Hibernian last night which was even more largely attended than the first one; several new organizations being represented. The session lasted two hours and was a secret one. Ex-Mayor Breen, who again presided, said that he was in receipt of many letters from supposed friends of the cause in neighboring cities pledging their support to the movement. "None of the men present would talk for publication on matters which transpired at the meeting, but it is known that hundreds of young men have offered their services in the cause and are ready to leave at once for the Transvaal if transportation can be secured. The local leaders in the movement are working quietly and with the utmost secrecy, as it is believed that there are already men in this city employed by the British government acting as spies. Another meeting will be held next week, to which every Irish society will be invited to send representatives."

HIS OBJECTION TO FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

Father—I wish that football players would quit coming here.

Boys—Why so, papa?

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Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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INTELLIGENT LION.

"This," said the African traveller as he looked around him, "is not a lion, though it may seem so to any one wanting in sufficient intelligence to realize that truth does not need to be reasonable."

"It happened a good many years ago, on my very first trip to Africa and at a time when I was considerably younger than I am now. I had started north from Johannesburg with an ox wagon and a party of surveyors who knew almost as little of the interior of Africa as I did."

"When we had trekked north for about a month, we came to a place which was clearly impassable along the route that we had been pursuing. However, we didn't mind that much, as we had intended to stop for a day or two to rest the oxen. So we outspanned and had a good night's rest, and the next morning sent out two parties, one to the east and the other to the west, to search for a pass."

"The only ones to remain with the wagons were a big Englishman, six native boys and myself. We loaded around camp all day, the boys keeping close together and 'babbling away' a good deal. The next morning every one of them had disappeared, and most of our lighter camp furniture, including our surplus firearms, had disappeared with them. We had just one rifle, belonging to the Englishman, and one unserviceable little pistol which had come out of the ark, belonging to me."

"When he realized the situation, the Englishman started out to run down the boys, taking his rifle with him. He never came back, and I never heard of him again."

"When evening drew near, I began to get uneasy. Here I was, alone in a strange country, 70 miles from a village with no weapons except a worthless pistol and with beasts roaring all around me. We heard lions nearly every night for a week, but had kept them well away by a circle of brush fires. Of course I might try to keep these up that night, but knew it would be very difficult when I was all by myself. Moreover, when I went out in the afternoon to drive up the oxen to the wagons, where I could hitch them for the night, the brutes became frightened and finally broke away in a wild stampede and vanished from view."

"I knew neither of the exploring parties was likely to be back till morning, and so I determined to sleep in a tree and leave the ground free for any lions that liked to investigate the wagons and their contents. It was lions that I was chiefly afraid of, and I had read somewhere, probably in a copy book at school, that those animals couldn't climb trees. The books didn't say anything about their feline intelligence, but I was to find that out for myself."

"Pretty soon I found a convenient tree, one that had no big limbs near the ground and that had two or three pretty well up to which I could hang, swing my hammock and lay the yam world so. A little way above these the trunk had been broken short off, so that it was not possible to reach high up. But as I was a good 30 feet above the ground, it was I thought myself perfectly safe."

"In clearing the smaller branches out of the way of my hammock I used a small saw which the natives had forgotten. When I had finished, I fortunately hung it on a twig close beside me instead of taking it down to the wagon again. That bit of carelessness saved my life."

"When night fell, I ate my supper and climbed to my airy resting place, smoked a cigar and tried to go to sleep, but the circumstances were not conducive to slumber, and the romantic beauty of the scene under the soft beams of the tropic moon kept me awake for hours."

"Finally I slept and did not awaken until nearly morning. The moon was low, but still threw a soft glow of light on the ground, and showed a number of dark forms moving beneath me. My heart jumped into my mouth and staid there, and I grasped the ridiculous little revolver at my belt in an agony of fear. I felt certain at once that the beasts below me were lions, and even as I watched a thunderous roar showed that I did not mistake. A lion's roar may sound more or less contemptible when it comes from the other side of the iron bars of a cage, but it is quite a different thing when heard in the open."

"After a time I recovered my nerve and began to take interest in the scene. After I thought, the lions could not reach me where I was, and they would probably go away at day-break, which was now not far distant. I could afford to smile at the huge beasts as they rolled over each other like kittens at play."

"Finally the idea came into my head that I ought to bag one of them, and without stopping to think I drew my pistol and blazed away at the largest. Strange to say, I hit him. Never before and never afterward did I hit anything at which I fired with that pistol, but I did that time."

"The great brute gave a short snarl, rose and peered around for the person who had so spitefully shot him. It did not take him long to locate me in the tree, and in spite of myself I shivered when I saw the look of cold malevolence which he regarded me. The others came up and looked the wound and gasped at me, and expressed their indignation by repeated roars. It was a most uncomfortable experience, and I wished again and again that they would turn their attention elsewhere. The concentrated stares of a dozen angry lions is no joke to a man of sensitive temperament like myself."

"After awhile the wounded lion seemed to be making a speech to the others, who responded by short roars and vindictive glances at my unfortunate self. Of course I can't be certain as to what he was saying, but I feel sure that it was embarrassingly personal. When he finished, they all roared in concert, and for a moment I hoped that they were going away with merely an expression of their contempt."

"But I was soon undeceived. The lions turned in what I should have called a bayonet charge, and the first came toward me with a sort of bounding gallop, just like an athlete preparing for a high jump. When he was near enough, he bounded into the air straight for me."

WAKE HENSLAY

No matter what kind of foods you use, mix with SHERIDAN'S CONDITION POWDER. It will increase your profits this fall and winter. It is a perfect seasoning and the food elements needed to form eggs.

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May be obtained in winter if you do as many successful poultrymen do, namely, mix with the mash food Sheridan's Powder. Has been used and endorsed over thirty years.

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but the tree was too tall, and he fell short and went rattling down to the ground with a snarl that sounded remarkably like a human curse. One after another all the lions had a try at the jump, but all failed to reach the limbs of the tree.

"Finally the old lion called another consultation, and when it broke up I saw in his eye that something was going to happen. About 30 feet away from my tree the stumps of another, some 50 feet high, and studded from top to bottom with the remains of dead branches. If it should fall toward me, it would certainly catch on by projecting branches of my tree and would furnish a nicely inclined plane, up which a whole tribe of lions could easily walk. I did not realize this at first, but nevertheless, as the lions walked over and took positions behind it, I shuddered with apprehension."

"The big wounded one was the first to act. Bounding gracefully along the ground, he sprang high in the air and struck the dead stump some 15 feet above the ground, making it quiver and creak. It did not fall, however, and the lion dropped to the ground. He was quickly followed by another and another, each springing at the stump with all his might, until to my dazed eyes the air seemed full of tumbling lions."

"But the stump held splendidly, and I was beginning to feel safe again and to take some interest in the unprecedented show when the big one again called a conference. The stump was held from falling by a large root that extended directly away from my tree, thus exerting its greatest leverage against the efforts of the lions. It lay in plain sight on the surface of the ground, and you can imagine how my heart sank when I saw the lions form in a double row along it and proceed to claw it up. Then I knew the end was near. Deprived of that root, the stump would fall at the first assault, and an instant later the lions would be upon me. I could feel their jaws crunching my bones."

"Suddenly a last chance entered my head. There was but one branch on my tree that extended in the proper direction to catch the stump as it fell. If I could cut that off the stump might miss me and go crashing to the ground. Fortunately I had at hand the saw of which I spoke a moment ago. I seized it and began to saw through the limb. You can imagine how I worked, but the wood was green and the saw small, and I made slow progress. Besides, the lions heard the saw and probably guessed what I was doing, for they roared their efforts."

"At last the branch was half sawed through, but the root was wholly gone, and the lion backed away and formed up for the spring. The big lion again took the lead. Swiftly he came through the air, striking the stump at least 70 feet above the ground. It reeled, croaked and fell slowly at first, but with gathering speed. Crash! It came against my limb, and the next second the whole string of lions was swarming up it."

"But their haste saved my life. A large lion weighs quite a quarter of a ton, and when four of them were on the trunk their combined weight proved too much for the half sawed branch. It gave way, and stump and branch and lions went down in a heap together, while I clung to the remainder of the tree, with a great gasp across my knee, where the big lion had touched me before he fell. So near a thing it was."

"Well, there isn't much more to tell. The lions looked disgusted, as they probably were, and they all walked sedately away. Three hours later the exploring parties came back. "Did they believe my account of the night? Of course they did. Hadn't I the trees, and the sawed limb, and the gasp in my knee to prove it?"—Philadelphia Press.

TWO TERRIBLE DISASTERS.

Popular Tourist Hotel Slides Bodily into the Sea—Thirty Children Drowned.

ROME, Dec. 22.—A terrible disaster took place this afternoon at Amalfi, the popular tourist resort on the Gulf of Salerno. About 2 o'clock an enormous rock, upon which stood the Cappacchini hotel, slid bodily into the sea with a deafening roar and without a moment's warning, carrying with it the hotel, the old Cappacchini monastery before the hotel Santa Caterina, and several villas.

Many people were buried in the debris, which crushed four vessels to the bottom of the sea, destroying their crews. The mass of earth which slipped was about 50,000 cubic yards.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—Upwards of forty school children were drowned this afternoon in an ice accident at Freitghen near the French frontier. The school children of the district had been given a holiday, with permission to play on the frozen river Lys. When the meriment was at full height the ice broke suddenly and the children disappeared. A few were rescued half dead, but the majority were drowned. Thirty-six bodies have been recovered, but others are still missing.

A fourteen-year-old English girl tried to drown herself in a Wembley canal, but her mother insisted on her wearing corsets.

Children Cry for CASORIA.

DWIGHT L. MOODY

The Well-known Evangelist Died Friday at His Home in Massachusetts.

EAST NORWICHFIELD, Mass., Dec. 22.—With the words "God is calling me," Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, whose name was world wide, fell asleep in death at his home here at noon today. The passing of his spirit from a body which had been tortured with pain for some weeks, to the rest beyond, was as gentle as could be wished for. His family were gathered at his bedside and the dying man's last moments were spent in comforting them and in contemplation of the reward for which he had seasons and earnestly labored. He knew that death was near, but its sting to him was lost in the unfolding of his mental vision of a beautiful scene, judging from his last words.

The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been fully completed, but the services will be held next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Congregational church. The burial will be on Round Top.

This is a spot on the seminary grounds near Mr. Moody's home lot, which has become famous in connection with the summer meetings, and on which hundreds of student gatherings have been held, many of them conducted by Mr. Moody himself. On this account it seemed to the family fitting that the burial should be at the spot on Round Top.

Telegrams and other messages of sympathy have been received by the family from friends, admirers and co-workers with Mr. Moody in all parts of the country.

Dwight Lyman Moody was born at Northfield, Mass., Feb. 5, 1837. Until he was seventeen years of age, he worked on a farm, then he became a clerk in a shoe store in Boston. In 1856 he went to Chicago, and while engaged in business in that city entered the ministry of the American Baptist church. He was soon among the poorer classes. During the civil war he was in the service of the Christian commission and afterwards was a lay missionary of the Y. M. C. C.

He was in the Y. M. C. C. work in 1875 and organized similar meetings all over the country. In 1883 they again visited England and their meetings were productive of even more good than the first. Mr. Moody has written a number of books, among which are Heaven, published in 1850; Secret Power, in 1881; Way to God and How to Find It, 1881; and many others. The celebrated evangelist was the chief figure at the annual college and other meetings which were held at Northfield. He was simple and direct in style and his addresses will be long remembered by all who have had the privilege of hearing him.

DUKE OF WESTMINSTER DEAD.

Was a Great Land Owner, and Formost on the Turf.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Duke of Westminster is dead.

Hugh-Lupus Grosvenor, first Duke of Westminster, was born in 1825. He was formerly a whig and later a liberal unionist. He was a large landowner, having about 30,000 acres in Cheshire and Flintshire and 600 acres in London. He was also lessee of 70,000 acres of deer forest in Sutherlandshire. His London estate alone yielded an income of about \$1,200,000 a year. He was a giant supporter of the turf and the owner of some of England's greatest horses, for one of which in 1875, the year after he was created a duke, he paid \$70,000. He won the Derby in 1880 with Bend Or, in 1882 with Shotover and in 1886 with Ormonde. He was the owner of Orme, whose poisoning, when the Derby favorite eight or nine years ago, created a profound sensation at the time.

FREDERICTON.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 22.—The children of the non-commissioned officers were made happy this afternoon. A large Christmas tree loaded down with good things of every description was set up in the drill hall and the contents were distributed among the children by Mrs. McLearn and Mrs. Hemlin.

The express office in this city are doing a brisk business. The number of parcels being received and sent out is enormous.

The number of short course men who will enter the military school here at the beginning of the year will make up a class greatly in excess of the usual one.

All the public schools closed for Christmas holidays today.

HAMPTON.

Annual Missionary Meeting—Probate Court Proceedings.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Dec. 21.—Rev. James G. A. Belyea of Midvale, Westmorland Co., occupied the station platform and out stations on Sunday last, and his ministrations called forth favorable comments from the large congregations which listened to his sermons. He went out to Lake View yesterday, where he preached this evening.

Last night the annual missionary meeting of this district was held at the station church. The congregation was small, but the services were full of interest, the choir providing some excellent music and the addresses being full of earnest appeals for a greater development of the missionary spirit. The pastor in charge, Rev. Mr. Stebbings, presided, and after the singing of a hymn and prayer by Rev. George Steele of Portland church, made a report on the financial work of the past year, which showed that the amount raised by the general conference, which with Canada includes Newfoundland and Bermuda, was \$265,978, exclusive of that raised by the Women's Missionary society. Of this amount \$5,302, was raised in this con-

Canada's Greatest Industry.



The above cut shows a machine in operation and sample of work done at the home of a shareholder.

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Incorporated by Ontario Provincial Charter under the Ontario Companies Acts.

Head Office and Mill, TORONTO, ONT.

Authorized Capital Stock, \$180,000.00

Divided into shares of \$1.00 each of which 100,000 shares are offered for public subscription. (Each subscriber of twenty shares to be furnished a twenty dollar knitting machine free to work for the Syndicate and to share in the net profits of all goods made.)

PRESIDENT: A. W. MAYBURY, Esq., M.D., Toronto.

DIRECTORS: P. J. M. HORROCKS, Esq., Consumer's Gas Company, Toronto. H. M. HARDY, Esq., Toronto. J. H. HUNTER, Esq., Toronto.

BANKERS: The Imperial Bank of Canada, Toronto, Ont.

SOLICITORS: GIBSON, ARNOLDI & CO., Toronto, Ont.

TRUSTEE AND TRANSFER AGENT: STUART S. ARNOLDI, Esq., North British and Mercantile Co., Toronto.

This Syndicate has been formed for the purpose of manufacturing knitted goods cheaper than any existing company, to keep down prices, and to employ the unemployed and to manufacture the goods cheaper than any other company. To do this successfully it will be necessary to get yarn at the first cost and to manufacture the goods cheaper than any other company.

1. The Syndicate will manufacture its own yarn and machines for which it has a mill and every facility.

2. The Syndicate will have all goods made by shareholders knitting at their own homes.

3. The Syndicate will pay for all property made goods at once upon receipt of same, and besides paying for the work when sent in will semi-annually divide with its working shareholders the net profits from the sale of all goods made by its shareholders.

4. The Syndicate will sell all goods made by its working shareholders.

5. To each subscriber of twenty \$1.00 shares the Syndicate gives free a twenty dollar Knitting Machine to keep, and also supplies each working shareholder, free of charge, full directions, samples and yarn to make the goods.

6. To become a shareholder, a worker, the owner of one of the machines, to be paid for the work you do, and also to participate in the equal division of the net profits, you have only to become a member of the Syndicate and take twenty \$1.00 shares which will cost you twenty dollars.

7. To manufacture its own yarn and knitting machines and supply these machines and yarns to its shareholders FREE. By this plan it can readily be seen that the Syndicate will not only benefit its shareholders by way of dividends, but it will also benefit its shareholders by way of a regular employment and income to their homes. The Syndicate is fully prepared to keep its shareholders supplied with yarn for doing the various kinds of work required in the home, and to the general trade as fast as it is sent in by its shareholders.

THE BUSINESS OF THE SYNDICATE.

Shown in this cut is for the manufacture of machines and the yarn only, all knitted goods being made by our shareholders at their own homes, no knitting being done on the premises. It will be seen that to manufacture goods on a large scale it would be necessary to have a large number of factories, besides taxes, insurance and interest on same. We can therefore, not only manufacture goods cheaper and in larger quantities, but down the Combines and deprive shareholders a handsome dividend semi-annually.

The following extract from the Toronto Mail and Empire shows the efforts of some combines now in operation in Canada.

Special to the Mail and Empire.

HAMILTON, December 21.—Knitting Factory Trust. John Moody of the Eagle Knitting Company has given an opinion on a Toronto Company, which is acting for a syndicate interested in buying up all the knitting factories in the province. He said that Mr. Moody said the trust was backed by English and American capitalists to the extent of four or five million dollars. Options have been obtained on a number of factories. He said that if the proposed deal went through the Hamilton factory would be enlarged. It is expected that the trust will take all the big factories, giving the proprietors a share of preference stock in the amalgamated business. There are between thirty and forty knitting businesses in Canada at the present time.

THE MACHINE.

The Syndicate furnishes a high speed family seamless knitting machine, and will machine for twenty years. It will knit from the finest imported yarns to the coarsest of Canadian wool yarn the same as hand work, but eighty times faster. With each machine a full outfit is sent together with all the supplies necessary to get the machine in operation as simple that any one of ordinary intelligence can make any of the knitted goods required by the Syndicate such as Gents' Socks, Ladies' Stockings, Golf and Bicycle Hose, Knickers, Leggings and Toggles for Children.

THE PRICES. Ladies' Stockings, \$10.00 per 100 pairs; Gents' Golf and Bicycle Hose complete, \$5.00 per 100 pairs; Leggings and Toggles, \$5.00 per 100 pairs; fine Toggles, \$5.00 per 100. All these goods are quickly made on the machine and at these prices any person willing to work can make good pay, much more than clerking in store, working in shop or laboring on farm. Shareholders can devote part of their time knitting, but at all times they are expected to work for the interests of the Syndicate.

WHO CAN JOIN. All persons willing to accept and honestly knit the yarn entrusted to them, and to return made goods promptly to the Syndicate.

WHAT YOU MUST DO TO JOIN. Each person desiring to become a shareholder of stock, participating in the semi-annual dividends, and to do knitting for the Syndicate, receiving pay as fast as work is sent in, must cut out the following APPLICATION FORM, sign the name to it, fill in address and reference, and enclose it with Express or Post Office Money Order for \$20.00 to Stuart S. Arnoldi, Esq., 26 Wellington Street, Toronto, Ontario, to whom all money orders are to be made payable.

APPLICATION FORM FOR STOCK AND MACHINE.

STUART S. ARNOLDI, Trustee and Transfer Agent, 26 Wellington Street, TORONTO, ONT.

DEAR SIR: I enclose you herewith \$20.00 in FULL PAYMENT for twenty shares of stock (subject to no other calls), in The Peoples Knitting Syndicate, Limited, which I wish allotted to me, and in FULL PAYMENT of my share of the preliminary expenses of the Syndicate, and one of your machines, with samples, instructions and yarn, which I wish sent me as soon as possible to enable me to begin work for the Syndicate at once upon receipt of same. The said stock to entitle me to participate in the semi-annual dividends of the Syndicate in addition to being paid cash on delivery for all the Knitting I do for the Syndicate.

Name your nearest Express Office, Your Name

Mention this paper, Post Office Name Reference, Mr.

ST. JOHN SUN. Address

reference, St. John district, which extends from Sussex to Westfield, contributing \$1,627, and of this Hampton paid in \$35.50, which though but a small sum was in advance of previous years.

Rev. Geo. Steel and Rev. Mr. Palmer of Sussex followed with powerful and scholarly addresses.

The regular Christmas services will be held next Sunday instead of Monday. Rev. Mr. Douglas, Presbyterian, presided in the Methodist church in the evening.

In the probate court today, before Judge Gilbert, A. W. Baird presented the petitions of James N. Walton and Fred Ernest Walton, asking for letters of administration on the estate of the late Henry Walton of Green-wich, offering as bondsmen David A. Richards and George T. Nutter. He also read the renunciation of all claim to the estate of Margaret R. Walton,

widow of deceased, and his children, R. Ford Walton, Elizabeth S. Nutter, Elizabeth A. Ross, Fannie A. Richards, Rachel S. McKenzie and Ada A. Walton. Ordered that letters testamentary be issued and bonds entered into.

In the matter of the estate of the late John Walker of Sussex, Richard Walker, one of the executors under the will, appeared by citation to pass the accounts of the estate. He showed that the total receipts were \$3,440.08, and the total expenditures \$3,830. Ordered that decrees issue for final closing, and the balance to be divided between the residuary legatees, for whom C. N. Skinner, Q. C., appeared. J. A. Eves, Sussex, proctor.

In the estate of the late Francis Dube of Havelock, one of the executors, Francis J. Dube, appeared to pass the accounts in his father's estate. The personal estate was inventoried at \$480.00, the real estate be-



The above cut shows the Mill used for manufacturing machines and yarn for the Syndicate.

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ing will be to his sons. Ordered that decrees issue to close accounts. The superior school closed this afternoon for the Christmas holidays with appropriate exercises.

ADVERTISING RATES.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SON

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 27, 1899

BY WAY OF ST. JOHN.

We decline to believe that the contracts for transportation of the troops are so far closed that the question of using the port of St. John cannot be further considered.

No reason that is worth noticing has been given why one or more of the three transports should not sail from this port.

There is no disposition here to hamper or delay the work of sending the corps forward.

CHRISTMAS IN WAR-TIME.

Today the Christian world celebrates the advent of the Prince of Peace, but the British people hold the festival amid the noise of war and the gathering of hosts of battle.

In a thousand Canadian homes there are thoughts and prayers this morning for the lads who shared in the last Christmas home-coming, but who have their Christmas far today under other skies.

Yet who shall say that the call to arms, the cheer of charging battalions, and the tramp of hooves rushing to battle, is not to be the message of peace as truly as the Christmas bells and the familiar Christmas greeting?

We will give ourselves one week's rest to give the painters a chance to renovate our rooms and will begin the New Year's work.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd. when we will be glad to see all who want our help to qualify themselves for usefulness and success.

Send for Catalogue and List of Successful Students.

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THE SOLDIERS' INSURANCE.

A correspondent from Fredericton writes: Will you kindly publish the conditions of insurance policies that was placed on the first contingent of Canadian troops to South Africa by Sir Chas. Tupper.

On the 27th of October Sir Charles Tupper made an insurance contract in Montreal with the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Company. The amount of insurance effected was a million dollars, and the premiums were paid by the New South Wales.

MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—In St. George's church today a cable was read from the Canadian contingent: "All well, regiment sends greetings to all."

James F. Burnett, a well known young stock broker, was killed today when driving down Cole Des Neiges hill, near the city.

The fast Ottawa express on the Canadian Pacific railway, leaving here at 4:05 p. m., was wrecked at Jacques Cartier Junction, ten miles out, this afternoon.

Mr. H. N. Bate and two other Ottawa gents have been appointed by the government commissioners to expend the \$20,000 year which is hereafter to be paid yearly by the Dominion to the city of Ottawa.

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UNDER A CROSS FIRE.

New Zealand Troopers in a Difficult Situation Show Great Bravery.

Destruction of a Bridge Across the Tugela Cuts Off Part of the Boer Force.

Dr. Borden Will Not Agree to the Shipment of Part of the Second Canadian Contingent from St. John—Col. Evans Coming East.

GENERAL REVIEW.

British Destroy a Bridge Over the Tugela Part of Boer Force on South Side.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Except for a few official reports giving casualties and movements of troops, nothing has been received from South Africa of later date than Dec. 20.—The situation in its main features, so far as known, continues unchanged.

The Durban version of the destruction of the bridge represents that part of the Boer force which was ordered to join the main body of the Boer works eastward probably explains the recently announced withdrawal of part of the British force.

COLONIALS UNDER FIRE.

New Zealand Troopers do Good Work Exposed to a Heavy Cross Fire.

CAPETOWN, Dec. 25.—Times dispatches a despatch from Naampos, dated Dec. 18, saying: "There was a reconnaissance today by a battery of horse artillery, supported by the New Zealand troops."

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MEMO FROM "B" BATTERY.

QUEBEC, Dec. 25.—So far forty men of "B" Battery have been examined by Dr. Sewell and accepted, but they have not been sworn in because the enrollment papers have not arrived.

COL. EVANS STARTS EAST.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 25.—Col. Evans of the Yukon field force, who is expected to command the second Canadian contingent for the Transvaal, arrived here Saturday night, and left for the east yesterday.

LONDON REVIEW.

Announced that Another Offer of a Squadron of Canadian Rough Riders Has Been Accepted.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 4.30 a. m.—Up to this hour nothing has arrived from South Africa that would indicate any change in the military situation there.

PRO-BOER AGITATION.

Probability that it Will Lead to the Resuscitation of the Fenian Organization.

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Take Care of the Children.

At this time of the year every mother should jealously watch the health of her children. At the very first sign of a cough or cold she should adopt measures to break it up...

When taken in time Cures Croup in a night. S. C. Wells Co., Toronto, as follows: "Never shall I forget the agony I experienced that night, when little Tommy was taken with the Croup. It was midnight and snowing."

A PRIGHTFUL LOSS. The Fish Regiment New York state Infantry (Duryee's Zouaves) went into action at the battle of Bull Run, Virginia, August 31st, 1862...

SHIP NEWS. PORT OF ST. JOHN. Dec. 22. Arrive. From Sydney, N. B. and P. Starr, coal. From St. John, N. B., from Liverpool via Halifax, Troop and Son, malleable iron and steel.

THE SAILORS' CHRISTMAS PARTY. The regular Xmas treat for the sailors will be given on Friday evening, Dec. 29th. Tea will be served early in the evening, after which a musical will be given.

MARITIME TRAVELLERS TO THE FRONT. At the annual meeting of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association held in Halifax on the 12th inst., it was resolved to forego the usual holiday festivities this year...

A QUIET WEDDING. Capt. Amos Gales Potter, of the D. M. resourcer Prince Arthur, has secured a vacation and left yesterday afternoon on the S. S. Prince Arthur on a holiday trip to Boston and other American cities.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE QUEEN. Breakfast on Christmas morning with Queen Victoria is a joyous meal and there is little formality. Children and grandchildren gather round the Queen with congratulatory wishes.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. GIBSON, Dec. 25. -Relief vessel No. 83, which has replaced vessel No. 41 (Sov and Pies, Vineyard Sound), on her station, has been withdrawn from service.

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A MAN OF A COLONY.

By Theodore Roberts.

Newfoundland is England's oldest colony. English possession dates back to 1583. For more than forty years this big northern island has tried to govern herself—the world knows with what success.

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A New Method of Treatment that Cures a Large Percentage of Cases.

Cancer has for so many ages been considered an incurable disease that to talk seriously about curing it seems like mockery. But such is the advance of medical science in these latter days that things that were impossible even in our father's time are quite possible now.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS.

In Queens County in the Liberal Conservative Interest

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

CAMPOBELLO, Dec. 18.—For a December 15th, to the wife of Aubrey Calder, son.

Rev. Gideon Swin, left by Monday's boat for Grand Haven, after a visit of about three weeks, during which time he delivered very striking sermons.

Emery Calder, who has been working at Lubec, Me., this season, is now seriously ill with typhoid fever at that place.

HOPWELL HILL, Dec. 20.—A very successful supper and concert that realized \$37 for church purposes, was given on Monday evening by the Baptist folk.

Thos. Ross, mail carrier, who was badly injured by being thrown from his wagon, last week, is improving.

Rev. R. Barry Smith, chief of the temple of the L. O. G. T., visited Mount Pleasant lodge here, last evening, and was presented with an address.

Mrs. Bray, wife of Wm. Bray, died at New Horton this morning, after a lengthy illness. The deceased was a lady of highest Christian character, and kindly disposition, and was universally esteemed.

ALBERT, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Mary Hawkes, wife of Alexander Hawkes of Curryville, was before Police Magistrate Stuart today, charged with violation of the Scott Act.

Inspector Trueman prosecuted and David Grant of Moncton defended. The lady has been selling a brand of beer of her own manufacture, the component parts of which are said to be hackmatack boughs, hops, molasses and yeast.

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SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

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

It is now an established fact that microbic life is the cause of throat and nasal catarrh, and to cure that dreaded disease 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.

Latest scientific investigation into the relation of disease to microbic life has produced a specific for all diseases of the nasal and respiratory organs caused by germ life, called Catarrhosein.

Catarrhosein 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.

It acts energetically as a stimulant to the mucous tissues of the throat, nasal passages and bronchial tubes, relieves 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, Catarrhosein is of inestimable value.

The inhaler can be carried in your pocket and may be used at any time or in any place. Catarrhosein is a guaranteed cure for all chronic cases. Price \$1.00, at all druggists or direct by mail to any address. Send ten stamps for trial outfit to N. C. Polson & Co., Mfg. Chemists, Box 625, Kingston, Ont.

is in active demand in these parts. Fred Hutchins, a farmer of French Lake, has sold his working oxen out of the yoke for beef.

BOUESTOWN, Northumberland Co., Dec. 21.—The semi-annual public examination of the school in this district took place yesterday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of visitors.

Owing to the good demand for lumber in the British markets, the local manufacturers have shipped nearly their whole season's output.

Scott McConnell has returned, after an absence of some months. Miss Adey, principal of the Texas River school, has resigned, after a successful career of about two years.

Wm. Taylor, attorney, returned today. He is doing a good business in this place.

SHIP NEWS.

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P. E. ISLAND.

Arrested for Sheep Stealing on a Large Scale.

Big Shipment of Poultry to England—Recent Deaths—The Pork Industry.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 21.—Charles Taper of Winslow died under sad circumstances Tuesday at the P. E. Island Hospital.

A fine old mansion, about three miles from Charlottetown, and occupied by Walter E. Burke, was burned on Saturday.

Carvel Bros. have shipped this season 200,000 lbs. of eggs to England.

Mrs. Alex. Benton, one of East Point's best poultry raisers, died on the 12th inst. of pneumonia.

Douglas McLeod of Point Prim has returned from New York, where he resided for twenty-five years.

Nicholas Muttice of Sturgeon passed away Monday morning in good health, after a hearty breakfast, and went outside to attend to the house he fell to the ground and was picked up dead.

John McKenna and John McElroy, the former from St. John, were arrested at Montserrat on Wednesday, charged with sheep stealing.

George E. Full shipped a car load of mutton yesterday to Winnipeg, and is a second time a successful exporter.

Wm. Perkin has purchased for \$12,125 the four-story brick building on the north side of Queen street, formerly owned by Fred Perkins and A. W. Stern.

A lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars, with the following officers: C. F. Malcolm, C. McKinnon, V. T. Mrs. E. McNeil, Mrs. Wm. McNeil, Mrs. S. McNeil, Mrs. Angus McNeil, Mrs. George McNeil, Mrs. Willie Campbell, lodge deputy, W. A. M. McNeil, sec. and Annie McNeil, C. F. S. M. McNeil.

John Scott of West St. Peter's left his dwelling house a few days ago in the best of health, having eaten a hearty dinner, and a short time afterwards he was found dead in a field a short distance from the house. He was 80 years of age.

IN MEMORY OF ARCHDEACON BRISTOCKE. At the eleven o'clock service in Trinity church Sunday morning, Rev. J. A. Richardson, just before the sermon, called the attention of the congregation to the handsome brass cross that had been placed on the altar in memory of the late lamented Ven. Archdeacon Brigstocke, the gift of the ladies' Bible class of Trinity.

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ST. JOHN MARKETS. There were practically no changes in market prices last week, in wholesale groceries and provisions, fruits, etc. in the country market, fancy Christmas stock, but there was no scarcity in any line, and the general range of quotations on ordinary produce is without change.

Table with columns for various goods like Beef, Pork, Mutton, etc. and their prices.

Table with columns for various goods like Butter, Eggs, etc. and their prices.

Table with columns for various goods like Flour, etc. and their prices.

Table with columns for various goods like Fruit, etc. and their prices.

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