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"The Dispatch" wishes all its readers a "Merry Christmas."

SOUTH AFRICA.

The news from South Africa is very discouraging. We felt some weeks ago that the war was practically at an end, but last week we had to announce a loss of a small detachment of British troops and seventeen thousand sheep, while this week the news is, eighteen officers and five hundred and fifty-five men missing from General Clements' force. No one doubts that the final issue of the war will be the destruction of these bands of Boer raiders, but the end is not so near as we would wish.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The government headman at Canton has thrown down his axe and gone on a strike because with an average of thirty or forty executions a day he was getting only about fifty cents a head. This calls to mind the case of one Birdofreedom Sawin, a private in the United States army during the Mexican war who wrote home, "Ninence a day for killin' folke comes kind o' low for murder, (WY I've worked out to startein' some fer Deacon Cephas Billins, An' in the hardest times there wzz I ollers tetch-ed ten shillins.) There's eutthin' gets into my throat that makes it hard to swallow, It comes so nateral to think about a hempen collar."

Monday was the last day for entering protests against the candidates returned at the Dominion elections held on November seventh. Protests were filed with the clerk of the pleas at Fredericton against the return of Messrs. Gibson in York, Reid in Restigouche, Lewis in Albert, Hale in Carleton, Wilmont in Sunbury Queens, Ganong in Charlotte and Fowler in Kings.

In Ontario protests were filed against the return of four conservatives and one liberal. In Quebec against two liberals, and in Nova Scotia against three conservatives and one liberal. The usual thing is to effect a saw off all round and no doubt that will be done in these cases.

The census of Canada, which will be taken next year, will be taken on both the de jure and the de facto system. The de jure system, the one on which the census has been taken in former years, takes count not only of actual residents of Canada but also of many of those who have left the country permanently. The de facto system takes count only of those who are actual residents. The enumeration under the de jure system will give us figures by which we can compare our present population with that of the last census in 1891, and by the enumeration under the de facto system we can learn just how large a population we can really boast of.

The Second Canadian Contingent, containing the Carleton County quota, sailed from Capetown on Thursday, aboard the Roslyn Castle. A cable message says the ship will land at Halifax. The Lake Champlain, bearing Col. Otter and part of the first contingent, is expected to land at St. John on the twenty-second or twenty-third of December.

The Parliament of Confederated Australia will be opened on May 1st by the Duke of York, with great pomp and pageantry. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be present. He will probably return to Canada in company with the Duke of Duchess of York who are to make a visit to this country.

It is safe to say that never in the history of Woodstock have its stores presented such a bewildering variety of things for Christmas presents, and not for years have buyers had so much ready cash to spend for them.

At a meeting of the Canadian Cabinet held last week it was decided to summon parliament for the election of a speaker and the despatch of business on Wednesday February 6th.

The British parliament, which met on December Sixth, continued in session just long enough to vote £16,000,000 for war expenses, and then prorogued.

Hon George E. Foster sails for England today, from New York. He goes on private business.

At St. Paul's Guild on Friday evening Miss Mary Clark, B. A., read a paper on James Russell Lowell, Stephen B. Appleby gave a short address on Lowell as he had seen him in his lecture room, and Charles Appleby spoke about the Bigelow Papers, reading extracts from them.

BRITISH FORCES CAPTURED.

Part of Officers and Men Afterwards Released.

Lord Kitchener reports that eighteen officers and five hundred and fifty-five men are missing from Gen. Clement's force. They consist of four companies of the Northumberland Fusiliers. Judging from the message, these were captured by the Boers.

Clement's casualties December 13 amounted to five officers and nine men killed and many apparently wounded.

Five of these officers and 316 men have been released.

The Magaliesberg affair is described as follows in a despatch to the Standard from Rietfontein:

"The scene of the engagement was a horseshoe shaped depression. The Northumberland lands occupied the centre Gen. Clement's camp was pitched 1,000 yards lower down, at the eastern point of the horseshoe, and Col. Legge's camp was about 800 yards distant, Gen. Delaroy's 1,000 men, against whom Gen. Clements' had fought repeated actions, were suddenly, unknown to Clements, reinforced by 3,000 men from warm Baths, under Commandant Boyers. At daybreak, Col. Legge's picket descried what seemed a fresh force of British troops eighty yards distance. The strangers were challenged. They replied with a volley, revealing 400 Boers in khaki. The firing became heavy, and the noise aroused Col. Legge's troops, who arrived just in time to save the outposts from capture.

"A furious engagement ensued. Artillery was brought up and it compelled the Boers to retire. Col. Legge following up the withdrawal, was shot dead by a bullet through his head.

"Gen. Clements and his staff soon arrived. The staff suffered severely, but Gen. Clements appeared to have a charmed life.

"While mounted men were driving the enemy back along a slope covered thickly with Boer dead, a deafening rifle fire suddenly broke on the plateau above. The signallers heliographed that the Northumberlanders were being attacked. Gen. Clements, convinced that they would easily hold their own, dispersed the remainder of his forces on the flanks and rear of his two camps.

"At 4.30 a. m. a heliograph from the western peak announced that the Boers were about to overwhelm the Fusiliers. Gen. Clements was unable to send adequate help, but despatched yeomanry to climb the precipitous hillside and create a diversion.

Before the Yeomanry could come into action, the Boers had overlapped the Northumberlanders and were in possession of the entire horseshoe, firing down on the Yeomanry, entangled in the bushes and boulders.

"The Northumberlanders made a magnificent defence so long as their ammunition lasted. Accordingly to the Boer accounts, many, even when resistance was hopeless, died fighting.

"General Clements, now left with 700 men, made superhuman efforts against the bullets from the Boers pouring over the peaks and managed to save his guns and the camp equipment. He retired in splendid order and, at four p. m. started to march to Rietfontein, fighting a rear guard action all the way and arrived the next day at 4 p. m.

Election of Officers.

L. O. L. Woodstock, No. 38, elected the following officers for the ensuing year:
D. O. MacIntosh, W. M.;
J. J. Rogers, D. M.;
Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Chap.;
J. Shea, R. S.;
T. E. McKinney, F. S.;
G. Britton, Treas.;
H. Cox, D. of C.;
H. Clarke, Lecturer.
Committee, Jas. Brewer, David Hipwell, W. Estabrooks, H. Grant, D. Gibson.

The installation was carried on by County Master A. F. Lockhart. Reports show the order in good financial condition.

The ladies of the Methodist church on the Florenceville circuit will have a chicken supper in the Temperance Hall, Florenceville, on Saturday evening, December 29th. Tables ready at 5 o'clock. Tickets 30 cents, children 15 cents. Proceeds towards furnishing the parsonage.

The President a Slave to Catarrh.—D. T. Sample, president of Sample's Instalment Company, Washington, Pa., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh. Remedies and treatment by specialists only gave me temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It gave almost instant relief. 50 cents.—49
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DIED.

JOHNSTON.—At Jacksonville, on Monday, December 10th, Stella H., infant daughter of Wilmot and Jennie Johnston. (St. John Telegraph please copy.)

MARRIAGE LICENSES

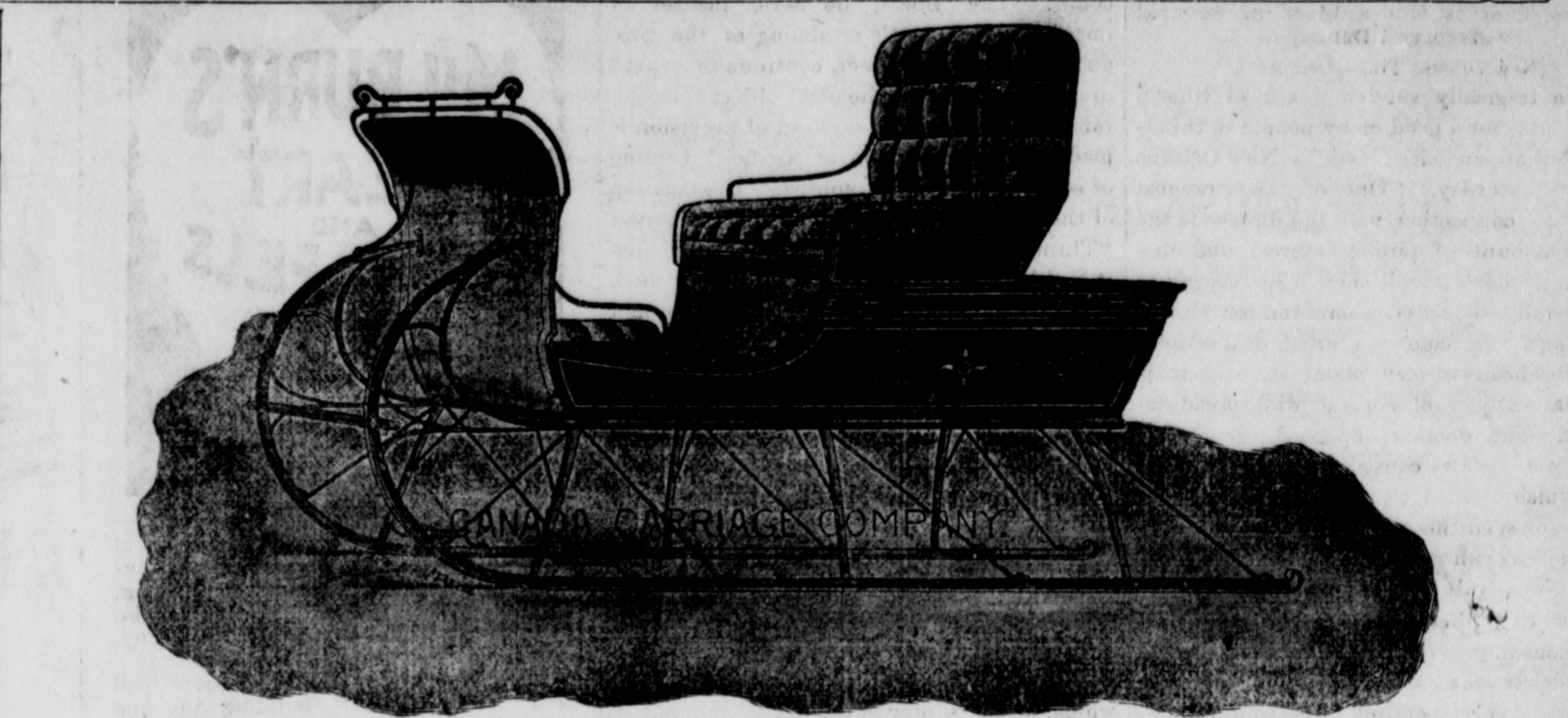
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A LAW

To Regulate the Measurement, Inspection, Weighing and Sale of Certain Articles.

Be it enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Woodstock, as follows:—

I. All cordwood which shall be brought into the town for sale shall be straight and sound and four feet long including one half the scarf at each end.

II. All cordwood and bark brought into the town for sale shall be measured by the cord, which cord shall be eight feet in length, four feet in breadth and four feet four inches high.

VII. Every surveyor of cordwood shall be entitled to demand and receive for his services in measuring or surveying the same respectively and giving a statement thereof.

For each cord of cordwood, seven cents.

For each cord of cordwood, when paid upon the ground, five cents.

VIII. If any person shall sell or offer for sale within the Town any cordwood of less length than four feet including one half the scarf at each end, such person shall be liable to a penalty of two dollars for each and every offence, unless at the time of such sale or offer for sale, he shall inform the purchaser or person offering to purchase such cordwood, of the deficiency therein.

IX. If any person or persons shall sell or offer for sale within the town any wood except by the cord or shall refuse to have same scaled by a surveyor of wood duly appointed by the Town Council of said Town such person or persons shall be liable to a penalty of not less than two dollars and not more than five dollars for each and every offence.

The following persons are Surveyors of Wood &c. for Town of Woodstock: B. Harry Smith, W. S. Skillen, John Conner, W. L. Carr, J. W. Astle, Wm. F. Smith, J. Albert Hayden, Donald Munro, John Pickles, John Donnelly, Robt. J. Lindsay, C. N. Scott, John McCormac, Frank McClements.

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County Council MEETING.

The regular January meeting of the County Council of the Municipality of Carleton, will be held at the Court House

on **TUESDAY, the 8th Day of JANUARY next,**

at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.
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