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increase in assets of 127,291.44	
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an increase of 1,263 policies and 1,117 lives.	
an increase of insurance in force of \$1,452,441	

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GRAND NEWS.

CRONJE CAPTURED AND LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

This Good News Comes on the Anniversary of the Fateful Battle of Majuba Hill.—How the News is Received in Woodstock.—Loyalty Pervades all Classes of Citizens.

Good news has been the order of the day ever since the scales were turned by the relief of Kimberly. It will be remembered that General Cronje retreated toward Bloemfontein and that it was thought probable that he would escape. Certainly his retreat was masterly, but it seemed that he was not to get out of the clutch of Gen. Roberts and Kitchenar. The Boers were overtaken, and a week ago on Sunday last a bloody battle was fought, on the Modder river in which the Canadians were engaged, and lost heavily. Among those reported killed was Patrick Henry McCreary a native of Norton, Kings Co. There seems to be a doubt of this by late reports, but the fact one way or the other must be soon known. While his death was reported in the list sent to Canadian papers, the War office did not have his name on the list.

Of the wounded John Scott, 31 years old, W. L. Hunter, 22 years old, and James Johnson, 31 years old, are natives of St. John. Arthur Haydon, 22 years, had lived here, but is a native of England. Bert Gifford, of Newcastle, 24 years old, was sergeant in the Newcastle Field Battery. H. P. M. Laughlin, 29 years old, is a native of Fredericton.

The sad news caused great sorrow when the dead and wounded were known. Appropriate references were made in Parliament, and in the various legislatures now in session. A dispatch from London says:—The speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Charles Tupper in the Canadian House of Commons has awakened a universal and sympathetic echo here as illustrating the spirit in which a brave and strong nation should meet its trials.

The Times says:—"The Canadians mourn their dead and grieve over their wounded, but they mourn with the spirit of an imperial people."

The Daily News says:—"It is refreshing to turn from the faint-hearted and maladroitness of Lord Salisbury to this timely courageous Canadian spirit," and adds: "The Canadians ought, on Lord Salisbury's showing, to be trekking into the United States, as a matter of fact they are clamouring to be sent to South Africa."

The Globe says:—"The spirit in which a brave, strong nation should meet trial is admirably illustrated by the temper displayed by Canada. The war, if it has done nothing else, has killed political bitterness and mere party strife in all the colonies. The contrast between Ottawa and Westminster is painful and humiliating."

From Thursday night to Sunday night there was no news, but it seemed to have been a case of no news being good news. On Sunday night it was learned in Woodstock that Lord Roberts reported that Cronje's position (he had been surrounded by the British) was more hopeless than ever. An important kopje had been captured by the British which prevented the effectiveness of re-inforcements from the east. A party of Natal Boers had attempted to break through the British outposts, but they were routed and 100 prisoners including the commandant and two field cornets were captured. On Monday morning it was still rumoured that Cronje was at bay, but was desirous of capitulate, being prevented from doing so by the young Boers from the Transvaal.

Later news leaves no doubt of the death of McCreary.

CRONJE CAPTURED. LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

It is understood that Cronje surrendered with about 8000 of his men, and that there were 1000 women, children and Kaffirs in the laager. Food supply and ammunition had about run out, wounded were lying unattended and the damage from the British fire was awful.

The news of the surrender of Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith coming as it does on the anniversary of the unfortunate battle of Majuba hill which occurred in 1881, is the more welcome on that account.

Yesterday morning about 8 30 o'clock the telegraph offices put out a bulletin that Cronje had surrendered, and shortly afterwards this was followed by the equally encouraging news that Ladysmith had been relieved. The good news travelled like wild fire and men and women were busy shaking hands and congratulating each other. About half past nine the whistles in the various factories began blowing, the town hall bell, the bells of St. Luke's, St. Gertrude's and the Methodist churches rang out. They rang merrily and with a good courage. Main street was soon crowded with people blowing whistles, and shouting, and having a good time generally. Flags floated from the public buildings and from every shop almost in town. The celebrated cannon owned by Tim Fields was made to do duty for the occasion and was fired off at intervals. In the evening there was a torch light procession, and a grand meeting. The citizens were full of enthusiasm and there was a great time generally.

An impromptu procession was formed in the morning. Geo. Balmain had the Carlisle hotel gong, Ab. Carr a pair of symbols, Norman Lorne an improvised drum. Men, boys and young women marched through the streets. Presently someone raised a long white banner with "God Save the Queen" on it and this was carried at the head of the procession. The canning factory furnished a bear's head which was carried on a stick in the procession.

The procession made its way to the post office where hearty cheers were given for the Queen and for the various generals who are leading the troops in the war.

Mr. Dennison, the American Consul showed very plainly where his sympathies are. The Stars and Stripes floated from the flag pole over the consulate as soon as the good news became known.

Kruger was hung in effigy across Queen street. It was a clever representation.

Dramatic Entertainment.

The Dramatic Entertainmen in Burnham's Hall East Florenceville, by the East Florenceville Amateur Dramatic club, on Saturday evening February the 17th was an unqualified success. It opened with one of Sousa's marches rendered by Murdock McKenzies Phonograph. "The Last Loaf" a two act drama was put on in a very acceptable manner by Hiram Schriver Jr., Lorne Simonson, Roley Semple, Harry Hunter, Lorne Boyer, Mrs. Fred Boyer, Miss Carrie Hunter and Miss Maud Hartley. A tableau, "Womans Rights," by eight young men, was simply side splitting. A laughable farce "Vilkins and Dinah," was performed by Heber Jameson, Harry Hunter, Lorne Boyer, Lorne Simonson, and Roley Semple. In a comical song and chorus, "Cousin Jedediah, the solo was sung by B. Frank Smith.

Murdock McKenzie's Phonograph filled in the places between other features of the programme in a pleasing way.

The sum of \$15.00 was realized which will be spent in extending the sidewalk down as far as the Baptist church. This extension will make the walk about a mile in length. The people of East Florenceville have every reason to congratulate themselves on their energy along the line of village improvement and on their taste and skill in public entertainment.

FARMERS can save 20% by having their horse shoeing and jobbing done at H. A. Palmer's Shop on King street near the river bridge. He has a long sled and a light delivery puny for sale cheap.

Tonight at the Albert St. church, Mr. Martin will give an address on "what we believe with regard to sin," this is the second address on the general subject "what Baptists believe." These services are attracting considerable attention Last Wednesday evening a large congregation heard the address on the Bible. Tonight members of the choir will sing a selection. On Sunday evening an evangelistic service with musical program sermon will be held. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Lockwood, will sing several selections in the best sacred music and the congregation will join in a spirited praise service for twenty minutes. The public is invited to these services.

A REGULAR TORNADO.

Sunday's Storm Does Some Severe Damage in Town.

When Sunday morning dawned there was a big rain storm accompanied by a heavy wind. It was hard travelling for man and beast, and a good many people stayed right at home. About half past eleven the gale became furious. A tree in W. B. Belyea's grounds, blew down. Over the bridge more serious damage resulted. The furious blast of wind from the south east caught the iron roof on Connell's foundry, and started it where it covers the machine shop, that portion of the main building nearest the railway track. Mr. Connell was notified and with a crew of men he tried to prevent the roof from going altogether. But the elements were against him. A stronger blast than ever came along and ripped up the roof on the south side, taking the chimney along with it. It also took along Brad Gardiner who was on the roof landing him surrounded and covered up with iron. Fortunately he was not hurt. Mr. Connell and the other men had also narrow escapes. The south roof was blown into the main road, and a good portion of the roof on the north side followed suit. Men were busy on Monday putting on the roof, again.

Near by is the barn owned by J. C. Millmore and occupied as a storehouse for hay by Mr. Estey. The roof was blown off this building, and the hay exposed to the storm.

Woodstock Man in the Swim.

The following extracts from a column and a half article in the Weekly World Herald of Fredericton 9th, of Fairhaven, Washington, U. S. A., indicates that Mr. Burpee is engaged in a big business. He is a son of John Burpee of Upper Woodstock:

"This week the machinery plant of Messrs Stetson & Burpee of this city secured a contract for \$12,000 worth of canning machinery for the Pacific American Fisheries Co. which will use it for their new cannery, in the cannery built last year. In this invoice of machinery there are six wipers and nine top-pers, quite a number of crimping and sewing machines, and such other machinery as is necessary to fully equip a first class cannery. Messrs. Stetson & Burpee have already commenced work on this large order for machinery which must be delivered not later than July 1st. In order to finish this work within the time Messrs. Stetson & Burpee must increase their plant. This canning machinery was invented by Messrs. Stetson & Burpee who allowed other firms to make it on a royalty, but lately they have established machine shops of their own to do their own work. They are an eminently successful concern.

Prepared For The Worst.

While in conversation Saturday with a gentleman, well versed in British military affairs, the Whig man learned some facts regarding precautions taken by the authorities before a British soldier goes into battle.

The names of the British killed and wounded after a battle are ascertained by means of the identification cards which all our soldiers carry sewn up in the left hand corner of their khaki tunics.

On the cards is written the soldier's name, rank, regimental number, together with the name and address of his next-of-kin. The latter is added so that the authorities may know where to forward the effects of any soldier who gets killed.

After an engagement the roll is called as soon as the regiments gets back to their camp. Every man who does not answer is "kicked off" as missing, and search is made for him on the field. As the search parties come across the dead and wounded men they rip open the tunic at the left hand corner and take out the identification card. The cards thus collected are carried back to camp and handed over to the clerks of the general in command, who therefrom compile the casualty lists.

After all the cards have been collected the roll is checked again, and a note made of these men of whom no trace has been discovered. These are usually presumed to have been taken prisoners, but it does not always follow that the assumption is correct.

In the corner of his tunic opposite the identification cards every soldier carries a small pad of bandages, etc., for dressing a wound. This "field dressing," as it is called is added to "Tommy's" equipment in order that he might be his own surgeon until medical assistance arrives or may have the wherewithal on him to bind up the wounds of a chum.

You will probably be surprised to learn that one of last things "Tommy" does when ordered to the front is to make his will, although every regiment contains a percentage of happy go lucky fellows who do not worry themselves about what will become of their property when they no longer require it.—Whig and Courier.

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