

**ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY.**

**General Bruce Hamilton Cleans Out a Boer Commando.**

London, Dec. 14. — Reporting to the war office from Pretoria, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchener says: Bruce Hamilton after a long night march surprised Piet Viljoen's laager at dawn on Dec. 13 at Wilroan's, 25 miles north west of Ermelo, and killed sixteen Boers and captured 76 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at farms. He also recaptured one of Benson's guns, the other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order and was used against the retreating enemy.

Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, wired the government's congratulations upon receipt of Bruce Hamilton's brilliant achievements.

**The Hay Trade.**

A gentleman who arrived in St. John from South Africa the other day says he sees no reason why there should be any diminution in the Canadian hay trade with that country for the next three years at least. The Canadian hay, he says, is the best that goes there, and is fed only to the best horses. Consequently, as the British government will be obliged to keep a large military force there for at least three or four years, and a mounted force is the best adapted for the purpose, the demand for the best hay cannot be decreased. The so called hay that goes to South Africa from New Zealand, it is said, is like straw, and is fed only to oxen and mules. It is really oats cut before it is ripe, and not what our horses want to eat. The hay from the Argentine is all from Alfalfa grass, which is something like clover, but a plant of the bean family, and Canadian or European horses are not accustomed to it. The same kind of hay comes from some of the Western States. The best timothy hay comes from Canada, however. They raise good timothy in Great Britain, but not enough of it to export, and they don't raise timothy in New Zealand or anywhere else, that makes as good hay as the Canadian, in quantities fit to export. Of course the Canadian hay varies somewhat in quality, but some of the cargoes landed in South Africa by the steamers from St. John have been the best received there.—Telegraph.

**Quebec Appeal Court.**

Apparently there is strong feeling among the Montreal lawyers on Judge Langelier's proposed promotion to the Court of Appeals the highest provincial court of Quebec. There is no reflection whatever on Judge Langelier as a lawyer or a judge, but of the six members, if he is appointed, only one will be an English speaking judge. A contention of the English lawyers is that while the French judges are quite able on general questions, they are not fully learned in commercial law, and most of the appeal cases are in that department. Judge Wurtele, who is taking up other work, was a Canadian of German descent, but was always regarded as an English judge. From 1866 to 1881 there were three English judges on the bench of the Appeal Court.

**The Schley Inquiry.**

The court of inquiry into the conduct of Admiral Schley has delivered its verdict. That verdict is not in accord with the public opinion which was formed by the published evidence. Two of the admirals—Benham and Ramsey—condemn specifically the movements, or lack of movement, in Schley's proceedings, and in several other matters, but they say that during the battle he was self-possessed and his conduct was encouraging to his men. Admiral Dewey, on the other hand maintains that throughout Schley's conduct was meritorious and that credit is due him for the glorious victory which was won. Public opinion will be with Dewey's view of the matter, but the decision of the court is on the whole a triumph for Schley's enemies, who are numerous and active enough. However, public opinion generally will be with Dewey.

**How to Select Holiday Gifts.**

While the display of holiday goods is more beautiful and extensive than ever, it is still a matter of great difficulty to make the final selection for friends and members of the family. Those who are unable to visit the shops will be greatly assisted by the suggestions in the January DELINEATOR, where five all pages are devoted to illustrations and descriptions of innumerable novelties for the boudoir and desk, for busy man and fashionable woman, the young sister and bachelor, and even for the baby.

The public schools cannot undertake to teach farming, medicine, the law, or the various trades; but they can and should teach the boys and girls to respect honest toil, to live virtuous and upright lives, to find their enjoyment in the study of nature as manifested in the objects about them, to observe the beauty and harmony hidden in the rocks, the trees and flowers, and to find pleasure here rather than in the busy shop and crowded street. The teacher of the country school has, in this respect, a special duty to perform and his opportunities are abundant, but he is not always, in truth not usually, in a condition to improve the opportunities or discharge fully his duty.—John McBurney in Ohio Teacher.

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**Farmers' Institute Meeting for the Winter.**

The list of meeting of the new Brunswick Farmers' Institute for the winter have been published from the Department of Agriculture. Those in which the subscribers of THE DISPATCH will be interested are as follows:—

Grand Falls and Drummond institute will meet at the school house in district No. 7, in Drummond on January 9th.

New Denmark institute will meet at Patron Hall on January 10th.

Andover institute, at the Hall at Four Falls on Jan. 11th.

Perth institute, at Tweeddale's Hall, Arthurette, Jan. 13th.

Kincardine institute, school house Upper Kintore, Jan. 14th.

Aberdeen institute, McIntosh Hall, Jan. 15th.

Centreville institute, Farmers' Hall, Jan. 16th.

Wakefield institute, Tilley Hall, Jacksonville, Jan. 17th.

Woodstock and Northampton institute, Gratton Hall, Jan. 18th.

Richmond institute, place not named, Jan. 20th.

Southampton and Queensbury institute, Upper Hainesville Hall, Jan. 21st.

Prof. Grisdale, of the experimental farm, Ottawa, will speak at all the meeting above named, on such subjects as Cultivation of the Soil; The Bacon Pig; Beef Production; Feeding Dairy Cattle; A Talk on Feeds and Their Value; Farm Management; Crop Rotation; A Trip Through Great Britain. He will be accompanied by Thomas Hetherington, of Cody's, Queens County, who will speak on How to be successful on the Ordinary Farm and The Care and Application of Manure.

**Mr. Herbert Paul's Life of Mr. Gladstone.**

In the closing paragraph of his life of Mr. Gladstone, Mr. Herbert Paul says:—

The immortal phrase of the Roman biographer cannot be applied to Gladstone. He was not "happy in the occasion of his death." The cause on which he bestowed the last years of his health and strength was submerged; the party which he had led was shattered in pieces. Peel broke up his party, but he carried Free Trade. Gladstone did not live to carry Home Rule. The list of his legislative achievements stops at 1885. But what a list it is! He reformed the tariff of his country; was the real author of household suffrage; he gave Ireland religious equality and agrarian justice; he established the system of elementary education; he protected the voter by ballot; he made the Army a national institution; he restored efficiency to the House of Commons; he gave the franchise to the agricultural labourer. He was a demagogue in the proper sense of the term, a true leader of the people. He exhorted them always to employ the political freedom which he had so largely given them, less for their own material advancement than for the best and highest interest of mankind.

**The Election in York.**

The Rev. Dr. McLeod goes into the contest in York County under quite different auspices from those under which he took up the fight in his last election. Then, he was supported by the Fredericton Daily Gleaner, a strong organ of Conservatism, vigorously conducted, and he also had the support of The Farmer, a weekly paper published in Fredericton. In the present contest the Gleaner is against him and the Farmer, in its last issue, announces that "we cannot give our countenance to Dr. McLeod's present effort to wreck the party."

Dr. McLeod still retains the support of his own paper, the Religious Intelligencer, and of the Reporter, which is owned and edited by Mr. H. H. Pitts.

**The Block Houses.**

The block houses in use in South Africa are hexagonal corrugated iron buildings. Their walls are constructed of two sheets of iron, four inches apart and filled in with gravel. Each house is also provided with a spider web of wire entanglement. The houses are placed at intervals of three thousand yards, and are of course equipped with signaling apparatus.

The Mail and Empire, of Toronto, has produced a novelty in a Christmas supplement. It contains a Christmas greeting in English and The Story of Christmas told in the different languages of some of the various races that make up the population of Canada; French, Gaelic, Norwegian, Danish, Italian, Polish, German, Galician, Russian and Cree Indian. The story as printed in Cree Indian language looks more like a problem in geometry than any kind of a story, but I guess the Mail and Empire is all straight enough and are not putting up any job on us. The supplement is a very happy Christmas thought and should teach us not to do all our Christmas thinking in English.

On Tuesday the 10th, Gen. Patrick A. Collins, Democrat, was elected Mayor of Boston, by a majority of 20,000 defeating Mayor Hartt. Two years ago Mr. Hartt defeated Gen. Collins by over two thousand votes.

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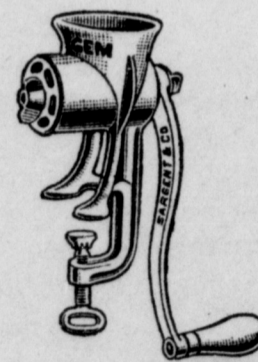
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