

THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD.

Col. Prior, controller of Inland Revenue, has been elected in Victoria, B. C., by a majority of 108.

Rev. F. A. Wightman has accepted a call to the Methodist church at Margate, P. E. Island.

Rhodes, Curry & Co., have received an order from the Quebec Central railway for 100 freight cars.

W. H. Steeves, a native of New Brunswick, mail carrier at Vancouver, B. C., was killed by a falling tree one day last week.

Messrs Chapman and Brine, of Janeville, Gloucester Co., have taken out ten thousand logs already this winter and calculate to take out two million feet.

The estate of the late Senator Murphy, which is valued at \$350,000, is divided equally amongst the widow and five children, with \$20,000 for charities.

The congregation of St. John's Presbyterian church, Chatham, have presented Rev. N. McKay with a purse containing \$50. The choir gave the organist, Miss Mary Letson, a beautiful turquoise pin.

The report of the committee appointed to look into the affairs of the Banque du Peuple was made at Montreal on Friday. The capital, \$1,200,000 and rest, \$600,000 was found to be all gone, and a deficit of \$388,000.

Ten men were caught in a cave in Adanlee mine, Colorado, Saturday morning, and it is not possible any have escaped death. A great mass of rock settled, crushing the descending cage and its occupants. Eight men were working in the bottom of the shaft, and they were probably crushed to death.

London, Jan. 7.—The Times in an editorial this morning informs the United States that "whether we have trouble in Europe and Africa or not, we will not yield on the Venezuelan question. We have insulted nobody, but if we are compelled to fight we shall be ready to guard what is worth fighting for."

At a large public dinner of farmers and tradesmen at Chard, county of Somerset, Monday evening, the mayor of that town proposed the health of all the Queen's family except one grandson, referring to the Emperor of Germany. The toast was received with enthusiastic cheers, which were followed by groans and hisses for Emperor William.

John E. Redmond, M. P., in a speech at Wexford, Monday evening, declared that the British empire was without a friend in the world. Never since the passage of the accused act of union, he said, had it been more needful than now that Ireland should be united in principle and policy of action. Redmond's address was received with wild cheers.

The Berlin correspondent of the Times says: The violence of the press against England is abating, and the idea of a German protectorate over the Transvaal is warmly repudiated and denounced as a malicious and detestable invention. The purpose of the emperor's telegram to President Kruger was two-fold—to secure popularity and warn England that her safety lies in a closer contact with Germany and the triple alliance.

William Benjamin, a brakeman on the Erie Railroad, caught a spark on the back of his celluloid collar, as the train entered the station yesterday. The collar took fire and exploded with a loud report. Benjamin seized the collar with both hands and tore it from his neck. He was burned severely on the face, neck and hands. He was taken to a drug store where his wounds were dressed, and later was taken to his home in New York. He will be disabled for some time.

Judge Tuck, on Saturday, decided the equity suit of Albert Jones and John McGinty, administrators of the late James T. Kennedy, against James H. Russell, and declared that under the terms of an agreement between Messrs. Kennedy and Russell the latter was bound to give over to the former an undivided half interest in any and all patents and improvements on know hows subsequent to the agreement, and also an interest in all royalties and other moneys received from patents since the agreement was made.

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It wasn't really her fault that the biscuits burned a little on the bottom and he ought not to have raised so big a row about it. "I suppose such a thing never happened in all your mother's cooking?" she said sarcastically. "Never," he asserted. "Occasionally she used to get them so light that they would float up to the top of the oven and get scorched that way, but they never burned on the bottom."

JERUSALEM OF OLD.

TRACING THE OLD WALL OF THE CITY.

What Major Conder, Mr. Henry Maudslay and Mr. Bliss Have Brought to Light—The "Spade" Expected to Settle Important Matters Still in Doubt.

It is now more than a quarter of a century since Captain, now Major-General Warren carried on his explorations at Jerusalem for the Palestine exploration fund, and which resulted in such brilliant discoveries, revealing to us what was then known as "Underground Jerusalem." That was the remains of the ancient city, now covered up with the accumulated debris of ages—an accumulation that reached, in some places, to a depth of more than seventy feet. Since that time no systematic explorations have been carried on in the Holy City. Herr Baurath von Schick and other agents of the Palestine exploration fund have watched whenever any digging took place—for the foundations of new buildings or any other purposes—and, if anything of importance turned up, it has been faithfully reported in the Quarterly Statement published by the fund, and which is now the recognized journal of archaeology in Palestine.

For some years back the value of ground at Jerusalem has been increasing, and building, more particularly on the north and west, has been going on outside the walls, and it became advisable to have some excavations made before houses were erected, which would make explorations impossible. The necessary firman from the Sultan was procured and Dr. F. J. Bliss began operations last year. The first task he undertook was to trace the line of the ancient wall on the southern side of Jerusalem. It was known that the old wall was about 800 feet to the south of the present one, and that it skirted the brow of the slope which forms one side of the Valley of Hinnom. Why the builders of the new wall left this commanding height undefended is a question that is not easily explained. It is certain that the older engineers did not leave this advantageous position for an enemy to occupy. Traces of the wall were first come upon when levelling the ground for the English cemetery.

In 1874, Major Conder, writing from Jerusalem, recommended that explorations should be made at this point, and Mr. Henry Maudslay at that time did sufficient digging to show the existence of the wall all the way from the Protestant school to the east end of the cemetery. Among other things, he found that the dining-room of the school had its walls standing on the square base of one of the ancient towers, and that in places the rock on which the wall stood was scraped below to a depth of thirty feet. Mr. Bliss took up the work at the point where Mr. Maudslay had left off, and followed the line of wall from the cemetery, where it runs in a south-westerly direction for about 250 feet. He also found deep scraps in the rock, which must have given great strength to the defense and made the battlements to tower with an imposing appearance over the Hinnom Valley. The stones are of no great size, that is, in comparison with some of the masonry at other parts of the walls, such as that of the Jews' walling place, and portions of the Haram wall. They have the usual draught round their borders, and the lower course is bedded on the solid rock.

Water supply had not been forgotten, as numerous cisterns have been come upon. The existence of a gateway was discovered at this point, and it is here that one interesting point in the present exploration presents itself. The main street of Jerusalem runs from north to south in almost a straight line—it begins at the Damascus gate on the north and ends on the south at the Sion gate, also known as the Bab an Nabi Daud, or gate of the Prophet David. This is, no doubt, the original line of a thoroughfare that has existed from the earliest times, and it is assumed that there must have been a similar gate at the end of this main street in the older wall. This was one of the points Dr. Bliss was directed to discover. The gate which has been found is not exactly in the position where the expected gate was supposed to exist; it is a little too far to the west to be in line with the main street. Still it ought to be borne in mind that the present Sion gate is not quite at the end of that street, but a little to the west of it; this may indicate that some reason existed for the deviation in both cases. Here, for the present, judgment must be suspended, as the "spade" will in time settle the matter.

The point would have been cleared up by this time, but, in tracing the wall eastward, difficulties arose with some of the proprietors of fields on the subject of remuneration, and Dr. Bliss, merely as a strategical move in the negotiations, started his operations still farther to the east, where he picked up the line of the wall again near the pool of Siloam. There he found that the wall runs south of the old pool and turns up in a northerly direction, and, as the Hinnom Valley here meets the Kedron Valley, it is assumed that the wall will continue northward until it joins the portion of the Ophel wall which Warren came upon during his operations. This will then connect it with the old wall of the Temple inclosure at the southeast corner. The Ophel wall is mentioned in II. Chronicles xxvii, 3, where it is said that Jotham "built the high gate of the house of the Lord, and the wall of Ophel he built much." It is also referred to in Jeremiah liii, 26-7: "Moreover, the Nethinims dwell in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and a cove, that lieth out." After them, the Tokolites repaired another piece, over against the great tower that lieth out, even unto the wall of Ophel."

Close to the corner, where the newly discovered wall turns northward, another gate has been found. As four or five courses of the draughted masonry still exist, the details of this gate can be well made out. Its date may also be determined to within a few years, for Josephus says that at this time Siloam was outside the walls; but Antonius, a martyr, who wrote about 750 A. D., states that "the mountain of Siloam is, at the present day, within the walls of the city, because the Empress Eudocia herself added these walls to the city." This makes it evident that the portion of the wall, with its gate, that Dr. Bliss has brought to light at Siloam was that built by this Empress, and its erection may be dated as having taken place within a year or two of the middle of the fifth century. The remains of the older wall, that existed in the time of Josephus, are, no doubt, still under the ground, and will require to be sought for in order to make the exploration complete at this locality.—London Daily News.

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