

CANADIAN SKETCHES.

(For the St. John Star.) The Indians from Flagstaff, Muscouchee and other reserves were holding a now-and-then at Regina. They had come to town in their heavy lumbering cars, bringing their squaws and papooses with them, and pitched their sickly tents on the north side of the town just beyond the railroad line. For two days they swarmed about the town, crowding the streets and importuning any one they happened to meet for a drink of "shkoochoo wapi"—fire-drink. On the evening of the second day they were to have a great talk on the prairie at a spot about half a mile from their tepees, a steer was to be roasted and a regular good time was expected by all the "richies."

Now it so happened that the Indians had accidentally arranged for this pow-wow to take place at the very time when the cowboys from Willow Bunch had finished their season's round-up and come to town for the purpose of enjoying a couple of days' holiday and incidentally wasting their substance in riotous living. It is a well known fact that these cowboys never get drunk, but they are very seldom sober when in town. They live in that condition commonly known as "runny" and are always ready for any kind of sport.

On the evening when the Crees were holding their meeting the cow-punchers met at one of the hotels arranged for an evening of "fun." It was decided to break up the meeting in the mildest possible way—no danger to be run, but the whole affair to be managed in such a manner as to furnish a couple of hours' amusement without much risk. The ranchers, many of whom were breeds should have known better than to meddle in any way with the hot-blooded Crees, but they were just drunk enough to be careless and did not think of any serious consequences.

News of the intended excursion spread through the town, and in a short time groups of residents might be seen slowly wandering towards the Indian encampment, not wishing to see the fun, and not wishing to see the Indians sit motionless round the campfires, listening intently to a story that was being told by one of their number. They betrayed no signs of interest in the speaker, but calmly went on smoking, as though they were absolutely alone, as is the custom of the Cree Indians.

Suddenly, without a second's warning, a hoarse, wild cheer broke the silence. The Indians looked up, startled, and listened to discover the probable cause. Amid the cheering was mingled the sound of many horses galloping and before the now thoroughly alarmed braves could recover their nerve a body of nearly one hundred horsemen swept by like a whirlwind, leaving a choking cloud of dust waving in the bright moonlight.

On and on went the horsemen, straight to the encampment, and the Indians, now fully aware of the fact that something unusual was taking place, absolutely alone, as is the custom of the Cree Indians.

Anyone who has seen an Indian tepee knows how the poles are crossed and tied together at the top and will readily understand what followed. The cowboys for they it was galloped quickly towards the encampment, separated so that a few would pass between each row of tents, and as they went through, every man whirled his lariat over his head. Out flew the cords, straight as an arrow, and the nooses settled down over the crossed staves of the tepees. As the horses jumped the tent fell to the ground, leaving the squaws and papooses who had not previously come out, struggling among the intricacies of old moccasins, hides, cord and poles, of which the tepees were made.

The ranchmen, after dragging the debris a short distance, cut their lariats, and, thus free from hindrance, galloped on, separating as they went. The Indians meanwhile had reached the ruins of their encampment, and when they saw what had been done their anger knew no bounds. Seizing their horses, which were hobbled near by, they mounted and gave chase, but as the cowboys had a good start and were scattered all over the plain, the Indians failed to catch any of them, and after an hour spent in searching in the darkness, often mistaking their friends for the others, and stumbling into badger holes, they quietly returned and set about rebuilding their demolished habitations. In the Cree language there are no very violent "swear words." The most abusive name one man can call another is a dog, and "mistus atim" is freely used that night. By morning all signs of the incident had disappeared, and as the cowboys left town at daylight nothing more was heard of the matter.

WILLIE GROW. DID SHE KISS HIM? That Was His Price For a Site for a Baptist Church.

The Zenl, Capital Co., correspondent of the Woodstock Sentinel tells of the effort to get a new church built in a community where "a dozen families represented six denominations. After a successful revival it was decided to build a Baptist church. Here follows the story in the correspondent's own words:—

"A building site was next needed, and it so happened the most desirable location belonged to a hard-hearted business man, who little interest in churches in general and new ones in particular, and he refused to sell, but the committee waiting upon him consisted of one of our blushing young maidens, who were very persistent in their entreaties, and he thought to get out of the trouble by way of a joke, so he informed her the only possible terms by which she could get the land was to kiss him on the mouth. Oh! approval. A foreign missionary is called upon to make his such sacrifice. Such a cruel monster, and her sweet lips perhaps never before pressed by other than a mother's kiss, her timid modesty, etc. On the other hand, would she allow the Master's work to dear to her heart, to be hindered or

stopped? The need was very urgent, could she do it? Did she do it? The next morning the ground was duly staked off and the building material is now nearly all on the spot, and we hope by next week to see the house up and enclosed."

A STORY OF STORIES.

An inveterate Dickensian in the Rev. William Lettis George. Slipped in between the leaves of one of his volumes by Charles Dickens in this continuity of Mr. Dickens's works, which in themselves make a connected story. In "The Haunted House" one evening "Oliver Twist," who had some very "Hard Times" in "The Battle of Life," having been saved from "The Wreck of the Golden Mary" by "Our Mutual Friend," "Nicholas Nickleby" had just finished relating "A Message from the Sea" with "Two Ghost Stories" and "A Tale of Two Cities" to "Martin Chuzzlewit," during which time "The Critic" on the "Hearth" had been chipping right merrily and "Master Humphrey's Clock" and "The Chimes" from the adjacent tower were also heard; "Seven Poor Travelers" and "Two Idle Apprentices," who had been "Hunted Down" from "Mugby Junction" for playing on "Tom Tiddler's Ground" commenced singing "A Christmas Carol" and recounting "The Perils of English Prisoners," "Barnaby Rudge" and "George Silverman," who were just "Going into Society," then arrived from "The Old Curiosity Shop" with "Some Pictures from Italy," "Sketches by Boz" and "A Child's History of England" to show to "Little Dorrit," who had "All the Year Round" been busy with "Household Words" and "Punch" and "David Copperfield," who had been making "American Notes," entered and informed the company that the "Great Expectations of 'Domby and Son' regarding 'Mrs. Lirriper's Legacy' had not yet been realized, and that he had seen 'Boots at the Holly Tree Inn' taking 'Somebody's Luggage' to 'Mrs. Lirriper's Lodgings,' in a street that had 'No Throughfare,' where 'The Haunted Man,' who had just given one of 'Dr. Marigold's Prescriptions' to 'An Uncommercial Traveller,' was brooding over 'The Mystery of Edwin Drood.'—Kansas City Journal.

SURPRISE FOR LAWYER.

How a Chinese Witness Confounded Cross Examiner.

Some time ago a well known San Francisco attorney, who prides himself upon his handling of Chinese witnesses, was defending a railway damage case. Instead of following the usual questions as to name, residence, if the defendant of an oath were understood, etc., he began: "What your name?" "Kee Lung."

"You live in San Francisco?" "Yes."

"You sabbe God?" "Mr. Attorney, if you mean 'Do I understand the entity of our Creator?' I will simply say that Thursday evening next I shall address the State Ministerial association on the subject of the 'Divinity of Christ,' and shall be pleased to have you attend."

HOW WELLINGTON WAS WHIPPED.

A Wet Towel Was the Cause of His Defeat.

Many a military hero would deprecate to have told the story of his defeat, especially to win his battles. Especially would he dislike the reminder if the lesson had come in the form of a sound drubbing at the hands of a girl. A recent English visitor to Wales picked up the following story of Arthur Wellesley at the Trevor homestead, upon the Welsh frontier.

Memories of the great Duke of Wellington hung about the place, for his grandmother was a Trevor, Lady Duncannon, and here the future conqueror of Napoleon was wont to spend his holidays when a boy at Eton.

Here, too, he experienced the most serious defeat of his memorable career; for falling into a quarrel with a farmer's son over a game of marbles, he became engaged in a hand-to-hand fight. The future duke was doing well, and was about to blot the flag of victory, when the farmer's boy's big sister came running out with a wet towel.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S PAY.

It is provided by royal warrant that from Jan. 3, 1901, the consolidated rate of pay provided for the officer holding the appointment of commander-in-chief shall be increased from £4,500 to £5,000 per annum. From December 1, 1900, a field marshal shall receive half-pay at the rate of £2,000 a year on vacating the appointment of commander-in-chief.

ENTERPRISING EDITOR.

Reporters—There's a newboy on the street yelling out a lot of sensational stuff that isn't in the paper. Great Editor—Yes, Whistler. Then put it in.—New York Weekly.

WORSE THAN DUBLING.

The Count—Dear me, baron, your face! Dueling again at your age and so recently married?

THE TROUBLE LOCATED.

Towne—The doctors have finally agreed upon the cause of Jones' illness. Browne—They've held another consultation, eh? Towne—No; a post-mortem.—Philadelphia Press.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports. HALIFAX, April 23.—Arr. from Liverpool, from London for St. John; str. Mackay-Bennett, from New York.

Foreign Ports. APALACHICOLA, April 22.—Arr. sch. John S. Parker, from Point a Pitre.

BOSTON, April 23.—Arr. str. Yarmouth, from Yarmouth; str. De Maine, from St. John; Viola, from Weymouth, N. S.; Abana, from Quaco; Garfield White, from Point Wolf; Barlet, from Bridgewater, N. S.

NEWYARD HAVEN, Mass., April 22.—Passed, schs. Wanda, and Chelle, from Nova Scotia for New York.

PORTLAND, April 22.—Arr. schs. Nellie Wilson, from St. John; Abana, Walter Miller, from Yarmouth; Garfield White, from Point Wolf; Barlet, from Bridgewater, N. S.

NEW LONDON, April 23.—Arr. sch. Alice Maud, from New York for St. John; Oriole, from St. John; str. Yarmouth, from Yarmouth; str. De Maine, from St. John; Viola, from Weymouth, N. S.; Abana, from Quaco; Garfield White, from Point Wolf; Barlet, from Bridgewater, N. S.

CHATHAM, Mass., April 23.—All other north-bound schooners before reported remain anchored on account of the easterly wind.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., April 23.—Light easterly wind; clear at sunset.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. April 23.—Coastwise—Schs. Glisde, Black, from Quaco; Sarah M. Glisde, from Quaco; Alice and Nellie, from New Brunswick; Theobald, Miller, from Yarmouth; Victoria, Bar, Bent, from Bridgewater; Alfred, Frost, from Bellefleur; Cove, Nelson, from Yarmouth; Bay Queen, Barry, from Beaver Harbor; Three Links, Maxwell, from Dieby; Annie Blanche, from Yarmouth; Victoria, from Yarmouth; Shaw, from Yarmouth; Lida, Greta, Janet, from Quaco; Trilby, McDermann, from Yarmouth; Victoria, from Yarmouth; I. H. Gosday, Comau, from Eastport; Pandora, Holder, from Eastport; Miller, from New York.

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THE KING.

Shilly Smith's Death. LONDON, April 23.—The coroner's jury which has been investigating the death of Shilly Smith, the fisherman who was fatally injured April 21 at the National Sporting Club by "Jack" Roberts, in a contest for the 12 pound championship of Ireland, and who died April 22, rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Shamrock II. Around. GLASGOW, April 23.—It transpires that the Shamrock II. grounded on a mud bank near Dunbarton while proceeding seaward on Saturday. Her crew were transferred to a tug, and this morning the yacht floated after having been ashore three quarters of an hour. It is believed she is not injured.

Weather Bulletin. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, Director of Meteorological Service.

St. John Observatory, April 23, 1901. Quebec... 30.44 48 N.E. 24 Cloudy. Chatham... 30.28 48 N. 18 Fair. Charlottetown... 30.25 48 N.E. 18 Fair. Sydney... 30.20 48 N.E. 16 Fair. Halifax... 30.25 48 N.W. 4 Clear. Yarmouth... 30.25 48 N.W. 4 Clear. St. John... 30.34 48 N.E. 4 Clear. St. Mann... 30.34 48 N.E. 4 Clear. Eastport... 30.34 48 N.W. 4 Clear. Boston... 30.38 48 N.W. 4 Clear. New York... 30.38 48 N.W. 4 Clear.

Bulletin from Toronto. Forecasts—Moderate winds, fine and very mild today and on Tuesday. Note—Telegraph Service at night regarding the weather, from ports where the morning bulletin is not posted, addressed to the Chief Meteorologist, will be answered without delay. Enquiry and answer cost but one rate, which must be paid by enquirer.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Monday, April 23, 1901. Highest temperature since 8 o'clock last night... 53. Lowest temperature since 8 o'clock last night... 38. Temperature at noon... 48. Humidity at noon... 62. Barometer reading at noon... 30.25. Wind at noon: Direction, E.; velocity, 6 miles per hour.

Local Weather Notes. Weather continues fine and mild. D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

CAPE TOWN, April 23.—During the last forty-eight hours sixteen fresh cases of bubonic plague have been officially reported. Eight of these are Europeans.

Since the outbreak of the disease there have been 319 cases, of which 211 have proved fatal.

CALCUTTA, April 23.—The officials engaged in combating the bubonic plague were assaulted here today by natives while disinfecting. Several arrests were made.

MARINE MATTERS.

Str. Prima is the latest fixture to load here. She goes to Cardiff. Str. Songa takes deals from West Bay to W. C. England at 4s. Str. Whitford is fixed to load deals here or some other bay port for W. C. England at 4s. 3d.

Str. Malabar sailed yesterday morning for the Mersey for orders, with a cargo of deals.

Str. Caouma arrived yesterday morning from Lousburg with a cargo of coal for the Messrs. Starr.

The Furness steamer Loyalist, from London, arrived at Halifax yesterday. She will be here early in the week.

Str. Tantallon, which has received a part cargo of deals at Sand Point, moved over to the I. C. R. pier yesterday to complete the same.

The Donaldson steamer Concordia sailed Saturday evening for Glasgow. She had a full cargo and cleaned up everything that was in and about No. 4 warehouse.

The West India liner Oruro, Capt. Buchanan, from the West Indies via Halifax, reached port Saturday afternoon and docked at the I. C. R. pier, where she will put on her local cargo and some stuff for the west.

AT INDIANTOWN.

Several large rafts of lumber arrived in Indiantown from up river Saturday and yesterday. The tug Admiral yesterday brought 300 joints from Springfield for Stetson, Cutler & Co. and Randolph & Baker. She returns today for more.

The Champion brought down a large raft from Jones' Creek for Captain Warner and Randolph & Baker. A raft of spruce logs from Bellefleur arrived in tow of the Sea King and the Hercules brought another from the Washadoc.

FALLEN HEROES.

Sergeant Davidson of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who was killed near Vryheid on April 11th, is the 148th Canadian soldier dead in the war. The following are the figures of Canadians who have lost their lives in South Africa by disease and casualty:

Corps. Disease. Killed. R. C. R. Infantry... 29 33. R. C. D... 18 7. Mounted Rifles... 8 6. R. C. Artillery... 8 12. Strathcona's... 14 12. Antisepsis... 3 0.

Total... 80 65. 336, O. J. Weaver, R. C. D. is missing and believed to be dead. 92. Winyard, C. M. R., is believed to be dead. The one R. C. F. A. man killed is Howard.

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DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—In this city, on April 20th, Mrs. Olive Campbell, aged 42 years. Funeral on April 23rd, 9 a. m., from residence, Military Road.

McMURRAY.—At the residence of her son-in-law, E. S. Brodie, Prince Street, Ontario, on the 20th inst. Susan McMurray, widow of John Stuart McMurray, aged 50 years.

SMITH.—At Campbellton, N. B., April 16th, Mrs. William Smith.

RAE.—At Kempt Road, N. B., April 2nd, John Rae, aged 92 years.

DUNCAN.—At Campbellton, N. B., in the twenty-third year of his age, Alexander Russell, fourth son of John Duncan.

MORNING'S NEWS.

Grain is arriving at Quebec for small shipment. Carso, N. S., has voted in favor of incorporation.

Until further notice the market will open at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m. Major Austral the palmer is before the Moncton police court on a charge of fortune telling.

Harold Brown, organist of St. David's church, played in the Moncton Presbyterian church yesterday.

Rev. J. A. Gordon of Montreal occupied his former pulpit in Main Street Baptist church last evening.

Infants too young to take medicine may be cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by using Vapo-Cresolene—they breathe it.

John McDonald fell in a fit on Mill Street Saturday evening, and had to be sent to his home.

The 1,700,000 feet of logs cut on the river for Wm. O'Neill's mill at St. Martins are all in.

The mail steamer Wassau, from this port for Liverpool, reached Halifax Saturday and proceeded on her voyage.

The steamer Northumberland arrived at Point du Chene Saturday morning and is now expected to make regular trips.

A horse and cart driven by T. J. Arnold and Wm. Stoddard of Fairville got badly broken up Saturday. The horse ran away on the Marsh.

Fort Massey Presbyterian church, Halifax, thinks of calling Rev. Mr. Millan of Lindsay, Ont., and has sent a delegation to hear him preach.

Joseph Dixon attempted to make trouble at the boys' mission on Mill Street Saturday night and was promptly fired out by Policeman Burchill.

Samuel McCarthy raised a disturbance in P. Traynor's bar on Britain Street Saturday, and a policeman was used to remove him.

At Whitcomb, Man., on Saturday E. W. Blank shot Adolphus Hedka, then went to Winnipeg and gave himself up, claiming the deed was done in self-defence.

The choir of St. Luke's church assisted at the service in the Seamen's Mission last evening. Addresses were given by Rev. Mr. Haslam and Miss Etches.

The business meeting of St. Stephen's Church Guild will be held this evening, when reports from the convalescers of the different committees will be read.

Fire destroyed two tar tanks at Sydney on Saturday, which contained 35,000 gallons of tar. Three men were slightly injured. The loss is \$15,000, covered by insurance.

The old Ship Laborers' union has agreed to load the Battle line steamers for the summer season at 45 cents an hour. This is a decrease of 35 cents an hour below last season's rate.

At a meeting of the Harmony Club, Saturday evening, it was decided to give entertainments in Sussex and Fredericton in the near future. A trip to Halifax and other Nova Scotia towns is also under consideration.

Saturday night's despatches tell of several sharp engagements; last week between Germans and Chinese, in which the latter were defeated, and everything that was in and about No. 4 warehouse.

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DEATHS BY ACCIDENT.

Dell Cox, son of Dr. J. G. Cox, of Bath, Carleton Co., was accidentally drowned while fishing on Saturday. He was twenty-three years old.

Henry S. Fisher, of C. Fisher & Sons, lumbermen at Amherst Head, was killed on Saturday in the firm's saw mill. A slab fell back from the saw and struck him, causing fatal injury. He was forty-four years old, and leaves a widow and four children. His oldest daughter is only a few weeks ago.

Andrew Alderson of Port Morten was crushed to death by a fall of coal at Dominion mines, Glace Bay, Saturday. He was twenty-four years old and unmarried.

Kathleen, the six-year-old daughter of Charles Fulton of Stewiacke, was burned to death on Saturday. Her clothes were ignited from rubbish fire around which she was playing. The child's father is in Sydney and her mother is an invalid.

SMALL FIRES. A slight fire Saturday on the roof of Holder's house, on Main Street, was easily extinguished before the firemen arrived. Fire did some damage to the house owned and occupied by R. A. H. Morrow, on Spring Street, Saturday afternoon. The loss is covered by insurance.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists return the money if it fails to cure. See Dr. W. W. Grove's signature on each box.