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FREDERICTON'S EXTENSION LADDER.

(Yesterday's Gleaner.) The city's new \$300 extension ladder was brought out this morning to be utilized in making repairs to a gutter pipe on the eaves of the city building. After several men had labored hard for fifteen or twenty minutes to raise the ladder, it was discovered to be ten feet too short, and it took a dozen men to get it down to the ground again.

WAS ONLY MEASLES.

The Moncton Transcript of yesterday's date says:—On the two o'clock express from St. John this morning there were a woman and a baby. The latter was ill and a dangerous looking rash marked the little one's face. Dr. Steves, chairman of the Board of Health, was summoned and pronounced it a case of measles. The woman and the child were sent to Charlo, their destination.

DEATH OF MRS. G. V. PALMER.

Rev. Geo. Steel received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing the death, which occurred about one o'clock in the afternoon, of Mrs. Palmer, wife of Rev. Geo. V. P. Palmer, Methodist minister at Sussex. Mrs.

Palmer was a daughter of Dr. Johnson of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and both her parents, who had been previously summoned, were present at her death-bed. Her remains will be taken to Charlottetown today for burial. Besides her sorrowing husband, Mrs. Palmer leaves three small children to mourn their bereavement.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Christmas purchasers will find Mrs. Herbert D. Everett again at The W. H. Johnson Co.'s, No. 7 Market Square, Monday, Dec. 9th, until Christmas, from 10 a. m. till 9 p. m.

PATRICK O'BRIEN APPOINTED.

An Ottawa despatch to the Telegraph states that Patrick O'Brien, brother of Richard O'Brien, of the Globe, and also editor of the Monitor, has been appointed to a clerkship in the customs at St. John.

RECENT DEATHS.

Mrs. Laughlin McKay, aged 97 years, died Sunday morning at Digby. A husband, four sons and five daughters survive. John F. Fitzpatrick, aged 35 years, died at Halifax last night. He visited St. John on several occasions and refereed hockey games here.

MAJOR E. L. BOND.

Well Known Montreal Man's Horrible Fate in His Burning House.

ST. ARMAND, Que., Dec. 4.—Major E. L. Bond arrived here last evening from Montreal on a business connected with the Phillipsburg railway, of which he was president. He at once went to his summer house at Phillipsburg, and T. B. Wells, manager of the railway, spent the evening with him, departing about ten thirty and leaving Bond alone in the house. This morning about 5 o'clock Major Bond's residence was found to be ablaze. Nothing could be done to save it, and it was destroyed. Search of the ruins subsequently revealed the charred remains of Bond. Nothing is known about the origin of the fire. Major Bond was chief agent in Canada for the British Foreign Marine Insurance and for the Reliance Marine Insurance company. Major E. L. Bond was the youngest son of Bishop Bond of Montreal, and was born in 1850. He and his brother, Lieut. Col. Frank Bond, were for some years stock brokers and members of the Montreal Stock Exchange. Later he entered the insurance business, representing several well known companies, and has been president of the Marine Underwriters' Association. He was one of Montreal's most prominent business men; was major in the Prince of Wales Rifles and saw active service in the Penian raids, '66 and '70. He had for years been an office holder in the Dominion Alliance and Citizen's League, and was prominent in all efforts for the suppression of vice and prohibition of the liquor traffic. He was a past grand master of the A. O. U. W. During the Mercier regime he was one of the leaders of the "Equal Rights" agitation. His death is profoundly regretted.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Sensational Arrests in the City of London Ont. (Special to Star.)

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 4.—Dr. Alexander Graham, a prominent city physician, is under arrest, charged with murder. The arrest is a result of the verdict of the coroner's jury to the effect that the "infant child of Emma Kilbourne came to its death by its being caused prematurely by Dr. Alexander Graham with consent of the mother." Emma Agnes Kilbourne has also been arrested on the charge of murder.

MONROE DOCTRINE APPROVED.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—"The spirited declaration of President Roosevelt for Monroism will cause a flutter in Europe," says the Westminster Gazette, which continues: "If the Kaiser is really of the opinion, as alleged, that the American peril is the question of the future for Europe, he will find confirmation in the message. He will envy Secretary Gage's surplus of \$15,000,000 available for building iron-clads or other purposes, for the American doctrine, backed by the American surplus means that many European ambitions in South America are foredoomed to failure. We do not doubt that it is the policy of this country if called upon to make a choice, to stand by the United States in defence of the doctrine."

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Eastern states and northern New York—Fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday. Brisk northwest winds on the coast, diminishing tonight.

TORONTO, Dec. 4.—Westerly gales, gradually clearing and becoming colder Thursday, fresh to strong westerly winds, partly fair, colder, local snow flurries.

KILLED BY A FALL.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Dec. 4.—P. J. Armour, a note broker of New York city, who lived at a country house near here, died today as the result of a fall downstairs last night. His skull was fractured by the fall.

MISS STONE ALIVE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The state department today received a cablegram from Spencer Eddy, U. S. charge of legation at Constantinople, reporting that Miss Stone and her companion, Madame Telika, are held prisoners at a place called Gultene on the south side of the mountains.

THE COURTS.

In the case of Mayes v. Connolly the cross-examination of T. P. Charleson was continued all this morning by J. B. M. Baxter in the absence of Att. Gen. Pugsley. Mr. Charleson was on the stand this afternoon. Att. Gen. Pugsley and J. B. M. Baxter for the plaintiff; A. A. Stockton, K. C., and L. A. Currey, K. C., for the defendant.

INSURANCE REPORTS.

Although the insurance appraisers have not yet handed in full reports of the damage done in the recent fire on King street the following amounts have been decided on. Elizabeth Wilson, building, \$252, divided equally between the Commercial Union, Phoenix of Hartford and Union. Gibson's stock, between \$350 and \$400. Oak Hall, smoke damage, appraised at \$513, divided between twenty companies, representing insurance of \$53,000. Adams estate, building, \$1,529.74, in the Imperial and Guardian. Louis Green's furniture was insured for \$500 and is a total loss. The report on Clarke's and Green's stock have not yet been handed in.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Probable List of Officers of the Corps.

What Col. Evans Hopes—Lots of Trousers This Time.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Subject to the consent of the imperial authorities, the new contingent will be known as the Canadian Mounted Rifles. A cable was sent to the war office today for approval.

Major Hamilton Merritt arrived in Ottawa this morning, having been summoned by telegraph, and at a conference with Borden and Evans, he was offered the position of second in command of the mounted corps. He accepted the offer. Col. Evans told the Sun tonight he had no other commissions to announce for the present. It is well understood, however, he has offered the adjutancy of the regiment to Sergeant Major Church, riding master of the police at Regina, the position of medical officer to Dr. Deviline of Winnipeg, and that of veterinary surgeon to Dr. Riddell of Calgary. These three officers were with Col. Evans in the Canadian Mounted Rifles in South Africa. The militia department is still waiting advices from England about transport.

It is definitely settled that no nurses will go with the corps. QUBBEC, Dec. 3.—Lt. W. Thompson, who commands the 55th Batt. of the Megantic Light Infantry, wants a commission in the third contingent. He is so anxious to go he will even accept a lieutenancy. A number of French-Canadian officers have applied for commissions.

OTTAWA, Dec. 3.—Capt. Leckie of Halifax, who went through the South African campaign with Strathcona's Horse, will, it is said, get a captaincy in the Mounted Rifles.

(Special to Star.) OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—Considerable interest is felt regarding the destination of the new force, after it reaches Cape Town. Colonel Evans hopes his men will be brigaded under General Alderson, but, of course, that depends upon the commander-in-chief in South Africa.

It is generally understood here that Capt. Barker, of Toronto, will receive one of the captaincies in the new corps and another will go to Capt. Leckie, of Halifax. Capt. Guy Kirkpatrick, of Vancouver, son of the late Sir George Kirkpatrick, is likely to get one of the lieutenancies. All these officers have seen service in South Africa.

Sergeant Major Church was regimental sergeant major of 2nd Batt. Can. Mtd Rifles of 2nd contingent. He is over six feet high and has rowed on the Oxford eight. In a letter dated Pretoria, Oct. 29, received by a prominent militia officer from Lieut. Col. Steele, the latter stated that Major Ogilvy has been appointed inspecting major of "B" or northern division of South Africa constabulary, at a salary of seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum. The rainy season, Col. Steele says, has commenced, which makes travel and transport of supplies very difficult.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 4.—The Sanford Mfr. Co. has received an order from the government for 1,200 suits for the New Canadian corps, two for each man, also an extra pair of trousers for each man.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—Major Boulanger, of Quebec, will probably get a staff position with the Mounted Rifles.

FIVE ST. JOHN BOYS.

Are Stowaways in the Steamer Baroda for South Africa.

Last evening five young lads, all sons of seafaring men, with an utter disregard of the ideas and wishes of their parents in respect to their future conduct, sailed away for South Africa on the steamer Baroda, chartered by the imperial government for the hay trade.

The boys are James and Thomas Rogers, aged respectively sixteen and fourteen years, sons of Pilot Bartholomew Rogers of Britain street west; Harry Docherty, aged fifteen, son of Pilot Joseph Docherty, 79 Broad street; Samuel Murray, sixteen years old, son of James Murray the boatman, of 25 Harding street; and Thomas Stone, aged sixteen, son of Pilot Thomas J. Stone, 268 Duke street.

The boys had evidently been planning their departure for some time and were watching for a good chance to stow away on one of the many steamers sailing to Africa. Yesterday afternoon the opportunity arrived, Mr. Rogers was in New York and the steamer Baroda lying at the Ballast wharf ready for sea. The boys had dinner at home, and between three and four o'clock went on board the steamer. They were observed by Capt. Davies, who, not seeing them go ashore, instituted a search of the ship, which, however, proved fruitless. It is thought that the boys managed to hide among the coal. The Baroda sailed for Cape Town at five o'clock, and shortly afterwards the story of their departure leaked out. The parents of the boys are greatly worried over their conduct and are making efforts to have them sent back from St. Vincent or St. Helena.

LOTS OF RECRUITS.

Applications are pouring in to Col. H. H. McLean from men desiring to join the Canadian Rifles. Already about forty have come in, or double the number to be recruited here. They are chiefly from the city, but some are from outside points.

Sixteen immigrants, who came out in the Lake Superior, were taken to the quarantine station on Partridge Island this morning, suffering from measles.

BRITISH DIPLOMACY.

Achieves Good Results in Abyssinian Territory.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A letter from Jibuti, East Africa, in the Paris Journal, quoted by the Paris correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times, credits Great Britain with adroitness in her dealings with Emperor Menelik. It says Great Britain has induced the Negus to leave dormant the frontier question while the South African war lasts, and that Great Britain intends to seal the question finally detrimental to Abyssinians. The writer of the letter asserts that the various British missions to Abyssinia were designed to pave the way for the seizure of the vast territory separating the Egyptian Sudan from Uganda. Meanwhile, he says, the Abyssinian Exploration company has purchased from the Negus for £35,000 the mines of the equatorial provinces. It is asserted that Col. Harrington skillfully gained an excellent footing with Emperor Menelik.

FAMOUS SURGEON DEAD.

Sir William MacCormac, President Royal College of Surgeons.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—Sir William MacCormac, Bart, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, died at Bath this morning. He was born in 1836.

Sir William MacCormac was born in Belfast in 1836, and was the eldest son of Dr. Henry MacCormac. He was educated at Belfast, Dublin, and Paris, was surgeon to the Anglo-American ambulance in 1870, and was present at the battle of Sedan. Sir William was consulting surgeon and emeritus lecturer in clinical surgery of St. Thomas's Hospital, London; was appointed surgeon-in-ordinary to the Prince of Wales in 1897; was an officer of the French Legion of Honor, and possessor of several other foreign decorations; Knight of Grace and principal medical officer, Order of St. John of Jerusalem; hon. mem. Academie de Medecine de Paris, and many other foreign societies. He was knighted in 1881, made a baronet in 1897, and created K. C. V. O. in 1898. Among his public works are Surgical Operations; Antiseptic Surgery; Notes and Recollections of An Ambulance Surgeon; Lectures, Addresses and Papers on Surgical Subjects.

FOR THE CORONATION.

Curious Claim Put Forth by a Catholic Peer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Close upon sixty claims of services to be performed at the coronation of King Edward have been submitted for consideration to the court of claims, which meets in the privy council chamber at White Hall today, says a London despatch to the Tribune. Among other curious claims is that of the Duke of Norfolk, as Lord of the Workshop, to present a pair of gloves to the sovereign, and to hold the sceptre with the cross while the records will be strictly followed. In the virtue of the office of Lord Chancellor, Lord Halsbury is expected to preside over the court today.

CONCERT IN KING'S DAUGHTERS' GUILD.

The Boys' Own Circle of the King's Sons held a concert in the King's Daughters' guild last evening. There was a large attendance and the programme, which was as follows, was greatly enjoyed. Duet, Misses MacMichael and McCarthy; flute solo, Roy Crawford; reading, Miss Ina Brown; vocal solo, Mrs. George Hood; piano solo, Miss Amy Adams; vocal solo, Miss Jennie Trueman; club swinging, Arthur Likely; flute solo, Roy Crawford; vocal solo, Mrs. Fred McNeill; Scotch reading, Rev. W. W. Rainnie; piano solo, Miss Amy Adams.

After the programme refreshments were sold, and the amount realized will enable the boys to carry on their winter work of rendering assistance to the poor, in a satisfactory manner.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of Maud E. wife of Walter F. Potts, took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from her sister's residence, 79 Mecklenburg street. The services at the house were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Wilson and Rev. E. W. Weddall. The burial took place at Fernhill cemetery, the pallbearers being William Kennedy, George Dunlavy, Thomas Dunlap, William Thomas, C. H. Jackson and Stanley White. The remains of Mrs. James Cook, who died on Sunday were taken to Weisford this morning at 6.14 o'clock for burial. They were accompanied by Rev. W. O. Raymond, who conducted a funeral service at her late home, No. 10 White street, last evening, at 8 o'clock.

DEATH OF REV. WM. GREER.

The death of Rev. Wm. Greer, formerly rector of Burton, and afterwards of Westfield, N. B., occurred on Monday at North Conway, New Hampshire, where he has been stationed for a number of years past. His widow, the youngest daughter of the late Hon. R. D. Wilmot, and one child, Miss Constance Greer, survive him. The funeral will take place at North Conway today. Henry Wilmot went on to attend it. The late Rev. Mr. Greer has relatives in St. John.

It was Officer Isaac Baxter and not Sergt. Geo. Baxter who applied to the council for pay while off duty on account of sickness from vaccination.

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