

## THERE WILL BE GLOOM

In Old England at the  
News From South  
Africa.

### LORD METHUEN, THE DARLING OF COURT AND SOCIETY,

Wounded and Captured by the  
Boers—With Him Went  
Four Big Guns.

### OFFICERS AND MEN KILLED, WOUNDED AND CAPTURED.

#### DISASTER TO BRITISH. (Special to Daily Herald.)

London, March 10.—A serious disaster to British arms is reported from South Africa.

General Lord Methuen and four guns have been captured by General Delarey. No details have been received.

#### Later—Methuen Wounded.

Methuen was wounded in the thigh. Three British officers and 3 men were killed, 5 officers and 72 men wounded, one officer and 200 men are missing.

The fight occurred before dawn on March 7 between Windburg and Lichtenburg Orange river colony.

The British numbered 1200 men.

The Boers captured all the baggage.

Lord Methuen is retained as a prisoner.

[Lord Methuen has had a command in South Africa ever since the war broke out, and was in charge of the British forces which met with disaster at Magersfontein. For this he was severely blamed, but his influence at the war office, he is a court and society favorite, kept him in the field, and he had in a measure retrieved himself. This fresh disaster however by which he has become a prisoner of the Boers and lost four guns is one of the most serious that has occurred for a long time. The public will wait with bated breath the details of the disaster, by which the enemy has become possessed of a live lord and four guns, which will now be turned against Kitchener's forces.]

#### TROUBLE WITH INDIANS. (Special to the Daily Herald.)

Montreal, March 10.—There are prospects of trouble with the Indians at Oka. They have been using wood on the grounds of the Callipic church, and the church authorities in order to make a test case got out warrants for the arrest of a couple of Indians, but when the authorities hastened to the reserve the Indians were prepared to offer resistance and the officers retired. Another effort will be made to effect the arrest of the offenders.

#### MAIL ROBBERY.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Bowmanville, Ont., March 10.—The mail has disappeared mysteriously, and suspicion is fastened on John Morris, mail carrier. The police visited his house and found several packages. He has been placed under arrest.

#### A BOSTON STRIKE.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Boston, March 10.—A strike of freight handlers in this city, which threatens to involve ten thousand men, commenced this morning. A large force of police is on duty to prevent disturbances.

#### HIS FRIENDS ANXIOUS.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Capetown, Mar. 10.—Cecil Rhodes passed a good night, but his condition is causing anxiety.

#### TEN LIVES LOST.

Mother and Nine Children Burned to Death in a Fire that Destroyed Their Home—Father Only Escaped.

Matane, Que., March 10.—One of the most dreadful holocausts known in this country occurred here yesterday morning, resulting in the loss of ten lives. About 6 o'clock a servant girl returning from a walk discovered the lower part of the house of Arthur Bouchard in flames. The lower part was used as a grocery, the

upper part as a dwelling. The girl aroused the family. Mr Bouchard immediately jumped from the upper window and was about to be followed by his wife, but she was evidently overcome as she failed in the attempt to escape and perished, together with her nine children, six boys and three girls, their ages ranging from 14 to two years. The house was a wooden building and fell an easy prey to the flames.

Mr. Bouchard was the only member of the family to escape. He is almost demoralized with grief and cannot give a very clear account of the terrible catastrophe. He arose about 5 o'clock and lighted a fire in the kitchen and returned again to his room. It is thought the fire caught in the kitchen. An inquest will be held today.

#### BEAR ISLAND.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

March 7.—We had quite a fall of snow the night of the 5th, about 8 inches, which makes good sleighing again.

Last Saturday and Sunday's thaw drove Stairs & Co's, also Thomas Davidson's crew out of the woods as they were unable to haul their lumber, but they were all at it again yesterday.

We are pleased to see Miss Annie Clayton back again. She took charge of the school in No. 2 district where she has satisfactorily taught several terms before. The scholars, and by their actions, some of the young men, too, were well satisfied to have her back among them once more.

Roy Jordan returned with his greys last Saturday, he has been away hauling logs all winter.

The young men of this place who have been away in the Maine lumber woods are coming home, most of them are looking well and say they have had a fine winter for their business.

A tramp forced his way into the Bear Island school house here Wednesday night, and made himself comfortable during the storm.

Thomas H. Perley's auction sale was well attended on Wednesday last, and he has sold off everything he wished to sell and intends leaving here next Saturday or the first of the week after for Michigan with his family where he intends making his future home. We are sorry to have him go, as he is a good neighbour and will be much missed here. Isaac Murch and Byron McNally have tapped their trees and report a fair run of sap Tuesday and Wednesday.

#### The Bishop's Illness.

His Lordship Bishop Kingdon, who had been suffering the latter part of last week with a severe cold, was taken with a fainting turn at the 8 o'clock service at the Cathedral yesterday morning, and was removed to his residence. Dr. Crockett who was called, pronounced His Lordship's ailment pneumonia, but it is hoped that the attack will soon pass off. The patient's pulse and temperature was much improved today and the physician hopes to break up the disease before it gets a strong hold.

#### For N. W. M. Police.

A recruiting officer will be in Fredericton, April 25 to 28 to engage men for service in the North West Mounted Police.

#### THE SEXUAL CENSUS.

##### York Has More Males Than Females.

Ottawa, March 8.—The fourth census bulletin deals with the sexes and conjugal conditions. The record of divorces is given for the first time. There is an excess in males in every province of the dominion. But there is an excess of females in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec, Hamilton, London, Winnipeg and all the other centres. The excess of married males is explained by the fact that in certain lumbering and mining districts married men have been counted, whose families at the time of the enumeration were living in the United States, Newfoundland and other countries.

The number of males in Canada is 2,751,473. Of these 1,747,622 are single; 929,915 married; 73,597 widowed; 339 divorced.

The number of females in Canada is 2,619,578. Of these 1,583,459 are single; 905,031 married; 150,766 widowed; 322 divorced.

In New Brunswick there are 168,639 males. Of these 109,043 are single; 54,745 married; 4,815 widowed; 39 divorced. There are 162,481 females. Of these 97,977 are single; 54,310 married; 10,149 widowed; 45 divorced.

|                              | Males. | Females. |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Albert.....                  | 5,693  | 5,232    |
| Carleton.....                | 11,000 | 10,531   |
| Charlotte.....               | 11,371 | 11,044   |
| Gloucester.....              | 14,165 | 13,471   |
| Kent.....                    | 12,268 | 11,690   |
| Kings.....                   | 11,146 | 10,509   |
| Northumberland.....          | 14,798 | 13,745   |
| Restigouche.....             | 5,425  | 5,161    |
| St John city and county..... | 25,059 | 26,700   |
| Sanbury and Queens.....      | 8,819  | 8,087    |
| Victoria.....                | 11,273 | 9,863    |
| Westmorland.....             | 21,389 | 20,571   |
| York.....                    | 16,143 | 15,477   |

#### THE DIVORCE RECORD.

Only 281 Marriage Ties Dissolved in Canada in Thirty two Years.

Ottawa, Mar. 10.—According to the late census bulletin there are 661 divorced persons in the dominion. Of these, 229 reside in Ontario, 58 in Quebec, 91 in Nova Scotia, 89 in British Columbia, 80 in New Brunswick, 36 in the Yukon, 65 in Manitoba, 19 in the Northwest Territories, 14 in P. E. Island and 10 in the unorganized territories. According to the Dominion statistician, there have been granted in Canada by parliament, and by the courts, 281 divorces since confederation. This would account for 562 persons divorced in 33 years, and indicates that a very considerable proportion of the divorces are obtained in the United States. This conclusion is borne out by the figures for the Yukon, where three-fourths of the population are Americans. Thirty-six out of a total population of 2,729 is nearly 10 times a larger proportion than for the dominion as a whole. In Canada, divorces are granted by parliament for Ontario, Quebec, the territories and Manitoba. In Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia and P. E. Island there are divorce courts. There is no record of a divorce having been granted to P. E. Island parties either by parliament or court, yet the census shows 14 divorced persons living in that province.

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## Union Mutual Life Insurance Co.,

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Payments to policy holders \$3,710,096.58. Deposit at Ottawa nearly \$1,000,000.00. The following comparative statements show the marked progress made by the company in all departments during the last eight years:

|      | Assets.           | Surplus.                      |
|------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1893 | \$6,453,309.56    | \$229,292.86                  |
| 1894 | 6,597,336.30      | 359,783.12                    |
| 1895 | 6,797,391.05      | 435,113.55                    |
| 1896 | 7,039,323.43      | 507,348.19                    |
| 1897 | 7,236,555.75      | 548,321.09                    |
| 1898 | 7,544,227.02      | 574,224.75                    |
| 1899 | 7,991,042.63      | 576,807.50                    |
| 1900 | 8,482,038.00      | 586,040.24                    |
| 1901 | 9,013,082.63      | 607,932.00                    |
|      | Premium Income.   | Total Income.                 |
| 1893 | \$ 964,201.08     | \$1,261,930.51                |
| 1874 | 989,552.73        | 1,296,145.86                  |
| 1895 | 1,040,240.77      | 1,353,713.38                  |
| 1896 | 1,107,779.45      | 1,421,686.70                  |
| 1897 | 1,182,965.15      | 1,525,630.16                  |
| 1898 | 1,278,649.29      | 1,665,430.85                  |
| 1899 | 1,444,862.27      | 1,833,919.16                  |
| 1900 | 1,575,176.25      | 1,959,882.01                  |
| 1901 | 1,735,036.06      | 2,105,141.94                  |
|      | Notices of Death. | Amount of Insurance in Force. |
| 1893 | \$456,000         | \$35,914,417                  |
| 1894 | 452,628           | 36,312,041                    |
| 1895 | 498,969           | 36,932,148                    |
| 1896 | 418,436           | 38,086,849                    |
| 1897 | 604,811           | 39,943,575                    |
| 1898 | 571,316           | 42,222,364                    |
| 1899 | 600,206           | 46,054,820                    |
| 1900 | 594,110           | 50,191,853                    |
| 1901 | 685,472           | 52,945,044                    |

From the foregoing tables it will be observed that more than two and one-half million dollars have been added to the Assets during the period outlined, that the Premium Income has increased seven hundred seventy thousand dollars, that the surplus to policy holders has increased nearly three-fold and that over seventeen million dollars more insurance is now in force than at the beginning of the term designated.

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ALBERT J. MACHUM,  
Manager, St. John, N. B.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick at its next Session for the passing of an Act to further revise and continue the Act 52 Victoria, Chapter 47, incorporating The Saint Lawrence and Maritime Provinces Railway Company; and to amend the said Act so as to enable it to build its line into the City of Saint John, and to acquire necessary terminal facilities, with power to acquire and operate steam and other vessels; also to extend the time for the commencement and completion of its line of railway; likewise to change the name of the Company to that of the Edmundston, Moncton and Saint John Railway Company, and also to change the names of the incorporators, and for other purposes.

Dated February 10th, 1902.

THE SAINT LAWRENCE AND MARITIME PROVINCES RAILWAY COMPANY, Applicant.

Feb. 20—d4wks.

## Intercolonial Railway

Tender for Concrete Foundation  
and Wooden Building for Coal  
at Moncton, N. B.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside "Tender for Coal Handling Plant, Moncton," will be received up to WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of March, 1902, for the construction of a concrete foundation and framed building for a coal handling plant at Moncton, N. B.

Plans and specification may be seen at the office of the Chief Engineer, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained. All the conditions of the specification must be complied with.

D. POTTINGER,

General Manager

Railway Office, Moncton, N. B.,  
February 24th, 1902.

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