PROVINCIAL NEWS

SHEFFIELD, Sunbury Co., Aug. 26.—On account of much rain in the early part of the haying season the after grass is fine, and will afford good early pasture.

Miss Kate Cowan of St. John is visiting Miss Laura Bridges. Frank Harrison, professor of music in Northumberland Co., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Moses C. Harrison. Mrs. Thomas Thompson is visiting friends in Carleton Co.

Rev. J. O. Brown, pastor of Maugerville and Sheffield Baptist churches, administered the ordinance of baptism last Sunday afternoon at Little River to three converts.

HAVELOCK, Aug. 21.—Haying is about over, and the crop has been abundant. A number of the farmers expect to send considerable to the American market.

The shipment of berries has been small this season. Green apples of home production have made their appearance in the market.

At a meeting of the members of the Havelock Baptist church on Wednesday it was decided to extend a call to the Rev. Mr. Hall, late of Halifax.

A number of our citizens took in the horse race held at Elgin and listened to the speech given by Premier Emmerson, who was present at the races and spoke from a position on the race course.

Mrs. Wm. Fowler of Lower Ridge gave a party on Friday, Aug. 14, in honor of Mrs. Price of Stillwater, Minn., who is visiting her mother. Among those present were Mr. Ells of Brockton, Mass., and Thomas Hicks of St. John.

McADAM JUNCTION, Aug. 21.—The trustees of Union church are disposing of the funds on hand by putting extensive repairs on the building. Contractor J. McVey is to put a stone foundation under the church and paint the edifice both inside and out. The work of painting has already begun. The ladies deserve great credit for their perseverance in raising funds for the repairs. The trustees have also decided to put in the electric light, which will greatly add to the pleasure of the evening services.

G. T. Baskin is having his building painted by C. Golding, and A. Grant has beautified his home by a handsome portico over the front door.

The building of the new school house is opportune, as the increase in the population is rapid. Besides the incoming of strangers the native population has been augmented by the arrival of a number of "little strangers." During the present summer the following births have been recorded: Mrs. O. Staninx, Mrs. J. Hollett, Mrs. A. Herron, Mrs. J. Pollick, Mrs. J. Tingley, Mrs. Frank Stewart, Mrs. W. Campbell, Mrs. W. Johnston have each added a boy to their family. Mrs. F. Marten has presented her husband with a girl.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. McCann, formerly of this place, now of Brownville, will be pleased to learn that their home has been brightened by the arrival of a fine boy.

Miss P. E. Hoyt has returned home from her vacation.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 22.—The York County Rifle association held its annual competition at Stanley yesterday. The members from Fredericton had to hustle to get away from the Stanley competitors, and of course the meet was much more interesting on this account. The match for Y. C. R. A. cup and $40 cash was won by F. H. Risteen of this city, who made 94 points. A. E. Massie of this city was second, with 89 points. The match for the VanWart cup and $20 cash was won by Alex. Blair of Stanley, with 41 points. His share of the purse was $4. Major Loggie of this city was second, with 40 points. The Elder cup, offered to the competitor making the highest number of points in these two matches, was captured by F. H. Risteen, with 132 points. Arthur Prindle of Stanley won the prize offered by Major Loggie for the highest aggregate secured by a competitor from the parish of Stanley. The team match between Fredericton and Stanley was won by the former by 27 points. Major Howe and Major Loggie presented the prizes. The meet was highly successful.

Rev. Father Ryan ran a very successful moonlight excursion on the steamer Victoria to Maugerville tonight. After arriving at its destination the large number of pleasure seekers enjoyed an old fashioned dance. The proceeds were in aid of Father Ryan's church at St. Mary's.

H. G. Winter, deputy grand master, Capt. J. D. Perkins, representing Elm City lodge of this city, and Mr. Inch, representing the Marysville lodge, leave for St. John tomorrow to attend the Grand Lodge, A. O. U. W.

MONCTON, Aug. 22.—The tides here last night and tonight were the highest in many years, breaking the dykes in many places and doing considerable damage.

The funeral of the late Alex. McNaughton, ex-auditor of the I. C. R., took place this afternoon. The I. C. R. officials attended in a body and sent a beautiful wreath of flowers and ferns. The body was taken to St. John for interment.

Another bold robbery was committed last night, the residence of Clarence Wilson being entered while the family slept and $65 in cash stolen. There is no clue to the thieves.

SUSSEX, Aug. 22.—Labor day in Sussex will be of more than ordinary interest this year. A picnic, to be called the union picnic, is to be held on September 4th next, at which the Sunday school children of all denominations and their friends are to meet on the Military grounds and have a regular good time.

The ice cream social held by the Free Baptists on the grounds of John E. Slipp last evening was very largely attended, and an excellent programme was carried out. Twenty dollars was netted for church purposes.

The collector of customs here complains that parties receiving parcels will persist in sending stamps as payment for duty, contrary to printed directions on the cards they receive.

Rev. A. B. Hubly, who has been ably assisting his father for several weeks in the services of the R. E. church, will preach his last sermon here next Sunday evening in the church at Upper Corner. The young preacher leaves next week for Ottawa to take charge of St. David's, one of the Reformed Episcopal churches, on Sept. first.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Sunbury Co., Aug. 19.—The Sabbath school picnic held some time ago netted $65.

The Church of England purpose holding a mammoth picnic on the 30th inst., proceeds to go towards their handsome new church now in process of erection Rev. Mr. Dibblee deserves the highest commendation for the indefatigable manner in which he has wrought to provide a place of worship for his flock, scattered abroad through Gladstone and Blissville.

Haying has ended and harvest has begun, and truly both are abundant.

D. H. Smith and Miss Helen Mason represented this locality at the Maritime Baptist convention, Fredericton.

BOIESTOWN, Northumberland Co., Aug. 19.—Alfred Meade, who had been dangerously sick with erysipelas, is now able to move about.

Miss Laura Gunter, the popular music teacher, has gone on a vacation to her home at Nashwaak.

Great preparations are being made for the Foresters' picnic on the 26th inst.

George Brown, the veteran hunter, is soon to start on his annual winter hunt.

John Chittick has started a boot and shoe shop in this place, and is receiving a generous trade.

Owing to the fact that a decided impetus has been given to the growing of wheat in this section, William Richards & Co., Ltd., have erected a modern flour mill to be fitted with the most approved style of machinery.

Alex. McMillan is erecting a commodious fence in front of his property under the supervision of Charles Murphy.

The steam merry-go-round has been put in operation, much to the delight of the younger element of the village.

CENTREVILLE, Car. Co., Aug. 21.—John W. Gee's barn with all its contents of hay and farming implements was burned recently at Summerfield. The fire was caused by a small boy playing with matches. A similar loss occurred to Mr. Smith of Simonds, where his young son lit a match, set fire to some straw, and his barn with two years' hay, farming machinery in one half hour went up in smoke.

Mr. Campbell, son-in-law of the late C. A. West, injured his foot and had his toe nail removed, after which severe pain, followed by lockjaw set in, and for a time his life was despaired of. Drs. Brown, Peppers and Baker are in attendance on the sufferer.

Dr. Hugh W. Peppers, who recently graduated M. D. from McGill college, has located in Centreville, taking the place of Dr. Baker, who recently suffered the loss of his fine residence and who soon will leave for other parts. Drs. Peppers and Brown will be the resident physicians of this place.

Jas. Johnston, whose sight began to fail one year ago, is now totally blind, and with it he is nearly helpless, being confined to his bed not able to sit up five minutes at a time.

MARYSVILLE, York Co., Aug. 22.—The death of Mrs. Wheeler, wife of the late Blanchard Wheeler, and daughter of William Limpon, took place on Saturday morning, Aug. 19, after an illness of several months. The funeral took place on Sunday at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. W. Brewer conducting service at the house and grave. The floral tributes were numerous. Mrs. Wheeler was 23 years of age, and has gone to join her husband, who preceded her a short time ago.

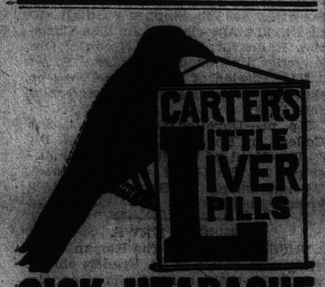
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Flewwelling were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reid last week.

ST. ANDREWS, Aug. 21.—Felix Lemond, organist of Trinity church, New York, at present visiting at St. Andrews, gave an organ recital in All Saints' church on Friday evening. He also presided at the keys at the morning service yesterday, Sunday.

Miss Pauline, daughter of George J. Clarke, mayor of St. Stephen, is visiting at Rev. J. C. Berrie's.

B. F. DeWolfe has received notice from the post office department that a contract has been made with Hugh Cann & Son of Yarmouth, N. S., for the conveyance of mails between Grand Manan, St. John, St. Andrews and St. Stephen by steamer on the same lines as performed by the steamer Flushing, the service to commence immediately; also that the service of the steamer Viking has terminated.

Mrs. W. T. Payne of Yokohama, Japan, who was announced to sing a solo at the service in the Methodist church yesterday, did not do so, having been unexpectedly called to Boston. She will return this week, and will sing at the morning service on Sunday next.



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Another good thing to have in the house is a vial of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They cure biliousness and constipation and never gripe.

Notice posted in the Algonquin hotel states the house will be closed for the season on Friday, Sept. 8th.

Gen. Strong of Washington is at the Algonquin.

Some of the fish weirs in the vicinity of St. Andrews last week made good catches of sardine herring, all of which were taken by the steamers of the Eastport packers.

Rev. E. W. Simonson, curate of All Saints, with Mrs. Simonson, goes by C. P. R. this morning en route to Jacksonville to spend his vacation with his parents and friends there. Rev. E. W. Simonson will take service for Rev. Mr. Sloggart at Houlton, Me., next Sunday. The latter named will assist in the service in All Saints' church here on the same day.

The heated term prevailing in St. Andrews since Friday last is a record breaker.

The dominion steam cruiser Curlew was in port last week.

Sir William VanHorne is at his summer home, Minister's island.

MAUGERVILLE, Sunbury Co., Aug. 22.—Edward Cox was the only recruit from here who took advantage of the harvest excursion last week.

Rev. W. E. Hall of Halifax preached in the Baptist church on Sunday morning.

At the regular meeting of Maugerville Court, No. 1715, I. O. O. F., on Saturday evening an invitation was extended to Rev. B. H. Thomas of Digby, N. S., a former pastor of the Maugerville Baptist church, to preach in the temperance hall on Sunday afternoon to the members of the order. Mr. Thomas accordingly gave an able address on the benign influences of the order to a large congregation. The members were about all present wearing their badges. Mr. Thomas is accompanied by his twin daughters, Myrtle and May.

Hewlett S. Carman of Everett, Mass., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. C. W. Shields, on Sunday. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. B. Cooper of the city and Mrs. Frank Murray and her little son of Campbellton. It has been seven years since Mr. Carman has visited his friends here.

Rev. Mr. McKelvie delivered an address in the interests of the B. and F. Bible society in the temperance hall on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Gerow of the city and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Coffee of Harvey, York Co., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dykeman on Sunday.

The supper given by the ladies of the Roman Catholic church this evening was a decided success. The band of the 71st was in attendance. The David Weston brought down about 250 excursionists from Fredericton and along the river. Patrick McCloskey kindly placed his new house at the disposal of the committee, where a sumptuous repast was provided, and the spacious floors of the new barn were used for tripping the light fantastic. About $150 was realized to go towards painting the interior of their church.

HOPEWELL HILL, Aug. 22.—The tides last night were unusually high, and the dykes along the Shepody river were badly damaged in many places. Crews of men are at work today making the necessary repairs.

The haying season so far has been exceptionably favorable, and a great deal of hay of excellent quality has been secured. The crop is said to be turning out lighter than was expected.

Mrs. Frank Steeves of this place was called to her former home in Elgin on Sunday by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Jos. D. Steeves.

Mrs. Eleanor Rogers has been receiving congratulations of her friends on the event of her 88th birthday, which occurred on the 20th inst. Though of such an advanced age Mrs. Rogers has excellent health and retains the possession of her mental faculties to a remarkable degree.

Alex. Rogers is shiping freestone to St. John from Grindstone Island.

RICHIBUCTO, Aug. 23.—W. A. Cowperthwaite, formerly principal of the schools here, and who graduated from Harvard this spring, has received an appointed as head teacher in a resident college at Easton, Maryland. Mr. Cowperthwaite leaves for his new home next week.

David Hudson and wife of St. John are visiting the home of the former's father, Wm. Hudson.

Father Vennen of St. Charles held a picnic on Saturday, followed by a big concert in the evening.

The steamer Frederick A., owned by R. O'Leary, has gone to Cape Breton to do some towing.—The steamer Fairy, bound from Quebec for Sydney, called in here this morning.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their annual picnic in Long's Grove today.

J. and T. Jardine's bark, Ossuna, arrived off the bar this morning.

MEDUCTIC, York Co., Aug. 22.—The village school retains its former teacher; Temple school has Miss Ruby Dow as teacher; Miss Ethel Dow is teaching at Dow Settlement and Northampton has procured the services of Miss Lucy Marsten, while the school at Lower Woodstock is in charge of Miss Amy Miller of Southampton.

On Sunday morning services in memory of the late Robert Isaac Brown were held in the Reformed Baptist church at Southampton. The services were conducted by the Rev W. B. Wiggins of Woodstock, assited by the Rev. Mr. Gravinor and Messrs. G. B. McDonald and Chas. Stirling. Mr. Brown left here over a year ago a member of the Lawrence party, bound for the Klondike, and reached Vancouver to die. A brother had died a few months since under similar circumstances. Mr. Brown leaves a widow who resides here.

Mrs. R. A. Sinclair and family of St. John, north end, has for the past two weeks been visiting her friend, Mrs. I. W. Marsten.

E. Moore is visiting American and Canadian cities in the interest of his shaft coupler patent.

A bicycle picnic was held a few days since at Hay's Falls. Luncheon was served at the falls, which lie in the heart of a hardwood grove.

J. J. Bull, manager of the Meductic Skimming station, hands over the management today to John Monteith of the Hampton creamery.—J. E. Porter left last week for Minneapolis.—A. J. Marsten and Mrs. Eliza Marsten are in Fredericton today, closing up the estate of the late Ezekiel Marsten before Judge of Probate Straton.

Mr. Tompkins, the genial manager of the Aberdeen hotel, relinquishes the management to the owner, Geo. Marsten, on the 25th inst. Considerable improvements will be made to the hotel.

The crops are about the average in grain and vegetables and below the average in fruits.

CAMPOBELLO, Charlotte Co., Aug. 18.—The schools opened on Monday after a vacation of six weeks, having their former teachers with one exception, Mrs. Annie Dunphy supplying the place vacated by Mr. Bishop at Snug Cove.

Although search was made, the body of Manfred Small, who was drowned last week, has not been recovered. The boat with one oar missing was picked up at North Lubec, Me. Only a few weeks ago an uncle and cousin of the deceased gentleman were drowned very near that place.

The ladies of St. Ann's church held their annual sale in Flagg's hall on Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was fine and the attendance very large. More than $150 was realized, which is to be spent in the building of the new Sunday school house.

E. Daggett of Grand Manan visited friends here last week. Miss Mary Calder, who has been visiting friends at St. Stephen, has returned home. Miss Mary Bridgeo of St. John is visiting at her brother's, Thomas Batson.

GASPEREAUX STATION, Queens Co., Aug. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anderson are receiving congratulations on the advent of a young daughter.

The Methodist Sunday school at Patterson settlement will hold a picnic on the grounds of Wm. H. Jones, near Gaspereaux station, on Tuesday afternoon, August 29th.

Mrs. Sarah McKenzie and her daughter, Alma, of Fairville have been visiting friends here. Maurice S. Kirkpatrick intends going to Fredericton about September 1st to attend the Normal school. He has passed the entrance examination for first class.

Blueberry merchants are still doing a rushing business, and large shipments are made every day.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 23.—Tappan Adney, the well known artist of New York, has written to F. H. Risteen of this city stating that Charles Dana Gibson, the distinguished artist, his brother-Langdon Gibson, the Arctic explorer, and two friends will visit New Brunswick this fall to hunt moose.

Governor McClelan, Premier Emmerson and other members of the government are in the city. There is a meeting of the government tonight.

The champion Tartars arrived home last evening, and today are receiving congratulations from their many friends on the splendid showing which they made on their trip. The members of the team are highly delighted with their outing.

About two hundred students, exclusive of the French department, will enter the Normal school at the fall opening.

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HOME FOR INCURABLES.

The executors of the late W. W. Turnbull estate and the trustees selected under the terms of the codicil of the will relating to the Home for Incurables met yesterday at the Bank of New Brunswick for the purpose of organization. E. H. Turnbull was elected chairman; Herbert Tilley, secretary; and Geo. A. Schofield, treasurer. A letter was read from the department of marine stating that the Marine hospital building would be transferred to the board before the legislative incorporation of the trust, provided the payment of the legacy to the trustees should be made, and a deed of trust executed. E. H. Turnbull, on behalf of the executors and beneficiaries stated that the money would be paid over as soon as the necessary formalities were arranged. A committee was appointed to draft the trust deed, prepare the act of incorporation and inquire into the title of the hospital property. A committee on finance and one on buildings and lands was named. The intention is to proceed with the repairs and arrangement of the building as soon as the transfer from the government has been completed. Mr. Ellis stated that Sir Louis Davies was prepared to act promptly in the matter.

SOUDANESE TROOPS

The Black Warriors of the British Army of Conquest.

Fellaheens Not Soldiers by Nature, But they are Brave and Desperate Fighters in Battle.

Blacks are Good Shots, bu Below he Average of English or American Soldiers.

We were a curious polygot community; the superior officers British, the inferior of many races. Tall, soldier-like Kurds, their wild natures tempered by the habits of discipline and subordination; fair-haired Albanians, proud of the land of their birth, and professing a certain skill in arms; decendants of the Mamelukes; burly Turks, subtle, town-bred Egyptians, as well as their heavier Fellaheen brethren; black Soudanese, who had risen from the ranks; Circassians, and admixtures of most of these races. The men were either Fellaheen or black Soudanese, who many of them had been formerly Dervish riflemen, and had fought against us time and again, had seen the fall of Khartoum, the destruction of Hicks' ill-fated army, the debacle at Baker's Teb, and many other stricken fields.

The Fellaheen, patient, enduring, ox-like men, do not call for much comment; though capable of being worked up to a high state of efficiency and discipline, and though second to none as workers, they are not by nature soldiers. Their hearts are in their native villages on the banks of the Nile; they look forward longingly to the day of their release from military service, when they may return to their village, tend their cattle and their date trees, look to the water-wheels, and slumber through the heat of the day in some shady corner.

With the black it is far different. He is by nature a fighting man and a soldier, and loves fighting for fighting's sake. We had representatives of many tribes in our ranks, all with their tribal characteristics; trusty Shillooks, long, lithe Dinkas, rugged Nubas, Furs, of whom it is said that every man is a thief (no put is intended on the Latin equivalent), and every woman no better than she need be. Then there were members of the cannibal tribes, Nyum-nyum and Fertite, and men from far Bagirma and from the headwaters of the Congo. Some of these men had been in the old khedival army, and had even fought against us in the ranks of Arabi's army at Tel-el-Kebir, and had helped to work the guns at Alexandria, and they had almost to a men led lives teeming with adventure and of the deepest interest. There was one old black officer in a regiment with which I had served, by name Ali Gifoon, of the Shillook tribe. He had been captured by the Gallaba slave traders as a boy, had been enlisted in the khedival army, had gone with the contingent sent to help the French arms in Mexico, and now wears on his breast, in addition to his numerous other decorations, the Mexican medal and a gold medal given by the emperor of the French "for valor." Another officer in the same battalion, named Omar, had accompanied Stanley through darkest Africa, and for his services he was promoted from the ranks. Poor Omar! He was an untamable savage, with a hopeless liking for strong liquors, and I am afraid he was of little use as an officer; among his belongings were two pygmies. With reference to these I remember once or twice in the Soudan coming across slaves who, from their diminutive stature and physique, must have been very nearly related to those strange dwarfed inhabitants of the Central Arfican forests.

Our blacks were full of curious superstitions, with, strange to say, an implicit belief in their white officers' powers as averters of the evil effect of magic. Often have I known a stalwart nafar (private) come before his commanding officer in the orderly room with the complaint that he had been bewitched, and go away quite happy with a letter to the Hakeem to give him some medicine to break the charm. Often was one told on the rifle range by a man that his rifle was bewitched, and one broke the supposed spell by loading it for him, or by firing a round or two.

I was always curious to find out exactly how the inhabitants of the Soudan regarded the mahdi, whether he was looked on as an imposter or as a prophet who has had bad luck; but it was very difficult to get a decided expression of opinion. "Who knows?" was the general answer. My black bugler, Faragalla, an ex-dervish, was the most expansive. "Wallahal," he would say, "he was a great man. He knew how to direct his own men's bullets straight, and how to turn his enemies' bullets to harmless rain. If he had lived things would not have been as they are." "What about Abu Klea?" I said. "He was not present; he never saw defeat!" was the reply. This was so true that I changed the subject and asked him what he thought of Osman Digna. "Ottman Digna?" he said. "Ottman Digna? He works by magic; he writes in the sand; and if the letters spell victory he remains, but if they spell defeat he goes."

The black is an extremely uxorious man, and in the Egyptian army they were all allowed to marry, and a certain percentage were placed on the married strength and received an allowance for the maintenance of their wives and families. With his wife and family near him, the black is absolutely happy. The woman waits upon him, cooks for him the savory messes his soul loveth, and ministers generally to his comfort; the children are his heart's delight, and he never seems so happy as when he is playing with them. The surest way to a black man's heart is through his family, and, with judicious allowance for his feelings in this direction, he is the easiest creature in the world to manage and control. It is to be hoped that in the "black empire" of the future no man will think himself strong enough to arbitrarily sever the black troops from their families.

At Wadi Halfa, Assouan and Suakim the black regiments had their married lines outside their cantonments, and as soon as parade was over they were to be seen hurrying off to them. A certain number in each company were allowed to sleep there every night, and on Fridays, the Mussulman's Sunday, the "Haremat lines" held high carnival. The tom-toms banged unceasingly; the man sat on the shady sides of the houses, clad in snowy shirt and drawers, with their families round them, and in the evening there was nearly always held a "dileuka" or dance, the members of each tribe joining together and performing their tribal dance—as a rule, a curious, posturing shuffle, descriptive of the various incidents of love and war. As the evening wore on the fun grew fast and furious, the torches flared, the drums banged, the dancers shouted their war cries, until at last the bugles sounded lights out, the revelry died away, and these happy savages went off to bed like tired children, to wake on the next day ready for the military routine of a new week.

When the forward movement commenced, in the beginning of 1896, of course the wives and families had to be left behind. But as we advanced into the Dervish country their black sisters flocked from slavery to join the troops, and as the Dervishes retreated or were defeated they left numbers of women and children behind them, among whom our troops discovered many sisters, mothers and even former wives. The woman question soon became a serious one. The Mahomedan law allows a man a plurality of wives; our men had not seen their families for months, and were anxious to form new ties; many women had died at Assouan and Halfa in the cholera epidemic, and there were corresponding widowers in our ranks ripe for consolation. So, wisely enough, men, under certain conditions, were allowed to marry, and soon little villages sprang up round all the contonments. The men who had permission took unto themselves their dusky brides, and in many cases adopted the small Dervish children, and all went merry as a marriage bell. The little villages, built of dried grass or mud, were kept scrupulously clean; military police were made responsible for order, and the most prominent lady was elected sheikha, and with the assistance of the oldest non-commissioned officer and some black commissioned officer settled all disputes, and never were there more orderly, law-abiding communities. When the troops left the Dongola province for further operations south, the grass widows were sent down to Wadi Halfa to join the other families, and it is to be hoped that by now all have been happily re-united at Fashoda, Khartoum or wherever the bread-winner may happen to be stationed.

I mention all this because one's thoughts cannot help turning to Uganda and to poor Thurston, whom we all knew and liked so much, and with the opening up of a vast black empire and the employment of numbers of black troops, I think that a word in season is not amiss, and that a useful moral may be deduced as to the great secret of dealing with black troops. Respect his one great weakness—give him a wife and family and home life, and he is the most genial, contented, easily managed being in the world; deny him this, and he rapidly becomes restless and discontented, spends his leisure in wandering about in search of adventures, brawls and loots in the villages and gives endless trouble.

Some of our blacks were very good shots, but the majority were below the average of English soldiers, and the Egyptians were not such good shots as the blacks.

At the battle of Firket a company of camel corps were lining a ridge of rocks, with a corresponding ridge held by the Dervishes some three or four hundred yards to their front; a black sergeant named Capsoon had found a sort of natural embrasure in these rocks, and, calling an English officer's attention to his prowess, he shot down Dervish after Dervish as he showed himself. The company then charged the Dervish position and cleared them out, and the fruit of Capsoon's skill at arms stood revealed; his bag was nearly a dozen killed dead. This almost equals what one has heard of Boer marksmanship.—Cornhill Magazine.

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