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RECENT DEATHS.

James L. Phillips, one of the best known and highly respected residents of the north end died last Tuesday of hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Phillips had been in poor health for some three or four months, but it was not until about three weeks ago that he was confined to his house. He was for a long time a member of the firm of Phillips Bros., boot and shoe dealers, but a year and a half ago he retired from the firm, and began business on his own account in the book and stationery line on Main street. He was a native of the north end and married Miss Alice Hall of Woodstock, who with eight children survive him. His death will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Phillips was 45 years of age.

The death is announced at her residence, 270 Rockland road, of Mrs. Frye, widow of Henry Frye, a former well known resident of Charlotte county and at one time a member of the provincial legislature. Mrs. Frye was a daughter of the late Dr. Henry Cook of this city, and was a very estimable lady, with a wide circle of friends, who will regret to hear of her death. Two children survive—Mrs. Chas. H. Lee of this city, and Henry Frye of Frye's Island, Charlotte.

A recent dispatch brought the sad intelligence of the death of Prof. Clarence Arthur Saunders, A. M., Ph. D., at El Paso, Texas, Dec. 19, 1898. His body was brought to this province for interment and was buried at Florenceville, Carleton Co., on Tuesday, Dec. 24th.

Mr. Saunders was the only surviving son of John L. Saunders of Florenceville. The greater part of his life had been devoted to preparation for educational work. To this end he studied at King's college, Windsor, N. S., taking his degree of B. A. in 1885 and M. A. in 1888. For two years he studied at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., when he was appointed Fellow in Physics in Clark University, Worcester, Mass. Here he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1895. The same year he was elected Professor of Physics and Mathematics in Ursinus college, Collegeville, Pa. In 1896 he married Miss Lottie E. Wilder of Worcester, Mass. In January, 1897 he was compelled to give up work owing to poor health, and February found Professor and Mrs. Saunders in Texas. The flattering nature of his disease led him to hope for recovery, but month succeeded month and season after season passed away and left no improvement. The end came suddenly. After a confinement to his bed of only four days he passed away.

The body was accompanied on its way to Florenceville by Mrs. Saunders and her father. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. E. Flewelling.

Fred V. Doherty, recently of Brooklyn, N. Y., died early Wednesday morning at 81 Elliot row. Mr. Doherty, who was about 38 years of age, was the youngest son of the late John Doherty, and his mother was in her day the leading soprano of the Cathedral choir. Fred Doherty, with his mother, brother and sisters, left the city some fifteen years ago and took up their residence in New York, where Fred followed his vocation as a musical composer and church organist. Mr. Doherty during his life has written many pieces of church music, among them the beautiful "Ave Maria" composed in memoriam, and as a tribute of respect for his deceased mother, and which was sung at the Cathedral and St. Peter's churches in this city recently. The deceased returned to this city in July last in search of health, consumption having shown itself some two years previously. He took to his bed some five weeks ago, remaining between life and death, until Wednesday morning, when death claimed its own. Deceased leaves a brother, George, and two sisters, Mrs. Palmer of New York and Mrs. McGilvery of Antigonish, N. S.

Marid, relict of the late Thomas Morgan, died at her residence, 80 Portland street, north end, on Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. The deceased was in her 74th year and leaves two daughters and two sons to mourn.

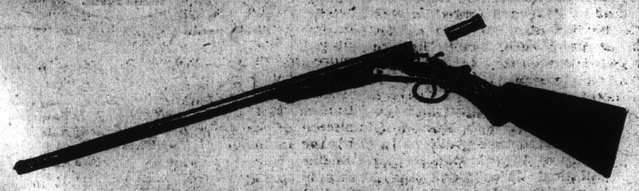
The death occurred at Breckenbrough Hall, Thirsk, England, on December 17, of Mrs. Amelia A. Wright, widow of William Merritt Wright, formerly of this city. The deceased lady, who was 73 years of age, resided with her son-in-law. Mrs. Wright was a daughter of the late Rev. Allen Coster of Gagetown, and her husband was the eldest son of the late William Wright. They resided on Peters street for some years, and Mrs. Wright had many relatives and friends in St. John, who will regret to hear of her death. Her daughter met a sad death only a few months ago, her hair taking fire while being dressed.

The death of William H. Patton took place at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening at his residence, 283 Princess street, after a protracted illness. Deceased was a son of the late Charles Patton, and was for a good part of his life engaged in the dry goods business. He was a past master of New Brunswick lodge, A. F. and A. M., and a prominent member of St. John encampment. He was unmarried. The funeral will take place at three o'clock Friday afternoon from his late residence.

Mrs Jane Willet, wife of David Willet of this city, died shortly before noon Wednesday at her residence, 281 Union street, after a comparatively brief illness. She was a native of Girvan, Scotland. Since the death of her mother, 35 years ago, the family circle has been unbroken, and as children and grandchildren grew up around the venerable couple, who in October last celebrated their golden wedding, the annual family reunions in the old home at Brookville were social events of no ordinary nature. Mrs. Willet was a model wife and mother, who, while winning and retaining the friendship of a large circle, shone brightest at the domestic fireside. Nine sons and daughters have risen up to call her blessed. Her sons are: John Willet, clerk of the supreme court in St. John; David R. Willet, accountant in the city chamberlain's office, and Thomas Willet of Coldbrook Rolling Mills. Of the daughters, three are married: Mrs. Robert Ledingham, Mrs. John Stuart and Mrs. Robert Reid. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the stricken husband and family.

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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Sir John Bourinot on Laurier's Senate Reform Suggestion.

Lady Minto Accepts Honorary Presidency of Executive of Victorian Order of Nurses.

Supreme Court Will Meet February 21st—Medical Experts to Examine Mental Condition of Murderer Brown—Another Patriot to be Rewarded.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—As a result of the visit to Ottawa of Messrs. Hugh A. Allan, of the Allan line, and D. McPherson of the Dominion line, commencing this week there will be an important change in the mail service to England. Mail steamers will hereafter leave St. John on Sundays and Halifax on Monday nights, after the arrival of the train from the west. All western mails will leave Montreal on Sunday night by C. P. R. train and reach Halifax at 10 p. m. Monday, the steamer leaving immediately after the mails are put on board. The first sailing from St. John under the new arrangements will take place next Sunday.

The maritime province premiers and ministers who have been conferring with Sir Louis Davies on the fisheries questions left for their homes today. The object of the conference was to reach a mutual understanding in regard to the carrying out of the privy council's judgment of last June, but while there has been lots of talk, no definite conclusions were reached. One of the provincial ministers explained that the view of the provinces was that they owned the land embraced in the three mile limit, and hence they owned the fish found in the waters covering this stretch of land. Accordingly they claimed the right to issue licenses for traps, nets, etc., within the three mile limit. By the privy council decision, the duty of making regulations respecting fishing rests with the dominion, but the question arises who is to pay for the cost to protect lobsters and and sea fisheries. The provinces claim jurisdiction over the oyster fisheries.

The post office department has only on hand about one month's supply of three cent stamps, and when these are exhausted no more will be issued. It is not unlikely that a four cent stamp may issued to meet the demand for a double rate over the ordinary domestic or imperial rate. The department today issued a new two cents envelope. The die was procured from the famous London house of De-La-Rue & Co., the making and printing of the envelope being executed at the government printing bureau. The contrast between the work done by the English company and that done by imported contract engravers from New York is markedly in favor of the old country product.

J. W. Carmichael of New Glasgow has been offered the vacant Nova Scotia senatorship, but owing to the advanced age (79) he has disinclined to accept.

The customs revenue for December shows an increase of $185,000.

The Doukhobors en route to Canada passed Constantinople last Saturday.

The general belief in political circles is that Mr. Gillmor, ex-M. P. for Charlotte Co., will get the vacant New Brunswick senatorship.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—Your correspondent had a brief conversation with Lord Herschell before his departure for Washington. The question of the alleged sacrifice of Canada's interests was discussed. His lordship was evidently a little put out at attacks which have been made upon him, but said he had long realized that there are penalties which men in public life have to face. So far from there having been any sacrifice of Canadian interests, he could only say that the Canadian people would be in a position to judge the work of the commission when the treaty was signed, and not till then. Up to the present, although considerable work had been done, it could hardly be said that anything has been accomplished. The accomplishment would be the treaty itself.

While professedly a great admirer of the British constitution, Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his suggested reform of the senate would discard British practices and purposes to adopt that of France, and in a measure, of the United States. A Toronto barrister, who was here today, points out that the premier has evidently got his idea of the houses sitting together from Hon. Mr. Mills, who suggested this method of senate reform in one of his Toronto university lectures.

The board of arbitration in connection with the disputed accounts between Ontario and Quebec and the dominion, resumed its sitting here today. The arbitrators are Sir L. Casault for Quebec, Chancellor Bird for Ontario, and Justice Burbidge for the dominion. Argument of counsel on further questions respecting the division and adjustment of the assets of the old province of Canada, between Ontario and Quebec in relation to the common school fund and lands, was proceeded with, after which the board adjourned to meet again in March, when it is likely the proceedings will be brought to a close.

MONTREAL, Jan. 4.—The Reform club proposed to tender a banquet to the American and Canadian members of the joint commission at the Windsor hotel, on the completion of its labors. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been requested to extend the invitation to his fellow members. Some people suggest that the Reform club should wait until it finds out what the United States members have prepared for Canada.

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, interviewed here today concerning Laurier's plan to reform the senate, condemned it, saying it meant much the same as abolition. What the ex-premier principally wanted to know was, if the government was defeated on a joint vote of the two chambers, would it resign, as it would when defeated in the commons?

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—It is rumored that still another patriot, in the person of Wm. Hutchison, M. P. for Ottawa, is to get a government job.

The minister of justice has appointed two medical experts to go to Winnipeg to examine the mental condition of murderer Brown.

A supreme court notice states that its next session will commence February 21. The last day for filing cases is January 31st, and for depositing factums February 4th.

Lady Minto has accepted the honorary presidency of the executive of the Victorian Order of Nurses. At today's meeting two nurses were admitted, and will leave for Vancouver tomorrow.

In conversation with Bourinot today he expressed serious doubts to your correspondent whether the crude plan of senate reform suggested by Mr. Laurier for Canada would meet the crucial difficulties which arise from time to time. In a joint sitting party lines will be just as closely drawn as now, when the houses meet and vote separated. The Australians recognize the necessity of not allowing a bare majority to carry a measure in a case of conflict of opinion. A vote in a joint sitting under the plan meagrely outlined for Canada might not at all be in harmony with public opinion, and the Australians have wisely provided that the house shall only meet to settle a difficulty after there has been an unequivocal expression of popular sentiment on the matter in dispute. It was argued in the Australian convention that a dissolution of the house of representatives alone would be adequate, as is now allowed in the South Australian constitution, but it was deemed best, after a very long discussion, to obtain the fullest possible expression by the dissolution of the two houses. In the case of Canada a dissolution of the elected house of commons under grave circumstances in a political crisis—would meet all conditions, and a joint sitting could then be held to adjust the difficulties after the expression of popular will. If the verdict was averse to the senate it must at once recede, but the objection to the senate will hardly be removed while its members are the creation largely of the party long in power. Such a system as works admirably in the well governed kingdom of Denmark has its advantages, and that is, a senate partly elected, partly nominated. Universities, cities and legislatures might in Canada also have the choice of certain members for the upper house. One thing is quite certain, added Sir John Bourinot, an upper house is an absolute necessity in this dominion to ensure safe legislation and interpose a barrier against rash government, and any change in the constitution of the senate should be in the direction of making it more representative and in the closest possible touch with the sentiment of the most conservative and thoughtful classes in this country, where the influences of democracy are on the increase.

RUSSIAN PRISONS.

Exile to Siberia Found to be Useless and Undesirable.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "Privy Councillor Salomon, of the prison's administration, has just returned here from a five months' tour of the prisons and exile colonies of the Russian government in Siberia, and the Island of Saghallen, off the east coast of Asia. He has furnished me with the chief points of his personal report to the Czar. Its leading feature is Salomon's conclusion that banishment is useless and undesirable as a form of punishment, because it produces the complete moral degradation of the exile.

Salomon found the prisons in western Siberia in fair condition, with no signs of over-crowding or dirt; but in eastern Siberia the conditions were quite the opposite. Matters he found still worse in Saghallen; prisoners badly treated, prisons filthy and hospitals crowded like pigsties. He dismissed two chief directors of prisons for cruelty and embezzlement, and 80 minor officials for cruelty.

FOR LIBERAL LEADER.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Right Hon. Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, radical member for the forest of dean, division of Gloucestershire, in the course of a speech to his constituents at Newent this evening, expressed the opinion that the liberal members of the house of commons would choose as their leader, in succession to Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, the Right Hon. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, member for Stirling district, former chief secretary for Ireland and former secretary of state for war.

YARMOUTH.

Funeral of Victor Baker Very Largely Attended.

YARMOUTH, Jan. 5.—The funeral of Victor Baker at Yarmouth today was one of the largest ever seen in the town. There were many floral offerings, and expressions of sympathy were universal.

An unprecedented mail was received Christmas day at London, including 2,200 sacks from Canada and the United States.

BRITISH VICTORY.

Col. Lewis Defeats Ahmed Fedil on the Blue Nile.

Stormed His Position and Took Fifteen Hundred Dervishes Prisoners.

The Emir Escaped With Some of His Followers—Severe Fighting—The British Loss—Official Report.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—An official despatch from Col. Lewis says that with a Soudanese regiment and a detachment of irregular troops he attacked Fedil while he was crossing the Nile at the cataract south of Roseirox (Rosero-). The colonel's force stormed the island on which Fedil took up a position and some severe fighting followed. Eventually Fedil fled with 500 followers across the river, where his force was dispersed with the Maxim guns.

On the British side Major Ferguson, six Egyptian officers and 18 men were wounded, and 27 men were killed.

Particulars regarding the recent battle of the Blue Nile have been received in a despatch from Cairo to the Exchange Telegraph Co. Col. Lewis, it appears, when he routed Emir Fedil, the last remaining formidable Dervish chief, killed five hundred of his followers and made many prisoners. The Emir, however, succeeded in escaping.

CAIRO, Jan. 5.—Col. Lewis defeated the Emir Ahmed Fedil on the Blue Nile on December 26. His position was taken by storm and 1,500 Dervishes were captured.

CAIRO, Jan. 5.—Viscount Cromer, British diplomatic agent in Egypt, and General Lord Kitchener, the Sirdar, have held a reception of Soudanese Sheikhs and notables at the Sirdars house at Omduman.

Lord Cromer, in the course of a long address to the Sheikhs, pointed to the British and Egyptian flags floating together near by, and said: "For the future you will be governed by the Queen and the Khedive. The sole representative in the Soudan of the two governments will be the Sirdar, in whom the Queen and the Khedive have the fullest confidence. No attempt will be made to govern the country from Cairo, much less from London."

Then announcing that they must look to the Sirdar alone for good government, Lord Cromer promised them perfect religious freedom, and in reply to a Sheikh's question assured them that the Moslem sacred law would be applied. He also declared that taxation would be "moderate and just."

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

LAURENCETOWN, N. S., Dec. 30.—The body of the late Thos. R. Illsley was interred in the new cemetery yesterday with Masonic honors. He was only sick a few days of pneumonia. He leaves a sorrowing daughter, Mrs. William Bishop of Williamstown, with whom he resided since the death of his wife last May, and two sons, who reside in the United States.

The W. C. T. U. has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. J. W. Whitman; vice-presidents, Mrs. L. R. Morse, Mrs. John Shaffner, Mrs. J. Astbury; cor. sec., Mrs. H. H. Whitman; rec. sec., Mrs. J. E. Shaffner.

H. H. Whitman has sold his wind mill to Shaffner Bros. of Williamstown.

Mrs. Leander Miller is very ill at her father's residence.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 3.—The sad news of the accidental shooting of Victor Baker, son of Hon. L. E. Baker, near Kemptville, 24 miles up the Tusket river from Yarmouth, which arrived this afternoon by telephone, startles the community. The deceased, accompanied by his younger brother, Seymour, and Principal Geo. H. Cain of the Milton school, went off with their guns a week ago to enjoy a holiday camping out in the forest. The time had come for their return and they were on their way back in a team this afternoon, when the accident happened. Mr. Cain and Seymour Baker were riding in the wagon and Victor, who had got out, was walking behind the vehicle. He noticed that the guns in the bottom of the wagon wanted adjusting and stepping forward, he seized the weapons by the muzzle. One of them was loaded and it was discharged almost close to his breast. He fell to the ground at once, dead, shot through his lungs. His companions picked the body up and hurriedly conveyed it to the hotel at Kempt ville. Others there only confirmed what they already were assured of, that the young man must have died instantly. Dr. Morse of Ohio was summoned and held an inquest. The remains will be brought to Yarmouth tomorrow. The deceased was the second son of Hon. L. E. Baker, and was about 20 years old, a fine, manly fellow of exemplary life and the picture of youthful valour and activity. He was liked by everyone, and his death is a great shock to the community.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Jan. 2.—The funeral of Mrs. S.G. Jackson was held yesterday. Her death was the result of a surgical operation, which took place in a New York hospital, where she had gone for treatment. She was a daughter of A. A. Pineo of Kentville, and a sister of A. V. Pineo, barrister, of this town.

The funeral has just taken place of one of the oldest residents of the town. Mrs. Johnson, wife of the late William J. Johnson, was a Miss Marshal of Bear River, and leaves four sons and three daughters. James Johnson, a barrister, is practising in the the west; Knight has a ranch in B. C., and Edward resides on the homestead. The daughters are Mrs. Coombs, formerly of Halifax; Mrs. Cowan, now of Omaha; Mrs. Caldwell of Boston, and Louisa, who resides at home.

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The funeral of the late William F. Boggs took place on Saturday. He was for several years a resident of Wolfville, and formerly of Truro. He left three sons, Dr. W. B. Boggs, missionary in India; Dr. Boggs of British Columbia, and S. W. Boggs of the D. A. R., Kentville, where he resided at the time of his death. William Boggs, missionary in India, at present on furlough at Wolfville, and Albert and Theodore, who are attending Acadia, are grandsons of the deceased.

HALIFAX, Jan. 5.—Not for years has there been a wedding in Halifax which excited so much interest in or out of society circles as that of Captain Cruske of the 2nd Leinster regiment and Miss Daisy Oliver, daughter of Surgeon Colonel Oliver and niece of Sir Thomas Galt of Ontario. The ceremony took place at the Garrison Chapel. Hundreds of presents were sent by friends of the bride. They left by the afternoon train, proceeding as far as Truro. The trip will be extended to Niagara Falls. The couple will reside in St. Lucia.

Steamer Fernmoore came in this afternoon with the Neptune liner Queen Wilhelmina in tow. She was picked up 265 miles south of Halifax on the afternoon of New Year's day, with her intermediate shaft broken. The accident happened early Sunday morning.

The death occurred at Montreal last evening of Robert Dalgish, wine merchant of that city. Mr. Dalgish was well known in Halifax. He was born in Glasgow, and was 63 years of age, and leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters.

The Gallia sailed today for Liverpool with 300 British troops and officers on board.

The Dominion liner Vancouver arrived this morning from St. John. She will be the last mail boat to sail on Thursday, as hereafter they will leave on Monday. The Vancouver sailed after the arrival of the late train, taking several hundred tons of freight here, most of which came from western points.

A great crowd assembled at the shipping office today, trying for a chance to get on the steamer Lake Ontario for the voyage to Cuba and Spain. The ship advertised for fifteen waiters at fifteen dollars a month.

(The orders now being filled for the steamer Lake Ontario are very large, and it is probable that $20,000 will be spent here among local firms. T. A. S. DeWolfe & Sons, who have the business in hand, are buying everything in Halifax. The 1,500 berths being put in the vessel will give employment to a large number of hands, and as work is rather scarce just now carpenters are delighted with the prospects. At the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company's factory extra hands are working day and night to fill orders for 1,500 matresses and pillows. The contract, which is a large one, must be filled at an early date, and the work is being rushed. Hardware firms, druggists, grocers and butchers are all getting a share. The meat bill will be very large, and large quantities will be taken and kept in cold storage. The 1,000 tons of coal required is almost all on board.)

LONDON CABLE.

New Year's Honors That Evoke Surprise by Omissions.

About Five Thousand Doukhobors Now On Their Way to Canada to Settle in the Northwest.

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Star's London cable says: New Year's honors evoke surprise by the omission of Henniker Heaton, M. P., and William Mulock. The omission is all the more significant because the list includes a post office official, Jasper Badock. The only suggested explanation is that honors await the completion of the imperial penny postage by the inclusion of the Cape and Australia. The reduction of Canadian inland postage rates excites much attention. It is felt it must hasten inclusion of the United States in the imperial penny postage scheme. Henniker Heaton writes me that the news from Canada was indeed a most pleasant surprise. "The courage and wide, progressive views of the Canadian postmaster general put to shame my own Australian statesmen."

The first party of Doukhobors, some 2,600 strong, passed Constantinople December 26 and will reach St. John January 18 (?). The second party, 2,000 will leave Batoum today in charge of Count Serge Tolstoi. Altogether over 5,000 will settle in the Northwest this spring. H. P. Archer, Tolstoi's representative in England, sails on the Californian January 6 to arrange for their settlement.