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"Yes, only two."

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Salt rheum and all eczematous conditions of the skin are cured by the use of Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

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A Pill for Generous Eaters.—There are many persons of healthy appetite and prompt digestion who, after a hearty meal are subject to much suffering. The food of which they have partaken lies like lead in their stomachs. Headache, depression, a smothering feeling follow. One so afflicted is unfit for business or work of any kind. In this condition Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will bring relief. They will assist the assimilation of the aliment, and used according to directions will restore healthy digestion.

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Michael Hallern, of St. Thomas, Cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Suffered With Diabetes and Backache for Over a Year—Was Advised to Use Dodd's Kidney Pills—"Saved From His Grave."

St. Thomas, Feb. 19.—Nowhere in Ontario are Dodd s Kidney Pills more highly valued than in the neighborhood of St. Thomas. They are famous for having first given sufferers from Bright's Disease and Diabetes a road to safety, for previous to the discovery of Dodd's Kidney Pills these diseases were invariably fatal.

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Diabetes is a local disease of the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills are therefore the only medicine of the slightest use in the treatment of this disease. The kidneys are the only organs affected, and Dodd's Kidney Pills are the only medicine that can reach the kidneys with any beneficial effect.

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As for Diabetes the statement signed by Mr. Hallern, of St. Thomas, and witnessed by Mr. E. E. Ostrander, of Dutton, will prove that the claims made for Dodd's Kidney Pills are absolutely true. The statment reads:

"I have been troubled for one year with Diabetes. My back was in the worst kind of pain all the time. My urine was very dark and my condition was getting very serious. A friend of mine told me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I have now used one box and am already completely cured. My urine is at its natural color and my back is as strong as a board. I can not praise Dodd's Kidney Pills too highly for I am certain they have saved me from the grave."

An Observing Child.

Hazel is just six years old. She goes to a kindergarten and is just learning her letters. The other day the teacher was endeavoring to teach her the latter part of the alphabet and help up a block with a big "T" printed on it.

"Hazel, what is this?"

Hazel thought a long time and called it "I."

"No, no, Hazel. You ought to know what this is. What does your father drink every night for supper?"

"Beer!" shouted Hazel, and she wondered why the teacher smiled.

Thousands Like Her.—Tena McLeod, Severn Bridge, writes: "I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil for curing me of a severe cold that troubled me nearly all last winter." In order to give a quietus to a hacking cough, take a dose of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil thrice a day, or oftener if the cough spells render it necessary.

Miller's Worm Powders are the best laxative medicine for children; as nice as sugar.

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Mrs. Binks—The paper says a western woman has a baby that has never cried in its life.

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New life for a quarter. Miller's Compound Iron Pills.

Proved His Innocence.

Mrs. Crimsonbeak — I understand they found a shirt button in the contribution box, to-day. I hope you didn't put it there, John?

Mr. Crimsonbeak—Me? You ought to know I haven't had a shirt button on a shirt for six weeks!

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Puzzled.

"Papa."

"Yes?"

"Does the fall of night have anything to do with the break of day?"

Why He Loved Wagner.

"Who is your favorite composer?" asked the young woman.

"Well," answered Mr. Blykens, "so far as I am able to judge my favorite composer is Wagner."

"Wagner?"

"Yes. I love Wagner. I don't profess to know much about him, but I am assured on competent authority that he never wrote any of those ragtime tunes for the street pianos to play."

A dose of Miller's Worm Powders occasionally will keep the children healthy.

Further Evidence.

"There is something, after all, in the idea of opals being unlucky."

"What new light have you had on it?"

"Youny Hankinson has a fine opal ring.. He was wearing it the evening he proposed to Miss Garlinghorn."

"And she refused him?"

"No. She accepted him."

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The Lady—What caused you to become a tramp?

The Tramp—I wuz drove away from a happy home an' forced ter become a wanderer.

The Lady—How did that happen?

The Tramp—Me wife an' me mudder said dat I eider had ter go to work er git out, an' I got out.

Miller's Worm Powders cure fever in children.

A Plain Declaration.

Fond Mother — Has Mr. Brown, with whom you have been dancing all the evening, at last declared his intentions?

"Yes, mamma."

"Thank goodness! What did he say?"

"He declared he would never get married."

MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.,

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Gent'emen,—In January last, Francis Lelaire, one of the men employed by me working in the lumber woods, had a tree fall on him, crushing him fearfully. He was, when found, placed on a sled and taken home, where grave fears were entertained for his recovery, his hips being badly bruised and his body turned black from his ribs to his feet. We used MINARD'S LINIMENT on him freely to deaden the pain, and with the use of three bottles he was completely cured and able to return to his work.

SAUVER DUVAL.

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Not a Showman.

Bobby—Are you in the show business, Mr. Wedder?

Mr. Wedder (with eight children)—Why, no, Bobby; what made you think so?

Bobby—Oh, I heard papa tell Kate that if she married you she'd have a whole menagerie to look after.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the House.

Parks in Algeria.

France is about to raise a loan of $30,000,000 for public parks in Algeria.

His Own Fault.

Houlihan—Clancy is forever tackling a bigger mon than himself and getting licked!

Cahill—Yis! Clancy is his own worst inimy!

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"Mr. Smith, do you want me to adopt rational dress?"

"No, my dear, but I'd like you to wear irrational dress at rational prices."

Analyzed.

Cora—There are no less than ten different colors in my new shirt waist. I tell you it's a dream.

Merritt—A dream? Why, my dear, it's a nightmare.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

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ASSURANCE COMPANY.

Head Office: 112-118 King Street West, TORONTO.

For the year ended December 30th, 1899.

Dec. 31, 1898	To net Ledger Assets	$2,977,451.54
	RECEIPTS.	
Dec. 30, 1899.	To Cash for Premiums $744,865.58	
" "	To Cash Income on Investments 148,656.81	
		893,522.39
		$3,870,974.03
	DISBURSEMENTS.	
Dec. 30, 1899.	By payments for Death Claims, Profits, etc. $303,081.50	
" "	By all other payments 281,182.32	
		584,263.82
	Balance net Ledger Assets	$3,336,710.21
	ASSETS.	
Dec. 30, 1899.	By Mortgages, etc.	1,416,982.69
	" Debentures (market value $936,935.55)	579,959.97
	" Stocks and Bonds (market value $587,391.50)	559,998.62
	" Real Estate, including Company's building	334,651.79
	" Loans on Policies, etc.	221,605.37
	" Loans on Stocks (nearly all on call)	194,821.42
	" Cash in Banks and on hand	28,705.96
		$3,336,710.21
	" Premiums Outstanding, etc. (less cost of collection)	137,298.24
	" Interest and Rents, due and accrued	35,074.75
	" Market value of Debentures and Stocks over cost	56,394.16
		$3,565,477.36
	LIABILITIES.	
Dec. 30, 1899.	To Guarantee Fund $ 60,000.00	
	" Assurance and Annuity Reserve fund 2,929,552.00	
	" Death Losses awaiting proofs, etc. 51,507.35	
		3,041,059.35
	Net Surplus	$524,418.01

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STR. CALIFORNIAN ON ROCKS

Big Allan Steamship Struck Early on Sunday Morning.

Sailed From Portland, Me., at Midnight, Saturday—Ocean Tug Sent to the Rescue—The Sea Was Very Heavy and Many Attempts Were Made Before the Passengers and Crew Were Saved With Much Difficulty.

Portland, Me., Feb. 26.—The big Allan Line steamship Californian, which left her dock at midnight, went ashore on Ram Island Ledge, just outside of the harbor, a few minutes after her pilot left her yesterday morning. All the passengers are safe, although still aboard. The condition of the vessel last night was uncertain.

Most of the local seafaring men are of the opinion that the rocks have penetrated the bottom of the vessel in several places and they doubt very much if she can be saved. The master of the Californian is Capt. John France, one of the oldest and most capable employes of the line.

The Cabin Passengers.

There are six cabin, five intermediate and ten steerage passengers, besides a crew of 75 men.

The cabin passengers are: Mr. and Mrs. Hatton, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. D. Wilson, Toronto; Miss Bailey, Ottawa, and Mr. Browell, Esquimalt, B.C.

It is impossible to say the names of the others as there are only two lists, one on board the ship and the other in the mails for Montreal.

As soon as the Californian struck bombs were fired, rockets sent up, and colored lights burned. The rockets were observed by the patrol men at the Cape Elizabeth life saving station, but, owing to the severe gale and the high sea they were unable to row across in their boat and render the steamer any assistance.

Ocean Tug Could Not Reach Her.

Soon after a boat from the Californian arrived, having rowed in from Ram Island, Capt. Barclay, captain of the Allan Line, chartered the ocean tug Piedmont to go to the grounded steamer and render any assistance possible. Such a heavy sea was encountered that the tug was compelled to come to anchor fully a half mile from the steamer.

Yesterday forenoon the life saving boat from the Cape Elizabeth life saving station, seven miles away, launched a boat and put off for the steamer, intending to transfer the passengers from the steamer to the tug Piedmont. Some of the women passengers desired to be transferred, but on seeing the manner in which the lifeboat pitched and rolled, they decided not to leave the ship.

Passengers Perfectly Safe.

Capt. Barclay says that the hold is full of water, the fires are extinguished and there is a heavy sea, but the passengers are perfectly safe. They elected not to be transferred.

The principal items of cargo include 2,500 boxes of meats, 3,000 pieces of fresh meats, 1,200 pails of lard, 2,000 barrels of apples, 1,600 boxes of cheese and a large consignment of grain and general cargo.

Valued at $3,000,000.

The Californian is built of milled steel, is class A1 in Lloyd's special survey and with additional strengthening over Lloyd's requirements, as well as to comply with demands of admiralty for transport service. Her length is 400 feet, beam 46 feet and depth 32 feet 8 inches. Her tonnage capacity is 5,300 tons. She is valued at $3,000,000.

The ship is lying under the lee of Ram Island on the edge and although the waves are breaking with great force, the long ledge acts as a breakwater and protects the ship. The wind is now blowing strongly from the west and the sea is rapidly subsiding. The passengers will probably be taken off this morning without danger and if the sea is smooth the work of removing the cargo will commence.

All Passengers Taken Off.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The Allan Steamship Company was advised last night that all the passengers had been got off safely from the Californian. It is believed the vessel will be badly damaged.

Five of One Family Killed.

Buffalo, Feb. 26.—A Geneva special to The Buffalo Courier says shortly after midnight Saturday the midnight express on the Lehigh Valley Railroad struck a carriage containing seven persons at Tuttle's Crossing, about 25 miles east from Rochester, instantly killing five of the occupants, fatally injuring another, and badly bruising the other. All were members of Porter Smith's family.

On the Boulevard.

She rides by in her Russian sleigh
Wrapped to the very eyes in furs;
In all the passing line today
No equipage can vie with hers.
Her fur clad coachman, dignified,
In stately grandeur holds the reins;
The fur clad footman by his side
No vulgar side glance ever deigns.

She sits there haughty and alone,
The pride of fashion in her face,
And, like a princess on her throne,
She looks down on the populace.
She is the envied one of all,
And yet no gladness fills her heart,
For, oh, her new boots are too small,
And, oh, oh, how her chilblains smart!

OUR BOYS IN THE FREE STATE.

Interesting End of a Reconnaissance by the Munsters.

Though there is scarcely a night now that the regiment does not get some alarm or other, there was quite a commotion the other evening when the report became current that a party of the mounted men of the Munster Fusiliers and Corpl. Molyneux, of our transport corps had been taken prisoners by a party of Boers. The party had started out about daybreak in a reconnaisance over Belmont konjes and had not returned at sunset. Finally about nine o'clock they turned up with a drove of one hundred and fifty head of cattle, a couple of hundred head of sheep and goats, an oxen team and wagon, and a considerable quantity of other truck. It seems the party had gone over into the Free State several miles and came to a farm of a Boer who was away fighting at Magersfontein. Immediately they rounded up his stock, and while at this work three of the party left to guard the road leading to the farm, were fired on by a couple of horsemen, and in a few moments a party of seventy armed Boers came in sight. Warned by the shooting the rest of the party quickly rode from the farm house and advanced towards the party of Boers, who fired upon them, the bullets coming dangerously close. A few shots from our men, however, quickly put the party to its heels, and the stock and other stores were quickly rounded up and brought into camp. All this occurred not more than fifteen miles from camp and shows that the enemy are not far away and may attack us at any moment.

A Shell in the Kitchen of the 18th Hussars.

THE HEALTH OF THE REGIMENT

on the whole since its arrival in South Africa has been remarkably good, considering the tremendous climatic changes through which the men have come. Nearly all the cases in hospital since our arrival in Belmont have been of tonsilitis, which I understand from the natives is epidemic in this part of the country at this season of the year. The days are frightfully hot and the nights uncomfortably cool. The result is very heavy dew, which is particularly hard on those of the men who have to spend the entire night out in the open on guard and picket duty. I went through the hospital yesterday with Surgeon-Major Wilson. There are three cases of tonsilitis, two of which are convalescing and one pretty serious. The other inmates are suffering from minor complaints which though weakening are not dangerous. Considering what the regiment has come through since we sailed from Quebec the average good health of the regiment is remarkable. There have unfortunately been two deaths, but that is a small average death rate in a regiment of over one thousand, subjected all the time to the most tremendous changes of climate, food and occupation.

SIR RICHARDS' SON.

While down in Orange River on a foraging mission, made necessary by the fact that outside the regimental rations it is impossible to get anything to eat at Belmont, I met Major Cartwright, who is stationed there as superintendent of railway transport. Major Cartwright is earning a great reputation with the Imperial officers. When he arrived at Orange River a few days before the regiment passed through that place there was but a single railway siding, and the result was that days, hours and weeks of time were wasted, because of the lack of sufficient sidings to provide for the loading and unloading of troops, transports and supplies. The Canadians while at Orange River put in one additional siding for him, and since that time Orange River has changed from a side station to a well equipped railway depot. There are now miles of siding and thousands of troops and many train loads of supplies can now be brought in and taken out of Orange River without the slightest delay. And all this is due to the tireless energy and practical knowledge of a Canadian officer. Col. Miles, adjutant-general at Orange River, speaks in the most complimentary manner of the valuable services rendered by Major Cartwright at that place.

While there I also met Capt. Kennedy, another Royal Military College Graduate in the Imperial service, who has charge of the system of wireless telegraphy which will be used at the front in a short time. Capt. Kennedy expects to go forward in a few days to join Lord Methuen's column at Modder River with a full equipment of wireless telegraphy, which will be used between Lord Methuen's army and Kimberley.

THE ATTACHED OFFICERS.

I hear that Lieut.-Col. Drury, who came out with us from Canada on the Sardinian has been attached to one of the artillery divisions at De Aar. Lieut.-Col. Lessard has been attached to one of the cavalry brigades under Gen. French at Naauwpoort along with Capt. Forester. Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., is, I understand, at De Aar, and is snortly to be assigned to important duties in connection with railway construction, either under Gen. French or Gen. Gatacre's column.

A CANADIAN HONORED.

Major Denison, of Toronto, Appointed to the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief.

Belmont, Cape Colony, February 1.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar has conferred a signal honor upon Major Septimus J. A. Denison, of the Royal Canadian Special Service Regiment, by appointing him a member of the staff of the Commander-in-Chief. The Canadians are delighted at this signal honor, which they regard as a special compliment to Canada and its soldiers. Major Denison s experience will make him an admirable A. D. C. to Lord Roberts.

All are well.

W. Richmond Smith.

(Major S. J. A. Denison, who has been appointed A. D. C. to Lord Roberts, is an officer in the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry and has personal charge of the recruiting of the first Canadian contingent. He was appointed quarter-master of the battalion at Quebec and has acted as such until the present time. Major Denison is a Toronto man, a member of the well-known Denison family, and nephew of Col. Geo. T. Denison. His selection for so distinguished a position is a subject for congratulation among his numerous friends in Canada).

Some Old Swiss Coins.

At a recent auction sale at Zurich more than 1,000 gold and silver Swiss coins of the fifteenth to the nineteenth centuries were disposed of.

Biscuits for Dyspeptics.

Put one pint of coarse graham flour and half a pint of sifted cornmeal in a bowl; add a teaspoonful of salt; mix the meals well together. Pour in hot sweet milk, enough to make a light batter, and beat with a patent egg beater until it is all a foam. Thoroughly grease muffin tins or a baking pan and heat the pans very hot; then pour in the batter and bake in quick oven. The more crusty these biscuits the better, so only pour in enough batter to make a thin biscuit or a large, flat cake. Water may be used instead of milk for mixing.

Apple Meringue.

Pare, core and slice the apples; line a pudding dish, bottom and sides with lady fingers; fill in the space with sliced apples; separate three eggs; add to the yokes half a cupful of sugar; then add one pint of milk; pour this over the apples and bake in a moderate oven from 30 to 35 minutes. Make a meringue from the whites of the eggs; heap it on top of the pudding; dust thickly with sugar; return to the oven a moment to brown and serve cold.

NINETY CANADIANS WOUNDED

Dr. Ryerson Gives That as Number of Non-Fatal Casualties.

Official List of Canadians Killed on Sunday, 18th Feb.—There Were 18 Instead of 19 as First Reported—Four Canadians Were Wounded in Fighting on Tuesday—All Strathcona's Horse at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A cable was received by the Militia Department yesterday from Lieut.-Col. Otter, dated Kimberley, the same day (Sunday), stating that the following Canadians were wounded on Tuesday, Feb. 20:

"C" Company.

Pte. John Burton Holland.
Pte. R. Kidner.

"F" Company.

Pte. W. Downing, 62nd St. John Fusiliers, severely.
Pte. A. Parker, 63rd King's County Battalion.

Pte. Adams is Safe.

Pte. Adams of the 7th Battalion, London, recruited in "B" Company, who was reported missing after the engagement at Paardeberg on the 18th instant, has since turned up for duty.

Ninety Canadians Wounded.

Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, honorary secretary of the Canadian branch of the Red Cross Society, received a cable on Saturday from Dr. G. A. Ryerson. It was dated Orange River and read: "Nineteen Canadians killed, ninety wounded." This no doubt refers to the total Canadian casualties to date.

Belongs to Woodstock.

The Corporal J. Smith killed belongs to the 22nd Oxford Rifles, and lived at Woodstock. The former reports gave R. Smith of London.

Sir Alfred Milner's Message.

Lord Minto received a cable from Sir Alfred Milner Saturday night, reporting the casualties in the Paardeberg Drift fight on Feb. 18. The report tallies with that sent by Lord Strathcona. The cable winds up with: "While with much regret I send above list I wish to express to you the great admiration which I felt here for the noble share borne by Canadians in late engagement. Milner."

THERE WERE 18 KILLED.

Lord Strathcona Cables Ottawa the Official List of Our Dead.

Ottawa, Feb. 26. — In answer to the cable of the Deputy Minister of Militia, Lord Strathcona cabled on Saturday the following list, as officially published on that day.

Canadian infantry killed at Paardeberg Drift, Feb. 18:

7,004, Sergeant W. T. Scott (5th R.C.A., "A" Co.).
7,626, Corporal P. Goodfellow (5th Batt., "E" Co., Montreal.
7,069, Private Jackson.
7,074, Private A. Maundrel (5th R.C.A., "A" Co.).
7,113, Private J. Todd (5th R.C.A. "A" Co.).
7,106, Private J. H. Somers (5th R.C.A., "A" Co.).
7,256, Private J. Smith (22nd Batt., "B" Co.), Woodstock.
7,118, Private J. A. Donegan (26th Batt., "B" Co.), London.
7,255, Private W. White (21st Batt., "B" Co.), London.
7,339, Private J. H. Findlay (35th Batt., "C" Co.), Toronto.
7,371, Private W. T. Manion (10th R.G., "C" Co.), Toronto.
7,506, Private Z. Lewis (N.W.M.P., "D" Co.), Ottawa.
7,455, Private O. T. Burns (43rd Batt., "D" Co.), Ottawa.
7,500, Private Jackson, (37th Batt. "D" Co.).
7,068, Private C. A. Barry (Civilian, "E" Co.), Montreal.
7,654, Private C. Lester (Civilian, "E" Co.), Montreal.
7,670, Private A. McQueen (8th Batt., "E" Co.), Montreal.
7,993, Private E. D. Taylor (Charlottetown, N. P. E.C., "G" Co.).

Details of wounded not yet available.

Letters for Soldiers Postage Free.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Dominion authorities a few days ago cabled the Cape Colony Government, asking if it could not see its way to remit the postage on soldiers' letters. A message was received which is a boon to countless Canadians. It announces that letters to and from soldiers, Canadians and English, now in South Africa, will be postage free.

STRATHCONA'S HORSE.

They Arrived at Ottawa With Their Mustangs on Saturday.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—The Strathcona Horse third and last detachment came into the city Saturday night at 5.30. A hundred men and 450 horses composed the influx. The horses are small mustangs, many of them quite untamed. The full complement of Strathcona's Horse is now in the city, with the exception of ten men, who are coming down from the Yukon. The troop is expected to set out for Halifax on or about March 5.

R. M. C. Cadets Accepted.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—A cable received from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain says that five of the cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, will receive commissions in the Imperial army. The cadets are: Boone, Harris, Lewis, Webster and Hosler.

TONS OF HAY, FLOUR AND JAM.

Prof. Robertson Gives Figures of War Office Purchases in Canada.

Montreal, Feb. 26. — The amount expended for Canadian products by the Imperial War Office for use in the South African campaign, including freight, will reach in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a million dollars. This information was obtained yesterday from Prof. Robertson, Canadian Dairy Inspector, who is looking after the shipments at St. John. So far, he says, the War Office has purchased 12,000 tons of hay, besides 600 tons of flour, 120,000 tins of jam and seven carloads of corned beef, all being put up in Canada. He says the price of hay has increased $2 a ton, and, he added: "Hon. Mr. Fisher has received cables from the War Office expressing the greatest satisfaction at the quality of the hay, the corned beef and flour.

First Time It Has Happened.

"This is the first time the War Office has purchased so extensively in Canada, and the products of the Dominion having given them such good staisfaction I believe the present war will make both the British army and navy extensive customers of Canada.

"The hay has been secured in Eastern Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick; the corned beef in Montreal and Toronto; the flour from the Lake of the Woods people, and the jams from the Simcoe Canning Company, Hamilton. The hay is prepared so as to occupy one-third less space than formerly, and this may constitute a new departure in the hay trade of Canada, where space means so much to the exporter."

FROZEN TO DEATH.

A Market Gardener Meets a Sad Fate Near Buffalo, N.Y.—Fatal Explosion at Plattsville, Wis.

On Wednesday next (Ash Wednesday) Lent begins.

Patrick McGarry, a sawyer, was suffocated by smoke and burned to death at Centre Rutland, Vt., on Sunday.

Hon. Senator Casgrain has accepted an invitation to speak at the coming annual dinner of the Ontario Land Surveyors' Association in Toronto.

Sir Frank Smith's condition was considered most serious on Sunday. Mr. J. J. Foy, Q.C., spent the night at the Senator's bedside on Sunday night.

R. R. Jemison, a farmer of Eggertsville, N.Y., was found frozen stiff in a snowdrift about a mile north of Buffalo on Saturday morning.

Mr. William Butterfield, the celebrated London, Eng., architect, is dead. He was in his 86th year.

The large mill and elevator of the Maritime Milling Company at New Glasgow, N.S., were destroyed by fire Sunday morning. The total loss is covered by $200,000 insurance.

Another case of smallpox developed on Saturday in the Adams house at Toronto Junction, which has been under quarantine since the outbreak of the disease.

The United States transport McPherson, commander Hutchins, was towed into Hampton Roads Saturday by the Jamaica fruit steamer Admiral Sampson, which found the big transport drifting helplessly about at sea several hundred miles off Charleston, S.C. The McPherson had broken her propeller.

The Independent Tug Company was incorporated on Saturday under the laws of Ohio, with a capital stock of $100,000, to complete the tug combination known as the Great Lakes Towing Company.

The Lamport and Holt steamer, Capt. Cadagan, from Santos, Jan. 31, via Bahia and St. Lucia, with coffee, arrived at quarantine, New York, on Saturday night and reported yellow fever on board, two deaths having occurred.

News has been received from Pullman, Ark., of the explosion of a saw mill boiler at that place in which seven were killed.

The Plattsville, Wis., powder mills were wrecked by an explosion Saturday afternoon, killing three men and badly injuring another.

Mrs. E. P. Hayes, the wife of Dr. E. P. Hayes, a dentist, in New York, was shot and killed Sunday night in her apartments by Dr. Frank D. Caldwell, an assistant of Dr. Hay