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REMINDERS.

THURSDAY.
MEETING OF COURT Frontenac, I.O.F.
FRIDAY.
JACK FESTIVAL at Queen Street Methodist Church.
TENDERS received for the Deeks' farm by J. W. Langmuir, Toronto.
SATURDAY.
AUCTION sale of property in Portsmouth by Murray at his rooms at 1 p.m.
STREET CARS resume trips.

DIED.

PATERSON.—In Kingston, at the residence of her father, J. M. Sherlock, on May 16th, Mary E., beloved wife of Rev. G. C. Patterson, late missionary in British Columbia, aged 35 years.
Funeral notice to-morrow.
FRANKLIN.—In Kingston, at her son's residence, Elizabeth, relict of the late William Franklin, of Pittsburg township, aged 84 years.
The funeral will leave the residence of her son, C. D. Franklin, No. 94 Earl street, on Friday at 2:30 p.m., for Cataract cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

WANTED.

A GOOD COOK. Apply to MRS. J. UPPER in the evening.
A COOK. Apply to MRS. A. S. OLIVER, King Street, between 7 and 9 in the evening.
A GOOD, SMART BOY, 14 or 15 years old. Apply to PROF. N. F. DUPUIS, at Queen's College.
TENDERS will be received by the undersigned until SATURDAY NEXT, the 18th inst., for Twelve shares in the Kingston Gas-light Company, belonging to an estate. NOEL, KENT.
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MAJOR SHORT KILLED.

AN APPALLING ACCIDENT DURING A FIRE IN QUEBEC.

The Major Buried in the Ruins—His Command Taken Out in a Mangled Shape—The News in Kingston—Mrs. Short Informed.

QUEBEC, Que., May 16.—Early this morning fire declared itself in the property of Mrs. McCann, St. Valiere street. It originated in the same house, a vacant one, three weeks ago. In the adjacent house lived Gandisse Planie, carter, who returned to find his home in ashes and his wife and children safe, though they had been unable to save a single article of furniture.

The flames shot upwards in great splendor and spread with terrible rapidity. The fire brigade of St. Sauvier was unable to cope with the emergency. Mayor Kirouch and other prominent citizens were early on the ground, assisting the firemen and doing all that was possible with their aid and counsel. Over 40 houses were burned and the loss will total \$60,000 to \$100,000.

QUEBEC, May 16.—"B" battery of artillery was called out to aid the firemen and workers in fighting the flames. At 7 o'clock while the military were preparing to blow up some houses to check the fire from spreading a premature explosion took place in one of the houses killing Major Short and Sergt. Walleck, of "B" battery. Both were buried in the ruins. Up to this hour the body of Major Short has not been recovered. Sergt. Walleck was found near the door dreadfully mangled.

The Body Found.
QUEBEC, May 16.—Major Short's body was found shortly after 9 o'clock, minus a leg and an arm which were found some distance from the trunk.

The News in Kingston.
It was about ten o'clock this morning when a telegram was carried to the residence of J. B. Carruthers, Earl street, intimating that Major Short had been fatally injured. Very soon after Lieut. Col. Montzambert sent another announcing the death of the gallant officer. Then the press despatches, announcing the terrible affair, were sent to the house. At once the family consulted as to the best means to break the news to Mrs. Short, who was the guest of John McIntyre, Q.C.

Mrs. Short left Quebec on Thursday last, coming to Kingston on private business. She left her little two-year-old daughter with the father in the Citadel and was anxious to get back. It was her intention to have left to-day for her happy home. As soon as the news was considered it was thought wise that Mrs. Short should be prepared for the terrible news that most sooner or later be made known. She was then told of the accident, but without mentioning his death.

At 12:30 o'clock the terrible news was told Mrs. Short. She was fearfully shocked, though she was of the opinion that he was killed when the first news was broken to her. She was induced to remain here, as it is probable that the remains will be brought here for burial. The body was recovered, but much mangled.

J. B. W. C. and Miss Carruthers left for Quebec this afternoon.
Mrs. Short was married in June 1884 to her deceased husband and many remember the joyousness of that occasion. Since that time her married life has been happy. One little daughter came to cheer the home, and possibly now will be the sunshine to illumine an otherwise dark future.

The news of the accident was received with great sadness by the citizens generally. The despatches bulletined were carried speedily over the city causing sincere sympathy to be extended to Mrs. Short and the Carruthers. Military men mourned the death with feelings that cannot be expressed.

Sketch of Major Short.

Major Short, one of the heroes of the North-West rebellion, was a native of Sherbrooke, P.Q., and a son of the late Judge Short, but was bound to Kingston by ties of the most enduring character. From his youth he was imbued with a rare military ardour. The profession of arms first became his desire and then his destiny. When yet a young man he joined the volunteers of his native town, and when "B" battery was formed in 1871, and Quebec school of gunnery opened, he, then holding the commission of lieutenant, entered it for a short course. He was an enthusiastic soldier, and made such an impression upon his superior officers that he was recommended for a long course. At its completion, in 1874, he was appointed to a lieutenancy in the battery. In 1882, on the retirement of Major-General Strange, Col. Montzambert became commandant of the garrison and Short was promoted to the command of the battery with the rank of captain. Subsequently, and by general orders, he was made field officer with the rank of major.

Until the outbreak of the North-West rebellion he had not been engaged in active service, but while still a lieutenant, and during the Quebec stevedore riots in 1879, he gave evidence of his fitness for the position he held. The rioters were dispersed by the military, but not until they had assaulted the military. The subject of this sketch was struck in the face by a flying missile and very seriously cut. A batteryman says he did not flinch, but remained on duty until all danger was passed, and when he marched to the citadel afterwards such was the appearance of his face from the flow of blood that he could scarcely be recognized. What the major-general thought of him was indicated by the language in which he clothed his recommendation for promotion: "He has great aptitude for acquiring a military knowledge."

In military circles Major Short was much esteemed, and this fact was fully evidenced by his selection as second in command of the artillery team which a couple of years ago won the ordnance shift at Shoeburyness and brought to Canada the trophy of victory.

His gallantry on the field of battle won for him great honors. It was at Cut Knife that he distinguished himself. That fight occurred on May 2nd, 1885. It was when the Indians, with irresistible force, swept down upon the troops that Major Short, who occupied the crest of the hill, in command of the men of "B" battery, called for volunteers to repel the advance of the yelling and howling horde of savages. Detachments of mounted policemen, artillery, and "C" company promptly responded to the call, and with a rousing cheer charged at the Indians with such force as to check their advance. A desperate hand to hand conflict ensued for some moments, when the Indians, finding the onslaught of our men too severe, wavered, and turning their backs to

the volunteers fled back to the coulee, being protected in their retreat by Indians concealed under cover. A gallant handful of twenty volunteers pursued the fleeing Redskins for some distance, doing much execution among their retreating foes.

On the major's return to Kingston, he was interviewed, and he said that the battle of Cut Knife Creek was a severe one. The men fought bravely and secured the key of the position when the forces were recalled. Afterwards they had to take the same point over again. The Indians had been driven from the right, from the front and into acoulee on the left, and could have been swept out of existence had not the recall sounded. The reason for the retreat has never been announced. The major told how he shot the Indian who pierced his cap. He said that a score of Stonies were driven off on the run when a big brave deliberately turned and fired at him. He (the major) was 20 feet away from his men, urging them forward. The shot pierced his hat. At once he grabbed the rifle from a soldier, tried to fire the two cartridges, but they would not go off. He flung the rifle aside, drew his revolver (a big one) and hit the Indian on the side. He rolled over, jumped up and tried to run, but could not. An excited batteryman seeing the Indian's attempts, rushed forward, saying, "He alive! he alive!" and he fired, but missed. The Indian then dropped down and drew his blanket over his head, and a moment afterwards felt the effect of a blow from the stock of the gun in the Frenchman's hands. Major Short afterwards captured a bowie knife from the fallen brave's belt. He has it now with him.

The major's racer, "Jack the Barber," was shot on the field. The horse, after being hit, turned around in a startled way. While being taken back to Battleford he laid down and expired. "Major Short," said one of the gunners, "was thought the world of by every soldier. The mounted police boys were wild over him."

Regrets at "A" Battery.

The officers of the Canadian militia, acquainted with the late Major Short, regarded him as a man of sterling ability, and possessing qualities which gained the esteem and affection of those with whom he became acquainted.

Lieut. Col. Straubenzie, D. A. G., was overwhelmed. Said he, "It's terrible. Charlie Short was every inch a soldier. If I had wanted an officer to aid me on any duty I should have called for him. He was reliable, gallant and brave. He was the best officer in the Canadian service. I have said so when he was hale and well and I repeat it now."

The officers of "A" battery feel despondent since the news of the untimely death of Major Short reached them. A reporter visited the barracks to-day to ascertain opinions with reference to the character of the late major.

Lieut. Col. Cotton said: "I became acquainted with the late Major Short twenty years ago in Quebec. He was then connected with a local volunteer corps near Sherbrooke. He never served with me, but I considered him a highly efficient and thorough officer. He was never associated with any contest or even a war, but he was an honorable. He was one of the best soldiers that I ever knew. Personally he had a very happy way about him, and those under him always had great confidence in his ability as an officer and leader. He was gallant in everything he undertook, and kept his men in perfect order while they were in service. In 1879 he was injured during a riot in Quebec. He was sitting on his horse when he was struck with a brick thrown from an angry mob. The brick cut his horse and wounded him. He fell off his horse and was picked up by his men. Had it not been for his busy he would have been killed. Off service he was genial and jolly, and exhibited a freedom with his men in contact that won their affection."

Major Wilson said: "Major Short was one of the finest and noblest men in my estimation that ever lived. I have known Short for over sixteen years, becoming acquainted with him first in military life. Major Short joined the Quebec school of gunnery in 1871, when it was first started. The school was started after the imperial troops were withdrawn from Canada. I joined the school of gunnery in 1872. Ever since the late major's military career has been a brilliant succession of daring exploits. He has always been a marked man and made a reputation for himself in everything that he has done. He distinguished himself at the bread riots in Quebec. He was at the time in command of the field division. In 1878 he figured at Montreal in the Orange riots, when young Haekett was shot. History states how the major made his mark in different exploits, and gives a list of the many narrow escapes he has had in his lifetime. During the Cut Knife engagement in the North-West he was shot at by an Indian standing twenty yards distant from him. The ball cut away the gold band of his cap, but did not reach him. He went on fighting while the band was hanging down. The Indian who fired the shot was one of Poundmaker's tribe. He was an enthusiastic sportsman, and very fond of horses. He has ridden in a great many famous contests and never rode to lose. At one time he and Lieut. Col. Montzambert owned the famous running horse, "Barebones." They won many races with him. The horse was killed in the North-West. The late major was sent to England as adjutant of the Shoeburyness team in 1883. Col. McDonald was in command of the team. Major Short was always a genial fellow, a thorough gentleman and a gallant officer. The men under him had always implicit confidence in him, and were willing to follow him anywhere. Before joining the school of gunnery at Quebec he was attached to the Richmond field battery. I will leave to-night for Quebec to attend the funeral of the late major. He was one of my dearest friends."

Capt. Drury said: "Major Short was a brave man, and distinguished himself during the Quebec riots. On one occasion he kept a mob of turbulent men at bay single-handed. He kept men from pillaging a building. Fifteen years ago I met Major Short while I was on my way to Kingston to join "A" battery. A finer soldier, in my opinion, never lived. Socially he was a charming companion, versatile and witty. One thing certain his place in the battery cannot be filled by as good an officer. He was exceptionally popular in military circles. I know of none more popular. I had always the feeling that he was one man in the world who had no fear. His men always felt sure of their position while he was at the head. He was a gallant cool-headed and a good-natured leader. He was a fine horseman, and rode with more judgment and grace than any man I ever seen ride a horse. He was also a most liberal and charitable man with his brother officers and men. He was an athlete of consider-

able repute, and one of the smartest sprinters in Canada. During the 12th of July riots in Montreal, "A" battery, stationed in Kingston, visited Quebec. While there they carried on sports which were attended by Major Short. A race of 120 yards was engaged in by Major Holmes, of "A" battery, and Major Short, of "B" battery. Holmes was considered a first-class sprinter, but was beaten easily by Short."

A Volunteer's Opinion.

Adj. Galloway, of the 14th P. W. O. rifles, was spoken to respecting the death of Major Short. He said: "When "B" battery first came to the city a deputation of officers of the 14th batt., met the battery, and spent a few hours pleasantly with the strangers. One day while speaking at a military dinner Major Short said he would never forget the kindness and courtesy shown his battery by the volunteer officers when the battery first arrived in the city. I took a short course in "B" battery, while it was here, and then I became intimately acquainted with Major Short. While he was a strict and rigid disciplinarian during drill off duty there could not possibly be a more genial and agreeable man. He was highly revered by those who were under him. He was a good soldier and a man who took a great interest in military matters in general. He knew no fear and this helped to make him the gallant officer that he was."

Col. Otter's Report.

Lieut. Col. Otter, who commanded the Battleford column, speaks in his report to the government, respecting Major Short's gallantry at the battle of Cut Knife. He says: "Shortly after the fight became general, a rush was made by the enemy for the Gatling gun. They were sharply repulsed by a party from the police and artillery gallantly headed by Major Short. Four Indians were killed." In another section of the report, the colonel says: "Major Short, R.C.A., by his gallant charge already mentioned, no doubt saved the Gatling gun and throughout the day proved himself the beau ideal of an officer. He seemed to bear a charmed life as he stood in the front lines and worked the guns."

Who Sergt. Walleck Was.

Sergt. Walleck was stationed in Kingston with "B" in 1885. During the North-West rebellion he was in charge of one of the Gatling guns at Fort Pitt. He was a bombardier while stationed here. Since the rebellion he was raised to a staff-sergeancy. Staff-Sergt. Walleck is well-known here. He was promoted to be staff-sergeant of "B" battery when staff-sergeant Newland was transferred to "A" battery.

Notes Gathered Up.

"A" battery band was to have played on the wharf this evening, but the engagement has been cancelled.

The officers of "A" battery will send a beautiful wreath of flowers to Quebec to be placed on the casket of deceased.

Capt. Drury, of "A" battery, being the next senior subaltern in the regiment, is entitled to succeed Major Short at "A" battery.

A Great Loss.

QUEBEC, May 16.—The number of houses burned before the fire went out was about seven hundred, and as a large number were tenements occupied by more than one family the number of families homeless is not less than twelve hundred.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Newsy Paragraphs Picked Up by Our Reporters in Their Rambles.

A meeting of the streets committee will be held this evening.

The mayor has issued an order for eleven new white helmets for the policemen.

The Sons of England will attend service at St. James' church on Sunday morning, the 26th.

Schr. Watertown, loaded with grain, and the schr. Julia with lumber, left to day for Oswego.

The Y.M.C.A. cricket club will play a match on the morning of the 24th against a picked club.

The schr. Mary Ann Lydon is being extensively repaired at Davis' dry dock. Her topsides are being recalculated.

The funeral service of Mrs. W. Franklin in the Sydenham street church at 2:30 o'clock to-morrow. Rev. Mr. Sparling will conduct the service.

"A" battery band will play at the benefit baseball match on Monday. Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick and Mayor Thompson will act as umpires and C. J. Cameron, A.M., will score.

The police should look after a resident of Elm street, who has a wife and family depending upon him. He will not work, and when intoxicated abuses his wife and children in a brutal manner.

At a meeting of the bar tenders baseball club held last evening D. James was elected captain. The members of the team were elected. An interesting game is expected to-morrow with the Wolfe Island team.

A Shannon, of Watertown, has been appointed superintendent of the construction of the waterworks. Mr. Johnston, Belleville, has been appointed book keeper. Capt. Craig will introduce the new superintendent.

The secretary of the board of trade was informed this morning by Post Office Inspector Griffin that letters may be posted at the post office up till 10 o'clock p.m., instead of 9 o'clock as formerly, also that letters dropped in the box at Hanley's are carried to the outer station where they are distributed and forwarded to their destination.

POLICE COURT—THURSDAY.

An Old Woman Sent to the House of Industry—A Colored Thief.

William Whitehead, considering that he had not been before the magistrate in two years, had his sentence reserved in order that he might have an opportunity to leave the city.

Ether Hutchinson, who has been wandering about the streets for several days, was gathered in by Officer McCullough. A man named Healey told the officer that he saw a man ill-treating Mrs. Hutchinson late on Saturday evening on Rideau street. The fellow ran away before Healey could reach him. The woman was sent to the house of industry.

W. Graham, colored, while drunk was arrested. Since his incarceration it has been learned that he had appropriated articles that belonged to other people. He was charged with having taken a screw wrench, the property of Shore Lymnes, and an axe belonging to Dr. Herald. The prisoner pleaded "not guilty," and elected to be tried by the magistrate. Graham was remanded for a week.

AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD.

TELEGRAMS FROM THE EARTH'S FOUR QUARTERS GIVEN.

The Little Things that Affect Canadians—Flashes from Europe and What They Portend—A Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

Wm. W. Harding, for many years proprietor and publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, died yesterday.

The Queen has given St. James' palace to Prince Albert Victor, but he will not begin housekeeping until next year.

President Carnot fears disturbance in France after the exhibition closes. The exhibition will not be fully open till June.

Charles Hope, Marion, Ind., aged 72, shot and fatally wounded his daughter-in-law yesterday as the result of a quarrel.

The tent caterpillar has appeared on the apple trees near Montreal more numerous than during any of the past fifteen years.

The six days go-as-you-please race, San Francisco, was concluded last night. James Albert made 533 miles; Gus Guerrero 525.

The body of Louis E. Robellase, kept at the bottom of the river, New York, with heavy weights, was washed ashore. He suicided.

Sir Edward Malet, the British ambassador, gave a dinner at the British embassy, Berlin, yesterday to the delegates to the Samoan conference.

Many arrests have been made in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Cronstadt in connection, it is supposed, with the discovery of the new plot against the czar.

A correspondent at Wiesbaden says the physical health of the Empress of Austria has been much benefited by massage treatment but her mind is still clouded.

The lines of the Wabash railway east of the Mississippi river, were sold yesterday to Messrs. Ashley & Joy, representing ninety per cent. of the bonds for \$15,550,000.

Allan Thornydyke Rice, New York, the newly appointed minister to Russia, died suddenly this morning. Mr. Rice had been suffering from a throat affliction for a few days, but it was not considered dangerous.

A column of telegraph matter about how a thunder storm approached New York from New Jersey should be of the most absorbing interest to the people of Canada. Indeed, we cannot be too thankful that it did not approach from Connecticut.

The British ship Albatross from Sydney, N.S.W., for San Francisco, was wrecked at Neirai, an island in the South Pacific. The first officer was drowned. A boat containing part of the crew and the passengers is missing.

THE SHAH ON A JAUNT.

He is Cordially Greeted in Russia—He is Bound for England.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 16.—The Shah of Persia, now journeying from Teheran to St. Petersburg, is meeting with a grand reception in Russia. In Erivan the streets through which he passed were lined with troops and at several points there were triumphal arches, bearing the inscription, "To the Shah's sacred person." The entire town was brilliantly illuminated at night.

The shah will be in England during July, and is to occupy apartments at Buckingham palace during his stay in London. He is a very costly guest, for in 1873 his brief visit cost upwards of \$20,000, of which the Queen herself paid \$12,000. There was a bill of £1,800 for cleaning and re-decorating the rooms in Buckingham palace which were occupied by the shah, who, however, is reported to be now a very much more civilized creature than he formerly was. He is to visit Buckingham, Liverpool, Manchester, and Leeds, and will make a short tour through Scotland, and he is expected to be present at the naval review at Spithead on July 27, when one of the royal yachts will be placed at his disposal.

Strikers Are Increasing.

BERLIN, May 16.—The builders of Sproutan, the carpenters of Bunselau, Korugburg, Wurzburg, Lubeck, and the brewers of Dortmund are on strike. The tailors of Bremer-Haven, have obtained an increase of wages and a reduction of hours. The agitation is extending. In Berlin the employees of the general omnibus company and several traders are disaffected. The metal works of Luxemburg are discharging the workmen on account of the scarcity of coal.

A Big Fire.

WORCESTER, Mass., May 16.—The Worcester theatre was discovered to be on fire shortly after 3 o'clock this morning and was totally destroyed. The fire apparently started in the rear of the building near the stage. Explosions followed each other in rapid succession, and in a short time the roof fell in. The Bay State hotel stands in close proximity and its rear wall was blistered. "Faut" was played last night by Lewis Morrison and company. The company's loss is \$11,000, including costumes.

All After Oil.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 16.—The continued flow of the oil well hourly increases the oil excitement. Speculators and representatives of capitalists from the oil regions in Ohio and Pennsylvania are arriving on every train. The Standard Oil Co. is well represented. A half dozen new companies were formed yesterday of local capitalists, and in a few days perhaps a dozen wells will be started. Agents are busy trying to lease lands as far as ten miles from the city.

An Atheistical Mayor.

LONDON, May 16.—Herr Gnauth, a prominent councillor of Giesson, and widely known as a leading atheist, has been elected Mayor of that city. The religious element have made a great outcry against his taking his seat, and it is doubtful whether the government will confirm his election. He was elected by his fellow-councillors without a dissenting vote, and solely upon the ground of his administrative fairness.

Ready to Negotiate.

YANKTON, Dak., May 16.—The Sioux Indians at the Yankton agency are preparing to negotiate with the government for the sale of seven townships of the northern part of their reservation. The tract embraces some of the finest land in South Dakota, and a rush of settlers is expected to follow its opening.

Reckless.

Rumors is the cry, but the Grand Union keeps on selling at low prices and is happy. Competition has collapsed and we are masters of the situation. For fine clothing at low prices call on The Grand Union, 1221 Princess street.

It is likely that the members of the 14th battalion and battery bands will unitedly give concerts in the city park.