

Cecil Rhodes Safe From Harm.

A recent private letter from Kimberley states that Cecil Rhodes, Rochfort Maguire, and the Hon. Mrs. Maguire are all living in luxuriously appointed underground chambers in the Kimberley diamond mine, secure from shot and shell.

How Roberts Heard the News.

Lord Roberts, says the Outlook, learned of his son's death at the Travelers' Club. He was talking to a distinguished general at a little distance from the tap room which was formed a circle of the members.

Some one who did not know Lord Roberts was present exclaimed: "Good heavens! Bob's son is killed!" "What! what!" cried Roberts, elbowing his way to the tape.

He read the fatal intelligence, then walked out of the club without a word. The members gazing after him with silent, affectionate sympathy.

THREE OFFICERS OF SECOND CONTINGENT.



LIEUT.-COL. T. D. EVANS, R. C. D. Second in command of Cavalry.

LIEUT.-COL. LESSARD, R. C. D. In command of Cavalry.

LIEUT.-COL. STEELE, Who will command the Riders of the Plain.

The History of Appendicitis.

The entire literature of appendicitis down to the year 1899 numbers no less than 2500 articles, books, etc., and in a recent number of The Medical Record Dr. George M. Edebohis, A. M., M.D., has a most interesting review on the "History and Literature of Appendicitis."

At Last the Ribbon.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The ribbon for the veterans' medals has arrived from England, and the first issue of medals will be made as soon as the ribbon can be cut in lengths and attached to the medal, with the clasps.

THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

The Farmer and His Market.

SIR,—Your correspondent of Quincy, Mass., advises P. E. Island farmers to control the market, and demand a higher price when farm products (especially potatoes) are scarce, and asks "why do not the farmers unite and make it scarce every year by holding it for a higher price?"

Your correspondent overlooks the fact that there are other places besides this Province where potatoes are grown and that the supply exceeds the demand. It is competition that makes the price, and everything else being equal, the farmer or the merchant who can sell cheapest takes the trade.

Telephone For Farmers.

Farmers in the western part of Wood County, Michigan, have a rural telephone service in operation. The farm-houses between Grand Rapids, Weston and McClure are connected by phone with these towns and the farmers enjoy the same privileges accorded town patrons of the line.

The telephone company, which is composed of business men at Grand Rapids and Weston, proposes to put a phone in nearly every house in the section of the county lying between these three points. The innovation promises to extend all over the county.

Farmers will be thus placed in immediate communication with several markets, and if they have anything to sell they can fit learn the prices offered by various dealers and then deliver to the one offering the best figure. Just this advantage alone it is said, will more than pay for a phone. It is proposed to have things so arranged that housewives in the country can sit down when tired and visit with their friends and relatives in town over the phone.

Test the Urine...

It tells the state of the Kidneys—To make the Kidneys healthy use Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

The up-to-date physician ascertains the health of the kidneys by an examination of the urine. It is not necessary, however, to send an expert in order to tell if the kidneys are deranged. You can conduct an examination yourself.

Allow the urine to stand for twenty-four hours in a glass bottle or vessel. If at the end of that time it contains a sediment resembling brickdust you may be certain that the kidneys are sluggish and inactive, and that they are leaving deadly poisons in the system which will in time produce terribly fatal complications.

As an invigorator of the kidneys Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are of inestimable value. They act directly and naturally, and make the kidneys, liver, and bowels regular, active, and healthy.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills positively, permanently, and promptly cure Bright's disease, kidney and liver disorders, backache, lumbago, rheumatism, and all the painful and fatal complications of the filtering organs of the body. The sale of this great kidney remedy is enormous throughout this continent and Europe.

A Skin Beautifier

Of inestimable Value, which Positively Cures Pimples, Blackheads, Eczema and every form of Skin Disease, is Dr. Chase's Ointment.

As great as may be the difference of opinion as to the various types of beauty, no one can see beauty in a face that is disfigured by pimples and blackheads or scarred by traces of eczema or other skin diseases.

The low-necked society dress frequently reveals shoulders and back covered with pimples or other skin eruptions repulsive to the sight. Why are women content to use powders and harmful preparations to cover up such blemishes when they could as well cure them and make the skin clear, healthy and natural by using a preparation so well known as Dr. Chase's Ointment.

Eczema, or Salt Rheum, may be taken as the most severe form of skin diseases which mar beauty and cause terrible itching and burning sensations. That Dr. Chase's Ointment has cured the worst cases of eczema on record is well known.

No preparation is of such inestimable value in a woman's toilet, for besides curing the pimples that are usually troublesome at regular intervals, it gives instant relief to the itching to which women are subject, and absolutely cures piles.

See a box at all dealers, or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

A jack of all trades. The wool from the sheep's back was put through every stage until ready to wear, by the farmer's own household. The farmer himself could build his own dwellings and do most of the other things about the place that now the skilled workman does for him. This order has changed with the progress of the world.

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The Canadian Order of Foresters.

This popular fraternal insurance society was organized in November, 1879, and is now 20 years old, and each succeeding year it has been growing stronger numerically and financially. The society has a membership of upwards of 35,000 in the Dominion of Canada, to which its operations are confined.

Table listing various branches and their assets, including Dominion of Canada stock, deposits, and various bank accounts across different provinces.

Since its inception the order has paid to its members and their dependents upwards of two million dollars in insurance and sick and funeral benefits. The society issues policies for \$500, \$1000, \$1500, and \$2000, the latter sum being the limit of any life, and the premiums for the same are only 60 cents to \$1 per month per \$1000 according to the age of the applicant.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit Branch, though an optional feature, is very popular among the membership, upwards of 16,000 being enrolled in that department. The benefits are \$3 per week for the first two weeks of illness and \$5 per week for the succeeding ten weeks during any year, besides a funeral benefit of \$30. The fees for same, payable monthly in advance, are from 25 cents to 45 cents, according to the age of the member when joining the branch.

There are now about 700 subordinate branches, or courts as they are called, throughout Canada, and the order is now well established in all the provinces and territories of the Dominion.

All physically and morally qualified males between the ages of 18 and 45 years of age, who are not debarred on account of their occupation, are accepted for membership.

For further particulars enquire of any of the officers or members of the order, or address R. ELLIOTT, THOS. WHITE, H.C.R., Ingersoll, High Sec., Brantford, Or ERNST GARTUNG, S.O., Brantford.

Watching the Fenians.

A recent despatch says:—The administration at Washington is giving more attention to Boer sympathizers in that country than they are willing to admit. The treasury secret service agents have been instructed to attend all pro-Boer meetings, especially the one called in Boston. United States District Attorneys and Customs Inspectors along the border from Maine to Washington State have been instructed to be on the alert and convey to the Government at Washington, the slightest intimation that strange men in any numbers are congregating near the Canadian border.

Lions Tore Him to Pieces.

Vienna, Jan. 4.—One of the animal keepers at the Vienna Zoological Gardens entered the cage of lions Monday in a spirit of bravado, and six lions rushed upon him and tore him to pieces. The attendants sought in vain with flaming torches and streams of water to drive the wild beasts from their victim.

Exonerated Her Slayer.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Alfred Morrison, who was on Tuesday night shot by her husband, who claims to have mistaken her for a burglar, died from her injuries today. She made an antemortem statement exonerating her husband from all blame.