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NO NEWS FROM WAR OFFICE

A Truce was Observed Yesterday

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Ladysmith Garrison is No Way Daunted

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A despatch to the Daily News from Modder River, dated Dec. 18, says: "We are now waiting until England shall have realized the actual facts. It has to be admitted that man for man we have found ourselves pretty well matched. But the Boer has always the choice of position. Let England then become alive to the need for the further despatch of 100,000 men. Such a force will prove the truest economy in blood and treasure."

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The War Office has received a cable from General Forestie Walker, dated Capetown, yesterday, saying that he had no further news of the general situation. "It may, almost safely, be predicted that nothing will occur to-day since, either formally or informally the day is being kept for observance of Xmas by the opposing force."

The Duke of Connaught is again pressing to be allowed to go to the front. But the Government has declined to give its consent. Then, waiving the consideration of rank, he offered his services to Lord Roberts in any capacity as staff officer. Lord Roberts consented, but the Government again declined.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—It is announced that the government has accepted another offer of another squadron of Canadian riders.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The Minister of Militia and his head officials observed Christmas day by working hard at the department all day on matters connected with sending of a contingent to the front.

Dr. Borden said that everything was progressing at headquarters. One of the principal difficulties which confronted him namely transport of troops has been finally settled.

The mounted men would be sent by the Montezuma and the artillery and extra horse by the Laurentian and Pomeranian.

Asked about the graduates of the Royal Military College who were to receive commissions in the Imperial army, the Minister replied that a number of those who recently graduated are to obtain commissions in the Royal Artillery.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Commandant Demellon, who was taken prisoner at

Elands-laagte, and brought to Simonstown, where he was confined on the British cruiser Penelope has succeeded in making his escape.

The Times, this morning, says:—"We are informed that the Government has decided that it is not desirable to make further demands upon the European garrison in India, unless unforeseen difficulties arise."

An undated heliograph message from Ladysmith, by way of Pretoriusburg, represents the garrison in no way daunted by General Buller's reverse at Colenso, and as confident of being able to hold out indefinitely.

A SAD AFFAIR.

Farmer Accidentally Killed on Saturday Evening Last.

Last Saturday evening Angus (Peter) McDonald, of Little Harbour, hitched up his horse and cart and proceeded to Souris to do some shopping. On the way down he met a friend from East Point, who requested him to call at the station for some parcels that had come by train. After transacting his own business he went to the station as requested. On leaving there, the night being quite dark, he drove into a deep trench at the head of the street. He was suddenly thrown out upon the frozen ground, one of the wheels of the cart passing over his head, while the horse taking fright, scurried off down the street. Mr. Lauchlin McDonald and Mr. John Joseph Campbell were in the cart at the time, but escaped unhurt. He was at once carried into Mr. Paul McPhee's house where, with the aid of medical skill, all was done that was possible under the circumstances to alleviate the sufferings of the dying man who was unconscious up to the last. Fortified by the rites of his church he breathed his last about four hours after the accident. Deceased was a quiet industrious farmer, a good neighbour and a friend to all. He leaves a wife and family who have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their great sorrow.

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Local and Other Items.

ARTILLERY.—No. 2 drill began at 7.30 o'clock.

LOOK OUT for programme of the Prince Street School concert which will appear in to-morrow's EXAMINER.

CALEDONIAN CLUB.—Regular monthly meeting of Caledonian Club this evening at 8 o'clock.

Y. M. C. A.—The annual sale of papers and magazines at the Y. M. C. A. will be held in the Reading Room on Thursday evening, the 28th inst.

Mr. J. H. McQuaid, manager of the Merchants Bank of Charlottetown, at Montague, spent Christmas in Charlottetown.

POWNAL CONCERT.—Don't forget the concert at Pownal tomorrow night. A variety programme. Admission 10 and 15 cents.

A NICE GIFT.—The faculty and students of St. Dunstan's College are very thankful to Mr. E. W. Taylor for a barrel of choice apples sent by him to that institution.

CRUSADERS.—Every Crusader present at the meeting of Company A on Christmas night was the recipient of a handsome treat of choice confectionery. The new officers will be installed on Monday next, New Year's day.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

—The total loss of the British in killed, wounded and prisoners is now set down at 6,657. It is stated that the Boer loss is considerably larger.

—It is satisfactory to know that soldiers in South Africa, as well as civilians here, are taking advantage of the holidays.

—It is stated that Premier Greenway has decided to submit his resignation to the lieutenant governor on January 16, next. On that date he will have held office for twelve years.

DIED

This morning, Tuesday, 26th, at Winsloe, Annie Roper, widow of the late Wm. Good, aged 78.

[Funeral will leave the residence of her son, William Good, Winsloe, on Thursday, 28th at 2 p. m., to Melrose Church cemetery.]

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Local and Other Items.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.—The arrangement of trains on the Island railway went into effect today.

DON'T MISS hearing the grand graphophone ever heard on P. E. Island, in Montague Hall, Thursday, Dec. 28th.

I. O. F.—Meeting of Court Avondale to-night at 8 o'clock. Annual reports, payment of dues and other important business.

DECLARATION.—At Georgetown today Mr. A. P. Prowse was declared duly elected, and at Charlottetown Mr. A. A. McLean, Q. C.

DIPHTHERIA.—With a view to preventing the spread of diphtheria the Board of Health of East Royalty have isolated St. Dunstan's College.

COUNTY COURT.—The County Court of Queen's County opened in Charlottetown this forenoon. There are 153 new suits and 21 remeants on the docket.

CONCERT.—Read the programme of the concert in St. Dunstan's Cathedral basement on the 28th, in aid of Notre Dame Convent. Besides the vocal and instrumental selections, there will be two beautiful tableaux of great interest. Make no other engagement for that night.

BOARD OF HEALTH.—At a meeting of the Board of Health held this forenoon the Health Officer was instructed to use every means in his power to prevent the propagation of diphtheria in the city, and was given special instructions with regard to the treatment of persons coming from infected districts or institutions.

DRIVING PARK.—As there will be a Maritime Exhibition held here next year there should be a full attendance of shareholders at the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Driving Park and Provincial Exhibition Association to be held in the Masonic Temple building on Thursday next, the 28th inst, at 8 p. m.

CAROL SERVICE.—First Methodist church 8 o'clock this evening. Program of Xmas carols, solo, anthems, organ solos and the magnificent "Hallelujah" chorus from the Messiah by a choir of nearly forty. Seating for 1500 and programmes to that number. Lovers of music, in fact every one interested in music, requested to be present. Silver collection for choir fund.

SALVATION ARMY.—"From the Manger to the Throne," was the name given to the Song Service on Christmas night. Capt. Stubbs, of St. John Headquarters, took a leading part. The Barracks was very tastefully decorated. Capt. Stubbs, who has found many warm friends since her visit to the Island, will lead the meeting tonight. She leaves for St. John tomorrow morning.

FIRE.—Early on Sunday morning the old building known as "Clements' Corner," one of the oldest landmarks in Charlottetown, was destroyed by fire. The cause is unknown. Mr. Clements' loss is about \$100, with no insurance. The building was owned by the estate of the late William Crabbe, and was not insured. Mr. Clements is now doing business in the shop on the corner of Weymouth Street, opposite the residence of Dr. Beer.

DIED AT THE HOSPITAL.—Mr. John Kenney, of St. Teresa's, died at the Charlottetown Hospital at an early hour on Christmas morning. Some time ago Mr. Kenney was operated upon for appendicitis, and was doing nicely when congestion of the lungs set in which caused death. Mr. Kenney was about 55 years of age, and was married to a sister of Rev. Dr. Curran, of St. Dunstan's College. A widow and family of ten are left to mourn the loss of a good husband and fond father. The body was yesterday afternoon forwarded to St. Teresa's for interment.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.—The District officer commanding desires, through the medium of the press to convey to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the militia in this district the following kind message received from the Major General commanding and Mrs. Hutton.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24th.

COLONEL MOORE, commanding military district, No. 12.—Please convey our best wishes for Christmas and New Years to your troops, their wives and families. GENERAL HUTTON, Mrs. HUTTON.