

PERSONAL.

A further improvement in the condition of Mrs. B. B. Shaw is today reported.

Rev. J. A. McDonald, of Misouche, and Rev. P. P. Arsenaux, of Mount Carmel, leave on an extended trip to Europe after Easter.

Miss Clara King, of this city, left yesterday for Montague to take charge of the millinery department in Mr. D. G. Cameron's store.

Mr. Frank Riley, who is doing the province in the interests of Shorey's clothing house, is among the latest arrivals at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. S. E. Reid, Mr. L. A. Tryon, returned last evening from a three week's trip to Boston, and is stopping at the Queen Hotel. He goes west this afternoon.

Senators Ferguson, Macdonald and Yeo came home from Ottawa last evening, for the Easter holidays. Senator Prowse has gone to Winnipeg where his son resides.

Major Rogers, representing Evans Son & Co., Montreal, is a guest at the Hotel Davies. Major Rogers has many friends in Charlottetown, by whom he is always given a hearty welcome.

MILLINERY

MISS McKEIVER is now here and can be seen in our Millinery Department every day.

She has visited all the leading millinery establishments in New York, Boston and St. John and can therefore suggest to you the very latest.

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INTERESTING LETTERS.

Particulars of the Second Battle at Paardeberg

AND THE FIGHTING OF OUR BRAVE CANADIAN BOYS

Before The Surrender of Cronje.

The following exceedingly interesting letter from South Africa was written by Mr. A. Dillon:—

PAARDEBERG, Feb. 28th, 1900.

We have had another battle, this time a far more important affair than our first engagement. After having made the Boers retire on Sunday, the 18th, they took up a stronger position further up the river bed, and we had to make trenches and advance upon them little by little until Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock when we were ordered to make a general advance. So we took up a position at about 200 yards from the first Boer trench.

F. G. and H. companies of the Canadians were in advance of our brigade and had to bear the brunt of the attack. Had the Boers held out longer than they did, our loss would have been terrible; for in one short five minutes our loss was about thirty killed and wounded.

It happened like this: At five minutes to two a. m. our three companies got the order to steal up a few hundred yards further to the front, as we were going to charge the trenches with the bayonet and we were to get as close as possible before making the final rush. Our duty out here is to do or die, and not to reason why, so we got ready. We were supported on our left by the Gordon Highlanders and the Seaforths, while on our right were the Black Watch and Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, with the remaining five Canadian companies and other regiments of infantry in reserve and support.

We advanced slowly but surely until we got about 175 yards from the enemy, and still they did not appear to have observed us. We began to think that the birds had flown, and we were ordered to dig a trench for ourselves. Between the engineers and ourselves we dug a two-foot trench across our front. When that was done (and I might here say that it did not take long, for every one of us knew that we were working for our lives and needed no one to tell us to hurry) we were ordered to advance a few yards further. Immediately we had carried out this order we found that someone had blundered, we were within fifteen yards of the Boer trenches, if not closer, when one of the most awful rifle volleys we ever heard for the first time broke the silence of the night. There we were in the dark, and the South African nights are dark, in point blank range with the enemy under cover and our eyes exposed. We all fell flat and at once retired, crawling to our trench. We carried out the short retirement amid the groans of the wounded and the whizzing of the bullets. It gives one a creepy sensation to undergo this; and the experience is one that you do not wish to have repeated. It is impossible to describe the moving about in the darkness, with the bullets fairly raining about, the only human sounds being the cries and moans of the wounded men or a short sharp order to "advance," or "volley fire," or "charge."

We succeeded in getting to our trench, and we were not long in opening fire on the Boers and paying them out in their own coin, and with good interest. We saw that it was a fight for life or death, and all of us wanted to live very much; for as dawn began to break we saw that the victory was to be ours and that it would be a glorious one.

Daylight began to come, and we could see that we had them; but still we continued our fire. Then the word flew along our line that the enemy were flying a white flag. Knowing of their treachery on other occasions we did not at once stop firing. Then we plainly saw several white flags waving in their line, and we got the order to "cease."

We remained under cover while a small party advanced to meet their white flag party, and we then learned that Cronje and all his force were willing to surrender unconditionally. So was accomplished one of the greatest British victories in South Africa up to date.

We were not long in marching to the main Boer laager and relieving our enemies of their arms. We had the honor of taking the largest number of prisoners since the war commenced—somewhere between four and five thousand, including wounded.

But now there came a sadder task for us to perform, for we had to turn our attention to the dead and wounded among our own men. And great was our sorrow and happiness. Sorrow for the loss of one, and relief to know that not more had been killed, which we fully expected; for at one time we all thought that fully half our men had been hit. We found poor Alfred Riggs, shot through the head; I think he must have been struck while lying down in the firing line. Beside him were three other men of G Company, and these three were so badly shattered that they must have been the target for a whole volley.

How the rest of the Island boys escaped is a wonder; for with the exception of Jack Harris and Nelson Brace all of us escaped without a scratch.

Jack Harris' wound is a bullet through the arm, and he will be all right in a month; there is no fear of his losing the arm. Brace got only a slight flesh wound in the leg.

The most sorrowful part of this "fire-eating" business came when the thing was all over, and we gathered together to bury our dead comrades. We dug a long trench and laid them down side by side while Father O'Leary, said a short service over all creeds. Tears filled many of our eyes, tears of grief for our lost brothers-in-arms, and of thankfulness because we had escaped a like fate.

We made a nice mound over the grave and at its head we erected a wooden slab. On this we inscribed the following:

CANADIANS.
N. C. O'S. and men, R. C. R.
Died on the Battlefield,
February 27, 1900.
Dead but not forgotten.

Fred Waye, Harris and Brace are all doing well. They will be home with the rest of us and none the worse for their experience.

The day after the battle we were all formed up and addressed by Lord Roberts, and he praised us very highly. He told us that we had gained a name for ourselves and our country that we need never be ashamed of, that he was very proud of us, and other nice things.

I don't know if you will be able easily to read this letter,—the desk accommodation just now is not very good.

All our boys are well. I omitted to say that the P. E. Island contingent got three of the Boer flags out of their trenches, and the Royal Engineers got one; so you see we were well in the front.

Mr. Arthur Mellish has written an interesting letter to his parents from Paardeberg. We have been permitted to make the following extracts:—

PAARDEBERG, 26th February, 1900.

I am writing this lying in a trench alongside of Modder River. This afternoon we marched from a high kopje where we had been stationed since Saturday. The fighting has been going on continually. We are now approaching the Boer position by means of trenches. Our people are just now in the rear but bullets are now all the time whizzing over our heads. Tonight we go into the trenches and help dig them towards the Boer position. One of our men in F company has been hit, but there are no other casualties today so far as I know.

We have been on very short rations the last few days, and if it had not been for some sheep our boys commandered and cooked in our mess-tins we would be in a bad way.

We could take this place at almost any time, but because Cronje has a number of women and children with him and some prisoners we are loath to shell the place thoroughly. Still we must have done a great deal of damage as some of the big guns have been firing nearly all the time.

We have a balloon up examining the Boer camp. It is called the Duchess of Cornwall. They must be able to examine the enemy's position very thoroughly today as there is no wind and it is fine and clear. We passed quite close to the balloon as we came up here and saw the men signaling with flags and sending messages down the wires or ropes that hold it to the ground. The Boers have some big guns, but our artillery silences them whenever they attempt to mount them.

I started to write on the 26th, but had to fall in, and it is now the 28th. Since then we have had hot work. We were marched up to the trenches after dark and there lay down for a short sleep with our bayonets fixed. The men all had their water-bottles filled. The water had to be boiled first to kill any poisonous germs as it had flowed past the Boer camp where there are lots of dead horses and cattle.

Well, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning we marched off to the Boer position.

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Stallion for Sale.

The Executors of the late Mrs. Lewis, offer for sale the well known Carriage Stallion

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April 7th, 1900.

Local and Other Items.

LOYAL CRUSADERS very Monday at 6.30.

PARIS EXHIBITION.—Saturday, April 14th, is the date of the official opening of the Paris Exhibition.

Y. M. C. A. HALL.—Go to the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Thursday next and enjoy the best tea of the season.

SONG SERVICE at the Gospel meeting in Prowse's new block to-morrow afternoon at 3.45. Strangers always welcome.

DON'T MISS IT.—Only 25 cents for the high tea and apron fair in Y. M. C. A. hall on Thursday next. Admission alone, 10 cents.

THE PROBS.—Northeast and northwest winds, decreasing by night; clearing to-night. Sunday: fair with north to west winds.

THE MINTO'S CARGO.—The inward freight of the Minto yesterday included 200 bbl flour, 260 bags seeds and 15 pkgs sundries.

LECTURE POSTPONED.—Mr J. E. B. McCredy's lecture, advertised to take place at the Y. M. C. A. this evening, is postponed to next Saturday.

THE TEMPERATURE.—The lowest last night was 28 above zero; the highest up to 1.30 today was 30. The velocity of the wind was 24 miles an hour. The depth of snow is about 4½ inches on a level.

GOSPEL MEETING.—Remember the Gospel meeting in Prowse's new block, Sunday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock. Strangers always welcome. Lesson, Mathew 5-6. "Hunger and thirst after righteousness."

EASTER HOLIDAYS.—The P. E. I. Railway issue excursion tickets on the 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th April, 1900, good to return on the 16th April, 1900. A special train is also to be run between Tignish and Charlottetown on the 14th April, and special cheap fares will be in force on all trains on that day. See hand bills.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—We beg to acknowledge receipt of check from Messrs. Hyndman & Co., covering insurance held by us in their companies. Their prompt and satisfactory settlement, coupled with the fact that they do their own adjusting, which is a saving of time and expense, has proved to us that anyone taking insurance in their companies are bound to be treated in the right way. Yours respectfully, JENKINS & SON.

P. E. ISLAND HOSPITAL.—The members of the Furnishing Committee of the P. E. Island Hospital, through Mrs McLeod, gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following:—

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- Mr J Kaye Ross..... 5 00
- Rev Daniel McLaren, Fullerton's Marsh..... 5 00
- Col Moore..... 5 00
- Mr D C McLeod..... 5 00
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- Godkin Bros, Summerside, knives, forks and spoons..... 5 00
- Shaw & Beareto, soap and sponge holders..... 20 00
- Mr Tidmarsh..... 20 00

BRANCH OFFICE.—We understand that at the request of many of his fellow Acadicians as well as a goodly number of the prominent residents of Prince County, Mr. A. E. Arsenaux, of the law firm of Arsenaux & McKenzie, contemplates opening a branch office at Summerside at an early date. Though only recently established Messrs. Arsenaux & McKenzie, by their close attention to business have succeeded in winning the confidence of many of our business men, while their courteousness have won for them many friends. We have every reason to believe that Mr. Arsenaux will succeed in building up a remunerative practice in his native county as he has been directly or indirectly identified with the interests of the Acadian people of that section of the Island. Mr. McKenzie will continue the business of the Charlottetown office.

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