

FIELD OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

The Military Gazette announces that arrangements are being made to form a field officers' association in Canada to be composed of officers of field rank in the combatant, medical, and other branches of the militia service. It is proposed to organize at a meeting to be held at the Russell House, Ottawa, on Wednesday evening, March 23, at 8.30 o'clock. This date has been selected as the day on which the Dominion Rifle Association are to hold their adjourned annual meeting. An association, such as the one proposed, could say the Gazette be of incalculable value to the militia and to the authorities. The association could bring to the attention of the Department, matters on which there is a consensus of opinion in the militia, and the Department would be enabled to obtain the collective opinion of the militia officers as expressed by this association on any subject. Similar associations exist in England with most beneficial results. In Canada we have cavalry, artillery and rifle associations, each for their respective arm. What is required is an association like the proposed one, to embrace a larger sphere for the benefit of the militia generally, and not to encroach in any way on the existing associations.

THE BUSINESS SLUGGARD.

A good many young men spoil their chances for success in life by the frequency with which they come late to business. Arriving at business in good time does not create ability where the same is lacking; but late arrival at business discounts whatever ability the slothful one may have. The bird that is late getting into the meadow secures but few worms, and the young man who is in the habit of getting to business late misses many opportunities for success. The habit of arriving at the post of duty late betokens slothfulness. And no employer will be in a hurry to advance persons of this type. Then the young man who is slow to put in an appearance at the post of duty is usually the quickest to get away from it at the close of the day. In other words, he is quite willing to cut off something at both ends of the working day. The men who have been the most successful in life are those who have been early at the post of duty in the morning and have not been in an inordinate hurry to leave it at night, especially when pressing matters required attention. He who would be successful must not only exercise well his ability, but he must use well the time which his own or his employer's business demands of him.—Canadian Grocer.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

NAUFRAGE POND.—A public meeting will be held in the St. Margarete's School house, on Monday 14th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m., for the purpose of petitioning the Government to obtain a survey of Naufrage Pond with a view of opening a harbor at that place. All parties interested are requested to attend.

P. E. I. HOSPITAL.—Donations for the P. E. Island Hospital may be sent to the Y. M. C. A., Hall tomorrow afternoon, after 3 o'clock.

THE "LIGHTS & SHADOWS OF NEW YORK" will be presented by Mr. Gillis at the Baptist School Room on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Fine series of Stereoscopic views. Admission, children 5c, adults 10c.

SALVATION ARMY.—Professor W. A. Hawley, will give an illustrated lecture in the Barracks on Thursday evening, March 10th, at 8 p. m. He will use Dr. Kellogg's splendid charts giving vivid pictures of the "Effects of Alcohol on the System." He will also try a few experiments with a crude distilling apparatus which will be very interesting and instructive. Admission, silver collection.

Montreal Gazette: Another batch of gold dredging privileges has been given out, covering between four and five hundred miles of Northwest rivers. Friends of the Laurier Government, with patriotic inclinations, and who have an eye on these new means of acquiring wealth, should speak quickly. There may not be much left when the Drolets and the mersiers get through.

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THE AMERICAN-SPANISH TROUBLE.

SIR,—I have read with pleasure your editorials on the American-Spanish situation. The war correspondents of the "yellow journals" with their vivid imaginations and utterly regardlessness of truth are busy circulating sensational war news written by "fools for fools." The New York World, the college professors, and the ministers who were for peace and arbitration when the Cleveland Administration in 1894 insisted that England should not confiscate some fifty square miles of Venezuelan territory without arbitration are now invoking grim war. At the time of the Venezuelan question the New York World declared that the shrinkage of stocks in Wall Street had cost \$700,000,000 and the Canadian press reiterates this statement as an argument for peace and arbitration. Today the stock market is again in a flurry and the value of securities has been reduced by sensational war stories. Do we find the New York World and the ministers seeking peace and arbitration? Nothing of the kind. They are for war and rumors of war. The sensational pulpit like the sensational press is reaping a rich harvest. The parsons are clamoring for war. One luminary—a chaplain of one of the state legislatures—in his opening prayer the other day flashed out brilliantly as follows: "If war must come may it be pushed to a successful issue; and if it be Thy will that a barbarous blood-thirsty nation shall be wiped from the map of the world we will submissively say 'Great and marvellous are thy works Lord God Almighty, just and true are Thy ways Thou King of Saints. Amen.'" The New York World in its issue of the 4th inst. says:—"She (Spain) must take herself utterly out of this hemisphere at the least. If she does so quickly and abandons her pretense of being a 'Power' she may perhaps survive for a time as a spot on the map of Europe."

If the United States act upon the suggestions of the New York World and the parsons she will simply be acting the bully. Spain has always been the friend of the United States. She was her friend in the war of 1812, and yet there are some sections of the American people, among them the reputed 200,000 Orangemen who have sworn allegiance to Queen Victoria, who pretend to be willing and ready to fight Spain without knowing why. It would be amusing to see the consternation of these fire eaters if it was suddenly found that England stood between Spain in a war with the United States. I am inclined to think that those who are now talking loudest of war would be the first to skip back to Ontario and Nova Scotia or would be on hand to fill the vacant places of the patriotic citizens of the Republic who would not hesitate to go to the front if their country required their services.

MARKS.

NEWS NOTES.

La Presse, the great independent French paper in Montreal, says: The result of the Ontario provincial election is a surprise to all who have taken no active part in the campaign. The conclusion to be drawn is that the popular verdict is against the Drummond and the Yukon projects.

An idea of the general use to which gas is put in Great Britain it is cited that the consumption of gas at Salisbury, Eng., a town only slightly larger than Charlottetown, is seventy-eight million cubic feet per year. Gas costs eighty six cents per thousand and is used almost exclusively for lighting and heating purposes. This shows how the price of gas depends on the consumption and is an object lesson to gas consumers in general as the more who use it the more it can be used by all as the cheaper it will be. Strange to say that this does not apply to other mediums of light or heat.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Cleaver Sullivan arrived home yesterday.

Mr. Harry Abbott, Q. C., of Montreal, a son of the late Sir S. J. J. O. Abbott, died on the 5th inst., in Florida, outliving his mother, Lady Abbott, by only one week.

The High Sheriff of Colchester County, Nova Scotia, Mr. Leander J. Crowe, is dead. He was, if we mistake not the father of Mr. Crowe, of the Merchants Bank of Halifax at Summerside.

Rev. Edward Baras, D. D., assistant editor of the Christian Guardian, and one of the most noted of the older generation of Canadian Methodist ministers, is dead at the age of 77. He was the author of a number of denominational and historical church works.

Messrs. Samuel A. Nicholson, of Eldon; John McLeod, Point Prim; John Bruce, Lyndale; Daniel McLeod, Vernon River; and Murdoch, McLeod, of Lyndale, left last night for the Capes, en route to British Columbia, thence probably to the Klondike. All are young men of ability and energy, and while we regret their departure from the Island we hope to hear of their success in the West.

The Rev. A. Carman, D. D., General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will take the first Canadian Pacific steamer in April for Japan to investigate the condition of the mission work there. He goes as a result of a resolution by the Japan Conference, passed last year, asking for a deputation from the Home Board, who would then be in a position to make a personal report to the General Conference here upon the various differences which have attracted so much public attention within the past three years.

Miss Lucy Lefurgey, graduate of the Emerson College of Oratory, is at home to a limited number of pupils in physical culture and oratory. For particulars enquire at her residence, Mrs. L. J. Senter's, Weymouth St. 13 4w 5od

THE MARKET FOR OATS.

(Montreal Trade Bulletin.)

There has been a decided success in the market for oats during the past two weeks, prices having declined within that period fully 2c. to 3c. per bushel, with large quantities yet to be marketed both in Ontario and this province. We have been shown letters from the country during the past few days, stating that in sections where a short time since oats were selling at 31½, they can now be bought at 28c. f. o. b., showing a clear drop of 3½c. per bushel. A lot of 15,000 bushels was offered to an exporter here on Monday last by a country dealer at 32½c. for export but they were refused. 32½ being the best bid. Several of our country subscribers who have called upon us this week from points in Quebec and Ontario, say there are plenty of oats in farmers' hands. During the past season commencing in May last, about 7,000 bushels of Canadian oats have been shipped from Montreal, St. John and Portland, against about 4,000,000 bushels for the corresponding period last season, showing an increase of this season, however, were considerably higher than those ruling for the previous season, as they are shown to be about 11c. to 12c. above that of a year ago.

MORE ABOUT HOCKEY.

SIR,—An anonymous writer in this morning's Guardian wishes to know if it be true that the Crescents are about to play the Kindergarten School Hockey. I might say that the only team qualified to play those juniors would be a picked team from the Prince of Wales College. He is evidently insinuating on the recent defeat of the Crescents at the hands of the so-called College team for the junior championship and Trophy. I would like to ask this anonymous writer how it was that the college team wouldn't play the final game with the Crescents until they felt sure that the ice was in an unfit condition. The public are well aware that they can't play the swift game the Crescents do. Consequently the slow ice of Friday last proved a benefit to them in working their slow combination. I might say in conclusion, Mr. Editor, if the ice had been in good condition, I feel confident the result would have been changed from a victory to a defeat for this would-be college team.

SPORT.

The Victorian Order will be early in the Klondike field. It has already made arrangements to send four nurses into the gold country. And if the tales of fever and death that come from it are believed the argonauts of mercy will find work to do not unlike that which confronted the first great woman nurse who went to comfort the sick and dying in the camp at Sebastopol.

Fever (malaria) is again very prevalent in the northern districts of the Transvaal, and in the Portuguese territories the season is considered one of the worst known. This is doubtless due to the exceptionally heavy rains this year. To give an instance of the deluge experienced, the rainfalls in the town of Pietersburg (Transvaal) for the first twenty days of January was 10.75 inches.

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