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NEW QUARTERS.

The Merchants Bank of Halifax—the Pioneer bank of Atlin—has removed from their old quarters on Discovery street to the new and elegant structure erected for them on the southeast corner of First street and Pearl avenue. The new building is large and commodious and in every way an ornament to the city. The ground-floor is devoted exclusively to the general business of the bank, and is handsomely fitted up. When the painters have finished their work the effect as a whole will be light and airy, yet withal, substantial and comfortable. The upper story will be utilized as quarters for the officials and every regard to their well-being is being carefully studied. It speaks volumes for Atlin's business future when such buildings are being put up by banks and business institutions. Nothing is so sensitive as capital, so that when banks are satisfied to go in on a permanent basis in a comparatively new mining camp, we can rest assured that, in all human probability, the future of that camp will be a bright one. So mote it be!

SCHOOL BOARD.

The meeting called to discuss matters connected with proper organization and equipment of the Public School was held in the hospital tent, Monday afternoon, Nov. 6th, as previously announced.

Mr. Fraser and Mr. Wells were voted chairman and secretary respectively.

Moved by Rev. Mr. Pringle, seconded by Mr. Broder, whereas, of the temporary board of Trustees, Messrs. Blackett and Cross had resigned, and Mr. J. H. Russell had left the district, their resignations be accepted and a complete board elected. Carried.

Messrs. J. St. Clair Blackett, J. H. Brownlee and D. S. McDonald were nominated by Rev. Mr. Pringle as a provisional board of trustees and unanimously elected.

Some discussion followed as to the most suitable building in which to hold the school during the winter. The Board of Trade building met with general approval, and as it can be rented for a reasonable figure it will probably be secured.

The matter of better seats and desks was left in abeyance until the change into permanent quarters was effected.

The meeting then adjourned.

The Hon. Peter Mitchell was found dead in bed at his hotel in Montreal.

OFF TO THE WARS

The B. C. Contingent Given a Royal Send-Off.

Mothers and Daughters Walk Proudly Beside Son and Brother.

The occasion of the departure of the British Columbia contingent for the Transvaal marks another link in history. The scene at Victoria on the eve of departure was one of indescribable warmth. On the march to the wharf, the mothers and daughters forgot the muddy roads—forgot their usual impassiveness and cold reserve—and walked proudly beside their sons and brothers and friends in the ranks, nor let the tears be seen until the last kisses had been exchanged, the final cheer rang out echoing across the harbor, and the Victoria contingent for the Canadian regiment was off to the Transvaal.

The complete list of accepted volunteers from the coast is as follows:

Capt. Blanchard, Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery, Victoria, in command.

FROM VANCOUVER.

Sergeant J. Moscrop.
Lance Corporal J. J. Sinclair.
Private N. E. Niebergall.
Private A. J. Nie.
Private H. Bonner.
Private C. Hutchings.
Private G. Wallace.
Private S. O'Brien.
Private W. Jackson.
Private R. Mackie.
Private S. Harrison.
Private W. F. Whiteley.
Private H. J. Allen.
Private J. H. Livingstone.
Private P. Greaves.
Private R. McCalmont.
Private C. C. Thompson.

FROM WESTMINSTER.

Corporal G. B. Corbould.
Private W. D. Wallace.
Private J. Porter Smith.
Private Albert Lohman.
Private Ottway Wilkie.
Private A. Battson.
Private W. H. Brooking.
Private C. Leamy.

FROM VICTORIA.

James Anderton.
Frank Finch-Smiles.
H. J. D. Andrews.
Cecil Morton Roberts.
F. T. Cornwall.
W. H. Stebbings.
Clark William Gamble.
Henry Smithers.
Ralph W. J. Leeman.
John Henry Somer.
George Neill.
James Stewart.
Arthur Carter.
A. Myddleton Wood.
Frank Dickinson.
Seymour Hastings O'Dell.
John Todd.
Alexander C. Beech.
William Herbert Brethour.
Arthur Maundrell.
Joseph R. Northcott.
James W. Jones.
William Ionside Scott.
John Hercules Dixon.
Stephen Charles Court.

Amongst the Victoria volunteers we notice at Atlin boy, Frank Dickinson, who is well and favorably remembered by many here. He excelled as an all-round athlete and took a prominent part in the Queen's birthday sports here. We wish him all good fortune in his perilous and patriotic enterprise.

In this connection it may be mentioned that Major Yule, who took command of the British forces at Glencoe after Gen. Symons was wounded, is a Canadian, Quebec having the honor of being his birthplace. From the way in which he smashed up the Boers and routed them it cannot be doubted that he will make a big mark before the war is over. From the way the colonial sons of the empire are rallying from all quarters to fight her battles, Confederation is no longer a speculation but an accepted fact. John Bull and Sons is the name of the firm from now on, and don't let anyone forget it or tread on the tail of the lion or any of his whelps.

THE OTHER FIGHT.

The fight for the heavy weight championship of the world came off at Coney Island on the night of the 3rd before an immense audience. Both men were in the pink of condition and confident of success. The battle was one of the most notable in fistic annals, victory inclining first to one side and then the other. In the 25th round Jeffries had one of his gloves accidentally pulled off and whilst his second was replacing it Sharkey struck at him. A foul was claimed and allowed amid a scene of the wildest confusion. Bob Fitzsimmons has challenged the winner.

A second mail arrived on Friday.

James Trodden left for the coast on Wednesday.

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Granted favorable weather conditions, the nights of to-morrow, Monday and possibly Tuesday should furnish us a scene of celestial fireworks such as is only witnessed once in a generation, the earth in her orbit passing through the densest part of the meteoric ring.

This occurs only once in 33 years, and its periodicity has only been lately determined by astronomers. The display on Nov. 13th, 1833, was of extraordinary grandeur and lasted over th greater part of the night. Multitudes of people were certain it was the end of all things; the negroes in the Southern States were worked up to a state of exceeding religious fervor and the trump of "de angel Gabriel" was momentarily expected. Many a poor negro, aye, and white man too, got a scare that awful night, and the terrors of the scene were talked of for many years afterward.

The display in 1866 was fine, but not to be compared in grandeur with its predecessor, when it literally rained fire.

The spread of education having done away with superstitious terrors, the exhibition is now looked forward to with much pleasure and it is to be hoped that we will be favored with clear nights. It will be a pity should cloudy weather mar the sublimity of the occasion. Thirty-three years is a long time to wait for the next display, and probably by that time most of us will have all the fireworks we can attend to.

In days of yore, hostelries at which wines were vended, were wont to have placed over their doors a green bush, which, to the initiated, meant that something good was on tap inside. From this arose the proverb "Good wine requires no bush," meaning, of course, that if the wine sold was really good the fact would get known by its own merits and so require no advertisement. We think this venerable adage is equally applicable to mining camps, and to none more so than our own. Introduced to the world with a deafening blare of trumpets, blown by interested parties, as the new Utopia, the rival of Klondyke, the Poor Man's Paradise and so on, ad nauseam, the nursling was ushered into existence so heavily handicapped, that it is only by its inherent vitality that it now exists at all. The youngster then born was not an abnormality, as it would have been if all the vaticinations of the false prophets had come to pass, but only a good, healthy normal youngster, who promises fair to be a credit to us all, and reach a lusty manhood.

In our late Ottawa despatches we were sorry to see it reported that a well-known gentleman, lately from Atlin and sojourning in the capital at present, announced that the gold yield from the district from the middle of August to the end of September was two million dollars! The tendency of small minds is towards exaggeration. We should be sorry to classify this gentleman as possessing less than the ordinary amount of brain power, but what other inference can be drawn? Atlin does not want any weak-minded well-wisher to overpraise her, to her undoing; does not want any whole-cloth yarns from interested gentlemen who make the same breath adulate her and blow their own financial bubble, but she does want all Atlin citizens who venture into the outside world to speak the truth, and truth only, as far as they know it, and no further. Save me from my friends is as applicable to Atlin to-day as it was to Job in the days of old. The camp is all right as far as human knowledge can foresee, but every man who proclaims to the world things which are not so, is wittingly or unwittingly the worst enemy the country has. No structure built on a foundation of exaggeration or mendacity can have lasting qualities on the lines so laid down. Away with such unmanly ways, to eternal perdition with them. If we are to live and thrive at all, let us live and thrive by the abounding grace of God and our own merits.

Some of the lawyers are responsible for some of the lot jumping. Such grafters should have the riot act read to them. Any lawyer who would aid in stealing the home of a poor man and his family should be debarred from practicing law.—Skaguay Budget.

What? Debar them! Oh, no! Give them a bonus for every case they bring into court!

THE DYEA TUNNEL.

L. D. Kinney, financial agent at Dyea for the Chilkoot Tunnel Company was in the city yesterday, says the Alaskan of the 25th, and said that at the first of next month the company will have 20 men working on the tunnel. He says 13 tons of commissary supplies have been sent to the station at the tunnel entrance, and that the company expects that with all this on hand it will be enabled to continue work regardless of whether a blockade should shut the men in or not. The pack train is still making daily trips to the tunnel approach. Work is being done on a wharf at Dyea which will cost $12,000 to complete.

THE BOER AS A FIGHTER.

He First Picks Out the Officer, and Afterwards a Button.

The Transvaal Boer is always ready to fight. He carries a rifle on his shoulder and piece of a biltong in his pocket, mooching around over the veldt so that if a field cornet gallops up to tell him that war has been declared he may start for the front at once, says the New York Sun.

Prospect of an occasion to use his rifle has ever sent a gleam into the ordinarily dull eye of the Boer and made of him a changed man. Whether the object be a human being or a wild duck matters not to him, his one thought being to glance along the gleaming barrel and hit a small object at a long range. When he shoots at a British soldier therefore, he first examines him carefully to see if he is an officer, and then picks out some particular button or conspicuous part of the uniform on which to rest his sight. He does this partly from force of habit, just as he aims at the white breast of a duck though it is an unwritten order in Boer warfare to kill officers or chiefs, if possible. When the captain or commandant sees an officer it is his plan to select six of the best marksmen available to fire simultaneously at him. The higher his rank the better. The man so carfully selected may be regarded as doomed.

To an American these methods may seem cold-blooded and cruel, but it must be remembered that the Transvaal burghers hate the English as they do the dreaded black spiders that infest the country and always refer to the British soldier as rooinek and red-necks. There are two explanations of this name. One is that when the English came to the Cape an old Dutchman noticed that when John Bull got angry he grew red about the neck. In the Transvaal they say the name arose when British dragoons were quartered there from the red coat collars which made the uniform conspicuous.

For the English the Boers have framed this particular defiance: "If you will have our country, take it; but it shall be over our bodies and the ash heeps of our property and goods." Paul Kruger himself is the author of the catchphrase which was embodied in the celebrated third proclamation, made in 1881, when the British were hectoring the old farmers. It was no idle threat or dramatic bluff. Any one who has seen these long-legged, weather-beaten plainsmen get together at a rally has realized immediately that they would never give up their country until all were wiped out—men women and children.

The commandant-general of the Boer forces is Piet Joubert, a man 68 years old, with a string of military victories extending over one-half a century. In the history of the Transvaal he has borne almost as important a part as Paul Kruger. Until this present agitation there existed a strong rivalry between the two. For the three successive times Kruger was elected president by a small majority over Joubert, and since boyhood they have contested neck and neck for various honors. When it comes to fighting the English, however, they are united. Joubert has long been military head of the nation, and is recognized as the best fighter and tactician in the country. He has divided the Transvaal into 17 districts for mobilization purposes, each district being under a commandant. These districts are in turn subdivided under the commands of field cornets. While Joubert is the commandant-in-chief, he still is subject to the order of the volksraad and President Kruger, and makes no important move without their consent.

In spite of the Boers being scattered all over the Transvaal, the whole nation can be mobilized in two or three days, a proceeding which probably cannot be duplicated by any other country. This is possible owing to the Boers' constant equipment in light marching order. The moment that Kruger decides to declare war Joubert either telegraphs or sends relays of messengers to each commandant. This officer promptly notifies several field cornets in his district, and the latter either dispatch their assistants, who gallop here and there on the veldt sounding the alarm, or else makes bonfires at night and pillars of smoke by day, the pre-arranged signal for war.

From a dull, apathetic, ill-kept lazy dreamer the Boer is then transformed into a quick witted, cunning and energetic being. The Transvaal burgher, indeed is a most peculiar combination of phlegmatic Dutchman and a wildly excited Latin. On the veldt he will loaf around in the sun and only move to reload his pipe. In the Raad chambers the sergeant-at-arms oftentimes is unable to maintain order. The members leap around, throwing their arms, shout and carry on like anarchists.

It is on the skills of these old country Boers that Kruger mostly depends. On the night that the news reached him of the Jameson raid in December, 1895, there was consternation at Pretoria. The first dispatch said that 2000 British troops had crossed the border, and then a second, sent by the British as a decoy, stated that the troops were only the Chartered Company's police, making a short cut. Joubert wanted to take cannon that were in Pretoria and go out to meet the invaders.

"Oh, no, Piet," said Oom Paul. "Don't you suppose 200 of our old farmers with their rifles can stop 2000 rooineks?"

The result proved that Kruger was right. The whole force that fought Jameson consisted of 400 men in two divisions summoned from the open veldt. Jameson began the attack with artillery. The Boers laughed at this.

"Every man take to a rock" ordered Commandant Cronje, and the farmers dodged behind rocks and trees.

At the proper moment they advanced in proper Indian skirmish in two divisions, opening a deadly fire at 500 yards. The reformers then cut loose with the Maxims, but for once the machine guns which had been used to mow down the African natives were of no avail. The Boers were so scattered that they evaded the bullets. Jameson finally opened with a 12 pounder, but Cronje told off 20 Boers to kill the gunners, which they did with precision and accuracy. That practically ended the fight.

The strength of the Boers as a military nation lies in the fact that nearly every man himself is a general. This man Cronje, who captured the raiders, was not a celebrated warrior, yet he took hold of the campaign on a moment's notice, mapped out his plans, quickly fed on Jameson until he had him surrounded, and then went at him.

Until the last four years, Kruger had taken no precautions against a siege, relying entirely on open warfare. After the Jameson raid, however, he began to follow the example of more advanced nations. The first step was to erect forts at Johannesburg and Pretoria. The former now reposes under the brow of a strong fortification. There are six forts altogether, and they command a broad expanse of country. In these he had placed long-range rifle guns of French and German patterns, and quick-firing guns. He has filled four warehouses and made secret preparations, which include long tunnels underneath the gold fields, so that the town of Johannesburg can be destroyed by one train of powder, for the motto of the Boers is, "Rather a ruined country than no country."

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2,000 DEAD.

The Boers Muster Out Two British Regiments.

Mafeking Hemmed In and Surrender Expected.

London, Oct. 31.—Despatches from Gen. White, commanding British forces at Ladysmith report the Royal Irish Fusileers, Gloucestershire and Mounted Battery surrounded in the hills by Boers, and after losing heavily were obliged to surrender.

Gen. White says that a man from the Fusliers came in under a flag of truce with a letter from survivors of the column who asked for assistance to bury their dead.

Full extent of disaster not yet acknowledged, if known at the war office. The loss and effect must be appalling to Gen. White, who is practically surrounded.

Two of the finest British regiments and mule battery deducted from Ladysmith garrison weakens it about one-fifth of its total strength and alters the whole scheme very materially in favor of the Boers, who have again shown themselves strong fighters of no mean order.

The disaster cost the British from 1500 to 2000 men and 6 seven pound screw guns, and as the Boer artillery is already stronger than imagined, the captured guns will be a great help to the boers.

Gen. White manfully accepts responsibility for the disaster, which was at least partly due to scampering mules with guns.

London, Oct. 31—A special from Ladysmith says: "The Boers fared badly during the engagement. Some state their loss at from 900 to 1,000 killed and wounded."

Another Ladysmith despatch of the same date says: "A battle is progressing at the foot of Umabandonado, a few miles from Ladysmith. Several shells dropped into town."

London, Nov. 2.—The war office has no information of any further engagement at Ladysmith. However, the department received a despatch to-day stating that Gen White was well and holding position.

Twenty British dead and 100 wounded have been counted on the scene of Monday's disaster, while 850 prisoners were sent to Pretoria. Another list of casualties was issued by the War Office to-day. It gives 82 non-commissioned officers and men of the Dublin Fusiliers missing. This indicates the Boers captured as many Fusiliers as they did Hussars.

It is reported there are 6,000 Boers around Kimberly and all roads strictly patrolled. Stories of Boer victories have spread rapidly along the western border and over half the Dutch residents of Bechuanaland and Griqualand will join the Boers.

The investment of Ladysmith is complete, and the Boers are masters of the Pietermaritzburg and Durban Railways.

Mafeking closely hemmed in by Boers and surrender is hourly expected.

The Free States have seized Colesberg.

The British Government has called out such large numbers of reserves that it is generally thought the continental powers will try to interfere.

The disaster at Ladysmith caused consternation in Gloucestershire and in the North of Ireland, where captured regiments were recruited. Many homes are already mourning.

The retreat of the Boers last Monday looks like a ruse to draw Gen. White into a hilly country.

Admiral Schley's squadron has been ordered to South Africa at once.

The captured officers embrace 1 colonel, 6 majors, 4 captains, 23 lieutenants and 1 chaplain.

JEFFRIES-SHARKEY.

New York, Oct. 31.—Everything is in shape for the big fight. Jeffries has relaxed training and is taking a rest. He is confident of winning. Money is being placed even. Jeffries has $3,000 up on himself. Sharkey is also in good condition, and says he will put up the best fight ever made in a ring.

HOBART DYING.

New York, Oct. 31,—Vice-President Hobart is dying in Washington after a short and severe illness.

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Yen he shmok him in der eye.
So he load him oop his Mauser
For to shoot der English dead,
Yaw! Kruger he vos suffer from
Der svellin' in der head.

Herr Kruger, he vos president,
Und yoost der same as king;
So ven dey valk upon his corns
He svears like oxyting.
He vooda't stop ter listen ter
De speech vot Milner made;
Yaw! Kruger suffer kreatly from
Der swellin' in der head.

Herr Kruger, like der pooldog ant,
Vos med and vont der foight;
Und Schreiner say, "Ko in, old man,
Ve sthick ter you all right."
So Kruger tink der Boerish prown
Vill once more tick der red;
Der growth was apnormal of
Der svellin' in der head.

So dot is vy Herr Kroger now
He kerry on so kveer,
Und stemp apout der Transvaal
Till he sphill his lager peer.
Soom day, ven mooch oxcited, he
Vill mek dem English med,
Und dey send him out a boultice for
Der svellin' in der head.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Marconi wireless telegraphy successfully tested by the war department. Messages between two warships in motion 29 miles apart, resulted in complete satisfaction Nov. 2nd.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church hold services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street, between Trainor and Pearl, on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister. Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The time of the sleighing of dogs is come, and the sound of "mush" is heard in the land.—Solomon, slightly improved.

One of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents, and a first class meal at 50 cents at the Pioneer Bakery.

The Atlin jail has been devoid of a tenant for some time past. The cold weather is drawing on apace and cut firewood is getting scarce. Now then gentlemen, don't all speak at once.

On Tuesday afternoon Mr. Frank Finnegan keeled over on the veranday of the Kootenay Hotel in an epileptic fit. He was fortunately noticed by Messrs. Cameron and Wolleston, who promptly ran to his assistance and carried him into the hotel.

Gallant Captain Joseph B. Coghlan, who cammanded the cruiser Raleigh in the battle of Manila, and who created so much comment by reciting A. M. R. Gordon's Poem "Hoch der Kaiser" at a New York dinner, on the occasion of his reception after his return from the Philippines, left Chicago on the 14th inst. for Sitka, where he goes to take charge of the light house district of Alaska.

The weekly efforts of the Arctic Brotherhood to provide amusement for a long winter's evening are highly appreciated and are most commendable. Their programme for next Friday evening calls for a genuine black face minstrel show, end men, bones, Massa Johnson and all. Quite a number of ladies will also take part, including the ladies' quartette club. That the entertainment will be a howling success and all the town and his wife attend it goes without saying.

The first evidences of the completion of the trail from Log Cabin to Taku City was shown on Wednesday, when J. Macpherson came in with four sacks of mail matter from Log Cabin. The trail, he said, was bad, and a goodly portion of it will never be used, especially around Otter Lake. That portion from Log Cabin to the vicinity of Teepe needs staking up very badly. It will be impossible to follow this unless some guide is afforded to travellers. "And now is the time to mend it," said Mr. McPherson.

THE VERN MINE.

We understand from the best authority that our enterprising knight of the hammer, Mr. T. Gregory, will put a force of men to work next week to develop the Vern mine, which is situated close to the outskirts of the city. This property is under bond for a good round figure to Lord Ernest Hamilton, and it is confidently anticipated that she will show up well as depth is attained. The surface ore is much the same quality as that of the Anaconda group, and prospects of success are first-class.

CONCERT AND SOIREE.

The first winter concert and soiree of the Presbyterian church was given in the A. B. Hall last evening and was a splendid success. The recitations were good, the songs better, whilst the provender section was what we would call "real hospitality." Where all did so well it would take more space than we can spare to criticize in detail. Judge Fry was an admirable chairman and all went merry as a marriage bell. Dr. Lewis' recitations were full of dramatic force and passion and reminded us of Booth, as seen through the other end of the telescope. The Revs. Pringle and Stephenson demonstrated to the satisfaction of all how much the opera stage would have lost if they had gone upon it.

If the following concerts can be kept up to the high level of that of last evening, then we have many enjoyable winter evenings ahead.

UNGAVALAND.

A New Kloudike, and One Richer in Diversified Minerals.

"Ungavaland, a region as desolate and unknown as the Klondike was four years ago, has just been penetrated by a party of prospectors, headed by newspapermen of this region," says a Fort Francis, Ont., despatch, under date of September 20, "and consisting for the most part of men representing a wealthy Boston syndicate.

"From their representations and from statements by a member of the Canadian geological survey, whom they found in that region, they have run into a new Klondike, and one richer in diversified minerals, of larger extent and easier to reach, as compared with the Yukon.

"About a year ago J. Osborne, an editor of that region, became the possessor of a diary that had been the records of an old Hudson Bay Company's employe. He was astonished to find it told circumstantially of the discovery of mineral deposits on the eastern shore of Hudson Bay, north from Whale river, in what is known as Ungavaland, one of the last remaining unexplored tracts of the North American continent. Mr. Osborne had no difficulty in inducing Boston capitalists to provide funds to equip an expedition to explore for the mineral fields. The party discovered mineral, as expected, and they now have filed claims at the Dominion offices at Ottawa.

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Judge David L. Fry, the veteran soldier, journalist and jurist, well-known in our midst, who has been in Atlin this summer, is in Bennett this week. The judge will, in all probability, secure some big tie-making contracts from the railroad company, which will keep him busy until early spring, when he starts for Cape Nome.—Bennett Sun.

The Sun is in error. He is not cutting ties for any narrow-bedded northern road. He is merely laying cordwood sticks next to the air hole in a 20-inch air-tight, money-devouring, nickle-would-like-to-be-plated stove that adorns the Globe office in this camp of camps.

Harry Cowan, of the CLAIM, came to Bennett last Monday on the Gleaner. His newspaper venture has been successful far beyond his expectations, and he will live in affluence during the winter.—Bennett Sun.

Wonder he had any "affluence" left after his trip on the Gleaner.

IN OTTAWA.

The following is an Ottawa despatch Oct. 1. Considerable interest is manifested in a published interview with J. H. Russsell, just arrived from Atlin. He speaks in glowing terms of the prospects of Atlin as a permanent mining camp. He estimates the output of this season from August 1 to September 15 as $2,000,000.

TWO WRECKS.

The steamer Olive May, of the Bennett Lake & Klondike Navigation Company's fleet, struck a rock off Tagish, and sank, the steamer Stratton became jammed in the ice 100 miles this side of Dawson, and was crushed so she is a total loss. No passengers were lost on either craft, and those on the Stratton were saved with great difficulty.

The Statton was bound bown the river with passengers and a general cargo, including 52 pouches of mail and a lot of express matter, which is said to have been lost with the vessel.

The fire bell on top of McLennan, & McFeely's store, will indicate noon on each week day by eight strokes. Mr. Jules Eggert kindly attends to the striking.

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