

NEWS FROM ALL POINTS.

The report that Lieut-Col. Samuel Hughes has applied for enlistment in Baden-Powell's constabulary is denied.

A conference was held in Toronto between Attorney-General Gibson and a number of county court judges about increasing the jurisdiction of the court.

The total general debt of the city of Ottawa is \$4,480,181.99. It is proposed to consolidate \$2,379,864.66 of this sum and to issue debentures for forty years.

The home of trooper L. W. R. Mulloy, the Canadian Mounted rifleman who was blinded by the Boers, was burned on Wednesday night. It was insured for \$1,500.

A solemn high mass in memory of Queen Victoria was offered in the Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The engagement of the Duke of Roxburgh to Miss Pauline Astor, daughter of Mr. William Waldorf Astor, has been definitely arranged. The wedding will take place some time next summer.

Lieutenant-Colonel Rutan has been retired from the command of the 90th Regiment of Winnipeg, and the arms and stores have been transferred to Major Chambre, who will succeed him.

In a coasting accident at Corning N.Y., nearly a dozen boys and girls averaging 14 years old were injured. The bob on which they were riding was running at a terrific rate when it struck a heavy double sleigh.

Application is being made by the Canada Iron Furnace Company, Limited, authorizing the payment by Midland of a bonus of \$50,000 to the company. Notice is given that it is intended to make provision in the act for the employment of at least two hundred men.

Applications for land are pouring in these days to Mr. Thomas Southworth, superintendent of Ontario colonization. He received at the rate of forty letters a day, and they come from all states in the union, from the old country and from various parts of Ontario.

Letters produced before a House committee on election at Washington are said to show that the Hawaiian delegate, R. W. Wilcox, offered encouragement to the insurgent Philippines. He is accused of treason, and of Anti-American utterances in his Hawaiian campaign.

The small party of Doukhobors who were induced by a wily American agent to leave Manitoba for California last fall, are gradually drifting back to the Northwest to reside with their countrymen. Twenty-one arrived last week, and the balance, about fifty, will return in the spring.

A cable was received at the Ottawa Militia Department Friday stating that Sgt. D. J. McGregor, of the 14th Field Battery; Sgt. O. B. Hammond of the 31st Regt., were killed, and Sgt. W. C. Gordon, of Winnipeg, 13th Field Battery, wounded at Erete Fabricken on 28th January. They were all Canadian scouts.

It is stated that G. B. Reeve, second vice president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, has written to all the old agents of the company who have been dismissed since 1896, requesting them to write him details as to the reasons of their dismissal, etc., with a view, evidently, if the reasons are not serious, to reinstate them.

Charles Coleman, a colored man, who was arrested at Paterson, N. J., last week as a vagrant, is believed by the police to be the murderer of a policeman who was killed in London, Ont., two years ago. Coleman's description tallies with that of the murderer, for whose capture a reward of \$1,000 is offered. Chief Graul sent a picture of the man under arrest to the London police for the purpose of identification.

Chas. Green, Chas. McClelland and Arthur Long, who were charged with having stolen several hundred dollars' worth of diamonds from a Buffalo jeweler, and who were arrested by the Toronto police, were arraigned in Buffalo police court Wednesday. Green admitted his guilt and exonerated the other two prisoners. Green and McClelland were held for the grand jury. McClelland is wanted in Toronto on five charges.

The reports prepared by the geologists who accompanied the exploration parties sent out by the Ontario Government have all been received and are ready for printing, preparatory to being presented to the Legislature. Dr. A. P. Coleman, the Ontario Government's geological expert, has been in conference with the officials of the department of mines, arranging for the publication of a geological map to accompany the report of the exploration parties. The map is to cover the entire area comprising New Ontario.

Thomas McGaw, of the Queen's Hotel, Toronto, the best known hotel keeper in Ontario, died Friday morning. He had been ill for a long time.

A statement was given out at Ottawa on Friday by the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association, showing total subscriptions to date to be \$337,392.27.

At Osgoode Hall Toronto, Friday afternoon, on the application of Mr. Thornton's counsel, the judge set the hearing of his petition to be declared member for West Durham at Cobourg on February 9th.

The big Army and Navy building on King street, Toronto, opposite the Cathedral, took fire Friday afternoon at one fifteen, and will be a total loss. The building was three stories in height, and was occupied by a large number of clothing contractor and manufacturing tailors.

The dividend statement of the defunct Kingston Locomotive works show total liabilities \$330,494.59 on which the total assets will pay fifty cents on the dollar. There are in all 126 creditors. The Bank of Montreal being the heaviest, its claim being \$172,533.47.

Caleb Manning, one of Harwich township's best known farmers was rushing corn stalks through a husking machine, and by some unknown means his hand became drawn into the machine. In an instant his hand was smashed into pulp. The arm had to be amputated about the wrist.

The officials of College Avenue Methodist Church, Woodstock, have extended a unanimous call to Rev. J. H. McBain, Ridgeway, Ont., to become their pastor subject to the approval of the Hamilton Conference Stationing Committee. The present pastor Rev. W. B. Caswell has received and accepted a call to a Hamilton church.

The Martin-McKinnon election case was brought to a close at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on Friday. Dr. Pugsley, solicitor for McKinnon (Liberal), admitted that illegal acts had been committed by McKinnon's agents without his knowledge. The counsel for both parties agreed that the seat should be vacated, and the judge declared the election void in East Queens.

Francis Martin died at his home in Detroit Thursday night, aged nearly 101. Death was the result of a cold caught on the Saturday previous. Capt. Martin was born June 4, 1800, on Staten Island, N.Y., and had had an eventful life. At the time of his death he was the oldest officer of the United States navy, and was the last survivor of those who witnessed the burial of Napoleon Bonaparte in St. Helena.

The new Ontario Colonization Railway Company will ask for power to lay out, construct and operate a railway by steam, electricity or other motive power, or by all, from a point on Georgian Bay through the district of Parry Sound and Nipissing to the waters of the Abitibi, then northerly and westerly to the Albany River. Also power is sought to build a branch line from a point on main line to James Bay and branches to the waters of Lake Temiscamingue and Temagami. The company further desires to build docks, operate steamers, elevators, telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the railway. Further the same powers as are conferred on electric railways are asked.

San Jose Scale Still Spreading

Toronto, Feb. 1.—The San Jose scale is still spreading in certain frontier counties and districts, and a deputation representing the fruit growers of Ontario to-day waited on the Minister of Agriculture, and asked that the precautions to prevent the spread of the pest be continued. Among the new measures proposed is that "every grower in suspected districts be required to inspect his own trees during the months of November and December in each year, and to report to the inspector not later than the first day of January following, on suitable blank forms to be furnished, that the work has been carefully performed, together with a statement of the condition of the orchard at the time of the inspection."

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