NORFOLK.

DISS.

LEGAL BOARD OF HEALTH.—The first monthly meeting for the ensuing election, and likewise the annual meeting of the members of the above Board was held at the King's Head Hotel, on Monday evening, when the rector of Diss (the Rev. C. R. Manning) was again unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. The other officers were also all re-elected, viz., clerk, Mr. H. O. Lyne; treasurer, Mr. J. Humphries; collector, inspector, and surveyor, Mr. J. Algar; and medical officer, Mr. F. R. Rose. The usual routine business having been disposed of, the Clerk stated that the action *Burrows' Trustees* against the Board to recover £1,000 for work done and damages sustained, had been compromised by the Board paying £200 in settlement of all claims. This sum also included the plant and materials on the ground. Burrows, the late contractor of the sewage works, which were estimated to be worth £150. This settlement of the dispute was considered highly favourable to the Board. At the meeting of the Burial Board, which was held immediately afterwards, the Rev. C. R. Manning was again elected chairman for the ensuing year.

CONCERT.—The Diss Choral Society achieved another triumphant success on Wednesday evening, and added fresh laurels to those already won. Upon this occasion—besides other selections of a miscellaneous character—Dr. F. Barnett's cantata, "The Ancient Mariner," was performed for the first time with excellent effect. The band and chorus numbered about 60 performers, and the audience was the largest, the most representative, and the most enthusiastic since the performance of "Elijah," more than two years ago. The following are the principal vocalists and instrumentalists:—Miss K. Smythe, Miss B. Alden, Mr. A. H. Cross (Sandringham), Mr. W. N. Smith (Norwich Cathedral); first violins, Mr. F. W. B. Norwell (leader), Mr. A. T. Bobby; Mr. J. W. Cole, Mr. J. Reeve; second violins, Mr. H. J. Brookes, E. A. Holmes, Esq., Master H. Maling, Master J. Harrison; viola, Mr. R. Thomas; violoncellos, F. Taylor, Esq., Mr. R. Price; contra basso, Mr. G. Kirby; flutes, Mr. J. Root, Mr. Flint; clarionet, Mr. F. Bell; bassoons, H. A. O. Mackenzie, Esq., Mr. J. Reeve; cornet, Mr. H. Cross (Sandringham), Mr. W. N. Smith (Norwich Cathedral); first violins, Mr. F. W. B. Norwell (leader), Mr. A. T. Bobby; Mr. J. W. Cole, Mr. J. Reeve; second violins, Mr. H. J. Brookes, E. A. Holmes, Esq., Master H. Maling, Master J. Harrison; viola, Mr. R. Thomas; violoncellos, F. Taylor, Esq., Mr. R. Price; contra basso, Mr. G. Kirby; flutes, Mr. J. Root, Mr. Flint; clarionet, Mr. F. Bell; bassoons, H. A. O. Mackenzie, Esq., Mr. J. Reeve; cornet, Mr. H. Cross (Sandringham), Mr. C. Barham; drums, Mr. J. W. Reeve. pianoforte. Master C. H. Hill; organ, Mr. Hemstock; conductor, Dr. Horace Hill. The programme was as follows:—Cantata, "The Ancient Mariner"; introduction (instrumental); chorus, "It is an Ancient Mariner"; recitative, "By thy long grey beard." Mr. A. H. Cross; chorus, "We hold him"; recitative, "Hold off." Mr. A. H. Cross; chorus, "Eftsoons his hand dropt he"; mariners' chorus, "The Ship was cheered"; recitative, "The Wedding Guest." Mr. A. H. Cross; bridal chorus, "The bride hath placed"; recitative, "The Wedding Guest." Mr. A. H. Cross; chorus, "And thus spake on the Mariner, "And now the Storm-blast came"; recitative, "And a good South wind," air, "The fair Breeze blew." Miss K. Smythe; recitative, "The fair Breeze blew." Mr. W. Cross; aria, "Down dropt the Breeze," Mr. A. H. Cross; chorus, "About, about, in reel and rout"; recitative, "The Steersman's face," Mr. W. N. Smith; chorus, "The Spirit fell into their bodies fly," Miss Smythe, Miss Alden, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Smith; recitative, "Alone, alone, all all alone," aria, "O happy living things," Mr. W. N. Smith; aria, "O sleep, it is a gentle thing," Miss B. Alden; recitative, "And soon I heard," Mr. W. N. Smith; chorus, "The upper air burst into life," chorus, "Beneath the lightning and the rain," "Yet again the wind rose," recitative, "I fear thee, Ancient Mariner," Mr. A. H. Cross; recitative, "Be calm, thou wedding guest," Mr. W. N. Smith; quartet, "Around, around, flew each sweet sound," Miss Smythe, Miss Alden, Mr. Cross, and Mr. Smith; recitative, "Till noon we quietly," Mr. W. N. Smith; duet, "Two voices in the air," Miss Smythe and Miss Alden; recitative, "And now the spell," aria, "Swiftly, swiftly flew the ship," Mr. W. N. Smith; aria, "The harbour bay," Mr. A. H. Cross; solo and chorus, "And bay was white," Miss K. Smythe; solo and chorus, "This seraph band," Miss K. Smythe; recitative, "What loud uproar"; overture, "Nabucodonosor"; song, "The roll of the drum," Mr. W. N. Smith; duet, "Oh! that we two were Maying," Miss K. Smythe and Mr. A. H. Cross; song, "Going to Market," Miss B. Alden; part song, "The Lark," "Come, love, "Pipe me and thee," Mr. A. H. Cross; flute duet, "Old Airs," Mr. J. Root and Mr. Flint; quartet, "Comin' Thro' the Rye," Miss K. Smythe, Miss B. Alden, Mr. A. H. Cross and Mr. Smith; "Godiva the Queen," The cantata, from beginning to end, went remarkably well. The parts were well balanced, and the quality of the chorus gave ample proof of diligent practice. The band and chorus was marked by great precision, and the unison passages for men's voices powerfully sustained. The tuneful melodies were nearly all that could be desired, and the performance of the whole work gave immense delight to the audience, and reflected great credit upon the Society and the town. The solos in the second part were all well chosen, and will be seen by the asterisks, so much were they appreciated that nearly all of them were encored. Miss Alden sang all very, the pain must be given to the overture by the band, "The roll of the drum," by Mr. W. N. Smith, "Going to Market," by Miss Alden, and the flute duet by Messrs. Root and Flint, the latter receiving the most enthusiastic *encore* of the whole. Dr. Horace Hill, of Norwich, ably conducted.

HARLESTON.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—To celebrate the success that attended the proceedings of the Society in Easter week, the various performers in the cast of the friends were the other evening entertained at an excellent repast at the Swan Hotel. By special invitation Captain W. Edwards, the esteemed commanding officer of the Company 4th V.B.N.R., presided. Mr. J. Broughton occupying the vice-chair. Amongst the guests were the Rev. J. H. Moore-Stevens, Mr. G. Durrant, and Lieut. E. Bond. A very enjoyable evening was spent, the toasts song abounding in plenty, Mr. H. W. Alden presiding at the pianoforte. It was mentioned that the present is the 19th year of the Society's existence.

GETS' VIEW.—On Monday the newly-formed band of the A Company appeared for the first time on parade and played to the satisfaction of all who heard it.—On Tuesday the shooting for the annual prizes of the Corps was resumed at the range at Mendham. Ten members of the A Company competed, the ranges being 200 and 500 yards, 10 shots at each. Sergeant Grimwade was the successful competitor, with a score of 41 points.

BOWLS.—With the advent of May the game of bowls generally commences, and although bowling has of late seasons been a sight has been made here, but, as usual, it is in rather a half-hearted way, and with little credit to a town boasting two good greens, which are always kept in excellent order. Unlike some places, no meeting of any kind, or a tea, marks the beginning or end of the season, and with advantages second to none, it is strange that more has not been formed. The present standard plan of collecting subscriptions of 2s. 6d. from those who are willing to pay is most objectionable, and gives much dissatisfaction to the players generally. A club properly formed, with duly-appointed officers, would be a great improvement on the present state of things, and would not be more expensive than the present system. Cricket promises to be well during the coming season. A great improvement has been effected in the ground, and a number of good matches are already arranged.

IPSWICH DOCK COMMISSION.

PROPOSED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING.

The monthly meeting of this Commission was held at the Town Hall, yesterday (Friday), Mr. George Mason presiding. The other gentlemen present included Mr. J. A. Clempson (Erwarton), Mr. J. R. Bayley, Mr. J. B. Geard, Mr. Edward Packard, jun., Mr. F. H. Podick, Mr. G. H. Lumby, Mr. E. Bloomfield, Mr. J. Bolton, Mr. G. C. Mason, Mr. W. B. Jeffries, Mr. W. Budden, Mr. Walter Cuckow, Mr. Etheridge Curtis, Mr. F. A. Christie, Mr. E. J. Ransome, Mr. B. Quadling, Mr. Edward Grimwade, &c.

The Chairman read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed.

With respect to the vacancy on the Commission, reported on the last occasion, by the death of Mr. E. C. Prentice, Mr. W. B. Jeffries said Mr. W. G. Ranson did a large amount of business in Ipswich, and was often in Ipswich, and he suggested that that gentleman might be chosen with advantage to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Budden, however, remarked that there had been a Prentice on the Commission perhaps ever since it was formed, and he proposed that Mr. Ernest Prentice should be chosen to fill the vacancy.

Mr. F. H. Podick seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman then read the minutes of the Committee of Management, amongst which was a letter from the solicitors reported that the amount claimed by the Surveyor of Taxes for Income-tax appeared correct, and it was resolved that a cheque for £42 18s. should be drawn in payment thereof.—Resolved that the question of making provision for paying off the loans raised under the Act of 1877 in accordance with the requirements of the Act, and the best means of applying the surplus income be referred to the Finance Committee to consider and report thereon.—Resolved that the proposed improvement in the river by cutting a channel as otherwise be referred to a special sub-committee to report thereon, such sub-committee to consist of the Chairman, Vice-chairman, Mr. Edwd. Packard, junr., Mr. Roger Kerridge, and Mr. Bolton.

Mr. Jeffries moved, and Mr. Geard seconded, the confirmation of the minutes.

Mr. Curtis suggested that the name of Mr. J. R. Bayley be added to the Sub-Committee for the improvement of the channel.

PROPOSED CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Edward Packard, jun., said he wished to call attention to one question that was being talked about a good deal outside the Commission—it was the competition between Parkeston and Ipswich, which was just beginning to develop. He did not know that there was any idea on the part of the Railway Company of doing anything to the prejudice of Ipswich, but at any rate there appeared to be some movement of some kind by which the trade which had been going on in Ipswich for years might be diverted into other channels. It was a matter which had been very general talk amongst the town, and of special interest to that Commission, because if goods were forwarded by other routes than through Ipswich, that town would lose not only the dues upon those goods, but also dues that would be payable by the ships entering the dock. He did not believe that the suggestion as to the carrying of goods, for instance, to Stowmarket from Parkeston instead of from Ipswich to Stowmarket could be due in any shape or form to any requirements that the river did not possess. The river was capable of accommodating any bringing of goods required for Stowmarket and other places, and Ipswich was certainly the natural inlet for such trade. He did not see in what way the Commission could take the matter up, inasmuch as no tender had been brought the matter before the Commission, asking them to take the question of the dues and other matters into consideration, but it seemed to him highly desirable that there should be some body in the town by which such matters could be brought forward, and he thought that if there were in Ipswich a Chamber of Commerce and of Shipping such subjects might be brought forward and other questions of interest in connection with trade ventilated. He had the consent of the Mayor to propose a resolution on the subject, and he should be most happy to do so at the termination of the meeting.

The Chairman: I am very glad that Mr. Packard is desirous of an interest in this question, and as far as the Commissioners are concerned, it is certainly to their interest to assist him. As far as I am individually concerned, I shall be happy to do anything I can.

Mr. Geard then proposed the adjournment of the meeting.

This was agreed to, and

Mr. Packard then proposed—"That this meeting of manufacturers and others interested in the trade and commerce of Ipswich, do hereby invite the Mayor to convene a public meeting, for the purpose of taking into consideration the formation of a Chamber of Commerce and Shipping in this district." He had already stated the reasons which induced him to propose this. He would only add that there were few towns with 50,000 inhabitants that had not a Chamber of Commerce or of Shipping, while there were many towns with a less number of inhabitants than Ipswich that did possess the advantage of having Chambers of that kind. The advantage was very great to a trading community, inasmuch as the gentlemen who formed them, or the Committee of such a Chamber, could approach bodies like a railway company in a way that individuals could not do. If a single firm or a trader approached a railway company, or a river or canal rates, as individuals they put themselves in opposition, perhaps, to a powerful company. It was in every way desirable in matters of that kind that people should act collectively, and not individually. He was quite sure that there were great advantages attending the formation of such associations, and he believed that the benefit to Ipswich would be no inconsiderable one, especially seeing such a matter as that of giving preference to Parkeston over Ipswich had cropped up. He could hardly conceive that it could be to the interest of the shareholders of the Great Eastern Railway Company that goods should be carried a distance of 32 miles at about the same rates as that they might be carried for ten miles, and he felt certain that there must be something at work which the people of Ipswich did not understand to enable such a thing to be possible. It certainly could not be to the interest of the shareholders of the Company, although it might be to the interest of gentlemen whose goods were conveyed at such a reduced charge. It was for the interest of the Ipswich traders, taken into consideration to see if advantages could not be offered to Ipswich equal to those which were offered to Parkeston. There was a number of other matters of great interest which we continually being brought forward which might with advantage engage the attention of a Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, but he thought he had said sufficient to show that it was desirable to form such an association. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. E. Curtis said he had great pleasure in seconding the proposition, for it seemed to him that the action of the Great Eastern Railway, if it was as had been described, must be prejudicial to the port of Ipswich. He had heard it stated that the Railway Company were carrying goods from Parkeston to Stowmarket at a cheaper rate than they charged from Ipswich to Stowmarket.

Mr. Podick said Mr. Packard had not gone quite so far as that.

Mr. Packard said the rates might not be less, but the whole of the expenses were so arranged that Parkeston, which was much further of Stowmarket than Ipswich, was put on a par with Ipswich.

Mr. Curtis: This must have the effect of damaging Ipswich very considerably. It was a matter of some sufficient reasons why we should form such a Chamber as he has proposed.

Mr. F. Podick said it was undoubtedly a question of great importance to the town of Ipswich. The Commission had had at different times to go the Great Eastern Railway to confer with them about matters connected with the interest of the port, and had always been received with great courtesy and large promises. Unfortunately those promises, those kind speeches, had not, up to the present time, absolutely fulfilled. It was a second desirable some further action should be taken on the part of the town and the Dock Commissioners. At one of the Committee meetings it was proposed that a deputation (consisting of the Mayor, on behalf of Ipswich, and of the Chairman of the Dock Commission, on behalf of that body, should wait upon the Great Eastern Railway with the object of ascertaining if possible what their line of action was to be in the future. No doubt the carrying out of Mr. Packard's resolution would be the best means to adopt to meet the various matters that were continually being brought forward. There was no doubt that that which had been alluded to was only the thin end of the wedge, and it was highly desirable that they should have their eyes open to see the working of the present system, which, if it went on, would no doubt be prejudicial to the port. An enormous amount of money had been expended in developing the port, and the ratepayers of the town were anxious that Ipswich should receive the full benefit of anything that might be done. It had been stated that Ipswich was the best place they had in the matter of business in proportion to the population, but at the present time, instead of bringing their influence and money on the side of Ipswich, it seemed that they were inclined to divert these advantages to another place.

Mr. Edward Grimwade said he thought that the suggestion that had been made was a good one. Some years ago there was a matter which especially affected Ipswich as against Yarmouth, and there was a long correspondence, but no result came forth. Ipswich, at last the Company granted an interview, and as soon as the matter was fairly put before them they immediately met the town with great liberality. He did not think it was worth while for the matter to any other body until they had taken steps, through a deputation consisting of the Mayor and the Chairman of the Dock Commission, to place the matter before the Railway Company. They were similar to other people—they liked to be trusted, and they did not like to feel that those with whom they had to do were litigious and disposed to find fault. His belief was that if a personal representation were made outside the proposed Chamber of Commerce that redress would be secured.

Mr. J. B. Geard said one of the great advantages of a Chamber of Commerce consisted in its having a *locus standi* before the Railway Commission. It is generally known that during the present Session there would be an enlargement of the powers given to that Commission. Amongst other clauses he had heard there were certain bodies which had a *locus standi*, an opportunity of doing that which up to the present time had been a great inconvenience to private individuals. Chambers of Commerce would have a much more advantage than these matters than private individuals could, who merely came forward for their own individual relief. For the reason that a Chamber of Commerce had a *locus standi* before the Railway Commission, he thought it was very important that a Chamber of Commerce and Shipping should be formed.

The Chairman said such a Chamber might, perhaps, be beneficial to the trade and commerce of the town, but he must protest against a Chamber of Commerce being formed as an opposition to the Great Eastern Railway Company. If the Chamber of Commerce was to be established for general purposes of protecting the trade of the town and promoting the interest of Ipswich, it was he was heartily with the motion. He was quite satisfied, from the experience he had had with the Railway Company, that they would listen to any fair proposal made to them, and if it could be shown that something was to the interest of Ipswich, and not prejudicial to the interest of the Company, that they would abandon the project they had taken up. In drawing attention to the matter of feeling, they would be putting themselves in a wrong position. (Hear, hear.)

The motion was then carried, and the meeting terminated.

"TRUE BRITONS"

ANNIVERSARY AT OCCOLD.

The members of the "True Britons" Club—having attended Divine service at the parish church on Sunday evening, where, in the absence of the respected Rector, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Chevallier—celebrated their 9th anniversary at the Bottles Inn, on Tuesday, when an excellent dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. A. Reynolds, the popular host and hostess, and to which about 70 members and friends sat down shortly before 5 o'clock. The success of this old and ever-increasing Club hold their monthly meetings, and in which the dinner was served, having become too small to accommodate all, the owners (Messrs. Harwood, of Beckles) are now carrying alterations which will make the room a great acquisition to the house and also to the parish. This is being done by extending the room some 18ft. further into the garden. The improvement was not completed in time for the dinner, but a number of lifts having been judiciously utilised, the party were made quite comfortable and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Mr. T. H. Tacon, of Eye, presided, being supported by the Rev. W. E. Dalton, curate of Eye; Mr. T. W. Cobbold, Hemnigh; Mr. R. Cocold; Mr. W. Turner, Eye (manager to the Messrs. Harwood); and Mr. J. Peck, Occold. There were also present Mr. W. Roper, of the Eye Friendly Society of Oddfellows; Mr. E. Lockwood and Mr. B. Durrant, of "Pride of the Forest" Court of Foresters at Eye; Mr. George Ford and Mr. W. Cutting, of the "Hand of Friendship" Lodge of Oddfellows at Eye, and others. The excellent fare having been enjoyed and the cloths removed, the usual loyal toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured—after which the Chairman gave in appropriate terms the toast of "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," with which he coupled the name of the Rev. W. E. Dalton, who, in responding, made an excellent speech, in the course of which he said he was very glad to see good rector and his kind friend, Mr. Todd, was not able to be present on account of absence from home. He was through his active ministrations, he said, with them that day. He had attended many club dinners in that social way, and it had always been to him a matter of very sincere pleasure and thankfulness to hear the cordially and heartily drunk the health of his kind friend and rector. Advices from the same source, he said, that the country appeared to be between Sandy Hills and Berber.

General Gordon has stated to Greek merchants that he expected English troops, and that, therefore, they need not leave the town, as they were expected. He has appointed a Greek Sub-Governor of Khartoum. Egyptian troops have been ordered up to Dongola.

The English proposals at the coming Conference will, it is said, involve the raising and guarantee of a loan of eight millions sterling, which is thought sufficient to tide the country over the next three years. Turkish troops are required for Suakim, Massowah, and Berber, of course, the cost of the Soudan operations is at present an unknown quantity in the problem.

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE

THE ALLEGED MORGANATIC MARRIAGE OF THE GRAND DUKE OF HESSE.

HEALTH OF THE KING OF SPAIN.

MR. STANLEY'S EXPLORATIONS ON THE CONGO.

EXPLOSION AT BOYARDVILLE.

FATAL CYCLONE IN AMEBICA.

FAILURE OF A NEW YORK BANK.

BOER OCCUPATION OF ZULULAND.

TERRIBLE OCCUERENCE AT A NIHILIST TRIAL.

A correspondent has sent the following from Berlin:—"Within the last few days a detailed and positive statement has been making the round of the Berlin Press which I at first regarded as incredible, but which has now received an appearance at least of truth, through its reproduction in the semi-official *North German Gazette*—a fact which generally goes for nothing before quoting the assertions of its contemporaries.

"The statement is to the effect that on the evening of the marriage of his daughter, Princess Victoria, to Prince Louis of Battenburg, the Grand Duke of Hesse privately contracted a morganatic marriage with Madame von Kolemine, the widow and daughter of Count Adam von Hutten Czapski, a Russian courtier. Madame von Kolemine, it is added, lately procured a divorce from her husband, who she was married in 1872, and who for some time represented Russia at the Court of Darmstadt; and she was otherwise well known in diplomatic circles at Berlin and Schwalbach, where her husband had resided. Her father died last year at Nice, and her previous husband is now posted at Carlsruhe, not far from Darmstadt. The Grand Duke's marriage with Madame von Kolemine took place in accordance with the civil contract, which was privately entered into by the parties in the presence of Freiherr von Starck, Minister of State.

"It is said to be going the round of the circles of German Press, but which, despite its positive form, is well calculated to arouse scepticism. A friend in Darmstadt telegraphs to me on the subject as follows:—

"The report is in some quarters as to the morganatic marriage of the Grand Duke has created universal surprise here, and in Court circles everyone affects to know nothing whatever about it. It is generally believed, but if this be not issued there will be no room for doubting the truth of the story."

Another correspondent telegraphing from Berlin on Sunday night says:—"I am in a position, in spite of contradictions, to repeat my statement that the Grand Duke of Hesse has been morganatically married to Madame von Kolemine, formerly resident at the Russian Minister at Carlsruhe. The ceremony was purely civil, and was performed by the Hessian Minister, Baron Starck. The Emperor William first heard of the news, which has caused a general sensation, on Sunday last."

Don Alfonso's health may be considered as completely restored, and he now goes about as usual.

It is announced that Mr. Stanley is still at Leopoldville. During his last journey of exploration in December, 1883, by tracing the course of the river Arouhoumi as far as possible, he solved the problem of the Quelis river. The Arouhoumi, is, it appears, the same river as the Quelle, which Dr. Schweinfurth saw in 1870. Mr. Stanley travelled as far as 2° 15' N. latitude, and the river has now only to be followed further to be identified with the Quelle mentioned by Dr. Schweinfurth. The rumour that the African Association will eventually cede its rights in the Congo Free State to France is stated to be absolutely false. The Association is dealing with its African possessions as an independent State, and hopes that the Powers will follow the example of the United States by recognising it.

An explosion occurred on Tuesday evening at the Torpedo factory at Boyardville, France. Several persons were injured.

A cyclone struck the Southern part of Davenport, Iowa, on Monday afternoon, destroying several buildings, killing one person, and injuring 20 others.

During a fog at Chicago on Monday, a goods train on one track collided with the rear end of a passenger train on the same line which was standing at a station in the suburbs. The coaches were telescoped, two passengers being killed and 15 more injured.

One of the catastrophes found last week under the Parliament Buildings at Toronto has, on examination, been found to be filled with dead cats.

The Marine National Bank of New York has closed its doors. The event was quite unexpected. The bank was a before to the Clearing House for a sum of $500,000, but paid the amount before closing its doors. The suspension is attributed mainly to real estate transactions affected by the president of the bank. The market was temporarily affected by the failure, but after recovering moved.

Messrs. Grant and Ward, bankers of New York, have suspended payment. The partners in the establishment are General Grant, Mr. Ward, President of the Marine National Bank, and Mr. Ward. General Grant was merely a special partner.

The Boers continue to swarm into Zululand, Rumour attributes to them a design to instal Dinizulu as King, under a Regency. They are more likely, however, to settle down and remain neutral, unless they extend the occupancy of the land. In any case, the growing dominance of the Boers threatens to supersede the British supremacy in South-Eastern Africa. British apathy is the Boers' opportunity.

Intelligence comes from St. Petersburg of a terrible occurrence during a Nihilist trial. Wm. Dubetzki was tried. Some members of the so-called Black Band were undergoing their trial before the District Court, when two of the prisoners, Dubetzki and Ivanoff, made an attempted to commit suicide. Dubetzki wounded himself mortally, but the female prisoner was less seriously injured. The proceedings were immediately suspended.

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SUDDEN DEATH AT IPSWICH.

Last (Friday) evening the Borough Coroner held an inquiry at the Temperance Hall, Tower-ward, touching the death of Matilda Hadgraft, aged 82 years, an inmate of the Lady-lane Almshouses. The deceased was last seen alive on Thursday evening. In consequence of her not being seen on Friday, shortly after 10 o'clock, the house was entered, and the dead body of the poor woman was found lying in the bed, cold and stiff. Mr. S. E. Ansell, one of the parish surgeons, said he had been called in, but was satisfied any of the necessaries of life. Mr. W. H. Meadows, surgeon, gave it as his opinion that the cause of death was apoplexy, consequently upon exposure. The body was fairly nourished. The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

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THE CRIMINAL LAW PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

This House, with its weariness of practical work, and its endless debate, was not so much the scene of interest to-night as the House of Lords, where the Peers came to-gether in great numbers to decide whether pigeon shooting should be prohibited by Act of Parliament. The Bishops, whose absence brought such sharp criticism upon them when the subject was before the House last year, were present in numbers. The question was put and in delivering himself against the barbarities connected with the sport, caught the ear of the House more happily than he has done upon almost any previous occasion. Their Lordships of Gloucester, Bath, and Wells, Rochester, Chichester, Bangor, and St. Albans were also present in their canonical robes, which lend dignity to the scene. It was essential to the admission of a prelate to the benches of the House of Lords. Peers such as the Duke of Westminster and the Earl of Shaftesbury, well-known for their philanthropy, were present in some force, but at the outset it was plain that the Bill would be rejected. Its mover was Lord Balfour of Burleigh, a member sitting on the Conservative side, and its chief opponent that staunch Conservative and consistent upholder of existing institutions, Lord Redesdale. Except that Lord Fortescue during the Bill so trivial as to be unworthy the attention of the Legislature and was gently rebuked by the Primate with a suggestion that nothing is unworthy of the Legislature which will lessen one pang in the universe, there was little in the debate. Two former members of Liberal Cabinets spoke upon the Bill. Lord Aberdale, whom the Commons know as Mr. Secretary Bruce, supported it, and Lord Cowper, who was last heard of as having resigned the Vice-Royalty of Ireland, opposed it. On the division, most of the Peers in the Opposition and some from the Liberal side, crowded into the lobby with the "non-contents," and although Lord Granville and other members of the Cabinet supported the Bill, it was rejected by 78 votes against 48.

Sir Stafford Northcote was in his place early in the Lower House in order to settle the preliminaries for the great fight of Monday next. The House grews singularly accustomed to the quiet tones of the Conservative leader's unpretentious voice, strangely contrasting as it does with the strident accents more in vogue among younger politicians.

To an abandonment of the morning sitting Mr. Gladstone saw no reason for assenting, especially as it would have left Sir Stafford Northcote and his friends at the mercy of private members, who have secured the evening, but he promised to give up the morning sitting if necessary, and to use his influence with the private members in order that the debate on the Vote of Censure may proceed uninterrupted to its close.

The debate on the second reading of the Municipal Elections (Corrupt Practices) Bill was resumed by Mr. Warton, who moved the rejection of the measure. Mr. Hanbury seconded this, and it was supported by Mr. Lewis, the great opponent of last year's Corrupt Practices Bill. The theme on which the discussion proceeded was the unfitness of severe penalties for the prevention of slight offences such as may arise at municipal contests. At the end of two hours the Speaker's decision that the Bill was a money Bill was upheld, when the second reading was put to the House. The proposal of Sir R. Cross to keep the Bill in the hands of the whole House was rejected by a majority of 206 votes, against 149.

On the second Bill destined for the Grand Committee—that which is to enable a prisoner to be examined as a witness in his own account—the Attorney-General's proposal was confirmed by 179 votes against 135.

By this time seven o'clock was nearing. There was no time left before the adjournment to proceed profitably with the Franchise Bill, and the Speaker relieved the House of the dilemma of having no work to do by vacating the chair.

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL'S BIRMINGHAM CANDIDATURE.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAM.]

LONDON, Friday night.

Lord Randolph Churchill characterises, as a malignant falsehood, the report that he had withdrawn from his candidature for Birmingham.

It is stated that at a Conservative meeting held at the Carlton Club this afternoon, the chief speakers were Sir Stafford Northcote and Lord Randolph Churchill, and that the proceedings were of the most harmonious character.

TROUBLES IN ZULULAND.

THE BRITISH RESIDENT ATTACKED.

A rising has occurred at Inkandhla. Mr. Osborne's party has been attacked by Umdabuka's followers, and the British Resident has asked for assistance. The Resident considered the rising to be serious, and affairs is threatening. The Boer force in Central Zululand has declared that they intend to settle in the country, and to assert and maintain the authority of Dinuzulu, Umdabuka's rival for the leadership of the Usutu party in Zululand.

INTENDED RETIREMENT OF MR. J. H. TILLETT, M.P.

Mr. J. H. Tillett was recently requested by the Norwich Libel Three Hundred to record his announced intention of retiring from the representation of the city at the dissolution. Mr. Tillett, however, adheres to his decision.

PETERBOROUGH HOSPITAL NEARLY DESTROYED BY FIRE.

TWO RESCUERS INJURED.

[CENTRAL NEWS TELEGRAM.]

LONDON, Friday evening.

The General Hospital at Peterborough was this afternoon almost entirely destroyed by fire. All the patients were, however, safely removed to the neighbouring vicarage, but two of the rescuers were injured.

LATE ADVERTISEMENT.

A Young Lady wishes to reside in a family in Ipswich where she would have a comfortable home and good society. Terms moderate. Ipswich or Suburbs preferred. References given and required.—Terms on application to A. M. A., 14, Brookside, Cambridge.

MARKETS.

CORN EXCHANGE, LONDON.

FRIDAY, May 9.

There was no fresh feature in the grain trade at Mark-lane. A fair amount of business was done in wheat at Friday's prices. Fresh supplies of grain were short, both English and foreign. Wheat moved off slowly, and both English and foreign samples were weak in value. Flour was difficult to dispose of. Barley and malt were limited. Prices were about the same. Rye, peas, beans, and maize ruled very quiet, and tended to a moderate extent; but were steady in value. Maize was quiet, without change. Beans and peas changed hands at last Monday's prices.

ARRIVALS.

	Wheat.	Barl.	Malt.	Oats.	Mze.	Bns.	Peas.	Flour sks.	bls.
English and Scotch	1100	140	2660	—	—	140	—	—	—
Irish	—	—	—	900	—	—	—	—	—
Foreign	57370	12530	—	28470	7900	—	500	30190	1446

THE FRENCH WHEAT TRADE.

Paris advices of last evening state that although the growing crops present a favourable appearance in France, wheat speculation ruled firm, and the tendency tended upon the French markets. Some transactions have even been carried through at an advance of 5repence per quintal.

IPSWICH, May 6.—We cannot make to-day any change in our quotations for wheat, the trade was tolerably steady, and the supply was not large. Flour was 40s. per sack, 20s. per ½ sack, 10s. per ¼ sack. Barley, 36s. per qr. Inspector's returns—Wheat, 1,088 qrs., 39s. 1d.; barley, 90 qrs., 35s.; malting, 20 qrs., 20s. per qr.

HALESWORTH, May 6.—Thin attendance at this market to-day. Wheat, 40s. per sack; barley, 36s. per qr. Feeding stuffs, no quotable change. Weather very stormy.

HADLEIGH, May 3.—Inspector's return:—Wheat, 1,088 qrs., 39s. 1d.; barley, 90 qrs., 35s.; malting, 20 qrs., 20s. per qr.

BURY ST. EDMUND'S, May 7.—The corn market was rather thinly attended, and business was dull, and to effect sales in wheat and barley we had to lower our prices. Flour and malt trade slow, and all other things had a downward tendency.

BRAINTREE, May 7.—Trade languid for English wheat, although prices remain nominally the same as last week, but very little inquiry. Feeding stuff slow sale, at last week's prices. Quotations:—White wheat, 41s. to 43s.; red ditto, 38s. to 41s.

HARLESTON, May 7.—Moderate supply of wheat, and trade firm at late rates. White wheat, 42s. to 43s.; red ditto, 38s. to 41s. per qr.

SAFFRONWALDEN, May 7.—The market was thinly attended to-day, but little change in the trade was done. The wheat was wanted the grower. Other articles remain unaltered in price.

BURY, May 8.—The market was well attended, limited supply of wheat on offer, which sold slowly at last week's prices. Quotations: White wheat, 38s. to 41s.; red ditto, 36s. to 38s. per qr. Average: Wheat, 135 qrs., 39s. 10d. per qr.

STOWMARKET, May 8.—The show of wheat to-day was small; the trade was very quiet for retail characters, and prices were hardly so good as last week. In Spring corn not much doing, but prices are nominally unchanged. Returns: Wheat, 564 qrs., 38s. 5½d.; barley, 58 qrs., 31s. 6½d. per qr.

WOODBRIDGE, May 8.—Since our last, the weather upon the whole has been somewhat unseasonable, but we continue to get frosty nights, which check vegetation. Wheat was in fair supply, and the trade ruled dull at our quotations of this day se'nnight.

METROPOLITAN CATTLE MARKET, May 5.

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