Two Defeats One Victory

Senior and Junior Rugby Teams Were Beaten at Vancouver.

Fernwoods Beat Vancouver at Basketball by Fifteen to Eleven.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Five tries to nothing in favor of Vancouver was the result of the Senior Rugby football match between Vancouver and Victoria today, while in the Junior match Vancouver defeated Victoria 9 to nil.

Captain Moresby says, generally speaking, he was well satisfied with the Senior game. He did not expect to win. He knows exactly where the team was weak, and why they were beaten, and he is confident, should Vancouver visit Victoria, and Victoria have their full team, they could easily defeat Vancouver.

The Victoria team were disappointed at the last minute on five men, and they had to take on two Intermediates, Janion and Patton, while Messrs. T. Cornwall, Geo. Johnson and Jos. Pemberton, though sadly out of practice, kindly consented to play. The result was inevitable.

The new men coming on necessitated a shift around. Capt. Moresby, who plays forward, had to play half-back. The marking was disgraceful, and the tackling weak, and Victoria had no one to offset the long heavy kicking of Marpole and Woodward. Goward, at full back, played a magnificent game, and saved Victoria many times. McIver Campbell, the referee, it was claimed, was out of practice, although striving to give honest judgments, it is said that he overlooked small errors, and Victoria was weakened by stopping for the whistle, when it didn't blow. Vancouver half backs played a brilliant game, but their kicking on goal was poor.

The Victoria Juniors showed up well, but the three-quarters and backs were simply wretched. The Victoria forwards were far superior to the Vancouver forwards, but the Vancouver backs outclassed the visiting backs.

The Royal Artillery beat the Royal Engineers at the Barracks yesterday by a score of five goals to nil, after a very exciting game.

BASKETBALL.

Vancouver, Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The Fernwood basketball team defeated the Vancouver team tonight by a score of 15 to 11.

The playing was very fast on both sides. It was the finest exhibition of basketball ever seen here.

The Victoria team tired the home team out in the first half. Vancouver was ahead 8 to 4 but could not keep up the clip.

HOCKEY.

The Hockey match yesterday afternoon between the Victoria Intermediates and High School resulted in a win for the latter, by a score of two goals to nothing. It was fully illustrated that weight and strength won't win a game if the necessary skill has not been acquired. The High school team was much inferior as far as weight and size are concerned, but had the advantage of knowing the game thoroughly, also having the skill which the Victoria's lacked. The bully-off took place at 3:15 p. m. The High school got the puck into the Victoria's ground, making some very desperate shots, which were very neatly stopped by McKilligan, in goal. Berridge relieved the pressure for a time, and Scholefield made a very fast dribble, taking the ball into the enemy's ground, finally being checked by Scott, who passed to Woods. He took it further down then sent it out near the Victoria circle. The Intermediates got the puck and held it about half way, till Gibson got it, making a clean dash and passed to Winsby, who put it behind the poles. Martin got it after the bully-off was checked by Hewetson, who passed to Gibson, who returned it to Hewetson, who got it in the circle and scored. After the bully-off Victoria did their best to make things hot for the High school backs, until Woods by a neat swipe sent it down. Winsby and Hewetson came after it, giving McKilligan all he could do till the backs sent it up to Dalby. Dalby made a fine run just as the whistle for half time was blown. Hayward, Scholefield and Green did some nice passing and dribbling just at the start of the second half, but were soon stopped by Scott. Winsby getting the puck, brought it down till Wollaston put himself in the way, and stopped the rush, which gave Wilson a chance to do some nice dribbling, which Russel stopped, sending it back to the other end of the field. Green brought it back however, only to be checked by Woods, who passed to Winsby, who scored, but unfortunately was off side. The High school were working like perfect steam engines, keeping the puck dangerously near Victoria's circle; Berridge saved a vicious shot, sending it well out in the middle of the field. Green getting it rushed down the field, but was checked by Scott, Dalby, Wilson and Scholefield did some nice combination work at this point. Winsby and Hewetson broke it up, however, giving the Victoria backs no time to think where to send the puck. The game remained the same until the finish, neither sides scoring, the puck kept oscillating half way with not much advantage to either side.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

At the Canteen grounds yesterday afternoon the Columbias defeated the Egeria Association football team. The game will live long in the memory of those who witnessed it. Association football has been played in Victoria for many years, regardless of the proper rules, which has been more the fault of the referee than anyone else. The game yesterday was played clean, straight, and scientifically on both sides, and to pick out specially any particular player would be the hardest kind of work, from beginning to finish short passing prevailed, and the combination on both sides made the game brilliant, and free from unpleasantness. The Egeria's team is the best team on combination ever seen in this province, and when their opponents admit this, it leaves little room for doubt. The Columbias at present are not by any means the Columbias of past years, their forward rank has always been reckoned the best, since their half has been strengthened by Rutherford and Alex. Johnson. The latter is undoubtedly the best Victoria has ever seen; cool, clean, and precise. The Egerias have another Alex. in their half's, by name Essex, who takes things equally cool. In the first half the Egerias kicked down hill, and after 15 minutes play got past Marshall, after that player had fisted out a warm shot, give and take play ensued. After this both teams working with varying fortunes. Berkley, supported by Finlaison, made things warm and exciting several times. The Egerias relieved, Dunn serving a beauty to Youens, the outside left, and that player passing inside to Wrench, made a clean passing run in front of Marshall. Youens put in a hot one, and was promptly returned by the latter, however not quite far enough to be out of danger, the ball rebounding off one of the Egeria's went through, giving the sailors two goals to the good. Half time being called a few minutes later. On resumption it looked as if Mitchell would add another for the Tars, and would have done so if Shanks had not cleared, the sphere being returned well over the half-way line, and D. Hunter securing passed to Lawson, that player giving his opposition the slip, centered to Berkley, who immediately saw Lawson had the opening, and passed out to him, who put in a dead certainty the ball passed Harris like a flash. Matters began to be lively, the Egerias kicking off Mitchell passed to Reynolds and Beere receiving made a long shot for the left wing where Youens was waiting and after a good tussel, the ball went over the line on the throw in, Smith secured and wisely passed in to Rutherford, who changed the play from the right to left by placing the ball at Alex. Johnstons, feet that player passed to Finlaison, who passed to Siss Berkley, and returned the ball to "Finny," he being hard pressed passed to Johnson and Alex. giving the ball a straight liner to Siss, who sent it to Harriss in racing style, the game became very exciting at this stage, both being equal.

The Tars on the fence and grand stand yelling their best to give their boys fresh impetus, and they came near making another goal, but Marshall relieved cleanly, give and take play ensuing, the game ended in a draw. To make special mention would be out of place, as there being no selfishness on either side, every one was entitled to unstinted praise. The referee filled that position, which everyone will admit the most trying of any to the utmost satisfaction. The Columbias have now played three games with the Egerias and drawn each game. When these teams line up again look out for football.

THE TURF.

It was a glorious run yesterday afternoon from the Royal Oaks, 16 turning up for the meet, and besides being a good one, the object of the hounds was at last accomplished, that is, to catch the hares, fast, "well rather" was the remark of the five hard-riding members who had the honor of overtaking the hares, but in justice to them it must be mentioned that one of the hounds knew the run almost as well as the hares. They were overtaken some seven minutes after the start by the above mentioned five, who graciously relieved them of their "brush" and allowing them a further law of seven minutes; but again fate seemed to be against one of the horses, for "low and behold" he was again caught, but this time it was the horse's fault, having gone lame, his brother horse leading the hounds a merry dance over the greater part of the run, reaching cover three minutes in advance of the first contingent; the balance of the field being two minutes behind. The going on the whole was all that could be desired, and the jumps were above the average. There were no casualties, but there were very nearly some spills. The run was fast, very fast indeed, in fact it was almost too fast for some of the horses, but there lies the spirit in the pace; the old saying is true, "it is the pace that kills." In going through Mr. McKenzie's farm the far off notes of a horn were heard. Some thought it was a rival huntsman, but on investigation it was found to be the jovial farmer himself urging the members on, and wishing them good luck in catching the fast fleeting hare.

Next week the run will be from Colwood, which is always looked forward to by the club.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

This is what the Sportsman of Glasgow says of the All-Canadian Rugby team, in the match against Glasgow:

The Canadians, after playing three games in Ireland, one of which was won, that against Ulster (the opening match), and two lost, against Dublin University and North of Ireland, respectively, played the first of a series of matches in Scotland on Saturday. The Glasgow team was drawn from three city clubs, namely, West of Scotland, Glasgow Academicals, and Kelvinside Academicals, and the team was a very strong one. Canada also was well represented, and a very large crowd assembled at Hamilton Crescent, Patrick, the ground of the West of Scotland, F. C., to witness what proved to be a very interesting game. Canada lost the toss, and Scott set the ball in motion for Glasgow. The home side were the first to appear dangerous, France making a threatening run, but he was well tackled by Tait, the Dominion back. Tait is an old Watsonian, and McClure, another member of the Canadians, hails from Greenock. The ground was in capital order, and the players had every opportunity of exhibiting their best paces. A follow up and charge down by Purves allowed Canada to cross the middle line. The first piece of combined play came from the Glasgow three-quarters, France, Sloan, Neilson and Halley, who all gained a lot of ground by judicious passing until the last named was brought down on the touch line. The Canadians, too, showed that they knew something of the game, and Craig, Marshall, and Scholefield, by clever manoeuvering, made considerable progress and caused no end of trouble to Neilson and Russell. However, the home forwards worked well together. In Britton and Gillespie, of the visiting backs, they had a difficult pair to overcome. Hard pressed, Purves and Marshall cleared the Canada lines beautifully, and a dash by Scholefield transferred play to the home end. R. T. Neilson brought him down in the nick of time. Louis Greig was playing a splendid forward game for Glasgow, and it was a dash by him which gave France a chance of opening the scoring, but the latter was hauled down on the touch line. The Canadian back rather overdid the passing game, and thus lost valuable time. Greig was more successful now. After a good piece of play by Lyle, Neilson and France, Glasgow got well down, and Greig feinting a pass, ran right down to the line, where he handed the ball to France, who secured the first try for Glasgow. Milne took the kick and brought out the major points. This was a fitting close to a hot first half, which was on the whole somewhat in favor of Glasgow.

Play opened lively in the second half, and Canada gave the home players a fright. First Powers spurted along the touch line and almost got behind. Then Craig, the 100 yards champion of Canada, gave an exhibition of speed, but Russell brought him to a standstill when almost home. The visiting forwards also infused some new life into the game, and after a rousing tussle on the home line, Purves secured a try for Canada. Tait missed the goal by inches only. A free kick to Canada prevented a dangerous raid, and gave much needed relief. Greig once more shone, and working back, he let Lyle away, and Sloan, who got the ball, passed it to France, who ran behind for the second time for Glasgow. The place kick was not improved upon. Hard pressed, Canada got offside, and for an infringement Glasgow were awarded a penalty kick, and W. M. Milne kicked a splendid goal. The Canadians were now aggressive for a long time, the ball ultimately going behind. Though defending for several minutes, the Canadian forwards all played well, Ogilvie, Du Moulin and Marshall, forward, Gillespie at half, and Powers, Craig and Scholefield, at three-quarters, and the full back, all showing up well. Towards the close Canada had a rare rush, and Powers got to the line when he was pulled down. A good game thus ended in a win for Glasgow by a goal, a penalty goal and a try to a try. The Canadians play Edinburgh Academicals on Christmas day, Edinburgh Wanderers on the 27th in Edinburgh, North of Scotland at Dundee on December 30, Hawick at Hawick on January 1, and Jedforest at Jedburgh on January 3. They then pass into England and play a series of games there. Teams:

Glasgow: J. Russell (Glasgow Academicals), back; C. France (Kelvinside), J. Halley (Academicals), R. T. Wilson (West of Scotland) and T. Sloan (Glasgow Academicals), three-quarter backs; H. Lyle (West of Scotland) and L. Greig (Glasgow Academicals), half backs; George Wingate, J. R. C. Greenlees and W. B. Wilson (Kelvinside), W. L. Russell and W. M. Milne (Academicals) and W. P. Scott, N. Kennedy and J. F. Carson (West of Scotland), forwards.

Canada: J. Tait (Vancouver), back; J. R. Craig (Montreal), C. W. Darling (Toronto), K. A. S. Scholefield (Victoria), and J. J. Powers (Ottawa), three-quarter backs; R. H. Britton (Toronto), and A. Gillespie (Victoria), half backs); J. H. S. McClure (capt. (Montreal), W. R. Marshall (Hamilton ,Ont.), G. G. de Moulin (Hamilton, Ont.), J. P. Purves (Revelstoke, B.C.), O. Randale (Nanaimo, B.C.), C. McDonald (Halifax), N. C. Ogilvie (Montreal), and H. L. Fenerty (Halifax), forwards.)

Referee: Mr. Flett (Edinburgh University).

THE REPORT ON BUILDINGS

One Phase of Victoria's Progress as Recorded By Mr. Northcott.

Following is the report of the building inspector, Mr. Northcott, for the year 1902, which was submitted at the last regular meeting of the council:

City Hall, Victoria,
January 3, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen,—In presenting this, my annual report as building inspector, I am pleased to be able to note the continued prosperity of the city, as shown in the accompanying statement of building operations, which, in my opinion, may be taken as a safe index of the steady progress of the city.

Following are details of building work done during the year just passed:

84 wooden buildings, costing	$145,250
7 brick buildings, costing	59,500
Additions to wooden buildings	8,650
Additions to brick buildings	37,700
Sundry alterations and repairs	75,000
Total	$326,000

For the different wards the figures are as follows:

SOUTH WARD.

10 one-story wooden dwellings	$ 12,200
11 one and a half story wooden dwellings	21,900
13 two-story wooden dwellings	34,700
Additions to wooden dwellings	5,200
Additions to wooden business block	2,500
Additions to brick business block	13,800
One one and a half story brick dwelling	1,500
Sundry alterations and repairs	25,000
Total	$116,800

CENTRAL WARD.

8 one-story wooden dwellings	$ 9,400
5 one and a half story wooden dwellings	7,200
6 two-story wooden dwellings	13,300
1 wooden school house	750
Addition to wooden dwelling	600
Addition to wooden business block	250
1 brick livery stable	4,000
1 two-story brick store	3,000
1 four-story brick store	40,000
Additions to brick business blocks	23,400
Sundry alterations and repairs	25,000
Total	$126,900

NORTH WARD.

11 one-story wooden dwellings	$ 11,000
10 one and a half story wooden dwellings	17,400
6 two-story wooden dwellings	12,500
1 two-story wooden store	2,000
1 athletic club building (wood)	1,000
1 wilwaw shed (wood)	1,000
1 brick livery stable	4,000
1 brick shoeing forge	3,000
1 two-story brick store	4,000
Addition to brick stores	500
Sundry alterations and repairs	25,000
Total	$ 82,300

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Building Inspector.

CITY LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

Record for the Year 1902 as Set Forth By Mr. Goward.

Following is the report of the city librarian for the year 1902, which was submitted to the council at the last regular meeting:

Victoria, B. C., January, 1903.

To His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Victoria, B. C.:

Gentlemen,—I have the honor to submit to you my report of the good services rendered by the library during the year 1902, and of its present condition.

The number of books issued was 24,545, ladies taking 11,843 and gentlemen 12,702. The highest number issued in any one day was 154. The average number has been 80. All these numbers show an increase upon the corresponding numbers of 1901.

Three hundred and thirty-three new members have joined the library—149 ladies and 184 gentlemen. The total number of members now on the register is 7,223.

The total number of books and of reports of various institutions now in the library is 10,765.

Much appreciation of the general excellence of the volumes, at all times open to the call of the members, is often quietly and heartily expressed, the different encyclopaedias being greatly utilized and approved. Perhaps more frequently the material condition of the lighter works of literature is deplored and condemned, not only privately, but publicly, by some who seem to enjoy telling a tale of distress and destruction. The winter of discontent is, however, passing, and—thanks to the generosity of Mr. Carnegie and of the city—happier times are fast coming on, when, in the spacious halls that before this year closes, enlarged sources and means of pleasure, interest and knowledge shall welcome those who wish to spend leisure hours pleasantly and profitably, as well as those more eager souls who would strengthen themselves by study for the labors and the rewards of a busy life.

HENRY GOWARD,
Librarian.

IRISH STATISTICS.

Population Slowly Diminishing—Death Rate Lower—Emigration Less.

To the old story of the steady decline in the population of Ireland are added in the registrar-general's return of births, marriages, and deaths, only two cheerful features—a marked diminution in the death rate and in the number of emigrants.

Apart from these two elements, in one of which there is reason to fear the improvement is only temporary, the statistics detract nothing from the disquieting effect of the reports of the past decade.

The number of births, which in 1891 was 108,116, fell last year to 100,976, or nearly 5,000 less than the average of the ten years. Marriages, 22,564 in number, were slightly over the average, and deaths totaled 79,119, as compared with 85,999 in 1891, and 90,644 in 1892, and a decennial average of 89,604.

The number of emigrants, which ten years ago was 59,623, fell to 39,613, as compared with a ten years' average of 48,353; but the decrease in the population is nevertheless as much as 17,756, though something has to be set off against this on account of immigration, of which no official record has been obtained.

Two or three other points in the registrar-general's return are worthy of notice. The excess of births over deaths was 21,857; the loss by emigration amounted to 39,613; the number of illegitimate birth was 2,593, or only 2.6 per cent. of the total, as against 4 per cent. in England and Wales, and 6.5 per cent. in Scotland. Deaths from homicidal violence numbered only forty, and in the whole of Ireland there were but two persons hanged, while of the total of 79,111 deaths, only 1,253 were attributed to insanity.

These last sets of figures satisfactorily dispose of a good many sensational statements which have been made with regard to "diminishing Ireland."

On the other hand, the returns relating to pauperism show but few hopeful features. The number of workhouse inmates is given as 42,386, an increase of 504 over the previous year, and the number of receipt of out-relief was 57,570, or 473 fewer than in 1900. Ten years ago the figures were 41,744 and 62,528, respectively. The average prices of provisions show little variation from the mean of the ten years.

SOCIAL INFLUENCE.

Lord Roberts paid a half-yearly visit of inspection to the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, and made an address to the cadets, in which he congratulated them on their improved discipline, the Commander-in-Chief said:

"Do not listen to any nonsensical talk about officers requiring powerful friends to get them on. If you look round you will find those who are now in responsible positions started just as you are starting today. Their advancement is due to their own hard work and merit.

"I hope you will bear in mind two things—one, to endeavor to obtain the approbation of your superiors by showing how anxious you are to uphold the honor and efficiency of the King's army; and, secondly, win the confidence of those below you by letting them see you place duty above all other considerations, and that you do all in your power to help your men and add to their comfort."

Lord Roberts added, in conclusion, that the college was in a most satisfactory condition.

HUNER MEETS INSTANT DEATAH

Milton Edgson Accidentally Shot Through the Heart on Shopland's Farm.

The body of Milton Edgson, a popular young resident of Duncans, was found on the farm of Mr. J. Shopland, a few miles out of the city, yesterday morning, with a bullet wound in the heart, which must have caused instantaneous death.

The circumstances surrounding the tragic ending of a highly esteemed young man who had many acquaintances in Victoria, are, briefly, these: He had been spending his holidays with Ian St. Clair and other friends, and on Monday evening obtained a gun from the residence of Mr. John Shopland, intending to go on a hunting jaunt. He could not have gone very far when the dreadful accident which cut short his career occurred, as the body was found but a short distance away. Fears for his safety were not aroused until his failure to return to the home of Mr. St. Clair on Monday evening. Yesterday morning a search party was organized. The poor fellow was found lying alongside a fence on the farm of Mr. Shopland, stone dead, a bullet wound in his left breast and a gun, muzzle towards the body, lying near him, telling the story. It was plain that in attempting to get over the fence the gun, which he pushed over butt forwards, had exploded, killing him instantly.

Coroner Hart was at once notified, and an inquest will be held this morning at 10 o'clock.

Deceased, who was about 25 years of age, was a son of Wilton Edgson, of Duncans. Mr. Henry Fry, C. E., is a brother-in-law. He, and a brother, who were the main support of the family, were thoroughly accustomed to hunting and being in the woods, which makes his supposed carelessness all the more inexplicable. Deceased was very popular, and his lamentable end will be keenly felt by a wide circle of acquaintances.

RETAIL MARKETS

There is no change in the markets this week.

Following are current prices:

Wheat, per ton	$35
Corn, whole, per ton	$36
Corn, cracked	$37
Oats, per ton	$26
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs.	45
Rolled oats, B. & K., per lb	4
Rolled oats, B. & K. per 7-lb sack	35
Feed—	
Hay, baled ,per ton	$13
Straw, per bale	75
Middlings, per ton	$28
Bran, per ton	$25
Ground feed, per ton	$25
Vegetables—	
Cabbage, per lb	2 to 3
Cauliflower, per head	15
Onions, per lb	3
Carrots, per lb	1½@ 2
Beet root, per lb	3
Cucumbers, each	5 @10
Potatoes, per 100 lbs	75c to $1.00
Sweet potatoes, per lb	5
Celery	10 to 15
Turnips, per lb.	1½@ 3
Artichokes, per lb	2
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per dozen	40
Eastern eggs, per dozen	30
Cheese—	
Canadian, per lb	25
Butter—	
California	25
Cowichan creamery, per lb	40
Fresh Island butter	35 @ 40
Victoria creamery, per lb	35
Delta creamery, per lb	35
Manitoba, per lb	25@30
Best dairy, per lb	20 to 25
Fruits—	
Cocoanuts, each	10@15
Lemons, California, per doz.	25 to 30
Lemons, small, per doz.	20@25
Island apples, X, 75c., XX, $1, XXX	$1.25
California figs (black), 4 lbs	25
California figs (white), 8 lbs	25
California figs, new crop, 1 lb.	10
Currants, per lb	10 to 12½
Raisins, per lb	12½
Sultanas	17½
California	12½
Loose Muscats	8 to 10
Mixed peel, per lb	15
Poultry—	
Dressed fowls, each	50 to 75
Dressed turkeys, per lb	25
Fish—	
Smoked salmon, per lb	15
Spring salmon, per lb	10
Cod, per lb	10
Halibut, per lb	8
Smoked halibut	10
Halibut, frozen	6
Flounders	6
Crabs, per doz	75
Bloaters	10
Kippers	12½
Salt mackerel, each	15
Salt cod, per lb	10
Salt tongues and sounds, per lb.	20
Salt Holland herring, per keg	$1.50
Salt salmon, each	25
Salmon bellies, per lb	12½
Meats—	
Beef	10 to 20
Mutton, per lb	12½ to 18
Lamb, spring, fore quarters, each	$1 to $1.25
Lamb, hind quarters	$1.50 to $1.75
Lamb, cut up, per lb	12½ to 20
Veal	12½ to 20
Pork	11 to 18
Linton's bacon	25
Linton's ham	22
Hams, American, per lb.	22
Bacon, American, per lb	25
Bacon, rolled	18
Bacon, long clear	18
Lard, per lb.	20

ANECDOTES OF LORD KITCHENER

Some Extracts From Reminiscences of a Staff Officer —The Sudan.

"A Staff Officer" writes in Blackwood's Magazine for December one of those intimate sketches of men and things which are characteristic of Maga. "Campaigning with Kitchener" is full of good things, and is obviously written by an officer who has enjoyed unique opportunities for studying the new Commander-in-Chief in India. He remembers meeting Viscount Kitchener in 1897 and asking him when The Event—the reconquest of the Soudan—was due to happen. "Thirteen months hence," was the answer. "Thirteen months! That is a long time to wait." "Yes, it is," said Kitchener, "but remember that some of us have been waiting for it for thirteen years."

"A Staff Officer" attributes the gift of overcoming apparently insuperable difficulties which the Sirdar's officers possessed in such a marked degree in the Soudan campaign, very largely to the unbending severity with which he treated all failures, whether high or low were responsible for them. "A thing was ordered; it had to be done, and consequently it was done; no excuse prevailed for an instant. * * * Much of Kitchener's success was no doubt due to his wise choice of the tools he used—they really were tools, rather than men, and no finer body of young fellows ever wore sword than those splendid officers who worked and slaved for him, day after day, in those God-forsaken, sand-swept wastes. But no one knows, no one perhaps will ever fully know, the extent to which Kitchener was explored, beseeched, cajoled by the highest in the land to employ A. or B. or C. on his staff or anywhere. Kitchener was adamant to such requests. * * * No general has ever been more entirely independent of the help of those immediately around him; not one of his tools was indispensable, or even a dozen of them, though many did not realize the fact. 'Are you going to bring up Gen. X. for this campaign?' I once asked him. 'No, I don't think so,' Kitchener replied; 'he is doing very well where he is, and on my staff he always makes a channel.'

"Kitchener hated channels, hated any straight-waistcoat which hampered and confined him, and here is an instance. This same X had been very well brought up, and he liked to issue a sealed pattern daily order which was anathema to Kitchener, and the more as it was quite unnecessary when the army was all under his hand, and orders were best conveyed verbally. However, X. was so importunate that at last, out of sheer weariness, Kitchener dictated an order, and X., full of a new and blissful sense of importance, hurried off to get it duly copied, registered, duplicated, sealed, signed and delivered in the good old style. Meanwhile Kitchener strolls out and accidentally meets Broadwood, his cavalry commander. 'Oh, Broadwood,' says Kitchener, in that soft and almost deprecating drawl which some of his subordinates could mimic to the life, 'will you kindly take four squadrons and a couple of guns and push on forty miles to clear up the situation, and start in half an hour.' 'Very good, sir,' says Broadwood, who was a man of few words. As the cavalry were jingling out of camp, X. comes out of his tent with his orders hot from the press, and meets them. 'Where are you off to?' exclaims X. Mutual explanations follow, when it is found that Kitchener's verbal orders are entirely different from those he dictated, and poor X. went back to his tent and thenceforth gave up the issue of the daily order as a hopeless task."

With all his aloofness and self-sufficiency, Kitchener had one excellent cuscicency, Kitchener had one excellent cusciency, Kitchener had one excellent cusciency, Kitchener had one excellent cusci