

Rough Riders From Victoria

Major Laurie Makes Some Selections Yesterday for Strathcona's Horse.

List Completed To-Morrow—Send-off at Drill Hall In Evening.

All day yesterday from 9.30 a.m. recruiting Officer Laurie, who is engaged in the task of enrolling volunteers for Strathcona's Horse, was busy with a staff of assistants in the Drill hall in selecting the complement from Victoria.

It had been arranged that those chosen should depart on last evening's charmer for Vancouver en route East, but inasmuch as only ten men had passed inspection up to last evening, the departure is delayed until to-morrow evening.

Upwards of a hundred volunteers had assembled at the entrance to the Drill hall yesterday morning when Major Laurie put in an appearance. There were men from Nanaimo, Cowichan, Saanich and even Interior points, together with those who are residents of Victoria.

Seventy of those who lined up for inspection were chosen to undergo the preliminary examination. This consisted of a personal examination by Recruiting Officer Laurie, who questioned each as to his birthplace, nationality, previous occupation, and whether married or single.

Only 40 of the 70 were chosen for the further tests, and these were sent to Beacon Hill to disgorge their horsemanship. Three horses had been secured for the purpose of "trying" the volunteers and an interesting spectacle was provided by their manoeuvres. Some of the men had never been on horseback before, though the majority acquitted themselves most creditably.

One of the most splendid exhibitions of horsemanship, dropping his hat on the track and picking it up, was made by one of the volunteers. The morning's exhibition drew a large audience from the city.

Part of the necessary examination consists of a rifle course, but Major Laurie had not an opportunity for this yesterday. Only 25 of the 40 emerged successful, and were sent along for the medical examination. Here the weeding-out process continued, and about 15 of the 25 were sent to the examination quarters all afternoon, while the remainder of the disappointed, complaining about the rigid examination which they had to undergo.

One man was "plucked" because of a small varicose vein near the ankle. Another was "plucked" because of a hernia. "Joe" Matthews, who had been offered a horse by Sam Watson, was rejected when the recruiting officer discovered that he was a married man, though Matthews passed all examinations successfully.

Up to 9 p.m. only ten out of a total of nearly a hundred who had volunteered in the first place were accepted. They are as follows: D. G. P. D'ARMOUR—A native of Quebec; height 5 ft., 9 inches; ex-military policeman; recently from the Yukon country; 24 years of age; height 5 ft., 11 inches.

R. A. ST. GEORGE—Born in England; a resident of Cowichan; aged 28; height 5 ft., 9 1/2 inches. C. S. FAIR—Born in England, a resident of Cowichan; height 5 ft., 3 1/2 inches; aged 25 years.

W. H. NURY—A native of St. Thomas, Ont.; age 23; height 5 ft., 8 inches. FRASER—Born in India; age 30; height 5 ft., 10 inches. W. D. FRASER—Born in England; age 28; height 5 ft., 10 inches.

W. C. WINVELL—Born in London, Eng.; age 23; height 5 ft., 8 1/2 inches. G. ELLIOT—Born in England; age 26; height 5 ft., 10 inches. H. C. TILDEN—Born in England; age 30; height 5 ft., 6 1/2 inches.

Major Laurie was somewhat disappointed in the full complement of volunteers which he had to make up to the quota. The report given yesterday afternoon that a farewell meeting would be held in the Drill hall in the evening, addressed by Major Laurie, left for the most part, but this attracted many to the Drill hall, but in consequence of recruits not being completed, the meeting was postponed.

Col. Gregory gives notice that there will be a battalion parade to-morrow night at 6 o'clock.

VERNON'S QUOTA. In a telegram received last evening by Price Ellison, M.P., the names of those forming Vernon's contingent are given as follows: McMullin, Symington, Cameron, J. W. Murray, Smith, Bokon, Brexton, W. Brent, Strickland, Verner, E. M. Jones, Slinger, F. Ellis, Fendler, O. Nicholson. Mr. Ellison states that all are excellent horsemen, and in every sense fitted for the work which they will have to do in South Africa.

THE VANCOUVER MEN. Those chosen in Vancouver were: F. F. Warren, E. E. Curtis, E. L. LeRoy, J. H. Hicks, E. V. Chancellor, P. V. Bell, F. Kerr, J. H. Mallaine, D. McEwen, W. H. Bell, J. Gether, Thos. Hulbert, G. W. Ledingham, J. Fuller.

TEN FROM REVELSTOKE. Revelstoke, Feb. 10.—About one of the biggest crowds that ever assembled in Revelstoke, gathered at the railway depot this morning to see away the "Lucky Ton," shortly to be sent to the front. A purse of \$50 was handed to each volunteer as a gift from the citizens of Revelstoke.

EAST KOOTENAYS QUOTA. Fort Steele, Feb. 10.—The East Kootenay contingent of Strathcona's Horse recruited at Fort Steele, 42 strong, under command of Lieut. Parker, left for Oso this morning. A patriotic reception was held previous to the departure, when

Sensation at Grand Forks

Drunken Man Shoots Promiscuously and Wounds Brother and Sister.

Turned Weapon on Police Who in Their Fusillade Made One Hit.

Grand Forks, Feb. 10.—A sensational shooting affair occurred in the Windsor hotel to-night, in which Morris O'Connor while in a drunken frenzy wounded his brother Pat, Miss Maggie O'Connor, a sister, is suffering from a scalp wound supposed to have been inflicted with the butt end of a revolver. Her injuries are not serious. Two bullets tore through the hair of the victim but he is not conscious and his recovery is likely.

According to the police, Morris had been drinking heavily this afternoon. Before taking a room at the Windsor to-night, he created a disturbance and his mother and sister attempted to quiet him before sending for the police. When Chief of Police Sheehy and Constable Mills arrived, the drunken man stood at the top of the stairs brandishing a revolver. O'Connor on receiving them fired several shots, wounding the officers.

Pat O'Connor, who had been summoned to the scene, was shot in the chest, but only to be shot down. Miss O'Connor, it is supposed, was subsequently struck with the handle of her brother's rifle. After a further exchange of shots with the police, Morris O'Connor was shot down and surrounded. He is now in custody.

He gave up because the revolver was empty, he observed. The chief, who had been attracted by the noise, and who had been on the stairs, was shot in the chest, but only to be shot down. The shooting attracted a big crowd and created a riotous scene. The police, who were on the same floor as that occupied by the revolver, were shot at and the rioters were soon extinguished.

Grand Forks, Feb. 10.—The Republic mine, of Republic, Wash., is now making daily shipments by rail from Grand Forks. The mine is now producing 100 tons of ore here on a daily basis. Last week's shipments amounted to sixty-three tons. The R. C. mine is also producing 100 tons of ore daily. The Yukone Girl and the Yukone Girl will shortly begin regular shipments to Trail.

An idea of Grand Forks as a distributing center is shown from the fact that the volume of packing freight here last month amounted to four million pounds. The Grand Forks office of the Western Union telegraph company has been increased to 100 lines. This traffic will yield over \$300,000 in revenue annually.

All the machinery required for the various works is being coming to the city by rail. Four locomotives have already arrived for the Republic reduction works and are being used in the work. The same company, The Mountain Line, of Republic, has already received 20 cars of machinery to be used in the work. The Yukone Girl and the Yukone Girl will shortly for the Republic mine will occupy twenty cars.

Grand Forks, Feb. 8.—A crosscut from the 55-foot level of the Tiger, in Summit camp, will be started shortly. The transport train, which was instructed to employ men for its repair, He was also directed to go over the principal roads and report on the condition of the same. The fire was instructed to put them in thorough repair. The work was instructed to prepare the new assembly of machinery to be used in the work. The revenue derived from each ward.

A resolution was passed asking the revenue to be advanced by this route. The transport train moved back and returned from Vaal Krantz. On Wednesday night the men and no advance was made. The men who had commenced to shell the transport train.

The Boers got a large number of cartridges from the transport train. The Boers fired the advance position. A detachment to the Vaal Krantz entrenchment itself as well as possible, but nevertheless it continued to lose men, and no advance was made. The Boer artillery fired incessantly, and as Wednesday proceeded it was increasingly apparent that the Boers were making a very determined assault force its way through the centre of the Boer position, it would become impossible to bring ammunition operations to the front, and the evacuation was ordered.

The retirement commenced at 9 o'clock at night, the pontoon bridge being removed after Gen. Buller's force had crossed this morning. The whole force retired beyond range of the Boer guns, which continued shelling.

BISHOP OF THE NIGER. London, Feb. 10.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Frederick Taylor, will shortly consecrate Rev. James Johnson as suffragan Bishop of the Niger. He will be the third member of the Anglican episcopate.

AN M. P. RETIRES. London, Feb. 9.—In consequence of the adoption by the Conservative Association of Plymouth of a resolution deprecating his attitude towards the government's South African policy, Sir Edward George Clarke, who has represented Plymouth in parliament since 1880, has applied for the Chiltern Hundreds.

A CELEBRATED NIHILIST. Paris, Feb. 30.—The celebrated Russian nihilist, Peter Lavrov, died in Paris this week. He was a man of a noble family and was at one time a colonel in the Russian army. He became involved in a political movement, was expelled from Russia and fled to France. Since then he has devoted his time to revolutionary propaganda. He was assassinated in an attempt upon the life of Alexander II. at Karakosoff.

MADE AN ENGLISH MASON. Washington, Feb. 9.—President McKinley has been notified by his clerical secretary that he has been made an honorary member of Columbia Lodge of Master Masons of London, Eng.

LADY CHURCHILL IN CAMP. London, Feb. 10.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg says that Lady Churchill has visited Chieveley camp.

British Generals Avoiding Risks

All Reports of Operations Now Shows Caution Prominent in Tactics.

Macdonald Like Buller Retired From Unprofitable Exposure—Patrol Captured.

By Associated Press. Modder River, Feb. 9.—Gen. Macdonald scored a distinct success at Koodoosberg. His original orders were to hold the drift and construct a fort. The disposition, however, was extremely difficult, a long range of hills running north-west and separating close to the drift on the north bank of the river. As it was impossible to hold the whole summit, Gen. Macdonald constructed strong works across the centre, which were held by the Seaforth Highlanders and three companies of the Black Watch. The Highland Light Infantry held a small kopje on the right, and the Ninth Lancers controlled the left towards the river. Gen. Macdonald's plan being to repel attacks.

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