at Dalhousie ected with an d to ex-Mayor bellton about oing from Dalr is still open e this town. VICINITY.

Co., Dec. 18.ount Middleton thirty turkeys cet. They were average weight purches in this of ten miles, cversight, and resignation of Gideon Swim.

prospect of any the Sabbath Millstream and East) will give those respectath school here its friends in ednesday even-

Middleton reis commodious did the plumbit so arranged steam for cook-

ive farm stock. ITEMS is expected, sail bly leave for Lon-

amer Amarynthia, port, arrived at ngore Head sailed on Thursday last a on Thursday last, sail from this port nstant, making the line winter service on. The Head line of from Dublin for on, and is due to elfast on the 6th of vill be followed by from St. John on the Malin Head on

r steamer Lake iglish mails, arursday morning erpool, where she ng at Moville on rio met rough whole trip, havnd strong winds. was 292 knots, from 175 to 200. he Lake Superior ran south with American army. 500 passengers, ge and 3 cattlepassengers. Miss Price and Mr. at Halifax. Her mostly Russian were landed at ded by rail. The came on the hn, which sailed morning. She rgo at Halifax. Monteagle, which rpool at an early orning, had on grain, 2,064 cases 2,177 sacks flour, 76 bbls apples, 46 400 ases canned per, 1,384 itter, 525 pieces

THOL PHASTER sold in Canada all muscular pains to it. Each plastin, 25c. Davis &

ases meats, 804

bbls tripe, 2,195 kgs. sundries, 400

cattle, 759 sheep

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EXTENDING THE WORKS will the first contingent and there are scores of others ready and willing

Boers Have About Twenty Miles of Entrenchments at Modder River.

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Believed that a Truce will be Kept for the Observance of Christmas.

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Correspondent Telegraphing from Modder River Says One

Hundred Thousand More Traces will be Review.

Twenty Miles of the payment of daily pay, subscription and all incidentals, from the date of the concentration. From the date of the concentration at the places named in Thursday's order, the men will be taken on the pay roll of the regiment and batteries concerned.

RATES OF PAY.

The following are the relative rates of pay:

Per diem.

Major Says One

Lieutenant colonel St. B. Isley, Kings, N. S., Canadian Hussars, has received word from Major Borden, Commanding, stating that the chances were good from Major Borden. Commanding, stating that the chances were good from Major Borden. Commanding, stating that the chances were good from Major Borden. Capt. Northrup and himself, and Dr. Isley was notly determined to faily pay, subscription, and all incidentals, from the date of enrollment up to mid incidentals, from the date of enrollment up to mid incidentals, from the date of enrollment up to mid incidentals, from the date of the concentration.

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Hundred Thousand More Troops will be Required-

The Second Canadian Contingent.

the war office received a despatch from Gen. Forrestier-Walker, dated Cape Town, Dec. 24, saying there was no further news concerning the gen-eral situation. War office officials say that the despatch indicated that there had been no change in the situation up to midday Sunday. Unofficial sources are equally with-

out news. Modder River despatches of date Dec. 18 describe the army as being at standstill. They say there are no signs of an attempt to advance. The Lancers scout regularly. Meanwhile the Boers are perfecting and adding to their wonderful series of rifle pits. There are now entrenchments nearly 20 miles due north of the British camp, which is admirably situated for defence. The neighborhood is level and the nearest hill is five miles distant.

A despatch from Sterkstroom dated Dec. 18, says that Cen. Gatacre has been re-inforced. He is also foriring a corps of mounted scouts. He has ordered, in view of the number of spies, that all males over 12 years of age must reside beyond a 12 mile only with passes.

VERY ANXIOUS TO GO. LONDON, Dec. 24.—A semi-officia tatement has been given to the press that the Duke of Connaught, applied to Gen. Lord Roberts asking that he be attached to his staff in any capacity independent of his military Roberts consented, but the governpointment.

THE LONDON VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 25, 4.80 a. m.—The war office has received a cable from Gen. Forestier-Walker, dated at Cape Town, yesterday, saying: "Have no further news of the general situa-It may be almost safely predicted

that nothing will occur today. A truce, either formal or informal, is being kept or the observance of Christmas by the opposing forces. The Morning Pest's correspondent is practically complete, but at Chieveley, telegraphing on Monday, Dec. 18, and confirming intelli-

gence already cabled, says:

A despatch to the Daily News from gent. Modder River, dated Dec. 18, says: We are now waiting until England shall have realized the actual facts. s to be admitted that, man for man, we have found ourselves pretty well matched; but the Boer has al-

ays the choice of positions.
"Let England then become alive to the need for further 100,000 men. Such a force will prove the truest economy in both blood and treasure." Among miner news items it is an-mounced that Col. MacKinnon has heen appointed to command the city of London Imperial Volunteers. The Sixteenth Lancers have been ordered to proceed from Bombay to the Cape to meet the pressing need of cavalry. The Canadian colonel, Bussard, has been appointed to General French's

It is rumored that the Free State is about to move the seat of government from Bloemfontein to Winburg, the former being indefensible.

Dr. Leyds, who has again been interviewed, asserts that the Boers have

arms and ammunition, declarng that they have Mausers enough to give each burgher two and an equal

OUR LARGE STOCK OF CLOTHING

week of December. Look for Bargains.

will be sold at Manufacturer's Prices during the last

Fraser, Fraser & Co., - Foster's Corner,

40 and 42 King Street, St. John, N. B.

GENERAL REVIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 25.— At midnight ing utilized to reinforce various points, instead of being concentrated

OUR SOLDIER B Y 'GREETI' GS. OTTAWA. Dec. 24.-A telegram received by Gen. Hutton will be welcome news to New Brunswickers. It reads: BELMONT, Dec. 24.-All well, regiment sends greetings to all.
(Sgd.), OTTER.

It is the impression here that the Canadian regiment has been kept at Belmont for the purpose of drilling, steadying and hardening the men. Two or three week in camp will, it is conceded, have done them good.

THE SECOND CONTINGENT.

Two Hundred Horses for Remounts Will be Taken - A Third Steamer Chartered.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.- Arrangement for the transportation of the second contingent have undergone a further change. It has been represented to the minister of militia that in view of of age must reside beyond a 12 mile the long journey from Canada to radius of any military camp or laager South Africa and the possibility that, in close proximity of a camp, moving robwithstanding the best of care, Of the 2,000 of Gen. Methuen's men dinistic changes either en route to climatic changes either en route to climatic changes either en route to come are wounded, after leaving or on arrival at the Cape, it would be trange River one-third has been advisable to take a number of horses able to resume their duties.

Gen. Lord Kitchener arrived at Malta early Surday morning. He went on board the cruiser Didu, which immediately started at top speed for Gibraltar. for the guns will go on the Monte-zuma, of the Elder-Dempster line while the mounted rifles and horses. including re-mounts, will be divided between the Laurentian and the Po meranian, both of the Allan line. The Queen's youngest son, failing under renewed pressure to obtain employment with the forces in South Africa, Beith, M.P., to superintend gratuitously the fitting up of horse stalls on the transports is greatly appreciated in official circles, and his experience will rank, which is that of a general. Lord be most valuable. The ordinary reader can hardly realize the importment declined to sanction the ap-1.200 horses in good condition after a journey of 7,000 miles. To do this every precaution must be taken. The stalls will be two feet four inches wide, so that each horse will get some support from the partitions. The minister to place in each vessel a MOUNTED POLICEMEN ANXIOUS suggestion has also been made to the dozen horse trampers such are used in threshing operations, and it is likely this will be done.

LIST OF OFFICERS NEARLY COM-PLETED. The list of officers of the contingent is practically complete, but Dr. Borden states that it will not be made

A slight hitch has occurred owing camp and formed a new one, three miles to the south. owing to the scarcity of water."

ther cartain of the Canadian special service officers now in South Africa can be utilized for the second contingone to the Cape within the on the cable it has not been possible to get a reply.

ST. JOHN'S CHANCES. Col. Tucker arrived here yesterday. He is using all the argument which he can find to induce Dr. Borden to to mobilize and embark at St. John. FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 24.— The 'colonel points out that St. John D. J. Stockford of this city, who volpermit one branch of the contingent possesses better facilities than Halifax for quartering and shipping a with the mounted infantry of the seclarge number of men and horses. ond Canadian contingent, has been There does not seem any likelihood, notified to hold himself in readiness however, of the minister making any to join the corps on receipt of furchange from the original plans, so that the entire force will sail from

An intimation has been received by the minister that trustees of Lloyds patriotic fund will be prepared to con- our prominent young men, have volsider cases of officers and men of co- unteered their services for a position the present war in South Africa. Par- The military spirit is very strong and ticulars of any cases of disabled of- many more are ready to enlist." ficers or men needing assistance Says the Sun's Wolfville, N. S., among the special service troops sent correspondent: "The Acadia students out by the Dominion of Canada will

at the weeks of hers a set

Orderly room sergeant 1 50

mounted rifles for such purposes as

lishment.

The proceeding of the boards, after being approved by the district officer commanding, will be the authority for such payment. The district officers commanding The district officers commanding will meet all necessary disbursements in connection with the formation of the special service troops from a credit similarly placed in their hands. The charter of three transports has been effected at a certain rate per ton. The expense entailed by the addition of a third steamer will therefore be no greater than if equivalent space had been provided by two versels.

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examining officer, today completed the inspection of the Dragoons at Stanley barracks. Every officer of the gover-nor general's body guards has applied for permission to join the contingent. chased. The price paid for suitable animals being \$150. Veterinary Surgeon Hall says it would be considered the country battalions in New Brunswick had not a fair geon Hall says it would have been advisable for the government to purclimate. He anticipates ten per cent of the Canadian horses will die before reaching Cape Town.

REGINA, Dec. 23.- Commissione Herchmer is overwhelmed with aptheations from Northwest mounted policemen and others to join the contingent. The whole troop stationed here, also the ones at Battleford, Mc-Leod and Pincher Creek have volunteered. The most experienced men on the force are ready.

"At dawn today the column struck to the difficulty in ascertaining ,whe- ST. CATHERINES TO THE FRONT. ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 23.- Rev. H. B. Christie, pastor of Niagara Street Methodist church, has volun teered for service with the contingent gone to the Cape within the past as chaplain. Nearly every officer and three days, but owing to the block map of the local reverse officer and lery corps also volunteered.

JOINED A BATTERY. KINGSTON, Dec. 28.—"Billy" Pon-ton of Napanee Bank robbery fame, joined "A" field battery today for service in the Transvaal

unteered for service in South Africa ther orders.

The Sun's Boiestown, Northumberland Co., correspondent writes: "Nelson Spencer and H. A. Pond, two of ionial forces who may be disabled in on the second Canadian contingent

who have volunteered for service in be forwarded, with all necessary par- Africa, are Chalmers J. Mersereau, ticulars, addressed to the chief staff Doaktown, N. B.; Veron L. Miller, The morning papers are severely officer, Ottawa.

The district officer comanding are herst; George Dickson, Truro, members of the senior class. Ryland Archibald, Truro, also a senior. H. Buston, Melburn Ligaare, Warren Steele, Amherst, members of the junior class. Also Morley Hale, a former student of Acadia. A number of others are ready to offer theni-

selves, in all about twenty. A Cornwallis, N. S., correspondent writes: "Eight young men of Cornwallis volunteered on Thursday to join the contingent which will leave for the Transvaal shortly. Miss Agnes Turner of New Glas-

gow, N. S., has volunteered to go to South Africa as nurse. She is a

THE ACCOMMODATIONS AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.-I asked Col. Irving about accommodation 1 50 horses yesterday. He said he had Orderly room clerk 100 interviewed the exhibition commission sergeant 085 where there is ample room for all Bombardier 080 horses that would come. As to the Farrier, quartermaster, sergeant 1.75 ccmmodation for two regiments, Sergeant 1.50 whereas only one is here now. The Corporal, bombardier, private 1.25 new and les building could be fitted Trumpeter 1 00 tp to a commodate a very large A credit will be placed in the hands of district officers commanding and of the officers commanding Canadian mounted rifles for such purposes as But so far as known, nothing definite may be rrequired to complete estab- either as to men or horses, has been

> MORE TROOPS FROM INDIA. CALCUTTA, Dec. 24.—The Sixtenth Lancers, now at Umbalia, have been ordered to prepare to go to South Africa. Two thousand sharp shooters will be sent from India also.

reporter to the following from Fri-

Another shipment of Canadian hay for the war office will be sent from St. John to South Africa early in January. Prof. Robertson will have charge of the arrangements and anticipates no difficulty in securing a lipates no difficulty in securing a process of the control of the

EXPECTS 10 PER CENT WILL DIE. to enlist a company of 100 men at his TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Dr. Nattress, own expense, composed of hunters examining officer, today completed the all the qualifications for scouts. Col. McLean also volunteered his services to go in charge of them. He also impressed upon the militia depart

better class of men could not be found chase horses in South America, as in any country districts of Nova Scotia animals purchased there would be and New Brunswick. Most of them more suitable to the South African are good shots, self-reliant, of fine physique, and are good practical men, able to do almost anything in the shape of building bridges, making roads, and generally doing work that the Royal Engineers would be called upon to do.

He regretted that the militia department could not avail itself of their valuable services, as the government was restricted at present to sending Mounted Rifles and Field Artillery. "How many men do you propo end from New Brunswick and Nova

Scotia ?" "Fifty-five artillery and forty cav

"Has any appointment of officers een made?"
"No final selection has been made as yet, but those who are best qualified will be chosen."

Col. McLean pointed out that Major Borden and Lieut. Parks had since been appointed to positions with the mounted rifles. As to the other officers he had no doubt the best men would be selected, divided according to the number of men taken from each regiment or battery, provided qualifications were equal. The appointments would be made by the general himself. The 55 artillarymen would be selected from the Woodstock, New-castle and Sydney field batteries, and the 40 mounted rifles from the 8th Hussars, headquarters Sussex. N. B.; and Kings Canadian Hussars, head-querters Canning, N. S. Recruiting would begin at once, and from all who passed inspection the best men would be selected.

Col. McLean said that a very large number of officers in the maritime provinces have volunteered, but the infantry are out of it. The artillery, he believed, would be mobilized at Quebec and the mounted rifles at Halifax. Of the latter every man was privileged to provide a horse, which would be purchased by the govern

The Sun directed Col. McLean's attention to the following Ottawa despatch to Friday's Star:-"Gen. Hutton has before him a pro-

position that as soon as the second contingent is despatched, an army corps of 5,000 men of all arms be mobilized for six months' service in Canada, the object being to have everything in readiness for the despatch of further contingents. corps would be drilled regularly the same as imperial troops, and from it volunteers would be given the first chance for any further which may be sent. This proposition will be taken into consideration as soon as the present crush is over." Col. McLean stated in reply that the Several Springhill, N. S., young proposition referred to was his own

Winter Feeding for Milk

Is interestingly written about in the current number of the Co-operative Farmer by several of the most successful farmers in the Maritime Provinces. They tell their way of feeding, breeding and marketing, lighting and ventilating stables, and show how they make farming pay. In addition to their statements Mr. R. Robertson of the Nappan, N. S., Experimental Farm gives the result of a year's test with various cows on various rations, showing what pays and where losses are made. These are the things that make a farm paper useful. Don't put off taking it any longer. Issued twice a month, 20 pages, \$1 00 a year.

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week ago. He added that the general over him a "Tommy of my company, very strongly favored the idea, and named Rogers." This "Tommy" so expressed himself. Col. McLean quickly whipped off his own overhas a plan with respect to the enlistment and drilling of city corps which he hopes may find favor and result in bringing in the very best class of men.

A RECONCENTRADO ORDER.

CAPE TOWN, Monday, Dec. 18 .-Gen. Gatacre, in order to check inurrection among the Dutch colonists and to prevent disaffected per-sons giving information or other assons giving intornation sistence to the Boers, has issued a modified reconcentrado order. By its terms all males over 12 years of age, of whatever nationality, residing outside of towns or villages, but within a radius of 12 miles of military camps now established or hereafter to be established north of Sterkstroom, are required immediately to vacate their place of residence and either to remove to some place cutside the 12 mile radius or to form a camp in close proximity to the nearest military amp—the spot to be selected by the fficer commanding—where they must eside until further notice, providing for their own needs. All persons found within the radius without passes will be arrested.

Advices from Colesberg assert tha not many colonial Dutch have joined the Boers in that district. Certain residents of Malmesbury celebrated Gen. Gatacre's repulse by

LORD HOBERTS' SEND OFF. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Field Marshall Lord Roberts, who is to assume com-mand of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo R. R. station at The crush was so great that Duke of Cambridge, in spite of po protection, was so hustled that n than once he gave verbal expression of resentment at the rough treatmen he had to submit to. The police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion the police thrust aside many of those who were best entitled to :emain, including Lord Wolseley, who, however, took the rough handling of the police goodhumoredly. The ladies present suf-fered much from the crowds, but their piteous appeals were unavailing to stem the crush. Renewed cheering heralded the Duke of Connaught's arrival. The rousing cheers momentarily diverted attention from the hero of the hour, as the Prince of as peared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial manner. prince and the distinguished general engaged in earnest conversation and furnished a striking centre to a notable group, which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts, in morning dress, looked fit for grything. In spite of his sixty-seven years, he was straight and soldierly, and his rugged features reflected determination. At the time the train was due to start, the Prince of Wales again shook hands with Lord Roberts. of which the phrases, "God bless you," "Good luck to you," were caught by ture, and the train was moved off

tinued until the train passed out of AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

British officers and soldiers fighting tery on Tuesday afternoon in the Transvaal and lengthy descrip- sonic honors. Mr. Barker v teem with thrilling and pathetic incidents. Writing to his mother, a young officer of the Manchesters, wounded in one of the first engagements, re-lates that while re lay on the hillside expecting to die through the night which had already fallen, bleeding from a bad wound in his thigh and

made by letter to General Hutton a shivering with cold, there stumbled coat, placed it around the boy offi-cer, and lying down put his arms around him, and for the rest of that long, cold night, kept him "beauti-

WILL JOIN ROBERTS EN ROUTE. MALTA, Dec. 24.—Gen. Lord Kitchener, chief of staff to Gen. Lord Roberts, arrived here today from Alexandria on the British second class cruiser leis. He went immediately on board the British cruiser Dido, which sailed for Gibraltar, where he will join Dord Roberts.

which sailed for Gibraltar, where he will join Dord Roberts.

HAS SAILED FOR HALIFAX.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The British transport Montezuma, Captain Owens, which sailed from this port Oct. 22 with mules for Cape Town, has returned here for orders. She brought back 32 muleteers, who had shipped from New Orleans. She sailed again today for Halifax to take the second contingent of Canadian troops to South Africa. Captain Owens reports that on the cutward trip he encountered severe gales for four or five days, during which some 25 mules were lost. The trip to Cape Town took 23 days and 16 hours, and all told 31 of the animals, of which there were 1,835 on board, were killed or put to death because of disease. The trip of the Montezuma to Cape Town and return is a record breaker. The distance travelled was 15,000 miles, and the ship was under a full head of cteam during 61 days. The Montezuma landed her mules at Cape Town, and they were immediately sent north by train to Gon. Methuen, in the direction of Kimberley.

TWO OCEAN DISASTERS.

The Steamer Ariosto Wrecked With a Loss of Two Lives.

DEATH OF C. O. BARKER.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 24.-C. O. Barker, a prominent resident of St. Stephen, died at his home on Union street on Saturday afternoon, after an illness extending over weeks. His age was sixty-three years and nine months. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. H. W. Broad and Mrs. E. W. Thompagain shook hands with Lord Roberts son. His son, George, was drowned and spoke a few words to the general, in St. Andrews harbor a few years. ego. Mr. Barker came here from Londonderry, New Hampshire, and these nearby. Mr. Balfour bid General amassed considerable wealth in the Roberts a similar farewell. Amidst boot and shoe business. He built the the din, enthusiasm and excitement block on Water street now occupied no one heard the signals for depar- by J. Algar & Co., the St. Croix Jewellry Co., and H. L. Wall, but sold it with Lord Roberts still on the platform with his back to the carriage
door. The farewells were abruptly
terminated, and he was forced to
make a somewhat undignified scramthe farewell were abruptly
terminated, and he was forced to
make a somewhat undignified scramCameron & McTavish, and also the ble for his seat. As the general dis-appeared in the saloon carriage, a final lusty cheer was started and con-purchased and remodelled the building occupied by Mitchell & Ross. A number of tenement houses in de-sirable locations were also erected LONDON, Dec. 21.—Letters from be interred in the St. Stephen cemesonic honors. Mr. Barker was a man tions from war correspondents that of strict business integrity, of kindly filter into print through the mails, disposition and devoted to his family

A PHYSICIAN is not always at hand. Guard youself against sudden coughs and colds by keeping a bottle of Pain-Killer in the house. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

