

FORTY SECOND YEAR.

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Salisbury's Warning.

Britain Must Be Prepared to Fight on Sea and Land.

He Does Not Speak to Alarm But to Counsel Watchfulness.

The Spirit of Voluntary Service Must Be Fostered and Propagated.

London, May 9.—The annual grand meeting of the Primrose League was held in Albert Hall this afternoon. Lord Salisbury, who presided, commented on the remarkable change which had taken place in the latter half of the century in the views of the people regarding the Empire. They had formerly repelled it as a burden, and that doctrine had been carried to such extremes by a man of splendid genius, Gladstone, that it had produced a strong reaction which started after the disaster of Majuba Hill and the death of Gen. Gordon. The death of Gordon had been avenged. Perhaps it was not soon to say the great humiliation of Majuba Hill had been effaced or that the great wrong had been righted, but he felt that there was a new era dawning. Under the brilliant guidance of Lord Roberts, 200,000 soldiers, a larger army than had ever before been sent across the sea, were now engaged in reducing to obedience to the Queen those territories which ought never to have been separated from the empire. It was the only chance it has of peace, development and tranquility.

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THE PRAIRIE PROVINCE.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh on His Way West—New Lease Line.

Winnipeg, May 9.—A Starbuck correspondent reports a double drawing was made at Fannyville. Two young boys, sons of new settlers, went out for a row in a skiff on Mallard lake and both were rescued. Hon. Charles Mackintosh, of Rossland, was here to-day en route home from the East. The Manitoba & Northwestern railway will be taken over by the C. P. R. as a leased line May 15. The C. P. R. will receive one cent for that line to three cents per mile and a daily passenger train service from Winnipeg to Minnedosa will be maintained. D. McNeill, vice-president and general manager of the C. P. R. arrived in the city this morning on his first annual trip of inspection in his new official capacity. The meeting adjourned.

Free State Annexed.

It is Believed That Roberts Has Issued the Proclamation Already.

And Will Vigorously Enforce Supremacy Over Conquered Territory.

Canadians Take Part in a Lively Fight at Zand River.

Methodist Conference.

Westminster, May 9.—The Methodist conference met to-day, when preliminary arrangements were made for the transaction of the real business of the conference, which starts on Thursday.

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WANT A SETTLEMENT.

Cable Company Want Uncle Sam to Pay Damages.

CONTRABAND.

FOR OTTAWA.

Gen. Roberts Moving on.

His Advance Steadily Proceeds Though Skirmishes Are Constantly Fought.

Kruger Tells Lies and Makes Plausible Utterance With Equal Facility.

BULLER ADVANCING.

SMALDEE TUESDAY.

OTTAWA, MAY 10.—(4:55 p. m.)—Lord Roberts, according to one correspondent, left Smaldee Tuesday to consult Gen. Buller.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

Col. Denison Touches on the Subject in London.

THE DAY AT OTTAWA.

THE YUKONER TAKES UP THE TIME OF THE HOUSE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OTTAWA, MAY 9.—The whole of to-day's sitting was taken up in discussing the case of the steamer Yukoner, consequent upon Mr. Paterson refusing to answer a question by Sir Hilbert Tupper. The vessel was granted a clearance and was subsequently detained on account of difficulties between captain and crew. The amount was collected without authority and disbursed among the crew, paying \$100 to F. C. Wade as counsel fees. The Ottawa newspapers have opened a relief fund for the Sandon fire sufferers as a slight recognition of the generous contribution to the Ottawa relief.

THE SUPREMACY CONTOUR.

Over the Zand River.

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NOTE—Avoid baking powders made from alum. They look like pure powder, but may raise the cakes, but alum is a poison and no one can eat food mixed with it without injury to health.

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YANCOUVER NEWS NOTES.

Delegates to the Empire Congress—Indian Cairns—Skeleton Identified.

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COLD IN MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, May 4.—The thermometer went 4 1/2 degrees of frost to-day. The snap was followed by snow.

SPRING CLEANING.

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