## A RECONNAISSANCE.

## French Finds the Enemy Stronger at Colesburg.

No Other Commander Was Heard From-Many Continental Officers with the Boers-London Anxious in the Absence of News-Cable Repaired.

HINTS, RUMORS AND SURMISES FROM LONDON. ,

London, Jan. 31-4 a. m.-It is now known that the cabinet devoted much of its discussion on Saturday to the mobiliza-

hat the channel squadron instead of leav-Bantry for a fortnight's exercises off the Irish coast, thus keeping in home waters for a time. This decision to delay the eighth division at a time when reinforcements are so urgently required may only mean that transports are not yet available and that the division will embark when the shipping is ready. The infer-

after the issue of the ultimatum, and "although we lived nearly three months in Ladysmith, Pistermaritzburg, and Durban, we, strange as it does now seem were never recognized, or the least suspicion raised as to the real nature of our business." raised as to the real nature of our business. Major C.—, formerly of the French foreign legion, was sent upon a similar mission to Cape Town. Being an Irishman, he escaped attracting the slightest inconvenient notice. Truly, the singlish are the most unsuspicous of peoples under the

rom Mrs. Brigstocke.

The report of the Art and Fancy Work

Expenses. 36.87
Miss Alice Walker reported that the
Juliet Kerr branch of the Zenana Missionary Society had decided to continue BE SHOWN

had been received and more were urgently needed.

Mrs. Thomas Walker reported that the membership of the Girls' Friendly Society had decreased, the average now being about thirty with ten associates. The annual service was held on the Feast of the Epiphany. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

inson and Mrs. Chas. Harrison, committee of management.

Notice of motion was given to amend the constitution by giving the committee of management the power of adding two members to their number at the first meeting after election.

It was also announced that the sale of fancy work and the high tea would be held as usual on Easter Thursday.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Schofield, the retiring vice-president. The meeting then adjourned.

MANY VACCINATIONS

Crowds Greeted the Doctors Tuesday

and Carleton. Drs. W. L. Ellis and W. A. Christie were on duty at the Board of Health offices on Princess street and specified no less than 55 people. The

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"We are," continues the writer, "a cosmopolitan band of good brothers in arms here around Ladysmith. There is first in rank General Count Georges Villebois de Maureuil, who was lately colonel commanding the first regiment of the far famed foreign legion of the French African army. He treats us Germans with marked courtesy, as indeed, does all of his conficers, numbering 37.

"Of retired officers of the French active army there are at present on the pay rolls 14: eight are with of Mr. Joubert, three with our friend Albrecht, who is keeping the Baron Methanen amused, and the others are in charge of the ammunition supplies—a duty which cannot be entrusted to Boer officers in consequence of their

Utter Want of Method.

A. Christie were on duty at the Board of Health offices on Princess street and vaccinated no less than 55 people. The majority were school children, but there were a few adults both men and women. The youngest person vaccinated was a colored baby two years of age.

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The youngest person vaccinated out the station, 602 Main street, Dr. E. J. Broderick had his hands full. He had vaccinated 30 up till 5 o'clock and was then surrounded by a group of to bring the number up to 45 or 50. In Carleton Dr. Wheeler had vaccinated 30 up till 5 o'clock and was then surrounded by a group of to bring the number up to 45 or 50. In Carleton Dr. Wheeler had vaccinated 30 up till 5 o'clock and was then surrounded by a group of to bring the number up to 45 or 50. In Carleton Dr. Wheeler had vaccinated 30 up till 5 o'clock and was then surrounded by a group

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he took extremely high rank, covering the four years course in three years and graduating with honors. Since being deprovince obtaining the necessary equip-nent of information and taking photoment of information and taking photographs of farming scenes and views typical of the varied and beautiful scenery of the province. Mr. Hickman is an excellent photographer and at one time euted a leading photographic journal published in Boston. In this age of illustrating, the province could not be effectively advertised unless its landscapes and farm scenes were shown to the people among whom the missionary work was being slides which will be exhibited by Mr. Hickman will do more effective work than anything else that could be done. The

fields of crops, dairying, herds, interval

Mr. Hickman has also prepared a descriptive pamphlet on the province to be illustrated with about a hundred half-tone views. This will be distributed in large numbers and, in fact, the resources and delights of this province as a restant dence for Britons will be placed before them in irresistible fashion and should

joining province of Nova Scotia, is the dyke land at the head waters of the Bay dyke land at the head waters of the Bay of Fundy. This is also self-sustaining land of a fertility that is absolutely unsurpassed. No other country in the wrold possesses finer facilities for dairying or apple raising, and these are facts which farmers have begun to realize only during the last five or six years. One may say that advanced agricultural methods in the province are in their infancy, the last year or two showing changes which, unless they had been carefully noted in travelling throughout the province, could hardly be realized.

Turning his attention to the mineral

we are not in a position to say. For instance, an outcrop of iron such as that which was for some time worked at Woodstock seems to clearly indicate that other mines of the sort, perhaps, very much more extensive, will be discovered in time. New Brunswick has splendid freestone deposits which must ultimately by of great value. It will be hard to find anywhere a better quality of gypsum than that found in the magnificent mines in that found in the magnificent mines in Albert county and in the last few years Albert county and in the last few years a new feature of the mineral development of the province has arisen. This is the possibility of petroleum being found in considerable quantities in the great carbon throughout the south of the five per cent. Persian gold loan of the five per cent. Persian gold loan of the five per cent. of the live per tent. Tetran solutions in this direction are now merely bed to take up the loan, which is repayred to take up the loan, which is repayred. present work of the government and of the companies in the direction of developing these fields should give a decided result within a short time. Then, the possibilities of the province with regard to the copper that may be preduced remains practically unknown. It is only within a short time the copper that may be preduced remains practically unknown. It is only within the copper that the copper that the copper that the copper that may be preduced remains practically unknown. It is only within the copper that the copper that the copper that the copper that may be preduced the copper that may be pred well as farmers, in the the last year that the copper mines in paid off, without the consent of the loan

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, Jan. 29.—The bill for the re-organization and improvement of the weather bureau which includes provision for pensioning disabled and aged employes of the service, received a black eye in the house today. The bill was bitterly cought by the opponents of civil pension rolls on account of the life tenure provision it contained and it was side-tracked on a test vote of 57 to 73. Although the speak-As an integral part of their agricultural policy the local government proposes to place the attractions of New Brunswick before British farmers with a view to inducing some of them to settle here. The government have chosen for the task Mr. W. Albert Hickman, a gentleman was brings to the work a thoroughly science training and who goes to the old country equipped with a good address and the enthusiasm of youth to boom his native province and induce England's younger sons to come here.

Mr. Hickman is of Dorchester, Westmorland county, and is a graduate of the Lawrence Scientific school, the scientific department of Harvard University, where What the Ultimate Capabilities May Be we are not in a position to say. For instance, an outcrop of iron such as that

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 29.—The British