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BOERS ARE HELD IN CHECK.

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the direction of Venterstad.

"The western force is still being driven north, thru Strydenburg."

Boers Driven Off.

Cape Town, Dec. 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Burghersdorp on Dec. 24. They were repulsed, after heavy fighting. The Boers are active, and skirmishes in several places have been reported.

Talk of Surrender.

Bloemfontein, Orange River Colony, Dec. 26.—There are renewed, but unconfirmed, rumors here that General Dewet, President Steyn and General Haasbroek have had a conference, and decided to offer to surrender, provided the colonial rebels should not be punished, and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

Canadian Gets Imperial Commission

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—In Militia Orders today, it is announced that No. 1083, Lieut. R. S. Mitchell, late of the Second Special Service Battalion, R.C.R., has been appointed a second lieutenant in the Duke of Cambridge's Own (Middlesex Regiment).

Dewet is Being Harassed.

London, Thursday, Dec. 27.—A telegram from Maseru, Basutoland, dated Dec. 24, brings the first news concerning General Dewet that has been received for some days. It asserts that the British are keeping him constantly on the move. His horses are getting worn out, and many of them have been abandoned.

It is added that the Ladybrand district has been cleared of Boers, who went northward.

Grenfell Doing Good Work.

Burghersdorp, Cape Colony, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—Colonel Grenfell continues in touch with Kritzinger's commando of 700 men, who are carrying off the British prisoners. Kruitzinger has abandoned his Maxims and carts. An attempt of the 9th Lancers to turn Kruitzinger's flank at Plaisterheuvel, on December 24, resulted in eight casualties, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

Christmas Presents Captured.

Zeerust, Transvaal, Dec. 27.—The Boers have captured two wagons containing Christmas luxuries, destined for the camp of Lord Methuen.

The Yeomanry Released.

London, Dec. 27.—The Evening Standard to-day says it understands that the squadron of Yeomanry which was entrapped and captured by the Boers whom they were following from Britstown was released after the men had been relieved of their horses and other equipment. Ten of the Yeomanry, the paper adds, were wounded.

Where Tone in a Piano Counts.

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A Migration of Puerto Ricans.

San Juan de Puerto Rico, Dec. 27.—The New York and Puerto Rico Steamship Company's steamer Arcadia, Capt. Sargent, sailed from Ponce yesterday for New Orleans, having on board 400 Puerto Ricans, 75 per cent. of whom were women and children, destined for Hawaii.

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MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES BUSY

Clearing Off the Slates for the New Council—Disappointed Wedding Party—Notes.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special.)—There was a large and merry gathering of commercial travelers at the Hotel Royal to-night when the annual dinner of the local Knights of the Grip was held. Quite a number of Toronto travelers were present. W. Bremner, first vice-president of the association, was in the chair, and James Hooper in the vice chair.

After the Queen had been toasted, the following toasts were given: "Army and Navy," responded to by Major Stoneman; "Canada and the Empire," Major Moore; "Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada," J C Black and C E Kyle, Toronto, and P. T. McCullough; "Commercial and Manufacturing Interests," James Somerville, J. Madill and H. G. Wright; "The Ladies," J. J. Robertson. A number of songs and recitations were given during the evening, among the entertainers being Messrs. Baker and Burns of Toronto.

Sewers Committee's Final.

The Sewers Committee held its final meeting to-night. As a lively prelude to its last dying gasp an anonymous note directed against Chairman Nelligan was read. It accused the alderman of purchasing several barrels of oil from a Toronto firm, for delivery next year. Ald. Nelligan denied emphatically doing anything of the kind. He declared that all the oil he bought had been delivered. As there was nothing more to support the charge the matter was dropped.

Engineer Wingate presented a report of the Sewer Department's work for the year. It showed that $14,989 had been expended on the Birch-avenue sewer.

Harry Gagen, an elderly man, was locked up this afternoon on the charge of stealing a number of small articles from the Bell Piano Company's store. It is said that while under the influence of liquor Gagen picked up things and pocketed them.

Clearing Off the Slate.

The Finance Committee held a lengthy session to-night to wipe off the slate preparatory to the first Council meeting tomorrow evening. Considerable time was consumed in considering Ald. Dixon's by-law for the revision of the water rates, which, in brief, it was proposed to reduce 10 per cent. Some of the aldermen objected to the death-bed method of making reforms, and it was finally agreed to refer the whole matter to next year's Council. Ex-Ald. Brown was present, loaded down with complaints concerning the department's alleged bad system, the high rates and other things. Thomas Allan, contractor, gave him a lively dressing down, telling him he ought to be ashamed of himself for running down the city and its waterworks, which were both all right.

The question of the percentage to be exacted from the Cataract Power Company was, after discussion, relegated to next year's Council.

S. F. Lazier, Q.C., struggled for a long time to get the aldermen to remit $700 back taxes on Ald. Hurd's York-street property, but the committee would not cut off more than $175, and that providing all the taxes are paid within 30 days.

Groom Failed to Appear.

There was bitter disappointment in the home of Abraham Binkley, on the Binkley Hill-road, last evening. All arrangements had been made for the marriage of his daughter, Maggie, and James A. Marshall of Acton, nephew of Warden Marshall. The bride was beautifully costumed, Rev. J. H. Hazlewood of Dundas was ready to say the all-important words, but the groom came not. After waiting an hour, Mr. Binkley declared the event off and the guests dispersed.

Relatives of Marshall said to-day that he was in poor health last evening, but they gave no assurance that the marriage would be performed.

Agent McMenemy Resigns.

At the monthly meeting of the Children's Aid Society Executive Committee this afternoon, John McMenemy, the society's agent, resigned his post, to take effect on Jan. 31 next. No action was taken in regard to his successor.

He Left No Will.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company of Toronto has applied for letters of administration in the estate of the late James G. Davis, market clerk, who died on Dec. 4. The estate is valued at $7995. It consists of mortgages, $7201.65; real estate, Beach lot, $350; cash in hand, $148.50; notes, $142; old coins, $62.85. The beneficiaries are the deceased's widow, Maria Davis; his father; Samuel and Horace, his brothers, and Mrs. Mary Cheseldine and Mrs. Hortense Beeton, his sisters.

Was a Hamilton Man.

The man who was killed in Chicago by a train on the Galena division of the Northwestern Railroad Monday night, was a Hamilton man. He was identified yesterday as John Downing, general agent for the Chicago Sewing Machine Company. The deceased was a son of Edward Downing, 9 Poulett-street. He came here on Dec. 10 to attend the funeral of his mother. Henry Downing of Kingston has gone to Chicago to make arrangements for the funeral.

Overdraft in Sight.

According to the financial statement prepared by the City Treasurer a good-sized overdraft is visible, despite the declaration of Finance Minister Ald. Ten Eyck that he would close the year without a deficit. The Board of Works alone will be behind about $15,000. The Sewers Committee overdraft is about $2000, and the miscellaneous account has overlapped nearly $5000.

Best Kept Sections.

The T., H. & B. management gives yearly prizes for the best kept sections on its road. The result of the inspection for 1900 has been made public. Jesse Yokom, foreman of section 4, Brantford, has been awarded the first-prize. Louis Mole, section 16, Welland, wins second prize, and J. Fitzgerald, section 3, Hamilton, third place. The winner of the first prize gets a week's holidays and transportation for himself and family.

Minor Matters.

Warden Marshall and Councillor French have dropped out of the contest in the Barton and Glanford division of the County Council.

Peter J. Hendershot of Ancaster Township is dead.

Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald celebrated their golden wedding anniversary yesterday. Owing to Dr. Macdonald's illness there was no social function.

THE CHINESE ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE TERMS OF THE TREATY

Native Papers of Shanghai Are Beginning at Once to Point Out Provisions Which They Claim Are Unjust—Division of Territory Proclaimed for Troops.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—The Chinese newspapers here object to the proposed peace terms. The Universal Gazette considers that the princes and officials who are to be punished should be named. It is questionable whether General Tung Fu Hsiang is included among those punishable; and so far as Prince Tuan is concerned, it is well known that the Chinese Peace Commissioners have been instructed not to consent to any punishment of any person of royal blood, exceeding imprisonment. Some of the native journals hold that the presence of permanent legation guards will render the Emperor's return impossible, because these would be a menace to the court. "China," says one of them, "would be powerless to suppress rishgs, because prohibited from increasing her military strength; and the powers, therefore, would renew hostilities again and the people would be mowed down like hemp."

Heard From the Emperor.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from Emperor Kwang Su.

The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made permanently large at any time desired in order to menace the court itself. After a conference, Earl Li and Prince Ching decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the Ministers.

British Force Sent Out.

Tien Tsin, Dec. 27.—A force of 1100 British troops, with two guns and a Maxim gun, have gone to Yang Tsun to attack the Boxers in that vicinity and protect the railroad. The Germans and Japanese are clearing the river of pirates from Taku to Tien Tsin.

BRITISH GARRISON INCREASED.

Flying Column Will Scour the Country—Boxers Not to Be Trusted With Arms.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tsun by a hundred men with horses and three guns. A flying column of 1600 cavalry will scour the country between Tien Tsin and Yang Tsun in obedience to Field Marshal Von Waldersee's orders to be on the alert in view of the French report of an engagement with 2500 Chinese troops.

Col. Tullock's regiment will return to destroy the towns he recently held. This action is owing to the fact that it has been discovered that a number of Boxers unquestionably made them their headquarters.

Boxers Have No Guns.

The British authorities say they do not expect serious trouble from the Boxers, mainly because they lack arms. Formerly the Chinese Government is afraid to trust them with arms, as it fears a rebellion against the dynasty.

British soldiers have been found dead outside the temple of Heaven, with holes in their heads. The murders are believed to have been committed by Chinese.

A detachment of the 6th United States Cavalry, the 9th Infantry and the 5th Artillery will leave to-morrow to investigate the reported burning of native Christians by Boxers, as reported by the Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary. The expedition will be commanded by Lieut.-Col. Theodore J. Wint of the 6th Cavalry.

Preparing to Blockade Wu Sung.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—Many Chinese war junks laden with stone have been anchored off Wu Sung, presumably to block the channel in case of an emergency.

French as Bad as Other Soldiers.

Paris, Dec. 27.—In the Chamber of Deputies to-day, M. Marcel Sembat, Radical Socialist, called attention to the reports of cruelties upon the part of European troops in China. He said the French soldiers were no more free from reproach than the Germans and Russians. They had committed similar atrocities. He also protested against pillage, which, he asserted, had been carried out systematically, and accused the missionaries of participating therein.

The Minister of Marine, M. De Lanessan, replied that the Government had ordered an inquiry, and would severely punish all the guilty parties.

THE DIVISION OF COUNTRY

Has Been Announced by Proclamation, But Only in the German District.

London, Dec. 28.—The proclamation announcing the division of the country around Pekin, Pao Ting Fu and Tien Tsin into districts, placed severally under the control of the different military commanders, has been posted, according to a despatch to The Morning Post from Pekin, dated Dec. 26, in the German district only. It recognized the Chinese military and civil governors, but makes no reference to Count von Waldersee.

"Germany's action," says the correspondent, "is strange. She, formerly so severe, now recognizes Chinese authority."

The largest districts, the despatch points out, have been allotted the British, German and French troops.

WHOM THEY WILL SUPPORT.

Trades and Labor Council Make Choice of the Candidates for Municipal Honors.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last night in Richmond Hall, the special committee appointed to report on the aldermanic candidates who, in their opinion, are entitled to the support of union men, submitted their report. In Ward 1 the committee stated that, "Out of seven candidates the workingman had not a friend." Ald. Foster and Joseph Oliver, in Ward 2, were endorsed, while in Ward 3 McMurrich and Loudon were favored. In Ward 4 Hubbard and Urquhart were referred to as friends of labor, and in Ward 5 Bell, Denison, Woods and J. R. L. Starr were supported. In Ward 6 J. J. Graham, Ward, Asher and W. V. Todd were selected as the men to receive the union man's vote. The report was adopted.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the Council next Wednesday night to further discuss the standing of the aldermanic candidates.

As regards the mayoralty, the meeting was unanimous for Ald. Spence.

The Legislation Committee's report drew attention to the fact that at the Matthews fire last week there was not a fire escape of any kind attached to the building. The committee suggested that the Ontario Government be requested to enforce the act governing the placing of fire escapes on all buildings.

The committee appointed to confer with the Public School Trustees on the question of manual training suggested that no action be taken in the matter until Inspector Hughes and others interested be given an opportunity to address the Council. This report was also adopted.

THE TRIP FROM LIVERPOOL.

Col. Otter's Report of the Voyage on the Lake Champlain—Four Men Punished.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Col. Otter sends to the Department of Militia his report of the voyage on the Lake Champlain. The accommodation, he says, was satisfactory. Two N. C. officers and two privates were tried on board for offences committed on duty. They were Corp. M. A. R. Wilson, 33rd Huron, and Corp. La Verdure, R. C. A., and Pte. Peterson, R. C. A., and Pte. Kingwell, R. C. A. The first two were reduced to the ranks, and the latter two got 21 days. Pte. McGregor, 1st C. M. R., had his himself away on the voyage and was not paid.

Who Owns the Jewelry?

Inspector Stark is anxious to get owners for a gold heart-shaped pendant, set with a red stone, attached to a fine-linked gold chain, and a lady's gold hunting case watch, with case numbered 88072 and works numbered 8835405. The valuables were found in the possession of James Sharpe and James Kelly, the two alleged pickpockets, who were arrested by Detective Cuddy last Monday night.

Mr. W. G. Jaffray, who was taken ill in British Columbia, while he was on his way to meet his brother, Rev. R. A. Jaffray, who was returning home from China, was reported, in a message which reached the city yesterday, to be much improved. Mr. Robert Jaffray left for the West yesterday, to bring his son home.

HENRY A. TAYLOR,
DRAPER.
I wish my patrons the compliments of the season.
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QUEEN VICTORIA WILL DECORATE COL. OTTER

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armed with all the modern and latest inventions, and were to a very large extent assisted by foreign experts. I do not believe that any European nation has had as difficult a nut to crack as we had in South Africa. [Hear, hear.]

British Pluck Still Good.

His Excellency having referred to the wars of Napoleon against the Lombards and the Austrians in Bosnia and Herzegovina, repeated that no European nation could have done as well as the British had in the Boer war.

He continued: "We can say to our critics that British pluck and endurance as exhibited by the private soldiers is just as good to-day as in the days of yore." [Loud applause.]

His Excellency also said: "But it is said that we have learned the lesson that ancient tactics must give way before the repeating rifles and quick-firing guns, and that much must depend upon the individuality of the private soldier. I say this, that I think we should draw a very false conclusion and make a very great mistake if we think that the looser formation of the present day and the greater individuality required from members in the ranks minimize discipline or do away with the necessity of superior control. It would be very unfortunate if the idea should get abroad that this idea of irregular warfare will govern future fights, which will be upon lines composed of individual rifles shooting on their own private skill. Looser formation itself rather will require greater acquaintance with discipline, and the private soldier must know all the more what the intentions of his officer are and never forget that he is under supreme, disciplined control. [Applause.]

Reasonable Comment.

"I hope, now Col. Otter has come back, that he will be a great help in furthering the efficiency of the militia here. [Applause.] But I don't at all wish to go into a military lecture. One point, however, that has struck me, as it must have struck you all here, is that the Canadian officer devotes the best years of his life to a profession holding out very small chances of reward, very little of those ambitious rewards of distinction and promotion that most military officers have. [Hear, hear.] I wish some one could suggest some idea by which this state of things could be remedied. I personally can suggest no remedy, but I know this, that military reorganization is in the air; military reform is talked of everywhere, and military reorganization must bring about opportunities for the best soldiers we possess. [Applause.] I am sure that many of the young officers sitting around me commenced their military careers with far better opportunities than Col. Otter commenced his, and I hope that when the day comes, as it may before long, when the relations between the army in Canada and Mother Country will be drawn closer together, Imperial rewards and positions, with possibly high command, will go to Canadian officers, thus giving openings to the best officers Canada can produce. [Applause.]

Honors From the Queen.

Whatever the Dominion may be able to do for Col. Otter, out of the very deep debt of gratitude which she owes to him, I can certainly say this, that when the question of the distribution of distinctions comes to be considered by Her Majesty's Government for those who have served the Empire so well in South Africa Col. Otter's services there will not be forgotten." [Loud applause.]

Lord Minto closed with another graceful expression of his personal pleasure in taking part in the demonstration in honor of Col. Otter.

The toast of Col. Otter's name was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm, the cheering and singing being kept up for some minutes.

Gallant Colonel Otter.

When the gallant colonel rose to respond there was another tremendous outburst.

Col. Otter replied to the toast as follows: "Your Excellency and kind friends, I feel that I am beginning one of the most trying ordeals that have fallen to my lot during the past 15 months, viz., that of properly acknowledging this more than enthusiastic reception this evening. Your Excellency has said, kindly said, you hoped and you have no doubt that I shall get my reward from those in authority. But I will ask you, can any man ask for more than I received last night? [Hear, hear.] Can anyone give me the respect, the confidence, the love, I may say, that is shown me this evening? [Applause.] No, good friends, I am satisfied. You trusted me. You had confidence in me when I left 14 months ago. You had every confidence in me; and now, after 14 months has elapsed, after I and the others have gone thru many hardships, privations and troubles you meet me here to say: 'Otter, you have done well!' [Loud applause.]

Grateful for the Reception.

"I cannot ask for any more. I do not. I am perfectly well satisfied that you, my most intimate and my best friends, can cordially now take me by the hand and say: 'Otter, you have done well!' [Renewed applause.] It is useless for me this evening to try to thank you properly for this demonstration. I will strive to do so, I know, I feel, that I shall go to bits. But, believe me, that while I thank you from the very bottom of my heart for this, that I fully appreciate its whole meaning, that I am more than satisfied with the welcome that you have given me. [Applause.] I don't think it is fair or right to the regiment that I have had the honor to command for some time past to sit down without craving permission to say a few words in connection with their services. [Applause.] I don't think I need refer to the composition of the regiment. His Excellency the Governor-General has already told you how it was formed, of what it was composed; and I can, I think, bear him out by saying that I agree with him that it was composed of the best physique and the best intelligence that our country can produce, which is saying a good deal. [Applause.]

Of the Regiment.

"But we were, I must admit, however, on leaving Canada, a rather fresh lot. [Laughter.] We all of us required a great deal of training. The majority of us lacked experience. But owing to that peculiar spirit that exists in Canadians, namely, of enthusiasm in whatever they may be called upon to do, and the determination to carry it out, to say nothing of the deep and fervent feeling for the country that has given them birth, and for the flag under which we are all so proud to serve—[applause]—it became a very easy matter for the officers of that battalion to soon convert it into one of the most efficient battalions that tramped the vedit of South Africa. [Loud applause.]

Record of Marching.

"And we did a good deal of tramping. Our record as a marching regiment, I think we can safely flatter ourselves, was a good one. [Applause.] The endurance and the good humor with which the many privations and hardships, long marches and heavy outposts, and the other incidents of warfare were always borne and always performed always with the prevailing desire to do our duty. [Applause.]

I could, if I had time, enumerate hundreds of instances of endurance on the part of officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Canadians. We saw a lot of service. We had the good luck to form a part of the main army which moved from the west to Bloemfontein under Lord Roberts—[applause]—that army of 35,000 men which cut itself adrift from all communication and virtually broke the back and broke the hearts of the Boers. [Loud applause.] We had the honor of afterwards forming a part of the same army, and marched with it from Bloemfontein to Pretoria, and it was there that, after a march of 1000 miles, the Royal Canadians swung thru the streets of Pretoria singing "The Land of the Maple." [Great cheering.]

Full Share of Hardships.

All this was not done, of course, without loss. Many who left with me from Quebec in health and spirits were left on the veldt; many others have returned with me, but not the same men. Never to be the same men again. The regiment had its full share of losses, its full share of sickness and of every other privation that falls to the lot of the soldier in active service. It may be of interest to you to hear that our deaths number 70, our wounded 120 and that 400 were invalided from fever.

His Excellency has referred to the Royal Canadians as having been the first battalion that had the honor of rubbing shoulders with the Imperial troops. Such is the case, and I am glad to be able to tell you that the association was one to us of the greatest possible pleasure. [Applause.] Our relations with the battalions and corps of the Imperial service were from beginning to end of the campaign most pleasant, and while we bring with us the happiest recollections of the different corps in the Imperial service, I feel glad that I am safe in saying that the same happy feeling exists with regard to us on the part of many of the battalions of Her Majesty's Imperial army. [Applause.]

Friendly Corps Recalled.

Very soon after our arrival in South Africa we can in contact with the Cornwalls, Shropshires and our fast and lasting friends, the 1st Gordons. [Loud applause.] These four battalions ultimately formed what was known for many months in the campaign as the 19th Brigade. You, sitting at these tables, have no doubt noticed in this beautiful menu card the record of that brigade during the war. Other corps we met with in equally friendly relations, particularly the Household Brigade. We were enabled, I am glad to say, to merit the confidence of our own Brigadier, the gallant Smith-Dorrien, in our own divisional battalion, the man who was the mainspring in the defence of Ladysmith, Ian Hamilton, and that great soldier and statesman, Lord Roberts. [Loud cheers.]

Anxious Moments.

One cannot, of course, go thru a campaign such as occurred in South Africa without some anxious moments. And those we had. In connection with this, I might refer to one in particular, viz., in the cold, dark morning of the 27th Feb. last, when, at 2 a.m., we began our advance on the Boer laager. We experienced then trying moments, moments that none of those of us who have survived will ever be likely to forget. We felt in those moments that not only the reputation of the regiment but that of Canada and the future of that campaign rested upon us. [Applause.] The interval between the time in which we left our own trenches until that when we came under the fire of the enemy, at less than 100 yards from their trenches, seemed an age; and it was almost a relief when their hellish fusillade came upon us, and, for the time, stopped our further progress. There were many more anxious minutes, I may say hours, which were to follow, and it was only at 6 a.m., when the white flag went up, that we could breathe freely, for we knew that on its 10th anniversary Majuba was avenged, and the Canadians had done it. [Loud applause.]

Otter's Famous Moments.

This was only the beginning of the record of good service of the Canadians in South Africa. Much more was to follow, for there were other Canadians who had come to join us. [Applause.] You all of you, no doubt, recollect the death grip with which the Second Canadian Mounted Rifles held on at Nek Spruit. You recollect the spirited march of the Canadian artillery to the relief of Mafeking. You recollect the glorious death of Gordon and of Burch at Reitz Vlei, followed by that of Captain Chalmers, in an attempt to rescue one of his men. [Great applause.] And, only a month ago, we read and heard of one of the plucklest incidents of the war, in which the Royal Canadian Dragoons of the Second Mounted Rifles saved a column of Smith-Dorrien's and his guns. [Applause.]

Men of Mark.

In this, as on other occasions, several officers who distinguished themselves were known in Toronto. Col. Lessard—[applause] — Evans — [applause] — Lieut. Cockburn — [applause] — Lieut. Elmsley — [applause]; and, while doing homage to those officers, I feel that I should not forget another Torontonian, one of my own, who was the first man, on the 27th Feb., in the Boer laager, viz., Lieut. Macdonell. Cries of "Stand up, Archie!"

Capt. Macdonell was received with great cheering.

Col. Otter continued: We have nicknamed him "Lighthouse," and he will answer to that name. [Laughter.]

Reception in England.

I would like before I conclude to say a few words about our later experiences in London and at Liverpool. It is not necessary for me to tell you they were most pleasant. But I would like the people of Toronto and the people of Canada to get an idea of the deep feeling which actuated the people of England in our late reception. Believe me that it was a genuine and most heartfelt. The whole country was at our feet in their desire to honor the Canadians and all colonials. I have very little more to say, but I cannot omit most the hardest part of my speech this evening to know how to properly express my feelings and the feelings of my corps to your generous, enthusiastic and gentle friends the ladies. [Great cheering.] The ladies of Toronto, the ladies of Canada and the ladies of the United Kingdom during the 12 months we were away were collecting and forwarding to us comforts of one description or another. Not only tons of good things, but money ad libitum was sent me.

Good Things Galore.

More good things were sent than we could possibly use. But as to the money, I am sure it will please you to know that my having it was the means of saving many a poor fellow from anxiety and hardship as he lay in the hospital tents at Bloemfontein during the epidemic of enteric fever and was afterwards a comfort to many who remained. Believe me, ladies, that you have the lasting gratitude of the Royal Canadians for your kindness to us, and for your thoughtfulness in this respect. We can never express to you properly our thanks. Your thoughtfulness can never be effaced from our memories, and many a man will remember with more than gratitude the relief you afforded him.

Sufficiently Recompensed.

Only one thing more before I resume my seat. I will just ask you again to believe that this reception goes for much more than the men of the battalion that I have had the honor to command, sufficient recompense for all that we have undergone, and for any troubles that may have fallen to our lot. It is one that we will never forget. [Loud cheering.]

Hon. Mr. Mulock proposed the toast of "The Empire," which was replied to by Col. Sweny and Premier Ross, the latter in a very effective speech.

Lord Minto proposed a vote of thanks to Col. Mason, the chairman of the evening.

WHO WERE THERE.

List of Guests at the Table of Honor and Elsewhere.

Lieut.-Col. Mason was in the chair. On his right was the guest of the evening, Col. Otter, and on his left the Governor-General. The following are the names of those who were invited to seats at the table of honor, and, with two or three exceptions, all were present:

Hon Geo W Ross, Hon William Mulock, Col Kitson, Lieut-Col Peters, D O C, Mr. Malcolm, M P, Col Sweny, Lieut Reginald Temple, Mr John Ewan, Capt Macdonnell, Major Macdougall, Mr Sladen, Mr W J Douglas, Lieut-Col Ryerson, Lieut-Col Buchan, Capt J Cooper Mason, Mr Stanley M Brown, Lieut C S Wilkie, Capt R K Barker, Mr Frederick Hamilton, Mr J S Willison, Capt Bell, A D C, Mr W F Macleau, M P, Rev Father O'Leary, Mr Edgar A Wills.

Around the Board.

Among those present were: Table B—Hon G W Allan, Justice Street, Dr Sprague, Dr Temple, Mr A E Kemp, M P, Mr H E Walker, Mr W H Beatty, Mr D Coulson, Mr W Nesbitt, Q C, Mr E B Osler, M P, Mr Castell Hopkins, Mr E F Clarke, M P, Mr G N Morangs, Mr Henry Cawthra, Dr Thorburn, Commander Law, Col S Hughes, Mr W H Smith, Mr W P Sloane, Mr. J L Spink, Lieut-Col. Grassett, Lieut-Col Sherwood, Mr Allan Cassels, Mr O A Howland, Q C, Mr C Hunter, Mr L McMurray, Mr R J Score, Dr Richardson, Mr J K Kerr, Mr James Hedley, Thomas Robertson.

Table C—George E Evans, Charles A Pipon, Charles B Clark, Charles Temple, R H Temple, Lieut-Col Henry Smith, Major Greville Harston, L Reinhardt, Russell Baldwin, Thomas D Delamere, W H VanderSmissen, W H Ellis, Thomas Langton, John G Ridout, F D Mauchell, Henry Winnett, A S Mitchell, Dr Fred Winnett, W T Kernahan, Widmer Hawke, Sheriff Mowat, N Clarke Wallace, M P, S Frank Wilson, H B Kent, John F Ross, Henry A Drummond, W S Stout, J W Leonard, J W Corcoran, George H Waller, Fred Doane, R Y Ellis, R E Kingsford, James Scott.

Table D—Major Lee, Capt. Gill, Edmund Bristol, D L McCarthy, Frederick N Beardmore, Aemilius Irving, C W Clinch, Walter Barwick, W R Riddell, W D Beardmore, Albert Nordheimer, C B Child, L Biggs, George Hyslop, C H Riggs, W Hyslop, jr, Rev. Thomas Geoghegan.

Table E—G W Ross, jr, George Gillies, W Mulock, jr, Dr Herbert A Bruce, William McCabe, H Wade, Hugo Ross, R H Coats, Walter J Barr, Dr G R Parkin, W F Eaton, G A Powell, James S Lowry, J A C Poole, A J Moorehead, John C Eaton, R Y Eaton, T R Pattullo, F H Torrinton, J W Stockwell, Hon W A Child.

Table F—Charles Cockshutt, Dr Charles O'Reilly, Dr Allan Baines, E S Fellows, Nichol Kingsmill, Melfort Boulton, J Lommed Campbell, Hume Blake, A R Boswell, A R Creelman, H C Hammond, Sidney Smith, F A Smith, H D Warren, W G Cassels, J F Smith.

Table G—Neel Marshall, K R Marshall, E C Boeckh, Fred Diver, George A Bingham, C A Peinzie, Dr Moorehouse, Walter Roland, Hugh Blain, W J Gage, J J Crabbe, M H Peterson, A E W Peterson, A F Lemon, T R Robb, W Goulding, M C Ellis, William Stone, A Ansley, W R Brock, A B Lee, Capt W A Medland, J Pearson, Rev Alex Williams, Samuel Nordheimer, R W Millichamp, Reuben Millichamp, W T Gunday, F Fetherstonhaugh, Henry Symons, Frank Rolph, George Kennedy, Dr W A Young, R L Gibson, Frank Arnoldi, W K McNaught.

Table H—Lieut.-Col Delamere, Major H M Pellatt, Major J A Murray, Major P L Mason, Surgeon-Major L L Palmer, Capt A R Lee, Capt M S Mercer, Capt R Rennie, Capt J O Thorne, Capt R L Le Vesconte, Capt J R Miller, Capt H F Wyatt, Capt A G Peuchen, Capt A F Kirkpatrick, Lieut A D Crooks, Lieut G M Higinbotham, Lieut J M Denison, Lieut G C Royce, Lieut J George, Lieut A J E Kirkpatrick, Second Lieut S W Band, Second Lieut E B Walker, Second Lieut W R Kingsford, Second Lieut W H Findlay, Second Lieut J C Allen, Second Lieut F M Ellis.

Table J—William Hendrie, Robert Davies, C H Ritchie, G W Torrance, Murray Hendrie, A W Smith, Claude Macdonell, A W Smith, W E Wellington, N W Rowell, Adam Brown, Hon George A Cox, C E Robinson, John Henderson, W H Cooper, Dr J F W Ross, John Massey, Cecil Lee, J A Macdonald, James Curry, Dr Andrew Smith, D W Alexander, J J Foy, M.L.A., W P Fraser, A Yankoughnet, David Macpherson, D D Mann, H O'Brien, H C Cox, A R Phillips, W J Suckling, W D Taylor, W K George, Louis A Howard, Fred Kelley, George R Warwick, A F Rutter.

Table K—L Melville Jones, J B Wadsworth, Joseph Henderson, W R Wadsworth, Charles C Smith, A Kelly Evans, F H Mayne-Campbell, Stewart Gordon, Frank Darling, Leighton McCarthy, M.P., J F Edgar, A Dickson Patterson, C Heward, R B Henderson, A H Campbell, jr., G C Heward, J T Small, J Kerr Osborne.

Table L—George H Gooderham, Auguste Bolte, W A Littlejohn, Randolph Macdonald, Davidson Harman, E A Badenach, C V Snelgrove, A J Jackson, W P Fyne, John Akers, Robert Crean, Dr G P Sylvester, L A Stewart, J Fraser Macdonald, James Bicknell, W H Pearson, jr., Burton Holland, J H Drynan, F G Cox, C A B Brown, Lieut.-Col A H Macdonald, R.O., Dr A A Macdonald, William Laidlaw, McC Warden, J Gordon Macdonald, W Howard Chandler, J Haydn Horsey, A Lyman Massey, C A Massey, Alfred Wright, Ricardo Scarles, Henry F Duck, E Strachan Cox, George H Roberts, T M Scott, F O Cayley, George E Gates.

Table M—Capt Meyers, Dr A J Johnson, Major Brock, Capt Mackay, Capt Armstrong, Capt Sloan, Capt Brooke, Major Tassie, Lieut Porter, Lieut Beardmore, Capt Lehmann, Capt Vaux, H L Drayton, Lieut Osborne, Lieut Shanly, Major Stinson, Col McLaren, Col Hodgins, Col Bruce, Col Gibson, Col Graves, Rev A H Baldwin, Capt Cumberland, Capt A E Gooderham, Major King.

Table N—Capt Donald, Lieut Wilson, Lieut W W Denison, Lieut McGaw, Capt Denison, Capt Morton, Capt Fleming, Lieut Powell, Capt Winter, Major Sankey, Major Knowles, Surgeon-Major Grasett, Canon Welch, Rev Armstrong Black, Frederick Wyld, Major Myles, Lieut.-Col Edwards, Lieut.-Col Bertram, Lieut.-Col Davidson, Lieut Brooke, Capt Lang, Capt Mitchell, Capt Peters, Capt Grafton, Capt Hendrie, Major Robertson, Major O'Brien, Capt Hobbs, Surgeon-Major Elliott, Major Henderson, Major Sloan, J B Kay, Major Nattress, Lieut.-Col Macdonald, Lieut.-Col Edwards, Lieut.-Col G T Denison, Lieut.-Col O'Brien, Lieut.-Col C A Denison.

Table R—Captain Greer, Mr A J Hughes, Mr A E Ames, Mr Colin Harbottle, Mr Henry Smith, Mr W T Jennings.

M. C. ELLIS IS PRESIDENT

Elected at Twenty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association

EXEEEDINGLY PROSPEROUS YEAR

Shown by the Exports—Old Rates on Accident Insurance Policies Restored.

According to reports presented at the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association held yesterday afternoon in St. George's Hall, the past year was an exceedingly prosperous one. President C. E. Kyle was in the chair, and about 50 members were present.

During the past year the membership increased from 4837 to 5146. The receipts were $74,022.83, which, together with the balance on hand at the beginning of the year, brought the amount up to $93,547.09. The sum of $24,495 was paid out in mortuary benefits; $32,486.70 was invested in city of St. John debentures, and $22,144.94 in town of Truro debentures.

The general expenses were $3771.52, office expenses $2639.21, and building expenses $169.12, leaving a balance in the bank of $5,853.32. The sum of $27,294.35 was added to the permanent reserve fund, bringing it up to a total of $334,284.76.

There was some doubt as to the legality of the association voting $1000 to the Patriotic Fund last year, and therefore a subscription list had been opened, with the result that $1261 was collected.

Old Rates Restored.

The experiment to increase the accident insurance policies by lowering the rates to cost did not prove advantageous, and the old rates were restored. As a result it was decided to relinquish the agency of the Norwich Life Insurance Company.

The commercial rates current on Ontario railways were extended to the railways of Manitoba.

The question of a total disability scheme for the benefit of aged and disabled travelers was referred to a special committee.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected: President, M. C. Ellis; first vice-president, William Cauldwell (acclamation); second vice-president, Thomas McQuillan; secretary, James Sargant (acclamation); treasurer, J. C. Blak (acclamation