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Lord Strathcona. The pleasure and delight exhibited by Montrealers at the return to their midst of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal is a tribute to the patriotism and benevolence of a man of generous impulse and lofty thought, whose aims and purposes in life have always commanded the respect and admiration of the people of this Dominion, and whose princely service to the Empire is a modern instance of that feudal spirit which prompted Scottish clansmen in days of old to resent affronts offered to any of their blood. In raising a body of men to fight for his and their Queen in her hour of need, Lord Strathcona gave us a splendid example of the passion which aims to serve one's country. His gift to the Empire will surely be recorded in the pages of history. But throughout the Dominion, and especially in its metropolis, his name will be always most revered and honoured for his magnificent contributions towards education and the alleviation of suffering. This public benefactor has probably found more pleasure in promoting the prosperity and happiness of mankind than from aught else in his long and useful career, and the merry students who struggled for the honour of dragging his carriage through the streets of Montreal only expressed the feelings which animate every Canadian for one who has scattered so many blessings in the path of his fellow-men.

Brave Australian Bushmen. "It is impossible to give you anything like an idea of what they must have gone through. I do hope Great Britain will show its gratitude to these Australians for the brightest page in the history of the war. Let it be known far and wide. Come out and see the place, and if your heart doesn't tingle with pride or a lump get in your throat, and if a prayer doesn't fly to heaven at the sight, you must be harder and colder than an iceberg. I tell you, these men deserve anything the Old Country can give them."—From an English officer's letter.

Lest we should come to think that Canada is the only jewel in the British crown, and that no exhibition of bravery equal to that shown by G and H companies of the Royal Canadians at Paardeberg has been given by other Colonials, the Montreal "Gazette" a few days ago narrated the gallant ex-

plot of 300 Australians under Colonel Hore at Eland's river. The story of how they stood off Delary with his 3,000 men and 8 guns for nearly a fortnight reads like a chapter from some stirring romance. We recently recorded the admiration of the Australians for the plucky defence of Mafeking. It led them to send General Baden-Powell valuable presents of gold, horses, and jewelled swords, etc. What then will be their feelings as they read the story told by an English officer belonging to the relieving force at Eland's river of the conduct of Lieutenant Arnet of the Australian Bushmen who "was the soul of the defence of Brakfontein so long as he lived."

All through the first day he stood out in the open with his field glass, giving the ranges to his men. He was shot through the forehead, but kept at his post on the parapet till a shell struck him and blew him to pieces.

Doubtless, when poor Arnet died,

Something upon the soldier's cheek
Washed off the stains of powder.

Yet his comrades fought on with no thought of surrender, until, after thirteen days, relief came. Then it was found, says the "Gazette," that "the little garrison of 300 men had lost one-fourth of their number," and out of 500 horses, only 60 were left alive; the dead bodies of the rest were piled up as an additional defence to the earthworks they had constructed. "Cronje's laager was a fool to it," said one of the officers of the relieving force, and he wrote home to his family the tribute to the Australians with which this article is headed.

Let us hope that among the 500 colonial troops who are to be the Queen's guests in London there will be a good representation of the survivors of "the most gallant exploit of the close of the war," and that in the new Commonwealth of Australasia the name of Arnet will always be honoured and revered as that of a gallant colonial gentleman and soldier who gave the Boers what Stanley Weyman would style "as pretty an argument" as they could possibly desire.