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THE FARMERS WANT COMPETING LINES.

Influential Delegation Waited on the Manitoba Government Yesterday

TO PRESS THE MATTER.

The Proposal is to Have the Government Begin the Building of Roads at Once.

PREMIER MACDONALD PROMISES

That the Subject Will be Seriously Considered—News From Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, April 12.—(Special.)—An important delegation, composed of Dr. McInnis, T. E. Greenwood, R. F. Lyons and J. Simpson, M.P., waited upon the Government today to request that, in view of Mr. Mellen's declaration at Brandon, the Government should proceed at once to construct the lines proposed by the recent delegations from various parts of the province.

The following resolution, passed at the Brandon meeting, was presented by Dr. McInnis:

"Moved by A. W. Kent, reeve of Woodsworth, seconded by W. Taylor, reeve of Minota, and resolved:

"That, in view of the declaration of President Mellen, of the N.P.R., made at Brandon on April 6, that owing to the fact of the C.P.R. having been given a blanket charter for the province, by which every line of the N.P.R. may be paralleled and made unremunerative and inoperative, he could and would not ask his company to make further extensions or investments in Manitoba, therefore this representative meeting (composed of reeves and farmers), is of the opinion that no other solution of the difficulty exists but for the Government to build a road in the district referred to, and proceed therewith at once; that a committee, composed of the reeves of Brandon, North Brandon, Lansdowne, Virden, Norfolk and Birtle, submit the matter to the Government, and report the result to Secretary W. H. Rogers, who will inform the several reeves and the Board of Trade at once."

Speeches Were Made.

The members of the delegation spoke in favor of the motion, and urged upon the Premier the necessity of the lines proposed and the advisability of carrying out the pledges of Government ownership of railways made, according to the plank in the party platform.

Premier Macdonald, in reply, said that he fully sympathized with the spirit of the motion, and would take the matter into serious consideration at once, in conjunction with the other members of his council. As soon as any decision had been arrived at he would notify Dr. McInnis.

The "Royal" Assent Given.

The $150,000 voted by the Legislature was assented to to-day by His Honor, and the House adjourned till May 7, when the royal commission's report will be presented.

Threat by the Mayor.

Winnipeg's Mayor has threatened to swing the Louise bridge unless proper precautions are taken by the Dominion Government to inspect immigrants before reaching here. The matter will be attended to.

A FOUR-CORNERED FIGHT.

Martinites and Cottonites, Straight Liberals and Conservatives, in British Columbia.

Ottawa, April 12.—(Special.)—In a chat with the Western members left in the city it was learned that there are likely to be four parties in the fight in British Columbia. There will be the Martinites on the one side and the Cottonites on the other, and the straight Liberals and the straight Conservatives, who are clamoring for party lines. It is probable that a labor party may spring up. Hewitt Bostock, M. P., who has left to take part in the contest, will, it is understood, be followed by W. W. B. McInnes, M.P. Mr. McInnes is a Martin man and Mr. Bostock favors independence in provincial affairs. He may support Mr. Cotton. Mr. Maxwell, M.P., who is now in Vancouver, is a Martin man. Mr. Morrison, M.P., as well as his constituency, the New Westminster District, is anti-Martin. Senator Templeman is opposed to party lines in provincial affairs and will support the independent party.

The Secret of a Suicide.

Novels are not in it nowadays with real life. Quite a romantic story is the topic in one town at present, and would make a good bit for some author who is trying to gain high honors. In a small town not far from Toronto lives a pretty maid of 25 summers, and who, it is said, will come in for a fortune in a few years. This maid was very attractive, and always struck the heart of nearly every man who had the pleasure of meeting her. It happens that while visiting friends in a neighboring town about five years ago she met a man whom she fell in love with. As fortune went, he did the same, and fell deeply in love with her. Soon after he visited her home, proposed and was accepted. The young man in question was a well-to-do chap, and saved up all he could to buy a happy home for his future bride. After completing everything for the house in the way of furniture, etc., he had the date of the wedding fixed for June of this year. In the meantime, about three months ago, a second lover arrived on the scene from the Northwest, a very wealthy and handsome boy, too, and he, like the first one, proposed. Well, she was kind of taken with him and resolved to write to her future husband (as he was then) and ask him what to do. On receiving her letter he at once wrote back and broke off the engagement with her. What was now left for her to do but to accept the second one, which she did. But it so turns out that he (the second lover) had a wife and child in the Northwest. Finding himself in this predicament he took the train for Toronto, and the next morning all the daily papers were full of a suicide, which had taken place in a wayside boarding-house in town. The fair maiden is now left in the lurch, as her first lover has forsaken the fair sex, and now vows he will look after his aged mother.

Ride a Stearns Bicycle and be content. H. H. Love, 191 Yonge Street.

Cook's Turkish Baths—204 King W.

To Command the Michigan.

Washington, April 12.—Commander P. Garst has been ordered to command the Michigan on the great lakes. The Michigan will be used as a training ship for the naval militia of the lake states.

ROBERTS' COMBINATIONS WILL SOON BE WORKING

The Feeling Is ... British Will Very Speedily Have the Boer Commandoes Enmeshed.

Colonials at Wepener Still Holding Off the Boers—Buller Has 35,000 Men and Roberts Now Has 214,000 Effective Troops—The Seventh Month.

London, April 13, 4.05 a.m.—In a round-about way London hears that Lord Roberts, when wiring to the Prince of Wales at Copenhagen congratulations upon his escape from assassination, added two or three hopeful sentences portending an early advance with wide-reaching combinations.

Will Enmesh the Boers.

Quiet assurances are passed around among military men that Lord Roberts is employing his big army effectively, and that the adventurous Boer commandoes are likely to be enmeshed. Scraps of news, a detail here and another there, have reached England to-night over comparatively idle cables, but they do not illuminate the situation.

Still Hold Off the Boers.

The Colonials at Wepener still hold off the Boers. Lord Methuen has worked eastward until he is within 80 miles of Kroonstadt.

Boer scouts have gone around Ladysmith and have appeared at Dewdrop and other places on Gen. Buller's flanks and rear. The officers of Buller's Irregular Horse estimate the Boers in Natal as 18,000, but these figures are probably excessive, 10,000 being regarded here as the outside number.

Buller With 35,000 Men.

After Gen. Hart's brigade leaves him, Gen. Buller will still have close upon 35,000 men. It is generally assumed that this brigade is going to join Lord Roberts, but its destination is really unknown.

British Troops at Lorenzo Marquez.

The Boer note to Portugal regarding the use by the British of the Beira route for the transportation of troops to Rhodesia may, if the Boers act against Portugal, lead Great Britain to land troops at Lorenzo Marquez. This possibility has been seriously discussed and is referred to at length in the morning papers to-day.

Boer Commissioners at Work.

The work of the Boer peace commissioners has begun. Mr. Fischer has asked Italy to intervene and the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs has replied that, while he would receive the envoys, the best he could do would be to transmit their proposals to London, thus following the course of the United States.

No Compromise Now.

Sir Alfred Milner, when replying to a deputation of clergymen in Cape Town Thursday, said: "Never again" must be the motto of all thinking and humane men; but not from lust of conquest or a desire to trample on the gallant if misguided. There must be no compromise or patch work in the settlement and no opportunity for misunderstanding, intrigue, the revival of impossible ambitions or the accumulation of enormous armaments.

The British will no longer tolerate dissimilar and antagonistic political system in a country which nature and history have declared to be one.

In these absolute utterances of Sir Alfred Milner, he speaks for the Imperial Government.

Roberts Has 214,000 Men.

It is calculated that Lord Roberts now has 214,000 effective troops, with 12,000 more afloat or under orders. The War Office has instructed officers not to take any more expanding bullets to Africa for revolvers.

Burgher Designs Spoiled.

Mr. Hilyard Steyn, brother of President Steyn, in the course of an interview at Bloemfontein, said: "The original war plan of the Boers was to overrun all Cape Colony, but, on becoming involved in the sieges of Kimberley and Ladysmith, the burghers found the design spoiled. To this I attribute the Boer failure to conquer the British. I expect the war to last until Christmas."

Seventh Month of the War.

The seventh month of the war is beginning with Eastertide and the morning paper editorials expatiate upon the need of soberness.

NEWS FROM PRETORIA.

Says the British Are Surrounded at Wepener, and That British Are Retiring Towards Ladysmith.

Pretoria, Wednesday, April 11.—A heavy cannonade was heard this morning in the direction of Buffontein, situated midway between Winburg and Boshof, in the Orange Free State, and north of Brandfort.

British Surrounded.

Advices from Wepener, where a British force is surrounded, say the battle continues. About 1500 British troops are said to be there.

Say the British Are Retiring.

Advices from the Boer headquarters in Natal say that after a heavy bombardment the British are retiring in the direction of Ladysmith, and the Federals are going to their old positions.

COL. DRURY AT BRITSTOWN.

Canadian Artillery Arrived There Yesterday—Found the District Traversed Orderly.

Britstown, Cape Colony, April 12.—A column of troops commanded by Col. Drury of the Royal Canadian Artillery, consisting of Canadian artillery and mounted infantry, Yeomanry and Australians, arrived here this morning. They found the district traversed orderly and well disposed.

THE POWERFUL AT PORTSMOUTH.

Queen Wires Congratulations to Capt. Lambton for His Services in South Africa.

London, April 12.—The Queen has telegraphed to Capt. Lambton of the British first-class cruiser Powerful, which arrived at Portsmouth yesterday afternoon, as follows:

"I sincerely welcome you all on your return home, and heartily congratulate you on the gallant and valued services you have rendered in South Africa. I hope to see you all shortly after my return to England."

The Duke of York also telegraphed his congratulations to Capt. Lambton, his officers and ship's company of the Powerful.

Burghers May Plant Crops.

Pretoria, Wednesday, April 11.—The Free State Gazette publishes orders to the effect that no person who has been commandered for active service has the right to send a substitute without the consent of the Landrost.

In reference to the matter of leave of absence The Gazette says that squads of 10 per cent. of each commando will be relieved for periods of 12 days, their relief being chosen by ballot. This is intended to meet the wishes of the burghers desiring to plant their crops.

BOERS MUST BE KEPT ACTIVE.

This is the Reason for their Movement in the Vicinity of Bloemfontein.

Bloemfontein, Wednesday, April 11.—According to information received here, the Boer activity eastward of the railroad and in proximity to the border is largely due to the fact that Presidents Kruger and Steyn have found they are unable to keep their forces together in inactivity, the burghers declaring they are unwilling to remain with their commandoes unless actively employed, as they are convinced the British game is a waiting game.

It is believed the Boer movement was originally designed to oblige Lord Roberts to weaken his force at Bloemfontein in order to protect the railroad. Then the Boers would have attempted to re-capture the capital. The burghers are evidently ignorant of the enormous forces Lord Roberts has at his disposal.

Advices from Karee Siding say the Boers are hustly entrenching their position east of Brandfort, running parallel with the railroad, while still strongly holding the Waterval Drift waterworks.

HOLDING OUT AT WEPENER.

Colonials Are Doing Great Work, And They Are Husbanding Their Ammunition.

Aliwal North, April 12.—The colonial troops are still holding their own splendidly at Wepener. Cannonading recommenced this morning. The Boer attack yesterday was not very serious. The British are carefully husbanding their ammunition, and their guns are making excellent practice. The Boers are short of ammunition.

A patrol returning from Smithfield reports that small groups of Boers are visible.

THE PRETORIA RED CROSS

Is in Sore Need of Medicines, Instruments, Wagons, Etc., According to Mr. Hillegas.

New York, April 12.—Mr. John V. L. Pruyn, chairman American Committee to aid Red Cross work within Boer lines, has received a letter from Howard C. Hillegas, a member of this committee, who is now in the Transvaal. Mr. Hillegas' letter says:

"The Pretoria Red Cross is in such great need of medicines, instruments, wagons, etc., that your committee could do no better, I think, than to send your money directly to the Pretoria Red Cross."

BOERS POISONED THE BULLETS.

Sure Death to Any British Officer or Soldier Hit by the Missiles.

Ottawa, April 12.—(Special.)—An interesting letter has been received in this city from Bandsman Charles Andrews, formerly of Ottawa, but now with Buller's army. The letter is dated Feb. 23, at Tugela River Camp, Colenso, and says in part:

"Yesterday a couple of Boers were captured in the trenches and they had a little pot with deadly poison in it, into which they dipped the bullet before firing it. Two officers were hit in the arm, and by the time they got to the field hospital they died from the deadly poison. Do the swine deserve any mercy? If I get a chance at one I will only be too pleased to bayonet him, and then put a bullet in him to make sure."

FIGHTING AT ELANDSLAAGTE.

The Boers Steadily Advanced, and After Two Hours' Fighting They Were Checked.

London, April 12.—A special despatch from Elandslaagte, dated yesterday, says: "Fighting was renewed beyond Elandslaagte this afternoon. The Boers steadily advanced upon the British positions. There was a continuous rifle fire and the Boer big guns were in action. The British replied effectively and, after two hours' fighting, the Boers were checked."

The Situation at Wepener.

London, April 13.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Times telegraphing Thursday, says: "The latest news is that Col Dalgety's force occupies a position outside Wepener, while the Rouxville commanda occupies the town itself. The pressure there should be partially relieved within the next 24 hours.

"Lieut. Nix, the Dutch military attache, who was wounded at Koorn Sprit, died today under an operation."

Boer Guns Disabled.

Aliwal North, April 12.—News from a Boer source at Wepener, officially communicated, says that four Boer guns have been disabled and four commandants killed or wounded.

On Friday night the British made a sortie, capturing a Boer gun and taking some prisoners.

Boer Mission for Milan.

Naples, April 12.—A Transvaal mission, accompanied by Dr. Muller and Jonkhorr Van Boosecheten, started this morning for Milan.

Olivier Moving Towards Smithfield.

Cape Town, April 12.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Cape Argus says: Olivier's commando is moving in the direction of Smithfield.

Five different langers are located between Bethany and the Kaffir River, lying parallel to the railway, 12 miles eastward.

Roberts is Wise.

London, April 13.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Wednesday, says:

"Lord Roberts wisely declines to exhaust his men and horses in hunting the elusive Boers until his preparations are complete. He will leave to the enemy the barren comfort of the occupation of a few farms for a short time."

WILLIAMS WILL LIVE UNTIL SATURDAY

Governor-General Signed an Order-in-Council Yesterday Postponing the Execution for Twenty-Four Hours.

Sheriff Mowat Was Notified by Wire of the Decision—The Condemned Man Was Not Pleased About It—He Decides to Keep His Identity a Secret.

Ottawa, April 12.—(Special.)—Williams will not hang on Good Friday. The Governor-General at noon to-day signed an Order-in-Council passed last night respiting Harry Williams, the Toronto murderer, for 24 hours, in response to the wishes of the Mayor and citizens of Toronto, so that the execution will take place on Saturday instead of to-morrow. There is no case on record in this country of a hanging taking place on Good Friday, and as Sir William Meredith, who pronounced the sentence, did not seem disposed to authorize the postponement the Government at the last moment, and contrary to Hon. David Mills' preconceived ideas, exercised their executive right without regard to the trial judge's attitude. The Government two days ago was intent on letting the execution go on, but Hon. William Mulock came to town yesterday and pushed the matter straight, with the above result.

Sheriff Mowat was wired to-day to postpone the execution. The short respite is made because when Judge Dugas respited the man in the Yukon for three months the Council's lawyer entered a plea that as his client was not executed on the day first billed he could not be executed at all, as he was legally dead. The Government is determined to prostrate any similar attempt to save Williams.

The News in Toronto.

When the news of William's respite of 24 hours was received here various opinions were expressed on the action of the Government in postponing the execution till Saturday. Mr. T. C. Robinette, who defended the condemned man, believed at first that the postponement would give him ground for making an application for a new trial. He claimed that the Order-in-Council changing the date of execution was an interference with the sentence and after the time fixed by the first sentence had passed no execution can legally take place until after a new trial, verdict rendered and sentence passed. Mr. Robinette at once got the material together for making an application for a writ of habeas corpus, but when Chief Justice Meredith made it known that he would not receive such an application the prisoner's counsel changed his plans and let the matter drop.

Williams Was Not Pleased.

The receipt of the telegram postponing the execution had little or no effect on the prisoner Williams. The news was conveyed to him by the governor of the jail and he expressed himself as being dissatisfied with the action of the Government. Being perfectly resigned to his fate, the condemned man feels it will only prolong the suspense and he wishes it was all over. Last Sunday Williams discussed with his counsel, Mr. Robinette, the matter of his identity and concluded to keep it a secret. Before Mr. Robinette left, however, the prisoner called him back and said if he changed his mind he would send for him. On this subject Mr. Robinette yesterday received the following letter written by Williams in a clear round hand:

Toronto, April 9, 1900.

Dear Sir,—I have thought over the subject of our last interview and came to the conclusion to abide by my former decision. I thank you and your partner, Mr. J. M. Godfrey, for the kind interest you have taken in my behalf, for your sympathy and kindness. I wish you success and happiness all your days. Your grateful client,

Harry Williams.

TOMMY WASSON IS SURELY A HERO

With a Flying Column at the Relief of Kimberley He Bayonetted Seven or Eight Boers, But Was Terribly Wounded.

Thomas Wasson.

H. R. Jackson.

In a letter written from the Orange River, March 4, Lt.-Col. Sam Hughes has this to say of "Tommy" Wasson, an old Toronto boy, who was with the flying column under Gen. French, which relieved Kimberley:

"They (meaning Lt. Charlie Ross and Thomas Wasson) were with French in his famous ride, and were sent the day after the relief to round up the Boers, who had greatly annoyed our side. They found themselves outnumbered—three to one—and could neither advance nor retire. So they lay "potting" for hours. Finally Charley Ross got tired of that sort of work. He asked for volunteers, and one officer and seven men close by him, all who were within his call, responded. With a wild whoop and a series of yells, Ross and his men rushed right at Boer position behind the trenches. The rest kept up a rattling fire. Charley and his band cleared the trenches, and into them with ball and bayonet and yells such as never rang around Kimberley. Wasson, they say, got in some really handsome bayonet work, fixing up seven or eight beautifully. Charley himself, after emptying his magazine, clubbed the carbine and smashed the skulls of four or five. Finally he took the revolver, and actually, as the Boers ran, he followed up and, putting the muzzle close up, blew the tops of two Boers' heads off. Meantime the whole squadron had rushed in. Poor Wasson, after doing such magnificent work, fell riddled. He had three terribly dangerous wounds, any one of which under ordinary conditions would prove mortal. But I heard by wire from Kimberley a few days ago that he is living and likely to live. One bullet passed right thru his breast, piercing the right lung; another ripped his skull, and then penetrated his side, while he has two or three other holes thru him. So I heard from an officer who saw him. I hope the boy may pull thru, but he must have a close run for it."

Went on Their Own Hook.

Tommy Wasson was in the Klondike about the time hostilities began, and immediately hastened to Vancouver to offer his services. H. R. Jackson was also at Vancouver, and made strenuous efforts to get into the first Canadian contingent. Both failed, and thereupon set out by themselves, sailing from Vancouver on Nov. 17 last. At Honolulu the photo of Wasson was taken, from which this portrait is made. They reached Melbourne about a month later, and, after a few days spent between Melbourne and Sydney, sailed for Cape Town, where they arrived early this year. The next news received was that they, in company with Charley Ross, the famous Northwest scout, and a veteran of the Spanish-American war, had enlisted in Roberts' Horse.

They Were Picked Men.

Both Wasson and Jackson were in London in 1897 at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the former as a member of the celebrated bayonet team of the 48th Highlanders, who beat all comers at Islington, and the latter as a representative of the Q.O.R. at the Jubilee.

Both were at the relief of Kimberley, where they saw hard fighting, Wasson with the unfortunate result mentioned. The latest affair in which Roberts' Horse took part was the ambush at Sanna's Post, on March 31, of which details have not yet been received.

NEW CLERK OF THE YUKON.

Charles Macdonald on His Way to Ottawa for Final Instructions.

London, Ont., April 13.—(Special.)—Chas. Macdonald, recently appointed clerk of the Yukon Territory, passed thru here at midnight, en route to Toronto. He will remain there for a few days during the Easter recess, after which he will proceed to Ottawa for final instructions, and then take the train for Vancouver.

Darling & Pearson have removed to Imperial Bank Bldg., Leader Lane.

Flowers for Easter.

A magnificent display of Easter plants is to be seen at Dunlop's. Never before has he made such preparation to meet the demands of the public, and never before has such a splendid collection of plants and flowers been seen in Toronto. The salesrooms are bowers of beauty, gloriously decorated with lilac trees, azaleas, Easter lilies, spiræa, lily of the valley and every other kind of blooming plant, and his cut flowers are beyond comparison. Call to see them. Visitors are welcome at 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street.

Cook's Turkish and Russian Baths. Bath and bed $1.00. 202 and 204 King W

Horse Show Entries Close Saturday.

The yesterday was the final day for receiving entries for the Horse Show, and a big batch were received last night, the committee have decided, on account of the holiday, to extend the final closing until Saturday night.

A Sign of Good Times.

As times seem to have been unusually good in many lines of business for the past few months, there is a very large demand for gentlemen's spring clothing this season. Messrs. Frank Broderick & Co., fashionable tailors, 100 West King-street, have a new and splendid shipment of fine woollens for spring suits, as well as the latest ideas for spring overcoats. The work done by Messrs. Broderick & Co. is of the highest grade, and prices are reasonable.

Stearns' Special for 1900 will be equipped with coaster brake.

To-day's Program.

County Grand Black Chapter Knights of Ireland, Victoria Hall.

Baptist Young People's Union, second day.

Massey Hall, popular concert, 8 p.m.

C.W.A. annual meeting, St. George's Hall, 9.30 a.m.

C.L.A. annual meeting, Temple, 2 p.m.

Dog Show, Walker Building, all day.

Grand Opera House, "Chris and the Wonderful Lamp," 2 and 8 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "Jack and the Beanstalk," 2 and 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "Across the Continent," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

Bijou Theatre, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

Man's Easter "Bonnet."

Have you a new hat for Easter? If you haven't already selected one, you will today—and for most dependable qualities, in the best English and American new styles, you'll naturally pick one out of Fairweather's (84 Yonge-street) fine collection—Hawes' (guaranteed) $3.00 Broadway—Christy's extra values at $2.50 and $3.00—Youmans' (sole agency) $5.00. Silk hats $5.00, $6.00, $7.00 and $8.00.

VICTORIA COLONIST IS HOT AFTER JOE MARTIN

Accuses Him of Accepting a Bribe of $15,000 From the C.P.R. to Get Out of Sifton's Way in Manitoba.

Calls Him a "Patriot With a Price" and Chaffs Him on the Crow's Nest Royalties Blunder—Federal Government Did Not Interfere in Dissolution Matter.

Victoria, B.C., April 12.—(Special.)—The Colonist fairly opened the campaign with a vigorous bombardment of Martin's personality this morning. It accuses him of accepting a bribe of $15,000 from the C. P. R. Company to leave Manitoba, so they could run Sifton in for the Interior. It brands him as a "patriot with a price," and also says his blunder about the Crow's Nest Pass coal royalties was childish and proves him totally unfit to lead. The Colonist further declares that he made the celebrated Dead Man's Island quarrel the basis of selfish manouevring, and mocks at him as the champion of the people and the foe of corporations.

The article is very bitter, the portions relating to Martin leaving Manitoba and also about being a patriot at a price are printed in capitals.

This indicates that the campaign will be hot.

World Cracks Liberals.

The World to-night vigorously denounces the alleged compact of anti-Martin Liberals with the Conservatives, and says any Liberal who joins hand with the Tories under any circumstances is a traitor deserving punishment by the party.

Row Among Conservatives.

It is said there is another big row in the Conservative camp amongst the leaders, who cannot agree on who is to engineer the fight. Hon. Charles H. Mackintosh, while fairly certain of election in Rossland, has no following beyond it. Ex-Lieut.-Governor Edgar Dewdney may run for an Island constituency, making the second ex-Governor in the contest for the Provincial House. Mr. Dewdney is popular with the farmers.

Reports From Kootenay.

Reports from Kootenay show that Martin is slowly but surely gaining. All are eager to hear him explain his policy. Even Conservatives admit that he will have a strong effect on the electorate when he takes the stump.

Martin has not deigned a reply to any newspaper attacks yet. He will clean all up en route.

The new Ministers are all busy getting the hang of their duties and preparing campaign addresses.

Laurier Had No Hand In It.

There is positive assurance that the Dominion Government had nothing to do in changing the date of the election to six days earlier. Lieut.-Governor MacInnes acted solely on the advice of Martin and his colleagues, the Federal authorities not interfering in any way. The only thing Sir Wilfrid Laurier is anxious about is the anti-Japanese legislation. If Mr. Martin can be persuaded to draw it mild there, he will have ample sympathy with all other parts of the platform from Ottawa. Japanese representatives here are on the qui vive, for, if the move is inimical, Japan will immediately file protests at Ottawa and London, and report to Tokio. They are anxious. Meanwhile Japs are pouring in by hundreds.

SOLDIERS ARE SUFFERING.

Second Official Letter From the Canadian Red Cross Society Commissioner.

CANADIANS NEED MORE COMFORTS

Dr. Ryerson Writes From Orange River, Where Hundreds Are in the Hospitals.

The second official letter from Dr. Ryerson of Toronto, the Canadian Red Cross Society's Commissioner in South Africa, has been received, and is forwarded by Dr. C. A. Hodgetts, hon. secretary. It is addressed to Lieut.-Col. James Mason, from Orange River, 600 miles northeast of Cape Town, under date of 23rd Feb., and says:

"I arrived here yesterday in charge of stores, mostly Canadian, the remainder from Cape Town; found 46 non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Canadian Regiment and one officer had been or were still in hospital here. None of the cases were serious, the worst being a fracture case. They were chiefly mild fever, debility and tonsilitis.

"Three of the men were penniless, because they had been taken ill before pay day. I gave them 10s each. Most of them were in rags, but they will get a reissue on rejoining the regiment; four men were to be sent to the base hospital at Wynberg.

Practical and Judicious Help.

"I was asked by the senior medical officer here to obtain for the hospital, among other articles, 48 enamelled pails, four doz. tin candlesticks, 20 doz. boxes sparklets, 50 bed sheets, and one gross colored glasses, and I wired Cape Town for them at the expense of the Canadian Society; this is the most practical and judicious way we can help these poor fellows. The sights in the hospitals here are most pitiful. There are three hospitals here, each containing 250 beds, nearly all full. A large number of wounded are expected to-day. Enteric cases are numerous. The hospitals are partly under canvas and partly in galvanized iron huts, admirably constructed, so as to be taken apart and put together again; each hut constitutes a ward of 24 beds, in charge of a ward master and nursing sister, with orderlies under them; the patients receive every attention.

Comforts That Are Invaluable.

"The following are some of the stores I am delivering, and will give you some idea of what the Red Cross Society supplies, viz.: Jellies, jams, biscuits, lime juice, patent foods, custard powder, soap, games, books, pyjamas, socks, pillows, towels, lamps, bandages, surgical dressings, clinical thermometers, eau de cologne, Florida water, toilet vinegar, combs, hair brushes, tooth brushes, beef extracts, sponges, fans, mosquito netting, ward tables, ginger ale, soda water and many other articles.

"The condition of the sick and wounded would be sad indeed if the articles supplied by the Red Cross were withdrawn. The Government has never supplied any of them, with, perhaps, the exception of surgical dressings.

Will Be Spent for Canadians.

"The money that is cabled to me I will expend directly for the use of the Canadian sick and wounded, and for the use of the hospitals, as before stated. Our people can thus be assured that the money is usefully, properly and directly applied. There is much need of help. Three thousand sick and wounded up to this date have been carried on the hospital trains to the base hospitals at Wynberg and Rondesbosch. Hundreds of men are in hospital here, Honey Nest Kloof, Modder, Kimberley and De Aar. I am much indebted to Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes, D.A.A.G., here, for kind assistance. Yours faithfully,

"G. Sterling Ryerson,
"Can. Red Cross Commissioner."

More Aid is Required.

Speaking of the foregoing letter, Dr. Hodgetts says: "From it the public will get a faint idea of the good work the Red Cross is doing in South Africa, and the president and council trust that the public will remember that the work being done under our auspices needs more liberal support than it ever has done in the past. Our soldiers must receive warmer clothing, and our sick and wounded call for continued assistance on our part. The cable of yesterday, intimating that 80 Canadians are sick at Bloemfontein, means further Red Cross aid is required."

Fetherstonhaugh & Co., Patent Solicitors and experts, Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

THE FLEET IN DUBLIN BAY.

Naval Manoeuvres in Connection With the Queen's Visit to the Green Isle.

DISPLAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Movements Presented a Fine Spectacle, and Everyone Was Delighted.

Dublin, April 12.—The Queen abandoned her visit to the Zoological Gardens to-day and drove in the vice-regal grounds, where she reviewed a thousand children from Queen's County, who had arrived too late to take part in the children's demonstration Saturday. The children were brought to Dublin on a special train to-day.

Much to the public's surprise, the Queen drove out late this afternoon in a closed landau, accompanied by Princess Henry of Battenburg. The route extended thru Castle Knock village, returning by way of Phoenix Gate, at 5.40 p.m. In spite of the pouring rain, Her Majesty expressed pleasure at her outing.

Manoeuvres of the Fleet.

Admiral Rawson's idea of taking out the members of the vice-regal party and distinguished strangers visiting here was a huge success.

His flagship, the Majestic, led seven others of exactly the same type of first-class warships out on a series of evolutions, which, even to the civilian, showed how wonderfully under control the biggest warships of to-day are.

The weather was perfect. The ships were rapidly put thru single line and double fours, finally ending with a fascinating manoeuvre known to naval men as the gridiron.

After luncheon there was a general call to quarters. Every gun was prepared ready for battle, and the huge barbettes, invaded by pretty ladies, began with their great guns to move. Every ship bristled with protruding guns of the latest pattern.

The whole ended with an exciting race of all the ships' boats, the course being around the fleet, which had come to anchor. The ladies were simply delighted, and well they might be.

The fleet after the Queen's visit goes to Belfast.

Visit to the Zoo.

There was a decided improvement in the weather to-day, and the Queen visited the Zoological Gardens this morning, driven in her donkey carriage.

The review of the troops has been fixed for Saturday, and will take place in Phoenix Park.

Pember's Turkish Baths. Excellent sleeping accommodation. 129 Yonge.

Something New in Tailoring.

Why buy a ready-made spring overcoat when you can get a strictly first-class covert coat at from $12 to $18, a regular custom-made garment? I have a few made up on my premises for the spring trade by my own experienced tailors, regular ordered price $20 to $25. I guarantee every garment to be made up in the best style with first-class trimmings. Now is your opportunity to get a spring overcoat. I have goods in all shades to choose from. John Watson, practical tailor, 91 Bay-street.

MARRIAGES.

LESTER—GRAHAM—At the residence of the bride's mother, 127 Esther-street, Adria E. (Ada) Lester, to Samuel James Graham, by the Rev. Mr. Pedley, both of Toronto.

MORGAN—OGDEN—At the Manse, Deer Park, North Toronto, March 28, by the Rev. Mr. Kay, Miss Sarah E. Ogden, to Glen J. Morgan of Scarboro.

DEATHS.

FLETCHER—On Tuesday, April 11, at 9 o'clock, at her father's residence, 32 Lansdowne-ave., Parkdale, Dora, youngest and beloved daughter of Robert and Mary E. Fletcher, aged 19 years and 2 months. Funeral from the above address at 2 p.m. Friday, the 13th inst., to Humbervale Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation.

McCUAIG—On April 12, 1900, at the residence of his father, 9 Kensington-ave., Toronto, Finlay, fourth son of James and Matilda McCuaig, in his 26th year. Funeral from above address to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at 3.30 Saturday, 14th inst. No flowers.

McDONALD—At the residence of her brother-in-law, 38 Winchester-st., on Thursday, April 12, Miss Ella McDonald, daughter of Frank McDonald, Kingston. Notice of funeral hereafter. Kingston papers please copy.

NOBLE—On Thursday, April 12, at 30 Sullivan-street, William Noble, railway mail clerk. Funeral Saturday morning, April 14, to Kingston. Montreal and Kingston papers please copy.

SLOAN—On Thursday, April 12, 1900, at 143 Isabella-street, Clarence Edward, fifth son of John and Caroline Sloan, in his 16th year. Funeral private.

TUCK—At Toronto, on April 11, 1900, Ruby A., infant daughter of Bence and Adella C. Tuck. Interment this (Friday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Mount Pleasant.

JAMES BAXTER OWES A GOOD MANY PEOPLE

Before Going to Penitentiary He Abandoned All to His Creditors.

HOST OF SMALL ACCOUNTS

Scattered Among People in Britain and Canada, Mostly in Montreal.

MUCH OF THE ESTATE MORTGAGED.

A List is Given, Which Will be Supplemented if He Finds More.

Montreal, April 12.—(Special.)—Mr. Charles S. Reinhardt having made a demand of assignment upon James Baxter, who was sentenced the other day to a term of five years at St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, Mr. Baxter has consented to abandon his estate for the benefit of his creditors, the following being the official list:

Direct Liabilities.

Amiot, Le Cours & Lariviere, Montreal, $778; the James Robertson Co., Limited, Montreal, $510; C. A. Sharpe, Montreal, $275; Reackes & Straus, London, Eng., $2798; D. Lalonde, Montreal, $146; the Gault Bros. Co., Limited, Montreal, $100; Campbell & Gilday, Montreal, $179; F. M. A. Charest, Mile End, $550; the Star Iron Co., Montreal, $200; Thomas Ligget, Montreal, $41; Joseph Chamberland, Montreal, $85; Warden, King & Son, Montreal, $150; J. A. Tees & Co., Montreal, $71; A. Langevin, Montreal, $42; A. Grant, Montreal, $25; Fry & Clarke, Montreal, $25; S. A. DeLorimer, Montreal, $41; R. G. Dun & Co., Montreal, $60; Bradstreet & Co., Montreal, $100; Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal, $344; W. S. Ball, Montreal, $2721; Placide Brunet, Montreal, $60; M. J. F. Quinn, Montreal, $105; George J. Gebhardt, Montreal, $75; H. B. Vallier, Three Rivers, $61; J. B. DeLorimier, Montreal, $170; H. S. Scheyer & Co., Montreal, $105; D. Ford, Montreal, $978; G. Reinhardt & Sons, Montreal, $211; H. S. Phillips & Co., Montreal, $1700; Union Bank, Montreal, $377; Standard Life Insurance Co., Montreal, $200; P. A. Dubord, Montreal, $550; W. G. Phillips, Montreal, $1500; Thomas B. Ridgeway, Montreal, $250; Credit Foncier, mortgage, $50,000; G. T. Sup. and X. P. Fund, mortgage, $25,000; Mrs. Seaton, mortgage, $6000; J. N. Greenshields, mortgage, $11,000; George G. Foster, mortgage, $4000; Grey Nuns, mortgage, $36,000.

Indirect Liabilities.

Banque Nationale, $750; Union Bank, $628; Quebec Bank, $3060; Molsons Bank, $745; Bank of British North America, $450; A. B. MacKenzie, secured, $30,000; F. Nash & Co., secured, $2000; H. H. Hutchins, secured, $1700; Garand, Terroux & Co., $2000; H. S. Phillips & Co., $4000; James H. Craig, $600; Telfar R. Ruthven & Co., $280; Banque Ville Marie, $8000, secured. And the said defendant declares that he has been unable so far to fully verify the position of his affairs, and reserves the right to make a further abandonment, should he hereafter ascertain that anything has been omitted from the present abandonment.

AT EASTERTIDE

Fashions Will Undergo a Great Change—Not for Ladies Alone.

Like resplendent butterflies emerging in the spring from their dull winter home, fair Torontonians will at Easter lay aside the sober garments that suffice for winter and appear in the brighter apparel suited to gentle springtime.

And it is not the ladies alone who mark