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WEDNESDAY,
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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

SIR CHARLES' BOERS FLEE

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Would Have Judges of Provinces Do the Work on Basis of Representation by Population After a Census— It Was Voted Down.

Ottawa, March 8.—(Special.)—Speaker Balfour is a pleasant man personally, but he has shown on several occasions recently that he is hardly able to marshal the rival forces in the House. This was very evident this afternoon when the gerrymander bill was presented for a third reading.

Ministerial members, led by Sir Louis Davies, shouted "Carried" but Messrs. Bennett and Hall were on their feet to speak. Yet the Speaker declared the bill read, the whole time occupied being less than one minute. There was considerable opposition to the bill, and the Speaker declared the bill carried while he was looking at honorable gentleman standing desiring of speaking. On such an occasion the statement of the chair was rightly subject to criticism.

Sir Charles' Indignation.
Sir Charles Tupper indignantly declared that this was the first time he had ever seen a Speaker declare a bill carried while he was looking at honorable gentleman standing desiring of speaking. On such an occasion the statement of the chair was rightly subject to criticism.

Sir Wilfrid's Explanation.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier sunnily demurred the Speaker by declaring that he was clearly within the rules of the House, and had waited for a long time before declaring the bill carried. However, he thought the Speaker would allow an opportunity for members to speak.

Neither of Them Winked.
The Speaker felt that he had need to defend his action, and declared that he had looked at both Messrs. Bennett and Hall, but neither paid attention to him, he declared the bill carried. "It was after that that he had seen Mr. Bennett rise."

Mr. McNeill on the Floor.
So closed one incident, but when Mr. McNeill arose in his place, he declared that "Order" came from the Ministerial side of the House. Mr. McNeill wished to explain that he desired to introduce his amendment to the bill.

Explained His Position.
Quiet was restored and Mr. McNeill explained his position, and moved that the Speaker should withdraw from the House into the committee room, and that the Speaker should be asked to return to the House to preside over the debate on the bill.

Amendment Withdrawn.
Sir Charles Tupper, incensed by his speech, and the Speaker's refusal to draw, which Mr. McNeill accordingly did.

Mr. Bennett Roasts the Bill.
The House came out of committee and Mr. Bennett spoke upon the merits of the bill. He made a short speech, but it was full of fire. If the bill was accepted as a principle the Government could introduce a gerrymander whenever it thought it could gain a political advantage.

Mr. Ouler Roasts Them.
Mr. Ouler began at 11 o'clock. The present act of all the Government's actions, they were for women these days. Today 125 women in the English and American States were in the House of Commons.

P. E. I. Representation.
Mr. Bell (P.E.I.), who has spoken often at long intervals, followed by Mr. Bennett, who said that the Government should not give a seat to a party which had not done its duty to the country.

Mr. Martin (P.E.I.) followed, and pleaded for six members. The House for the members of the House of Commons.

Sir Charles' Shrewd Move.
Proposes That Judges in Each Province, Fix the Constituency Boundaries.

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General Roberts' Attack Surprised, Outwitted and Demoralized Them—Evacuation of Northern Cape Colony Nearly Complete—British Hold Railway Crossings.

London, March 8.—(4.15 a.m.)—The Boers appear to have made no stand whatever except that, while in retreat, they have repulsed Gen. French's cavalry with rifle fire. As no report has been made of the capture of prisoners, the enemy probably got away with their entire force. Gen. French is still following them and keeping between them and Bloemfontein.

Evacuation Nearly Complete.
The evacuation of the northern districts of Cape Colony is now nearly complete. The British are in possession of the railway crossings, and the Boers are being driven back to the Orange River.

Baden-Powell's Hard Lines.
The military critics comment on the discouraging news from Mafeking. Col. Baden-Powell seems to be in grave need of outside help, otherwise he would not allow the correspondents to send out information respecting the distress of the garrison.

White Takes Gataker's Division.
A result of some of the higher commands is taking place. Gen. White is to go to Crotberg to take supreme command of Gen. Gataker's division, and the 10th Division, now in process of formation, will be under the immediate command of Gen. Hunter. Sir George White's chief of staff.

Rumor of Peace Overtures.
The Daily News makes the following editorial announcement: "It was rumored in London yesterday, and we have some reason for believing the rumor to be correct, that the two republics made informal and unofficial overtures of peace on the preceding day."

Mr. McKinnon's Cabinet.
Mr. McKinnon declared that one thing was certain, that the House of Commons would not pass the gerrymander bill. He said that the House would not pass the bill, and that the Government would have to withdraw it.

Boers Taken by Surprise.
The Boers were taken by surprise yesterday. They were moved off to a new position, and they were taken by surprise. They were taken by surprise, and they were taken by surprise.

Boys' ROYAL IRISH GUARDS.
Mr. Balfour says the recommendation of the Royal Irish Guards to the Queen for approval.

Chicago Doctor Anks to Go With Strathcona's Horse—Particulate Fund \$157,000.
The Patriotic Fund now amounts to \$157,000.

Field Glass for Col. Steele.
The Premier addressed the command, expressing the satisfaction he felt in being able to send Col. Steele to the front.

Will Sell With Strathcona's Horse.
The detachment will embark on the 22nd of the month, and will be sent to the front.

Recruiting Begins To-day.
Orders have been received by the D.O.C. from the War Office, to begin recruiting to-day.

Price Birds Exhibited.
At the meeting of the Toronto Poultry Association last night in Temperance Hall, Mr. Grimby exhibited a pair of price White Braes.

Cook's Cold in a Few Hours.
Dr. Evans' Laxative Cold Cures, not grippe, was returned, 25 cents. Bigsby's Pharmacy, 100 Yonge-street.

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