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speaking for the India department,

Durban with her troops."

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ST. JOHN, N. B., NOVEMBER 1, 1899.

THE FIRST BATTLE OF LADY-SIMOUNEL.

From Tuesday's Daily Sun. Yesterday's engagement is the first of a series of actions which are likely to take place, between the British and Boer armies now confronting each other at Ladysmith. General White's attempt to dislodge the enemy does not appear to have been permanently successful, though he drove the Boers in at some points and succeeded, for a time at least, in silencing their guns. For this last service he was indebted to the timely arrival of a naval corps with heavier artillery than General White had at command . The presence of these reinforcements, the arrival of General Buller, and the approach of the transports which will that was expected. now be arriving at the rate of two or three each week, must show Joubert that he has no time to lose. If Lady smith is to be taken, which of course is the hope and expectation of the Boers, it must be done quickly. Yet Some of the reservists were a the first day's fighting does not appear to have brought Joubert any nearer to that result. He pounded all join their regiments. Of the Connaught Rangers, numbering 328, the East Surrey Regiment,650, the Black day yesterday, and the most that he can claim is that his forces held their own, if even they did so much, It is not enough that General White failed missing from the 470 reservises of the to take and hold an advanced post-Coldstreamers, only 15 of the 1320 Gretion. The British force has no necessity to do more than hold what it has, while the Boers are beaten if they were only 2 men short: of the Somer cannot get past Ladysmith. The battle sets but 1 man was wanting, of the Royal Scots 2, of the Argyle Highlanis said to have been undecisive, But at this stage a pattle which is not decisive is a British victory, for the of the Scots Fusiliers 4, of the Scots British are now largely outnumbered Grevs 1 of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers

and in a week or two they will be the superior force. The way is still open West York 2. The London Mail gives between Ladysmith and Durban, and the numbers who were called and who it does not haveat that the Free State responded out of twenty-two regi-. From this it would appear Boers are making any effort to cut ments. off General White's communications that out of 11,000 men who were sum The purpose seems to be rather to demoned from all parts of the country stroy him altogether. This hope apand even outside the kingdoms, not more than 200 had failed to return to pears to be shared by the ingenious and imaginative person in Holland to the colors, and the few absent men were still coming in. whom the press of last evening was indebted for the despatch announcing that General White, with all his forces THE MINISTERS AT SCHOOL. had surrendered to General Jouber This despatch was dated from Berlin, and was supposed to have reached Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was described some time agonas "half a Bourbon." there via Holland. General White's manch out of Ladysmith was evident-The Bourbon was supposed to learn ly for another purpose than that of nothing and forget nothing. Sir Wilhanding his sword to Joubert. The frid was said to be a statesman who British officers have better uses for learned nothing and forgot everything. their arms.

nier apparently discovered that mor things can be done without a vote than he dreamed of three weeks ago. hings So through the forethought of Sin Charles Tupper, the generosity of his friend, and the docility of the

premier and his colleagues, the volun-teers have double insurance instead of ilization, about the unpractical tendencies of the war office, the people ncne. wake up to find that the British war So much the premier and has col machine is no less effective than the eagues have learned in three weeks But they cannot go to the head of the British soldier. The splendid tribute class yet. Before they are graded they must give up their idea that the paid by the United States press is of value coming from a country which Canadian corps is to be paid while in has learned within a year or two Africa by the taxpayers of Great Briwhat it means to get ready tain. Mr. Tarte and his subordinate for war even with a weak nation. must also abandon the idea that the volunteers are to get only a shilling a These lessons are yet to be day.

> the task in some ten days more. GRANT ALLEN.

learned. At the present rate of pro-

gress the ministers should accomplish

"Those who are responsible for her With the possible exception of Gilmajesty's Indian empire have not bert Parker, Grant Allen, whose death been behind hand in helping to prowas announced yesterday, was probvide for the safety of other parts of ably the most distinguished of conthe empire. Early last month we temporary writers born in Canada. naturally inquired, in view of the Ten years ago he was better known as troubles which appeared to be before a naturalist and as a philosopher of us, what possibilities there were of the evolutionary school than as a nevdrawing troops from India. We were elist. His expositions of the Darwin ian theory are regarded as among told that the Indian government would be able to send 5,000 men at most fascinating and romantic reading of their kind, while his early novels, though sufficiently absorbing as 'ten days' notice, to arrive within ' four or five weeks on the East Coast stories, are serious psychological and evolutionary studies. "What's Bred in of South Africa. On Sept. 8 orders the Bone" and "The Tents of Shem" were issued from the government at home that that force must leave were striking but not startling works of fiction. The shock came with "The forthwith, and within eight days the Woman Who Did," published four first transport salled, and within five years ago. This was a book with a weeks the last transport arrived at social puppose, whose teaching appears to be that marriage is or should be a contract to be revoked at the pleasure The desratch of troops from London of either party. Grant Allen has been Southampton and Gibraltar has also anathema in orthodox reading circles since he published this book .. Among been accomplished on time or within Mr. Crant Allen's writings other than and so far each detachment has iction are his "Life of Darwin," mustered to the full effective strength "Physiological Aesthetics." "The Colo of Flowers." "Vignettes from Nature." and "Flowers and Their Pedigrees The response to the call on the army He was a native of Kingston, Ontarie, eserve shows that the soldiers are and there his father, a retired clergy man and man of letters, still lives nore than willing to return to the Grant Allen was born in 1848. He gecolors. According to the returns made up some ten days ago, the war office eived his preliminary education got more men than were expected. this country, but was a student of Oxford, where he won great distinction, taking his degree in 1871. He has never way from the place of muster, and hastened across sea and land to relived in this country since, but after an engagement in educational work in

thority.

Jamaica, returned to England and

devoted himself to literary work. We

find twenty-five titles in an incom-

plete list of his works given by one au

29:4 dominion is one in its prayers for The Chatham Advance explains that Mr. Foster was never much of a statesman or much of a leader. A3cording to the Advance, Mr. Foster, in his recent speeches, "assumed that people would not remember how useless hearts. elfish and narrow he was as a New leader."As the Advance Brunswick supported Mr. Foster in office it would be interesting to know how "narrow, selfish and useless?' a man in office would have to be before the Advance would refuse to support him. Mr. Blair is a minister and Mr. Foster is not. .: Mr. Blair is therefore great, while Mr. Foster is small. Five years ago both were in office and the Advance eulogized both. When Mr. Blain goes out and Mr. Foster goes in the Advance will conclude that Mr. Foster s a statesman and Mr. Blair as idiot. The Advance gives all govern. ments a hearty support and request a like return.

Sailing of the Canadian Contingent from Quebec,

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New Brunswick's Company the Banner One of the Regiment-Lt. Jones Given Seniori ty Over Lt. Kaye-Three Press Men Go With the Party-Another Chaplain.

(Staff Cor. of the Sun.)

on the Eplanande and the presen

Manche QUEBEC. Oct. 30 .- The day fixed for embarkation for South Africa of N. B. the Second Royal Canadian Regiment was an exceptionally fine one, and gave ample opportunity for extending to the departing soldiers an ovation the boys heartily appreciated. such as has never been witnessed in At the very stern of the steamer Colorel Sam Hughes occupied a pro-minent place, being conspicuous inasthis historic city. Early in the morning the city presented a more than usually stirring appearance. Mili-

much as he was one of but two or tary uniforms were conspicuous everythree who did not wear a uniform. Col. Hughes told the Sun correspondwhere in the streets, which soon be came filled with an ever increasing ent that he had permission to be atcrowd gathering for the final parad tached to a British regiment. There was considerable speculation up to the of the city's address to the troops by very last as to whether the colonel the mayor. The trains as they arrivwould be allowed to go or not. ed, well freighted with excursionists On the wharf while the men were from Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal

going on board, some very amusing herbrooke, etc., added to the already scenes occurred, proving that the sol large number of visitors in the town diers were in the best of spirits. One and the hotels and boarding houses of the bands stationed close to comwere filled to overflowing. Flags were pany G struck up "At a Georgia Camp flying from the public offices and Meeting," and some of the men of the buildings, arches had been erected company executed a first class cake over the route by which the troops walk. To a man they express them. were to leave, banners and streamers selves well pleased with their surand bunting of every description were roundings, and are in eplendid shape stretched across the streets, or were In this connection I may mention that launted from stores and private dwelan old soldier, an officer who has seen lings, and a large number of estabconsiderable service, remarked that ishments were closed. The route was the regiment was as fine a body of carefully prepared with the idea of afmen as he ever looked at, and that company G was the banner one of the ording the fullest opportunity possible to witness the march, and to contingent.

give farewell cheers and words of en-While going down river on the couragement to the gallant men on steamer the men of company G recogwhose shoulders the honor of the dom nized Col. McLean, Col. Jones and nion so securely rests. Today Que Capt. Baxter and gave them three bec and the dominion has had but one rousing cheers for St. John, which tongue and one heart, and the whole were given by the company on the country is a unit in its pride and Frontenac with right good will. patriotic fervor; the whole dominion is The 62nd of St. John have the honor one in its good wishes for the succes of contributing more men to the con-

and glory of our men now going out for, the first time to battle for the tingent than any other Canadian rempire in foreign lands. The whole giment. Lt. F. C. Jones has been given sent-

their safe return, and in its sympathy ority over Lieut, Kave with the anxious women who are giv The men were subjected to a super ing of their dearest and best in and ficial examination by the medical exmany bitter tears, it may be in. aminer on the wharf before embarkbut ungrudgingly and with proud ing on the steamer, and as the regi-

ment was overstrengthened, several Never since Montcalm marched out were turned down... There was not a o meet a soldier's death on the plains lawer province man refused. of Abraham has Quebec beer so stir-Conspicuous on the deck of the red with martial ardor and with mingfeamer were the lour nurses. They Never were attired in khaki, with a red cross

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A GOOD MACHINE.

According to the traditions of other days, the British war office should have gone into the Transvaal war somewhat unprepared. Ancient precedent would have called for serious blunders and consequent disasters at the beginning of the war, to be retrieved later by brave fighting. These traditions have altogether lost their force. Whatever may be thought by other nations about the merits of the

British cause, there is universal expression of admiration in military circles the world over of the workmanlike manner in which the British army has been organized and handled. It is true that when the war began the British force in Africa was greatly inferior to that of the Boers. But if this was a defect at all it was a defect of statesmanship and not a

military error. The government did not adopt a menacing or threatening attitude by massing great armies on the Transvaal border in time of peace. The only considerable force sent forward was that to the Natal triangle. This was a purely defensive force and was smaller than that which the Boers had assembled on the neighboring frontier. This corps has met the whole force of the Boer rush into Natal, and has held the enemy in check not far from the frontier, defeating the Boers in three severe battles, though not without serious loss. There is reason to hope that the invaders will not get much farther into British territory before the reinforcements now on the way to resist them airive at the front.

But it is not the work in the fighting line that the foreign military men provide for the payment of a sum of admire. Everybody knew that British soldiers could fight. It was not so well known that the army organiza- ently thought the matter not worthy tion was so good as it proves to be. of notice, until Sir Charles, through The ease and regularity with which detachment after detachment has been assembled, equipped and embark- ernment agreed that this was an exed is a surprise abroad and a satis- cellent thing, and humbly following faction at home. Everything has the example, proceeded to insure the gone as smoothly as a dress parade.

It must now be granted, however, that of late the premier has been a fairly good student. Three weeks and Sir Wilfrid said

that after deep study he had learned that the government had no power to send a corps to Africa. In the first place there was no authority to use the militia except for the defence of Canada. Secondly, it was impossible for the government to spend money for this enterprise without a vote of parliament.

Sir Charles Tupper told Sir Wilfrid that he was wrong, and assured him that it was not only the right, but the duty of the government to take such action as had been taken by the Australian colonies. Sir Wilfrid replied at once that he could not accept the view of Sir Charles Tupper. Then he thought the matter over for

a few days more. He concluded that Sir Charles Tupper was right, and acted accordingly.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier at first declined to do more than transmit to the Home Government the application of those who desired to serve in South Africa. Mr. Tarte declared that the government would go no farther. He wanted to know what Canada had to do with the Transvaal, Mr. Foster told Mr. Tarte that Canada had much to do with Africa and would have more, and that the ministers would not be able to resist the loyalty of the Canadian people. Sir Wilfrid reflected. and is now fitting out a regiment at considerable expense, just as Mr. Foster said he would have to do.

Sir Charles Tupper suggested to the premier that the sacrifice to be made by volunteers would be made easier if an arrangement were effected to money to their relatives in case they

fell, or to themselves if they were incapacitated. The government apparthe generosity of a friend, was able to provide such insurance to the extent of a million dollars. Then the govlives of the volunteers against all risks during their absence. The pre-

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The despatch of troops from Great Britain for Africa goes forward regularly and methodically. The sailings for this week were to have been the Kildonan Castle from Southampton with two battalions, a stationary hospital, a R. E. regiment staff, a pontoon troop, and a balloon section; the Servia from Liverpool, with one battalion, one company of another regiment, a bearer company and a stationary hospital; the Catalonia from Liverpool, with the 5th brigade staff, one battalion, and a bearer company. At the end of this week no less than 29 transports will have left England with the army corps.

Lord Farrer is dead. He is the gentleman who gave Sir Wilfrid Laurier the Cobden Club medal as a reward for refusing to give a tariff preference to Great Britain. Lord Farrer in presenting the medal declared that it would have been withheld if the Canadian preferential tariff had not offered to foreign countries the same preference as was given to Great Bri-tain. Afterward the preference was made imperial, but Sir Wilfrid held

on to the medal. Se to an The Canadian contingent is now on the way to South Africa. Nearly all the ministers saw the soldiers off, and the premier told them that it was the duty of Canada to take a share in this campaign. This is not exactly what the premier said three weeks ago, but it is true. The despatch of this Canadian corps is a conclusive answer to Mr. Tarte's famous question. It shows very clearly what we have to do with the affairs of Africa.

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led hopes and fears, as today. I since then has she had so much sion to be proud of her sons, the heirs of the two nations that were such bitter rivals, who are brothers-in-arms, marching forth to sustain, the honor of a country which belongs to neither of the old rivals, and yet to both. The programme of the final parade was carried out without alteration The contingent mustered on the Esplanade shortly before 11 a. m., and half an hour later was inspected in companies by Major General Hutton. At noon His Excellency Lord Minto arrived, accompanied by Lt. Col. Evanturel, A. D. C., Cols. Otter, Foster, Stone, White, D. S. O., and Wilson and by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr Fielding, Borden, Dobell, Fitzpatrick and Sutherland. ... The regiment was then drawn up in companies, forming three sides of a square, and his excel drawn up in companies, forming lency inspected it. They were in marching order and made a magnificent appearance. Previous to and during the inspection the local bands, includ ing the pipers of the Fifth Royal Scots. played patriotic airs, and at the conclusion, speeches were made by Lord Minto. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Major General Hutton, after which the re-

view address was read by His Worship Mayor Parent, and briefly and fittingly responded to by Col. Otter. The crowd gathered to witness the ceremony was a very large one and was confined within limits and prevented from trespassing on the space reserved for the troops by a cordon of the local volunteers. Most of the members of the city council were present, and the grand stand, which had been erected on the Esplanada, that

filled with the élite of Quebec society. Shortly before one p. m. the march to the place of embarkation began Thousands of people were congregated all along the line of march, and the troops were received with cheers as they proceeded on their way to the

Sardinian, which was moored at the Allan wharf. The sight of the men boarding the vessel was viewed by great multitudes collected on the ter-race and other points of vantage. The decorations were general throughout the route of march, and on St. Joseph street hundreds of flags floated to the breeze. Messrs. Ren frew & Co. made a very pretty display, while the arch on Fabrique street was much admired Shortly after 4 p.m., when the military and baggage were all placed safely or board, amidst deafening applause from the terrace and along the river front, booming of cannon from the citadel, rockets from the vessels, and the playing of patriotic and other airs by the bands, the steamer moved out from the wharf and started on her long voyage with the soldier sons of Canada. Your correspondent was on board the steamer Frontenac, kindly en-

gaged by Messrs. Allan to take a private party a few miles down river in company with the Sardinian. There were several St. John people on the steamer, including Colonel Mc Lean, Colonel Jones and wife, Captain

Baxter and S. A. Jones. The scene along the harbor front as the Sardinian and the accompanying fleet passed along was one that never will be forgotten by those who witnessed it.

on the hat. They were cheered almost continuously. The men have not yet received their khaki uniforms, but have been provided with rifle forms." Their service suits will be riven out on shipboard. All the cabinet ministers took part in the farewell today except Hon. Israel Tarte and Hon. Mr. Scott. One of the most prominent liberals of St. John, who was on the steamer

Frontenac, remarked to your reporte about the time that the enthusiasn was at its height and the stirring strains of "Rule, Britannia," were be ing lost in cheers for Her Majesty, that the minister of public works had had his day, and that his race was run. Three press representatives accom panied the contingent. One of the trio was W. R. Smith of the Montreal Star. who was at St. John to meet the Doukahobcrs.

An hour or so before the steamer sailed, Rev. Mr. Almon, rector of St. Mathew's Episcopal church, received word that he was appointed to accom-pany the contingent in addition to Rev. Mr. Fullerton and Father O'Leary.

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Transvaal Volunteers, at OTTAWA, Oct. 29 .- The departmen of trade and commerce has received a report from G. E. Burke, assistant commercial agent in Jamaica. He calls attention to the present steam ship service between Canada and "the colony, and urges, in view of the fact that the contract for the service is rearly at an end, it should be greatly improved. He says that on some lines

of freight the present rates are al-most prohibitory. He believes that the colony would contribute equally with Canada to a good service. Mr. Burke mentions the fact that the legislative council has made financial provision for the establishment of the West Indian commercial agency in glecting to respond promptly to correspondence from Jamaica.

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in place of David Matheson, who has retired. Bourassa's resignation has been re-

ceived, and Speaker Bain has issued his warrant for a writ for a new election. all for

THE LATE DR. A. C. PAGE.

A. C. Page, M. D., who died in Truro on Mondar, in his 72nd year, was the son of David Page and Eliza Cutten, and was born in Truro. Dec. 11th. 1829. He graduated M. D. at Harvard university in 1856, and had since prac-tised his profession. He was one of the first trustees of Truro public schools under the free school law of 1865, and had since been a commis-sioner of schools for Colchester. He had also held the offices of examiner at Dalhcusie college, president of the Colchester medical association, president of the Nova Scotia medical association, president of the provincial medical board. For many years, up

to about one year ago, he held the position of inspector of hospitals, asylums, poor farms, etc., under the provincial government, which position he filled with marked ability and signal

success. Dr. Page also served as a surgeon to the 3rd Colchester and the 79th battalion volunteer militia, and was gazetted surgeon-major, Septemper, 1882. He contested Colchester unsuccessfully in the liberal interest for the house of commons, November, 1874, and again in 1878. In 1860 he married Miss Susan L. Blair.

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 .- Admiral Dewey announced to some of his more intimate friends tonight the fact of his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen of this city. Mrs. Hazen is the widow Canada, He also administers a sharp nal officer of the army, who died rep. off to Canadian houses for ne- shout ten years ago, and is a sister of of General Hazen, formerly chief sig-John R. McLean, lemocratic candidate for governor of Ohio.

Mrs. Hazen has no children and since her husband's death has nade her home with her mother. She is a woman of large means, about 40 years of age, and popular in the best social circles of Washington. The date for the wedding has not been fixed.

I. C. R. APPOINTMENT.

MONTREAL, Oct. 30.- An official circular issued by the Intercolonial railway announces the appointment of John Hardwell, divisional freight agent, as assistant general freight agent, with headquarters at Montreal.

Subscribe for the "Semi-Weekly Sun."

Mr. Sinclair, of the Elder-Dempster line, was in town on Saturday, and with Sir Richard Cartwright, signed the contract for the Atlantic mail service for one year, dating from close of navigaion on the St. Lawrence. The British Columbia contingent had

The government has at last placed lives of the Transvaal contingent.

ing mailed exceed the limit of size by the regulations. W. H. Harrington has been appoint-