

THE CANADIAN FIGHTING CORPS

Death of Private J. Sievert From Wounds.

The Regiment Holds the Post of Honor as Lord Roberts' Army.

Osfontein, March 7.—Pte. J. Sievert, of the 93rd Cumberland, who joined H company at Halifax, and was afterwards transferred to F company at Quebec, has died from the wounds he received in the engagement at Paardeberg.

The Canadians are now resting after the hard work of the recent fighting. Congratulatory references to the corps are contained in the orders of the commanding officer. The health of the boys is good.

HOLD THE POST OF HONOR.

The ninth division, under Gen. Colville, which includes the Canadian contingent, who are in the brigade commanded by Brigadier Smith-Dorrien, are now stationed on the north bank of the Modder, and form the left flank of Gen. Roberts' army. This is considered the post of honor, as this part of the British force is nearer the main body of the Boers than any other. There is every likelihood, therefore, that the Canadian contingent will TAKE A FOREMOST PART in the next engagement with the Boers. Another significant fact is that Gen. French, with his cavalry division, is operating in close proximity to the British left flank, and this is another indication that the Canadians will have another opportunity of displaying the valor which has won encomiums from all over the empire.

THE STRATHCONAS. London, March 7.—The Official Gazette publishes a list of the commissions in Strathcona's Horse, commissions in this corps being from the Queen. The following officers of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal's Horse are gazetted: Samuel E. Steele, of the Northwest Mounted Police, to be lieutenant-colonel, with the same temporary rank in the army; and Lieut. R. A. Laurie, R. Becher, A. M. Jarvis and A. E. St. John. The Marquis of Lorne took an active part in the meeting at Lord Strathcona's house of the committee for the fund to provide comforts for the Canadian contingents. Lord Strathcona announced that \$3,500 had been received; also donations of comforts. An appeal is being made for further funds and articles.

Much interest and speculation is excited by the disclosure in Australia of confidential information from Mr. Chamberlain to the premier, suggesting further colonial troops for South Africa in the event of the British regulars being needed elsewhere. It is presumed that a similar confidential letter has been sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It is believed the idea is that colonials should police Rhodesia so as to free the South African forces there for the immediate policing of the Transvaal and Free State during the interregnum after the war, and before self-government is created. The war office has reason to believe that large numbers of Australian volunteers will welcome the opportunity to serve if the colonial governments co-operate, and details as to pay, etc., can be satisfactorily arranged.

The leading feature of Sorbier's Magazine for March is H. J. Whigham's second article on the Boer War, this one dealing with the fights made by Lord Methuen's division in its progress from the Orange River to the Modder River. Mr. Whigham describes three battles, and this is the first continued magazine account of that campaign to be published. His own photographs and his own maps make perfectly clear to the reader what has heretofore appeared as merely fragments of news in the daily press. The strategy, as well as the adventure of the campaign, appears clearly in Mr. Whigham's writings.

FOR THE OLD AND YOUNG

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ONTARIO FINANCES

Comfortable Cash Balance of \$370,000 in Bank.

The Estimates Brought Down in the Legislature—Address in Reply to the Speech Passed.

Toronto, March 6.—There was a lively debate in the Ontario Legislature yesterday afternoon, owing to an attempt on the part of Dr. Ryne to connect with the Ontario Waterworks Commission. E. J. Davis with improper doings in the North Waterworks election. The minister promptly rejected the attempt, and pointed out that some days ago he gave an emphatic denial to the charge that he had been guilty of any improper act in North Waterworks. He repeated the denial now, and charged Dr. Ryne to state on his responsibility as a member that the commissioner of crown lands had been guilty of the slightest unbecoming conduct. The member for Essex, Toronto would not accept the challenge, and then endeavored to divert attention to a matter wholly foreign to the subject under discussion.

Mr. Brigidan, of Muskoka, subsequently made an excellent speech, and Mr. McLaughlin, of Stormont, occupied the balance of the time until 6 o'clock, when the house adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr. Carpenter introduced a bill respecting the town of Goderich. Hon. Mr. Gibson introduced a bill to incorporate the board of trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Canada.

Toronto, March 6.—The legislature this afternoon gave a very warm welcome to Dr. McKay (South Oxford) on the occasion of his first appearance in the house this session. His desk had been decorated with carnations, and when he came in he was greeted with general applause, while Mr. Ross, Mr. Whitney and many members of both parties hastened to offer their congratulations to him upon his recovery from his severe illness, of which he still bears traces. The debate on the address was continued by the commissioner of crown lands. Mr. Davis paid particular attention to the opposition charges of electoral corruption. The country had been led to believe—by inference, however, not by fact—that the government was personally connected with the election corruption. This he denied emphatically. The government had not the slightest knowledge, either directly or indirectly, with any wrong-doing, and he regretted more, perhaps, than any others that the wrong-doing had occurred. Referring to the opposition's challenge to the government to appear to the country, Mr. Davis said: "My honorable friends talk about going to the country. They may reach the country sooner than they desire, after all." In regard to the wrong-doing in North Waterworks, Mr. Davis said he had been most willing to give evidence at the election trial; yet the counsel for the Conservatives seemed very anxious to get through with him; and although the telegrams referred to by Mr. Carson, and from which he had drawn inferences, were in that counsel's possession, not a single question had been asked him about them.

Mr. Whitney followed Mr. Davis, and said that before the end of the session the government would hear of the West Elgin and North Waterworks crimes in another form. Mr. Whitney concluded at 10:30, and the premier rose to reply. He criticized the tactics of the opposition in the house, claiming that since the debate opened there had not been a suggestion from the opposition which was of any benefit to the country, save, perhaps, the suggestions of Mr. Martineau as to the election act to prevent corruption. He regretted the debate had taken up so much time. He resented the accusation that the Liberal party was a corrupt one. Of 734 elections since confederation, in only one had any irregularities of particular note occurred. Mr. Ross concluded at 11:45.

THE ESTIMATES. The estimates for the current financial year were laid on the table of the house tonight. The sum of \$3,428,566 is asked for on account of current expenditures; \$133,479 on capital account, and \$103,256 for other purposes, making a total of \$3,665,301. The estimates contain \$10,000 for an infirmary building at the London Asylum for the Insane, and \$15,000 for fitting and improving the old Victoria College, Cobourg, as an asylum for senile patients. In addition to a vote of \$10,000, towards the payment of \$100,000 to the Ontario Railway Commission, the estimates provide for the salaries of officials serving with the Canadian contingents, and a further contribution of \$500 is made towards the funds of the Red Cross Society. For exploring that part of Ontario between the C. P. R. and Hudson Bay the sum of \$40,000 is asked.

The total receipts last year were \$4,096,494, and the expenditure \$3,710,420, leaving a balance on the credit side of \$386,074. At the end of the year there was a comfortable cash balance of \$374,796 in the bank. The receipts show an increase of \$49,141, as compared with 1898, while the expenditure was \$32,661 less than in the year previous. The principal items in the receipts are:

Crown Lands	\$7,335	\$4,684
Rent	111,159	47,225
Woods and forests	1,992,848	111,662
Licenses	373,938	97,042
Law stamps	55,241	2,562
Education Department	50,154	9,419
Fisheries	30,940
Revenue bill	217,059
Succession duties	150,111	56,074
Casual revenue	257,973	141,410
Sale of land	9,266	33,024
Toronto Asylum	9,266	33,024
Public institutions	97,432	3,329
The items of reduced expenditure
Legislation	\$10,959
Administration of justice	15,066
Public institutions maintenance	8,146
Immigration	484
Repairs and maintenance	2,335
Colonization roads	15,939
Miscellaneous	75,775

The following are among the increased expenditures: Education \$100,000; Agriculture \$15,421; Hospitals and charities \$15,609; Public buildings \$14,072; Public works \$9,858. The total fees from normal, model and kindergarten students and pupils at Toronto and Ottawa amounted to \$19,566, somewhat less than last year. From departmental examinations \$18,604 was derived, or \$6,892 less than the previous year. The amounts paid under the revenue bill by various corporations was \$217,059. The largest sum contributed by any life or fire insurance company was \$11,624, paid by the Canada Life Assurance Company. The Confederation

Life Company came next with \$5,528. The Canadian Bank of Commerce paid the largest share among the banks, its share amounting to \$4,000.

SUCCESSION DUTIES. The county of York contributed \$66,236 in the form of succession duties, the largest amounts being as follows: P. Driscoll, \$711.00; Oliver Gilpin, \$2,004.05; Mary A. Kennedy, \$900.00; Robert Simpson, \$10,000.00; Alexander Leith, \$1,156.55; Eliza J. Renfrew, \$10,880.38; T. A. Hutzman, \$550.00; J. L. Brown, \$600.00; Alice Bilton, \$1,727.30; Jane T. Kirkland, \$2,856.00; E. W. Leadley, \$27,884.53; Marion Palmer, \$307.35; Mary L. Farlow, \$600.00.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND TRUANCY

Brought to the Attention of the Board of Education Normal Training School Teachers' Salaries Fixed.

The board of education wasted no time last night in their consideration of the business before them. Their disposal of it occupied a little more than one hour. Chairman Bayly presided, and there were present also: Trustees MacRobert, Logan, Ziegler, McCormick, Colerick, Teasdale, Blackwell, Boomer, Wilkins, English, Boyle, Gillean, Morgan, Hamilton, Evans, Macpherson, Secretary McElheran, Principal Radcliffe, Inspector Carson and Sergt. Morgan.

A number of communications and accounts were referred to committee. Miss Munro, of Maple avenue school, asked for leave of absence. Her request was granted, and Miss Northcott was appointed to her place during her absence.

High School Inspector Seath submitted his annual report, in which the satisfactory state of the school was noted, and which mentioned also his opinion that Principal Radcliffe would prove a successful administrator.

Principal Radcliffe's report showed an average decrease of 47 in attendance during February. Inspector Carson's recommendation that a number of maps be purchased, was referred to No. 1 committee with power.

The report of No. 2 committee was received and adopted. No. 1 committee recommended that the board join in petitioning to the legislature for legislation respecting school children's teeth. It suggested also that the salaries of the Normal Training School staff be: Principal, \$150; assistants, each \$100. The report, amended, so as to make the principal's salary \$200, instead of \$150, was adopted.

Sergt. Morgan, truant officer, appeared before the board with his statistics for the past year. He had been notified of 15 truant during the year, but in many instances he had learned that the children were sick, under age, or detained from school for some other reason.

Mr. MacRobert was pleased to learn these facts, and he considered that the principals should use some judgment in their notifications. Upon his motion the principals will be instructed to notify the secretary of suspected absentees once a month. A vote of thanks to the police commissioners for their courtesy in this matter was adopted. The commissioners will be asked to devise some means of amending the truancy act so as to make the punishment more applicable to the wrong-doing.

The W. C. T. U., through Mrs. Dr. H. M. Cameron, presented a petition from the city school teachers, asking the board to take some forcible pronouncement on the evils of the cigarette habit, and that they assist in obtaining a stricter enforcement of the Ontario act. No. 1 committee will consider the matter. Mr. R. A. Little was appointed vice-principal of the Collegiate Institute staff, as he is present doing some of the principal's work.

DR. PITCHER'S BACKACHE KIDNEY TABLETS.

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Mr. A. M. Cameron, 250 Piccadilly street, says: "Some years ago I injured myself from heavy lifting, and I presume that is what caused my kidneys to become sluggish. I have been subject to attacks of extreme lameness in my back, and a dull aching in the lumbar muscles since that. It is not always equally bad, but it comes suddenly, and until I visited C. McCallum & Co.'s drug store and got those tablets there was nothing that gave me prompt relief. So far I have used but one bottle, and to the extent of my experience I can recommend DR. PITCHER'S BACKACHE KIDNEY TABLETS. I know that they have removed that embarrassing ailment, as well as acting as a general tonic."

Miss Jennie Foster, 106 Fullarton street, says: "I was feeling very badly when I went to C. McCallum & Co.'s drug store, and procured a bottle of DR. PITCHER'S BACKACHE KIDNEY TABLETS. I suffered from a constant backache, I was dizzy frequently, my kidneys were sluggish, and I felt little like doing anything. I was burdened with weariness, and I performed my housework without interest. I had that indescribable lameness, morning after morning, and I found relief from all of them by using those tablets. They quickly removed the lameness and pain. I found my usual vigor returned. Those dull headaches ceased, and my domestic duties were no longer impossible. As far as my experience goes, I can heartily recommend DR. PITCHER'S BACKACHE KIDNEY TABLETS."

The secretary will correspond with Mr. Principal Merchant in regard to the whereabouts of the cadets' flag. Salary increases in kindergarten staff will be considered by No. 1 committee. Mrs. Boomer moved that a sufficient sum be placed in the estimates for the year in order that a reasonable trial might be given to the teaching of domestic science, at such time and place as the board may direct. Mrs. Boomer explained that some of the defects that originally stood in the way were now removed by the increased facilities for the training of teachers in this branch of education. This was but one department of technical education. In seconding the resolution Mr. Macpherson said he believed the time had arrived when the board should give this matter a trial. Mr. Gillean's suggestion that it be considered by No. 1 committee was adopted.

Mrs. Boomer asked that copies of the history of the Union Jack be purchased and distributed among the school children. Upon motion, 2,000 copies will be procured. Mrs. Boomer's resolution that the Ten Commandments be repeated once a week in the schools was adopted. The board would not grant a request for a school holiday, to allow the pupils to attend a biograph entertainment.

PREVENTING ESCAPE. How Prisoners of War Are Kept From Getting Away. After a heavy engagement, the safe custody of prisoners, especially at night, is often a matter of much embarrassment, says Pearson's Magazine. The soldiers, tired out, are anxious to sleep; the prisoners are keenly awake to the first chance of making their escape. The longer they remain prisoners the smaller will that chance grow—it is a case, often of "now or never." There is a cunning device for effectively preventing the prisoner from making a dash for liberty when his captors have their hands full. The man's trousers buttons are cut off, and the cloth is slit in such a way that the prisoner can both hands to prevent the garments slipping down, so that he cannot walk without stumbling, and can still less attempt to run. In the ordinary way few prisoners make their escape when once they have been conveyed in safety from the battlefield, and have begun their journey to the rear. Their wisest plan is to wait until the chance comes of gaining their release on parole, or by exchange.

A TWICE TOLD TALE

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LILLIES IN THE SOUTH. Some interesting experiments are being conducted in several Southern States to cultivate there the popular Bermuda Lily, so much used here for decorative purposes. It is thought that the lily will bear transplanting to these states. An experiment in South Carolina was attended with the most satisfactory results, and it is hoped the same results will follow the experiments elsewhere. If so, the home markets will be supplied with the native-grown product. Though the supply from Bermuda is still unlimited the stock has so degenerated as to cause general complaint in this country.—Scottish American.

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