

Re-Union of Volunteers

The "Fighting Men Home From the Wars" Will Foregather Here.

Preparations by the Local Boys to Receive Their Gallant Comrades.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The gallant fellows who went out from all parts of the province to risk, and if needs be give their lives for the flag, will have a royal time together in the Capital next week. The survivors of the Victoria contingent met last evening in the Driad hotel to make arrangements for the reception of their comrades in arms, and discussed the preliminary arrangements with an enthusiasm which indicated in an unmistakable manner with what eagerness they are looking forward to the re-union, and to a resumption of that closest of all relations between men which is born of mutual hardships and cemented by common wounds and sufferings. About a dozen of the local boys talked the matter over last night, and made their own arrangements in harmony with the purposes of the government as disclosed at the meeting.

The Mainland men are expected to arrive on the Charmer on Tuesday evening. Half an hour before she steams into the harbor, namely, at 6 o'clock, the Victoria veterans will fall in at the drill hall in their war worn khaki, with field service caps, and march under the command of Sgt. Northcott to the C. P. N. wharf. It is expected that they will be joined there by a band—possibly the Fifth Regiment band—and will be ready to receive their comrades as they step off the boat. The whole parade will then be taken in charge by the senior non-commissioned officer, or possibly by Capt. Burstell, the recruiting officer for the South African constabulary, who is expected to arrive in Victoria on Monday evening. The government yesterday wired to Capt. Burstell apprising him of the arrangements for the guard of honor and asking him if he would assume command. It is hoped he will do so as he was in charge of a Company for a time at the front.

The little detachment will then proceed up town to the Driad hotel, where, after time has been given for a short rest and an opportunity to renew acquaintances all round, the men will sit down to a dinner. It is not promised that the men will be exactly the same as that served so often to the same men in the last twelve months, in which hard tack and black coffee formed such a prominent part, but the same good fellowship which knit the hearts of these men together in the strongest of brotherhood—that of arms—will undoubtedly not be lacking. It is intended that this dinner no matter what the character of subsequent ones may be, will be confined strictly to the men of the contingents with two exceptions. These will be Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., and Major Johnson, who will be asked to occupy the chair and vice-chair respectively.

The following day will be given over to the boys for their own enjoyment and for the reception of such hospitalities as may be decided upon by the city. While these have not yet assumed a form when they can be definitely stated, the indications are that the men will have no cause for complaint on the score of inhospitality. Unfortunately there is no theatrical attraction for Wednesday night, but to even this may be overcome, and in any event everything possible will be done to make the men feel that they are not only the honored guests of the government of British Columbia, but of the city of Victoria as well.

The Vancouver and Mainland contingents are urged to bring puttees and other field equipment if possible. During their stay in the city the members of the guard will be quartered at the Driad, as guests of the government. Their transportation expenses and pay allowances will be met, and already steps are being taken to insure them the freedom of the city during their visit. A banquet of a public character is suggested for Wednesday night, although something more informal and perhaps more acceptable to the men may be substituted.

The steps to be taken by the city will doubtless be decided upon at a meeting of the patriotic committee which has been convened for 3 o'clock this afternoon at the city hall. Apart from any official action which may be taken by the municipality, it is hoped that citizens will fling out their banners on the outer wall and give the city a gala appearance in keeping with the occasion.

It was decided at last night's meeting that the guard should meet for drill at the drill hall on Wednesday forenoon. Those who are lacking in portions of their uniform are asked to communicate with Sergt. Jos. Northcott, who is undertaking the duties of storekeeper.

The guard itself will parade in review order, khaki uniforms with service caps. In all thirty-six men have signified their intention of being present, while this number will doubtless be considerably increased before the day of opening. The provincial secretary yesterday received the following additional names in acceptance of the government's invitation: Pte. Smethurst, Victoria; Pte. Wilson, R. C. F. A.; Pte. Stewart, B. C. R.; Pte. Victoria; and Pte. L. B. Porter, C. M. R., New Denver.

The government is showing commendable energy and liberality in connection with the arrangements and the opening of the session of the century promises to be a memorable one because of the presence of these representatives of Canadian loyalty.

To the men themselves the occasion will be of a red letter character, and it was impossible to listen to the joyful chat last night without being convinced that interesting as the event will be to the public, it will be doubly so to the men themselves.

PTE. STEBBINGS "WATCHED."

At the Mount Baker hotel last evening Pte. W. H. Stebbings was presented with a beautiful gold watch and an illuminated address by the residents of that district. The presentation was made by Lieut.-Col. Benson, D. O. C., who, in a neat speech, referred to the reputation which had been established for Canadian soldiers by Pte. Stebbings and his comrades, and welcomed him back to his home. W. W. Grime read the following address:

To Private William H. Stebbings, of the First Canadian Contingent:

We, your friends and neighbors of the city of Victoria, B. C., and especially of the Oak Bay district, wishing to testify our appreciation of your patriotism and courage, so nobly displayed whilst serving as a British Columbia volunteer with the first Canadian contingent in the Boer war, here, by beg your acceptance of the accompanying gold watch, as a token of our esteem and regard. We rejoice in the fact of your possessing the distinction of being the youngest member of the detachment of Victoria volunteers who, by their gallantry and devotion to duty upon the battle-fields and dusty veldts of South Africa, covered themselves with glory and honor, and earned the admiration of the highest military authorities in the field, together with the gratitude of the city and province which they so worthily represented. May the gift which we have so much pleasure in presenting to-day, help to remind you, in years to come, of the joy felt by your friends at your safe return from the perils of the war, in which you fought so well as a loyal soldier of the great and good Queen Victoria. We feel convinced that, should the occasion again arise, your city and your country could count on your service on behalf of King and Empire in the cause of freedom and right. We wish you every success and a long and happy life.

The recipient made a feeling reply to the address.

THE NAVY LEAGUE.

It will no doubt interest the people of British Columbia, and of this city, to know that a branch of the famous Navy League, of London, England, is likely to be formed here. A number of prominent gentlemen of this city, some of which are retired naval officers, have subscribed to become members of the Navy League in London, England, in order to form a branch here, the being the first condition to obtain a branch. They have sent forty odd dollars to London for that purpose, with an application for a charter which means alone a branch can be formed. The application having been sent, a charter will be granted under a minute of the executive committee in London. They have also appointed an hon. secretary pro tem, to receive the charter when granted. All the requirements for forming a branch having been fulfilled, all that is now necessary is to await the arrival of the charter and upon receipt of same the branch league is formed.

There are already about fifty branch Naval Leagues throughout Great Britain, and this one will represent the Pacific naval station. The Navy League is strictly non-party, and now a very powerful institution in England, organized in the latter part of 1894, in which the Hon. Mr. Balfour, then premier, has been so active and prominent a figure for the last five years as president.

The great aim of the league is to impress upon all British subjects "the paramount importance of maintaining an all-powerful navy as the best guarantee of peace." "Lest we forget," and do not allow our minds to dwell on this subject. Capt. Mahan, United States navy, has said: "The British fleet should be strong, as it guarantees the peace of the world." Lady members or associates are eligible to join the league, and in fact their membership in England is earnestly requested. Everyone throughout the province in sympathy with the objects of the league, or desirous of becoming a member or associate of the branch when formed, is requested to send his application, giving address, to the hon. secretary of the proposed Navy League, P. O. Box 337, Victoria, B. C., pending the arrival of the charter, so that the organization may be taken up directly after the charter is received, and all names sent in, will be kept in a register for that purpose, to be referred to when the reply from London is received.

CUMBERLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) A most interesting social in connection with the Anglican church was held in Pte.'s hall on Tuesday evening. The platform was prettily draped by Chas. Macdonald, whilst in the body of the hall small tables were arranged here and there, on each of which was a flower in bloom. In spite of the inclement weather a goodly number turned out, and the hall was just comfortably filled. The music was supplied by the Anderson family, assisted by Mr. Victoria, with the organ. Amongst the most interesting items on the programme were a duet by "Mo and Sister Su," Mr. Stanley Blegg and Mr. Barrett; "The Gipsy Comrades," in character, with gipsy scene in the background, Mr. Ramsey and Miss Smith, and a tableau which exhibited some of that beauty and elegance for which our town is noted. "The Guardian Angel" tableau was also very beautiful.

After an interval of about half an hour, during which the coffee, sandwiches, ice-cream, etc., was served, very interesting farces entitled "Apartments," was given. Here Amanda, the Irish servant girl, caused endless amusement, and the dramatic closing scene fairly brought down the house. The singing of "God Save the King" closed one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent in Cumberland.

Mr. Collis superintended all the arrangements, and many thanks are due her for the enjoyable evening, as well as for the forty odd dollars netted by the Ladies Guild.

"Dot, the Miner's Daughter," will be given on the 27th in aid of the hospital. Mr. Bennett, the stage manager, is getting things in shape, and a great success is expected.

The remains of the late Thos. Reid, who died in the hospital on Thursday, the 7th inst., were interred at Comox on Sunday.

La grippe has seized many of our citizens in its clutch, some being confined to their beds.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY.

Annual Banquet is to Be Held Next Tuesday Evening.

From our advertising columns it will be seen that the Yorkshire Society's banquet, which was such a great success last year, postponed from January 25th in consequence of the death of Queen Victoria, is to be held on Tuesday next, when a splendid rally of Yorkshire blood is expected.

All are invited who can comply with the open-air constitution as follows: Men born in Yorkshire or whose parents were born in Yorkshire, or who having one parent of Yorkshire birth, have personally resided in Yorkshire for a period of five years, provided they are not members of any similar county society. The broadness of this society's basis, together with its apparent large-heartedness, seems to be in full accord with the broadness of that grand old shire, and the welcome which is extended should be largely patronized by all who wish to spend a jolly evening.

Gay Throng Of Maskers

Brilliant Ball Given Last Night By the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The Floor Thronged With Merry Makers—Valuable Prizes Awarded to Dancers.

(From Friday's Daily.)

For weeks past energetic committees of the F. O. E. have been busily engaged in preparing for the second masquerade ball of the order. The initial assembly last year was such a pronounced success that even the hard working committees were dubious as to whether their efforts this year would equal those of last. But all doubt was dispelled last night when Assembly hall was thronged with a merry crowd of masqueraders, and the Eagles added another laurel to their fame as entertainers.

The scene within the big building about 10 o'clock, when hundreds of maskers occupied the floor, was extremely pretty. Costumes of every hue and pattern from dainty to grotesque met the eye, their brilliant colors, modified by shades of red and of other colors. The supper room was also appropriately decorated, the entrance to it being embellished with British and United States flags, and the great nobles of the order. The walls were decorated with shields and other devices, while cosy sitting out rooms were provided at the corners for those who wished to rest from the excitement of the ball.

Some of the costumes were very interesting, while others were equally interesting in their homeliness. The masqueraders, with her basket of "clams," hobbled with Topsy in her search for her doll; strapping soldiers in khaki threaded the maze of the waltz with mounds of Japan; cavaliers of the reign of Edward, than the reign of Seventh, negotiated the cake walk with ebony damsels, while Chinamen, frans, organ-grinders and their monkey, officers in scarlet and blue, sailors, cowboys, ballet dancers, and all made up a throng more motley in its complexion than could be seen anywhere outside of a ball room.

The music was in excellent condition, and suitable music was provided by an orchestra under the direction of Bro. J. M. Finn, stationed on a dais at the foot of the hall. The dances unmasked for the awarding of prizes, this difficult task devolving upon a committee consisting of His Worship Mayor Hayward and Bros. White and Hoan, visiting members of Acie No. 1, of Seattle; Bro. Davis, of Acie No. 12, of Nanaimo, and Bro. Brown from H. M. S. Warspite.

During the supper hour a fancy bicycle race was given by Reidson on the ball room floor. This unique feature proved to be of the greatest interest not only to the dancers but to the spectators who sat around the outer fringes of the room.

Best costumed lady, Mrs. McDonald (silver tea-set). Finest lady's national costume, Miss Gordon, as Britannia (embroidered silk gown). Best historic lady, Miss Saunders, as a lady of old Scotland, in tartan kilts and plaid (manicure set).

Best smiling character, Miss Jolly, as a kitchman. She was dressed the part very correctly, even to the beads around her wrists, which she rattled prettily around the floor. (Set of carves). Best comic character, Miss Duriam, as Topsy (cut-glass bottle of perfume).

The gentlemen prize-winners were as follows: Finest costume, Mr. Maynard, who was garbed as a grandee of Spain (Crawford bicycle); best historic character, Fred. Patton, whose tall, slim figure was cased in the long striped trousers and the star-covered coat of an Uncle Sam (Christie hat); best historic character, S. Dalby, as a loonk (silver watch, iron bottle); best smiling character, J. Madden, who was ducky to the life (pair of razors and strop); most comic character, A. Gilmartin, as a monkey (pair of shoes).

Best jurelines, Misses Henderson and Jones. Best cake walk, Mr. Goodwin and Miss Whitfield.

Best set of dancers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Oliver, James Penketh and Miss, Lancy Oliver, J. Madden and Miss S. Willie, D. McLeod and A. Nother.

The supper was provided by James Robinson and staff.

The committee in charge were as follows: General committee, J. H. Hedges, Thos. M. Bryshaw, A. W. Von Rhein; Mr. Keefe, treasurer; Frank LeRoy, collector of costumes; Chatham, dist today. He was once Conservative whip.

Officers For Year

Elected at Session of the Grand Council of British Columbia Royal Templars.

J. Johnson, of New Westminster, Is Grand Councilor—Interesting Sessions.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Yesterday morning's session of the Grand Council of British Columbia, Royal Templars of Temperance, was taken up largely with routine work. The meeting was held in the A. O. U. W. Hall, Grand Councilor McArthur presiding.

The committee on credentials reported three delegates from New Westminster, one from Chilliwack, and two from Vancouver, entitled to the grand council degree.

An interesting report was read from the grand councilor and referred to the several committees for consideration. The report of Grand Secretary J. Johnson was a very encouraging one. Two new councils had been instituted during the year, while the membership had increased by over 50. The sick and funeral benefit fund had a gratifying record during the year. The membership in the fund had increased, and the cash balance was also larger than last year. During the year there had been heavy expenditures for benefits.

The grand treasurer's report was presented, showing a healthy condition of the finances, and an increased balance. Upon assembling again at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, a report was read from several committees. An adjournment was made upon the invitation of Bro. W. A. Gleason to visit the dry-dock at Esquimalt. The delegates were shown through H. M. S. Warspite, and witnessed the preparations for floating the vessel.

At 5 o'clock business was resumed, the sessional committees transacting considerable business. At the evening session the committee on memorial brought in a report, expressive of sorrow upon the death of the late Queen, and condolence to the Royal family, the memorial to be forwarded through the Governor-General of Canada.

A report dealing with improvements to the select degrees was adopted. The committee upon temperance and prohibition presented a report containing many suggestions.

The committee on the sick and funeral benefit funds also reported, suggesting improvements.

Dr. Ernest Hall, upon an invitation to be present and address the council, was attentively listened to by those present.

A number of members of Victoria Council No. 2, were present at the evening session.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The grand council opened in due form at half-past nine o'clock, the grand councilor presiding.

The trustees presented their report, recommending the payment of seasonal dues, and giving an approximate estimate of the expenditure and revenue for the coming year.

A general discussion on certain clauses in the constitution took place, and resulted beneficially to the grand council. This concluded the routine business of the grand council.

The election of officers for the ensuing year next took place, and resulted as follows: Grand councilor, J. A. Johnson, New Westminster; grand vice-councilor, Mrs. B. F. Heney, Vancouver; past grand councilor, J. C. McArthur, New Westminster; grand chaplain, Rev. J. P. Bowers, New Westminster; grand secretary, J. J. Johnson, New Westminster (re-elected, 7th term); grand treasurer, J. B. Langdale, Vancouver; grand auditor, H. L. Calvert, Agassiz; grand herald, J. H. Lee, Victoria.

Grand trustees, J. C. Robertson, Chilliwack, 3 years; E. S. Cook, Nanaimo, 2 years; and T. J. Beatty, Vancouver, 1 year. Medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver. Executive committee, J. Johnson, A. J. Paterson and Robt. Brickland.

The above officers were next installed by R. Buckland, acting Dominion councillor. The following officers were next appointed: A. Horwath, Agassiz, grand scribe; J. Paterson, Vancouver, grand guard; Mrs. H. E. Troope, New Westminster, grand superintendent of cadets.

The thanks of the grand council were tendered the members of Victoria council, No. 2, for their kindness during the stay of the grand officers and delegates while in the city.

A special vote of thanks was tendered to the grand medical referee, Dr. Brydone-Jack, Vancouver, for his kindness during the year.

Upon motion, the thanks of the grand council were ordered to be conveyed to the management of the O. P. N. Co. for their kindness in making special rates to the grand council.

The grand council was closed in due form 1 o'clock to meet again in Vancouver in 1902.

THE DOWAGER EMPRESS.

Her Condition Reported to Be More Serious Than at Any Time During Illness.

London, Feb. 15.—The Daily Mail has the following from its Berlin correspondent: It learns that the condition of Dowager Empress Frederick is more serious than at any time during her illness. King Edward is expected to visit her within a few days.

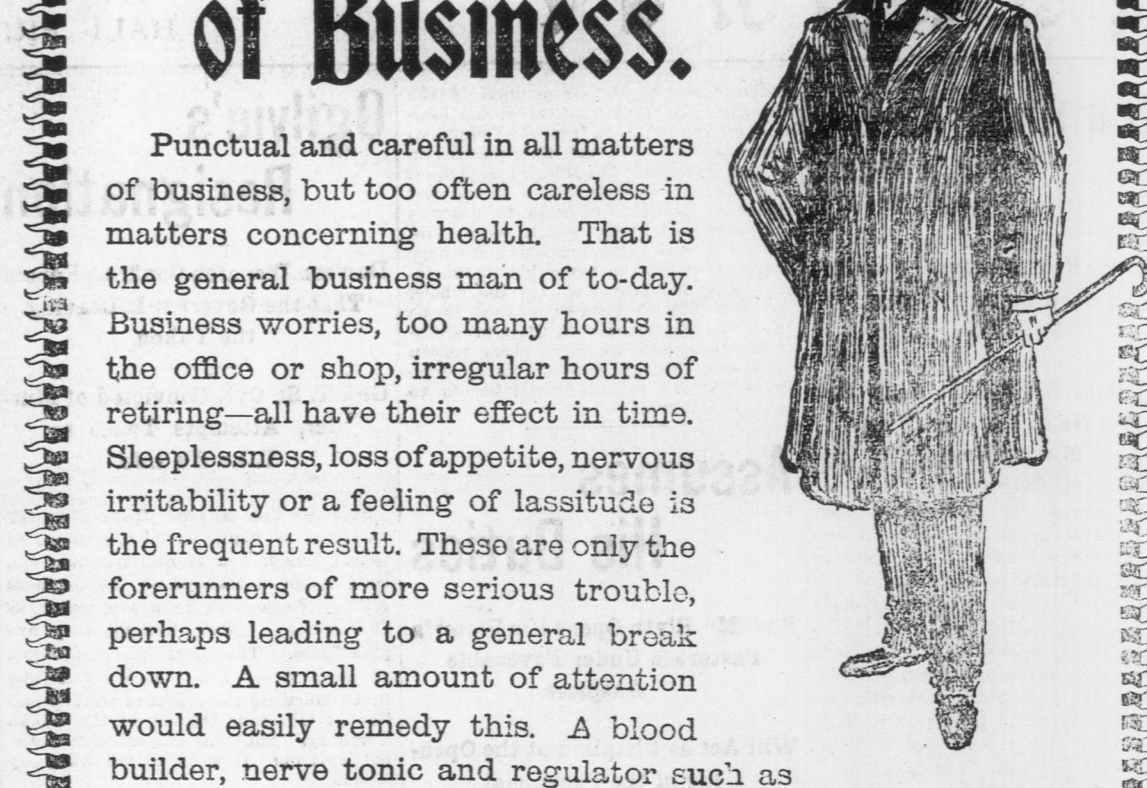
OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Burtis Stephenson, at one time member for Eca, and lately collector of customs, Chatham, died today. He was once Conservative whip.

The opposition was not prepared to go on with the estimates today, and Mr. Maclean was not ready with his resolution, so the House adjourned without doing any work.

The Man of Business.

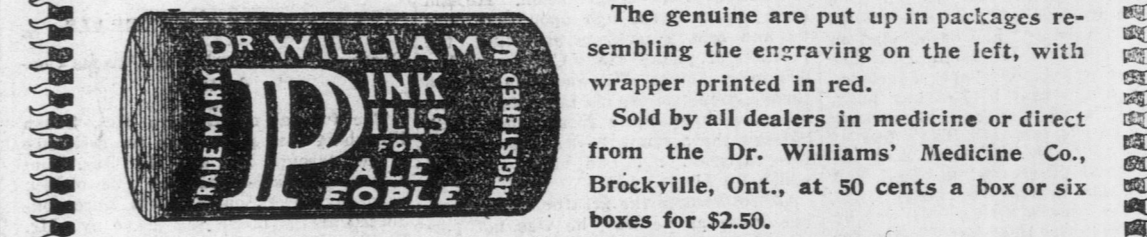
Punctual and careful in all matters of business, but too often careless in matters concerning health. That is the general business man of to-day. Business worries, too many hours in the office or shop, irregular hours of retiring—all have their effect in time. Sleeplessness, loss of appetite, nervous irritability or a feeling of lassitude is the frequent result. These are only the forerunners of more serious trouble, perhaps leading to a general breakdown. A small amount of attention would easily remedy this. A blood builder, nerve tonic and regulator such as



Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

is just what is needed. Hundreds of business and professional men who have been careless of their health have finally obtained complete restoration by the use of this medicine. What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for others, they will do for you. But you must get the genuine—substitutes never cured anyone and never will.

Among those who very emphatically praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is Neil McPhee, Esq., J.P., Glenora, P.E.I. He says:—"About four years ago I was very much run down from overwork. While thus weakened I contracted a severe cold; neuralgia followed, and I found my health shattered generally. My appetite was very fickle; I frequently passed sleepless nights, and was in a distressed and discouraged condition, as I had tried a number of medicines without benefit. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were recommended to me and I decided to give them a fair trial. After using a few boxes my former health and strength began to return. In the course of a month I was as well as ever, gaining in flesh and with a splendid appetite. I have now the utmost confidence in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and recommend them as the best tonic and constitution builder I know."



The genuine are put up in packages resembling the engraving on the left, with wrapper printed in red. Sold by all dealers in medicine or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.

Stories of The Campaign

Corp. Seymour Hastings O'Dell Addresses the Veterans in Pioneer Hall.

Canadian Adventures in South Africa Recalled in an Interesting Manner.

A good audience greeted S. H. O'Dell at the meeting of the Veterans last night, and no one went away disappointed. The speaker did not pretend to give a history of the South African war or to deliver a formal address upon it. He aimed, as he said, at giving something of what he, a member of the Royal Canadian Regiment, saw during the Boer rebellion. The address was interspersed with anecdotes of the campaign which aided to the interest. Sketches of many of the battles were made to serve as a valuable help in his explanations, and by means of them the audience were given a much more intelligent idea of the relative positions of the opposing forces and of the different parts of the campaign.

On Wolfenden presided, and in opening the meeting referred to the great loss which the Empire had experienced in the death of the late Queen, since they had met at the last meeting. He said that in answer to invitations to meet with them Col. Grant, Col. McKay and Major Williams had followed their acceptance.

Pretaining his remarks with a few anecdotes, Mr. O'Dell described briefly their voyage in the Sardinian to Capetown and their reception there. After one night at Capetown they left for De Aar in the old-fashioned English railway coaches under very trying conditions. The meagre Christmas dinner of the men, in which one chicken had to be divided among fifteen men, and the splendid dinner of the officers were referred to. Camp life here became very monotonous. Then came the moving of bodies of

men up the railway line, and Lord Roberts and Gen. Kitchener arrived, followed by the moving of the Canadians towards the front.

Modder river was reached and then began the famous forced marches of Gen. French in the direction of Paardeberg. Marching beside Sergt. Scott at that engagement, the speaker has called attention to the target which the tin cup carried by them formed for the Boer rifle-men. He took his own off and left it with the cup, but Sergt. Scott thought that unnecessary. After his death two bullet holes in his tin cup bore out the contention that it would serve as a mark. Within 1,200 yards of the enemy the Boers it was necessary to expose themselves made by the Canadians, which was to be accounted for from the fact that they belonged to a volunteer regiment unaccustomed to warfare.

The British Columbia company being on the right flank, the most severely fought of the Boers it was necessary to make the charge across 800 yards of open ground. The ground sloped down to the river where the enemy was securely entrenched and hidden from view. To attempt to cross the river was useless, and as night was falling they were forced to retire.

About 83 casualties was the result of that day's work. The field was searched at night in a very imperfect way, as it was impossible to expose a light, even the shadows made by the starlight proving a target for the enemy.

The fight was continued next day, when the work of trying to drive the Boers out of the position was found to be difficult. A continual cannoning had no effect, as they were literally underground.

By digging trenches at night from the river bottom the British obtained a line of entrenchments close to the position of the enemy. Finally the order was given to charge upon the enemy's position during the night. This attack was discovered by tin being kicked over which had been placed by the Boers in order to give the alarm. At 300 paces the 4,000 of the enemy opened fire upon them. Only those who dropped on their faces escaped.

The surrender of the enemy was a result of successive marching followed by Bloemfontein was reached by the Canadians. Marching into that town they presented a sad appearance, weary, gaunt, hungry and ragged.

The march of the 10th Brigade, in which Canadians took part, from Bloemfontein to Pretoria, was described by Mr. O'Dell. The distance of 401 miles was accomplished in 45 days, having general actions on nine days and skirmishes on eighteen days. In that march they captured the towns of Thaba Nchu, Winburg, Ventersburg, Kroonstadt, Lindley, Heilbron, J'burg and Pretoria. The column consisted of 11,000 men, 4,000 horses, 8,000 mules, 30 field guns, two 5-inch guns, 23 machine guns, and six pom-poms.

The speaker graphically described the magnificent sight which was afforded him of looking from a high plateau near Thaba Nchu upon the approach and passage of Gen. French's command in pursuit of the retreating Boer force of 10,000 men.

Perhaps the prettiest fight was the one at Sand Ridge. At Kroonstadt Lord Roberts expressed his appreciation of the work done by the Canadians. It was here that they rushed out to meet a convoy which it was fondly expected would furnish rations, but to their dismay it was made up of hospital supplies, and iron bedsteads.

At Lindley the speaker took sick and was sent back to Kroonstadt to hospital. After a few days there he fled from the ward and set out to rejoin his regiment, accomplishing it at Springs, near Pretoria.

Upon reaching Pretoria the one thought of the Canadians was to get home. Every one of them was homesick. Ordered to entrain, they fondly expected it would be for home, but they found that it was but a series of forced marches in pursuit of Dewet.

Reaching Pretoria again, a period of comparative inaction followed, after which came their farewell to South Africa. The matter of drafting men from any of the British officers en route, they called for home under Major Pelletier.

Upon closing his address Mr. O'Dell was tendered a hearty vote of thanks by the audience.

The matter of drafting a resolution upon the death of the late Queen was referred to the executive committee.

TROLLEY CAR DERAILED.

Twenty-nine Persons Injured—Several May Die.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Twenty-nine persons were injured today in the derailment of a trolley car en route from Dayton, Ky., to this city. It is feared several of the injured will die. Only one passenger escaped unhurt.

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(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The first bodies have been from the shattered shaft in the mine. Such is the intelligence from the scene of the late cave-in this morning, which removes the doubt as to the fate of the men who had been taken off by officials of that it might be a fortnight before the surface of the men could be brought to light.

The first body to be taken out of Duncan McInnes, who, with some Japs, was in the work in proximity to the tunnel collapsed No. 5 shaft, and hence in the path of their way in from the latter. It is probable that before this reaches its readers Minno's body also be found, and possibly other.

The announcement that the men have been taken out is so indicating that the fatalities were Worked So Faithfully ever since the catastrophe steadily overcoming the difficulties.

This is all the more pleasing news received last night's encouragement in the report of the "Special" which was Cumberland at 8 o'clock yesterday stated that the rescuing party been within 70 yards of No. 6, and they expected to have to dig way through debris and work distance of 140 yards, before they come on any bodies. It is possible this estimate may have been over that the bodies were found the entrance to the tunnel the instinctive running of the men, the avenue of egress when the took place, and before they come by the fatal gas.

The difficulties with which the men had to contend were of the kind. No. 5 shaft was full of the daring fellows who were with the work of

Recovering the Bodies had to take air along with the in spite of this successive ramp drove them back. The of the brattice work and other also had to be presented, a discouraging condition, being driven with wooden material the steel head of a hammer another explosion. When they were obliged to keep near the floor the gas to float above as possible.

At the hour of filing this dispatch the gravest doubt was felt as to whether No. 6, and No. 6, would have effect to the work of the repaired timbering had to do with such materials as were at hand. Later in the afternoon at 4 o'clock was much brighter around Manager Matthews, who have labored most unspareingly, came out of No. 5 shaft, reported that work there was progressing.

Progressing Very Satisfactorily that he had descended to within 85 feet of the bottom. The shaft free of gas, and none by the second explosion. By this time a comparison of the mine familiar with the work of the men when they were taken out, and the conclusion was that two-thirds of the bodies covered without pumping. Several, will never be reached until they are believed to be the workings are the overlying, sr., and a number of is not known whether or not to any more whites.

At the Base of the Shaft though it is believed there are others.