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 The provisions of Section 5, providing for the approval of everybody interest-ed in placer mining.
 Gen. Dewet lost heavily in men and stores by his incursion into Cape Col-ony, but he seems to have made a clever escape with the bulk of his command. Apparently Commandant Herzog cross-ed the Orange river with him.

 Them. Mr. Eberts—An Act to amend
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 Gen. Bruce Ha By Associated Press. plause.) Section 6 was designed to disconcige loose business methods between princi-pal and agent, and to prevent grasping individuals from staking out large areas through agents. Under it, all agreer ments must be in writing and properly recorded.

On motion of Hon. Mr. McBride, act to extend the provisions of the Cana-dian Contingent Exemption Act, 1900, was introduced and read a first time. Second reading to-morrow. an

Colesburg. On arriving there he found-Mr. McBride went on to describe the the Boers had not been at Philipstown

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