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AN ARMORY TO BE BUILT IN SUSSEX.

Col. Domville Informed That Work Will be Begun on One for the Eighth Hussars in the Spring--The P. E. I. Cable Under Fire.

Ottawa, March 12--The session today was a business one, given up chiefly to the discussion of railway bills.

Dr. Bethune introduced a bill respecting the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company; also a bill respecting the Bay of Quinte Railway Company.

Mr. Casey introduced a bill to establish the telegraph system as part of the public service. He explained that it contemplated the establishment of a system of telegraph lines by the government throughout Canada.

Mr. McLellan, of Prince Edward Island, spoke of the excessive tolls on messages between that island and the mainland and also referred to the fact that the office in Charlottetown closed at 8 o'clock, which prevented the morning paper in that city from receiving any news after that hour, and also greatly inconvenienced business men.

Mr. Martin, of Prince Edward Island, also spoke and said that the high rates were due to the government which controlled the line.

Sir Louis Davies said the government had no control over the rates. They were fixed by the railway companies.

This commission, it seems, cost \$8,500 and of this Rev. Dr. McLeod received \$6,770 for salary and \$1,730 for travelling expenses.

Mr. Davin moved that the seed grain introduced into the Northwest should be dealt with in a comprehensive manner so as to do justice, give relief and meet necessities. He made a long speech to support his views and was followed by Mr. Davies, of Saskatchewan, and Mr. Clancy, of Manitoba.

The premier explained that some years ago the late government had a bill for the purchase of seed grain from the farmers of the Northwest, the sums ranging from \$8 to \$20, to secure repayment of which had taken a lien on his lands and the bond of two sureties.

During the discussion on Mr. Davin's resolution in regard to seed grain, in the house on day, Mr. Davin called Mr. Davies, (Saskatchewan) a Boer. This was just prior to the house rising at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Davies has given notice of a fair wage resolution which is as follows: "That all government contracts shall contain such conditions as will prevent any abuse which may arise from sub-letting of such contracts and that every effort shall be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out and this house cordially concurs in such policy and demands in the day of the government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto."

It is hereby declared that works to which the foregoing policy shall apply include not only works undertaken by the government itself, but also all work aided by grant of the Dominion public funds.

PROVINCIAL BILLS IN COMMITTEE.

Little Was Done Yesterday--The Bridge Investigation Will Prolong the Session Three Weeks.

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MEASURES TO SUPPRESS THE PLAGUE.

The San Francisco Board of Health Will Go Through Chinatown and Clean it Thoroughly

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HOW JESUS WOULD HAVE RUN A PAPER

To be Shown by the Author of "In His Steps" at Topex This Week--He Would Not Have Allowed Smoking or Abbreviations.

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BLOEMFONTEIN TO BE REACHED TODAY.

General Roberts is Now But Twelve Miles Away--He Again Outwitted the Boers by Marching Around Instead of Against Strong Entrenchments--Peace Proposals to be Laid Before Parliament Today.

London, March 13, 4.30 a. m.--Lord Roberts is making a very rapid advance, and he is again misleading the Boers by continuing his advance southward, instead of through the flat country due east of Asvo's Kop.

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THE COLONIES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT

Mr. George Wyndham Says They Obeyed the Instinct of an Imperial Race and Will Continue to do So.

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PEACE PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED

To the House of Commons Today--They are Signed by Both Presidents and Ask for Peace with Independence.

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HOT ON THEIR TRAIL.

Twelve Thousand Boers With Eighteen Guns Being Closely Pursued.

London, March 12--The British press Friday last that the peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger had appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities and offered at length by cable the terms which he was willing to accept, also that the cable despatch to the premier was signed by President Steyn as well as by President Kruger.

LATEST AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

Gen. French with cavalry division Occupies the Orange Free State Capital.

London, March 13--The War Office has received a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing that General French reached Bloemfontein last evening and occupied two hills close to railway station.

MONCTON AND FREDERICTON.

Civic Elections Were Held in the Two Towns Yesterday.

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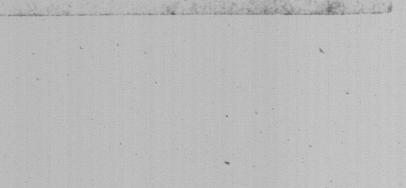
Mr. Harry Beckwith Re-Elected Mayor of Fredericton, and F. W. Summer Chosen Chief Magistrate of Moncton--The Names and Figures of Candidates and Contests.

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GENERAL CRONJE IS NOW HAPPY

He Has Asked the Great Powers and Some Lesser Ones to Intervene.

The Hague, March 12--It is learned from a reliable source that President Kruger through the consuls at Pretoria has appealed for the intervention of the great powers in the Transvaal war and has also appealed to the governments of Belgium, Holland and Switzerland.



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