OUR MOUNTED RIFLES where he had gone to pick up supplies and some heavy guns preparatory to acting in combination with columns from Lindley, delibron and Heidelburg, He drove the enemy north of Sand Sprut with loss. No casualties are reported.

Were Engaged Friday Last in the Fight at Honing Spruit With DeWet's Force.

Outpost Cut Off by the Enemy and Two Canadians Killed, One Officer and Four Men Wounded, and Three Captured

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Orange River colony. "Baden-Powell reports from Rusten-berg that he found the leading Boers very pacific and cordial on his return journey hence. Commandant Steyn and two actively hestile field cornets had been captured during his absence. Lord Edward Cecil, the administrator of the Rustenberg district, has to date collected 3,000 rifles.

"The commissioner at Kroonstad reports that 341 rifles have been handed in at Wolmarenstad."

STANDERTON OCCUPIED. KAATSBOSCH, June 22.-Gen. Dun-

donald, with the third cavalry brigade, occupied Standerton today without opposition. The burghers left yesterday after having blown up the railroad bridge and doing other damage. The infantry marched twenty-two miles today and camped at Kaatsbosch Spruit tonight.

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KRUGER'S CONDITION FOR PEACE

LOURENZO MARQUES, June 22 .-President Kruger's principal condition for immediate peace is that he be allowed to stay in the country. There are 5,000 British sick and wounded at Pretoria.

Mrs. Reitz, wife of the Transvaal state secretary, and her family, who arrived here en route for Europe, had so little money that the Dutch consul purchased second class steamship tickets for them.

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, June 25.-The Transvaal military incidents are summed up officially by Lord Roberts in the following message to the war office:

"PRETORIA, Sunday, 11.30 a. m .-Buller reached Standerton June 22. He found a good deal of rolling stock. All the Dutch residents had left the town. "The British prisoners captured since our occupation of Pretoria have been taken to Machadodorp.

"Ien Hamilton occupied Heidelberg our mounted men six or seven miles. The previous day Broadwood's cavalry had a skirmish with the enemy, dispersing them completely and captur-

"Hunter's advance brigade reached Johanneshurg, toward Heidelberg, June 22.

"The enemy attacked our post at Honingspruit, and before reinforcements arrived from Kroonstad they had burned three culverts. These had all been repaired by this afternoon." An Associated Press despatch from Cape Town, dated yesterday, says:

"The British casualties at Honingspruit were 37 killed and wounded." Sir Redvers Buller, in a despatch to the war office, says that among the prisoners taken to Machadodorp are Lords Antrim and Ennismor, both of whom are in good health. Lord Longford was left at Reitz, severely wound-

The force now available to President Kruger is officially estimated at from 15,000 to 20,000.

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COMMUNICATIONS INTEF

LONDON, June 25.-The communiations of Senekal with Winburg, the nearest supply point, have been tem-porarily interrupted. Gen. Clements is at Senekal. A convoy seeking to reach him Friday was driven back.

ANOTHER CANADIAN DEAD. OTTAWA, June 23.-The militia department this morning received the following cablegram: "Springs, June 23.—7,118, W. F. Whitley, Sixth Regiment Duke of Connaught's Rifles, Vancouver, died at Tohannesburg on the 19th of enteric fever.

(Signed), LONDON, June 25.-The dense fog nas not lifted from China. The wires are down in every direction from both Pekin and Tien Tsin, and Chinese messages received at the seaboard from the interior towns are not entitled to credence. An old time official who resided in China for a long period told me yesterday that he had followed the details closely, and that apart from the dispatches from the admirals at Taku there had been no authentic infermation for a fortnight from any source, but a significant and ominous fact in the situation, he added, was Prince Tuan's presence as commander of the Chinese forces at Tien Tsin, since this was proof that the most powerful leader at court was at the head of the anti-foreign movement and that the well armed government troops

were massed on the side of the Boxers. This meant that

CHINA WAS AT WAR Europe, America and Japan mour had reached Pekin or that the legations were safe. Chinese assurances were cf no value, and the news from China was a tissue of rumors This informant declined to believe that the legations were safe, since he remembered how easy it would have been for the Boxers and soldiers to command every embassy except the Au-Saturday. The enemy fled, pursued by strian from the wall which towered above them a short distance away. The British admiral has sent from

Taku a lucid explanation of the neglect of the allied fleet to reinforce Seymour's column. Tien Tsin had been invested and foreigners were fighting for their lives. Seymour was cut off and Taku was seized barely in time. Broderick was not able to throw any light upon the situation when closely

questioned in the commons yesterday. Summary rumors based upon the statements of Chinese refugees from Pekin is hardly requisite. These range all the way from the destruction of the legations and massacre of Seymour's force to the safety of the ministers and their retirement to the coast under the escort of European troops.

Two facts stand out IN THIS TANGLED MAZE

of uncertainties. One is the necessity for an army of 50,000 to 100,000 men. if China is to be rescued from anarchy and the second fact that the Chineso troops are well armed and in better

conditions than they work in the cam-paign with Japan. There are signs of activity in the military preparations of all the great powers. Russia is call-ing in her reserves for a campaign in China, and England is sending two

Taku. Lord Roberts profits by the diversion of public interest from South Africa to China. Unpleasant incidents escape notice and the delt, in winding up the campaign is screened from crit-icism. An account given in the press despatches, yesterday of an ambus-cade in the vicinity of Lindley was not creditable to British arms and details

THE CAPTURE OF A LARGE CON-VOY.

with an escort of Highlanders, near Heilbron, show that the depressing story was suppressed as long story was suppressed as long sible. There has clearly been a good sible. There has clearly been a good sible blundering on the British side deal of blundering on the British in the Free State, and there are eral mysteries about Heilbron, Lindler and Rundle's campaign which requires explanation. There was fresh break in the wires yesterday, Roberts was able to report a spirited skirmish by Hutton's brigade, and he cordial reception of Hamilton's colar a at Heidelburg and the dispersal of a Boer force near Wyndberg by Clearents's brigade. The reports also plainly hinted at a combined move-

ment of British forces from Heidel-berg, Heilbron, Lindley and Senekal against DeWet's column. There will be an important colonial conference today of the representa-

tives of the various chambers of comnerce for the discussion of a

SERIES OF IMPERIAL QUES-TIONS. Apart from this meeting, one waxa tious question is already in a fair way to be settled. This is the Canadian copyright bill, which has passed its second reading in the dominion parlialords' committee on copyright, and Kruger Professor Mayo conferred vesterday with the colonial office respecting it. John Murray and English authors who formerly opposed the Canadian copyright act with the manufacturing

clause, now favor it in the amended form. The settlement will not violate the essential principal of the Berne agreement, nor raise any question respecting the validity of copyright in the empire. It will enable the British author to make his own contract with the Canadian publisher, by which a copyright can be secured for Canada on condition that THE BOOK IS PRINTED THERE.

The American manufacturing clause s converted into a printing clause so hat plates can be purchased either in London or New York and typesetting avoided in Canada. It is a compromise which does not violate the Berne principle or the author's control over property, nor does it invalidate the imperial copyright. Canadian representatives have presented their case with lucidity and intelligence, and the imperial authorities will be great ly relieved by the settlement.

Anxiety as to the fate of the foreign ers in Tien Tsin and Pekin and the position of Seymour is daily growing more intense. It is reported at Che Foo, says the Express message, that 3,000 Chinese troops have reinforced the Boxers at Tien Tsin. Captain Beatty and Lt. Wright of the United States navy are believed to have been severely wounded. According to a Central News message 800 Sikhs and 200 Welsh Fusiliers have effected a junction with the allied force which had

A COMBINED ATTACK

was to have been made on the Chinese troops on Sunday night. The operations of the international force are, fering from want of a recognized head, defective organization and the absence of transport.

Pinnears Port to the northeast of Pretoria are forwarded by a Leader correspendent. The object of the British operations was to drive Botha from a position he had taken up. The fightng was continuous for two days, and it was hoped that French and Hamilton would be able to entrap the burghers on the following day. However, it was discovered that Botha had luring the night effected ANOTHER MASTERLY RETREAT,

The Times correspondent at Kroon-stad says that DeWet is showing capable generalship, but is unable to prevent his men from deserting daily. I. N. FORD.

ROBERTS TO THE WAR OFFICE. LONDON, June 25.—The following despatch has been received at the war ffice from Lord Roberts:

PRETORIA RESIDENCY, June 25 .-Clements successfully engaged a body

ties are reported.

"Ian Hamilton reports that Heidelburg is the most English town he has ever yet seen. The inhabitants gave him a great reception. The streets were crowded and decorated with buning. Capt. Valentine hoisted the Union Jack in the Market square, amidst the cheers of the populace, and the British, Australian and other colonial troops. God Save the Queen was sung, the crowds heartfly joining in. The poor royalists have had a rough time lately.

mished with the Boers yesterday, a few miles southeast of Pretoria. Capt Anley is reported to have managed the little business very well. "Lieut. Crisp and one of the Nor-thumberland Fusiliers were wounded."

China, and England is sending two brigades of native troops from In a transfer are 6,000 French, German and I vs. Lieut. Inglis of 4th troop C" Jupanese troops ready for work at Taku.

LE. INGLIS WOUNDED.

OTTAWA, June 25.-In response Chamb wir's inquiry, the department of willia has sent to the war office a copy of the order in council containing the terms of enlistment of the Canadian contingents. The militia department received today a despatch annomicing the severe wounding of Lt. J. glis of the 2nd Canadian Mounted River, formerly of H. M. S. Berkshire regiment, also of the convalescence of Private Hiam of Montreal, in the first contingent, who had een reported dangerously ill.

Col. Otter cables from Pretoria, June 25, that no casualties have occurred since June 19th, the date of his last

WAR SUMMARY.

LONDON, June 26, 4.22 a. m.-Lord Roberts's six columns are converging apparently so as to close in upon the Free Staters, although decisive results cannot be expected for several days. A number of Boers who were supposed to be within the wide flung net, have broken, or rather stolen, through Gen. Rundle's Ficksburg-Senekal lines. The Canadians were engaged in the Honing Spruit fight last Friday. Gen. DeWet's men first cut off a Canadian outpost of mounted rifles at dawn, two being filled, Lieut, Triglis and four others seing wounded, and three being capture i. The Free Staters then attacked the camp where there were fifty Canadians and two companies of Shropshires, though without much effect, as the men were well entrench-

The foreign military attaches who Machadodorp in the interest of the

Eighty Hollanders have been lodged in jail at Standerton for destroying property prior to the British occupation. The wives and children of the Boers are surprised that the British do not loot, but pay for what they get. The Lourenzo Marquez correspontrain near Standerton on June 24. Two trainmen were killed and four badly

A party of Brabant's Horse. Ficksburg, saw a camp of khaki clad men, and walked in, only to find themselves among the Boers. The visitors surrendered.

The Lourenzo Marquez correspon-

dent of the Times, telegraphing yesterday, says: "The Boers are losing a large num-

ber of horses from the cold and from lack of food, and the survivors are in a miserable condition. The inadequacy of the Boer commissariat is telling on the burghers." The Times editorially adopts

suggestion of a correspondent that Johannesburg should be the capital of the Transvaal colony, "Because the traditions of Pretoria are corrupt."

HOPEWELL HILL

HOPEWELL HILL, June 22.-James E. M. Carnwarth, who recently received his M. D. degree at McGill, return-ed this week to his home at Riverside. Trueman Bishop, son of Capt. J. E. Bishop of Harvey, was also among the graduates in medicine this

The semi-annual examination of the primary department of the Superior school, taught by Miss Grace McGorman, was held today, a large number of visitors being present. The exercises were interesting and reflected credit on both teacher and

Mount Pleasant Lodge, I. O. G. T., will celebrate its 6th anniversary on Tuesday evening, June 26th. Albert W. Hoar, son of S. S. Hoar, formerly of Hopewell, was married at Shell Lake, Wis., on June 14th, to Further particulars of the fighting at Miss Marion J. Shaver of that place. Mr. Hoar has been living in Shell Lake for some years.

ASHANTI WAR.

LONDON, June 25.—The government has received despatches from Ashanti indicating that the relief of Kumassi should be accomplished this week. About \$50 men of the British Central African native forces sailed June 22 for Shan Ashanti, where they will be employed to quell the rising. This is the first time that British Central Africa has been called upon to partake in the responsibilities of the empire.

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P. E. ISLAND.

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Souris Board of Trade Elects Office - Funeral of the Late George Owen Who Died at

Ottawa.

CHARLOTTETOWN, June 21.—Josiah R. Brooks, of the firm of Wright Bros., Victoria, and Ethel Blanche Crossman were married yesterday by Rev. J. M. Forbes.

The feast of St. Aloysius, patron saint of the League of the Cross Temperance Society, was celebrated here today. Rev. J. C. Mc-Millan preached here today. Rev. J. C. Mc-Millan preached the sermon. In the evening the members of the society marched in regalla to the cathedral.

The Sourch Board of Trade has elected the following fiscers: President, J. J. Hughes; vice-president, J. C. Underhay; secretary, Archibald Currie, J. J. Hughes, J. G. Sterns and John McLean, delegates to the Maritime Board.

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Rev. J. Goodwill, pastor of the Church of Sectiand here, was presented with a purse of \$55 a few days ago from friends in the Desable section of the congregation.

Albert Farquharson of Lot 48 and Isabella McKinnon, daughter of Hugh McKinnon of Highfield, were married yesterday evening by Rev. D. McLean in the presence of about 100 invited guests.

The funeral of the late George F. Owen, sessional clerk at Ottawa, took place today from Cardigan to the cemetery at Georgetown. There was a very large attendance. The floral tributes were numerous. Rev. A. Gunn conducted the services at the house and Rev. J. W. Godfrey at the church. The pallbearers were: George Goff, A. J. McDonald, M. P. P., Cyrus Shaw, M. P. P., John T. Poole, Joseph McDonald and James E. McDonald, M. P. P. Dr. G. F. Dewar of Southport and Miss Marion McLeod, daughter of Norman MeLeod of this city, were married on Tuesday merning. Howard Hilson atted as groomsman and Miss Maud McLeod as bridesmaid. Willard Kitchen of Fredericton has begun work on the Murray Harbor branch rallway. J. W. McManus of Memramcook has been relieved of his contract.

Andrew Cleary, employed in McCormaek's lobster factory at Boughton Island, fell from a swing a few days ago and broke his coflar bore.

a swing a few days ago and product of the closing exercises of Notre Dame concert were held Tuesday night, and were a pronounced success. The prizes for the highest average in the written examinations was awarded to Nellie Morgan; the gold hedal for Christian doctrine to Annie Clarkin, and the gold melal for good conduct to Ursula Gallant.

Fred Murphy of Kensington was fined 50 and costs Saturday for a violation of the

in the examinations for teachers licenses given at Prince of Wales College this month twenty candidates for the first or highest class were successful. Twenty-two other cardidates for the first class received second class licenses only, succeeded in securing the coveted documents.

B. S. Freeman, licensiate, who has just completed his junior year at Aradia, has taken charge of the Baptist churches at Tyue Valley and at Belmont.

Mary Campbell, daughter of Donald E. Campbell of Darington, and Archibald Beaton of O'Leary were married Tuesday evening by Rev. Genge Millar of Brookfield, assisted by Rev. Malcolm Campbell of Strathalbyn. albyn.
Rev. John McLeod, Mrs. McLeod and three children are here from Vankleek, Ontario, to spend the summer. Mr. McLeod is a native of Belfast, P. E. I.
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The Baptist congregation at Tryon have invited Rev. John Charke of West Chester, N. S., to become their pastor.

At the first meeting of the P. E. Island cheese board, on Friday last, about 2,000 cheese were disposed of at 9%c. cach. Officers were elected as follows: President, John Anderson, Kensington; vice-president, Dohn Anderson, Kensington; vice-president, Dohn and Currie, New Dominion; secretary-treasurer, Robert Jenkins, Mount Albion; auditor, A. B. Dickieson, New Glasgow.

Rev. R. B. McDonald of Rustico and Rev. Allan J. McDonald of Fort Augustus left Tuesday morning on a two months' visit to Europe. Before leaving both gentlemen were presented with a purse of gold.

Frank McDonald, who formerly lived in St. Margaret's, P. E. I., was married a fewdays ago in Noank, Conn., to Mary A. Donahue of that city.

Miss Gertrude McPherson, a daughter of John McPherson, ir., of the P. E. Island railway, has distinguished herself for coolness and presence of mind in the Newton, Mass, hospital. A fire-broke out in that institution, causing consternation among the inmates, but Miss McPherson remained at her post until every patient under her charge was removed to a place of safety. The executive committee sent her a letter of congratulation and promoted her from the contagious diseases ward to a private ward.

Patrick Doherty, formerly of Sussex, and now proprisior of the Hotel Dayies, has added an annex, 60 feet long and 42 feet wide, to his hotel.

Last Thursday P. E. Island was visited by an unusually heavy thunder storm. The lightning badly shattered

ited by an unusually heavy thunder storm. The lightning badly shattered the rear of Sinclair & Stewart's ware-house in Summerside, and burned out the telephone fuses at O'Leary. At Campbellton, Lot 4, hail broke giass in a number of windows.

MILITIA ORDERS

That Relate to Corps in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

OTTAWA; June 22.-The following militia orders have been issued: 62nd regiment St. John Fusiliers-Capt. E. E. McMichael resigns his commission. To be captain, Lieut. R. R. Rankine, vice E. E. Macmichael retired. To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieuteant J. S. Frost, vice R. R. Rankine, promoted. 67th regiment, Carleton light in-

fantry-To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. E. S. Kirkpatrick, vice C. W. Dickinson,

73rd Northumberland regiment—To be lieutenant, 2nd Lleut. C. Donald, to complete establishment. 75th Lunenburg regiment-2nd Lieut. P. W. Smith, having absented himself

from the annual training of his corps is removed from the list of officers of the active militia. the active militia.

8th Princess Louise Hussars—Lieut.
G. S. Kinnear is granted rank of cap-

30, part 1, regulations and orders for the militia, 1898. Lieutenant and Brevet Major R. G. E. Leckie is transferred to the reserve of officers. To be captain, Lieut. J. W. S. Black, vice F. B. Black, promoted. To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. H. E. Scovil, vice R. G. E. Leckie, transferred. To be 2nd lieutenant provisionally, J. A. Allen, gentleman, vice H. E. Scovil, promoted; W. previsionally, W. H. Irvine, gentle-man, to complete establishment. Kings Canadian Hussars—To be cap-tain, Capt. J. A. Northrup, from the unattached list, vice H. L. Borden, pro-

ROTHESAY COLLEGE.

Ninth Annual Closing - College Sports Old Boys' Association.

The ninth annual closing exercises of the Rottesay college for boys began on Thursday afternoon with some of the preliminary sports, which were well contested. The main portion

the programme, however, was carrie out yesterday. A very large number went out from the dity, and there was a good attendance of Rothesay people. Among

Lieut. Governor and Mrs. McClellan, Dr. Scott of the New Brunswick uni-versity, W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., of Fredericton, and many others. The afterneon sports yesterday were keenly contested and two of the school records were broken. The high dump, won by Allan Kerr with 5 ft. 13-4 in., was an especially creditable perform-

The gymnasium drill and physical exercises led by Dr. Walker of the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium proved quite feature in the programme, and the boys showed remarkably good physique as well as proficiency in their exer-

At the conclusion of the sports the

assembly adjourned to the tennis court, where the prizes were presented to the winners by Mrs. McClellan. Speeches were made by a number of gentlemen present. On the planform were Lt. Gov. and Mrs. McClellan, Hall, Dr. Scott and others. Rev. W O. Raymond, who acted as chairman, congratulated Principal I. E. Moore and his aids, Messrs. Allin, Bale, Meredith and Collinson on the results of the year's work. At the closing a year ago there were 34 boys in attendance. The number had increased this year to 42, nearly all of them in residence. The prospects for an increase in the immediate future are bright. The health of the boys had been exceedingly good, and the only event that had marred the year's record was the sad and unexpected death of the classical master, E. W. Watson, during the Christmas vacation. Referring to the attendance of a large number of the "old boys," Mr. Raymond observed that while the old boys were proud of their school, the school was proud of them. The record of Taylor, Peters, Arnold, the Bayfields, Bitchies and others had re-bounded to the honor of their school, while that just attained by W. H. Harrison at the University of New Brunswick in gaining three gold medals and first rank in every subject taken in his college course was perhaps unsurpassed. Three of the boys are now in the field in South Africa, viz., Messrs. Markham, Fairweather and Adams, and they will undoubtedly uphold the honor of the school by their courage and conduct.

Short addresses all couched in very appreciative terms of the school and its work were made by Lieut. Gov. McClellan, Dr. Scott, Rev. W. B. Armstrong, Hon. T. R. Jones and Rev. W. Rainnie. It was announced that the lieutenant governor had offered as a prize next year a silver medal for proficiency in history and English liter-

The announcement of prize winners vas made by vice-Principal Allin and the prizes were presented by Mrs. Mc-Clellan. At the close of the presentation the

open for public inspection and refreshments were handed around by an effi-cient committee. The fifth annual meeting of the Old

Boys' association of the school was held at the close of the exercises. A large number of the old boys were present. The object of the association is to keep the old boys in touch to help advertise the school and to encourage the students in their studies and physical exercises. Two medals are given annually by the association for competition, a silver medal for the best English essay and a gold medal for the best all round athlete. A cricket bat will be given next year to the boy the school matches during the year. The following officers were elected: President, D. R. Arnold; vice do., B. Graham: sec.-treas., L. W. Barker; asst; sec.-treas., C. R. Hamilton.

In Queen Victoria we greet the head of the nation that has been for long the faithful and valuable ally of Portugal, and whose friendship we ought to prize on account of the traditions, common interests, and destiny that bind us to them. Let us pray to Heaven that our political parties may see the wisdom of pursuing this course unlessitatingly, for we know no other that can raise us and conduce to our development and aggrandisement.—Novidades, Lisbon.

Mr. Kruger is reported to have is-HAYING TOOLS

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