

TOTAL WAR LOSSES

The British war office has been totalling up the losses in South Africa to the end of last month and the following is the result:

	Officers.	Men.
Killed in action.....	311	3,118
Died of wounds.....	93	952
Died in captivity.....	4	92
Died of disease.....	163	6,566
Accidental deaths.....	4	176
Missing and prisoners (excluding those who have been recovered or have died in captivity).....	14	1,230
Sent home as invalids.....	1,551	35,548
Total.....	2,140	46,578

	Officers.	Men.
Deaths in South Africa.....	575	10,804
Missing or prisoners.....	14	1,236
Invalids sent home who have died.....	4	231
Left the service as unfit.....	1,551	35,548
Total.....	593	13,585

COVERED UP THE BRITISH FLAG.

Speaker Henderson showed an amazing lack of common sense in the British flag incident at the Washington centennial celebration—that is, if it was he who ordered the flag to be covered.—Buffalo Express.

Yes; the flags of all nations were hung up on the occasion mentioned, but the British was purposely concealed from view, no doubt, to please the pro-Bor element. Yet, there have been occasions when the Americans have not wanted the Union Jack covered up. Off-hand we can recall one. Some 20 years ago the Spaniards captured a filibustering vessel off the coast of Cuba. The crew were taken ashore and their execution ordered. The British consul at Santiago forbade the execution. The Spaniards laughed at him. They were not familiar with British ways. But the consul sent post-haste for a British warship that was in the neighborhood. She arrived barely in time, but came in with the British flag flying and her decks cleared for action. The Spaniards protested that these men were Americans and not British subjects. The British consul gave them his ultimatum. The commander of the war vessel had instructions to open fire if any attempt were made to execute these men. The Spaniards gave in. The men were not put to death. But they would have been if the British flag had been covered up.

WHAT NEWSPAPERS SHOULD PUBLISH.

Our good friend the Banner-News states that it does not propose "to allow the insertion in its columns of all sorts of questionable advertising." It adds further that a newspaper should pursue the path of right irrespective of the natural desire for gain.

The Planet is delighted to welcome its esteemed local contemporary to the views this great family journal has held and advocated for years, and which we have always regretted to see it did not discuss prior to the adoption of its present hyphenated title. But the return of the prodigal is as welcome now as in the days when parades were written, and if the Banner-News will only excuse the banquetting part of the affair, we will heartily receive it again into the folds of good journalism. A newspaper, as the Banner-News says, should keep a strict oversight upon its advertising, and further still, pursue a similar course in its news columns. In any case, it is impossible to satisfy everybody. A paper, though a private enterprise, is a semi-public affair, the same as a railroad train or a street car. It is for the public use and advertisers and the people have the same right morally to properly utilize its columns as a man has to demand transport in a street car if he pays for it. The duty of the proprietor, business manager, or editor is to see that its columns are not abused. It is none of his business to be a saint on the one hand or the reverse on the other. He publishes a paper for all classes of the community, and he must give, properly supervised, the reading and advertising that all these classes require. If he does not, if the paper for instance panders to some special class, it ceases being a newspaper and becomes an "organ" of only a section of the community. (As to the class of advertising and reading matter a paper should publish no two people will agree. Go to one man and he will want Sunday sermons all week. Go to the next and he will be satisfied with nothing but prize fight reports. In a general way the views of both have to be met. It is the same in advertising. And in thus catering to the public the newspaper has to show its good judgment. When you hear a reader complaining about a pill advertisement in a paper, remember he is only one. If his support would keep up a journal he could establish a pill-less advertising sheet of his own. There may be a thousand other readers who wish to see that advertisement, and in selecting its matter the paper must

"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient."

But some stubborn people wait until "down sick" before trying to ward off illness or cure it. The wise recognize in the word "Hood's" assurance of health.

For all blood troubles, scrofula, pimples, as well as diseases of the kidneys, liver and bowels, Hood's Sarsaparilla is the effective and faultless cure.

Blood Purifier—"I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla, and find it beneficial for myself and baby. It purifies the blood and strengthens the system." Mrs. HEAVY WALK, Clinton, Ont.

Strength Builder—"Myself, wife and children have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and it strengthened us. It relieved me of a lame back." DAVID MCGONAGLE, caretaker, Colt Institute, Galt, Ont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints
Hood's Pills cure liver bile, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

think of the thousand as well as of the one.

But on general lines, the Banner-News can make no mistake in its new policy. Advertising, as we have always contended, should be supervised in the interests of a newspaper's readers, with the greatest care.

CHURCH DEBTS.

Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago has just given a trust deed of its church property to the Chicago Title and Trust Co. to secure the payment of \$40,000 in bonds of \$1,000 each to run for five years and 5 per cent. interest. The bonds are only to be issued to the members of the church. The object of confining the issue to members is to retain their interest in the church. Referring to this the Hamilton Times says:

"So long as this is the condition of affairs the church people continue their interest in the institution, when if the property were clear and the money they had put into the building practically dead, the tendency would be toward a slow dropping off of the congregation. Just why this should be the case no one seems to be able to tell, but many church officials agree that it is so."

"People need this something to bind them and hold their interest in the organization," say churchmen. "If the church were paid for and the money put away like so much mortar in the walls of the edifice many people would feel that the church no longer needed their help. There would be a general lifting of responsibility from the shoulders, where it must needs rest if the life of the church is to continue. Every one has noticed how thriving and ambitious a congregation is so long as it is

RHEUMATISM

No sure cure is yet known for chronic rheumatism. No man living can cure it always. He can try. If he fails he can try another way.

There are many ways. Some harmless; others worse than the rheumatism. Better not take the chance of quick medicines.

Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil cures rheumatism only by crowding it out by vital force. If that succeeds, it succeeds; if that fails, it fails. It never does any harm.

We'll send you a little to try if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

Before After Wood's Phosphorid.
The Great English Remedy. Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine discovered. Six weeks' treatment guaranteed to cure all forms of Sexual Weakness, all effects of abuse, loss of vitality, nervousness, loss of sleep, loss of appetite, loss of energy, loss of power, loss of manhood, loss of life. One bottle cures. Pamphlets free to any address. The Wood Company, Windsor, Ont.

Wood's Phosphorid is sold in Chatham by all druggists.

.....SMOKE THEM.....
Beresford Cigar 10c
MANUFACTURED BY SEYMOUR & DYER, LONDON, FOR SALE AT

Bennett's Cigar Store
100 O. F. BUILDING.

struggling to pay off a debt. "But let that debt be paid and the young people will lose their ambition and there will be no longer any need for the societies and suppers which were formerly the life of the church. A great many people will then begin to feel that they need not rent pews nor put their money in the collection box when it is passed. The spirit of good fellowship which characterized the organization so long as there was work to do will gradually die out from lack of common interest to keep it alive, and in spite of everything the minister can do, in spite of the efforts of the congregation, the spirit of the institution will not be the same."

PRIVILEGES OF AN M. P.

Though a thorough Liberal the late Mr. Rymal, of Hamilton, was a firm, personal friend of Sir John Macdonald, and Almonzo Wright, the "King of the Gaitaneau," says the London Free Press, one of the staunchest Tories who ever sat in the House. The story of the first meeting of Mr. Rymal and Sir John has never been told in print. Here it is, as told by himself some years ago, to the Hon. Wm. Paterson, ex-Speaker Bain and one or two others, as all were seated in the smoking room of the Windsor Hotel, Ottawa, where they all boarded:

"When I first came here I was pretty green, and did not know just exactly what my rights were. A lot of us were coming down from the house one night laughing and talking pretty loud, when a city policeman came inside the grounds and told us we must make less noise or we would be arrested. I knew Sir John by sight, but had never spoken to him. The next morning I met him in the lobby, and I made up my mind to ask him about it. After I explained the affair he put his arm through mine and said: 'Look here, Joe, you will not mind me calling you Joe, will you—so long as you are a member of this House, and while the House is in session, you can say and do whatever you please within the precincts of the House, and that includes the grounds. No Ottawa policeman has a right to interfere with you. If one undertakes to do so pick him up and pitch him out of the grounds. You are big and strong enough. If he happens to get caught one of the iron pickets let him stay there till his friends come and take him down. Now, Joe, this is our first meeting, but what I say to you is good law. Shall we shake hands and be friends?' From that day to this," concluded Mr. Rymal, "Sir John and I have been on the best of terms, and while I never gave him or any other Tory a vote, nobody ever heard me say a word against him, and they never will."

If the snow is considerably holding off waiting for the council to put that sidewalk cleaning by-law in shape it looks as if there would be no sleighing this winter.

Speaking of Senate abolition, Canada isn't the only country that seems to have an excuse for feeling that way.—London News.

Since the Senate saved the country in the matter of the Yukon deal and the Drummond Railway scheme is it feeling that way?

The fisheries department announces that the biggest speckled trout caught in the Lake Superior district this year weighed eight pounds. It was landed by Mr. Carson, of St. Louis, Mo. It is not casting any doubt on the reliability of the department's report to add that this is a fish story.

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That's just like Hamilton. If you go through a Chatham store these days and see the way goods are displayed and the shops crowded—at least in The Planet—you wonder why half the goods in each establishment are not taken. Yet, while odd cases of theft do doubt occur, the proprietors of stores say they lose very little. At the Spectator's statement is correct concerning Hamiltonians this speaks well for the Maple City's morality.

The Amherstburg Echo reports the presence of lions in the neighborhood of Snake Lane, near Colchester, where they have been killing a number of sheep. It will be news to most people that there are lions in Western Ontario, or that there ever have been any lions in the Province outside of a menagerie. How would it do to start some of our amateur hunters after them?—London Free Press.

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All people wishing to spend Christmas with their friends in the Old Country should call on W. E. Rispin early and make their steamship arrangements, as he is agent for all lines crossing the Atlantic, and will give best possible rates.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

WHY NOT GIVE FURNITURE?

There is nothing so appropriate for a holiday remembrance, and assuming you agree to that, why not get it here? You will find little difficulty in selecting handsome and appropriate gifts for everybody from baby to grandpère.

Make Your Selection Now and Avoid The Holiday Rush

HUGH McDONALD, FURNITURE and UPHOLSTERING

OPPOSITE GARNER HOUSE

TO AMESVILLE.

Dec. 17.—Miss C. McEay left last evening for her home in Dawn, owing to the death of her brother.

Miss Lydia Hubbell has returned from Detroit.

Miss Nellie Albertson is assisting G. A. Fraser at the Central Drug Store during the holidays.

Earl Weitzel, while playing, fell on a stick which caught his nostril several inches, inflicting very serious injuries.

Rheumatism in all its forms is promptly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which neutralizes acidity of the blood.

Robert Shore, of the Second Continental, wrote home just before leaving Capetown, that he would not give one acre of Canada for all the Kimberley diamond mines.

For Christmas and New Year Holidays, W. E. Rispin, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, 115 King street, will issue return tickets at single fare to and from Canada, Dec. 22nd to 25th, returning 26th, and Dec. 30th to 1st of January, returning Jan. 2, and at fare and one-third Dec. 21st to 25th, returning 26th, and Dec. 29th to Jan. 1st, returning Jan. 3rd; and will also sell at fare and one-third return tickets to points in Central Passenger Association Territory west of Detroit, Dec. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th and Jan. 1st, good returning until Jan. 2nd. Also special excursion rates to teachers and students for the holidays.

The Puzzle of the Day.

What shall I give as a Christmas present to my son? That question can be solved to the mutual satisfaction of archbishop in The International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pa. You want your son to make his way in the world; give him a technical education. The schools will make him capable of filling responsible positions at high salaries. The prices are low and you can pay cash or on easy instalments. For particulars, see or write local representative, W. J. Medford, Chatham.

The World's Most Famous Picture

In the Dresden gallery in Germany hangs the most valuable picture in the world, (worth \$500,000), Raphael's "St. Luke Writing the Gospel." This great picture, has, by permission, been especially copied and reproduced on heavy paper, size 22 x 30, in all the colors and beauty of the original, and is given with this year's Saturday Night's Christmas number. "The Modern Madonna," admitted the most beautiful picture ever made by photography, has also been reproduced, size 16 x 21, and is given as another premium with the most beautiful book ever issued in Canada, full of stories, poems and artistic illustrations. For the pictures occupying full pages. A boy's picture, "An Impromptu Speech," is also in colors, and "Don't Cry, Mamma," is the most touching picture of the home of a missing Canadian soldier ever produced. The whole sixty pages are original, bright, clean and typical of Canada, as also is the title cover, which depicts, in six colors, an Indian boy plucking feathers from a king turkey of the forest which he has slain. Order at once, for nothing as good has ever before been offered in Canada, and last year's Saturday Night's Christmas was sold out within three days of its publication. Price 50 cents, in tubes ready for mailing. At all newsdealers, or from The Standard Publishing Company, Limited, Toronto.

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Why Don't You Get in Line

And order your fall Suits and Overcoat. We are ready for you with an exceptionally choice range of this season's novelties. \$15 and \$16 suits for \$13. Overcoats at \$15, \$17, \$19 and \$21.00. These special prices will last until Christmas. Order now from our choice selection.

Lemon & Avechouser.

CALIFORNIA EXCURSIONS.

Every day in the year the Chicago, Union Pacific and North-Western Lines runs through first-class Pullman and Tourist sleeping cars to points in California and Oregon. Personally conducted excursions from Chicago to San Francisco and Los Angeles and Portland every Thursday. Lowest rates. Shortest time on the road. Finest scenery. Inquire of your nearest ticket agent, or write for latest Tourist folder and information to B. H. Bennett, General Agent, 2 King St. East, Toronto, Ont.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

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Tax Notice

Taxes collected at par up to and including the 14th Dec., and to all unpaid taxes on the 14th there will be added an additional percentage of 2 per cent., and to all taxes unpaid on the 31st Dec., an additional 3 per cent. will be added making 5 per cent. in all.

William Rannie, Collector

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

Park Lot 4, Park avenue, 10 acres on which there is a large residence with all modern improvements, a conservatory and grapple, extensive stabling and outbuildings, orchards and ornamental park grounds, garden and forest garth.

Part of lot 94, O. S., adjacent to the post office, having a front on King street, of 27 feet more or less, also part of lot 93 O. S., fronting on Fourth street, and adjacent to the Rankin House, on which there is a double tenement brick building.

Terms—One-third purchase money down, balance on time at interest to suit purchaser, secured on the property sold. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Atkinson & Atkinson, Chatham, Dec. 1st, 1900.

4t Dec. 4-11-18-25

EGGS for Hatching

From Barred Plymouth Rocks, and Black Minorcas, all from the best selected stock, good healthy birds received first prize at the Poultry Exhibition for heaviest egg, price for setting of 13 eggs \$1, special price for large quantities. All orders promptly filled.

W. W. Everitt,

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Affords the Cheapest and Instantaneous Means of Communication.

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clearly and hurriedly spoken occupy the following time:

30 words 1 minute
40 words 1 minute
50 words 1 minute
You don't have to wait for an answer

Candies, Candies

We always carry a Choice line of Confectionery. A trial will convince you that our stock and prices are right.

WILLARD MCKAY, Retail Confectioner, QUEEN STREET.

Wear The 2 T's \$10 New Method Suits.

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Corrected Oct. 14, 1900

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