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GOVERNMENT BILL New

For the Suppression of Corruption in Untario Elections.

No Mercy for Bribers-Those was Take Bribes flay Escape by Confessing-flarked Ballots to Remain.

Toronto, April 3.—The Attorney-General's bill to amend the Ontario Election Act, which was introduced in skeleton ten days ago, has now been completed and will receive its second reading this afternoon. The govern-ment intends to retain the numbered ment intends to retain the numbered ballot, but on several other matters it will follow Mr. Whithey's lead. The most important change, in the opinion of the Attorney-General, is the adoption of a section of the election daw as it exists in England, whereby any person giving evidence that tends to incriminate himself may be freed from prosecution by a whereby any person giving evidence that tends to incriminate himself may be freed from prosecution by a certificate of indemnity issued by the judges. 'Mr. Whitney's long-urged proposal that offenders be imprisoned has been in some degree adopted. In regard to offences such as ballot-stuffing, personating, repeating, punishment will be made more severe, For some classes of offences the term of imprisonment will be twelve months instead of six, as proposed by Mr. Whitney. Bribers will be imprisoned without option, but the judges will be given discretionary powers as to the punishment imposed on those who accept bribes. The bill will also contain a provision that bye-election ballots and returns shall be kept in yaults separate from those in which general election ballots are kept, so that there will be no further excuse for accidental or incidental burnings. JOHN NORTHWAY & CO.

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More Details Concerning this Latest Disaster to the British.

Gen. French said to Have Overhauled and Cut to Pieces a Boer Commando—Enemy Advancing on Bloemfontein.

British troops.

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and Kimberley. The nation is be-ginning to realize the nature of the guerilla warfare that is liable to em-

barrass the future movements of the

THE CASUALTIES

fer so much.

A report has come in that the enemy has retired towards Ladybrand, leaving twelve wounded officers and some seventy men at the waterworks. We are now sending an am-

bulance for them.

It will be noticed that in the foregoing advice Lord Roberts says nothing in regard to the British guns being

The scene of the British disaster appears to be Mealie Spruit, where the Boemfontein road crosses a tributary of the Modder River.

The Boers held possession of the Sunday.

Bloemfontein waterworks on Sunday. They retired when they saw the Brit-

They retired when they saw the British scouts approaching.

All the wounded are doing well. Everyone agrees that but for Colonel Broadwood's splendid handling of his troops not a member of the force would have escaped. The Boers are still holding the waterworks and the line of hills behind them.

A MURDEROUS FIRE.

London, April 3.—The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, telegraphing Sunday, and describing the loss of the convoy, says:—"The Beers opened with a murderous fire.

It was simply slaughter. The Kaffir drivers of the convoy ran away, leaving their teams, and it was impossible for our men to bit the hidden enemy.

save the guns, but our people were greatly hampered by the Kaffirs, who

ran hither and thither, looking for cover from the fearful fire that pour

enemy were hotly pressing Colonel Broadwood, whose mounted troops were completely surrounded. The British showed magnificent bravery

The officers were quite cool and composedly directed operations. The opportune arrival of reinforcements saved Col. Broadwood from annihila-

tion. It is reported that two guns have been recaptured. The whole force is retiring on Bloemfontein.

CANADIANS IN IT.

Our gunners fough

ed in on all sides.

Bloemfontein, April 3.-It is reported that Gen. French has engaged a strong Boer command from Ladybrand and that the British have almost dec-imated the enemy. It is generally believed that the guns and wagons taken by the Boers are certain to be

THE CASUALTIES
London, April 3.—The War Office has received another despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Sunday, April 1, 8,15 p. m., in which, after referring to his previous tetegram he gives a partial list of the missing British officers.

Of 'Q' battery four officers were wounded, two of whom are missing. One gunner was killed and 40 non-commissioned officers and men are wounded or missing.

Lord Roberts then continues:—In "U" battery all are missing except Major Taylor and a Sergeant-Major. The two cavalry regiments did not suffer so much. BOERS ADVANCING. London, April 3.—The Boers are now believed to be on both of Lord Roberts' flanks, and their army is said to have reached Smaldey, sixty miles southward from Kroonstadt. The Boers are also in force at Paar-deburg and have a force of 6,000 on the Vaal River off Kimberley.

THE LOST CONVOY. London, Wednesday, April 3, 4.50 a m. — The latest news from the front adds little to the public knowledge of the convoy disaster. Lord Roberts own despatch, dated two hours later than the Daily Chronicle's, says nothing about the convolutions. ing about the guns being recovered.
The story, therefore, looks doubtful.
Little news has arrived from other Little news has arrived from other, points. Kenhardt was formally reoccupied Saturday. The report that the Boers are massing in the vicinity of Taungs and Klipdam is confirmed. Lord Methuen's difficulties are apparently increasing. He has Boer langers or guerilla, bands on three sides of him, and he will be obliged to watch carefully his communications with Orange River.

th Orange River.
INCIDENTS OF THE AMBUSH. INCIDENTS OF THE AMBUSH.

London, April 3.—The rumors of the re-capture by the British of the seven guns taken from Col. Broadwood's force, based on a despatach to the Chronicle from Bloemfontein, which is said to be in all probability correct, tends to compensate for the London shock experienced from the disaster sustained within a few miles of the headquarters of the British army of occupation.

cocupation.

The loss of the guns was attended by incidents of splendid heroism. The leading battery was so near to the Boers ambush in the river bed that the latter said:—"It is useless your attempting to advance. Throw down your arms." The sergeunt of the battery, fearing the other battery would misunderstand the hinderance, rushed through the convoy and warned his misunderstand the hinderance, rushed through the convoy and warned his comrades, enabling the rear-most battery to save a portion of the guns, which came into action later. Life Guardsmen and h gunner got a gun out under a tremendous-fire, and four others were saved by the men dragging them off after their horses had been shot.

een shot. A special despatch from Bloemfon-

A special despatch from Bloemfontein this morning reported that the water supply of the place had been cut off. This was a natural sequence of the Boer success at the waterworks. The authorities are hopeful that it will be promptly remedied.

President Kruger is said to have promised to re-occupy Bloemfontein this week, and the stubborn burghers seem to be closing around the place in menacing force. The activity of a strong force in the vicinity of Paurdeberg has already intercepted direct communication between Lord Roberts

The Bloemfonters, correspondent, of the Times, telegraphing Sunday, with reference to the capture of the convoy, says:—The whole affair was a filsh intended to frighten Free Staters who were desirous of surrendering to Lord Roberts. When Gen. Colville arrived although he was almost destitute of mounted men, and had marched 18 miles, he determined to turn the river, mounted men, and had marched 18 miles, he determined to turn the river, crossing at some point lower down than that occuppied by the enemy. Accordingly, Gen. Smith-Dorien's brigade, including the Canadians, attempted another drift, which turned the enemy's original position. For some reason Lieut. Col. Lint's artillery was detached at two o'clock to the right, where it remained for a considerable iperiod, shelling at 5,000 yards' range three of the enemy's guns that were placed in the open in the vicinity of Col. Broadwood's encampment, consequently a large force of Boers visible on the far side of the Modder, escaped punishment and re-Modder, escaped punishment and re-tired slowly as our infantry advanced.

tired slowly as our infantry advanced. Finally our guns took up a position on rising ground between the two brigades, thus commanding both drifts, but by that time their support was not needed, as the only resistance to the advance of the British infantry came from guns firing shrapnel at far too large a range. We could, however, see the enemy in force in a laager at the foot of some hills lying between the Modder and Thaba Nchu, and we could also see them move off our convoy to the rear."

HIS 128TH BIRTHDAY,

New York, April 3.—Noah Raby cele-brated his 128th birthday at the Pisca-taway township alms house at Skel-ton, N. J., People from all over; the nearby country went to congratulate him and tender best wishes. Almost everyone took him some present. Raby is blind, but otherwise is in re-markably good health. He says he will live to be 150 years of age.

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