# WON'T LEAVE ON SATURDAY

## Lieut.-Col. Kitson Received Orders Yesterday Indefinitely Delaying Contingent's Departure.

## BOYS MAY NOT GO NOW FOR A WEEK

**Civic Farewell Will Be Held To-Night at 8 in the Armouries.**

The second contingent will not leave Toronto on Saturday night at 7. Of course, it was otherwise announced, but later events have caused the Government to command a delay. The Montezuma, chartered for transport service, has been pronounced "medically unfit," and has caused the departure of the troops to be indefinitely postponed.

For days everything has been in apple-pie order. All that was wanting was the order to go. Arrangements had been made for special trains and the horses were to have been shipped this afternoon. But a surprise was in store for Lieut.-Col. Kitson, as he sat in the commandant's office at Stanley Barracks yesterday afternoon. A telegram came from Ottawa and it read: "Your departure is postponed till further orders." Everyone was chilled as if the door had let in one of the bleak blasts that swept Garrison Commons. But there was nothing for it but to prepare again what had already been prepared, and to wait for further orders from Ottawa.

It is thought that the boys will not now leave for Halifax for eight or ten days, as orders have been issued to the railways to prepare cars to meet this change.

**Only Routine Work.**

The troopers are now furnished with regulation outfits and present a natty appearance. Only routine work is done. The non-commissioned officers are busy filling in blank forms to be sent to Ottawa, as receipts for stores, handed in or handed out.

The civic farewell to the contingent will take place to-night at 8 in the Armouries, as announced in yesterday's World.

**Turkey for Them All.**

A prominent citizen and his charitable wife sent a sufficient number of turkeys to Sergt.-Major Dingley, R.C.D., yesterday, to afford a square meal for every man on the garrisoned second contingent. The meal will be eaten to-day, when each man will have a pound of prime turkey. Everybody is elated.

**Another Square Meal.**

Lieut.-Col. Davidson acknowledges enthusiastic contributions from the following towards supplying "a rather good dinner" to the contingent at Stanley Barracks before leaving: A S Irving, Salada Tea Company, The Harry Webb Company, H P Eckardt & Co, The Eby Blain Company, Limited, Warren Bros, Perkins, Ince Company, John Sloan & Co, T Kinnear & Co, Clemes Bros, F W Humphrey, McWilliam & Everist, Henry Wright & Co, W G A Lambe & Co, The Davidson & Hay, Limited.

**Records Already Made.**

Sergt.-Major Page, Quartermaster-Sergt. Graham, Sergt. Carroll and Sergt. Inglis, some of Winnipeg's quota, are handy men with the rifle and the sword. They are members of B Squadron, Winnipeg Dragoons, who were the first regulars to win the Skirmishing Cup (given for competition among Manitoba soldiers). They have held it for the past two years.

**Firemen's Watches.**

David Lee and James Potts, city firemen, who have joined the contingent, have been given handsome wristband watches by their fellow-firemen.

**Six Horses Unfit.**

Robert Beith, M.P., Government inspector, has declared that six of the troop horses are unfit to be taken to South Africa. Accordingly they will not be taken and Lieut.-Col. Kitson will purchase some more to-day.

**Trooper Doust's Gifts.**

David H. Doust of Warwick Bros. & Rutter was given a surprise last night at 6, when his fellow-employes presented him with an address and $26. He was further surprised when the head of the firm presented him with an appropriate letter and a cheque for $25, besides promising to keep his position open for him while he is away on Her Majesty's service. Trooper Doust is in the second contingent, and has a record as a good soldier, having served two years in the G.G.B.G.

**Boys of St. Andrew.**

William Muir of the R.C.D. and Tom Walker, who is now a trooper in the mounted infantry, were given a send-off prior to their departure for South Africa by the scholars of St. Andrew's Institute and their friends. Both have been connected with the Institute since boyhood, and a purse of $25 was presented to each, with a substantial addition by Mrs. Col. Cosby. Rev. Armstrong Black and Major Robertson addressed the soldiers briefly, conveying the scholars' good wishes.

**Red Cross Society.**

The Tableaux Vivants were presented a second time in Massey Hall last night. The stormy weather prevented a large attendance, but the program was gone through with with much vim. The patriotic pictures and the loyal recitations and songs evoked much generous applause. A collection was taken up in aid of St. Alban's Cathedral building fund and the Red Cross Society. The entertainment will be repeated on Saturday night.

**York Rangers' At Home.**

The first, the fifth and the seventh companies of the 12th York Rangers in their mess rooms last night gave a farewell at home in honor of the men composing Toronto's detachment of the second Canadian contingent. The inclement weather kept many away, but those who did attend had a good time and bespoke a pleasant journey and a swift return to the Toronto lads.

**Toronto at Halifax.**

The police at St. John, N.B., are holding two Toronto boys, Charles McGuire and Howard Hunter until their relations arrive to take them home. Hunter is the son of W. J. Hunter, 55 Maitland-street, and young McGuire is a chum. They ran away from home last Saturday night, with the intention of going to the Transvaal. When captured they were on board a cattle ship.

## NORTHWEST MOUNTED RIFLES.

**Seventeen Coaches Passed Through Ottawa Yesterday and They Were a Fine Lot.**

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Seventeen coaches, containing the officers, men and horses of the Northwest Mounted Rifles, passed through the city this morning on the way to Halifax. They arrived at the C. P. R. depot at 6.05 o'clock, and remained there half an hour. Several ladies who had relatives in the troops were at the station to welcome them and then to bid them good-bye. One gallant sergeant had his mother and sister at the station to welcome him. Some of the men left the cars, and their fine physique were favorably commented upon. Some who were spoken to said that all the men are delighted at the opportunity of going to war, and their hope is that the trouble will not be ended by the time they get to South Africa.

About 20 members of the Northwest Mounted Police were in the party. They wore the regulation wide felt hats, khaki colored jackets and blue pants, with wide red stripes.

Ten of the coaches in the train were filled with horses.

**Parade of "D" Battery.**

There was a parade of "D" Battery through the city this afternoon. Thousands turned out to see the troops. The parade was a great success and the fine physique and soldierly bearing of the men was commented upon.

Although no final report has been received from the Medical Board as to the Montezuma, it is about as good as settled that the vessel is to be rejected, and the department is now looking for transports to replace her.

## TEN DOLLARS EACH.

**The Members of "A" Battery Remembered by Their Friends and Col. Cotton Notified.**

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 11.—Mayor Minnes forwarded to Ottawa to Lieut.-Col. Cotton $260 for distribution among the 26 members of "A" Field Battery for service in South Africa. At the same time the Mayor forwarded to Colt Metcalfe and Jack Sparks, troopers in the Mounted Rifles at Stanley Barracks, $10 each, being the gift of the corporation and citizens.

This afternoon Major Hudon, commanding "C" Field Battery, received a telegram from the chief staff officer, notifying him that the battery would not leave Kingston for at least ten days or two weeks, on account of the delay caused by the rejection of the troopship Montezuma, and the substitution of another boat. However, the staff officers, subordinate and chief, will go forward at once, probably on Saturday.

This morning Dr. A. E. Ross of football fame received his papers from Ottawa, appointing him hospital sergeant of "C" Battery. He is well qualified for the important post and his friends extend hearty congratulations.

## SERGT.-MAJOR WIDGERY SENT OFF.

**The Popular Instructor of the Dragoons Was Given an Address and a Purse Last Night.**

Squadron Sergt.-Major James Widgery of "A" squadron, and for several years connected with the R. C. D. at Stanley Barracks as instructor, was the recipient of an address and a purse from his friends in the west end of the city. The presentation took place at the Bromell House, corner Queen-street and Strachan-avenue, last evening, and among those present were: James Seymour, John Bell, John Fox, F. Smith, E. Smith, A. Phinney, John Barnes, George Fitzroy, Harry Bell, Eli Warsnop, John Bromell and Robert Cowan.

The address was read by Mr. James Seymour and the presentation was made by Mr. John Bell.

The popular officer made a brief speech, in which he thanked his friends for the token of their friendship, and stated that as he had always been a soldier of the Queen he was anxious to show the Mother Country what the Canadian subjects can do. He was confident that his squadron, if given the opportunity, would give Canada a position in history equal to that of any of the troopers sent from the colonies.

Many of those present, in brief speeches, wished Mr. Widgery a safe return, and the gathering dispersed after singing the National Anthem.

## MONTREALERS DEPARTED.

**A Great Send-Off Was Given Them, Notwithstanding a Big Snowstorm.**

Montreal, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Montreal's troop of mounted men for the second contingent, numbering 48 men, left here to-night at 11.15 for Halifax and received a most enthusiastic send-off. Despite a big snowstorm, thousands of citizens turned out to witness the departure of the men and cheered themselves hoarse. The troop was reviewed at the Drill Hall and then marched to the Grand Trunk station, where they took the I. C. R. for Halifax.

## WILL SAY THEIR PRAYERS.

**Members of the Contingent Will Attend Divine Service at Quebec on Sunday.**

Quebec, Que., Jan. 11.—The military men forming the second contingent in this city will attend divine service at the English cathedral on Sunday morning at 9.30, instead of St. Matthew's Church, as was at first announced. Very Rev. Dean Williams will preach the sermon on the occasion. Ten men from Winnipeg, to be attached to "E" Battery, reached town this morning, and were soon settled in their quarters in "B" Field Battery barracks. They are a fine class of young fellows, and a credit to any corps.

Lieut.-Col. Stone, commandant of artillery, inspected all the men of "E" Battery in the drill hall this morning, and the horses in the drill hall this afternoon, expressing himself as well satisfied with everything. He made a rather close inspection of the men, speaking to many of the recruits, who, while several, were still in civilian dress, are splendid specimens of manhood.

The last man to be sworn in for "E" Battery is John R. Jado, civil engineer, and a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston. He has been given the rank of sergeant in the battery.

Eighty-one horses for mounted rifles reached town from Toronto this morning, and were taken in charge by Capt. Turner.

The riflemen who are to arrive to-morrow will be quartered at Chain Gate, on the Citadel.

## PREMIER'S "GOD BLESS YOU."

**Mr. Haultain's Patriotic Address to the Men of the Second Contingent.**

Regina, N.W.T., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—In consequence of the postponement of the sailing date, the 2nd Battalion may not leave here until Monday. The send-off, to-night was a grand demonstration. Premier Haultain delivered an eloquent, patriotic address. When he turned around to the soldiers and said: "My last words to you are 'God bless you,'" there were cries of "amen" from all parts of the audience.

Lieutenant-Governor Forget was the next speaker, and, in the course of an able speech, he lamented the absence of so many French-Canadian names from the contingent. It was, however, quite explicable, Persons of English birth, or English descent, were naturally more familiar with the Boer question than were the French-Canadians, and the first contingent was formed and despatched before the latter realized what it was all about. Now, however, they know better, and, if another contingent were necessary, they would be found in the ranks in great numbers. Love of a united Empire would alone cause this. Speaking for himself, and, he was sure, for many French-Canadians, he would say they were as loyal to the Dominion, to the Empire and to its Sovereign as were those born at the foot of the throne. His Honor, addressing the members of the contingent, reminded them that the Northwest Mounted Police had a world-wide reputation, and he was sure that not only would they uphold that reputation, but increase it.

**Funds to Entertain Contingent.**

Halifax, Jan. 11.—At a City Council meeting to-night Mayor Hamilton announced that the Bank of Nova Scotia had given $500, Merchants' Bank of Halifax $500 and the Union Bank $150 towards the fund for entertaining the second contingent.

Word was received from Ottawa to-night to the effect that the transport Montezuma would not be taken as a transport.

**Alumni End Work.**

The Alumni of Trinity University held their last sessions yesterday, and they were interesting and well attended. The first paper of the morning was by Rev. H. Symonds, on "The Kingdom of Christ," by Maurice. He placed this work along with Hooker's, and compared the influence they exerted on the thought of the Church of England. He also dwelt upon its power in presenting the subject of Christian unity.

This was followed by a discussion on the subject of "Christian Unity," in which Revs. W. H. Clarke, C. L. Ingles and H. Moore took prominent part.

The next paper was on "The Personal Life of the Clergy," by Rev. C. L. Ingles. In this, he dwelt on the private and public devotional life of the clergyman, and emphasized the influence of the example set by the clergy to the laity.

In the discussion that followed, Revs. C. H. Shortt, Robert Moore and H. M. Little dwelt on the importance of the habit of meditation.

After dinner, Rev. Canon Sutherland gave the third of his series of papers on Ethics. The one yesterday was on "Social Ethics," and was a splendid paper. After it, the matter of having Canon Sutherland's papers printed in pamphlet form was discussed.

The last paper was that of Rev. G. F. Davidson on "The Reformation Settlement." It was introduced, not so much that the lecturer should give an exhaustive account of the reformation settlement, but that he might formulate a basis of discussion.

**Chaplains at the Front.**

The War Office has fourteen Church of England chaplains with the troops in South Africa, and two more are under orders to hold themselves in readiness to proceed to the front. Service of these clergymen was undertake by the Chaplain-General, who, in an interview, stated that they are "splendid fellows, who have done excellent work at home, and have received the highest praise from commanding officers." Three of the chaplains (Messrs. Macpherson, Tuckey and Horden) are in Ladysmith, and one (Mr. Faulkner) is with Lord Methuen. The location of the others is not so easily fixed. Very little news has been received from them at present, but one of the chaplains at Ladysmith has written home in high praise of the courage, the endurance and the self-control of the men there. "Never before," he says, "have I seen anything finer, and never was I so proud of being an army chaplain as I am to-day." Another chaplain, writing from Orange River, speaks of the deeply religious tone of the camp. On a recent Sunday it had been necessary to have two celebrations of the Holy Communion in consequence of the large number of men desiring to attend.

**Pensy's Crew for Henley.**

Philadelphia, Jan. 11.—At a meeting of the University of Pennsylvania Faculty Committee on Athletics this afternoon the sending of a crew to Henley next summer was approved. If this idea is carried out it will necessitate placing two eights in the water. All of last year's second crew are back, except Bechtel and Atkin, so with the two missing from the Varsity, Hall and Busch, this makes only four vacancies to supply. The sending of the track team to the Olympic games in Paris was also approved, as was the meet with the Boston A.A. at Boston on Feb. 3, and joint exhibition by the gymnastic team with that of Princeton University.

**Their Annual Dance.**

The inmates of the Toronto Asylum, numbering about 600, enjoyed their annual dance last night. It was the 50th annual at home, and this year the event was more successful than ever before. Pilson's orchestra rendered music for the dancers. The refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Corley, matron, and Mr. B. Winnifred, steward.

**In the Criminal Court.**

Two young men, Fred Palen and John Noble, were arraigned in the Criminal Assize Court yesterday afternoon on a serious charge, the complainant being Emma Foam. They pleaded not guilty, and the trial of Palen was commenced. The case was not finished at adjournment. T. C. Robinette is defending. Chief Justice Meredith was compelled to rebuke the prisoner for his conduct while sitting in the dock.

The grand jury indicted Leander Kimball, charged with knowingly having explosives in his possession.

**New U. S. Cruiser Albany.**

Newcastle, Eng., Jan. 11.—The new U. S. cruiser Albany, which has been given an official trial off this port, completed her endurance trial to-day, consisting of a continuous run of six hours under natural draught. The result of the trial was: Average speed per hour, 19.54 knots; revolutions, 148; horsepower, 5624; coal consumed, 144 tons per 24 hours.


# FOOLED THE UNDERTAKER

## Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Does So Day after Day—Relief in 30 Minutes.

Testimony piles up where, in cases of heart trouble, all human aid seemed beyond avail, and Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart has stepped in, and, apparently in life's last gasp, has fanned the vital spark into a flame of perfect health, given relief from most acute suffering inside of 30 minutes. One woman, in a recent letter, says of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. "It was akin to raising the dead, for my friends were waiting for my last breath."


# LAURIER'S SHIP SINKING.

## Montreal Correspondent of The New York Sun Says the Premier Realizes It.

## MANITOBA HAS MADE IT PLAIN.

**At Present Sir Wilfrid Holds His Power by Supporters From Quebec.**

New York Sun.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—It is reported here that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will dissolve Parliament after the session soon to be held and appeal to the electorate for a new lease of power. The full term of the present Parliament does not expire until July, 1901. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's political ship is sinking, and he fully realizes it, and that further delay in appealing to the country will only make his collapse more certain and overwhelming. His most ardent supporters privately admit that he will be snowed under whenever he appeals to the people. The result of the late election for members of the Provincial Parliament of Manitoba clearly indicates the trend of public sentiment. In the previous Parliament of Manitoba in a House of 43 members, there were only six Conservatives, whereas in the newly-elected Parliament there are 27 Conservatives and 16 Liberals.

At the present time Sir Wilfrid is entirely dependent for his majority in the Commons upon his supporters from the Province of Quebec. He has lost his following in that province, first because to gain the support of the ultra Protestants of Ontario he forced a settlement of the Manitoba school question, as demanded by them, and sacrificed the French Roman Catholics. Secondly, because he took into his Cabinet a renegade Tory in the person of Mr. Israel Tarte. Thirdly, because he accepted knighthood. Fourthly, because he made an absurd demand for a port on the Lynn Canal, and by so doing lost the greatest boon to the producers of Canada, which he had a reasonable hope of securing for them, namely, a treaty of reciprocity with the United States.

He fell into the trap which Sir Charles Tupper set for him, and dropped the substance for the shadow, and must now suffer for his folly. He was entrusted with power by the Canadian electors for the express purpose of securing reciprocity. Fifthly, because he has sent troops to South Africa to fight Great Britain's battle against the Boers, and has thereby established a precedent which will involve Canada in all the wars in which Great Britain may become engaged.

If Great Britain cannot contend alone with the two little republics in South Africa, what can she do if involved in war with one of the great powers of the world? In the event of war with the United States, Canadians must fight for Great Britain against more than a million of their sons and daughters; and, in addition, give the great republic just cause for their subjugation and the forcible annexation of Canada to the United States. Finally, Sir Wilfrid's fiscal policy, which was intended to reduce imports from the United States and increase imports from Great Britain, has proved a failure. The imports into Canada from the United States have increased far more rapidly than those from Great Britain.

For Sir Wilfrid to be rejected by the electors of his native province will be most humiliating and painful, and he must feel that it will not be unjust; when he fails, as fail he will, the true Liberals of Canada will again feel free to advocate continental union.

## THE FRENCH CHAMBER.

**M. Deschanel Urges That the Truce in Party Warfare Be Continued Indefinitely.**

Paris, Jan. 11.—The Chamber of Deputies reassembled to-day. M. Deschanel, on his re-election to the presidency of the House, made a speech strenuously urging that the truce in party warfare, which was to prevail during the coming year of the Exposition, should be continued indefinitely. His remarks were warmly applauded.

M. Guillaume (Socialist) moved a vote of 300,000 francs to relieve the strikers of the Loire coal basin.

The Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, asked for a postponement of the motion, pointing out that the miners were still on strike, and that Parliament and the Government could not intervene in the strike. But, he added, when there may be need for help the Government would consider the matter.

The motion was then postponed, and the House adjourned.

## THE FRENCH SHORE QUESTION

**Frenchmen Were Obstinate, But Mr. Chamberlain Advises Renewal of Modus Vivendi.**

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 11.—The Newfoundland Ministry received by the English mail steamer yesterday despatches from Colonial Secretary Chamberlain telling of his efforts toward a settlement of the French shore question and why a renewal of the modus vivendi is necessary. He offered the French various concessions in fishing if they would abandon their interference with the industrial development of the treaty coast. They replied, offering to do so if the colony abandoned its anti-French Bait Act. Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that this was impossible, as the Bait Act was also enforced against Americans and Canadians, but he offered to secure modifications of it.

After some further correspondence the French proved unwilling to continue the negotiations, owing to the Transvaal war. Mr. Chamberlain advises a renewal of the modus vivendi this year, thus enabling the continuance of the status quo without overburdening the Colonial Office. The Local Ministry will pass the measure, but wants permission to include a clause giving magistrates instead of naval officers the power to settle fishery disputes.

**France Will Consent.**

London, Jan. 11.—Undoubtedly France will consent to renew the modus vivendi in Newfoundland fisheries for another year.

**Clearing House Section.**

The annual meeting of the Clearing House Association was held yesterday afternoon at the Board of Trade. Mr. D. Miller of the Merchants' Bank was elected chairman, and Mr. C. McGill of the Ontario Bank vice-chairman. From reports which were read it was shown that the transactions through the clearing houses for the year just past amounted to $500,000,000, an increase of $70,000,000 compared with the previous year.

At the annual meeting of the Bankers' section of the Board of Trade, also held yesterday, Mr. D. R. Wilkie was nominated for the council. Mr. Joseph Henderson presided.

**Voluntary School Begun.**

The Voluntary School was opened yesterday at 9.30 in the schoolhouse of the Church of the Messiah, with seventeen boy pupils, ranging in age from 5 to 9. The school hours are from 9.30 to 3.30, with one hour and a half at midday. The work will follow closely along Public school lines, but no home work will be given. The fact that this school is the first of its kind will be the cause of its work being followed with interest. The formal opening will take place in the near future.

**Against the Samoan Treaties.**

London, Jan. 12.—The Times prints this morning the text of a protest by Malietoa Toanu to the tripartite powers against the Samoan treaties.

## THEIR IS NO OFFICIAL NEWS FROM THE SCENE OF THE WAR.

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contention that the goods were not subject to seizure, and practically disavows the seizures, it not being claimed there is any evidence of hostile destination.

## THE STANDARD'S VIEWS.

**Will Be Much Surprised if Britain's Interpretation Does Not Meet With Acceptance.**

London, Jan. 12.—The Standard, in an editorial upon the Government's reply to Mr. Choate and Count Von Buelow, says: "We shall be much surprised if the British Government's definition of international law as applied to the carriage of foodstuffs fails to find acceptance at Washington and Berlin.

## AN AWFUL STORY

**As to How British Regiments Mistook Each Other for Boers—Many Were Killed.**

New York, Jan. 11.—A London despatch to The New York Journal says: News of a frightful massacre of British troops by a blunder, in a battle, in which the East Surreys had a hand to hand fight with the West Yorkshires, before the mistake was discovered, reached England to-day. Orders were given to attack the Boer position near Willow Grange at daybreak. The East Surreys had the left of the line and the West Yorkshires the right. When the Yorkshires reached the scene of battle they were challenged by the Surrey sentinel. Each batallon supposed the other to be the Boers, and opened fire at once. After a sharp exchange of the rifle fire, the Surreys charged up the hill held by the Yorkshires and a desperate hand to hand fight with bayonets began. Both sides fought with stubborn valor, and before the blunder was discovered more than 100 dead and wounded British soldiers lay on the field of battle.

**Then the Boers Charged.**

Then the Boers, 2000 strong, charged, and the British were driven in disorder from the field. Only a prompt charge of the Imperial Light Horse and the 60th Mounted Rifles saved the two infantry regiments from annihilation. Col. Kitchener, brother of the Sirdar, was in command of the British forces, Major Hobbs, commanding the Yorkshires, was among the captured. The British defeat was complete, and their entire loss exceeded 200. The censor prevented the news of the blunder being cabled, although the action occurred on Nov. 23.

The British force moved out of Estcourt on the 22nd to drive off a force of Boers, reported by scouts to be in camp at Willow Grange.

In the attacking force were four companies of West Yorkshires, two of East Surreys, two of Queen's Imperial Light Horse, 60th Mounted Rifles and the 15th Battery of Field Artillery.

**The Bloodshed Described.**

The correspondent thus describes the scene of bloodshed that followed:

"The expedition marched out in good order, Major Hobbs at the head of the West Yorks, the officers of that regiment carrying rifles for the first time. Arriving at the pre-arranged designation, the force bivouacked for the night amid one of the most terrible hailstorms ever seen in this country of tropical showers. As they lay upon the veldt, fearful to make a move for cover, the hail beat down upon them like gravel from a chute.

"Hail had given place to torrents of rain, when, at 2 a.m. on Thursday, November 23, an order was given to commence the attack. Complete silence reigned over the supposed position of the Boer camp.

**Attacked in the Dark.**

"The darkness was extreme. The East Surreys were to attack from the left. The Yorkshire Regiment was to swing around and attack from the right. Strict orders were given that not a shot should be fired, the object being to rush the Boers from their position at the point of the bayonet.

"All went well until both columns had reached a point 200 feet from the summit of the supposed Boer position, when the sentry challenged, at the same time covering Major Hobbs with a Mauser. A lucky shot from the color sergeant saved the major and killed the sentry.

"A lucky shot for the officer, but an unlucky one for many of his men, for the right division had swung around higher on the hill than the Surreys, and when that shot rang out the Yorkshires were mistaken by them for the enemy. The Surrey men immediately poured a volley into their comrades higher up the hill, and the Yorkshire boys, getting excited, fired upon their friends. For many minutes the battle raged between two British regiments. Then, with a yell, the Surrey men charged up the hill, with bayonets fixed, killing and wounding their countrymen in a blind melee, the Yorkshire men standing their ground and giving as good as they received. In the darkness the kahki uniforms were not recognized, and it was not until the hill was strewn with the dead and dying that the terrible mistake was discovered.

**Boer Guns Had Range.**

"By that time streaks of light were shooting upward in the eastern skies, and the Boers, whose camp was two miles further north, were upon the British in force. The Yorkshires took a position on the hill behind loose stones, but it was afterward found that the Boer guns on the further hill had a range of this wall and soon the Yorkshire men were swept by a tremendous fire. Fortunately the Imperial Light Horse and the Sixtieth Rifles of Mounted Infantry came to the rescue of the little force, and the action became general. The Boers numbered 3000 men, and were well supported by their artillery, so an order to retreat was given. At this time the infantry had been without food for thirty hours and exposed to a terrific storm. Moreover they were entirely demoralized by the thought that they had been killing and maiming their own men. During the retreat many deeds of valour were done, and at one time the Imperial Light Horse held in check the whole Boer force. Major Hobbs remained to the last looking after his wounded, especially those who had been hurt by their own countrymen, and as a consequence he was captured by the Boers and is now a prisoner. The full casualties in this unfortunate action amounted to nearly two hundred. This was one of the most cruel episodes yet in this cruel war."

## FITCHBURG DIRECTORS GIVE UP

**Boston & Maine Railway Practically Absorbs the Line Under a Lease.**

Boston, Jan. 11.—The directors of the Fitchburg Railroad, exclusive of the three members of the board representing the Vanderbilt interests, have unofficially signified to the Boston & Maine their approval of the offer of the latter to lease the Fitchburg for a term of 99 years at a guaranteed rate of 5 per cent. on the preferred, and 1 per cent. on the common stock; that a formal meeting of the directors of the Fitchburg will be held next Tuesday, at which an official vote to this effect will be taken, and it only remains for the state directors to announce their position in the matter, but this they will not do until they have had a formal conference with Governor Crane.

## A STEAMSHIP STRANDED.

**British Vessel Went Ashore Abreast of Cape Henry Life-Saving Station.**

Cape Henry, Va., Jan. 11.—Capt. O'Neal of False Cape lifesaving station reports an unknown steamship stranded abreast of his station, a mile and a half off shore. The stranded vessel is the British steamship Empress, from Galveston for Copenhagen. The Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company have sent the wrecking tug Rescue from Norfolk to the assistance of the stranded steamer.

The steamship Empress floated at 2.15 p.m. without assistance and proceeded on her course, apparently uninjured.

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## PEOPLE'S ROAD PAYS

**Report Read at Trades and Labor Council Refers to Glasgow Street Railway.**

The members of the Trades and Labor Council last night interested themselves by a mock election contest, using the Hare-Spence system. Reports were received from the various committees, all of which were adopted.

The report of the Legislative Committee told of the progress labor is making in the Old Country. The street railway in Glasgow, Scotland, is now controlled by the people. The employes work a shorter day than employes do here, and overwork is all paid for. From statistics it was shown that during the first 11 months of last year only 680 new labor disputes were reported in the United Kingdom.

The report again favored the abolition of the ward system and agreed that the Board of Control should be elected by the people. Referring to the municipal election, the report stated that the influence of the Trades and Labor Council could not be purchased by any clique.

The members were opposed to the abolition of paying salaries to the Mayor and aldermen.

## FUNERALS OF A DAY.

**Many Sorrowing Friends Pay Their Last Respects.**

In St. Michael's Cathedral yesterday morning requiem high mass was said over the remains of the late Miss Florence Irene Bigley by Rev. Dr. Tracey. Solos were rendered by Mr. Fred Hollister of the McCabe Undertaking Company, West Queen-street, and Miss Mamie Foley. The funeral, which took place from 126 Jarvis-street to St. Michael's Cemetery, was largely attended, the cortege being made up of fully 50 carriages. Her fellow-puplis at Loretto Abbey received communion in a body and were present at the funeral. The mourners were: F. E. Hollister, Mr. Murray, Charles Burns, Angus Kerr, A. McCarron and the intimate relatives of the deceased.

The remains of the late William Christie, who died suddenly in New York, were interred yesterday in the Necropolis. The funeral took place from the residence of his father, Mr. William Christie, 383 Berkeley-street. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Milligan.

The funeral of the late James D. Smith took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 48 Isabella-street, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Many business men and prominent citizens attended the obsequies. Rev. Mr. Cody of St. Paul's Church officiated.

From his late residence, 21 Eden-place, the funeral took place yesterday afternoon of the late William Steadman, who died suddenly. Many friends followed the funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the interment was made.

## OFFICERS OF TACTICS.

**First Meeting of a New Society Held Last Night.**

The first meeting of the newly-organized Tactical Society of the Canadian Military Institute was held last night. Dr. Fotheringham presided, and the attendance was large. After adopting a constitution, the following officers were elected: President, Major W. C. Macdonald, 48th Highlanders; Vice-President, Major Mason, Q.O.R.; Secretary-Treasurer, 2nd Lieut. Findlay, Q.O.R.; Executive Committee, Capt. Currie, 48th Highlanders; Surgeon-Lieut. Fotheringham, Q.O.R.; Lieut. Grier, Toronto Field Battery.

This society is the first of its kind to be organized on this continent. For years past there have been tactical societies in all the countries in Europe, where their usefulness has been manifest. The society in Toronto has been formed on the lines of the Manchester Tactical Society. The object is to instruct officers in the topography of countries from a map and the study of practical field work. Recent developments in the South African campaign have gone to show that if the officers of some of the regiments had had a practical study in military tactics, some movements which resulted seriously would probably never have taken place. The society will arrange classes for non-coms. in minor tactics, known as the minor war game, during the winter. At a class meeting to be held next Wednesday night Capt. Currie will read a paper on "Scales."

**A Butcher's Horse Killed.**

London, Ont., Jan. 11.—A team belonging to Mr. Walker, a butcher, of Thorndale, took fright this morning and dashed into car No. 58 of the Pottersburg line, killing one of the horses. The car was damaged, the horses' head and shoulders crashing through the front of the vehicle. The motorman escaped injuries by springing into the body of the car.

**Lumbermen See the Premier.**

It is said that the export duty on wood pulp was the cause of a deputation of prominent lumbermen waiting on Hon. G. W. Ross yesterday. Those in the deputation were W. C. Edwards, M.P., C. B. Beck of Penetang and Mr. McLaren of Ottawa. They object to the duty.

**To Formulate a Policy.**

The Sudbury people have called a meeting for this evening that they may frame a mining policy to present to Hon. E. J. Davis when he visits that town next Tuesday. There is also talk of a public meeting there on Tuesday evening, to be addressed by Hon. Mr. Davies.

**Forestry for Canada.**

A meeting under the auspices of the Minister of the Interior will be held at Ottawa on Monday next to organize a Forestry Association for Canada, which will work along the same lines as the American organization.

**Broke Her Leg.**

By falling yesterday on East Queen-street Mrs. Rachael Johnston, an elderly lady, broke her leg. She was carried into Dr. Coatsworth's surgery and from there removed to the General Hospital. Mrs. Johnston lives at 125 Sackville-street.

**Hayward Mayor of Victoria.**

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 11.—Charles Hayward was elected Mayor of Victoria with two to one majority.

**Li Hung Chang at Shanghai.**

Shanghai, Jan. 11.—Li Hung Chang has arrived here on his way to assume the viceroyship of Liang-Kwan.

**Trains Covered With Snow.**

Heavy traffic, together with the snow, delayed the North Bay express about 30 minutes yesterday. All the other trains, on their arrival, were covered with snow.

## KNOCKING DOWN THE TENPINS.

**Liederkranz, Insurance and T. R. C. Were the League Winners Last Night.**

swing. The first games in section two since the holidays were played last night. Liederkranz, Insurance and T. R. C. won, defeating Q.O.R., B.C., Highlanders and Athenaeum North. The scores:

| Liederkranz B. | | Q. O. R. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| H Beiz | 634 | Bailey | 623 |
| Samson | 663 | Treblecock | 612 |
| L. Lang | 706 | Niblock | 495 |
| Zweifel | 564 | Meadows | 470 |
| Harrison | 632 | Watson | 663 |
| P Lang | 583 | Meade | 610 |
| Total | 3782 | Total | 3473 |

| Insurance. | | Highlanders. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Lightbourne | 633 | Selby | 609 |
| Kimmerly | 496 | Davidson | 610 |
| Fairweather | 559 | Martin | 431 |
| Williams | 539 | Stewart | 449 |
| Keys | 623 | Woods | 518 |
| Johnston | 626 | Merry | 507 |
| Total | 3567 | Total | 3124 |

| T.R.C. | | Athenaeum N. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Burgess | 538 | Macdonald | 547 |
| Stretton | 539 | Tweed | 535 |
| Smyth | 603 | Gardiner | 585 |
| Bryce | 590 | McConkey | 483 |
| Clark, jr. | 530 | Crawford | 540 |
| Clark, sr. | 531 | Boyd | 507 |
| Total | 3340 | Total | 3217 |

**The Standing of Section 2.**

| | W. | L. | Average. | Nigh Total | High |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Insurance | 7 | 1 | 59½ | 3591 | |
| Athenaeum N. | 4 | 4 | 536 | 3863 | |
| Q. O. R. | 4 | 4 | 519 | 4012 | |
| T. R. C. | 4 | 4 | 556 | 3353 | |
| Liederkranz | 3 | 5 | 630 | 3782 | |
| Highlanders | 2 | 6 | 520 | 3124 | |

**"Derry No Surrender."**

Derry No Surrender, No. 23, L.O.T.B., held their annual meeting last night at the residence of Bro. R. Steele, 4 St. David-place. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W.M., R. Steele; D.M., J. N. Wilkes; recording secretary, Joseph Lang, 310 Sackville-street; financial secretary, W. Robinson; treasurer, James McKay; chaplain, N. Stoner; D. of C., John McPherson; lecturer, W. Williams; committee, M. Phillips, W. Dawson, R. Ward, J. Patterson, E. Charlton; auditors, J. Ward, J. P. Robert. The retiring Master delivered an address. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

## LOCAL TOPICS.

Toronto Humane Society will meet this afternoon.

The injunction of W. A. Brady against M. S. Robinson was continued yesterday at Osgoode Hall.

The employes of D. Gunn Brothers & Co. presented a handsome clock to W. Murdock on the occasion of his recent marriage.

Surrogate proceedings took place yesterday in the estate of the late Richard Dalton, farmer, of Sutton, who died leaving 160 acres of land worth $3100 to his widow and children.

Chief Constable Broddy of Brampton yesterday wired High Constable Ramsden of York County to have a constable look out for a bay mare, buggy and harness, which were stolen on Wednesday night. County Constable Burns is making the search.

## PERSONAL.

Captain James McMaugh of the steamer Algonquin is in the city.

Mr. Thomas Flynn, manager of the Dominion Secret Service and Detective Agency, and who, for 20 years, was chief detective of the Grand Trunk Railway, is confined to his house by illness. His medical adviser states that it will be the 1st of February before he is able to leave his house.


Only those who have had experience can tell of the torture corns cause. Pain with your boots on, pain with them off—pain night and day; but relief is sure to those who use Holloway's Corn Cure. ed