BRITAIN EXASPERATED BY BOERS' SUCCESS.

The Ease With Which They Overrun Fresh Portions of Natal Daily and Isolate British Garrisons Causes Feelings of Humiliation.

The Attack on Mool River Camp Resumed To-day, But No Damage Done—London Puts No Credence In Report That Kruger Is Asking Terms---Britain Determined to Show Its Strength.

MOOI RIVER, Natal, Nov. 23.—10 a.m.—The Boers' guns began to shell the camp at 6 a.m. The British artillery is in position on high ground to the east, west and north of the station. The artillery duel was continued until 8, when it ceased for an hour. The Boers recommenced at 9, and dropped three shells into the camp.

They are still firing at intervals, with no damage, although their aim is good.

A patrol of Thorneycroft's Horse has returned from the direction of Rosetta, and reports all quiet there.

BRITAIN EXASPERATED.

Boers' Remarkable Advance Produces Humiliation in London.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The fact that fresh portions of Natal are being overrun daily by the Boers is producing exasperation in that colony and intense humiliation in Great Britain, where the idea of a possible extensive violation of British soil was so contemptuously dismissed in the early stages of the war. Operators on the stock exchange here are becoming nervous and the

CONTINUED FALL OF CONSOLS

exemplifies the restlessness of the market.

The rumors that a peace deputation from President Kruger is on its way to Cape Town for the purpose of ascertaining the terms upon which an immediate cessation of hostilities could be secured are discredited here, and it is said that if such a deputation has been sent it will meet with scant courtesy, as those who are conducting the war will be satisfied with nothing less than dictating terms of peace at Pretoria after a parade of British troops throughout the Transvaal.

BOERS REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

In the meanwhile from the scanty despatches which are dribbling in from the front, it is difficult to form an opinion of the true situation. The Boer invaders are occasioning constant surprise. They have already cut off two portions of the Ladysmith relieving force from their base of supplies, and with great rapidity are advancing upon Pietermaritzburg with Howitzers and other artillery.

General Clery's situation, it would appear, must be becoming intolerable, so serious fighting may be expected at any time, as the General must clear his line of communication in order to complete the concentration of the relieving force.

MOOI RIVER FIGHTING.

According to the latest reports from Natal the artillery duel was recommenced this morning at Mooi River. The statement that the British garrison there is only acting on the defensive appears to be an admission of weakness, and it is thought the troops may be at the mercy of the strong Boer forces reported in that neighborhood.

COLLISION IN THE WEST.

A collision may also be expected on the western frontier, within 48 hours, if it is true that General Methuen has started northward. He is certain to meet entrenched Boers both at Belmont and Modder River.

It is reported that Mafeking is suffering from lack of water and that fever is rife there.

GERMANS JOIN THE BOERS.

Advices from Lorenzo Marques say Transvaal recruiting officers have been visiting arriving steamers and have succeeded in enlisting three passengers from the German steamer Kaiser.

A force of Portuguese police has gone to Gazaland, where the natives are acting in a threatening manner. The stores at Koomatipoort have been looted.

TROOPS REACH DURBAN.

The British transports Pavonia and Cephalonia arrived at Durban to-day with about 3,000 troops, making the total arrivals of the first division 11,600 men. Another four thousand are expected within a few days.

UNCLE SAM'S NEUTRALITY.

Admiral Schley Ordered to Carefully Keep Away From South Africa.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The Herald's Washington correspondent says that Admiral Schley has been admonished not to visit any African port just now as the department does not desire to have any United States men-of-war in South African waters at present.

FREE STATERS WEAKEN.

The Majority of the People There are Averse to the War.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 22.—(Evening.)—The constant arrival of transports and the entraining of troops for the mysterious north are the chief incidents among the military.

Although the authorities exercise a strict watch over the transmission of news, it is permitted to say now that they are prepared to act against the Boer [illegible]ession in the north.

Although it is absurd to under rate the Free Staters, it is the opinion of many competent to judge that if a plebiscite were taken it would show a majority against war.

[illegible] and the [illegible] British attack on Colenso was prompted by his determination to put an end to the command [illegible] Mr. Schreiner loyally cooperating with the Governor.

BOERS [illegible]

[illegible] Surrounding the Transvaal Forces at Colesberg.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 22.—General French with [illegible] troops from the [illegible] with a force from [illegible], are hemming in the [illegible]. This will put an end to the [illegible] by the Boers in the north of part of the Cape Colony.

Colesberg, it is reported, is joining in the enemy's scheme of cutting the railway at Knapdaar(?) and attacking De Aar Junction.

SHELLED BY BOERS.

Accurate Shooting at Mool River Village, But Little Damage.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Mooi River station, telegraphing under date of yesterday, says:

A Boer force, estimated at from 3,000 to [illegible] men with a number of guns, have occupied a strong position at [illegible] Cutting, two miles north of Highlands.

The Boers started shelling the Mooi River village at 1.30 this afternoon. They were posted in two strong positions.

Their howitzers opened suddenly at a range of four miles. Their shooting was accurate. Most of the shell dropped into our camp, but the Boers could not get within rifle range.

We opened fire upon a party of 200 Boers, who were advancing under cover of their guns, and they immediately retired. A thunderstorm then interrupted the firing. We had three men wounded.

The Boers' second shell fell within a few yards of a detachment of British infantry, but the shells did little or no damage, and the firing continued at intervals of from three to four minutes.

The special correspondents are only permitted to describe Major-General Barton's camp at Mool River vaguely as "large" or "ample."

A serious attack on Mool River camp is now hourly expected, with the object of destroying the bridge at Weston. Should this be accomplished, the Boers would be free to turn their attention against Estcourt, while if it fails, the enemy would retire again on Weenen and join the investing forces around Ladysmith.

BOER REPORTS.

Joubert Tells of His Operations Around Ladysmith.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, Nov. 21.—The following despatch has been received from the Boer headquarters, near Ladysmith.

"The field cornets of the Pretoria commando reported that British gun carriages and some horsemen had been heard moving last night in Ladysmith. Our outposts observed the British endeavoring to sortie toward Lombard's Lop and Bulwana hill, where the Maxims opened fire. The range was too great, and therefore our artillery began shelling, which drove the British back.

"About daybreak the British batteries fired upon our position. Two burghers were wounded.

"It is supposed that the object of the sortie was to relieve the Estcourt forces, who had sent an urgent message to Ladysmith requesting aid. The burghers captured the messenger, but finally allowed him to proceed."

It is reported that the Natal police have captured a number of Transvaal despatch riders.

In his latest report General Joubert says: "I am cutting off the retreat of the Estcourt troops to Pietermaritzburg, and driving them back on the Tugela river."

It is also reported that the Boer commander with the forces near Ladysmith has "comprehensively surveyed the different points from which the fall of Ladysmith can be assured."

AT KIMBERLEY.

A Sortie Made by the British—Lord Methuen's Advance.

DE AAR, Nov. 22.—A despatch rider who has arrived here reports that all was well at Kimberley when he left that town.

A sortie was made on Nov. 16, and the British carried the advance works of the Boers. Nineteen of the enemy were killed. The British loss was one killed and eight wounded.

CROSSED THE ORANGE RIVER.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Daily Mail publishes a despatch from Naauwpoort, dated Wednesday, which says that a large force under Gen. Methuen has crossed the Orange River, and is advancing to the relief of Kimberley.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Daily Mail says this morning: We are able to confirm the report that orders have been issued to mobilize a sixth division at Aldershot for service in South Africa, or wherever it may be wanted."

DURBAN, Nov. 22.—About 3,000 Free State Boers, with guns, are marching from the west by way of Fort Nottingham. Fort Nottingham is half way between Estcourt and Pietermaritzburg, and some miles west of the railway line.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—An Australian, who wishes his name withheld, has given £10 000 to the war fund. A Britisher, who prefers to remain anonymous, has undertaken to defray the cost of distributing all gifts to troops in South Africa.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says that Lt.-Col. Gonetzki, of the Guards, and Gen. Seletz, formerly commanding the Grodno Hussars, have resigned from the Russian army for the purpose of serving under Gen. Joubert, the commander of the Transvaal Boers.

BOERS ON TO PIETERMARITZBURG, JOUBERT'S BRILLIANT STRATEGY BOERS HEMMED IN AT COLESBERG

Lord Methuen Reported to Have Crossed the Orange River—Another Sortie From Kimberley—A Sixth Army Corps May Be Assembled at Aldershot—Schreiner Proves His Loyalty by Informing President Steyn That His Life Will Pay the Penalty of Further Impressment of Loyal Subjects.

LONDON, Nov. 23, 4 a.m. — The Boers are now within forty miles of Pietermaritzburg, one report, indeed, placing them as far south as Nottingham road, a station 35 miles from the capital of Natal. They have seized the railway between Estcourt and Mool River, thus interposing between Hildyard's garrison of about 2,000 men at the former place, and Barton's command, numbering about the same, at the latter.

The Boers have wrecked the railroad at several points, and have secured valuable supplies by looting the farms throughout one of the most prosperous parts of Natal. Their strength is unknown.

The fact of their mounting guns seems to dispose of the idea that they are merely raiding and wrecking.

BRILLIANT TACTICS.

Joubert's Campaign Shows Him to Possess Extraordinary Skill.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Morning Post's military critic, who throughout the campaign has repeatedly laid bare the real inwardness of the situation, sees in the Boers' southward advance "a brilliant and daring effort to defeat the relieving column in detail, while still attempting the reduction of the place for which the relief is intended."

The critic continues: "Obviously, the isolation of Estcourt became most profitable to the enemy when there were just insufficient troops to hold it. Hence, it does not follow that by deferring his southward march until now Gen. Joubert missed the pregnant moment for his advance. On the contrary, if he is strong enough to succeed, success will count more for him now than earlier. The occupation of Weston a fortnight ago would not have given him the opportunity for a great stroke which it does to-day."

The critic ridicules the talk of irresponsible persons that Hildyard, after he had beaten the Boers, will sweep them into the Tugela River. He asks what he will sweep with, and says: "He has but a few irregular cavalry, who are excellent as scouts, but who are not of much use in sweeping many thousand men into a river. The fact is that any sweeping into the Tugela River is beyond the capacity of our forces north of Pietermaritzburg. If the Boers are beaten they will doubtless melt away, as they have always done when they were unhampered by cavalry, to turn up unconcernedly elsewhere. Even if they are decisively defeated they can fall back to Weenen, thence across the Tugela to the north, and regain touch with their investing force at Ladysmith."

ON TO PIETERMARITZBURG.

Rapid Advance of the Boers—Natal Dutch are Looting.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The Daily News has the following from H.S. Pearse, its war correspondent at Pietermaritzburg, under date of Wednesday:

"Your correspondent managed to escape from the Mool River district yesterday, before the arrival of 6,000 Boers, who are looting the farmsteads in all directions. The Natal Boers, encouraged by the success of the Transvaalers, join in the looting.

"The main body of the Boers made a rapid march from Ulundi, southwest of Estcourt, to a point near Fort Nottingham, south of the railway, in a single day.

"They are within 40 miles of Pietermaritzburg at the farthest, and it is thought they intend to attack the town."

A despatch to the Daily News from Nottingham Road, Natal, dated Tuesday, says the Boers have arrived near there.

HIS LIFE THE PRICE.

Steyn of the Orange Free State Called on to Stop Annexing.

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 22.—Prime Minister Schreiner's letter to President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, is worded very strongly. Mr Schreiner informs President Steyn that he will be held personally responsible with his life for the proclamation in the annexed districts of Cape Colony resulting in the forced enlistment of loyal colonists in the Boer ranks.

Sir Alfred Milner, Governor of Cape Colony, regards it as imperative to prevent the continuance of such an-

HUGE STEALS IN AFRICA

Vast Stretches of Valuable Territory Presented to Syndicates

BY A GERMAN OFFICIAL

Sensation Grows as it is Investigated—Parliament to Probe the Affair.

BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Investigation shows that the facts in the Kameroon scandal exceed the story made public by the Tageblatt, Nov. 8, when that paper said an apparently corrupt deal had taken place, by which the Chief of the Colonial Department gave away 80,000 square kilometers of Kameroon soil, estimated to be worth about 40,000,000 marks, to various high personages. The promoters first formed a company, and soon sold out to a new company formed at Brussels, and made up of Belgians, Englishmen and several Americans, for 18,000,000 francs. The concession, it further appears, really cost them nothing. The first company was named in the concession Sudekaremun. Prince Hohenlohe-Oehringen was one of the original concessioners. For this reason the Emperor forced his resignation as Chief Court Chamberlain.

The facts in the most recent grant of a concession are even worse. To a company called the Northwest Kamerun territory was conceded larger th[an] Bavaria. It lies in the hinterland of the Kameroons is extremely fertile, and includes valuable forests, worth a thousand times the obligations the company assumes towards the Empire. The entire financial obligation is only a hundred thousand marks contribution to the Lake Tchad expedition, while there are other undertakings to spend 5,000,000 marks within ten years in improvement of the tract, to construct roads, steamer lines, plantations and factories, all redounding to the benefit of the company.

The concession was granted for 60 years and is to be extended for 60 years more, if the company within 12 years constructs a railroad towards. At the expiration of the second term the immense tract becomes the company's property absolutely. The company also agrees to pay the Government a small share of its net profits. There is no provision that the company or a majority of its shareholders must be Germans.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learns from the Colonial Office, in explanation of the above that the present chief, Dr. von Buchka, adopted the British policy of getting big moneyed syndicates to take hold of the colonies on the prospect of large profits. It is understood that the whole affair will be thoroughly ventilated in the Reichstag, and that Dr. Von Buchka's days as an official are probably numbered.

THE CHANGE IN THE DEPARTMENTS

Ontario Cabinet Reconstructs the Business of the Portfolios.

THE TREASURY IS LIGHTENED

Immigration Changed to Colonization and Added to Mr. Davis' Office.

The Ontario Cabinet at its meeting yesterday afternoon readjusted the different branches. The changes are as follows:

The Treasury Department is relieved of the asylums, license branches and Division Courts.

The Crown Lands Department is relieved of colonization roads, game and insurance department, and has added to it the Department of Immigration, which will in future be known as colonization.

The Department of Public Works will have added to it the Division Courts' branch, while fish and game will be united, and will also be under Mr. Latchford's supervision.

The Attorney General's Department will be relieved of the Fisheries' branch, and to it will be added the Insurance branch and the Department of Neglected Children.

The Provincial Secretary's Department will be relieved of the Department of Neglected Children, and to it will be added the Asylums and Licenses.

The Department of Agriculture will be relieved of Immigration.

No change is made in the Education Department.

TO KNIFE BRYAN.

Eastern Democrats Put Up a Deal to Shut Him Out.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A story here says Senator Gorman and Governor-Elect Smith of Maryland have announced to Richard Croker that Maryland Democrats will lead in an anti-Bryan movement if any encouragement is offered them in this and other Eastern States, and that enough anti-Bryan delegates would be sent to the next National Convention to prevent the Nebraska leader from obtaining the two-thirds vote necessary for a nomination.

Sir John William Dawson, the famous ex-principal of McGill University, and a savan of world-wide repute, died at his residence in Montreal on Saturday, midnight. His powers had been gradually failing for the last six years, during which period he suffered several paralytic strokes. Lady Dawson, his son, Dr. G. E. Dawson, and his sister, Mrs. Harrington, were with him at the end.

The Minister of Justice has received communications from the members of the family of Robt. Mackie, the Napanee bank robber, asking for clemency in Mackie's case. Justice Ferguson, it will be remembered, sent Mackie to penitentiary for 14 years, while Pury and Holden got only four and three years at the second trial. Mackie's case will be kept in mind, but as he has only served ten months of his time no immediate action will be taken.

AGUINALDO WANTS PEACE.

But Independence Also, and Willing to Pay $20,000,000 to Uncle Sam for it.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—The World says its Hong Kong correspondent knows an American who lives in the Philippines, and who has recently seen Aguinaldo. He has been through the lines, and has been two weeks with the insurgent commander in chief.

Aguinaldo wants peace, and to get it he is willing to repay the $20,000,000 which the United States paid to Spain for the Philippines, and will consent to American soldiers remaining in Manila till the debt is cancelled. He wants a republic to consist of a president, congress and judiciary. The letter detailing the interview is dated Manila, October 14. It adds: Aguinaldo said that he had been repeatedly informed that McKinley would never consent to a compromise; that unconditional surrender was the only thing the American President would accept; that to conquer the Filipinos McKinley would expend a thousand millions of dollars in gold, and two hundred thousand lives of American soldiers."

CANADIAN

[illegible] new [illegible] hospital was formally opened on Thursday.

[illegible] Wm. Lynch fell into a vat of boiling dye and was terribly burned.

The Quebec Government will introduce a new liquor license law next session.

Arrangements have been made for reorganizing the Guelph Horticultural Society.

A meeting of the United States Consuls will be held at Hamilton on November 28.

It is said in Winnipeg that nominations for the local elections will be held Dec. 7.

Adam Cowman, a 4-year-old Brantford boy, slipped into the river and was drowned.

At the Brandon Assizes Hilda Blake pleaded guilty of the murder of Mrs Robert Lane.

The Bank of Hamilton directors have decided to add $500,000 to the capital stock of $1,500,000.

Peter Kearney, proprietor of the Kearney house, Brantford, died at Preston Thursday.

The Chinese laundry at Norwich was broken into and all the Chinaman's savings, over $200, stolen.

Ald. Wilson and Mathers are both definitely in the field as mayoralty candidates in Winnipeg.

Mr. William Wallace has sold the Orangeville Advertiser to Messrs. J.F. Dodds and Kenneth McKay.

Rev L. A. Mackenzie, of Chesley has been called by St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, Montreal.

The stables of John Smith, lot 25 con. 10, Zorra, were burned with 23 head of cattle horses and pigs.

Demmick Bros.' store at Fleming Assa., was entered by burglars, and $.60 taken from the cash drawer.

The Mikado mining office at Rat Portage was destroyed by fire, but the books and gold bricks were saved.

A new French Conservative morning paper will begin publication in Montreal the latter end of this month.

About 25 girls employed by the Eagle Knitting Company, at Hamilton, went on a strike over the [illegible] of wages.

Mayor Teetzel of Hamilton suggests holding the municipal nominations on Dec. 22 at 7.30 p.m., instead of at noon.

Judge Snider has quashed the Hamilton Police Magistrate's conviction of a hotelkeeper for selling ginger ale to a minor.

The Kingston Locomotive Works has been offered a bonus of $75,000 and a free site to move to a town outside of Ontario.

David Johnson, hardware merchant, one of the pioneer business men of Seaforth, dropped dead in his store Thursday.

Charles Foster, aged 21, an employe of the Dixon works at Ingersoll, was caught in the cog wheels on Saturday and killed.

The Kingston Locomotive Works will ask the city for a cash bonus of $75,000 for the purpose of retaining the works in the city.

Hilda Blake, the woman found guilty of the murder of Mrs. John Lane, of Brandon, has been sentenced to hang on December 27.

It is anticipated that Mr Frank Love will be appointed successor to the late Mr. E. Jones Parke, as Police Magistrate of London.

The Canadian Pacific Ry. announces a round trip rate of $40 to Eastern Canada from Manitoba points for the Christmas holidays.

The London, Ont., Trades and Labor Council has nominated a list of municipal candidates for every position except the Mayoralty.

Chas. Henry Moon, aged 65 years, was found dead in bed at his home in the township of Thurlow. The unfortunate man lived alone.

The County Crown Attorney has advised an inquest on the body of Peter Peterson, killed in the London (Ont.) Packing Co.'s establishment.

By the boiling over of a pot of inflammable mixture in J. A. Stuart's drug store in St. Catharines, a fire started which did $600 damage.

Representatives of a number of fraternal societies met in Hamilton and decided to hold a joint concert to raise money for the Lord Mayor's fund.

Constable Haridson of the Northwest Mounted Police at MacLeod was found dead with a bullet through his brain the day after his wedding.

New postoffices were opened in Ontario this month as follows: Franklin Corners and Plantaganet Springs, Prescott, Horncastle, North Victoria.

Hon. R. R. Dobell has forwarded to the Montreal Board of Trade a model of a turret steamship, such as he advocates for the fast Atlantic service.

The body of Alfred McEvers, who died suddenly at Iroquois and was buried at Cobourg, has been exhumed for the purpose of holding an inquest.

At a meeting of the leading millowners and lumber merchants of the Ottawa valley steps were taken to establish a uniform standard of grades.

The conference between the G.T.R. officials and the conductors and brakemen at Montreal resulted in an agreement entirely satisfactory to the men.

A message from Grand River, Gaspe county, announces the death at that place of Dr. Ennis, the Conservative candidate in the last Dominion election.

The Elder-Dempster & Co.'s steamship Merrimac is still unheard of, and the anxiety for the safety of the crew, ship and cargo is daily growing more acute.

A large meeting of Ottawa gentlemen of both political parties has decided to banquet Hon. F. R. Latchford on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 12.

The Hamilton Trades and Labor Council decided to support by the members' patronage those merchants who close their stores early on Saturday nights.

E. H. Lloyd, who was arrested in London, Eng., for the embezzlement of $1,500 from S. Carsley & Co., Montreal, has been sent [illegible] three years in the penitentiary.

The Dominion Steamship Co. has received notification that the British Government has chartered their big steamship Canada to transport troops to South Africa.

Mr. A. D. MacTier, general baggage agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, has been appointed to the newly-created position of general fuel agent of the company.

Mr. Robert Linton, one of the best known dry goods merchants of Montreal, is dead. He was for many years a partner of George Stephen, now Lord Mount Stephen.

The Manitoba branch of the Dominion Alliance has issued a manifesto reviewing the acts of the members of the Local House. It favors a prohibition candidate in Cypress.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dominion Steel Co at Montreal, Mr Alfred Moxham of Lorain, Ohio, was appointed general superintendent of the company's works at Sydney, C.B.

Lt.-Col. Ward of Barrie has received word from St. John's, Nfld., that his baggage had not been recovered from the Scotsman. The Colonel places his loss at $1,000.

The trial of Mr. William Weir, charged with furnishing the Government with a false statement of the affairs of La Banque Ville Marie, has commenced in Montreal.

It is now said that Hon. Mr. Tarte is seeking to secure the nomination in [illegible] county [illegible] Hon. C. [illegible] to be appointed [illegible] of Montreal.

[illegible] to his office Mr. G. W. Ratison, Mayor of Toronto [illegible] and fell on the street. Heart trouble is supposed to be the cause of his illness.

Trinity Church, at St. John, N.B., was entered by safe-crackers, who blew open the safe in the vestry and stole $15. They also did a lot of damage to the church property.

[illegible] William Reid, of Hamilton, [illegible] that city a week ago Monday on a week's vacation, presumably to go to Detroit, but he has not shown up at police headquarters since.

Winnipeg Grain Exchange has fixed the following grades for export through American seaboard ports: One hard, two hard, three hard, two white oats and two mixed oat.

The man who was found murdered beside the G.T.R. track about half a mile from Forest, Ont., on Sunday morning last, is believed to have been an Ottawa man, George Kirkwood.

At Kingston, Mrs. (Colonel) Bunbury, while attempting to mount her horse, met with an accident. The animal became frightened and shied, throwing her off, and breaking her arm.

When Duncan McGowan, aged 15, son of John McGowan, ex-M. P. P., was out hunting near Arthur, on Saturday, his gun kicked, struck him in the head and inflicted fatal injuries.

Alderman T. G. Mathers, Mayoralty candidate, has resigned the presidency of the Winnipeg Liberal Association, on the ground that municipal government should be free from party politics.

The writs have been issued for the Provincial bye-elections in South Ontario, South Brant, East Elgin and West Elgin. Polling takes place on December 12, and nominations a week earlier.

At a meeting of the Kingston Union of Carpenters it was decided that after January 1 next nine hours would constitute a day's work. The rate of wages will be fixed at a later meeting.

A pig upset a lantern and started a fire which destroyed the fine barns occupied by A. Priest and owned by Mr. Ruthven, near Minesing, along with the entire season's crop and farm implements.

The Magistrate's investigation at Rat Portage into the supposed murder case resulted in the discharge of Howson, as evidence was produced that Quinn had been seen in Winnipeg on Sunday.

Winnipeg has two of her boys with the British troops under Gen. White at the besieged town of Ladysmith. They are sons of the late Mr. Rice M. Howard, formerly inspector of offices for the Manitoba Government.

There is a possibility, when the trans-Siberian railway is completed in about a year, of a direct line of steamers being established between Vancouver and Vladivostock, the Pacific port of Siberia.

The Soldiers' Wives' League in Montreal have already ten families to whom assistance is being rendered out of the soldiers' fund. The amount subscribed by the citizens of Montreal has reached $8,000.

Oliver Mann, who last December was sent to Kingston Penitentiary for two years from Ottawa, has been pardoned. Mann was short in his cash when he was acting cashier at the Ottawa waterworks office.

It is said the Senate vacancies for the Province of Quebec, caused by the deaths of Messrs. Price and Bellerose, will be filled by the appointment of Dr. Lachapelle, of Montreal, and Mr. Grenier, of Quebec.

At the North Bruce Conservative Convention, held at Tara, Mr. Alex. McNeill, M.P., was re-nominated for the Commons, and Mr. D. M. Jermyn was chosen as the candidate for the Legislative Assembly.

A feature of the Winnipeg campaign will be Premier Greenway's negotiations with the Northern Pacific Railway in the matter of assistance for the extension of that company's branches in Manitoba.

Township Clerks from Windsor to Montreal have been requested by Clerk Wrigley of North Dumfries to meet in Fraser's Hall, Galt, on Dec. 12. The object is to secure effective cattle guards on railways.

The Quebec Legislature will, it is said, be called together for the despatch of business on Jan. 11, and this is taken in Montreal as one more indication that the Federal elections have been indefinitely postponed.

At the meeting of district officers commanding, at Ottawa, Gen. Hutton asked the colonels present to provide themselves with the new flat-topped German forage cap in place of the style worn at present.

Henry Metcalfe, Port Nelson, is suing Banker Richard J. Baxter of Burlington for damages for the alleged conversion of the plaintiff's farm to the defendant's own use, and for selling the farm without authoirty.

Evan Robson, mate of the schooner Maple Leaf, was knocked overboard near Port Stanley during Friday night, and his brother the captain launched a boat to pick him up, but nothing has been since heard of them.

Inspector Reazin's little son was killed, and his nurse, Lizzie Lepine, was badly wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of Walter Whitefield, a 13-year-old boy, of Cambray, in Victoria county.

On Dec. 11 the freeholders of Tottenham Village will vote on a by-law to raise $16,000, of which $15,000 is to be loaned to Jas. Steele, furniture dealer, Montreal, to assist him in erecting in Tottenham a furniture factory.

The Center Winnipeg Conservatives nominated Mr. A. J. Andrews, the retiring Mayor, to oppose Hon. Col. McMillan. The nomination was accepted by Mr. Andrews, who declared himself as favorable to Government ownership of railways.

Deputy game wardens and hunters from Muskoka and Parry Sound district report that most of the deer secured this year were shot in the water. They also report open violation of the close season fishing laws on Moon River.

The bankrupt stock in the Frederick T. Watkins store, of Hamilton, was sold at auction to W. Robinson, of Galt, at 70 cents on the dollar. The stock is valued at $125,000. There were several bidders, among them Mr. G. A. Case, of Toronto.

The bar of Ottawa County, Quebec, at a meeting in Hull passed a resolution by which certain notaries, bailiffs and students infringing upon the rights of the lawyers by practising as solicitors or collectors will be warned to desist from such usurpation in future.

Enoch James, doing business under the name of the Montreal Roofing Co., has assigned. His assets include movables to the value of $6,528.13. The claims of secured and privileged claims of secured and privileged creditors amount to about $20,000.

Motorman Freeman Talbot has been arrested at London on a charge of having caused grievous bodily harm to Col. Leys. Talbot was in charge of a car which collided with the buggy in which Col. Leys and Mr. W. H. Cuttle were sitting.

Peter Peterson, engineer at the Canadian Packing Co.'s factory, London, Ont., met his death while oiling some shafting. He was caught in the belting and had both legs taken off, his arms broken and his head and body badly crushed.

[illegible] of Victor [illegible] committed suicide [illegible] son of the late [illegible] the [illegible] last evening of that city.

"There will be no general elections until after another session," said a prominent Liberal Monday morning. An election was decided on some months ago, but plans have changed, and an appeal will not be made to the people until next June at least."

Capt. [illegible] of Montreal, whose prospective course at Aldershot was interrupted by the 2nd Black Watch being ordered to South Africa, has called for England to endeavor to secure permission from the War Office to follow the 2nd to Africa.

The Corporation of Ottawa has declined to foot the bill for lighting the Rockliffe range at the annual matches last August. The city takes the view that having furnished water to the riflemen, it has about done all that can reasonably be expected from it.

Mr. Joseph Stratford, general manager of the Farmers' Binder Twine Company of Brantford denies the statement of Mr. Fulton, of the Consumers' Company, that the Brantford company earned its big dividend by selling fibre instead of manufacturing.

Jos. Hollingsworth, a carder at the Slingsby woollen mills at Brantford, was pulling some waste stuff out of a carding machine when his left arm was caught and drawn into the machine, the flesh being torn from his arm from the wrist nearly up to the elbow.

It is a matter of gossip in military circles that the Major-General commanding has been for some time back anxious to secure the appointment of an Imperial officer as Inspector of Canadian cavalry, but Hon. F. W. Borden declined to sanction the proposal.

President Barker, Capt. Fairgrieve, and R. O. Mackey of the Hamilton Board of Trade, left this evening for Ottawa to join the marine section of the Toronto Board of Trade in protesting to the Government against the suspension of the Canadian Coasting laws.

W. B. Hamilton, a commercial traveller, well known in the Maritime Provinces, and for some time past employed by Frank Squires & Co., pork packers, of Boston, shot himself in his room at the New Victoria Hotel, Halifax, Friday night. He lived at Yarmouth, N. S.

Wallace Slaght of Townsend, who was caught stealing grain from a neighbor and fired at a constable, was sentenced at Brantford to one year in prison. The sentence would have been heavier but for the fact that the prisoner has a wife and five small children depending on him.

At the London Assizes Miss Mary Patrick was awarded $1,500 damages against the Grand Trunk Railway for injuries received in a collision. M. D. Chambers secured a verdict of $200, and his wife of $90, against the Street Railway Company for injuries received in a collision with a trolley.

Col. Charles E. Turner, Consul-General of the United States, has interviewed the Minister of Justice regarding the case of Arthur G. Goddard, an insane murderer now in the criminal ward of the asylum at New Westminster. Goddard's friends want him put in an American asylum.

Restigouche County Liberal Convention, held at Dalhousie to select a candidate for the next Federal election, unanimously selected Hon. A. G. Blair. This tends to confirm the report that since Mr. Blair's constituency of Queen's and Sunbury had invited Mr. Foster to run against the Minister, Mr. Blair has been looking for a seat elsewhere.

In connection with the action Gauld v. Cataract Power Co., a writ was issued by Nesbitt, Gauld & Dickson, on behalf of John Moodie, Jr., against the Cataract Power Co. to set aside letters patent issued by the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council, granting further powers to the Cataract Power Co.

At a crowded public meeting held in the Rossland City Hall Mr. W. A. Carlyle, the chief engineer of Le Roi, on the occasion of his leaving the camp to take charge of the Rio Tinto mine in Spain, was presented with a silver service and centerpiece by Mayor Goodeve on behalf of the citizens of Rossland.

Some anxiety is felt at Montreal because the Elder-Dempster Company's steamer Merrimac, which sailed from Quebec for Belfast 21 days ago, has not been reported. At the office of the company there was no special fear, as it was expected that the Merrimac would cross very slowly, having been repaired at Quebec after grounding at Anticosti.

At Orangeville, while practising shooting, Fred. Mason, aged 16, and Geo. Truman, aged 14, became involved in a dispute as to whose turn it was to shoot. In the scuffle for the possession of the rifle it was accidentally discharged, the ball taking effect in Mason's groin and passing upward into his bowels, inflicting a fatal wound.

A man named Geo. Howeson or Houston has been arrested at Rat Portage, charged with murdering John Quinn, a merchant tailor, with whom he had lately been employed in Norman. Quinn disappeared on Friday night, after a quarrel with Howeson, and the latter cannot satisfactorily account for his absence.

The identity of the man who committed suicide by jumping over Niagara Falls Monday has undoubtedly been established. Rev. A. Wickham, pastor of the Baptist church at Ischua, Cattaraugus county, has been missing since Sunday morning last, and a description of the minister tallies exactly with that of the suicide.

There was a remarkable instance of longevity at Montreal Thursday. Jean Baptiste Prevost, aged 106 years, and his sister-in-law, Esther Pilon, aged 88 years, arrived from St. Ann's, where they had spent the summer, descended unaided from the train and entered a carriage by themselves to the astonishment of the spectators.

The St. Catharines Board of Trade has reorganized with these officers: President, William Chaplin, vice-president, Robert McLaren; secretary, J. B. McIntyre; treasurer, Hy. J. Taylor; council, Dr. L. S. Ollie, George S. Carlisle, George Purch, James A. McSloy, George Armstrong, O. W. Hodgetts, A. McLaren, Wm. Thomson, H. H. Collier.

Relatives of John James, who was shot by Charles Fralick at Kingston, have employed counsel to urge the Attorney-General to further investigate the shooting, holding the opinion that the inquest should have been adjourned for the purpose of giving the police an opportunity of finding the companions of James, hearing their evidence and learning more of the facts of the tragedy before a verdict was arrived at.

A party of five engineers working under the direction of Mr. Henry F. Macleod, member of the Institution of Civil Engineers of England, has just completed the soundings in Lake Deschenes, to determine the route of the Ottawa & Georgian Bay Canal. The party were successful in locating a channel of a uniform depth, sufficient to meet the requirements of the proposed canal. The survey is now completed from the Georgian Bay, and the engineers report a 14-foot channel can be secured throughout the entire distance, without encountering any great engineering difficulties in the land formation or in the water system.