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THE GAS MONOPOLY.

George W. Ross is Found by His Oath to the Queen to Have Her Gas Bill Reduced.

The following letter might well pass between the parties concerned to-day: Toronto, Jan. 2, 1900.

William Mulock, Esq., M.A., Q.C., M.P., LL.B. Postmaster-General of Canada:

My Dear William: I find myself very busy these days since I assumed the Premiership of Ontario; The World newspaper especially is keeping me busy with suggestions as to what I ought to do in the interests of the people. For one thing, it has been kicking up a row about the price of gas paid by the consumers of that article in the city of Toronto...

I was still further surprised to find, on sending down to the Public Accounts Office and I am, as Treasurer, head of the Public Accounts Office, that almost the largest if not the largest consumer of gas in the city of Toronto, is the Province of Ontario, whose Treasurer I am, and for whom I have sworn to get a full penny's worth for each penny.

I was also further surprised to find that the gas company, by this charter, is called a "consumers" gas company, and that it was started originally in the interests of the gas consumers. Now, I believe that it is run in the interests of the shareholders, which makes the term somewhat facetious.

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PATIENT UNDER GALLING FIRE. Graphic Sketch of Sunnyside Laager Fight, in Which Our Boys Proved True.



Capt. Barker.

Belmont, Cape Colony, Monday, Jan. 1.-A despatch from Dover Farm, dated Jan. 1, says: The colonial troops, who have been longing to be allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so, and scored a brilliant success. The raid conducted by Col. Pilcher...

Patrols Fired On. In the manoeuvre at Cook's Farm, Col. Pilcher sent mounted patrols east. One of these, consisting of 100 men, commanded by Lieut. Adie, suddenly encountered 14 Boers, who opened fire.

Picky Private. Another private, whose horse had bolted, pluckily returned to render assistance. He was wounded in the leg, and his horse was killed.

Vale Was Clear. Meanwhile Lieut. Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the vale to the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major De Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot.

TORONTONIANS' FIRST BUSH. Under Col. Pilcher a Boer Laager Was Captured and 40 Prisoners Taken.

London, Jan. 2.-The War Office has received the following from Cape Town, under to-day's date: "Col. Pilcher reports through the officer commanding at the Orange River: 'I have completely defeated a hostile command at the Sunnyside laager, this day, Jan. 1, taking the laager and 40 prisoners, besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieut. Adie wounded.

How It Occurred. Belmont, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.-A despatch from the Associated Press representative at Dover Farm, dated Jan. 1, says: 'A mounted force of 300 British and 200 Queenlanders, commanded by Col. Rickards, two days ago, marched to the Sunnyside laager, under Lieut. Adie, and 200 of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the whole commanded by Col. Pilcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset.

Approached the Boers. At 6 o'clock this morning the force approached a spot where a laager of the Boers was reported. Col. Pilcher, on an opposing force, detached Major De Rougemont, 40 mounted infantry under Lieut. Ryan, and 200 of the Cornwall Light Infantry, the whole commanded by Col. Pilcher, left Belmont yesterday at noon on a march westward, covering 20 miles before sunset.

Other Sections Fought. The British artillery shelled the position lying to the west, and the Queenlanders, with mounted infantry, worked round and completely overpowered the Boers, who had been hidden in the bushes.

Queenlanders Were Game. Meanwhile Col. Pilcher, near the Queenlanders, taking advantage of every cover. The Boers left their laager and opened fire, but the Queenlanders compelling the...

Jack Bull of the Navy to John Atkins Bull of the Army: You go right ahead, old man, and polish off those Boers and I'll see that none of these 'ere European blokes interferes.

Knock-down for Machine Artillery Leaves City for Kingston. Result of the Toronto Mayoralty Election Made a Big Sensation in Winnipeg. A Victory for the People.

Tribe Says the Heant is a Signal Sent Lesson for the Canadian People. Winnipeg, Jan. 2.-[Special.]-Intense interest was manifested here in the Toronto mayoralty contest. The Tribune tonight says editorially: Another great victory for the cause of the people has been scored in Canada.

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Enthusiastic Farewell. The send-off was marked by no ostentatious display. It was striking in contrast to the grand civic demonstration given in honor of the Toronto members of the first contingent, but those who did see it were just as heartily and enthusiastically as possible.

Continued on Page 2. COOK'S TURKISH BATHS-204 KING W. IRISH CONSTABULARY ARMED. Military Authorities at Dublin Have Taken Extra Precautions-Constantly Guarded.

Dublin, Jan. 3.-Extra precautions have been adopted by the military authorities here. The constabulary has been fully armed. The sentries from sundown to morning have been increased at the barracks. Patrols march around, and all traces of absence are suspended.

Bilzard in Pennsylvania. Corry, Pa., Jan. 2.-The Bilzard which has raged in Northwestern Pennsylvania for the past 10 days continues. Since last midnight about 15 inches of snow has fallen, the roads leading into this city being impassable.

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