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## Public Debt Decreased.

The Montreal Shareholder, in an article showing the financial standing of the Dominion, says: "It must be highly satisfactory to the people of the Dominion to know that the public debt, instead of being greatly increased, as they have been led to infer by some of the croakers who make it a rule to avail themselves of every opportunity to parade their views, is being decreased, and that at the end of May last the net public debt of the Dominion was lower than at the end of both April and May, 1899, the decrease in the former being \$235,559, and that in the latter \$1,509,412."

Considering the amount that the country has been called on to spend to deepen the canals of the St. Lawrence—an imperative public improvement—to add in the settlement of the newer parts of the country, and to provide means for getting our products to the markets of the world in the best possible condition, to say nothing of the splendid aid that has been given to the motherland by the sending of the several contingents to South Africa, those in authority at Ottawa ought to be congratulated on the results of their management of public affairs.

The country has prospered and advanced. The people have shown confidence in the statesmen they have charged with the management of its national affairs, and the Dominion has been so advertised by its trade policy in favor of the motherland, as to secure for Canadian products such attention in the markets of Great Britain as is of immense benefit to our producers.

There is thus good cause for the felicitations of our non-political contemporaries in its demonstration that all this is being done without adding to the indebtedness of the country.

## An Experience in Scotland.

But one member in the Canadian Parliament questioned the course of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in proposing a message of congratulation to Her Majesty on the success of British arms in South Africa. There is no such unanimity in public gatherings in the old land, an earnest study of their proceedings has convinced us. For example, the Edinburgh Scotsman of last week has the following:

"A gratifying incident occurred in the Free Church Assembly on Saturday, which showed that less than half the members present were pro-Boers. In other aspects the incident might be regarded as unfortunate. It was held to be regrettable that anything like a political discussion should arise over a loyal address to the Queen, and some people may be sorry to learn that there are so many pro-Boers in the Free Church. What happened was that a committee, headed by Dr. Stewart of Lovedale, presented for approval an address to the Queen, which made mention of the South African war as 'unhappy and unavoidable.' Exception was at once taken to the word 'unavoidable.' Mr. Macneilage did not want to be committed to that word, and many agreed with him. A show of hands showed 62 for the word and 60 against it. Mr. Macneilage demanded a division by the door, but under the advice of Principal Rainy and the moderator, Dr. Stewart withdrew the offensive word. Of course, it is a pity that so many Free Church ministers and elders should still cherish pro-Boer sympathies, and be so blind to the revelations of the last six or seven months as still to think that any wise policy or statesmanship on our part should have averted the necessity of sooner or later subduing and disarming the Boers. But, as has been said, it is satisfactory to see that the pro-Boers are not more, and are probably much less, than half of the Free Church office-bearers."

The pro-Boers in Canada are decidedly in the minority. They are few in numbers, but they might have been larger if the effort to suppress free speech had been successful. The great safety-valve of a free people is free speech. When mistaken men are allowed their say and courageously met, their influence for harm is very small.

## Then and Now.

Late reports from the Yukon say there is no let-up to the yield of gold. One statement is that the yield for this year will be \$20,000,000, and another says it is estimated at \$30,000,000.

But the other day the San Francisco speculators and their friends, the Opposition in the Canadian Parliament, were bemoaning the fact that the Yukon was made to pay its way by means of the collection of royalty on all yields over \$5,000 in amount. They told the country that if the royalty was not abolished, and the money for running the Yukon, of course, paid by the taxpayers generally, everything there would go to the dogs.

The Minister of the Interior, however, better interpreted public sentiment, and the Government at Ottawa backed him up.

We now see, by results, that the bogey of those opposed to the imposition of the royalty was raised by the rich alien speculators, who begrudged the Canadian people getting as much out of the Yukon as would supply effective government for the protection of life and property.

It is a good thing that we have a Government in power that cannot be stamped by greedy speculators. If we had, we would have a duplication of the timber limit distribution which took place in the eighties under the late administration at Ottawa. We would, as then, have heavy expenditures in looking after the public do-

main, and protecting the interests of the taxpayers, and the needed funds to do so would come out of the taxpayers generally instead of being collected, as is now the case, from the beneficiaries.

## Pekin.

Though the city of Peking, on which all eyes are now centered, has 1,000,000 inhabitants, the railway is not allowed to go nearer it than five miles from the walls, such is the hatred of this abominable innovation! The city stands in a desert, without sewers and without a public water supply. The declaration that the filth of the place smells most offensively and that it is almost unbearable to foreigners can readily be credited. The journey from the station to the sacred city is made over the worst possible kind of road in a jolting Chinese country cart. Indeed, everything in China seems to be so ordered as to make the movement of the people as slow, difficult, and uncomfortable as possible. Time is of no account with John Chinaman.

Sir Charles Tupper says he has no use for the independent in politics. No doubt of it; the independent in politics say they have really no use for Sir Charles. This is reciprocity.

Luke Green, a traveler in Rhodesia, maintains that he drove off a troop of five lions and many hyenas, which had attacked him, and were not frightened by his gun, by firing English periodicals at them. This experience is noteworthy. Wonder what effect a seven-hours' speech by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper would have on the average beasts in Rhodesia? It has the quality of driving away from his neighborhood even his best friends, when delivered in Ottawa.

When in almost the same day and on the same facts Laurier is denounced by the Orange Grand Master (Hon. Clark Wallace, Conservative M. P. for West York) as too little of a Britisher, and by French-Canadian Conservatives as too much of a Britisher, the Prime Minister has probably not much the matter with him.—Quebec Telegraph.

That is a reasonable deduction. Nevertheless, the despicable warfare engaged in by these fomenters of strife is none the less worthy of condemnation. The object in both cases is vote-getting, and that by means that no patriotic Canadian can defend. We believe, however, that the large majority of the Canadian people will stand by the Prime Minister in opposition to his traducers.

## The Boers

Gathering in Force in Front of Gen. Rundle.

Interruption of the Enemy's Flow of Supplies From Delagoa Bay.

Lord Roberts Getting Huts for 30,000 Men—The Wakkerstroom Surrender.

London, Wednesday, June 20—3:25 a.m.—The Boers are gathering in force in front of Gen. Rundle near Ficksburg. His forces stretch forty miles. As some parts of the line are weakly held, the British fear that the Boers may break through. Outpost skirmishes are of daily occurrence. The Boers there are commanded by Devilliers and Hermann. Mr. Steyn is at Bethlehem, the temporary capital of the Free State.

## FLOW OF ENEMY'S SUPPLIES CHECKED.

According to dispatches from Lorenzo Marquez, dated yesterday, the Malana bridge has been destroyed. An account says it was blown up. Another asserts that it was undermined by a patrol from Swaziland, and so collapsed under the weight of a train. This will temporarily interrupt the flow of supplies to the Boers from Lorenzo Marquez.

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times says: "Three escaped British prisoners are believed to have tampered with Malana bridge. A freight train pitched into the stream, and two men were killed."

WIRELESS MAY HAVE BEEN CUT. The Daily Mail points out that it is quite possible the wires have again been cut in Lord Roberts' rear, as no dispatch later than June 16 has been received.

The casualties made public by the war office, including a long list of missing, show British losses in engagements hitherto not reported. In an attack on a reconstruction train at Loewu Spruit on June 14 three were killed, five wounded and sixty captured. Loewu Spruit is 40 miles north of Kroonstad. This was the day of the Zand River fight, 80 miles distant. Another list shows 9 wounded and 11 missing, in an action at Vrededorp on June 7, no previous mention of which had been made.

WAKKERSTROOM'S SURRENDER. A dispatch from Volksrust, Transvaal, dated June 19, says: "The town of Wakkerstroom has surrendered to the British, and a number of Mausers, with several rifles of American manufacture, have been handed in. Gen. Hildyard has returned here."

HUTS FOR ROBERTS' MEN. The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing June 16, says that Lord Roberts is getting huts for 30,000 men, and is arranging transport for a portion of his army, although his plans are not to take effect immediately.

## KRUGER'S BOOTY.

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Daily Express says: "A German-American, well known to the New York police, is alleged to have planned

a desperate attempt to steal some of the bar gold from a truck attached to President Kruger's traveling car. He is said to have carried off some bars before he was discovered."

## The Canadians

HAD NO PICNIC.

Kroonstad, May 20, via London, June 18.—The two battalions of Canadian Mounted Rifles started for Pretoria this morning. They again constitute a portion of the advance guard of the invading army. One hundred men from each battalion returned yesterday from a 60-mile march in a semi-circle through the adjacent country, in the course of which they captured 24 prisoners, among them a commandant, several field cornets and four members of the Johannesburg Mounted Police. Col. Hermer, who has been ill at Cape Town, came up just before we started, ready to resume command, but because of the colonel's age, his recent illness and the arduous nature of the work in which the Mounted Rifles were likely to be engaged, Major-General Hutton decided to maintain Col. Evans in command. Major Howe remained behind in the remount depot.

## A WEEK OF IT.

Kroonstad, May 13, via London, June 18.—Globe's special service.—A B. C. and D Squadrons of the Canadian Mounted Rifles came into Kroonstad yesterday after seven days' hard marching and continuous fighting. A Squadron, under Major Forrester, being among the first of the British troops to enter the town. They were a portion of the advance guard of Lord Roberts' main army, and fought daily from Brandfontein to Zand River, a distance of almost 100 miles.

## LUCKY FEATS.

Among the plucky feats performed by some of the Canadian forces, the swimming of the Vet River by five men, who put 40 Boers to flight, Lieuts. Taylor, Van Straubenzie and Cosby were in a tight place on one occasion, three separate occasions, but extricated their men with miraculously good luck. The only casualties so far sustained are Capt. Pearce, Lieut. Van Luyck and Trooper McCulloch, Ferguson, Brown and Wildman, all wounded, none of them, however, more than slightly, a marvelously lucky record, considering the fighting in which they have been engaged. Four troops under Capt. McDowell undertook to dig up a culvert north of Smaldef a few nights ago, and succeeded after overcoming great difficulties, but the Boers had moved their guns and baggage, which would otherwise have certainly fallen into our hands. As it was, the achievement was a brilliant one. The troops engaged in this undertaking were in the saddle continuously for 24 hours.

## The Settlement

MUST BE FINAL.

London, June 20.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain addressed a meeting of the Woman's Liberal-Unionist Association yesterday. "Now that the war is concluding," he said, "all were unanimous that whatever the final settlement might be it must be final, and should not leave behind it the seeds of further mischief."

Referring to continental criticism, Mr. Chamberlain, after remarking that England always expected this, went on to say: "But there are quarters whence even a note of disapproval would be a matter of serious concern. I refer to our colonies and to the United States. I think we are happy in that we have their good opinion and approval. It is true this good opinion of the United States is not unmixled with other sentiments. I will not now enter upon the causes, partly political and partly sentimental, which have led certain Americans to sympathize with what they call a republic, although its whole existence and whole practice has been one perpetual denial of the principles upon which their great republic is founded. I believe the great majority of the Anglo-American people that our aims in this war are as high and unselfish as those which animated themselves in the Spanish-American struggle. They fought then for justice and liberty, not for their own selfishness, indeed, but for those whom they believed to be the victims of oppression; and we did not enter into quizzical disquisitions or technical discussions, but recognized that they were carrying out, as Anglo-Saxons, a great work of civilization and humanity. Now we are asking their sympathy, and we believe that in the long run we shall gain the final seal of their approval."

Major F. H. Edmunds, of Gen. Lee's staff, is dead in Havana from yellow fever.

Work on the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway extension began at St. Catharines.

LIKE A flash of lightning, sudden and startling, disease strikes down many a man. Yet there have been warnings upon warnings, unheeded. Food has lain like a heavy weight in the stomach after eating. There have been belchings, bitter risings in the mouth, nervousness, sleeplessness and growing irritability. Instead of listening to these warnings, recourse has been had to some of the nerve numbing palliatives that cover but never cure disease. Many serious diseases begin in a diseased condition of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. For such diseases there is one medicine which rarely fails to effect a complete cure. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures all ninety-eight per cent. of all who give it a fair and faithful trial. It is a temperance medicine and contains no alcohol.

"I was afflicted with what the doctors called nervous indigestion," writes Mr. Thos. G. Lever, of Lever, Richmond Co., S. C. "I took medicine by my family physician to no avail. In looking over one of Dr. Pierce's Memorandum Books, I found my case described exactly. I wrote to you and made a statement. You sent me a descriptive list of questions, also some hygienic rules. I carried those out as best I could, but thought myself incurable as I suffered so much with pain under my ribs and an empty feeling in my stomach. At night would have cold or hot feet and hands, alternately. I was getting nervous and suffered a great deal mentally, thinking that death would soon claim me. Always expected something unusual to take place, was irritable and impatient, and greatly reduced in flesh. I could scarcely eat anything that would not produce a bad feeling in my stomach. After some consultation, owing to my prejudices against patent medicines, I decided to try a few bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. After taking a few bottles several bottles of each, found I was improving. I continued for six months or more, and on and on until I was cured."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are a positive cure for constipation.

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BARGAIN  
DAY

## Thursday Bargain Day.

The prices given here should be carefully read by everybody. The reasons leading up to these conditions should be appreciated by the entire buying public. As manufacturers, we have always quite a number of odds and ends of materials made up into irregular lots, and sold at about half value. Odd Coats, Odd Vests, Odd Smocks, Odd Bicycle Pants. Every small odd line must disappear.

## MEN'S SUITS.

Elegant Fine Imported Tweed, fancy and plain Worsted Suits—no merchant tailor could produce one of them for three times the price. Regular \$13.00; Thursday, Bargain Day..	\$8 93
Youths' All-Wool Tweed Suits, sizes 33 to 35. Regular \$7.50; Bargain Day.....	\$4 93
Boys' 3-Piece Suits, in high-grade goods. Regular \$6.50; Bargain Day.....	\$4 93
Boys' 2-Piece Suits, in single and double breasted, tweeds and serges. Regular \$3.50; Bargain Day.....	\$1 98
Men's Imported Tweed and Worsted Pants, about 20 pairs. Regular price \$3.00; Bargain Day.....	\$1 95
Men's Mole Overalls, all sizes, regular \$1.03. Bargain Day.....	75c
Men's Colored Print Shirts, all the newest shades and patterns, Regular 75c; Bargain Day.....	48c
70 only, Boys' Washing Suits, white duck, fancy trimming, large sailor collar. Regular \$1.00; Bargain Day.....	59c

## BOYS' VESTEE SUITS.

Sizes 21 to 26, about 22 suits, large sailor collar, all new spring goods. Regular price \$4.75; Bargain Day..	\$2 93
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## COSTLY BLAZES

Bloomington, Ill., Suffers to the Extent of \$1,000,000.

Bloomington, Ill., June 19.—Five blocks of the best business buildings, located in the heart of Bloomington, were destroyed by the fire which started at 12:30 o'clock this morning. McLennan county court house, valued at \$400,000, is a total wreck; the records were saved. Nearly 50 firms were burned out. It is estimated that the losses will foot up between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. Two firemen are missing, and are believed to have been buried in the ruins.

New York, June 19.—The Miner, a five-story apartment house at Sixty-third street and Madison avenue, was badly damaged by fire early today. There were many narrow escapes, but no one was injured. Loss, \$30,000.

Pearce, Ark., June 19.—News is received here of the destruction of the entire plant of the Commonwealth Mining Company by fire. The fire caught from oil which was used as fuel. The loss is \$500,000. The men in the shaft were saved by the bravery of the engineer. Negotiations are pending for the sale of the mine to an English syndicate. Experts have just completed the examination. It is rumored that the property had been accepted at \$2,000,000.

## "Delays Are Dangerous."

A small pimple on your face may seem of little consequence, but it shows your blood is impure, and impure blood is what causes most of the diseases from which people suffer. Better heed the warning given by the pimple and purify your blood at once by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine cures all diseases due to bad blood, including scrofula and salt rheum.

The non-irritating cathartic—Hood's Pills.

There are only 21 vessels over 1,000 tons in all the Siamese navy. The largest is the cruiser Maha Chakiri, of 3,000 tons.

PAIN-KILLER cures all sorts of cuts, bruises, burns and strains. Taken internally it cures diarrhea and dysentery. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis', 25c and 50c.

## Railways and Navigation

On and after Monday, June 19, 1900, the train leaving Union Station, Toronto (via Grand Trunk Railway) at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., make close connection with the Maritime Express and Local Express at Bonaventure Depot, Montreal, as follows:

The Maritime Express will leave Montreal daily except Saturday, at 12 noon, for Halifax, N. S., St. John, N. B., the Sydney and points in the Maritime Provinces.

The Maritime Express from Halifax, the Sydney, St. John and other points east, will arrive at Montreal daily, except on Monday, at 7:30 p.m., and daily from Riviere du Loup, at 7:30 p.m., and from Little Metis at 8:25 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Montreal daily, except Sunday, at 7:30 p.m., due to arrive at Levis at 1 p.m., Riviere du Loup at 5:00 p.m., and Little Metis at 6:25 p.m.

The Local Express will leave Little Metis at 4:25 p.m. daily, except Saturday, Riviere du Loup at 7:30 p.m., and Levis at 11:45 p.m., due to arrive at Montreal at 6:30 a.m.

Through sleeping and dining cars on the Maritime Express. Buffet cars on Local Express.

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Allan Line Royal Mail Steamships for Liverpool, Calling at Noville.

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June 30, 2 p.m.  
July 1, 7 p.m.  
July 2, 12 p.m.  
July 3, 5 p.m.  
July 4, 10 p.m.  
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July 7, 1 p.m.  
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