THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1900.

THE WAR.

Stirring news may be expected daily Gen. Buller began his advance on Monday. The Boer account of what took

Stormberg Junction and Queenstown.
It is in the mountains. What little information we have had of the position

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the result of the first collisions between our troops and the enemy, there will be no sacrifices of men to accomplish no definite object.

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THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT.

The proposed amendments to the Public Schools Act were brought down yesterday. They are not very numerous and their value is not very great. .The

certificates of teachers, which are not to be issued except in case of sickness, until Forster in opposition are two very difthree months after the publication of the ferent people. Mr. Forster, the opposi- New Brunswick over Confederation, he result of the annual teachers' examina- tion demagogue, would have condemned communicated his views to his advisers tion in the Gazette.

by the incorporation of new cities and tered quite, and he sits in his chair from that in all the provinces and colonies towns, but does not alter the law. The eleventh change applies

formation we have had of the position of Gatacre's force was to the effect that he was nearer Stormberg than the report in question would indicate. Presumably if he has been attacked a counter attack will be made upon the enemy at Stormberg Junction by our force along the railway between that point and Rosemead Junction.

It is interesting to note, in connection with what is transpiring in Cape Colony, that Roberts and Kitchener have gone to the front. We may feel some degree of confidence that the operations in progress are being directed according to a definite plan, and that whatever may be

and reads thus:

5. Section 34 of said act is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

34. The salaries of teachers employed in the public schools in all incorporated cities and towns shall be fixed and paid at the discretion of the school trustees of said cities and towns respectively; and such salaries and all other expenses for the purchase and of the purchase and all other incidental expenses whatsoever, incurred by the board of trustees in the respective cities and towns, shall be borne and paid the following section is substituted therefor:

34. The salaries of teachers employed in the public schools in all incorporated cities and towns respectively; and such salaries and all other expenses for the purchase and of the purchase and all other expenses for the purchase and other incidents.

Mr. Forster thought the resolution of the house should be made forbidding the Speaker to attend a party caucus. Against such a suggestion we protest, the house of the house should be a legislative recognition of the first, we protest on the ground that it would be a legislative recognition of the cachers employed in the public schools in all incorporations of the school with the first he had attended caucuses by saying that he had attended caucuses the situation in the house became acute. This statement of the Speaker fully warrants the observations which the Colonist has made upon the point, and fully ju

any opinion on this until we have heard what the government may say about it.

FREEDOM OF DEBATE.

Scarcely a day passes in the legis- it. These things must be left to the and their value is not very great. The first change proposed is in the Interpretation Act, and defines what the words impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative without something being done to impair that degree of freedom of debate, in the legistrative with th "resident," "householder" and "free-which is supposed to be inherent in holder" mean. A resident is a person every British subject. By freedom of parted from, it is expedient for the house one all the bulwarks of constitutional who actually dwells or has his place of debate we do not mean unlimited scope to express its disapproval. We do not business within a school district, and it for discussion on any subject that may charge Mr. Forster with any intentional therefore prevents non-residents from be brought up, nor do we mean liberty departure from the rules which he ought voting, no matter how much property to employ violent epithets or the lan- to observe. We never have done this. they may have in a rural school district. guage of personal abuse, but only the What we have said and what we repeat A householder in a city is declared to be right of every member to discuss every is that he does not seem to appreciate a person holding or occupying premises subject in his own way. The most ex- the obligations of his position. For and paying a rental or rent value of traordinary ideas seem to prevail upon example, it was perfectly proper for him \$60 a year; in a rural district a house-holder is any person residing or having his place of business in a district. A freeholder is described to mean a person having a freehold estate. The original ence on the part of members. They do his provider is described to mean a person having a freehold estate. The original ence on the part of members. They do his provider is described to mean a person having a freehold estate. The original ence on the part of members. They do his provider in the sample, it was perfectly proper for him to speak yesterday, but having spoken to speak yesterday, but having spoken he ought to have withdrawn from the house, and thus left the members free to discuss the subject unembarrassed by his position in the chair and the province like British Columbia it was impossible to apply the principles of responsible government.

We submit that in a province like British Columbia it was impossible to apply the principles of responsible to speak yesterday, but having spoken he ought to have withdrawn from the house, and thus left the members free to discuss the subject unembarrassed by his position in the chair and the principles of responsible to apply the principles to speak yesterday, but having spoken he ought to have withdrawn from the house, and thus left the members free to discuss the subject unembarrassed by the principles of responsible to apply the principles it was impossible to apply the principles it was impossible to apply the principles of responsible to speak yesterday, but having spoken he ought to have withdrawn from the ought to have withdrawn from the ought to have withdrawn from the province his impossible to apply the principles of responsible to apply the principles in the province have a province here. having a freehold estate. The original school Act does not define these terms, not know how other legislatures are avoided any necessity for ruling upon is very clear that the duty of the Lieu and the amendment seems to be desircarried on, and they come to the house any point of order arising in a debate so is very clear that the duty of the Lieuwithout any education along these lines.

The second change applies the providions of the law relating to cities to all that if they would take the trouble to be law relating to cities to all the law relating t sions of the law relating to cities to all that if they would take the trouble to by his casting vote, as might have been munications to them with the same hor the cities of the province now or hereafter incorporated, the original act havwould learn that in older legislative number of members on the floor. That ing been framed to apply only to Vic- bodies than that of this province restric- no emergency arose calling for his intertoria, Vancouver, Nanaimo and New tions upon debate are almost wholly unference, except in a small and simple fear if this and future legislatures are known, except when the person address-The third change provides that the ing the house clearly travels out into Forster will see in what an embarrassing ject what the Lieutenant-Governor's four candidates out of seven who rematters not germane to the subject, or position he had been placed if the house views are, parliamentary government will city school election shall serve for two spears. We draw attention to the fact that he organized the f that no provision is made in the amendment for vacating all the trusteeships, are to be properly dealt with, if the and unless this is done there cannot very well be "a first election under this and unless this is exactly the calibre to be made known, and if the public is to be of these gentlemen. No question can be very well be "a first election under this act," to which this section can apply.

The fourth change applies section 34 of the original act to all the cities of the province instead of those specially

the so-called reverse was merely the withdrawal of a feint attack on the enemy's front, while a vigorous and successful assault was made on his extreme right. The result of the first day's fighting was the occupation of an important elevation from which we assume the attack is now being pushed.

Simultaneously with this announcement from Natal comes a report from Cape Colony that fighting is going on at Sterkstroom. This may not be strictly accurate as to the locality. Sterkstroom is on the railway about midway between Stormberg Junction and Queenstown.

The twelfth change is a new provision

have authority to grant certificates as follows:

"(1.) Third Class, Grade B, valid for one year; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for for two years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years.

"(4.) Second Class, Grade A, valid for five years; if issued after July 1, 1901, valid for five years.

"(5.) First Class, Grade B, valid for five years attending particular. After the very free expression of opinion on both sides, we do not important elevation introduced into the house years the resolution introduced into the house years at the propriety of the Speaker attending particular.

"(5.) Second Class, Grade A, valid for five years.

"(5.) First This statement of the Speaker fully war-

would be a legislative recognition of the tenant-Governor's views are being an If such a rule is made to meet Mr. plead in justification of some gross breach of the traditions of his office that there was no rule of the house against

matter of order, was accidental. Mr. to be told before they consider any sub-

The ninth change applies to temporary the chief and most persistent. But Mr. on it, a formal method may be adoptthe expenditure of \$60 for a silk gown in writing. This is one case out of many the expenditure of \$60 for a silk gown in writing. This is one case out of many for the speaker; but now the case is alday to day with the equivalent of a small where the relations of the governors with bridge wrapped around him. It will their ministers are personally cordial, the doubtless be a source of satisfaction to ministers very frequently have the beneplace minimizes the result and claims that our troops met with a partial reverse. It appears from the despatch from our headquarters in the field that our troops was merely the follows:

12. Section 67 of said act is hereby people who are put to inconveniences for repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:

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16. The board of examiners shall have authority to grant certificates as follows: matters brought under his notice in Atlin, but on the contrary approve very the resolution introduced into the house highly of his course. This is not to say yesterday by Mr. Irving dealing with the that we endorse the views which he expropriety of the Speaker attending party pressed in his memorandum, for we are caucuses. The resolution was defeated, not able to do so entirely, but we do not but that is not material. It might have wish in any way to discuss the merits been withdrawn without the principle in-volved being weakened in the slightest of his recommendation. What we have in mind is the grave breach of responsible government involved in the submission of those views to the legislature. A more serious breach of privilege can hardly be His Honor's advisers have plunged him

into the cauldron of politics. When the amendments to the Placer Mining Act the situation in the house became acute. are brought down, the personal views of rants the observations which the Colonist ed on the floor of the legislature—that is if the document referred to is used for the only possible purpose for which re turns can be used. The house will take ought not to pass; but that a rule of the house should be made forbidding the Instead of the house being free to discuss the subject in its widest aspect untran melled by any knowledge that the Lieu tagonized, there will not be a point in gislature. This is not all, for the moment Forster's case, another Speaker may the Lieutenant-Governor's views are placed before the public upon any ques tion of pending legislation, the whole sys tem of ministerial government falls to reason to believe that it is not. Shortly after the Turner ministry was dismisse the Finance Minister's paper, the News Advertiser, replying to the Colonist, said

where he employs language not compat- had tied on the resolution, and will per-

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Legislature Votes Down **Jution Against His Conne** With Party Caucus

Railway Bills Advanced in mittee-Good Progres General Business.

Upon the opening of the he prayers by Rev. Canon Bea petition was presented by Martin from the Vancouver Co respect to the proposed amend consolidation of the Vancon charter. PRIVATE BILLS.

Mr. Green presented the ele port from the private bills stating that the preamble had proved of the bill to incorpo Synod of New Westminster, but ules had not been complied wi

A debate arose as to the d of suspending the rules for the latter organization, w and the report was finally refer ov the house.

On the resumption of by extension of time for the rec petitions, by which the Weste graph & Telephone Co. will be to complete their incorporation report was received and adopte A MATTER OF PRIVIL

Mr. Higgins, addressing him matter of privilege, directed atte a publication in the Times of with respect to his missing steamer at Vancouver on return the inspection of the New Wes asylum for the insane. He den he had been button-holed by an had been button-holed by if the paper had said ladies have been a different matter—full blame to himself for hav full blame to himself for havi foolish enough to miss the Charm "Which charmer?" innoce quired Hon, Mr. Henderson, whouse smiled audibly.

It was the steamer Charmer th member for Esquimalt had refe and the burden of his complaint the Times appeared to be that h having found fault with Capt. for not having gone back for h deed, he had merely waved a to Mr. Tisdall and then retired the shed to metaphorically kick the shed to metaphorically Mr. Prentice endorsed the nar the incident as given in the Tin faithful report so far as he serve, and the incident t

PLACER MINING AMEND Bills for the amendment of th Bills for the amendment of the Mining Act and amending acts troduced by Hon. Mr. Hender Mr. Joseph Martin—each receifirst reading and being set for reading at the next sitting of the Mr. Kellie challenged a priva ber's right to present such leg and asked for a decision of the Mr. Speaker. The latter rule ever, that he could not pronoun the admissability of any measu

the admissability of any measu he had seen it—and so the first was agreed to.

A bill to amend the Inspec Metalliferous Mines Act was in by Mr. Hume, and also receive troductory reading.

ALREADY ACCOMPLISI Mr. Higgins applied for perm have dropped from the orders hi for the printing of the corres with respect to the working of t hour law. He understood t ments in question printed.

MR SPEAKER'S POSIT Capt. John Irving moved, sec Mr. Price Ellison, that "in the of this house it is a menace to of this house it is a menace mentary institutions for the Si the house to attend party caud. The mover explained that hi tion had been prompted in a by reports on the question. Speaker's position that had la current, and a feeling that t should definitely determine that a Speaker should take on tion. Personally he thought Speaker should not take an awith either side of the house, vith either side of the house, as he was supposed and experabsolutely impartial in his deathe house. He asked for a rul house upon the principle which was all that the resol Hon, Mr. Semlin confessed t been considerably interested in lution when it appeared on t and somewhat in doubt as to meant by the mover. He had

now parliamentary institution government could be in any wed, one way or another, by the attending or not attending the of the party to which he mallegiance. He regretted to the mover had in no way simplified or made good his pofor the party status of the second country. for the party status of the had always been the practice had always been the practice other houses, to select for the chair a strong and dominant the dominant party, and he fa wherein the Speaker became a partizan by attending the che party with which he mi sympathy. It certainly coul bearing or effect upon his posi impartiality as Speaker of the Mr. Turner expressed very able surprise at the position able surprise at the position the leader of the governme question, the motion being on (Mr. Turner) believed to ex what should be the view of what should be the view of bers of both political parties Speaker should occupy the pendent position. He questio Speaker in the history of poernment in British Columbia ernment in British Columbia taken so prominent a party attend a caucus; and holding attendance at caucus coul stimulate a feeling of partia breast of the Speaker, points the Speakers of the past in I umbia (regardless of party had refrained from atter caucuses or other distinctly tions. It had not been assur-resolution that any Speaker h