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HOMEWARD BOUND.

Entertained by Lord and Lady Tweedmouth and Lord and Lady Strathcona,

Entertained by the Lord Mayor and Elder-Bempster Company-Great Enthusiasm at the Royal Exchange.

Ask aug our who has

LONDON, Dec. 8.-Lord Strathcons and Mount Royal, Canadian high commissioner in London, and Lady Strathcona, held a reception for the officers and men of the Canadian contingent now in London on their way home from South Africa, at the Imperial In-stitute this afternoon. The Earl of Atterdeen was present. This evening Lord and Lady Tweedmouth gave a dinner in honor of the Canadians. The guests included Princess Louise, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Rosebery, the Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal and the Earl

and Countess of Aberdeen. The returning Canadian troops sail for Canada Tuesday, after a week of entertainments and receptions such as have never been accorded to colonials. They will probably leave a few of their number behind, for many of them have gone to far corners of Ireland, Scotland and England visiting relatives they had never seen before. Cer- age, must be left to the general offitainly they could not be better treat- cers commanding to decide. They

LONDON, Dec. 10 .- The visiting contingent of the Rayal Canadian regiment attended service yesterday at St. Paul's Cathedral, returning thence to Kensington barracks, where Col. Ofter had arranged they should have an opportunity to meet the Earl of Aberdeen, former governor general of Canada, and the countess.

Lord Aberdeen, in a felicitous address of farewell, said they had nobly fulfilled their mission, and he was sure they would be glad to get back to their country and kin. He asked them to convey the greetings of Lady Aberdeen and himself to mutual friends

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Owing to the early hour of departure, the crowd that assembled this morning to witness the departure of the Canadia soldiers for Liverpool was small, but most enthusiastic. Lord Strathcona was amongst those present. No speeches were made, the few minutes before the train left being spent by the nen in bidding farewell to the friends immensely pleased with the reception

they received while in England. Yesterday the Duke of Cambridge sent for Col. Otter, to whom he spoke of the Canadians in the very highest praise, and showed the greatest interest in the work they had done in South

men at Kensington barracks yesterday, speaking to and shaking hands with each member of the contingent. Lieut. Col. Buchan dined with the Duke and Duchess of Teck. The Duke is very enthusiastic about the Cana-

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—The Star's London cable says: The Canadian contingent was given a magnificent reception at Liverpool today. Lieut. Col. Buchan, who was in command of the force, was welcomed by Gen. Swaine. An immense crowd gathered in front of the Lime street station, and there were great outbursts of enthusiasm and singing of patriotic congs. The Canadians were much admired by the thousands on the streets, and were wildly cheered all the way to the Town

After a visit to St. George's Hall, the Lord Mayor received the officers. After the Queen's toast had been honored, the Lord Mayor proposed a toast to the regiment in an eloquent and appreclative speech, recognizing the services of the Canadian troops. Col. Buchan

After luncheon the enthusiasm was otic songs and cheering. At the Royal Exchange there was an unparalled York and now Lady William Beresoutburst. Among other songs heard ford) a jointure of £1,500 yearly.

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Beware of worthless imitations.

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ST. JOHN, N. B.

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was the Maple Leaf. The men were afterwards taken for a trip along the docks, the Elder-Dempster Company entertaining the officers on the str. The Lake Champlain cannot sail till

SOUTH AFRICA.

London Evening Papers Say a Big Battle is Going on

Between General Knox's Forces and the Boers Under General De Wet-Lord Roberts Explains Farm Burning.

LONDON, Dec. 10,-The Events tandard, which has special sources of information, says this evening that a great battle between the British forces under General Knox, and the Boers under Gen. DeWet is going on.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 10.-In a mem orandum to the premier of Cape Colony, Sir Gordon Sprigg, Lord Roberts explains that farm burning has been ordered strictly in accordance with the usages of war. He says in part:

"Whether the people whose houses are burned are actual accessories to the cutting of railways and other dammust be trusted to make a full enquiry before having recourse to extreme measures; but, as this is essentially police work, I anticipate that, when the police are established, we shall find the necessity for burning gradually disappearing with less danger of the innocent suffering and that my successor will eventually be able to abolish such treatment."

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE. An Addition to Canada's Debt of Half a Million in the Last Month-

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—The statement of the public debt and the revenue and expenditure of the dominion for the month ending November 30 shows that there was an addition of \$565,523 to the debt during the four weeks. The revenue on consolidated fund for the they had met while in the city. All the month fell off slightly, but taking the amounted to \$21,504,705, as against an expenditure of \$14,418,816, giving a surplus of \$7,986,589. Compared with the same period of last year, when there was a surplus over ordinary expenditure of \$7,181,552, the revenue shows a betterment of \$1,305,332. The post office revenue was a little less than in Lord and Lady Aberdeen visited the 1899, but from other sources there was an increase, the figures being: Customs, \$382,844; excise, \$227,721; public works, \$257,440; miscellaneous, \$308,-

Upon capital account the expenditure for the last five months was \$4,-475,125, as against \$4,297,784, or an increase of only \$177,341. The expenditure for the same period upon public works and railways and canals was less by \$1,322,427 than it was in 1899. On the other hand, there was an increase of \$1.101,249 in the amount spent for railway subsidies. The expenditure upon the South Africa contingent for the five months was \$366,316. of which \$75,954 was laid out in November. The expenditure on public works and railways and canals for November learnesed \$1,425,644 compared with the same month last year.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The appeal court has dismissed the appeal of the Duke of Marlborough and has confirmed the decision of Judge Byrne in the chancery division of the high court of justice in March last, which gave Lilunbounded, everybody singing patrilian, Duchess of Marlborough (formerly Mrs. Louis Hammersley of New

prove of Lord Salisbury's Belatives Holding Office.

that the Accident of Birth Should Not be a Bar to Public

safeguard the interests of China, that no demand should be made on the was carried by 253 voes against 106, Chinese government for the punishment of Chinese officials which could adopted by 265 votes against 23. not be equally imposed in the case of a European power, and that repara-tion should be sought in trade facili-

ties rather than money indemnity." and G. C. T. Hartley, conservative moved an amendment to the address, asking the house to express regret at the fact that Lord Salisbury had recommended so many of his own family to office under the government. The amendment was lost by a vote

of 220 to 128, LONDON, Dec. 10.—One-fifth & the cabinet members, Mr. Bartley said, are of the same family, sons would obey their fathers, and sous-in-law and nephews would yield to the same influence. Such conditions precluded an independent inquiry into the army failures in South Africa and were calculated to impair gravely the efficiency of the public service and diminish the chances of reform in the system of national defence. The same kanker worm of nepotism had entered the army and navy, and it was the general opinion that many of the disasters in South Africa were traceable to office cers who had obtained their commissions by family influence.

When the premier's nephew, A Balfour, rose to reply, the house was filled with expectation. He said the unhappy accident of birth ought not to be a bar to public service. There was only one member of Lord Salisbury's family in the present government who was not in the last. Mr. Bartley, he added, had not shown that the appointees complained of were incapable, while the country at the recent election had shown confidence that the prepaler would carry out with ability and integrity his thankess,

heartbreaking task.

D. Lloyd-George, radical, memb for Carnaryon district, brought together a series of accusations against Mf. Chamberlain that had been figuring in the newspapers, and moved that no member of the government ought to have a direct or indirect interest in concerns competing for government contracts. He pointed out that the secretary of state for the colonies held five thousand shares, and other members of his family 67,000 shares in the Birmingham Trust, which in turn was a shareholder in the Tupes Limited, making £10,000 out of government contracts. He asserted also than Mr. Chamberlain and his relations held shares worth from £230,000 to £250,000 in Elliott's Metal Co., contractors to the admiralty, and shares valued at £250,000 in Kynoch's Dynamite Co., contractors to the war office. After enumerating other companies in which the Chamberlain family, he asserted, had interests, Mr. George declared that he was not attacking the private character of the minister, but had raised the matter because "this case might be used as a precedent later to justify

After various speeches for and against the resolution, Mr. Chamberlain replied:

"It is my personal honor that is in volved in this question," he said, "and I think it hard, after twenty-five years of life in the full light of parliament, to have to stand up and explain that am not a scandalous thief. These attacks are monstrous and absurd. I took no notice of the charges during the election, although there had been a consiparcy of insinuation. I had been charged with fattening on the profits

of a war I had provoked. "Of all the companies mentioned. hold shares in two. My relations intend to take legal proceedings and the public will see how these abominable charges will be dealt with by the courts. My relations are all businessmen and have had to make their own fortunes. I come of a family which boasts nothing of distinguished birth or inherited wealth, but has an unbroken record for nearly two centuries of unstained commercial integrity. Never during the whole course of my political career have I been asked to use my influence to secure pecuniary gain

for myself or my relations." Proceeding to explain his connection with the two companies, Mr. Chamberlain said he had joined the Colomb company 23 years ago. Its shares had never been quoted on the stock exchange. The contract to build huts for Boer prisoners in Ceylon was given to the Colombo company on the responsibility of the local government without any communication with him-

So far as the Birmingham Trust was concerned, he said he know nothing he had recently ascertained that there was a triffing investment in the Tubes Limited, since his brother managed the business of that organization, but the company's already small business with the admiralty had largely de-After having made further explanations of a similar kind, Mr.

terial cheers: terest in government contracts is a his duties.

private individuals. Those who de them, he asserted had in-sed into public life unworthy characteristics are the country that and in-periods and had made it more diffi-tion honorable and sensitive men serve the country. He was loudly sered as he resumed his seat.

R. B. Haldan, radical, member for iddingtonshire, and others, spoke, ter which Mr. Lloyd-George's mo-

te of 269 to 127.
thur J. Balfour, the government er, then moved the closure, which

CORPORAL ARMSTRONG

Specially Photographed by Her Majesty's Order at Windsor.

The Oueen Expressed Great Sorrow at His Misfortune, and Hoped He was Getting Strong.

(Special Correspondence of the Sun.) LOND IN. Dec. 1, 1900.—Yesterday the Canadian soldiers who came home mithe Boer war in the Hawarden



CORP. PEVERLEY R. ARMSTRONG.

Castle went down to Windsor Castle in a special train to be presented to the Queen. They had a most cordial reception from the citizens of Windsor and were presented to Her Majesty. The Queen was accompanied in her carriage by Princess Henry of Battenburg and Princess Alice, and looked at the men very closely through her spectacles as they marched past.

One of the first points to attract Her Majesty's notice was one of the men who was struggling along beside his comrades, on crutches. The Queen at once sent an equerry for him, and directed that he should be brought up to Her. The trooper was Corporal Beverley R. Armstrong of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who is a son of Lieut. Col. Armstrong of St. John, N B. He enlisted as a private in the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and was wounded in the foot by shrapnel while serving under Gen. Hutton near Middleburg, and had six weeks afterwards, to have his limb amputated at Johan

When the trooper was called to her, Her Majesty, with her usual gracious courtesy, directed that a chair should be fetched for the wounded man, but Armstrong bravely replied that he preferred to stand like his comrades: After the officers had been presented, Armstrong was formally presented to

"I am so sorry," said Her Majesty to him, "that you have lost your leg. I hope you are getting strong."
The corporal answered that he was

doing well and was proud of the honor of seeing Her Majesty. Queen Victoria then directed that he should be photographed, as she wanted to have his photograph with her, and this was done.

So closed as pathetic an incident as the war has produced in England, and one that by her gracious courtesy and never-failing tact at once endeared the Queen in the hearts of all colonials

A CHURCH SENSATION.

Statements of a Toronto Clergymen Bring Out Replies from the Congregation.

TORONTO, Dec. 10.-There was a sensational scene at the service at Mc-Call street Methodist church on Sunday. The pastor, Rev. J. T. Merris, referred to dishonesty in municipal afwhatever of its investments, although fairs, saying he had even heard a contractor for dog tags had been asked how much there was in the contract. for the enquirer, if he got him the contract. You are not telling the truth, said H. C. Davenport, rising in his place. I must repeat myself, said the pastor, and did so amidst a scene of applause. Davenport was about to Chamberlain explained, amid minis- protest further, when a voice from the gallery called out: "Sit down; the cap "Is it not hard to have to deal with fits too well." Davenport said no more. such rubbish as this? When all is He is a City Hall employee, and the reckoned up, perhaps my indirect in- dispensing of dog tags is a part of

OTTAWA.

Statements by the Secretary and Treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund.

Colonel Otter's Final Report as to the Contingent Which Sail for Home from England Today - Other Militia Matters.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.-At a meeting of the Canadian patriotic fund association, held on Saturday, and presided over by the governor general, report were submitted by the secretary and treasurer, showing that up to date 324 dependents of soldiers had been assisted, and that 108 invalided soldiers had also received assistance, to whom payments amounting to \$25,837 and \$2,287. respectively had been made. The treasurer's statement showed \$335,609 remaining for distribution.

In granting allowances from the very large sum, the relief committee have endeavored to distribute the funds entrusted to them in as liberal a manner as possible consistent with the object of the association and with making provision in the future for those left. unprovided for. Grants are based on the recommendation sent in by those reporting upon cases, and with reference to the circumstances of the appli-

The committee have also kept in view the fact that the larger part of the fund will be required for distribution at the close of the war to the widows or dependents of deceased soldiers, and also to provide for soldiers who have been permanently or temporarily disabled while on service. The committee reported the number of casualties to date as 134, and authority was given to the committee to make special grants where assistance is required to the dependents of deceased soldiers, such grants to be in addition to the regular allowances now being paid to the dependents of soldiers still serving in South Africa and to return-

Dr. Montizambert, director general of public health, was appointed by his excellency the governor general as a member of the executive committee. Dr. Montisambert was also placed upon the relief committee.

What may be considered as Col. Otter's final report of the doings of the first contingent, which sails for home tomorrow, was received at the militia eartment today. It describes the voyage of the men on the transport Hawarden Castle, which left Cape Town on Nov. 7th, after the contingent had been formally thanked by the mayor of the city for its services to the colony. Several other corps were on board, including the Household Cavalry, Life Guards, Horse Guards and Horse Artillery. The voyage was a pleasant one and without incident. The Canadian officers on board were: Col. Otter, Lieut. Col. Buchan, Sergt. Major Fiset, Capt. Burstall, Capt. Macdonald, Chaplain Almond, Lieuts. Lawless, Mr.son, Swift, Lofferty, Temple, Carpenter, Caldwell and Cosby,

Middlesex Regiment. Before leaving Cape Town, Col. Otter received a telegram from Lord Roberts from Johannesburg, expressing his regret that he did not have an opporlunity of saying good-bye to the regiment. - He would always remember the good services they had done in South Africa, especially at Paardeberg. The following men took their discharges in South Africa: Corps. Fowle and McNeil; Ptes. Andrews, Dalberg, Mallock, Morrison, Moodie, Roberts, Tierney, Doucet, Walters and Walbridge.

Capt. Weeks was left in hospital at Kroonstadt, and the following men were also in different hospitals: Corps. Bercher and Soper; Ptes. Barnstead, Chisholm, Welsh, Wilkie, Wilkins, Allen, Gerdardt, Lamden, Lee, Smith, McKintosh and Boness (813). Col. Drury, reporting from Pretoria

November 1st, says that E Battery was then at Hoopstadt, Orange River Colony. He reports that second lieutenanteles in the Royal Field Artillery had been granted to Lieut. Murray, Sergt. Jago and Gunner Duval. Murray did not accept the commission. Col. Evans, commanding the Mount-

ed Rifles, reports that Trooper Weaver was killed in a night attack at Nootigedacht Oct. 23rd. There was quite an exodus of ministers for Toronto tonight to attend

delegation consists of the premier Fielding, Tarte, Paterson and Mulock. From Toronto Sir Wilfrid and other ministers will leave for Halifax. The Gough divorce case is creating land of Prof. Geo. F. Armstrong, first much talk in the city. Both parties professor of engineering at McGill.

the banquet to Sifton. The ministerial

are Roman Catholics, and the senate may object to going on with the case. Gough says his wife has absolutely no

grounds for divorce. She left him a year ago to reside in Montreal.

Col. Tucker, M. P., is in the city.

A member of the cabinet is authority for a denial of the Toronto report that the government will move to create six additional senators under the B. N. A. Act section 26. The only counsien on which such an attempt was made was in 1877, during the Mackenzie administration. The Queen then refused to accede to the request on the ground that Her Majesty could not be advised to take the responsibility of interfering with the constitution of the senate, except upon an occa-sion when it had been made apparent that a difference had arisen between the two houses of so serious and per-manent a character that the govern-ment could not be carried on without her intervention, and when it could be shown that the limited creation of senators allowed by the act would apply an adequate remedy.

AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

BERLIN, Dec. 10.-The German government has not taken official notice of Gen. Chaffee's letter to Count Von Waldersee, complaining of the removal of the astronomical instruments from the wall of Pekin and the return of the letter to the American commander "on account of its tone."

Only a few of the papers print the incident in their news columns. The Vossische Zeitung remarks: "Whatever the cause, Gen. Chaffee

had in no case a right to use such rough language in a letter to the commander-in-chief."

The Berliner Tageblatt observes: "We must, of course, reserve a definite judgment until reliable German reports have been received. Whoever knows, however, of the generally acknowledged diplomatic tact of Count Von Waldersee will not doubt that he will not have employed such a brusque procedure without the strongest kind of provocation."

NO TRACE OF THE THIEVES.

LONDON, Dec. 10.-No trace has been found of the thieves who on Saturday last stole several relics of Lord Nelson, including his watch and many of his medals, from Greenwich Hospital. The belief in Greenwich is that the depredators were French, owing to the alleged discovery of a letter in broken English left behind, in which the writer promised to return and carry off a French flag which is among the

thing portable. Even the gold hilts of the swords were wrenched from the blades and the gold and jewels were stripped from the scabbards. They also broke Nelson's sword of honor.

SWELL BOSTON HOTEL RAIDED.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.-The spectacle of squad of officers going into the fashionable Hotel Tuilleries, on Commonwealth avenue, late this afternoon was not only a novel one, but the most unexpected imaginable. It was the last place almost that one would expect a raid by a squad of plebian bluecoat officers. The hotel has no liquor license, but the squad found some beer, liquors and champagne in a room near the wine room and some cooking brandy in the kitchen. Proprietor F. M. Crosby maintained that the liquor

seized belonged to guests. ASHORE IN HALIFAX HARBOR,

HALIFAX, Dec. 10.-An unknown three-masted schooner, with jibs in shreds, came through the northern entrance of the harbor shortly after daylight this morning, and in rounding for shelter under lee of the island struck the bar about half a mile south of Smith's wharf, where she can still be seen. The crew do not seem to be in any immediate danger. It is impossible to obtain further in-

PRO-BOER MEETING PREVENTED

formation until the storm subsides.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10. - The pro-Boer meeting called for this evening, at which Miss Maud Gonne was to preside, was prohibited by the police. Despite the warning, however, she endeavored to address an open air meeting in the Irish quarter of the city, but the police interfered and dispersed the gathering.

PROF. ARMSTRONG DEAD.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—News was received here today of the death in Eng-

