

The high duty imposed upon lumber going into the United States has suddenly to have subsided, and this probably because the trade is concerned at any rate are not paying the duty. The interest in Ontario and Quebec is handsome returns to the farmers and there is the flattering feature of it that in the competition between the colonies of the Empire for a share of England's needs Canada is going ahead of the others. The province of Manitoba would appear to have saved the largest wheat crop which it has ever had, and the price before at points of delivery is better than usual. So that if we take the agricultural position as it appears in these three provinces it may be said that abundance from her golden horn is scattered her treasures throughout them with a pretty even hand.

Honest Differences.

In Victoria and in Queensland, the Labor Opposition opposed the sending of a contingent to the Transvaal. In Queensland the Opposition took the ground that the Government had no business to commit the colony to unlimited expenditure without the sanction of Parliament. The opposition in the Victorian Parliament took the form of an amendment that a force should only be sent if the war was prolonged, and British interests were threatened. In both cases, the policy of the Government was sustained.

We mention these facts to show that in other British colonies, as well as in Canada, while the people have been in favor of showing the world that the Empire is united in sentiment, all have not agreed as to the best means of demonstrating this fact. While we think those who entertain a different view from us are mistaken, we should not for a moment think of denouncing our fellow-citizens in the Empire as disloyal. Those who cannot honestly agree to disagree in these matters are scarcely more to be trusted than are the Boers of South Africa, who have refused to the English-speaking population of the country their just rights. The essence of British liberty is mutual concession and toleration. It is dirty politics to shout "disloyal" at a neighbor the moment he does not agree with you as to the form that loyalty should take.

There has been so much real warfare in South Africa in the past fortnight that the public has almost forgotten Uncle Sam's sprinting match with Aguinaldo.

The London Mail rises to remark that Kruger has been the political tarantula of South Africa. It does seem as if nothing short of a thorough Scotching will settle him.

The Canadian Gazette of London (England), after due investigation of the outlook in Canada, arrives at the conclusion that "we may confidently look forward to a continuance of the prosperity which has accompanied the Laurier regime."

President McKinley having asserted that the United States has "acquired" the Philippines, the Kansas City Times very appropriately suggests that the 70,000 soldiers and the 35 warships now on or around the islands must be merely surveying parties to locate the exact boundary lines!

Interest in the war has temporarily shifted to the western border of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. The wires are cut, and the news from that region is rather contradictory, but when communication is opened up it will probably be found that deeds of heroism have been performed at Mafeking and Kimberley rivaling the events at Dundee and Glencoe.

Young Cornelius Vanderbilt, who should have been heir to \$70,000,000, was cut off with a paltry million and a half because he married against his father's wishes. His younger brother, Alfred, gets the bulk of the estate, but has given \$50,000 to Cornelius, so that the latter may keep the wolf from the door. Still it isn't every man who would sacrifice over sixty million dollars on the marriage altar.

The Toronto Mail says that the proposition to concede Dyce and Skagway to the United States in return for the concession of Pyramid Harbor to Canada would be yielding too much to the Americans. The American newspapers declare that the United States Government would not listen to such a proposition, as it would mean a surrender of American territory to Canada. The Mail and most of the American newspapers display a spirit that would make settlement impossible.

Perhaps the most crestfallen man in Canada is Col. Sam Hughes. He was coo-sure of a place in the Canadian contingent for South Africa, and on Thursday his native town of Lindsay gave him a grand send-off. The town council presented him with a purse of gold and an address, and thousands escorted him to the train. When he reached Ottawa he found that he was not appointed to the contingent at all, owing to General Hutton's opposition. The colonel is now wondering how he can summon up enough nerve to return home.

Now that Hon. A. S. Hardy has retired, and Hon. George W. Ross has become Premier of Ontario, the Opposition press are asking their readers to believe that Mr. Hardy was really the only able man in the Cabinet. 'Twas ever thus. While Hon. Alex. Mackenzie was Premier of Canada, he was hounded as a scoundrel and a robber. When he died he was lauded by his former traducers in order that they might the more effectively attack Hon. Edward

Blake, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. David Mills and other Liberal leaders active in public life.

London is about the only municipality in the Province that did not give its South African volunteers a cash testimonial. It must not be supposed, however, that the city is lacking in military spirit. It paid out nearly \$4,000 last July for the privilege of having non-resident volunteers march through the streets with a Maxim gun.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the final meeting of his Western Ontario tour at Pergus on Thursday, declared that he had been profoundly touched by the cordial and friendly feeling exhibited toward him by the people of Ontario. The Premier continued in this noble peroration:

"Perhaps it is due to the fact that at this time a most dangerous and insidious effort is being made to bring division amongst us. Perhaps it is a rebuke to the demagogues who at the present time are trying to create a schism and a chasm between the Canadians of Quebec and the Canadians of Ontario. (Cheers.) But I rely upon the good sense of the people of Ontario not to stand by to those appeals, but to stand by the policy we have endeavored to carry on of equal rights and equal justice to all. (Cheers.) You have spoken in your address of the action of the Government in sending a contingent to South Africa. The Government has done nothing but its duty in that respect. The war now going on in South Africa is a war which, if it appeals to men, ought to appeal to Canadians above all, because it is a war intended to bring to that country the blessings which we enjoy today in Canada, of equal rights to all the subjects of the Queen in that distant land. Our boys are going to fight the battles of the Queen in South Africa, and I have no doubt they will do their duty. (Cheers.) Let me say one word more. When our boys have done their duty, when the rule of the Queen has been established throughout the length and breadth of South Africa, and when the wounds caused by the war have been healed, perhaps it may become the duty of Canada to assist in the healing process by showing the example of a population who, having been granted to them equal rights, have become a united and happy people." (Loud cheers.)

What Others Say.

The Holes of Glory.

[Toronto Telegram.]

There is no use worrying about Britain's forces in Natal being in a tight hole, because just such tight holes have the doorways to the most glorious victories in British history.

Lipton's Namesakes.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

It is claimed that some American mothers have named babies after Sir Thomas Lipton. Can it be that these little ones were born to be beaten? At least it would be well for them to lie low when a spanking breeze springs up.

Small, But

[Winnipeg Tribune.]

The British army, though small in numbers, is the most experienced army in Europe. It is continually doing all kinds of fighting all over the world, and whether it is on the open plains of the Sudan, or in the Burmese jungles, or on the rocky hills of the veldt, they seem to do it equally well. No other army has the chance to pick up so many practical "wrinkles."

The Girls We Want.

[Stratford Beacon.]

Girls are needed that know how to cook a beefsteak for father as well as they know how to cook their young man's goose; that can play as good music with the broom handle as they with the violin, and can make as good a rag mat for the kitchen as they can a smoking cap for a bazar. In short, we want girls that know as much about poultry as poetry, and are equally at home in the kitchen and the parlor.

Tommy Atkins.

[Chicago Tribune.]

The regular soldier of the British army owes his nickname of "Tommy Atkins" to a pure accident. Years ago Sir Garnet Wolseley, now commander-in-chief of the armies of Great Britain, published a little volume called "The Soldier's Pocket Book for Field Service." In illustrating the manner of property filling out a field report, he happened to use the name "Thomas Atkins." "The Pocket Book" is the English soldier's military bible and the name "Tommy Atkins" was at once adopted as his proper nickname. Later, Thomas was abbreviated to "Tommy," and the accidental name passed down into history.

Loyalty and Its Counterfeit.

[Catholic Register.]

We do not like the wretched word with its strong flavor of cant and bigotry; but whatever meaning it can carry among a free people it can certainly be applied to those only who forget what we owe as a people to our free institutions. Sir Charles Tupper, as stage manager of the disloyal chorus (using the word in the sense to which we have restricted it), is doubly disloyal to Canada, because he must have known that he was giving the signal to the bigots and fanatics to raise the cry of French-Canadian treason, which they indeed have done with a vengeance. The South African war raises too large a question for the haters of any particular nation or race to seize hold of.

WESTERN GRAIN STANDARDS.

Winnipeg, Oct. 28.—The Western Grain Standards Board have fixed the standards as follows: No. 3 hard, a bright, clean wheat, with from 25 to 30 per cent of frosted wheat; No. 1 frosted, a clean sample, frosted, but bright; No. 2 frosted, a pretty heavily frosted and dark, reasonably clean. All the wheat samples run higher in weight than the act requires, so that the weight of the sample does not limit the weight of the grade.

GETTING A START.

"What makes you so happy this evening, Bobby?" "I got a lickin' in school today." "Well, I shouldn't think that would be likely to make you happy." "You wouldn't, huh? How could a boy ever expect to get to be a hero if they wasn't any teachers that could say they licked him wunst?"

OFFICIAL LIST OF THE OFFICERS

To Command the Canadian Contingent for South Africa.

Several Londoners Appointed as Non-Coms.—The Sardinian Sails on Monday.

The Advertiser yesterday published the list of staff officers who will command the Canadian contingent for South Africa. Following is the official order from Ottawa and the full roster of officers:

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—Militia general order, issued today, is as follows: His excellency the governor-general has been pleased to approve the following general order, which will be promulgated accordingly:

The formation of an infantry battalion for active service in South Africa, in conjunction with her majesty's regular forces, approved. This battalion will be designated and recognized as the Second (special service) Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry.

The following officers are appointed: To command—Lieut.-Col. W. D. Otter, Canadian staff, A. D. C. to his excellency the governor-general. To be major and second in command—Lieut.-Col. L. Buchanan, Royal Canadian Regiment, London. To be major—Lieut.-Col. O. C. Pelletier, Canadian staff.

To be captains—Major H. M. Arnold, 9th Battalion; Major J. E. Pelletier, 5th Battalion; Major W. A. Weeks, 6th Battalion; Major D. Stuart, 26th Battalion; Capt. R. K. Barker, 2nd Battalion; Major S. M. Rogers, 43rd Battalion; Capt. C. K. Fraser, 53rd Battalion.

To be lieutenants—Capt. H. A. Panet, Royal Canadian Artillery; Lieut. W. R. Marshall, 13th Battalion; Capt. H. E. Burdall, R. C. A.; Lieut. J. H. Kaye, R. C. R. I.; Capt. A. H. McDonald, R. C. R. I.; Lieut. L. Ledue, R. C. R. I.; Capt. S. G. Blanchard, 5th Regiment C. A.; Lieut. C. S. Wilkie, 10th Battalion; Capt. J. H. Ogilvy, Royal Canadian Artillery; Lieut. A. C. Caldwell, reserve of officers; Capt. W. T. Lawless, The Governor-General's F. G.; Lieut. S. F. Laybourn, R. C. R. I.; Capt. F. G. Jones, 3rd Regiment C. A.; Lieut. A. Laurie, 1st Battalion; Capt. A. E. Yodanis, Nelson Rifle Company; Lieut. E. A. Pelletier, 5th Battalion; Capt. J. H. Ross, 22nd Battalion; Lieut. R. G. Stewart, 43rd Battalion; Lieut. C. S. Mason, 10th Battalion; Lieut. F. D. Lafferty, Royal Canadian Artillery; Lieut. E. J. Armstrong, 5th Battalion; 2nd Lieut. J. C. Oland, 63rd Battalion; Lieut. A. E. Swift, 8th Battalion; Second Lieut. R. H. M. Temple, 48th Battalion; Lieut. E. B. Willis, 6th Battalion; Second Lieut. C. W. W. McLean, 8th Hussars.

Machine gun section—Lieut. and Capt. A. C. Bell, Scots Guards, A.D.C. to the major-general commanding the Canadian militia.

To be adjutant—Major J. C. Macdonnell, Royal Canadian Regiment. To be quartermaster—Capt. and Brevet Major J. Denon, R.C.I.

To be medical officers—Surgeon-major C. W. Wilson; Surgeon-Major E. Fiset, 8th Battalion.

To be attached to staff duty—Major L. J. Drummond, Scots Guards, military secretary to his excellency the governor-general.

The following officers will be attached to the Royal Canadian Regiment for whatever duty may be allotted to them in connection with the campaign: Lieut.-Col. F. L. Lessard, Royal Canadian Artillery; Lieut. C. W. Drury, A.D.C.; Lieut. R. B. Willis, 6th Battalion; Major R. Cartwright, Royal Canadian Regiment; Capt. M. Forrester, Royal Canadian Dragoons.

The necessary authority having been obtained, one additional medical officer and four nurses will proceed with the Canadian contingent to South Africa to assist in the care of the sick and wounded of the colonial contingent.

Medical officer—Capt. A. B. Osborne, C.A.M.S. (provisional). Nurses—Miss Georgina Pope, Prince Edward Island; Miss Sarah Forbes, Halifax; Miss Annie Allen, Lennox, Ont.; Miss Elizabeth Russell, Hamilton.

A grant of \$50 for outfit and pay to amount to \$30 will be allowed each nurse.

Capt. Dixon, reserve of officers, will go with contingent as historian recorder.

Major Biggar, Belleville, who was offered a paymastership, has declined, because he can't get it. No one has been appointed in his place.

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