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MORE DETAILS OF THE AWFUL ENCOUNTER NEAR BELMONT.

It is Said That the Boers Lost 500 Killed and 150 Wounded in That Terrific Charge Made by General Methuen's Forces.

More Skirmishing Near Estcourt—Five Thousand British Reconnoitre the Locality and Meet the Enemy—Ninety Boers Were Bayoneted and the British Returned to Estcourt—More Dirty Tactics With the White Flag—All Right at Ladysmith.

Further details of the battle between Lord Methuen's forces and the Boers at Belmont have been received. One despatch says that the Boers numbered 5000, and the British 7000, but the enemy were in strong positions. The British riflemen forced the attack under a raking fire and carried the positions with superb dash, driving out the Boers with great slaughter. Over 50 Boer prisoners, 19 of whom were wounded, were captured. A War Office despatch yesterday said the wounded were doing well. Lieut. Blundell of the Grenadier Guards, reported as wounded, is dead.

The London Daily Mail's special correspondent says the enemy at Belmont held a position which the British would hold almost against any force, but the British victory was complete. He estimates that the Boer loss was 500 killed and 150 wounded. The infantry had to climb 500 feet straight into a terrific stream of missiles.

Lord Methuen, after the battle, said: "With troops such as you, a commander can have no fear of the result."

The report of fighting at Willow Grange, near Estcourt has been confirmed. Five thousand British went out from Estcourt on Wednesday afternoon for a reconnaissance. They surprised the Boers early on Thursday morning and occupied the Boer position, bayoneting 80 of the enemy. At daybreak the Boers opened with quick firers. Subsequently the British position became untenable and was evacuated. The artillery was brought into action, and the Boers fell back, the British forces retiring to Estcourt.

Again the Boers are charged with resorting to dirty tactics. At Belmont they hoisted a white flag over their second position. When Lieut. Willoughby of the Coldstream Guards stood up, he was immediately shot down. The Boers are reported to have repeated the same tactics twice.

Late arrivals from Pretoria at Cape Town estimate the Boer casualties at the time of their departure from the Transvaal capital at 1000, about 500 of whom were killed. From President Kruger down the Boers are still in favor of fighting, in the hope that they may yet possess South Africa.

A despatch from Mafeking, dated Nov. 15, says the situation there is growing more difficult, that the Boers are drawing their entrenchments closer, and that the British garrison at that place is living almost entirely in underground shelters, and that the health of the troops is suffering thereby.

An official despatch from Gen. White at Ladysmith, dated Nov. 22, says: "Situation unchanged. Troops well and cheerful."

The total British losses to date in South Africa, including those killed in Lord Methuen's column on Thursday, are: Killed 286, wounded 1011, prisoners and missing 1089, total 2386.

The story is told at Cape Town that Cecil Rhodes keeps a big balloon ready at Kimberley to escape, if driven to that extremity.

London, Nov. 25.—(5 a.m.)—Thus far the special despatches describing the battle of Belmont bear a stereotyped character, proving that the hand of the censor has been at work upon them. They are too incoherent to enable the reader to form an accurate idea of the event or to place a proper estimate upon the value of the victory. All the accounts agree respecting the splendid fighting qualities displayed on both sides. Nothing could have exceeded the steady courage and pluck of the British infantry in the face of terrific fire; while the Boer guns were splendidly served, the gunners standing to them with dogged determination, exposing themselves until the very last moment and only becoming wild and inaccurate in their aim during the final deadly charge of the British infantry.

British Need Cavalry.

All admit, however, that the victory could not be properly followed up, and utilized, owing to the want of sufficient cavalry. The pursuit of the defeated enemy by the Fifth Lancers was evidently not very effective, and, curiously enough, while all the correspondents report the capture of Boer guns, Lord Methuen's own report omits any mention of such an achievement. On the whole it almost seems safe to assume that the Boer guns were not captured.

Tracks Are Excellent.

The striking proof afforded of the excellent material Gen. Methuen has in his brigade is, however, a matter of great satisfaction in London.

Treasonable Correspondence.

There is an unconfirmed rumor that the correspondence seized in the Boer camp contains evidence of treasonable communications between the Boers and the Dutch colonists. One statement says: "The remnant of the Boer army sought to escape towards the Orange Free State territory."

Some Burghers Tired of War.

The correspondent of The Times at Belmont says: "After the battle the laager was burned and the ammunition destroyed. Cavalry and mounted infantry on both of the flanks pursued the enemy, but were unable to overtake the retreating Boers, who got away with their transport. The Boer route was complete, and their losses are believed to equal ours. They used some dumdum bullets. Everything was in their favor. It is rumored that there have been some threats to assassinate recalcitrant burghers who are tired of war and are deserting."

Situation in Natal Unchanged.

General White's despatch of Wednesday effectually disposes of all rumors of another sortie from Ladysmith, and of the defeat of the Boers. The situation in Natal remains unchanged, the sortie from Estcourt to Willow Grange having effected little.

Anxiety as to Mafeking.

The position of Mafeking is beginning to be regarded with anxiety, in view of the impossibility of Lord Methuen being able to relieve the town for some time to come.

Crowds at the War Office.

Throngs of people were waiting at the War Office last evening until a late hour for the lists of the killed, wounded or missing in the battle of Belmont, but nothing was published in addition to General Methuen's first despatch.

Gen. Buller Still a Secret.

General Buller's destination is kept a secret at Cape Town, some reports saying that he had gone north, and others that he has gone to Durban, as already cabled.

3 Killed, 44 Wounded.

A despatch to The Times from Mool River gives the British casualties in the Willow Grange affair as three killed and forty-four wounded. This is the first news of such a heavy loss, and the correspondent suggests a repetition of General White's action of Oct. 30.

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of The Daily Mail, describing the same sortie, says: "The British surprised the Boers, carried their position, captured all their equipment, and returned to Estcourt in safety. General Hildyard was very well satisfied with their work."

To Save Van Rensburg's Neck.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Naauwpoort says: "An open, unsigned letter, smuggled through from Colesburg, says Commandant Groebler has arrested two prominent Englishmen, and threatens to shoot them if any harm is done to Van Rensburg, ringleader of the Colesburg rebels, who was captured by the British and is to be tried for treason."

THE BATTLE OF BELMONT.

QUEEN THANKS METHUEN.

Congratulates the General on the Brilliant Action of the Guards and Others on the Field.

London, Nov. 24.—The Queen has sent General Methuen her congratulations on "the brilliant action of my guards, the naval brigade and the other brave soldiers."

METHUEN TO HIS TROOPS.

After the Battle He Said He Had No Fear of the Result With Such Men.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—After the battle of Belmont, Lord Methuen, addressing his troops, said:

"Comrades, I congratulate you on the complete success achieved by you this morning. The ground over which we had to fight presented exceptional difficulties, and we had as an enemy one who is a past-master in the tactics of mounted infantry. With troops such as you, a commander can have no fear of the result.

"There is a sad side to all this, and you and I are thinking as much of those who have died for the honor of their country and of those who are suffering as we are thinking of our victory."

12,000 IN THE BELMONT BATTLE.

British Had 7000 and the Boers 5000, the Latter in Strong Positions.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—A special despatch received here from Belmont says that Gen. Methuen's force numbered 7000 men, and that the Boers had 5000 men. The latter held an exceedingly strong position on a series of hills extending a dozen miles. They were strongly entrenched and their cannon were posted strongly, and were excellently served. The battle began at 7 o'clock and raged for several hours. The Boers held their positions with great stubbornness and splendid courage. The British riflemen forced the attack under a raking fire and carried position after position with superb dash, driving out the Boers with great slaughter. The engagement was really a series of battles, during which the Boers were constantly carrying off their dead and wounded.

MORE DETAILS OF THE FIGHT.

Amidst a Storm of Lead the Guards Went Up the Heights to Victory.

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—From the few details which have reached here of Gen. Methuen's fight with the Boers yesterday, it appears that Boers from Fincham's farm shelled an advance body of the British Wednesday, Nov. 22, and the British artillery was pushed forward, and shelled a hill which the British subsequently occupied, capturing two guns. The Boer casualties were 30 men killed and wounded.

Boers Started Firing.

The Boer main column left Fincham's farm during the afternoon and camped five miles ahead. At daybreak Thursday the Boers fired from the hills 1000 yards distant on the British advance force. Other troops were then pushed up and the engagement became general. The British artillery made excellent practice and silenced the Boer guns.

Grenadier Guards in Front.

Then two battalions of the Grenadier Guards and the Northumberland regiment stormed the heights at the point of the bayonet. Crossing the fire zone amidst a storm of lead, the Guards and Northumberlands pushed up the incline and reached the summit, doing great execution with their bayonets and capturing the laager with guns, equipment, prisoners, cattle and sheep. The entire position was carried by 8 o'clock, the cavalry, consisting of the 9th Lancers and Mounted Infantry, pursuing the flying Boers.

The Boers, it is estimated, numbered 3500 men. Their loss is unknown.

FIVE HUNDRED BOERS KILLED.

And 150 Wounded Before Methuen's Forces Took Their Positions—A Terrible Encounter.

London, Nov. 25.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Belmont, describing the battle:

The Boers held a position which British troops would hold against almost any force. The British victory is complete.

My estimate of the Boer losses is 500 killed and 150 wounded.

Mr. Knight, correspondent of The London Morning Post, was wounded.

The Boer prisoners are ignorant, dirty and wretched. They say that half their commando, tired of the war, will refuse further service.

The whole force of the fearful fight was borne by the infantry, who were obliged to climb 500 feet, straight into a terrific stream of missiles. The Ninth Lancers pursued the enemy with great vigor, but, the Boers, well mounted, and familiar with the hills, melted before them.

Possibly, however, the victory would have been even more decisive had we possessed more cavalry."

WOUNDED ARE DOING WELL.

Gen. Methuen Has Over Fifty Prisoners, Including a German Commandant.

London, Nov. 24.—The War Office to-day issued the following advices:

Cape Town, Nov. 24.—(Afternoon.)—Gen. Methuen further reports this morning that the wounded are doing well. There are over 50 prisoners, including a German commandant and six field cornets; 19 of these prisoners are wounded. We are unable to estimate the Boer losses. The prisoners say that yesterday's attack was a surprise, and that it is the only beating they have had. A large amount of correspondence has been secured. The reservists are doing well. Col. Pole-Carew replaces Fetherstonhaugh in command of the 9th Brigade.

BOERS PURSUED FIVE MILES

After Being Driven From Their Positions — More Treachery With the White Flag.

Belmont, Cape Colony, Nov. 24.—(10 o'clock, morning.)—The entire western division moved on the Orange River Tuesday and bivouacked at Witteputs. Two companies of mounted infantry and a detachment of Lancers were sent to hold Thomas' Farm. Their pickets prevented the Boers from advancing. The Boers fired cannon and the British artillery arrived on the scene and silenced the Boers' fire. At 2 in the morning the Guards brigade moved steadily forward to a hill, a few miles east of Belmont Station.

Fierce Fire Staggered Guards.

The Scots and Grenadiers advance to within 50 yards of the base, when the Boers poured in a scathing fire, which staggered the Guards momentarily, but, quickly recovering, they returned a deadly fire into the Boers. The duel was continued for half an hour. When the artillery commenced the Boers evacuated their front position and the Scots Guards rushed the hill with the bayonet and amid lusty cheers.

Stormed the Second Position.

The Ninth Brigade then moved forward in extended order and the Boers started a terrible cross fire from the surrounding hills. The Coldstreams, supported by the Scots, Grenadiers, Northumberlands and Northamptons, stormed the second position in the face of a constant and effective Boer fire. The Ninth Brigade then advanced the artillery, in the meantime maintaining excellent practice. The British infantry never wavered, and when a tremendous cheer notified them of the charge, the Boers fled and succeeded in gaining a range of hills in the rear in spite of the Lancers' flanking movement. The infantry again gallantly faced the fire and the naval brigade came into action for the first time at a range of 1890 yards. The infantry was well supported by the artillery, and the Boers, unable to withstand the death-dealing volleys, retired and were again forced to abandon some minor positions.

Pursued the Boers Five Miles.

The British cavalry charged the Boers and pursued them for five miles. Possession was taken of the Boer lager and the Boer stores were destroyed.

More Dirty Tactics.

The Boers hoisted a white flag over their second position, whereupon Lieut. Willoughby, of the Coldstream Guards stood up and was immediately shot down. The Boers twice repeated the same tactics.

SITUATION IN NATAL.

A SKIRMISH NEAR ESTCOURT.

British Went Out 5000 Strong to Make a Reconnaissance—Bayoneted 80 Boers.

Durban, Nov. 24.—The Natal Advertiser confirms the report of fighting near Willow Grange. It says: "Five thousand British left Estcourt Wednesday afternoon for a reconnaissance. They surprised the Boers at 3 o'clock Thursday morning, and occupied the Boer position, bayoneting 80 of the enemy. At daybreak the Boers opened with quick-fires. The British artillery was unable to reach the Boers, and the British position, therefore, became untenable, and was evacuated. Subsequently the artillery was brought into action, and the Boers fell back. Their object having

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DISILLUSIONED.

OOM PAUL: And these here Britishers are the same people that friend Gladstone gave me to understand either could not or would not fight.

COMBINE IN SALMON TRADE

Senator Cox Said to be Working a Deal to Get Control of the Canneries.

NOTHING DEFINITE WAS DONE.

But Future Conferences Are Expected to Develop a Combine of Large Proportions.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 24.—It is understood that arrangements are going on, on a new plan, for a combine of the salmon canneries of the province, and that the principals in the case are Senator Cox and other eastern Canadians. A meeting of the cannery proprietors was held at Victoria a couple of days ago, and the question of the proposed combine was discussed. No definite action was taken, however, but it is said that when other meetings are held they will result in a definite plan being formulated for the carrying out of the combine. An offer was made some time ago by an American syndicate for the combined sixty-five canneries of the province, but there were certain of the proprietors of the canneries who did not wish to come under or be governed by an American house of brokers in the disposal of their salmon. The Eastern Canadian millionaires, at whose head is Senator Cox, made practically the same overtures as the Americans.

O. R. F. U. championship game at Rosedale.

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Mr. N. Rooney, importer, 62 Yonge-street, is giving the ladies of Toronto a rare opportunity to buy a handsome winter jacket, this season's importation, at about half price; also offers the balance of his stock of ladies' silk plush mantles, beautifully embroidered, the latest Paris novelties. There are only a few left and these will be sold regardless of cost to make room for other goods; would also call your attention to our ladies' rain-proof cloaks, in all the latest styles; also our large and well-assorted stock of ladies' and gents' linen handkerchiefs, table linens, napkins, towels, sheetings, pillow cottons, etc. 63

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Granites and Ottawa at Rosedale.

SIR CHARLES NOT AFRAID.

On the Contrary He Says "Come on, Macduff," to Mr. Sifton's Partner, Who Threatened Him.

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—At Brandon, Sir Charles Tupper was particularly hard upon the Siftonian administration in the Yukon-Teslin Lake Railway scheme and the granting of the permits to Mr. Philip, Hon. Mr. Sifton's late partner, worth enormous sums of money to the fortunate recipient. The following day rumors were rife throughout the city that Mr. Philip had commenced legal proceedings against Sir Charles for alleged libellous expressions.

A reporter called on the veteran statesman at the residence of Senator Kirchhoffer, and was courteously accorded an interview. He asked Sir Charles if he had received any notice of these proceedings.

"Alas, no," he replied, "and you may rest assured there will not be any. I have had a long journey to get to Brandon, but I should consider all the time and trouble well repaid if they would bring any such action against me. Mr. Sifton would then be compelled to get into the witness box and be subjected to cross-examination on these points, and that is an ordeal he would never face."

"Do you think your remarks were libellous?"

"Well," answered Sir Charles, "there is an old saying, 'The greater the truth, the greater the libel.' I stated some very plain truths and facts in unmistakable language, and no doubt it makes them feel uncomfortable, as they know I have the proof and can justify anything I say.

"I do not know that I said anything to damage Mr. Philip," continued Sir Charles, "unless it may be connecting his name with that of the Minister. That might certainly damage him."

"You don't really fear any prosecution by Mr. Sifton?"

"No," replied the Opposition leader, with a smile. "That case will never come to trial, unless—ah, yes," he added, after thought, "he could get me tried before his wife's uncle, Mr. Ogilvie."

ANOTHER FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Large Warehouse Scorched and $5,000 Damage Done by Smoke and Water.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—A bad fire took place to-night in the large warehouse, No. 303 and 305 St. James-street, occupied by a number of firms. The fire started near the roofs, and worked its way downwards. The fire was quickly got under control, but a great deal of damage was done by water and smoke.

Amongst the principal losers are: J. W. Nelles & Bro., manufacturers' agents; the W. E. Sanford Manufacturing Co., whose stock was badly damaged, and Wm. Agnew & Co., silks and dress goods. The total loss is estimated at about $50,000.

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To-day's Program.

Boxing, Mutual-street Rink, Joe Goddard v. Jack McCormick, 20 rounds, 8.30 p.m.
Rosedale, Rugby match, 3 p.m.
Association football at Varsity, 3 p.m.
"The Carpet-Bagger" at the Grand, a good show, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Empire, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Bijou, 2 and 8 p.m.

THE ELECTION POSTPONED.

Dauphin Will Not Vote for a Member Until December 15, it is Reported.

GIMLI NOMINATIONS ON THE 7TH.

Wesley Chittick, Formerly of Wingham, Ont., Found Dead—Winnipeg News.

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The election at Dauphin has been postponed until December 15. So says Mr. Hastings, General Conservative Organizer, to-day, who received a telegram announcing the fact.

The nominations for Gimli will not take place until December 7, and election a week later. B. F. Baldwinson, the proposed Conservative candidate for Gimli, has been confined to his house for some days with an attack of rheumatism.

Wesley Chittick Found Dead.

A young man named Wesley Chittick, son of John Chittick, blacksmith, of Bellmore, near Wingham, Ont., was found dead in his bedroom at the Manor Hotel to-day, having been asphyxiated.

Election Betting.

Bets have been made that three of the Greenway Ministers will be defeated—F. W. Thompson, manager of Ogilvie's, offers to bet The Free Press $200 that the Opposition candidates in Winnipeg will have 750 of a majority in the aggregate.

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Where You Feel at Home.

"Now, when I was a young fellow," said the old campaigner, as he puffed a mild Havana in Muller's smoking room, "the only place we chaps could go to for a nice quiet smoke and chat was a billiard room or a hotel sitting room. Somehow or other these places have gone out of fashion—it's not the correct thing for a chap to linger there. It's either to the club or to Muller's. I prefer this—it's cosy, snug and unconventional—a sort of 'at home' feeling always."

See to-day's Rugby at Rosedale, 2.15.

An Inquest to be Held.

Coroner J. M. Catton last night issued a warrant for an inquest on the body of Mrs. H. C. Munro, who died suddenly yesterday morning. The enquiry will be opened at noon to-day at the late home of deceased, 41 Robinson-street.

See final O.R.F.U. to-day at Rosedale.

The Metropolitan to Carry Mails.

Residents on Yonge-street clear up to Newmarket will hear with satisfaction that the Postmaster-General and his assistants have arranged for a twice-a-day mail service up and down Yonge-street by the Metropolitan Railway. The service will begin Monday.

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MARRIAGES.

CANNON—HUGHES—On Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1899, at St. Stephen's Church, by the Rev. A. J. Broughall, Emma Elizabeth Hughes to Alfred Edward Cannon, all of Toronto.

KAVANAGH—THIBAUDEAU—On Friday, Nov. 24, at St. John's Church, Toronto, by the Rev. Arthur Williams, William James Kavanagh to Frances Gwendoline Alexandra, youngest daughter of W. B. Thibaudeau, barrister, Rat Portage, Ont.

DEATHS.

DUSSEAU—At 108 Seaton-street, on Friday, Nov. 24, at 10 a.m., Marie Atala Sibylla, infant child of L. V. Dusseau, at the age of 6 months.

Funeral from the above address on Saturday, the 25th, at 2.45 p.m., to Sacred Heart Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

THE LIBERALS HAVE GIVEN UP MANITOBA

Even Mr. Tarte, Apparently, Thinks Greenway Government is Doomed.

HAVE THROWN UP SPONGE,

But Mr. Tarte Takes Comfort in the Fact Sir John Macdonald Never Cared

FOR THE SUPPORT OF PROVINCES.

A Dominion General Election Will Be Brought on at Once, it is Said.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—"Sir John A. Macdonald never cared a button whether the Provincial Governments were against him or not, and perhaps it would be better if they were against us, for then we would not have to give them so much."

This statement is alleged to have been made yesterday by the Hon. J. Israel Tarte, while discussing the probable result of the Manitoba election with a friend here.

It appears to be pretty plain that the Ottawa Government have thrown up the sponge, and admit the probability of a Conservative triumph in the Prairie Province. Some of the Liberals in touch with the Ottawa Ministers claim, however, that the Government will be sustained, but they admit that three of the Cabinet Ministers will be defeated.

Then the question of a general election for Ottawa crops up again. A gentleman who is a brother of a French Liberal M.P., told your correspondent to-day that Laurier would dissolve as soon as the result of the Manitoba contest became known, and, being asked if this implied a successful result, the gentleman at once replied "Whether Greenway wins or not, our Ottawa friends will go to the country."

ANOTHER WINDFALL FOR M'GILL.

A Friend Has Contributed a Large Sum to Endow a Chair to be Called Dawson Chair.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—There is another windfall for McGill. The announcement that a friend of McGill University has contributed a large sum of money to endow a chair to be called the Dawson Chair, in memory of Sir William Dawson, the late emeritus principal, is the subject of much curiosity and speculation in university circles to-day. The friend is understood to be Sir William McDonald, who has in times past proved a steadfast and generous friend to McGill. The offer was made to the governors after Sir William Dawson's funeral, and was at the same time communicated to Lady Dawson. Principal Peterson to-day said that a generous donor had signified his intention of contributing such a sum as would in a fitting and substantial manner perpetuate the name and memory of the revered ex-principal, who had done so much towards making the University what it is. Attached to the foundation is the condition that Lady Dawson shall enjoy the income derivable from it during the remainder of her life.

"ROSS AND REFORM!" O YES!

Famous Machine Brigade is Now on Deck at St. Thomas—Vance With Them.

On the register of the Grand Central Hotel, St. Thomas, appeared on Tuesday night the names of four of the members of the famous Prestonian Threshing Machine. The well-known Mr. Vance, Hon. Wm. Mulock's trusted friend and personal agent, was in charge of the quartette and inscribed their names on the register with the managerial air of the head of a traveling minstrel troupe. In the language of the confession of Donald Macnish, these outsiders were promptly taken in charge by local members of the party, and are no doubt now busily engaged in work which Mr. Macnish and future Liberal conventions will deeply regret and deplore—if it be found out—and which Premier Ross will stand ready to vigorously denounce and promise to investigate and punish. This is the first evidence of the genuineness and honesty of the cry "Ross and Reform." Mr. Vance says that he and his friends have been sent into the riding "by the Government." It is now up to Mr. Ross.

Granites and Ottawa Play final to-day at 2.15.

Fair and Mild.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Nov. 24.—(8 p.m.)—A disturbance of some importance is now situated over the Gulf of Mexico. Its ultimate course is at present doubtful, but it is likely to move up the Atlantic coast. The weather is generally fair throughout Canada and there is no indication yet of cold weather.

Maximum and minimum temperatures: Victoria, 50—54; Kamloops, 48—54; Calgary, 34—52; Qu'Appelle, 24—48; Winnipeg, 24—34; Port Arthur, 30—42; Parry Sound, 30—38; Toronto, 35—39; Ottawa, 30—36; Montreal, 28—34; Quebec, 22—34; Halifax, 32—38.

Probabilities.

Lakes and Georgian Bay, Ottawa and St. Lawrence—Fair and stationary or slightly higher temperature.

Gulf—Moderate to fresh northwest to west winds; fair and cool.

Maritime—Moderate to north winds; fair and cool.

Lake Superior—Moderate winds; generally fair and comparatively mild.

Manitoba—Fine and mild.

See the O.R.F.U. final to-day at Rosedale

Every overcoat shown at Oak Hall Clothiers is the embodiment of artistic grace. It goes without saying that the quality is of the best.

Granites v Ottawa at Rosedale at 2.15

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

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Empress of Japan	Yokohama	Vancouver
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