

## SOME 19,000 BOERS

Have Succeeded in Keeping Bul-  
ler Out of Ladysmith.

Churchill Tells How the Enemy  
Comes to Present such a Strong  
Front—Wants More Men.

London, Feb. 2.—Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, today discusses a long despatch from Winston Churchill, dated at Pietermaritzburg, and describing the situation in Natal. He says:

"This despatch deserved to be closely read. It is an appeal to the public at home, and as it has been passed by the censor, may be taken to represent the feelings of General Buller's army. Mr. Churchill represents the difficulties of Gen. Buller's task in concise terms.

"The enemy will act with common sense. They will place outposts on the hills, and keep back their main body until they see the direction of Gen. Buller's movement. Then they will quickly bring up the main body and exterminate what defensive works they can, in addition to such as they have profusely prepared in anticipation of various possible advances.

"That is what everyone would expect them to do, and that their main body can move faster than Gen. Buller's main body can walk, was also pretty generally understood. The consequence is that the Boer army cannot be turned. It can present an entrenched front.

"According to Mr. Churchill, there are 7,000 Boers watching Ladysmith, the same number held ready to resist to reinforce either body at need. Gen. Buller has to attack 12,000 men entrenched on favorable ground. For that purpose Mr. Churchill thinks he ought to have 36,000 men instead of 25,000. In other words, Gen. Buller ought to have another division.

"This opinion coincides with the view we have all along expressed—that the centre of gravity of the war lies in Natal, and that a British victory there would be decisive, while a complete Boer success there would have disastrous consequences not easily estimated.

### BULLER NEEDS HELP.

"It seems difficult, in view of the strategy accepted at the war office as well as at Cape Town, to believe that Gen. Buller is to be allowed once more to attack a position with less than the numerical superiority of 3 to 1, which tactics are usually thought necessary for such a task. It is hardly intelligible that he should attack again without being reinforced. Apparently, however, a third attempt will be made without loss of time. It seems probable that the movement is now in progress. We must hope that the splendid bravery of our men will be rewarded by success. When Mr. Churchill says that 'the public must nerve themselves,' he probably means prepare our countrymen at home for heavy losses in the coming battle."

Winston Churchill's despatch from Pietermaritzburg, in addition to details respecting the position on the Tugela, gives a most interesting survey of the general position. He says:

"These most serious attacks upon the war office appear unjust. The general staff in Africa is of the finest quality, beautifully organized and equipped in all details, and has excellent artillery. The Boer guns are few, but splendid, and are cleverly handled. The Boers can find the range of moving targets at 7,000 yards, often at the first shot of our guns. We cannot explain how."

### BOERS ACT INDEPENDENTLY.

In an interesting comparison of British and Boer methods of warfare as illustrated during the battle of Spion Kop, showing how the British troops were cramped, mixed and disorganized and how the "machinery of command" was shattered, he says: "This would not have affected the Boers, each of whom in pursuance of a general resolve either to hold or to evacuate a position, would have acted individually and quite independently of officers' orders. It was a case of a pack of hounds against a flock of sheep. But the next morning the British battalions were again collected and sold, showing the advantages of discipline. A similar loss would have disheartened the Boers and caused a general trek. Herein lies our expectation of ultimate success. The British have great recuperative powers. The Boers have none. The war, therefore, is brought nearer an end even by unsatisfactory operations."

Mr. Churchill, who anticipates that the consequences of the war will not be altogether evil, "as there will be a great increase of respect between the combatants, and less contempt, the former wedge of cleavage will be gone for ever." He recalls the American civil war, and says: "Union is never born without a trial, and after the refining flames have cooled, we shall find the pure gold of a more harmonious system. Let Great Britain persevere."

### THAMESVILLE.

Feb. 2.—The extreme cold is lengthening the cold and wood bills.

Rev. J. G. Kerr received from the members of the quarterly board a unanimous invitation to remain a fourth year as pastor here.

Mrs. James Mayhew received a telegram on Wednesday stating that her sister, Mrs. Beatty, of Lakota, Dakota, had died very suddenly. Mrs. Mayhew has the sympathy of all in the loss of her only sister.

The lecture given by Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, on "The debt of the state to the church," proved very interesting and instructive. The reverend gentleman is a cultured orator.

A movement is being agitated for a patriotic concert in the near future. Don't fail to go to the Methodist Church to-night and be convinced that women should have the franchise.

The city fathers are struggling to decide the electric light question. The Presbyterian building committee have accepted the plans of Greg & Greg, architects, of Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Sherwood and family left yesterday for Toronto, where they will remain a few days before going on to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood have won a host of friends during their sojourn here, who regret deeply

ly their departure, but wish them every success in their new home. Our popular townsman, E. H. Moran, will receive a medal for being in active service at Ridgeway during the Fenian raid.

### A RESTAURANT EPISODE.

#### A Sort of Straw Vote.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburgh restaurant. While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets; as he himself was a regular user of the tablets, he began speculating as to how many of the other traveling men in the dining room were also friends of the popular remedy for indigestion.

He says: "I counted twenty-three men at the table and in the hotel office I took the trouble to interview them and was surprised to learn that nine of the twenty-three made a practice of taking one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal. One of them told me he had suffered so much from stomach trouble that at one time he had been obliged to quit the road, but since using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets had been entirely free from indigestion, but he continued their use, especially while travelling, on account of irregularity in meals and because like all travelling men he was often obliged to eat what he could get and not always what he wanted."

Another, who looked at the picture of health, said he never ate a meal without taking a Stuart Tablet afterward because he could eat what he pleased and when he pleased, without fear of a sleepless night or any other trouble. Still another used them because he was subject to gas on stomach, causing pressure on heart and lungs, shortness of breath and distress in chest, which he no longer experienced since using the tablets regularly.

Another claimed that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets were the only safe remedy he had ever found for sour stomach and acidity, he had formerly used common soda to relieve the trouble, but the tablets were much better and safer to use.

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A little book on stomach troubles mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart, Co., Marshall, Mich.

### THE GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

ANNUAL REPORT  
IT MAKES A LARGE GRANT TO THE PATRIOTIC FUNDS

The Gore Insurance Company held its sixty-first annual meeting at the company's headquarters in Galt, on Monday evening, Jan. 22nd, that proved exceedingly gratifying to the stockholders, and the statements presented at the meeting gave every evidence of the stability of this well managed institution. During the year 5161 policies were issued and 13,170 were in existence—representing 15,077,881, or an increase of 884,303.92 over the previous year.

The total income from all sources was \$132,708.32, and the disbursements amounted to \$103,518.43, leaving a balance of \$29,189.89 as profit on the year's business; out of this it has been decided by the Board of Directors—under a By-law passed to that effect—to make a refund of 20 per cent on all monies received from the Members of the Company—less amounts paid out for re-insurance—during the year, and who were in good standing in the Company's books in the thirty first day of December, 1899.

The total assets of the Company, including the unpaid balance of the premium notes in force, amount to \$407,723.07, of which \$250,300.27 are cash or cash items. The total liabilities amount to \$35,005.09, and consist of \$54,008.85 held as reserve for unearned premiums on the cash premium business, being 50 per cent of all premiums received for insurance, which is still in force on the cash premium plan, and \$808.84 due to agents as bonus on profitable business of 1899.

Hon. Jas. Young, President, said: "It is somewhat surprising that the last three consecutive years should have been the most successful in the long history of the Company. We called 1897 our red letter year, and it was, but it was surpassed by 1898, and now 1899 bears away the palm and takes the foremost place. These handsome results enable the Gore to deal liberally with its insured, whether on the cash or mutual plan, but especially with the members of the Company, who will be pleased to learn that the Directors have decided again to make a refund to them of twenty per cent of all premiums they paid during the past year."

### \$1,000 TO PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

The question of contributing something in aid of Canadian soldiers and their families in South Africa, having been brought forward, after discussion, it was moved by Jas. P. Jeffray, seconded by W. E. McNaught, that if it is the wish of the Members of the Company in Annual Meeting assembled, would recommend the Board of Directors and hereby pledge their approval to make a liberal grant from the funds of the Company towards one or more of the patriotic funds being raised for the benefit of the troops who have gone or may go to South Africa to take part in the existing war.—Carried unanimously. A grant of \$500 to the Patriotic Fund and \$500 to the Red Cross Fund was made.

This old and reliable company is having a marvellous record, and it has very large business in Chatham and Kent. Frank P. Weldon is agent of this District and this city.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

A young girl lost her pocket-book yesterday afternoon.

Cowan sells Slater stamped shoes, \$3.50 kind for \$3; the \$5 kind for \$4.3t

The residents of Harwich and Howard, near Stratford, are petitioning for a new postoffice.

George C. Knight, Northwood, has gone to Stratford to attend the Central Business College.

Any shape, any size of Slater shoes at Cowan's. \$3.50 kind for \$3.00; \$5.00 kind for \$4.00.

Miss Husband, of Wallaceburg, is spending a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Brook St.

Mrs. Wm. C. Houghton and daughter Elma, have returned home to Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton's niece, Miss Grace Ehlins.

George G. Martin has a letter in Wednesday's Globe pointing out how an order for security for costs works injustice in certain cases.

Messrs. Stephen and Isaac Seburn, Filbury West, received their medals Saturday evening for active service during the Fenian raid of 1867.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin and family arrived in Ridgeway Monday. He will take charge of the English churches in that town and Highgate.

Joseph Edwards, of Witherspoon street, has returned after a short visit with his uncle in Clinton, Iowa, who has been very sick but is much better.

Miss Alma Cunningham, of the 1896 class of the Chatham Model school, left Thursday for her home in Hamilton, Mo., after visiting friends in her old home at Ridgeway.

A delegation from South Woodlee waited on the M. C. R. officials in Detroit on Wednesday asking for the erection of a new station at that point. They report a favorable reply.

The Macaulay Club, of Chatham, will debate with the Canadian Club on Friday evening, Feb. 23, in the rooms of the public library—Ridgeway Plaindealer.

Who would do it? Pay \$5.00 for Slater shoes when you can get them at Cowan's for \$1.00. The \$3.50 kind at Cowan's for \$1.00. The \$5.00 kind at Cowan's for \$1.00.

The infant child of Mr. Wright, a colored resident of Chatham Twp., died yesterday morning. The funeral, which takes place to-morrow, is in charge of the township council.

John Chant, the well-known Edgar St. horseman, has sold his splendid four-year-old trotting stallion, Sylvester, George James, of Hamilton, was the purchaser, and the price paid was \$1,200.

Chairman J. A. Wilson and Trustees J. E. Johnston, John McCorvie and R. M. Paxton, of the Public School Board, paid an official visit to McKenough school yesterday.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Wm. McMaster, Ridgeway, has sold two and one-half acres of land on the creek that is Glenora Gadd. Matthew Gausgrove also purchased an acre from Mr. McMaster adjoining the above mentioned land.

Alfred Palmer, of Bridge End, has sold his farm and purchased another about 22 acres in Toronto. Mr. Palmer went to his new home Monday, and Mrs. Palmer and family left by the G. W. P. yesterday morning.

One hundred and nine dollars and seventy six cents was the amount realized at the patriotic concert given by the Canadian Club of loyal Ridgeway. The sum of \$85 was donated to the National Patriotic Fund and the balance to the Red Cross Society.

The final game in the Ontario tankard series was played at the Windsor curling rink yesterday morning between London and Detroit, Detroit being defeated by 10 shots. London will represent the district at the tankard contest in Toronto.

Ridgeway Plaindealer.—A number of delegates from here will attend the fifth annual meeting of the Chatham Presbyterian to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, on Tuesday and Wednesday next. It is expected that there will be a large attendance and that the meetings will be very profitable.

Wm. Simpson, of Howard, will shortly start on a trip to California, where he has a son at Wrights, 68 miles south of San Francisco. He will take a side trip to New Orleans where he has a niece, and will also visit British Columbia, returning by the C. P. R.

Wednesday, before Judge Woods, the case of Merritt vs. Kime & Longmore, was heard. This was an action on a promissory note upon which neither principal nor interest had been paid and was long overdue. As part payment Kime offered to sell Merritt a sporting dog for which he was to receive \$40 credit on the note. Piff. claimed that the dog was of no value for breeding purposes. His honor held that the offset was not proved, and gave judgment for the full amount of the note, with interest and costs. B. Rankin, J. C. for piff., M. Houston, for deft.

### A TILBURY MAN GETS IT.

Rodney Smith, of Stuart, Tilbury township, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the customs department caused by the death of the late Chas. Sullivan, at a salary of \$500 per annum. Mr. Smith will assume his government duties at once. There were thirty-six applicants, it is said, for this position. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the Canada Business College.

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## FILBURY.

Feb. 2.—West Kent Farmers' Institute meeting here next Tuesday. J. H. Magee has moved his office down stairs to the room lately occupied by Laird's barber shop. Miss Lizzie Coutts is visiting in Belle River.

There will be a hockey match here with Chatham to-night. Owing to the severity of the weather and bad roads the lecture by Mr. Farthing was not largely attended, but those who were present missed a treat, as it was a very pleasant and instructive.

There will be a subscription to the patriotic fund taken up in the Methodist Church Sunday school next Sunday.

Geo. Chalmers, of Tilbury East, is preparing to remove to the village, and has about completed arrangements to erect a handsome new dwelling on Canal St. at a cost of \$1,500. The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

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TO LET.—House on King street, opposite the Gas Works—last occupied by the late James LaMont. Apply to W. FRANK SMITH, Barrister, King Street.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—Store on King Street, lately occupied by J. C. Wainman, about 3 doors from market. Apply to  
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