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BY-ELECTIONS.

The government has at last concluded to issue the writs for the federal by-elections. It is nothing less than an outrage that some of these have been held back so long.

In this case the government saw a chance to capture a seat by rushing on the election and employing the machine. So the Brockville seat was filled at once while the Winnipeg contest was delayed for eight or nine months longer.

Mr. Bourassa. Of the seven vacant seats six were held by the Liberals. Sherbrooke alone was conservative. In that county the late Mr. Ives had a majority of 257.

The other four Quebec seats are hard ground for the conservatives. Mr. Geoffrion, running against a minister in 1896 had a majority of 494 in Verchères. A man of the same name and family has taken his place, as Mr. Geoffrion himself succeeded a still earlier Geoffrion.

The circumstances in Labelle are peculiar. Mr. Bourassa had a majority of 483. He is an ardent Liberal and has resigned as a protest against the offer of soldiers for South Africa. He now appeals to his constituents to sustain him.

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West Ontario was represented by Sir James Edgar, who was elected in 1896 by a vote of 1,322 to 1,026 for his opponent, who is again a candidate. The constituency is one of those described as grit lives.

In Winnipeg the late liberal member, who came in at by-election in 1897, had a vote of 2,326 while his opponent received only 1,209. That was an abnormal return, though there is no doubt that the city was in favor of the present government at the beginning of the career of the administration.

THE NATIONAL DANGER.

The telegraph is one of many government organs which are worried lest the opposition should make capital against the government in respect of the Transvaal contingent.

What is the occasion for this trouble? The opposition press has done nothing worse to Sir Wilfrid Laurier than to quote his own language used when he was first asked against Mr. Tarte that is more damaging than the quotations from his own speeches at St. John's, by Paul and his addresses to the political clubs in his own province. It has said nothing against any political supporter of the premier except to repeat their own words.

They are veterans already. A small battle is not greatly different from a heavy one, so far as those engaged in it are concerned.

The event is important as a sign of the imperial movement. It is a far cry from Canada to Queensland, and both colonies are remote from Cape Colony. Yet in the small force engaged were Queensland volunteers and Canadian volunteers. With them were British regulars, and officers from four continents, all fighting together for a common sovereign and a common cause in a British colony which the most of them never would have seen if this was had not broken out.

From a military point of view this expedition is not without importance. Following the larger movement of General French it shows that the British are not always outwitted by the Boers. In both cases an advance was made which was not expected. In both a flank movement was successfully carried out, and a complete surprise was accomplished. This is something new in the South African campaign.

It may be that General French has not been able to hold his advanced position. The wise reader was prepared to hear that he is still confronted by a strong force, and has his work cut out for him. But it will probably be found that he has done something, as has happened with all French's manoeuvres on the present line of advance.

Every re-occupation by the British of territory annexed by the Boers must have a moral effect on the disloyal Dutch and on the indifferent English. It would be a justification of the movement from Belmont.

THE W. R.

Attention has been directed to the division of General French and General Gatacre. It is now known that General Werran's division, which recently arrived in Africa, has been sent almost or altogether in a body to Colenso to join Buller's force.

With these reinforcements General Buller must have an army not far short of 40,000 men. The despatch of this corps to Northern Natal must have been ordered by Lord Roberts, or at least have had his approval, since he was in command in time to make another distribution had he deemed it advisable. Lord Roberts will be at Cape Town in time to dispose of the sixth corps, or a considerable part of it. One is tempted to hope that whoever is directing the movements of the troops that are now arriving will give French and Gatacre a chance to drive the invaders over the Orange River.

It is suggested that the recent expedition from Belmont was designed as a reconnaissance with a view to a flank movement against the force opposed to it. It is not easy to see that it has served even that purpose, since the British troops have returned and there is nothing to hinder the re-occupation of the district by the Boers, unless it be the fear of another raid. It was something to capture the prisoners, but the moral effect of the expedition must have been largely lost by the subsequent abandonment of the villages to the enemy.

We are asked to expect a great battle at Tugela river. This is a reasonable prediction. Buller must have been strengthened for some purpose, as he had men enough to hold his position. If Ladysmith were not in danger the military necessity would not call for a fresh attack on Joubert's position at this time. But it is becoming painfully evident, in spite of the brave face that the besieged garrison show, that the pressure on them is growing more and more serious.

It is hard to tell how much of the German wrath over the arrest of the merchant ships passed to Delagoa Bay is manufactured by the correspondents. We may assume that the emperor is not talking to the press. The Kaiser does not yet know whether these ships contained coal and other goods. Guns and other munitions would probably not be entered on the ships' manifests. The British naval officer who seizes a neutral ship exposes his country to a considerable risk. If he makes a mistake the only thing he brings to Britain to do is to apologise and make reparation. But if it is true that Britain has not admitted a fault, we may suppose that something was found in these ships that had no business there.

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Jack-What is a "silent partner"?

Stella-Well, I danced with a deaf-mute the other evening.

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D. B. WOODWORTH DEAD.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 4.-News comes from the death of D. B. Woodworth, of the age of 53. He has been in poor health for some time.

Douglas B. Woodworth was one of the most successful and impressive men of his time in Nova Scotia politics. He was an opposition member for Kings in the Nova Scotia legislature. When the anti-confederate government was in power, at one time he attacked the premier so vehemently that he was expelled from the house by a party vote. He addressed the multitude from the steps of the legislative chamber with great effect. Tipping his attention to dominion politics, he defeated the present minister of militia in 1832. Mr. Woodworth was a powerful campaign speaker and a most effective organizer. When his health failed him he went west, and of late years has practiced his profession as a barrister in San Francisco. It was always his intention to return to Nova Scotia. He married a daughter of the late Senator Churchill, and his son, Dr. Perry Woodworth, has been attached to Major Maistre Labori, the counsel for Drexius.

ST. STEPHEN.

ST. STEPHEN, Jan. 4.-Postmaster Sullivan's home, while standing near Ganong Bros' factory this afternoon, became frightened and suddenly bolted on to the sidewalk. In doing so, she struck Mrs. Wm. A. Murdoch of Calais and threw her to the sidewalk. She was carried to the Windsor hotel and physicians summoned, when it was found that a number of severe cuts had been made on her face and about her head. A bone in her nose was broken. She has since been removed to her home in Calais.

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They return covered with snow. Half a teaspoonful of Pain-Killer in hot water will prevent ill effects. Avoid substitutes, there's but one Pain-Killer, Perry David's. 25c. and 50c.

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Dated St. John, N. B., Dec. 27th, 1899. F. ERNEST WALTON, Administrators. ALEX. W. BAIRD, Solicitor, etc.