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BY STURDY, GALLANT FIGHTING

Lord Kitchener Pays High Tribute to Their Service-Boers Repulsed on all Sides—Canadians Lost Heavily—Lieut. Loudon, Brother of Herb, Loudon, of This City, Wounded - Statement by Minister of Militia.

London, April 4 .- There was severe | fighting all day long on March 31 in the neighborhood of Hart's River, in the south-western extremity of the Transvaal, between part of General Kitchener's force and the forces of Generals Delarey and Kemp, resulting in the repulse of the Boers after heavy losses on both sides.

KITCHENER'S OFFICIAL REPORT Lord Kitchener's official report dated from Pretoria yesterday even ing, says :- "General Kitchener (Lord Kitchener's brother) sent Colonel's Keir and Cookson from Vriekuil, Western Transvaal, March 31, to reconnoiter towards Hart's River They soon struck the track of guns, and carried on a running fight for eight miles, following the track through the bush. Emerging on a plain, large Boer reinforcements advanced against their flanks, forcing the British troops to take up a defensible position, which they hastily entrenched. Fighting ensued at close quarters, until

THE BOERS REPULSED. "Delarey, Kemp and other leaders vainly attempted to persuade their men to renew the action. Fifteen hundred Boers participated in the engagement, but they had suffered too heavily, and cleared away to the north-west and south. "The British losses were also severe

THE VALIANT CANADIANS. "The Canadian Rifles especially distanguished themselves one party, com-manded by Lleut. Bruce Carruthers, holding its post till every man was killed or wounded. Others of the forces showed great steadiness, allow

ing the Boers to advance within two hundred yards of them, and repelling them with a steady rifle fire GREAT INTEREST IN TORONTO. Toronto, April 4.—News of the heavy fighting in South Africa was read with great interest here, as it is probable that many :Torontonians were in the troops which suffered so severely. Lieut. Carruthers was subaltern in "E" Squadron, of which Capt. Elmsley was in command, and which was raised in No. 2 mali-tary district, of which Toronto is the

centre. Ordinarily Lieut. Carruthers would command "A" troop. The of-ficer named is a Kingston boy, who graduated at the Military College of LIEUT. CARRUTHERS.

Kingston, April: 4.—Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, mentioned in the war despatches as commanding the Canadians who fought the Boers to a finish, is a Kingstonian, son of the late John Carruthers, a former wholesale grocer. This is the second time he has been in Africa, he having gone out first as a private of the First Contingent. He married a Miss McPherson in December, just before going out with the Mounted Rifles. Mrs. Carruthers is here, and anxiously Carruthers is here, and anxiously awaiting final tldings as to her hus-band's fate.

CASUALTIES

Four Officers Badly Wounded Nine Non-Doms. and Meh Killed and Forty Wounded.

Ottawa, April 4.-His Excellency has received the following cable from the casualty department at Cape town, concerning the engagement of the second Canadian Mounted Rifles on March 31st-

"Daschpoort, Clynvort's River, Mar, 31st .- Lieuts. R. H. Ryan and W. J. Loudon, formerly of the Northwest Mounted Police, are dangerously wounded, along with Lieut. R. F. Markham, of New Brunswick, and Lieut. C. B. McKay, of Montreal. Nine non-coms. and men are killed and 40 wounded. The names of the latter have not yet been received." STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS.

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Just before the Speaker left his
chair at six o'clock, the Minister of
Militia read a des atch from the war
office, giving the number of Canadian
casualties. He added—"While all this
is very sad indeed, there is this satisfaction to be derived from it—that
Canadians are maintaining the reputation that they have already achieved
in South Africa, and they continue to
prefer death to surrender."
This statement was received with
loud cheers.

THE LEADER OF THE HEROES. Lieut, Bruce Carruthers, who com-manded the party of Canadian Mount-ed Rifles in the battle near Hart's River, Southwestern Transvaal, on March 31st, who, Lord Kitchener reports, "especially distinguished them-selves, holding their post till every man was killed or wounded," is a pro-duct of the Royal Military College, graduating in 1888. He joined the Twenty-first Hussars and served with them in England and Ireland. He re-turned to Chronical and issent the Everturned to Canada and joined the Fourteenth Battalion, P. W. O., Rifles at Kingston and served as lieutenant and captain. When the first contingent went to South Africa, he volunteered and went with the Second Special Ser-vice battallon, Royal Canadian Regiment, and was present with them in all their engagements, for which he received the South African medal with four class, When the third con-tingent (the Second Canadian Mount-ed Rifles) was raised in December last, Lieut, Carruthers accepted a commission as lieutenant and went out with the first portion of the con-tingent of board the Manhattan. He was attached to squadron E and must have gone directly to the front. His last letterr was written on board the Manhattan, dated Feb. 9, reaching Ottawa, March 15.— He wrote in the best of health and spirits, and expected to reach Cape Town the following Thursday and to be off for the front in about ten days. He said:
"I have a sylendid lot of men in my troop and I know they have confidence

in me. My horses are good, also, We had a lively time on board crossing the line. Father Neptune paid us a visit, and for a couple of hours assumed control ducking in the tank and shaving with a large razor any who had not crossed the line before." Lieut. Carruthers was married just before leaving to Miss Etta MacPher-son, of Kingston, daughter of Mrs. John Meintyre, of Kingston. The ceremony took place just before leaving. Their engagement was announced only a short time previously on the formation of the contingent, and the young couple immediately decided to get married before he left. He was otified to join the troop train at two

days' notice, and it was then the a training was decided on, but before a it. ing he obtained a few days' leave, which he spent with his bride in Ottawa, the guests of Col. and Mrs. Rutherford. Lieut. Carruthers was commodore of the Royal Yacht Club, and has always taken a great interest in all kinds of athletic sports. He was in charge of the sinnalers of his bat-talion in South Africa and performed distinguished service in that connection. The names of the men in Lieut Carruthers' squadron are not known at Ottawa. The department has the nominal roll of the entire contingent alphabetically arranged, but not divided into squadrons. The work of divided ing up the contingent was to take place on the arrival of the contingent

in South Africa." A TORONTO BOY. Toronto, April 4.—Lieut. Loudon, of the 2nd C. M. R., who was slightly wounded in the fight on the Little Ports River, is a Toronto boy, a son of J. S. Loudon, of the Standard Bank, and a protiser of Herb, Loudon of the Standard Bank, Chatham. He attended the R. M. C., Rifgston, until given a commission. He was a member of the R. M. C. hockey team which visited Pittsburg recently.

LTS. RYAN AND MARKHAM.

LTS. RYAN AND MARKHAM. Halifax, N. S., April 4-The Imperial authorities here have not received any official information about the en-gagement with General Delarcy other gagement with General Delarcy other than contained in the despatches. The news of the wounding of Lt. Ryan, of Kentville, N. S., and Lt. Markham, of St. John, has been received here with universal regret, where both officers were well and favorably known. A SENATOR'S SON.

Montreal, Que., April 4.—Lieut. G. B. McKay, who is mentioned amongst the Camadian officers wounded in South Africa, is a son of Hon. Senator McKay, of Montreal.

DANISH INDIES

Copenhagen, April 4.-There was an exciting debate on the Danish West India Islands' treaty in the executive session of the Landsthing (Upper House) to-day. The Opposition mem-bers violently attacked the treaty, and plied the foreign minister, Dr. Deunzer, with numerous questions, to which be replied firmly and clearly. NO FURTHER DETAILS.

Up to hiddight no further details of the casualties had been received by His Excellency, but the names of the nine Canadians killed and 40 wounded are expected to be received from the casualty department by Saturday been successful.

RECORD TRIAL

Philadelphia, April 4.-William H ane, the colored servant, who or Tuesday last murdered Ella J. Jaden and her daughter, Madeline, and se badly wounded another daughter, Eloise, that she died to-day, was convicted of murder in the first degree this afternoon, after a trial lasting less than one and a-half hours. Lane pleaded guilty yesterday and was placed on trial at it o'clock to-day. Because of Lane's plea of guilty, no Because of Lane's plea of guilty, no jury was drawn, and only three witnesses were called for the purpose of determining the degree of murder. At 2.20 o'clock Judge Biddle sentenced the murderer to death. The date of his execution will be fixed by Govern

MORE FACTS

Canadian Losses Were Heavy but the men Made Magnificent Stand.

The Canadians Were the Last to Arrive in South Africa but Maintained Reputation.

Special to The Planet.

Pretoria, April 4th,-The British losses in the engagement in the neigh borhood of Hart's River in Southwest. ern extremity of the Transvaal, March 31, were three officers and twentyfour men killed, and sixteen officers and 131 men wounded. The Boers ad. mit that they lost 137 men killed or wounded. The action occurred at Doornbalt Farm, a few miles south of the scene of General Delarey's defeat of General Methuen.

The Boers, who were commanded by Generals Kemp and Poetgieter, attacked with great determination, but the Canadian contingent, which was the last to arrive in South Africa from Canada, and two squadrons of Yeomanry, under colonel Cookson, and the artillery and mounted Bifles under Colonel Keir, presented such a stout front that the burghers were finally forced to retreat. The casua Mounted Rifles had four officers and nine men killed and forty men

James A. Kendall, of this city a member of E. Squadron, was one of Canadian in the fight of March 31,

THE O. E. A.

At the meeting of the Ontario Educational Association in Toronto, this week, High School Inspector John Seath, B. A., was elected President of the Association, and Robert Doan

Seath, B. A., was elected President of the Association, and Robert Doan Esq., of Toronto, Secretary. Inspector Park was chosen chairman of the Inspectors' Section. Inspector Colles read a paper upon the better organization of the Inspectors' Department, his recommendations being adopted and a Standing committee upon Legislation formed accordingly.

At the joint meeting of the Trustees Department and the Inspectors' Department, the instability of the Rural School Teacher's position was debated upon. Inspector Colles proposed, as a means of greater security to the teacher, that rural school hoards should consist of six members instead of three, two trustees to be elected annually instead of one, and he introduced a resolution was carried unanimously and Inspector Colles was congratulated from all sides, teachers coming forward and thanking him as a benefactor of the rural school teachers. Inspector Colles was asked to read a paper before the Dominion Educational Association to meet in Halifax next summer. Halifax next summer.

THE MARKETS

There was a very good market this morning. Vegetables, while very scarce, were not dear. Eggs were the chief offering. They sold at 11 cents a dozen. Chickens brought from 25, to 40 cents each, and were considered dear for the quantity of poultry ex-hibited. Butter sold at from 18 to

Following as the price Lat: IN THE SHEDS. Butter, 18c, to 20c, per lb. Eggs, 11c. per doz. Chickens, each, 25c. to 40c. Turkeys, each, 90c. to \$1.75. Honey per rack, 13c.

VEGETABLES.
Rhubarb, per bunch, 10c.
Lettuce, per pound, 25c.
Radiabes, per bunch, 10c.
Paranips, per peck, 15c.
Sage, a banch, 5c.
Apples, 40c. a peck.
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rots, 15c. peck.
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RHODES' IMPERIAL BEQUESTS FOR THE CAUSE OF EDUCATION

Provides for Colonial, German and American Scholarship-\$20,000 Yearly Left to Maintain Tomb-Railway to be Built to Matoppo Hills to Accommodate Visitors-Imperialistic in his Death.

London, April 4 .- The will of Cecil Rhodes provides for the establishment of colonial scholarships and two American scholarships to each of the present states and territories of the United States. The will of Mr. Rhodes also provides for five scholarships for students of German birth at Oxford, to be nominated by Emperor William, and commenting on the bequest, Mr. Rhodes, in a codicil telegraphed from South Africa, said :- "For a good understanding between England, Ger-many, and the United States will se-

cure the peace of the World, and edu-cational relations form the strongest Ait the scholarships, American, colonial, and German, are at Oxford.

The will is a remarkable and volumnous document. It was executed in There is a codicil attached on the day of the deceased's last departure from England, and another, cabled from Cape Town, leaving £4,000 yearly

to keep up the spot in the Matoppe Hills, where his body is to be buried. The will further directs that a rail-road extension be made into the Ma-toppo Hills, so that visitorss may go there at the week-and to inspect the majesty and glory of their surround-

Mr. Rhodes explicitly says he is to be buried in an aperture cut in the solid rock, surmounted by a brass tablet, bearing the words:"Here lie the remains of Cecil Joh" Rhodes."

No one is to be buried there who has not deserved well of his country.

Mr. Rhodes bequeaths all his landed property near Buluwayo and Salisbury.

(both in Matabeleland) (both in Matabeleland) to trustees, whom he directs to cultivate the land for the instruction of the people of Rhodesia. His celebrated place at Groot Schuur (not far from Cape Town) Mr. Rhodes leaves as a residence for the "Prime Minister of the Federal Government of South Africa," with £1,000 yearly for

****************** Local Briefs

The Growler predicts rain for

Miss English, of Blenheim, the city yesterday. Ed. Williston entertained a number

of friends last evening. D. A. Leitch, of Ridgetow Chatham visitor yesterday.

D. A. Gordon, of Wallaceburg. visitor in the alty yesterday. T. B. West, of Wallaceburg, called

on his Chatham friends yesterday. Mrs. McVean and den, were in the city yesterday. James Parker, of Sarnia, was re-gistered at the Rankin House yester-

County Commissioner J. N. McCoy, of Wallaceburg, is spending the day in town.

Mrs. John Bruce, Queen street, left yesterday for Woodstock, where her lather is seriously in. Geo. Burt, of Detroit, an old Chatham boy, is spenting a few days with friends in the city.

Miss Emma McGreen, who is confined in the Public General Hospital, s somewhat better to-day. Miss Bella Weldon, who is seriously

ill with pneumonia in St. Joseph's Hospital is no better to-day. Will Doherty returns to-morrow to Magna Villa, where he will resume teaching until the end of the year.

Chas. Hadley has purchased the first sourse ticket for baths at the Mineral Bath House. The course is 21 baths for \$10. Miss May Dobbyn, of Thamesville, spent yesterday with Mrs. W. N. Morley. She attended the concert at the Grand last evening.

Miss Webster returned to-day to who is under the doctor's care at R.

Dunlop's, Park avenue west, A Bazaar in connection with Andrew's Church will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, for the sale of goods.

At the Baptist Church Young Pec-ple's Union last eyening Miss M. Old-ershaw sang a solo and Miss Forsythe read a report of the convention she attended at London.

Mayor Sulman received a letter to-day from Toronto seliciting subscrip-tions for the monument to be erected there for the late Lieut. Governor John Groves, of Simcoe. Mr. Groves was the man who established the seat of Government for Upper Canada at York, now Toronto, in the year 1793. The site for the statute has been se-lected near the Legislative building. Anyone who wishes to subscribe to Anyone who wishes to subscribe to this fund may do so by calling on Mr

Sulman.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company (Limited), 14 King St. West, Toronto, to, accepts all classes of trust funds, whether under will, marriage settlement, or agreement. As the Company has perpetual existence its elients have the assurance that the terms of the trust will be carried out, no matter what period they cover, without changing the trustee, which has so often occurred when a private individual has been appointed in that capacity.

The essay-writing competition at the C. C. I. takes place on Monday afternoon in the Assembly Hall. On Tuesday afternoon in the Assembly Hall. On Tuesday afternoon a literary tournament will be held, when speeches and recitations will be given by the pupils competing for the prizes that have been offered. Same of the contestants have been rehearsing during the Easter vacation. Parents and others interested will be welcamed. The judges will be Messrs. Edwin Bell, T. Scullard, J. E. Thomas, J. W. White, Judge Bell, donors of the prizes, and Rev. J. R. Battisby and Rev. Father James, C. I. trustees.

Mrs. John Gott is spending a The mineral bath house will be to the public Monday: Frank Dunkley, of Sarnia, is sper

maintenance

ing a few days at his home. A. R. McKenzie, of Glencee, entered the General Hospital yesterday. Thos. Stanton, Lansdowne avenue, is the proud possessor of a son and heir.

Chas. Gammage, of Port Huron, is the guest of his parents, Raleigh St. s for a few days.

Mr. Coates, of Raleigh, has moved unto the city and is remodelling his residence. Edgar street.

Co., is confined to his residence, Stan-ley Ave., through illness. "I wonder if I will be able to wes my new Easter hat to-morrow," a lady in the Growler to-day.

Probate in the will of the late Wm. E. Hardy was to-day granted. The estate was valued at \$5,000. Probate in the will of the late Rebecca Fletcher, of Tilbury, was grant-ed to-day. The estate is valued at

A meeting of the Advisory Board of the Children's Aid Society will be held Monday afternoon at 4.15 in Christ Church Sunday School.

Miss Lottie Smith, Raleigh St., en-tertained a number of friends last eve-ening in honor of her guest, Miss Lily, Blackburn, of Windsor.

St. Andrew's Ledies' Aid will hold a sale of fancy and useful articles in the store lately occupied by W. N. Morley, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12. On the last two deeps last two days marmalade and other cookery will be for sale.

The regular meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., will be held this evening at 7.30. General business and conferring degrees is the bill for the evening. Visiting brethren are always welcome to the meetings of 46.

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The assises open in Sandwich next week, before Justice McMahon. M. Wilson, K. C. of this city, has been retained on three cases. They are — Lewis vs. Ellis, an action against a lawyer to make him account for moneys; Post vs. Oper, an action brought by Capt. Post, of Ericau, in connection with the sale of fishing rights on Lake Erie; Wigle vs. Wagoner, an action for damages arising out of the sale of a tobacco business at Kingsville. M. Wilson, K. C. is acting for the plaintiff in the first case and has been retained for the defence in the other two cases. other two cases.

***************** TELEGRAPH

Senator Ogilvie's body will mated at his own desire,

Walter Gordon was found guing and Brandon of the murder of Chypour and Jacob Smith, Whiteway our one

General O'Grady Commandant of the on June 30, and Loard's and take no other assume the commandant of t