

SOUTH AFRICA.

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The malady is reaching the more prosperous classes and it has been necessary to remove to the hospital the entire family of a gentleman.

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PARLIAMENT.

Lefurgey and Hackett Kick About the Winter Communication With the Island.

Militia Matters Discussed—Dr. Borden Favors Col. Hughes' Scheme for Encouragement of Marksmen.

BRITISH COMMONS.

The Civil List and His Majesty's Expenses—Why Gen. Colville was Retired.

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OTTAWA.

Government business occupied the attention of the house today.

Sir Louis Davies gave notice that he will move for an appeal to the supreme court to get its ruling as to whether C. P. R. lands are liable for taxation.

SENATE.

In the senate little was done beyond reading for questions of local interest to sections represented by interrogators.

Mr. Dandurand asked the government if they could award that the United States has paid certain legislation regarding navigation, and had asked the British government to join them in a joint international commission, and would the government this session introduce legislation to enable Canada to take part in the same.

New liquor regulations for the Yukon have been issued. Permits will be issued by the commissioner of the Yukon, instead of by the minister of interior, and only to wholesale dealers who pay a license fee of \$2,000.

In the senate today, Sir Mackenzie Bowell moved for all tenders for laying the Pacific cable. Senator Penley criticized the action of the government in not appointing a commission to raise 1,000 more men in Canada.

Mr. Hughes, on motion, to go into committee on the bill for the betterment of Canada would be served with the following proposition: First—Reduction of grades on the intercolonial railway so that the maximum should not exceed a half per cent.

Second—The construction of a double track from Moncton to St. John, Moncton to Halifax, and from Truro or another suitable point on the main line to the Straits of Canso or other Nova Scotia.

Third—The granting of running power on the most favorable service over the intercolonial of any Canadian or American railway to reach the Canadian seaboard.

W. M. Jarvis and Colonel Tucker interviewed Hon. Mr. Tarte today regarding improvements at St. John harbor.

OTTAWA, March 10.—Strathcona's Horse reached here today, badly disorganized. Most of the men went adrift in Montreal and could not be rounded up.

HOUSE CLEANING TIME IS A GOOD TIME ALSO TO CLEAN THE SYSTEM.

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OTTAWA, March 8.—The Victoria Rifles band will probably go to Buffalo to represent Eastern Canada at the Pan-American exposition.

GINNINAVAT, March 8.—Geo. E. Stone, head of the local telephone system, died today from pneumonia, following an operation for appendicitis.

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J. N. HARVEY'S NEW CLOTHING STORE! To Open Saturday, March 16th.

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BRITAIN'S ANSWER

To the Amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. The Tons of the Reply Distinctly Friendly. Yet Shows that the Proposed Amendments do Not Fairly Consider the British Interests.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—For the present the text of the British answer to the amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty will be withheld from publication on this side of the water at least.

The British answer is quite long, and would make about two newspaper columns. The tone of the reply is distinctly friendly throughout, particularly so in the concluding assurances of good-will and a desire to cooperate in the realization of this undertaking.

HALIFAX, N. B., March 11.—A severe storm visited Nova Scotia today, causing disaster to overhead wires in several towns. A gale of wind is blowing at Yarmouth the electric lights have been extinguished and the trolley car service suspended.

MONTEAL, March 11.—A storm, which was at times rain, sleet and snow, set in last night and continued all day. Ice on the trolley wires is responsible for an almost complete stopping up of the street railway, and it was not until dark that the principal lines were in operation.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 11.—There is much talk about the jobbing of the house and by members of the Harris bridge business, about which they are just learning, having been led to make enquiries by Mr. Hazen's enquiry and Labillio's reply in the legislature on Friday.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 11.—The contract for building the masonry, superstructure and approaches on the Oak Bay, Charlotte Co., bridge has been awarded to C. J. R. Simmons of Gibson.

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