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BRANDFORT OURS.

Boers Driven From Their Strong Position on the Road To Pretoria.

GREATEST BRITISH SUCCESS SINCE CRONJE'S SURRENDER.

Enemy Have Abandoned Thaba N'Chu Hills

ROBERTS COMMANDS ROAD BY WHICH BULLER MAY JOIN MAIN ARMY.

Winnipeg Soldier Added to Canadian Death Roll.

London, May 4.—News of the occupation of Brandfort, was issued by the War Office at ten o'clock this morning, confirming a despatch previously received by the Associated Press.

It is generally considered the most important communication received from the front since the capture of Gen. Cronje and the relief of Ladysmith.

The fact that the position gives the key to one of the main roads leading to the Drakensberg passes, which possibly may be the means of co-operation with General Buller later on, provides an advance base of supplies, and at the same time menaces the Boers now southeast of Bloemfontein, is obviously the reason for the importance attached by all hands to the intelligence.

Brandfort, 35 miles nearer the Transvaal capital, is now Lord Roberts' head quarters.

It is hardly expected that the Boers will make much of a stand south of Kroonstadt, and possibly not there if Lord Roberts succeeds in capturing Wynburg, thus interposing between the main federal army the Boer forces in the neighborhood of Thaba N'chu and Houtney, in which case the latter would be forced to move far to the eastward, and their mobility would probably enable them to reach the Bethlehem, and Harrismith line of safety.

The only opposition which the British encountered at Brandfort seems to have come from the Irish American command.

The central British army is now in line with the extreme left at Boshof, under Lord Methuen and the extreme right at Elandslaagte under Gen Buller so that movements of these brigades in co-operation with the main army, may shortly be expected.

British Occupy Brandfort.

Londay, May 4.—Lord Roberts reports to the war office as follows, under date of Brandfort, May 3, "We occupied Brandfort today without much opposition and without, I hope, many casualties.

The first brigade of Mounted Infantry covered the left flank of the fourt enth brigade of the seventh division, and the right flank was supported by the fifteenth brigade.

Pole-Carew's division advanced directly on Brandfort, and the Boer army which was under command of Delarey, retired in a northeasterly direction."

Scouts report that some of the Boers retired toward Wepener. They believe the Boers evacuated the position during the night, trekking to the northward in three directions.

General French left today.

General Rundle is in command here.

It is expected that Gen. Bahant will effect a junction at any moment."

Boers Trekking from Thaba N'Chu.

Thaba N'Chu, May 4,—The Boers have evacuated Thaba N'Chu hills and are believed to be still trekking, though one gun has shelled the camp indiscriminately.

BRAVE PATRICK MCCLEARY.

The First New Brunswicker to Fall in Battle in South Africa.

(Bloemfontein Cor. Halifax Herald)

In mentioning deeds of heroism performed by members of G Company I forgot to give the name of Stretcher Bearer McCleary. This man on the day of the fight (February 18) worked all day hatless (with only a hankerchief to cover his head, for he had lost his helmet and without a tunic. He snatched scores of all regiments who were wounded out of the fire line, and in the evening, when we fell back behind the next ridge, and when volunteers were called for to go out and bring in the wounded left behind, he stepped forward. That was the last seen of him, all who accompanied him on his errand of mercy were fired on by the Boers and were obliged to return. McCleary did not come in, and it was not until the following morning that his absence was made sure, when his body, riddled with bullets, was discovered by a party of early morning searchers. It is said McCleary would have been reccommended for a decoration had he lived, but the intervention of death prevented its consummation.

'Twas Alfred Riggs, of Charlottetown, who arranged Chappell's headstone and grave. Poor boy, he did not long survive his good works; but this labor of love may be a matter of interest to the friends of Chappell.

Canadian Officers Invalided.

Toronto, May 4.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Lieut. C S Wilkie, Tenth Royal Granadiers, Toronto, an officer of "C" Company Royal Canadian Regiment infantry, has been invalided home from South Africa. He left Cape Town April 27th on the steamer Kildonan Castle, bound for England.

Capt Pelletier of F Co. Quebec is in England suffering from the effects of sunstroke.

Lieut. Weldon McLean.

The Illustrated London News of May 5 contains a very fine photograph of Lieut. Weldon McLean. Speaking of him the News says: "Lieut. McLean, the young Canadian who has received from Lord Roberts a commission in the British army, is the son of Lieut. Col. Hogh H. McLean, who was in England last year in command of the Canadian rifle team. The new lieutenant in the Royal Field Artillery was only eighteen last August. He was educated at the Royal Military College, Kingston, and was one of the first officers appointed to the first Canadian contingent in South Africa, leaving St. John, New Brunswick, to join the G company. Lieut. McLean made a great impression on Lord Methuen as a cartographer."

Good Men and True.

Toronto, May 4.—The Globe's special cable from London says: Rudyard Kipling in today's London Daily Mail, referring to the desirability of colonials settling in South Africa and the lack of inducements offered by the home government, says: "Among the various hospitals lie three hundred Canadians of the very stamp and breed we require, young, sound, clean, intelligent, well educated. Three hundred heads of sane and scaped families. Shall we let all these beautiful men go back to their own place and never lift a finger to stay them."

Afraid of The Bayonet.

London, May 4.—The Daily News has the following from Thaba N'chu, dated Wednesday:

"In yesterday's flanking movement Captain Towse and fifty Gordon Highlanders were surrounded by 250 Boers, who demanded their surrender. Captain Towse ordered his men to fix bayonets and charge. With a wild cheer the Gordons rushed at the enemy and swept them away with great slaughter. Capt Towse was blinded in both eyes by the enemy's fire, and throughout be haved most heroically."

Another Canadian Dead.

Ottawa, May 4.—A cable received at the Militia department today announces the death of Pte. B. Liston, Winnipeg first Canadian contingent.

"The Better Part

Of valor is discretion," and the better part of the treatment of disease is prevention. Disease originates in impurities of the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood. People who take it at this season say they are kept healthy the year round. It is because this medicine expels impurities and makes the blood rich and health-giving.

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STANLEY.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

May 3rd—The rain of today is wearing away our snow very fast.

The river water is good and by the number of logs that are going down by here, it looks as though the drives are doing good work up river.

Messrs Stanley and Howard Douglas, are soon to have the exterior of their large new store painted.

Operations upon the Stanley and Cross Creek Railway is expected to open at once. The line has been laid out and land appraised. Dr Moore has the "pushing" of the construction of the road in hand and he is evidently the right man in the right place.

DIED OF BROKEN HEART.

Distressing End of the French Vice Consul at New York.

New York, May 4. — Count Dolpeux French vice consul in this city is dead, under most distressing circumstances.

He was the husband of Mme Mario Celli, the famous teacher of singing, and former prima donna who died April 10th.

At her death the Count locked himself in the room with his dead wife and refused to allow the body to be removed and at length his intimate friends had to use force. Later he was removed to the insane asylum on Ward's Island, where he made several attempts to take his own life. He refused food and last night his dead body was brought back to the city for burial.

A MURDEROUS ICEMAN.

Shot His Sweetheart Dead and Committed Suicide.

Chicago, May 4.—Willian Lanty an iceman, shot and instantly killed his sweetheart, Babbie Edwards, and then turning the revolver on himself inflicted a wound from which he died within an hour.

The shooting took place in a Madison street saloon, and the cause of the double tragedy is said to have been jealousy.

QUEEN AND PRINCE OF WALES

Subscribe Liberally for Relief of Ottawa and Hull Fire Sufferers—Relief Fund Started at Glasgow.

London, May 4.—Queen Victoria has contributed 500 guineas and the Prince of Wales 250 guineas to the Mansion House Ottawa fire relief fund.

Another Ottawa relief fund was opened at Glasgow today, and about £2000 sterling was subscribed in a few hours.

The Tobique Drives.

Late advices from the Tobique are to the effect that the lumber drives are coming along splendidly and it is expected that some of them will be into the main river the middle of this week.

Tested and Tried For 25 Years

Would you feel perfectly safe to put all your money in a new bank? One you have just heard of?

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STEAMSHIP LOST.

An Elder-Demster Liner Bound for Montreal

LOST IN THE FOG AND PROBABLY A TOTAL WRECK.

Crew Reached Land Safely this Morning.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, May 4.—The British steamer, Monthelier, of the Elder-Dempster line of Liverpool, from Cardiff, April 17, and Los Palmos, April 20, for Montreal, while bound up the St Lawrence went ashore last night in a dense fog at Duck Island, three miles from Cape Ray at the entrance to Cabot strait.

Nothing has been heard of the crew or passengers.

The ship is probably a total loss.

The Monthelier struck at 9 o'clock last night and beat out her bow and bottom on the rocks. She is breaking to pieces today.

Her crew landed today, from the steamer's boats in which they spent the night, lying off the coast waiting for daylight. The crew had many narrow escapes while launching the boats in the darkness.

MILITARY MATTERS.

Distinguished Special Course Officers at the Infantry School.

Surgeon Lieut Col McLearn and Surgeon Major Bridges, who joined the military school on the first of the month, are plugging away at squad drill and seem to be making fair headway. Col McLearn's fine military bearing and steadiness in the ranks, elicits much favorable comment, and Surgeon Major Bridges' superb word of command with its true Napoleonic ring, is the envy of all his associates.

Lieut. H C Blair, the crack marksman of the 78th Highlanders, Truro, N S, joined the school today for a special course of instruction. Lieut. Blair took a course last spring and made many friends, who are pleased to see him back again. He shot at Bisley last year with the Canadian team, and has a place on the team which is to cross the Atlantic this year.

A non combatant militia officer now taking a special course at the military school, created quite a sensation Thursday by appearing on the streets wearing a hard hat, and carrying an umbrella. His regimentals were hidden from view by a long macintosh coat, and but for the broad stripe on his pantaloons, no one would have taken him for a soldier. This is a new departure in the way of military dress, and the "doc" is being complimented upon his originality.

The short course men at the barracks are making excellent progress with the drill under the tuition of Drill Sergeant Brewer.

HARVEY STATION.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

May 3.—Mr. Robert H Robison with his wife and family, left last evening by the Pacific express for Vancouver, where they intend to reside in future. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have resided at the station for the last sixteen years and were much esteemed by all who knew them and we feel that the community has sustained a severe loss by their removal.

Last Saturday evening the members of Court Harvey Glen, I. O. F., of which Mr. Robison is a member, presented him with a handsome set of silver table cutlery accompanied by the following address:

Mr. R. H. Robinson,

Dear Sir and Brother.—As you are about to go out from among us we desire in some degree to give expression to our high regard for you, and to thank you for your efficient and faithful service to this court, and to the order. During the years that you have filled the office of financial secretary, we have always found your work well done, and it is with deep regret that we part with you. We feel that your departure will leave a place in the court and in the community, which will be very hard to fill as well as you have filled it. Wherever you go we assure you that you wil have our best wishes for the success and happiness of yourself and your estimable wife. May the supreme chief of the universe in whom we trust ever be with you to guide and protect you.

We desire you to accept this sett of table cultery as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held by us. We hope that you will have much pleasure in its use and that it will often bring to your memory pleasant recollections of Court Harvey Glen. (Sgd.)

S B Hunter, C D,
R P Grieve, V C R,
D Glendenning, C R,
John W Taylor, R S.

The new flag which has been procured for the school house by the efforts of the Misses Janie Robinson, Ella Thompson and P Ballentine, was raised on the school house Monday evening. A large crowd was present and Canada's flag was run up amid much enthusiasm. A pie social was afterwards held in the school house and an enjoyable time spent.

WILL CONVENE AT BOSTON.

Liberals of America to Hold a Great Convention Next Week.

The National Convention of the A. O. H., which convenes at Boston May 8th, promises to surpass any convention in the history of the order in America. The Quincy House will be the national and state headquarters of the delegates.

Tuesday, May 8th, the delegates will meet and go in a body to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, to attend mass. The convention will be called to order at 12 o'clock the same day. The mayor will welcome the delegates and guests.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a state parade, which will be reviewed by the governor and mayor. There will be a grand stand erected on one of the principal squares of the city for the delegates to view the parade from. In the evening a complimentary banquet will be tendered the delegates in Mechanics' Hall. In connection with the banquet will be a concert, and some of the ablest speakers in the order will deliver addresses.

On Thursday afternoon the delegates will be given a sail down the famous Boston harbor, and on Friday afternoon they will be given a ride through the subway and to the principal points of interest in the city, and the convention will close in the same evening.

J E Shaesgreen, Provincial President, of Woodstock, and delegates from the different counties in New Brunswick, will probably attend. J D Hanlon, Provincial Secretary and E A O'Brien, President of the Fredericton division, will probably represent this city.

Easter Election.

At a meeting of the parishioners of the Parish of Burton, adjourned from Easter Monday, the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Church Wardens—Henry Wilmot, C H Gilmor.

Vestry men.—A S Clowes, F E Stocker, R D Wilmot, F A Hubbard, J P Bliss, Geo H Clowes, John W Gilmor, Robt. S Hughes, A B Wilmot, Edwin Street, Geo. S Gilbert, Harry Cannon.

Vestry clerk—James S White,

Solicitor— A B Wilmot.

Representatives to the Synod—J W Gilmor, H Wilmot.

Substitutes—A B Wilmot, A S Clowes.

A vote of thanks expressive of the appreciation of the Parishoners of the faithful services of J West Smith, as organist, was unanimously passed.

The Cross Creek Bubble.

The leases of the great number of mining areas in the vicinity of Cross Creek, taken out last spring by residents of this city and Stanley as the result of the reported discovery of gold by one Harris, have nearly all expired. Although they could have been renewed by the holders at half the original cost, none have thus far availed themselves of the privilege. Thomas Gordon of Marysville has made application for 54 areas, including the 40 areas formerly held by Harris, on which the gold bearing quartz is alleged to have been discovered.

Wounded New Brunswickers.

In Thursday's report of causalties of the Canadians in South Africa, appeared the names of Pt. Joseph Letson, of the St John Fusiliers and Pt. John Lutz of the 74th Batt., Letson aged 22, joined the first contingent at St John. He came to St John from Chatham, where his mother resides, and gave up a job at the Mispec pulp mill to go to the front. Pt Lutz is a son of John Lutz, employed in the I C R car shops at Moncton, and was a farm laborer, working near Moncton. When the call to arms came he and his brother Ernest both enlisted in the first Canadian contingent.

St. Mary's School Trouble.

The statement is denied that the St. Mary's school trouble was settled by the little girl, Eva Clayton, making an apology, upon which she was reinstated. The truth is that the trustees after hearing the evidence said the matter ought to be dropped. The little girl made no apology and insisted on her innocence, but said whether she had done anything amiss before or not, she would give no cause of complaint in the future. Thereupon the trustees dismissed the matter and reinstated the child in the school.

An Acadian Easter.

The April number of the Atlantic Monthly contains a poem "An Acadian Easter," from the gifted pen of F. J. Sherman, our former townsman, now in the Merchants' Bank agency at Havana. The poem tells the story of the blockade of Lady La Tour by Seigneur d'Aulnay Charnisay at the fort at the mouth of the St John River in 1645; the capitulation of Lady La Tour and her death of grief at Charnisay's refusal to respect the terms of the truce. The story is beautifully told in alternate pieces of monologue and narrative.

He Was a Banker.

Pt. Cotton, of Ottawa, who was killed near Thaba N'chu, Tuesday, was a clerk in the Bank of Montreal when he enlisted in the first Canadian contingent, and for two years was employed in the Kingston branch with W H Norton-Taylor, accountant of the Bank's agency in this city. Cotton was an athlete, and Mr Norton-Taylor says he was a young man of good habits and very popular. His father is Col Cotton, D O C of Ottawa.

Did Not Materialize.

Owing to the very unfavorable weather the public meeting called by the Mayor Thursday ev'g to start a relief fund for the Hull fire sufferers was not a success. Only seven persons, the Mayor three Alderman, two newspaper men, and the manager of the opera house, put in an appearance and after waiting half an hour for reinforcements which did not materialize, His Worship declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

Breach of Promise.

A bachelor business man of Newcastle, who is credited with being an excellent judge of horses and a great admirer of the fair sex, is reported to be on the ragged edge of matrimony or a breach of promise suit. The lawyers are talking over the preliminaries, and it is not decided whether the clergyman or the court will settle the matter.—Chatham World.

Shipping Notes.

The wood boat Templar, commanded by the veteran Capt Shannon, arrived in port Friday morning, with a cargo of molasses for A. F. Randolph & Sons

The schooner Cora L. is at D. Fraser & Sons wharf, taking in a cargo of brick for Michael Ryan.

B.B.B. Cures Ringworm.

"I had ringworm on my head for nearly a year.

"I consulted three doctors but derived little or no benefit from their treatment.

"I then commenced to use Burdock Blood Bitters.

"Besides taking it internally I washed the affected parts with it and when the bottle was finished I was completely cured." Elsie Slaght, Teeterville, Ont.

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CONAN DOYLE

Describes the British Soldier.

"TOMMY IS A GREAT MAN," THE NOVELIST WRITES FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

London, April 18.— Dr. Conan Doyle, who went out as a volunteer doctor, pays a glowing tribute in the Daily News to the British soldier and at the same time tells of some remarkable wounds.

"Tommy is a great man." writes the novelist. "I want to Wynberg yesterday and saw him in various stages of mutilation and torture, and I take my hat off to him. Heroic he is in his unostentations patience and persistent sense of humor. One poor fellow, shot through both optic nerves—some hope of saving the left eye was placid and quiet.

"The bullet that went through me, sir, hit Gen. Knox afterward, says another, proudly.

"'Yes, sir, my corps did very well at Paardeberg,' says a broken Canadian.

"Another man has a bullet through the brain and they shave off the brain at it protrudes. He will recover all right. He can only move one side of his face, but he laughed gleefully with that side when I mentioned Hector McDonald—he being a Highlander.

"Another Highlander was wounded at Magersfontein, healed up, and had just come back, wounded again at Paardeberg. The coincidence seemed to amuse him.

"Yes, sir, the bullets are all over you. If once you beg'n to mind them in action you might as well not be here at all.

"The bone is healing. sir. I can hardly hold myself, I feel so pleased about it.

One poor fellow was crying—his sciatic nerve had been plowed up by a bullet and he had neuralgia day and night. Nature will in time accommodate itself.

CANON DOYLE.

"Lancashire Fusiliere, sir,' says another. "We lost 470 men out of 900; only five officers out of twenty left, and a captain in command. Yes, the Inniskillings lost more than us.

"A band outside strikes up "Soldiers of the Queen" and those who can move hobble out of the tents, and the others brighten and set up in bed—poor soldiers of the Queen!"

IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Letter Written by King Agrippa to Christ.

AND OUR SAVIOUR'S REPLY THERETO.

New York, May 2.—The Herald, and the Journal and Advertiser print today special cables from London and Rome respectively, which say that two letters have been found one from King Agrippa to Christ and the other from the Saviour to the King, in reply.

Letters referred to by Eusebius in the fourth century have been discovered after being lost for 1803 years.

The letter from King Agrippa to Christ reads: "I have heard of Thee and the cures wrought by Thee, without herb or medicine, for it is reported that thou restoreth sight to the blind, and maketh the lame to walk cleanseth the leper, raiseth the dead, casteth out devils and unclean spirits and healeth those that are tormented of diseases of a long continuance.

"Hearing all this of Thee I was fully persuaded that Thou art the very God come down from Heaven to do such miracles, and that Thou art the Son of God and performeth them, wherefore, I have sent Thee a few lines entreating Thee to come hither and cure my disease besides. Hearing that the Jews murmur against Thee and continue to do Thee mischief I invite Thee to my city, which is but a little one, but is hearty and sufficient to entertain us here."

Christ's reply to the above reads: "Blessed are thou for believing me whom thou hast not seen, for it is written of me, that they that have seen me shall not believe, and they that have not seen me shall believe, and be saved. But concerning the matter thou has written about, this is to acquaint thee that all things for which I was sent hither must be fulfilled and then I shall be taken up and returned to Him that sent me. But after my ascension I will send one of my disciples that shall cure thee of thy distemper and give life to all them that are with thee."

The Journal and Advertiser says: "The special cable from Rome purports to prove the truth of a tradition that is almost as ancient as Christianity. Of course the Journal cannot vouch for the truth of the statements which were made on April 30th by Prof. Bohrmann of Vienna university to the archaelogical congress in Rome, but they are of intense interest.

The cable message continues to "Professor Bohrmann announced that these letters had been discovered carved in stone over the gate way of the old palace of the kings of Ephesus, and that they were undoubtedly the letter referred to by Eusebius and other early writers, according to whom they were written in Syro (or Chaldaic) character originally discovered under a stone eighty four miles from the city of Iconium in the year ninety-seven and then lost. Fragments purporting to be of the origina were declared spurious by Pope Leo III. Professor Bhormann says the discovery proves that such letters were written and supplies the full text.

A special from London is also printed in which Professor Robert Maine Murray, keeper of the department of botany and natural history in the British Museum, is quoted as saying that the inscription was genuine. Prof. Murray had been shown a fac simile.

Capt. Mahon, the distinguished American naval officer and writer on naval subjects, after receiving the honorary degree of D. C. L. at McGill University, spoke of the South African war. He declared that it had given him great pleasure to be able to side with Great Britain in the present momentous struggle. He had done so because he believed she was in the right. (Applause.) Had he not believed so he would never have given his voice and pen to her cause. He rejoiced, as an American, in the growing greatness of the British Empire, and he was pleased at the manner in which colonial assistance had been sent forward. (Applause.) He recognized in the empire a rival and a competition to his own country, but he believed that such rivalry and competition would in the end redound to the advantage of the English-speaking race.

LaPatrie referring to the attempted political resuscitation of Sir Hector Langevin, says:

"The Tories are whispering that Sir Hector Langevin will return to the political arena at the coming elections, and that he will stand for Quebec Centre. This is a man who was compelled to resign on account of misdemeanours in his department and of scandals almost unnameable. His underhand dealings with his dear friends, McGreevy and Connolly were such that these two men were sent to prison. Sir Hector himself surrendered his portfolio, retired covered with shame, loaded with dishonour and has since expiated in silence and remorse the iniquities of his career. And this man, so fallen, would dare to defy the public conscience and feeling of honest electors! The Tory party must be very much abased and very poor in men to need a Langevin!

Brandfort which Lord Roberts announces as being occupied by the British, is north of Bloemfontien on the direct road to Pretoria, and is said to command the road by which Gen. Buller may unite his forces with the main British army. The Boers have apparently treked out of the southern portion of the Orange Free State and are concentrating on the Vaal river, the Transvaal boundary, to prevent further British advance. Their excursion in the Ladybrand and adjoining district was evidently to replenish their depleted stores.

The trial of the conspirators who dynamited the Welland canal locks, promises to be a sensational one. The men under arrest are alleged to be Fenians from Dublin, and one of them, Nolan, is identified as having been tried at Dublin for murder, and as long known as an ardent Fenian. The government of Canada, evidently anticipating further trouble, have ordered the Essex county militia battalion, with headquarters at Windsor, Ont., to be under arms ready for active service.

It is understood that among those who are to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. at the University enceenia, will be Governor McClelan, Premier Emmerson, Chief Justice Tuck, Judge Landry, Rev. Canon Roberts, W. P. Dole, Rev. Canon Deveber, Rev. Mr. Milligan, of Newfoundland, Principal Peterson and Dr. Adami, of McGill University, and other visiting representatives of sister colleges, Dr. Rand and William Crocket, former superintendents of education in this province.

In the course of his speech at the London banquet, Hon. Mr. Tarte in proposing The British Empire League, said: "Speaking as a mintster of the crown and a French Canadian, I desire to say, that my countrymen are as loyal to the empire as the people of London." Mr. Tarte was accorded a magnificent reception, and his remarks were warmly applauded. During the evening the chief guest, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, chatted with Mr. Tarte and Col. Denison.

The London Times (April 17) declares that "It is thoroughly satisfactory to know that the Canadian Dominion is prospering, that the finances are managed on sound principles, and that the public credit stands higher than at any former period." Our Canadian Tory friends will be stopping their subscriptions to the Thunderer, if it talks much in that way.

Liberals carried Portsmouth Thursday in a bye election, returning their candidate, T. A. Bransdom, by 610 votes over his Conservative opponent, who represented the new imperialistic sentiment, which, it was thought, would have a strong hold upon a seaport constituency like Portsmouth.

The report of Hon David Mills, Minister of Justice, shows the penitentiary population of Canada to be 1,445, of whom 59 are left convicts. Of these only 154 are total abstainers, 449 being registered as intemperate. There are 254 illiterates.

The budget debate in the house of commons closed Thursday, and the government was sustained by a vote of 88 to 48, a majority of 40 in a slim house. All the independents voted with the government. The debate commenced forty-one days ago.

Mr. Blair is doing well with the Intercolonial. Last year the excess of earnings over expenditure was $62,645, against an excess of expenditure over earnings of previous years of $209,978, or a betterment of $272,623.

The Klondike clean up for this season is estimated at $18,000,000,

Rev. Mr. Lodge's Misfortune.

A slight fire occurred Wednesday morning in the Central Methodist parsonage, Moncton. The blaze originated in Rev. Mr Lodge's study and did considerable damage to his library. His loss will probably be $200 or $300.

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