

WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA MUST GO ON TO THE FINISH.

Lord Salisbury Makes That Clear to the British Peers—Opening Speeches in the House of Lords.

London, Feb. 15.—When the house of lords met yesterday, after hearing the speech delivered by King Edward VII. on the occasion of the opening of the first parliament of his reign, the lord chancellor read the King's speech and the Marquis of Waterford, Conservative, moved the address in reply. He is, perhaps, the youngest member to whom the honor has ever been accorded.

Lord Kimberley, the Liberal leader, after complimenting the mover and seconder of the address, said the house needed no further assurances that the King would follow in the steps of his mother, and proceeded to express dissatisfaction with the conduct of the war in South Africa. He said the present condition in South Africa filled him with apprehension. The government had been living in a fool's paradise. Unless they enabled Lord Kitchener to speedily terminate the war the situation could easily become more dangerous. If the government attempted to put the whole military system on a more satisfactory basis they would receive every support from the Liberals.

Lord Salisbury rose leisurely and added his congratulations to the mover and seconder of the address, and proceeded to refer to the manner in which the country's loss had been received throughout the world. Continuing, Lord Salisbury said the country could now hope confidently that the promise given by the King that he would follow in his mother's steps would be fully and abundantly borne out. If so, he would be the greatest triumph for the principle of monarchy, and for the name of the British union.

Dealing with the war, Lord Salisbury thought there was nothing unusual in the length of the campaign. He referred Lord Kimberley to the Indian mutiny and the American war, between which and the South African

campaign there was great resemblance. In Bosnia it took two years and the whole power of Austria to conquer the peasants. Where great enthusiasm and persistency existed in a country like South Africa, months must elapse before tranquillity could be restored. Therefore, he did not believe there was any real ground for the discontent and apprehension expressed by Lord Kimberley.

It was four years before the whole efforts of that very intelligent and most efficient community, North America were able to bring the war of succession to a final and successful issue. He would be glad to hear Lord Kimberley repudiate all ideas of asking the government to alter its conduct toward the enemy. It was the business of the government to put its whole heart and strength to the task before it.

A not numerous, but noisy faction tried to make out that the English people were not hearty supporters of the war, and urged the government to adopt action short of what was implied in carrying the operations to a successful issue. If the enemy were allowed to retain any portion of their independence it would involve incessant, continuous warfare. Unless the British were masters and conquerors of these territories there was no hope of abiding peace.

What the country should do with the power when obtained was another question. But it was perfectly obvious that the first purpose to which the enemy would put any power granted them would be to accumulate new forces and new arms, to await a fitting occasion for a new attack. If Great Britain slackened her efforts, it would be an avowal to the world that her frontier could be invaded in the most insulting manner, and that the empire was powerless to effectively resist it.

If Lord Kitchener could impose his opinion on his party generally, it would be a great advantage to the empire, as it would dispel the impression in South Africa that an important party movement in their favor existed in this country, and it would help to bring to an end the insane resistance, which was bringing desolation and misery to two territories. The address was agreed to and their lordships adjourned until Feb. 19.

ENGINEER NOT TO BLAME

For Putting Earth on Mr. Rispin's Lot

So Say the Board of Works—Censured in the C. P. R. Sewer Matter.

The board of works met last evening at Harrison Hall, Chairman Marshall and Ald. Pritchard and Munroe, and the city engineer, were present.

Mr. Rispin's lot had been filled in with earth by the corporation, employees last fall. This matter was referred to the Board of Works to find out whether the engineer had been negligent or not.

Mr. Marshall said—I interviewed the chairman of the board of works, in 1900 and also Mr. Rispin. The latter said he was willing to pay what was right. Mr. McMillan, who had leveled down Mr. Rispin's lot, is present, and can throw some light on the question.

Ald. Munroe—Was the earth put on Mr. Rispin's property or on the boulevard?

The Chairman—On the property. Mr. Rispin had filled in the street in front of his property and made boulevards on both King and Laurier streets. Opposite Mr. Rispin's lot on King street were a number of holes. The civic workmen were using this earth to fill up these holes, and he stopped them. Mr. McKenough, then chairman of the board of works, came along at this juncture and said that it would be just as well to let the men take the earth and the city would return an equivalent quantity. Here the whole trouble seems to have commenced.

Citizens noticed the civic teams hauling earth and thought that they were filling up Mr. Rispin's lot at the expense of the city. Mr. Rispin says that the city engineer had nothing to do with the matter. It was simply an agreement between himself and the chairman of the board of works in 1900. He is perfectly willing to pay for all the earth he received more than he was entitled to and the question is what Mr. Rispin has to pay. Mr. McMillan—who did the leveling for Mr. Pritchard—is present to give us some light on this point.

Mr. McMillan was heard. He said that what earth was put in was hauled by the orders of the chairman of the board of works. The city had used Mr. Rispin's earth to fill holes in front of Mr. Stevens' and Mr. Piggott's residences. The civic teams were scraping the roads at the time and it was easier to take Mr. Rispin's earth to fill these holes than to wait for earth to be hauled.

To Ald. Pritchard—A team could haul about 15 loads a day. Mr. Rispin got about 20 or 25 more loads than he was entitled to.

Ald. Pritchard—After taking into consideration the time spent by the civic teams in hauling the earth, I think that the city engineer made a fair valuation at \$15, and I can't see that Mr. Rispin has any reason to object.

Ald. Marshall—He doesn't. Ald. Pritchard—I will move that this committee report to the council that after hearing the statements of Mr. Rispin, Mr. McMillan and the ex-chairman of the board of works, this committee report exonerating the city engineer and that we think Mr. Rispin is entitled to pay \$15 to the city. Carried.

THE C. P. R. SEWER.
Ald. Pritchard—In regard to the

faulty C. P. R. connection. I think the city engineer is blameworthy. The City Engineer—Do you think I would say that I didn't know how to make that connection? The contractor said I said so and that he suggested making it the way it was done and that I told him to go ahead and do it. I only want honest justice, but I don't want to be saddled with such statements. My reputation is at stake.

Ald. Munroe—You are at the head of your department and it is your duty to see that work is done right in every case.

The City Engineer—Basant spoke to me and asked if I thought the six-inch pipe was large enough to run the nine-inch into. I told him it was. He was the inspector of the work and I thought he knew enough to put in a reduction.

Ald. Pritchard moved that the committee report to the council that they thought that negligence had been shown on the part of the city engineer in not seeing that the connection was properly made.

Ald. Munroe—I hope that you don't think we want to do you any injustice, Mr. Shackleton. We are willing to give you every show in the world, but you are the only person the city has to look to if anything goes wrong. That is what the city wants an engineer for, to see that these things are done right.

The Engineer—I don't think that the engineer can see all connections made. What is the inspector for?

Ald. Pritchard—I wouldn't allow a connection to be covered in till I had seen it, if I were in your position.

A SNOW BY-LAW.
The snow by-law was discussed. Chairman Marshall read over a by-law drafted by M. Wilson, K. O. from the Toronto by-law. It provided that the snow should be removed within 24 hours after a snow storm or the snow would be removed by the corporation at the expense of the owner by special assessment, collected the same as other municipal rates. A letter from the city solicitor accompanied the draft of the by-law. He said that in Toronto a space of five hours was allowed but in Chatham the time would have to be 24 hours. The Toronto by-law was vague. According to its wording the tenant or owner would have to clean both sides of the road.

Last Sunday after the snow storm the city solicitor had walked to Indian creek and he said that he would rather put up with the slight inconvenience of walking through snow than to put the people along the street to the trouble of cleaning the long expanses of walk opposite some of the properties. It would also be a burden on the city to have to send men out to clean the walks. The laboring men had to leave at 7 o'clock for work and in the majority of cases there was no one left at home to clean the walks but the busy wife. It would be a hardship to compel the poor woman to go out and shovel snow. In London and elsewhere, it had been found much better to use snow plows. It had been objected that the snow plows caught on the loose nails in the sidewalks. The man with the plow could take a hammer and drive these nails in and thus save the city from lawsuits for accidents such as occurred on the market square a few years ago and cost the city quite a sum. The snow by-law would also place a weapon in the hands of spiteful parties to be used as some now use the bicycle by-law.

Mr. Wilson's letter was quite long and when Chairman Marshall had finished reading it, Ald. Munroe said, "I bet you the figures that that letter will cost \$5."

Ald. Marshall—"All right, I'll take you. It won't cost a cent. The solicitor has to give advice to the chairman of committees free."

Ald. Munroe—"I'll bet you just the same and you'll find that I will win."

Ald. Marshall—"It's a go."

Ald. Pritchard called the reference to the laboring man the pathetic part of the letter.

It was decided to give the by-law further consideration before passing it. The committee decided to recommend to the council that four dead trees on the streets be cut down.

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PROBABILITIES.

G. N. W. Special.
Toronto, Feb. 15.—a. m.—North-westerly and westerly winds, fine. Saturday, fair and moderately cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

To-morrow, The 2 T's annual \$1.00 pant sale.

Wm. Mann's little boy is ill with bronchial pneumonia.

David A. Gordon, of Wallaceburg, was in the city last evening.

W. S. Cowan, Ottawa, is the guest of S. J. Sutcliffe, Victoria avenue.

Mrs. T. A. Smith and daughter Bessie left to-day for New York to visit Dr. Harry Smith. They will be gone a week.

Mrs. T. L. Lewis, Toronto, is the guest of her son, O. L. Lewis, Wellington street.

Miss Ethel Titus, of Blenheim, is visiting at the residence of Chief Young, Harvey street.

Eddie Montee is ill with tonsillitis as a result of his recent cold bath in the river.

Miss Clara Jordan has just returned home after an extended visit with friends and relatives in Walkerville and Detroit.

The Kent Co. Poultry Association held a largely attended meeting at the Merrill House Wednesday night.

The teachers of the city yesterday sent a very handsome bouquet to Rev. Dr. McCall, who is seriously ill with pneumonia.

William G. Terry, who has been laid up for the past three weeks, is able to be out again.

Henry Blonde suffered a relapse and he has been in a critical condition but is resting easier to-day.

John Henry O'Neil died yesterday at the family residence, Cross St. The young man was well known both in Chatham and vicinity.

To-morrow you can buy a pair of \$1.50 or \$2.00 pants at The 2 T's for \$1.00.

Pur capes and capelines, travellers' samples, bargains for Saturday only, at the Gordon Store.

The Y. M. C. C. social last evening was well attended and a most enjoyable time was spent by all present. Miss Kate Marshall won the superior prize and Miss Neff the inferior.

Mr. A. F. Falls left yesterday on a trip to New Orleans, where Mr. Falls has been for the last few weeks in the interests of the Sutherland-Innes Co.

Wilson & Plummer, of the Maple City Poultry Yards, captured 20 prizes at the Petrolia Poultry Exhibit last week.

The thermometer registered three degrees below zero last evening. The coldest night was on January 3rd when the mercury went down to 5 below the nothing mark.

Pant Day to-morrow, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00 men's tweed and worsted pants, \$1.00 per pair at The 2 T's.

On Wednesday a representative of the Angier's Petrolia branch placed a three inch ruler in the "Planet" that he would give away sample bottles. It brought to the Planet office over three hundred callers and the entire supply of two hundred and twenty-three bottles was given away, yet we find merchants who say the advertisements are not read.

MAY BE INNOCENT.
Constable Browning and his wife were recently convicted in the police court of stealing wood from Mrs. Aldis. Later developments show that both may be innocent. On the night the wood was taken Mr. and Mrs. Browning were in Chatham Township attending a wedding. Further there was no moon whereas witnesses swore that it was a bright moonlight night. Judge Houston as soon as he learned these facts communicated with the Attorney-General. The latter has written asking for the date of the Browning trial and a copy of the proceedings and he will give the matter his consideration.

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TO PREVENT DIMMING OF EYE-GLASSES.
Constant wearers of eye-glasses, spectacles, etc., are much annoyed by the dimming of the glasses upon entering a warm room from a cooler place. It will greatly interest them to know that this evil can be obviated by rubbing the glasses with soap. All that is necessary is to rub every morning or before going out a little so-called green soap (washing soap, potash soap) over the whole surface of the glass, polishing it until it is bright again.

Remember that if the opportunity for great good deeds never come the opportunity for good deeds is renewed for you day by day. The thing for us to long for is the goodness, not the glory.—F. W. Farrar.

The Opportunity of the Winter For Saving Money

We placed on sale this morning, February 15th, our entire stock of boys', youths' and men's frieze ulsters, black and blue beaver overcoats, nap and cheviot overcoats, men's, youths' and boys reefers and pea jackets, at from one-quarter to one-third off regular prices.

The price reductions, as shown below, mean a direct loss to us as well as the cost of selling—and it is a good business move, notwithstanding the fact that many of the lines will be renewed next fall, we suspect at the full prices. We do an annual business in overcoats of several thousands of dollars. We could not do this unless we carried matchless stocks right up to the end of the season, and we could not carry such stocks unless we started each season with cleared decks.

The Quick Selling Price is the Low Price We Accept the Loss to Sell

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Youths' \$5.50 Ulsters for.....	\$4.50	Men's \$12 Beaver Overcoats for.....	\$9.00
MENS		MEN'S	
Men's \$5.00 Ulsters for.....	\$4.00	Men's \$8 Black Curl Coats for.....	\$6.00
Men's \$7.00 Ulsters for.....	\$5.00	Men's \$10 Black Curl Coats for.....	\$7.50
Men's \$9.00 Ulsters for.....	\$7.00	Men's \$10 Cheviot Coats for.....	\$7.50
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Ginger Snaps.....5c per lb.
Soda Biscuits.....7c per lb.
Lemon Biscuits.....9c per lb.
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Salmon.....10c per can.
7 bars 5c Soap for.....25c
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