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PREMIER EMMERSON'S VIEWS.

We publish elsewhere an interview with the premier of this province in regard to the comments of the Conservative press on the action of the government of Canada with reference to sending a contingent to South Africa.

SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL.

Special prominence is given by the Toronto Mail and Empire to the fact that Sir Mackenzie Bowell appeared at a Conservative convention in East Hastings on Wednesday last and spoke in favor of the party candidate.

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tions the opposition is showing remarkable agility in dodging federal issues and endeavoring to distract the public mind from questions of federal government. A few weeks ago the war in South Africa was seized upon by Sir Charles Tupper, with all the eagerness of a demagogue and a desperate attempt made to prove that he and his party were the only loyalists in the country.

Of late the opposition had begun to pluck up a little spirit over the results of some provincial elections. Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster, each of whom holds a cabinet post, are of government rank and of government control of railways, are rejoicing because the people of Manitoba have defeated a Liberal government in an election which turned largely on railway questions.

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tioned upon by Sir Charles Tupper, with all the eagerness of a demagogue and a desperate attempt made to prove that he and his party were the only loyalists in the country; the only persons who could be entrusted with power during a crisis in imperial affairs.

There are many questions which they ought to answer; but two or three will serve to indicate the line of inquiry. For example, Sir Charles talks at great length and with accustomed assertiveness about the national policy. Would he care to commit himself and his party to the restoration of the national policy if the opposition were to restore it?

The legitimate functions of the opposition are to criticize the government, to point out its mistakes, and to suggest better ways of doing things. It is not its duty to obstruct the government's business.

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active and capable minister must carry on that portion of the public service entrusted to him, and no matter how faithfully or effectively he may discharge his duties, it is always open to an opposition to cast doubt upon his motives.

One word more. The government cannot always be shouting out their plans and undertakings before they have been matured. As grave and responsible ministers of the crown, having a proper regard for the trust committed to them, they must proceed deliberately and decorously until a decision is reached.

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tery ought also to be with General Buller very soon, if it is not with him now. That it had not reached him at the time he attempted to cross the Tugela river at Colenso is now quite certain, and it is very remarkable that this attack should have been made before these valuable and efficient weapons arrived.

A statement appeared the other day, based on the information of a Berlin paper in regard to the number and calibre of the Boer artillery. As the calibres were given according to the metric system, which is not familiar to most people, the statement did not convey much information to the ordinary reader.

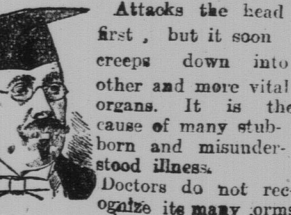
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DR. SPROULE

Attacks the head first, but it soon creeps down into other and more vital organs. It is the cause of many stubborn and misunderstood illnesses. Doctors do not recognize its many forms.

LAND OF THE KOPIJ.

Boer Prisoners at Cape Town. Viewed by the Telegraph's Correspondent.

Registered in accordance with the Copyright Act. On the express route to Orange River, Nov. 18.—And now we shall be long as the Cocksays say. Tomorrow morning a slight attack of dyspepsia, and a beginning to put on flesh.

Get His License and Rations. Upon the production of my credentials to the press censor at Cape Town, there was no difficulty in the issue of my license as correspondent and instructions granted for rations for myself, servant and horse during the campaign.

British Rule in South Africa. Directed of all fronts, trimmings, blunders, grievances, treaties, conventions and ultimata, this present campaign is to cure this festering sore in the geographical heart of the world-wide British Empire.

From what little I have seen and form that I have heard, the climate of South Africa is changing throughout the year, with the periodic rainy season, which comes on in another month, and occasionally strong southeast winds including the hot, dry Karroo country on this November day, to see the golden African sun still to partake every day of strawberries.

Ideal for Boer Warfare.

But what an ideal country for Boer warfare. Koppie—a small hill of rocks and boulders and scrub grass—after koppie, great and little, precipitous and terraced, rise here, there and everywhere offering positions of defence and retreat that Boer has not been slow to take advantage of.

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