

He built trenches, behind which he and his noble band of men have withstood the determined attacks of the Boers. (Cheers.)

"Through those seven long, weary months he had shown what British pluck and British resource could do against tremendous odds (cheers) and with his 600 noble men he has resisted the whole combination of the Boer forces from outside of Mafeking. (Enthusiastic cheers.) He has protected the women and children, he has succored the sick and he has maintained the prestige of the flag, which we are so proud to live under (cheers) and during the last few days of the defence of Mafeking, when it might naturally have been expected that their privations had worn them out, he and his men have still further demonstrated their wonderful vigor and resourcefulness by killing fifty-four Boers and capturing General Eloff. (Tremendous cheers.)

BRAVE HEROES OF THE WAR.

"Can we not truthfully say that, 'Stormed at with shot and shell, Baden-Powell stood the test well, with his brave six hundred.' (Loud cheers.) We must not forget on such an occasion to pay tribute to Lord Roberts, to Lord Kitchener, to those brave leaders, Buller, White, French, Warren, Hector McDonald, Wauchop, Kelly-Kenny, Pole-Carew, and last but not least Majors Robin, Jowsey, Francis and Cradock—those splendid men whom we have sent from New Zealand to share with the Imperial forces in South Africa the honors, the glories, the difficulties and dangers of fighting for the Empire. (Enthusiastic cheers.)

"I wish now to show you some tangible evidence of what our men have already done in South Africa. I hold in my hand here a Boer flag. (Deafening and prolonged groans.) Ladies and gentlemen, let me tell you the history attached to this flag. (Further groans.) That is a flag which was captured by Major Cradock and his men of the second contingent from the Boers (loud cheers) and I now show it to you half-mast high (cheers) and upside down. (Great cheering.) This flag will show you that Major Cradock and the second contingent had made their