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Withdraws a Part of Regulations

ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1899.

ST. JOHN SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

river, and that a heavy engagement occurred at Spytsfontein station south of Kimberley. CAFE TOWN, Oct. 14 (delayed in transmission).—The German consul general has issued a proclamation of neutrality, commanding all Germans to hold aloof from hostilities. While it is the general belief that the Boers are attacking Mateking there is still no confirmation of the re-port. If the Boers had met with any success it would surely have been an nounced, as the only telegraphic com-munication is in the hands of the Burghers. The absence of news, therefore, is regarded as a good sign, CAPE TOWN, Oct. 15, 7, p. m.—The rumor that a heavy engagement had occurred at Spytsfontein is without foundation. The railway, authorities have received a despatch anhouncing that the line was torn up for two miles beyond the Modder river, but no men-tion was made of fighting flaving oc-curred. VEVENUEGC Cape Colony, Oct. 15, --A

VRYBURG, Cape Colony, Oct. 15.-A pospital train that started from Mari-pogo has just returned after an ad renturous journey. It had reached curve on a culvert seven hundred yards south of Maribogo, and had just teers. From the date of disembarks tion the imperial government will pro-vide pay at imperial rates, supplies and amunition, and will defray exslackened speed when it was observed that the rails ahead had been upturn-ed. The brakes were applied, but the

penses of transport back to Canada and pay wounded pensions and com-passionate allowances at imperial rates. Troops to embark not later than 31st October, proceeding direct to engine passed onto one rail partly raised and was derailed. The occupants immediately righted the engine. At the same time it was observed that a party of Boers were galloping into Cape Town for orders. Inform ac-cordingly all who have offered to raise lines east of the railway, but well on the Cape Colony side of the border. Some of the persons on the train declared that they saw a cannon pointed

at the train. The intention of the Boers was apparently hostfle. The dominion government stands in this train ran back to Vryburg at full matter is shown by the foregoing text of Mr. Chamberlain's despatch. The speed, the engine flying a white flag with a red cross. Picks and shovels government of Canada even today has were seen lying about, and the Boers had apparently been disturbed while not offered a contingent for service in South Africa, and to that extent Tarte removing the rails. is still master of the administration.

It is learned that previous to the It is fearned that previous the starting of the train, Maribogo tem-phoned Vryburg, asking that the train be sent up, as all was quite safe. The operator at Vryburg recognized the voice as that of a European store clerk. In view of the subsequent reshow that all the government has done is to send forward offers made by loyal volunteers of Canada, which fore the country. In the government's action there is nothing to indicate the port that the Boers were removing the great principle of imperial unity, of great principle of imperial unity, of ralls, it is believed the Boers com-pelled the clerk to speak through the tolonhone.

vears ago. The nearest Boer commande to Vryburg is laagered north of Schelzer renek, 20 miles distant and two mile

TORONTO, Oct. 15 .- Col. Otter arrived home today from Ottawa, where inside the Transvaal. The command sent a message to the Vryburg railway he has been in consultation with the sent a message to the Vryburg railway he has been in consultation with the station that if the delivery of three militia department. He states that orders respecting the mobilization of loads of sugar received a week are the contingent will probably not be issued thil Tuesday or Wednesday, and six hundred men to take them. This that one company will probably be marine all the goods at the station raised in each military fistrict. In country districts it may take a few were made up in two special trucks,

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tonight that this all-round alteration may yet be brought about. Be that repulsed at Mafeking and are attack-

as it may, official preparations are all along the lines of the announcement given out by the government on Friday night, namely, for the enlistment of 1,000 infantry, to be drafted into the British army for six months' ser-

Word reached here tonight that Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., will be here to-coller. He goes to South Africa with

Official notice as to the Canadian contingent was issued tonight. There is no great rush here to enlist for service at the terms offered, Canadian pay until disembarkation in South Africa, and at the British rate thereafter. The criticism of the tardiness of the government is now changed to criticism of its stinginess.

Dr. Borden, minister of militia, came down from Ottawa last night and returned tonight. Asked about the Canadian contingent he said that he expected it would sail from Quebec The despicable position in which the on Cotober 31st on the Allan line str. Sardinian.

> LONDON, Oct. 16 .- The colonial office issued this evening the correspond-ence between Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner, British high commissioner in South Africa, respe etins the Transvaal controversy, from Sept 8th to Oct. 12th. The salient points of the principal despatches have already been published.

Some of the telegrams, treating of side issues, are interesting. For instance, the governor of Natal, Sir Walwhich Hen. Mr. Latirier essayed to ter Francis Hely-Hutchinson, wired be the chief exponent in England two Mr. Chamberlain on Oct. 2 as follows: ter Francis Hely-Hutchinson, wired "Dinuzulu reports that the natives

in the Vryheid district of the Transvaal are becoming desperate, and it is feared that they will not remain quiet much longer. The Boers are seizing their cattle and the chief im-plores the British government to in-tervene. I have replied that it is best for the Zulus to remain quiet. My opinion is, however, that the natives in the Vryheid district will very prob-ably rise against the Boers in case of war. They will not much longer sub-mit to the treatment they have had at the bands of the Boers." seizing their cattle and the chief im

ing Vryburg; A Cape Town paper has a despatch from the Orange River stating that the telegraph wires have been cut between Vryburg and Kimberley, and that the Boers are taking advantage of the presence of a large gathering of disloyal farmers at Vryburg celebrat-

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ing Nachtmaal, to attack the town, hoping that the farmers will assist them against the British

The same despatch mays that the British force at Kimberley is confident of its ability to hold out, but urges the immediate despatch of a relief force

This question of a possible rising of the farmers in the northern portions of Cape Colony is very important.

The Daily Mail's correspondent at Colesburg has been inquiring regard-ing the matter, and on the whole ing the matter, and on the whole thinks the chances are against a rising. He bases his epinion on the prospects of good crops after four lean years, which he believes will predis-pose the farmers to peace. Neverthe-

pose the farmers to peace. Neverthe-less, there is serious disloyalty and much anti-British agitation in these districts, while the Free State Boers threaten an immediate invasion of Colesburg and Alfwahnerth. The Daily Mail's correspondent as-serts that Sir Alfred Milner is worked to death, and that Cape Town is surg-ing with bitter resentment at what is called the Schreiner cabinet's betrayal of Mateking by its constant refusal to of Mafeking by its con atant refusal to

send a force of volunteer artillery thither. Many residents of Cape Town thither. Many residents of Cape Town have relatives at Vryburg, and they are furious with Messrs Merriman and Sauer, respectively colonial treas-urer and commissioner of public works, and the ministers are mobbed whenever they appear in public. Mr. Hofmeyer, the Afrikander leader, has gone to the country in order to escape the outbursts of indignation.

court, 200 volunteers, and at Colenso, 420 volunteers. These, with the force at Pietermaritzburg, make a total of 15,000 men in Natal. DURBAN, Oct. 15. —Owing the back at pietermaritzburg, battle is probable except at M. 2. DURBAN, Oct. 15. morning.—Owing the back at pietermaritzburg and in two special trucks. LONDON, Oct. 15.—At 9 o'clock last be quickly picked. OTTAWA, Oct. 15.—Discontent with the terms of Canada's assistance to the ampire in South Africa does not the ampire in South Africa does not

LONDON, Oct. 14 .- An Edinburgh | transfer of British interests in case of paper, the Scotsman, this morning asserts that a battle has been engaged in between General Sir Geo, Stewart White, commanding the forces in Natal, and the Boers, who entered Natal by way of Van Reenan's Pass. Gen. White, the Scotsman says, is very sanguine of the success of the British movement. The foregoing report is considered to be correct, as late last night the war office had news of a British advance from Ladysmith and was hourly expecting further intelligence. A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from its correspondent at Ladysmith, dated at noon on Friday: says: "A

BOERS ADVANCE

March On to Dannhauser After Occupy-

ing Newcastle.

Report Current That a Boer Attack on Mafe-

king Was Repulsed.

Militia Orders Re the Enrollment of the Canadian Volun-

teers-Sir Charles Tupper's Reply to Sir Wilfrid

Laurier's Letter-Tarte and Kruger

Burned in Effigy.

strong mobile column under General

Sir Geo. Stewart White, accompanied by General Sir Archibald Hunter, prosieded before daybreak this morning towards Acton Homes for the purpose of reconnoitering. Gen. White's object was to observe what was going on and also to test the mobility and efficiency of his forces." General White had 12 guns and the

Boers 11. The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent telegraphing Friday evening says: "I learn on good authority that the Boers are attacking Maleking

They are reported to have already suffered several repulses. It is generally admitted that Vryburg cannot stand a strong Boer attack. According to the Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondence, Mr. Schreiner, premier of the Cape Colony, will unreservedly support the imperial government. His previous reserve was

war had been previously arranged so that all that was necessary was despatch of a brief cablegram to Mr. Macrum at Pretoria. This officer is the superior in rank to the other consular representatives of the United States, not only in the Transvaal, but in the Orange Free State, and he has been instructed to give these officials the necessary directions. Only consu-lar official, besides Mr. Macrum, in the South African republic, is a Mr.Gordon, who succeeded Mr. Manion as consu lar agent at Johannesburg, Mr. Manion having resigned a few months ago. MONTREAL, Oct. 13-The news that

the Canadian government had decided to send a Canadian contingent to the Transvaal was received with general satisfaction here tonight. The drill shed was crowded with volunteers, and the greatest satisfaction express ed that Canadians would have an opportunity to serve in the Transvaal. Many of the leading officers and men have already offered their services and it is likely Montreal will be largely represented in the contingent.

McGill university students marched hrough the principal streets tonight carrying an effigy of Oom Paul Kruger, and singing patriotic songs. Before they dispersed they burned Kruger's effigy.

dictated by desire not to drive the extreme Dutch residents to excess. 15,000 men in Natal.

DURBAN, Oct. 15 .- Following is the trength and disposition of the troops in Natal: At Ladysmith, seven battalions, 32 guns, 4,000 infantry; at Estacourt, 200 volunteers, and at Colenso 420 volunteers. These, with the force at Pietermaritzburg, make a total of

river, and that a heavy engagement usits suitable for military require-occurred at Spytsfontein station, south ments:

war is guided by the nature of the offers, but desires that each colony should be fairly represented, and limits are necessary if the force is to be fully utilized by the available staff as an integral portion of the imperial forces. They would giadly accept units. The conditions are as follows: Troops to be disembarked at port of landing in South Africa fully equipped at cost

10 .- The Canaities this morning from the general Intercolonial that ncerning freight onial at St. John en withdrawn.

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etween Mr. Blair spect to handling at the port of St. made September nctly that the arristed at that time urbed during the were to handle St. John as herethis arrangement, arrangements with ompanies, and of what action the s or the Intercotake now, we will our portion of ne present season. nt became effecnister of railways the Intercolonial ty to give any inany action that est degree interrelations as they he agreement was

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for me to sav ing and filling may full knowledge of ays, the effect upserious, because pers who use our w where they

ess is exceedingly sent I do not care at it."



Volksraad, has been elected commandant general of the Free State It is an interesting fact that Lord Edward Cecil, son of the Marquis of Salisbury, is with Col. Baden Powell at Mafeking.

try, left Ladysmith early Friday morn-According to the Kimberly correspon ing with wagons, going in the direction dent of the Daily Telegraph, Cecil of Acton Homes, where the Boers are Rhodes had a narrow escape from capreported to be encamped. ture while on his way here. His train The Dublin Fusiliers arrived from was delayed and he passed the Modder Glencoe by train at 11 o'clock, and river three hours after the expiration proceeded in the same direction. There of the ultimatum, when the Boers has been no engagement, the Boers were only five miles distant, and some retreating. The British troops reof their spies were actually on the main at a point ten miles from Ladyplatform. Mr. Rhodes lay low and mith, with the exception of the Dubwas not recognized. Had he been, his lin Fusiliers, who returned to Glencoe, capture would have been easy, as the Gen. Sir William Symons having ine was not defended. He believes wired that an attack was expected the strength of the enemy is greatly there on Saturday morning. exaggerated. The Boers possess Brakwal station

The correspondent says : 25 miles west of Ladysmith, and de-Trustworthy information shows that techments have also seen seen by Carthe Orange Free State has half its bineers at Besters, two stations nearer. available force, viz., 10,000 men, scat-The Carbineers retired and the Boers tered along the extensive western borretreated in the direction of Brakwal. der between the Baal and Orange DURBAN, Oct. 15, afternoon.-The tivers. The strategy displayed in their following official statement has been present disposition is crude." LONDON, Oct. 14 .- The Daily Mail's published: "The general officer commanding at correspondent at Dundee, Natal, says: Ladysmith issued forth on Friday

Reports are circulated here that the morning with a strong flying column Beers have reached Newcastle, but no and occupied a position covering Lady confirmation of either this or of the resmith. He reconnoitered for the enemy, ports of fighting at Mafeking and who showed no disposition to advance. Ladysnith are yet arriving." LONDON, Oct. 13. - The Evening They are reported to be inside the Berg News publishes the following de- at the foot of Tintwa Pass in force, with a second command at Olivier's spatch from Cape Town: "An armored train has been destroy- Hoak. The troops have returned to

ed south of Mafeking, Fifteen British quarters." It is reported from Glencoe that a troops were killed. The Boers shelled large commando, believed to be Free the wreckage after the train was de-State Boers under Commandant Vilrailed. SIMONSTOWN, Oct. 12 .- (Delayed in joen, is at the foot of Bothas Pass. The Transvaal flag has been hoisted

transmission)-Admiral Harris has noat Charles Town, and Commandant tified the inhabitants that shore boats Viljoen has sent a message to Newapproaching the warships at night are castle, saying the Boers will hoist the liable to be fired upon. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 12 .- (Delayed in

war.

Transveal flag there on Saturday, but transmission)-No news of fighting has that the people need not be afraid, as everything the Boers took would be yet been received. It is suggested that, paid for. They wanted to slaughter with a view of retaining the good will cattle. Few people are left in Newof the Basutos, the authorities shall castle, including women and children. not press for payment of the hut tax. A train of wagons, five or six miles An American citizen has sworn to an in length, was seen descending Molb affidavit before the American consul

Nek towards Doorn Kop, north of here, in which he states that he has en subjected by burghers of the Free Wools Drift. CAPE TOWN, Oct. 15 .- Flowerdow, State to great illtreatment. His limbs the engine driver of Captain Nesbitt's train which was derailed and bombear marks showing the effects of the treatment he has received. barded by the Boers, states that if LONDON, Oct. 13 .- At Brighton this the train had returned when warning evening a public meeting was held unwas received that the Boers held the der the auspices of the South African line it could easily have made its way Association in support of the governback to Maribogo, but Captain Nesbitt ment. The meeting hall was crowded,

insisted upon an endeavor being made over 3,000 persons being present. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13.- to reach Mafeking. The Boers were careful to concen-The state department was today from trate their fire upon the engine so as notified of the witdrawal to save the armored carriage and am-Pretoria of Conyngham Greene, the British diplomatic agent to munition trucks. At dawn they comthe South African reputlic, and the | menced to bombard the cars. escaped by crawling a mile and a half existence of a state of war between on my belly in the sand. Great Britain and that republic. Mr. There is no doubt that all the others Macrum, the American consul at Pre-

on the train are prisoners and that toria, accordingly, has been instructed the carriage and the ammunition into undertake the care of the British tact fell into the hands of the Boers, interests in that section during the Flowerdow was fearfully bruised There is an unconfirmed rumor that The notification came to the state

department in the shape of a note from | the imperial forces intercepted a body of Transvaal Boers who were attempt-Mr. Tower, the charge of the British embassy here. The details of the ing to join the Boer forces at Modder

to the rigorous ship maintained news from the front is greatly delayed, and reaches here in disjointed despatches. It is learned from an authentic

ever, it is believed the British will renain on the defensive. source that a large number of troops, Lord Salisbury has issued a sumincluding cavalry, artillery and infan-

rons for a cabinet meeting tomor row. LONDON, Oct. 15 .- The Associated

Press learns upon reliable authority that General Buller has gone to take entire control of the South African situation. He will be as absolute as Wellington and less hampered than was Kitchener.

He only accepted command of the army corps upon the condition that the government should guarantee him between 60,000 and 70,000 men; that he should be allowed to select his own staff and should be uninterfered with

by the war office. Lord Laansdowne demurred, but Buller carried his point. The latter freely, expressed the opinion that when he had driven the Boers into a corner his hand might be stayed by a peace loving cabinet or a well-intentioned war office, a condition of things he could not tolerate. It is this man, whom some of his officers do not hesitate to call a brute, however much they admire his determination, who as soon as he reaches

South Africa will inaugurate a campaign of such aggressiveness as the orld has seldom seen. The sternest measures will not be too stern for him, and until the last vestige of Dutch power, whether in

the Transvaal or the Orange Free State or the Cape Colony, is swept out he will not stay his hand. LONDON, Oct. 16 .- So far as actual

news is concerned, there is very little change in the situation to be noticed. The state of affairs at Mafeking can only be conjectured. The occupation of Newcastle by the Boers was prepared for and expected, the place having been abandoned by the British. LONDON, Oct. 16 .- The Daily Mail's Cape Town correspondent, telegraphing Sunday evening, says:

"Kimberley is besieged and the Boers are massing in force. No details, however, are obtainable. "The Boers have cut the railway a

Belmont, have seized the Spyfontein ailway station and constructed fortified earthworks. There are strong defending forces at Modder bridge and the Orange River bridge, "The object of these energetic opera-

tions is believed to be the capture of Cecil Rhodes. Kimberley is now iso lated, both railway and telegraphic ommunication being cut.' CLENCOE CAMP, Oct. 15, night.-

Soer commandos have passed Ingagane, marching south.

OTTAWA, Oct. 15 .- The following despatch from the secretary of state for the colonies was given out tonight for publication:

LONDON, Oct. 14, 1899. The secretary of state for war and commander in chief desire that you express the high appreciation of the ignal exhibition of the patriotic spirit of the people of Canada as shown by offers to serve in South Africa and to trary notwithstanding, paid by the furnish the following information to assist the organization of forces into Canadian people. It was in the air

verifies the construction placed in this despatch today upon the official an-nouncement. That paper says:

CHAMBERLAIN.

The colonial secretary's own words

have thus elicited the scheme now be-

(Signed)

Canadians will to all intents and purposes become British forces; and the expense to the Canadian governmen will cease on arrival at Cape Town." The soldiers will be clothed for active service in Khaki suiting, with knee preeches, such as British soldiers have ound best adapted for African campaigning. The jackets will be made by the Sanford Company and the breeches by Mack Workman of Mont-real. The material is somewhat scarce in Canada, but the department will procure sufficient abroad. The Sanford Company are also working upon an order placed some time ago for a large

supply of rifle uniforms. A militia order just issued The governor general in council having been pleased to approve of the despatch of Canadian volunteers, formed into eight companies of infantry, for active service in South Africa, it hereby notified that one thousand volunteers will be accepted, and that their enrollment has been authorized at places mentioned below, upon the following conditions, viz.:

Service under army act for six months, with liability of extension to one year. Rations, clothing and equipment to

be provided free. Pay at the rate laid down in the allitia regulations for permanent

orps, from attestation until date of disembarkation in South Africa, from which date pay will be at the British rates Standard height, 5 feet 6 inches, with

34 inches chest measurement. Age, not less than 22 or more than

The following are the places of en rollment: Victoria, Vancouver, Winnipeg, London, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Charlottetown, and Halifax.

Men desirous of offering their services should make application in person or by letter at the office of the officer commanding the military district or the commanding officer of corps of militia. Commanding officers will at once forward to the district officer commanding, names thus received, with their remarks.

OTTAWA, Oct. 15 .- Preparations for enrolling volunteers throughout Canada for service in South Africa are proceeding apace. Lt. Col. Otter, D. O. C., arrived here from Toronto yesterday, and is assisting the department in the work of recruiting. It is pretty well understood that Col. Otter will have command of the Canadian troops as far as the port of disembarkation in South Africa, where his command of the draft as a body will cease, unless, indeed, pressure of public opinion may yet move the government at Ottawa to have the imperial plans altered so as to permit the sending of a Canadian contingent, officered by Canadians, and Mr. Tarte to the con-

and did not expect any, believing that no battle is probable except at Mo h-king, communication with which place has been cut and for which consider-has been cut and for which consider-be faltering of the government is heard the faltering warn President Kruger that, in view of the persistent rumors that have

reached Her Majesty's government as "On arrival in South Africa," the to threats to murder British subjects, he and his government are expected to protect the lives and property of all peaceable persons, British subjects and others, and will be held responsible by Her Majesty's government for any acts committed contrary to the

usages of civilized people.' Another cablegram, dated Oct. 11, instructed Sir Alfred Milner to "convey mmediately to President Kruger the foregoing warning, in view of the alleged outrages reported by the refu-

Sir Alfred Milner on Sept. 21, enclos-ing a minute sent by the Cape ministers, urging Her Majesty's government

to "exercise a spirit of magnanimous compromise, in order to avert a calamity which seriously threatens the British provinces in South Africa, and not merely the republics."

The minute goes on to say: "It is not open to doubt that the issue of the war will be a victory for the imperial arms; but the evil consequences of a possibly prolonged struggle would be this course has been rendered necesfar-reaching and abiding for genera-

tions, affecting Europeans and natives alike. At the end of the blue book is the

Chamberlain to Sir Alfred Milner: "October 11, 1.25 p.m.-Most urgently

inform the British agent in the South African republic that the government of the United States have been asked to allow their consul to take charge of the agency. Let the British agent

try to arrange accordingly, pending a The conclusion of this despatch indireply."

cates that Mr. Chamberlain did not have a shalow of doubt regarding the willingness of the United States government to lend the good offices de-

LONDON, Oct. 16 .- Despatches from the Cape are very meagre tonight, but they include an important message from the Glencoe Camp, dated 3.25 this (Monday) afternoon, announcing the Boer commandos which invaded Natal through Laing's Neck, and, after occupying Newcastle, advanced to Dannhauser, retired on Ingagan

yesterday evening, their transport service being reported defective. This will delay indefinitely the anticipated and hoped for assault on the strong British possession at Glencoe.

Another despatch reports activity on the part of the Free State commando in the neighborhood of Aliwalnorth, on the southern frontier. The Boers advance patrol, the despatch says, go to the frontier bridge nightly to keep watch, firing shots at intervals as signals. It is believed the enemy intends shortly to try to rush the railway station with the help of artillery posted on a ridge commanding the town. LONDON, Oct. 17 .- The war news is still in the region of surmise. . There

are runners that the Boers have been

The volunteers are 7,000 strong and have eleven pieces of artillery. There is no further news regarding the present position. The Natal invasion was made in three

columns at dawn on October 12th, through Bothas Pass, Laing's Nek, and from Wakkerstroem, the objective point of the invaders being Nawcastle. The Boers utilized several thousand natives, who were tramping from the Rand to drive their heavy guns up Laing's Nek.

Precautions are being taken for the lefence, of Pietermauritzburg and Durban, in the remote contingency that the enemy may clude the vigilance of the British at the Ladysmith and Glen-

coe camps. A despatch from the latter place A despatch showing the feeling of the says the partial closing down of the Cape government was received from Natal coal mines will not interrupt the supplies nor the imperial trans-ports at Durban, as was imagined by the Boers, large quantities of coal being already on the water from India. Regular shipments will arrive from India until the Natal mines open again

LONDON, Oct. 16 .- The Queen's speech at the opening of parliament tomorrow will declare that parliament has been summoned at an unusual date for a specific purpose, and that 'sary by two circumstances: First, Her Majesty's proclamation calling out the reserves is necessarily followed by the summoning of parliament within ten following cablegram, which is of pe- days; second, the position of affairs culiar interest to Americans, from Mr. in South Africa demands the atten-

tion of the legislature. Her Majesty will then declare that her general relations with foreign powers are peaceful, a state of affairs which unfortunately does not apply to the Transvaal.

The house of commons will be invited to provide ways and means necessary to presecute British policy in outh Africa.

The speech will conclude with a promise that, when the proper time hall arrive, the legislative programme of the government regarding matters of internal interest will be submitted to the house of commons.

LONDON, Oct. 17 .- Despatches from Dundee say that, according to the report of refugees, the Boer invaders of Natal are estimated at 16,000. All the atants and women and children have been sent from Dundee.

MONTREAL, Oct. 16 .- Volunteers are coming forward for the Transvaal. Thirty-five men of the Royal Scots olunteered tonight and a large numof men from the Prince of Wales Fusiliers, including Col. Cooke, are anxious to go. Most significant of all is the fact that 125 men from two French-Canadian regiments, the 65th and 85th,

are desirous of enlisting. HAMILITON, Ont., Oct. 16.-Geo. Tuckett & Sons today announced to their employes that they would pay any of their men who desired to enlist in the Transvaal fifty cents a day while absent, and also pay premiums on one thousands dollars insurance men to have their jobs back if they return.

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