

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 3, 1900

Everywhere the People Rejoiced in the Splendid Achievement of Our Sons.

Enthusiasm in St. John. In St. John the cold retarded, but did not prevent, demonstrations yesterday. Beginning mildly in the morning the town was a mass of bunting in the afternoon and ablaze with bonfires at night. When the good news came that Cronje and his army had been captured the members of No. 3 H. & L. and members of No. 4 company, North End, were not long in starting to work to stir up the North End to show their loyalty. Headed by District Engineer Chas. Brown, the men started out to collect barrels and by 7 o'clock in the afternoon they had over 200 ready for a big bonfire to celebrate the British victory. When the men started to put the barrels on Fort Howe they were stopped by Mr. Horne, the government official in charge, who said that there were a couple of magazines filled with powder and cartridges on the hill. Major A. J. Armstrong was called up on the telephone, but he could not give permission for the lighting of the fire. A delegation was sent to call on Mayor Sears. While the delegation was away Mr. Fraser Gregory, who owns a property on Douglas avenue, gave the men permission to build the fire on his hills and sent teams to aid them in transferring the barrels there. The fire ladders and teams were working hard in making the transfer and when the bonfire was about ready to light word was received that Mayor Sears had secured permission for the fire on Fort Howe. The following telegram was sent by the mayor: To Hon. F. W. Borden, minister of militia at Ottawa: "Will you permit citizens to light grand bonfire on the top of Fort Howe, North End, celebrating British victory?" The reply from Mr. Borden was "Consent cheerfully granted."

ESTIMATES BROUGHT DOWN. Appropriations for Intercolonial and Other Local Services.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—(Special)—The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, were presented to parliament this evening by Hon. Mr. Fielding. The amount asked for an account of consolidated fund is \$42,872,969 as compared with \$41,253,298, being the main estimate for the current year, or \$1,619,671, including supplementary estimates. The main estimate there for the coming fiscal year is \$306,150 less than the latter estimate. The principal increases in the different branches of the service are \$142,000 for the northwest government, \$447,000 for railways and \$141,283 for customs, \$82,000 for light house and coast service, \$23,916 for steamship subsidies and \$50,000 for post office. The decreases are public works, \$219,413, militia, \$38,338, miscellaneous, \$88,123, ocean and river service, \$38,000 and Yukon territory, \$1,870. The main estimate for the coming year is \$306,150 less than the latter estimate. The principal increases in the different branches of the service are \$142,000 for the northwest government, \$447,000 for railways and \$141,283 for customs, \$82,000 for light house and coast service, \$23,916 for steamship subsidies and \$50,000 for post office. The decreases are public works, \$219,413, militia, \$38,338, miscellaneous, \$88,123, ocean and river service, \$38,000 and Yukon territory, \$1,870. The main estimate for the coming year is \$306,150 less than the latter estimate. The principal increases in the different branches of the service are \$142,000 for the northwest government, \$447,000 for railways and \$141,283 for customs, \$82,000 for light house and coast service, \$23,916 for steamship subsidies and \$50,000 for post office. The decreases are public works, \$219,413, militia, \$38,338, miscellaneous, \$88,123, ocean and river service, \$38,000 and Yukon territory, \$1,870.

TWO DIVORCE CASES. Disolution of Marriage Bonds Sought by St. John People—Neither Case Defended.

Fredericton, Feb. 27.—(Special)—The February term of the divorce court was opened by Judge Vanwart this morning. The docket was made up of two St. John cases, that of H. B. Moriarty, Helen M. Moriarty and James Miller and Anesta Miller. The plaintiff in each case seeking an absolute divorce on the usual grounds of infidelity to marriage vows. The witnesses examined in the Moriarty case were the plaintiff, Ellen Kingston and Detective John Ring. Their evidence went to show that the defendant had been guilty of improper relations with one Cain. C. N. Skinner was counsel for plaintiff, and the case was undefended. In the later case, the witnesses examined were the plaintiff and Policeman Hamilton Campbell of St. John. The plaintiff swore that his wife got drunk and frequented houses of ill fame. Policeman Campbell swore that he found her in a compromising position with one Alex. Diggs in a house on "Blood Alley" and arrested the pair of them. W. B. Wallace was counsel for plaintiff in this case and no defence was offered. At the conclusion of the evidence the judge adjourned the court until March 8th, when he will give judgment.

"G" COMPANY—KILLED. FRED. W. WITHERS, St. John. W. A. RIGGS, Charlottetown Engineers.

Frederick William Withers, the first St. John boy to lay down his life for his country in the Transvaal war, is honored in his native city and justly so. He was a young man of that stamp which makes friends firm and fast and whom it was good to know. He was just 29 years of age, having been born on the 18th of February, 1871. He has been living with his widowed mother and family at No. 34 Paddock street. He was a machinist and was employed in the Maritime Naval Works where he gave up his position to volunteer for service on the first call for Canadians to South Africa. He had, for about six years, been connected with the 2nd Regiment Canadian Artillery and proved a most excellent soldier. His officers on hearing of his death made a fitting eulogy. Lieut. Col. Jones, commander of the 3rd R. C. A., said to the Telegraph last night: "I was deeply affected when I learned of Corporal Withers' death. There was no other soldier in the Artillery. He was a born soldier, and an excellent, energetic, painstaking young fellow. There was no man in my regiment and, in the recent recruiting in the Artillery, he was picked up at once as his clerk. Dr. W. W. White, who had been lieutenant of No. 1 company of artillery, of which deceased was a member, warmly supported Lieut. Col. Jones in his words of praise for the young soldier and added that he was a man who had the true military instinct. He was senior corporal of No. 1 company and, at the time of his enlistment, Capt. Beverly R. Armstrong was the company's captain. Capt. Armstrong is now away—a member of the second contingent. When the call for volunteers came Corporal Withers was one of the first to offer himself for the service of the Queen and Empire. He was most anxious to go and enrolled at the first opportunity. He had been out of town on the day enlistment called but hurried back and called at Col. Jones' home. The latter was not at home and he was so anxious to have a place on the contingent that he wanted to see Col. Jones to take his name and application so that he could be sent to the front at the earliest moment possible. Being accepted, he was readily chosen by Lieut. Col. Vidal, who had charge of the recruiting, as his orderly and he served most efficiently in this position. He joined the first contingent as private but before long made a corporal in "G" company of the first Canadian regiment. In every place where war was talked last night—and where in town was there a place where the stirring news was not discussed—the death of Corporal Withers was spoken of with expressions of deep sorrow and many a silent prayer for the soul of the young man. It was not only the consolation and support may be theirs in the affliction which has come upon them. Francis Sprague, is about 22 years of age and was a member of the 6th Regiment. His mother, Mrs. Love, resides on Sheriff street, North End. Alfred Simpson, immigrated to this country when young and resided at No. 30 Hillyard street, North End. Before going to the war he worked on the D. A. R. steamer Prince Edward. Ambrose Pelkey, is another St. John man reported wounded. He is 23 years old and is said to be long to Winnipeg. For some time he has been in the 2nd Canadian Regiment. His mother, Mrs. Matthews, on City Road, was attached to "A" company, 62nd Fusiliers. Pelkey was somewhat of a stirring character as a youth and during the war he worked on the stirring news was not always regarded by him as necessary in the keeping. F. W. Coombs. The many friends of Corp. Coombs in this city hope his wound is not a serious one. He was undoubtedly better known in the Maritime Provinces than any other man who left with the first contingent. For years he has been prominent in athletic circles and possesses more than two hundred medals for first and second places secured at contests in various athletic meets. Over the high hurdles he had no equal in Canada and at jumping, pole vaulting and sprinting he was a foremost athlete. For many years he played on the Mohawk hockey team and twice captured them through a campaign which brought them the championship. He was born in P. E. Island and was twenty-four years old. William Wallace Donohue, who is reported wounded, is a 23 years old soldier of fine physique, whose home is in the city. He has a younger brother and two sisters. He belonged to No. 4 company R. C. A., Capt. Fred Foster, and was a school. He had some three years ago taken a course at the Quebec Military School and is a good specimen of the British soldier. When he volunteered, Corporal Donohue had some little difficulty in passing because he was just a half year under height, but his other qualifications finally overcame this and the young man's anxious mind was at ease. He is a painter by trade and has worked for a number of firms here. He is highly spoken of by comrades in the regiment and by many who knew him. He is a member of St. Mary's church, Waterford street, from whose congregation four went to fight "the battles of old England's common cause." There are three Donohues and the wounded may not be the St. John man. Looks for More Victories. London, Feb. 28.—Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, reviewing the military situation in the light of General Cronje's capitulation, says this morning: "On a moderate estimate one-tenth of the Boer army has been taken out of account by the capture of Cronje. The battle of Paardeberg is a miniature Sudan. Tomorrow the whole of Lord Roberts' army, say 45,000 men, will be ready for a fresh advance, if indeed, the start be not made today. The objective must be the next army of importance which is in Natal. The next move therefore with a view of drawing the Boer army from Natal, implies an advance on Bloemfontein or some point on the railway between Bloemfontein and Wauwburg, which would sever the connection between the Boers in Natal and those south of the Orange River. If the Boers make a stand west of Bloemfontein, so much the better. With 45,000 men Lord Roberts may well be able to envelop and to destroy a respectable force here. The effect of the Paardeberg victory will probably be a movement northward. In Natal the effect will be moral rather than strategic. The effect of a clasp on one side and of depression on the other will be equal, for the moment, to the addition of a brigade to Gen. Buller's forces. The Boers in Natal have to face a crisis. If they send troops to the Free State they will sacrifice the whole result of the long campaign before Ladysmith. Not to send them will be to render probable a second and still more important victory by Lord Roberts a few days hence." Turner Heard From. London, Feb. 27.—Hon. Richard Turner received the following cablegram this afternoon from his son reported a few days ago among the wounded: "Orange River—Army slightly wounded; (Signed) Al. Turner." Foreigners Clearing Out. Armled, Monday, Feb. 26.—The Boers under British pressure have evacuated their positions in this neighborhood, retiring northward. In the fighting here about the 15th it is thought to have been considerable, as 25 graves were found. More Telegrams from Rovalty. London, Feb. 28.—It is understood that the Queen and the Prince of Wales have received a telegram of generous congratulation from Emperor William on the victory at Paardeberg. King Humbert and Queen Margherita also wired congratulations to the Queen.

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Ontario Gives \$10,000 to the Fund. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 27.—The Ontario government has included in its estimates a grant of \$10,000 for the national patriotic fund. It also has included an item of \$4,000 for salaries of members of the civil service who are also members of the various Canadian societies.

CHATHAM NEWS. Chatham, Feb. 26.—At a meeting of St. John's Presbyterian congregation held on Monday afternoon it was decided to purchase the McFarland property on the corner of Cunard and Wellington streets on which to erect a new church. Several hundred dollars were subscribed for this purpose by the present.

Miss Hattie Merrithew has resigned her position as organist of the Free Baptist church, and her place will be filled by Miss Jean Yerxa.

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Mr. Woodford Merrithew has returned from the lumber woods, where he has been for four months.

Mis Nellie Abrams, of Fairville, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. Abram Yerxa, and other relatives.

A very pleasant event is to take place in the near future at the home of a prominent resident, of which special mention will be made hereafter.

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