PAGES OF BRITISH HISTORY.

Historical Battles—Noteworthy Events in the Story of the Creation of the British Empire.

The "Helder," 1799.

Continued from last issue.)

General Brune, an officer of the Bonaparte stamp, now arrived to command the French and Dutch troops, and he circulated the following address:—

"Magistrates of the Batavian Republic,—Behold the shades of Van Tromp, De Witt, De Ruyter, and Barneveldt burst through their sacred tombs, that you may be animated by their spirit, and denounce death against those who are traitors to their country! Be on your guard respecting the Emigrants; oppose yourselves to the impious Orange faction; unite with the people, and overwhelm the British!"

The army, which had hitherto occupied the sand-hills near the "Helder," now advanced and assumed a position with the right towards the village of Petten, on the German Ocean, and the left to the Oude Sluys, on the Zuider Zee; and there Sir Ralph Abercrombie entrenched himself, determined to remain on the defensive only, and to await the arrival of more troops from Britain. By this arrangement a more fertile country lay open to his soldiers, and they obtained plenty of fresh provisions; while the canal of Zuype, immediately in their front, contributed greatly to strengthen their position.

On the 10th of September he was attacked by the enemy, who had collected in strength to dislodge him, at Alkmaar. The force under General Brune amounted to not less than 25,000 men; those under Abercrombie fell short of 16,000. The former advanced in three columns at daybreak; and in the grey light their masses were seen to loom darkly as they came on in the sombre blue uniforms now adopted by the French and Dutch.

That of the latter nation, led by General Daendels, directed its attack on the village of St. Martin; the centre, commanded by General Demonceau, marched against Crabbendam and Zuyper Sluys; while the left, which was held by the brigade of Guards under General Burrard. Met with determined courage, they were driven back by our Household Troops, and by ten o'clock began to retreat on Alkmaar, leaving many killed and wounded, their waggons, pontoons, and one gun behind them.

"It is impossible for me to do full justice to the conduct of the troops," says Sir Ralph in his despatch. "The two brigades of Guards repulsed with great vigour the column of French which had advanced to attack them, and where the slaughter of the enemy was very great."

Though the other two columns fought their way to within a few yards of the position, they met with a terrible resistance. Major-General Moore, who commanded on the right, received two wounds, one through the thigh, which he totally disregarded, and another in, the face, which compelled him to quit the field.

Colonel Spencer, who defended the village of St. Martin with great gallantry, exhibited equal spirit and judgment in hurling the enemy back from the sand-hills; while Lieutenant-Colonel Smythe, who commanded two battalions of the 20th Regiment at Crabbendam and Zuyper Sluys, evinced something of Spartan firmness. Perceiving that the enemy were likely to carry his post, notwithstanding that the blood was flowing copiously from a wound in his leg, he desired some of the soldiers to support him, and in this situation he brandished his sword and cried—

"Twentieth, remember Minden!"

The names of Wolfe and Kinsgley and the memory of Minden were treasured then, as now, by the East Devonshire. Three hearty cheers were given, and both battalions, rushing on with the bayonet, scattered the foe like chaff before the wind; and by one o'clock the French were everywhere in retreat. The loss of the British was 200 men, that of the enemy 1,500; and on the 13th the Duke of York arrived to command the troops at the "Helder."

The Right Hon. Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State for War, issued the army estimates for 1895 yesterday. They are placed at £17,983,800, a decrease of £221,000 from the figures for 1894. In a memorandum accompanying the estimates, Mr. Campbell-Bannerman says the government hopes to be able to withdraw a battalion of British troops from Egypt during the present year.

A HAPPY DAY FOR THE PREMIER

What a great day it was for Sir Mackenzie Bowell at Belleville, yesterday. Crowds and cheers and words of praise and general enthusiasm are common enough in his life. But Belleville is the place where he went as a boy and grew to be a man. Belleville is the place where he began his career as a printer's devil, where he left "the case' to become a reporter, where he rose from the reporter's table to the editorial chair and where he stepped from the editorial chair into the thick of political life. There is no other place in the world like Belleville for Sir Mackenzie Bowell.

And yesterday he went back to see his old friends and fellow townsmen, the foremost public man of his country, Cheers? Yes. Enthusiasm? We should say so. Man and boy they knew him! Memory went chasing down through the years and came runing back again with its arms full of blossoms of kindly recollection. The things he did—what wonderful things they were! The things he didn't do—was there ever before a man who left undone so many things that he should have left undone. Old Father Greybeard—no greyer than the snowy-haired premier himself—shook his head, how many times no one know, and said solemnly, "I told you so. I allus knew that boy ud come to something." Which was the height of wisdom and a wonderful thing, seeing that Father Greybeard came into the world many years after the aged premier.

Such days take the sting out of life and make it worth the living. They wipe away the whips and scorns of time and send the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune about their business. It is not given to all of us to climb the political tree and rest on the very top branch of it, securely enough for the time being, but we can all admire the chap who climbs there and feels a thrill of hearty sympathy with the exuberance of soul that must be his when such days as yesterday dawn for him. Sir Mackenzie has had many proud moments in his life, but none prouder than those he experienced in Belleville yesterday.—Herald, Hamilton, March 20th.

COUNTERFEITERS AT WORK.

Health and Life Endangered by Unscrupulous Dealers who Persuade Unsuspecting People to Take Imitations—Some Pointers Worth Remembering.

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Resolution of Condolence.

BY THE MEMBERS OF LANSDOWNE LODGE, S. O E.

On Monday, March the 18th, at the regnlar meeting of Landowne lodge, No. 25, Peterboro, Ont., the following resolution of condolence was passed to Mr. W. S. Cooks, a member of the lodge:—

Moved by Bro. J. J. Turner, seconded by Bro. B. Roberts:—

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove, by death, one so near and dear to you, in the person of your beloved daughter, from her earthly sphere of usefulness, we the officers and members of Lansdowne lodge, No. 25, S.O.E.B.S., tender to you our sincere sympathy in your bereavement, praying that the Heavenly Father, who doth all things well, may strengthen you and your wife in this your hour of trial.

Signed on behall of the lodge,

DAVID CURTIS, W.P.,
W. J. SQUIRES, Rec-Sec.

BY THE MEMBERS OF LODGE TENYSON.

At a general meeting of Tenyson lodge, No. 165, Hull, P.Q., it was moved by Bro. W. Chitty, P. P., seconded by Bro. A. W. Yates, that the following resolution of condolence be sent tc Bro. G. Harbour:—

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty and all wise Creator to remove from our midst the beloved wife of our brother, and whereas the loss was made more lamentable owing to the recent loss of his child, and whereas it has been an irreparable loss to him, a loss that it wlll be impossible to compensate him for the taking away of his beloved wife, be it therefore resolved that Lodge Tenyson, No. 165, do hereby tender our sincere sympathy to our beloved Brother and President, George Harbour.

Signed on behalf of Lodge Tenyson, No. 165, S. O. E.

C. SKIPWORTH,
Secretary.

A BLAST FROM WINNIPEG.

CHIEF OF THE OBLATS AND PROTESTANTISM.

A St. Patrick's Day Discourse at Winnipeg—English Protestants Falsified—A Hot-Headed American Roman Priest.

Winnipeg, Man., 15.—The Rev. Father Gilliard, chief of the Oblats of the United States, who is here to attend the consecration of Archbishop Langevin, created something of a sensation last night by bitterly assailing Protestantism.

His theme was St. Patrick:—

He said St Patrick's empire was like a vast tree whose branches spread out over the world. Often its enemies had smitten it, and amongst these enemies were the *English Protestants*, people who had spilt oceans of Roman Catholic blood because of their faith. The whole weight of the *British Empire* had been brought into play to crush their church, but it had failed in affecting its purpose. Protestantism could not succeed, nor was it succeeding—it was crumbling into infidelity. He would tell his congregation, for he was not afraid, and had a habit of putting what he thought into words, that within fifty years Protestantism would have practically disappeared and there would be only two choices for the people—infidelity or the Roman Catholic Church.

English Protestantism was originated owing to the adultery and lust of one of the most contemptible men who ever lived, that beastly old Harry of England. This was all a matter of history and could not be disputed. Because the Pope would not grant a bill of divorce to the English King without just cause being shown, the Protestant Church was organized.

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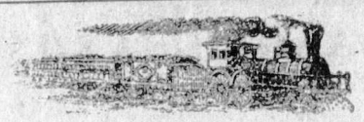

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