London, Saturday, Oct. 21.

The British Victory.

The victory of Talana Hill yesterday was worthy of the best traditions of the British army. The Dublin Fusiliers and the King's Rifles fought their way up an almost inaccessible height, in the face of a withering rifle fire, and swept the Boers from their position, paralleleg the gallant rush of the Gordon Highlanders at Dargai Ridge.

The battle developed some important facts from the standpoint of military science. It is plain that the enemy do not know how to handle modern artillery, and are, in fact, handicapped by their field guns, which require compact formations, wholly new to the Boers, who have been used to fighting in

loose style, and apparently know no more about infantry movements than a mob. The deadly precision of the British artillery is an assurance, too, that the Boers will be unable to pursue of the affairs of the penitentiaries, the tactics of Majuba Hill. They cannot fight effectively in ambush, against the shrapnel which the British used so effectively yesterday at a range of 2,500 yards. At all points, too, they were outmaneuvered by the attacking forces. It was evident that the British had profited by experience, for they avoided reckless exposure, and took advantage of every cover during the long struggle up the hill. Even as it was, ject. I think," he goes on to say, their heavy loss shows that the Boers have not lost their cunning with the riffe, however clumsy they may be with allegiance to the British crown or leave artillery.

The engagement should have far- should be made to do so, too, for there reaching effects. It will tend to keep down any of the Dutch in Cape Colony who are disaffected, and to whom a Boer victory might be a call to arms in support of their compatriots. Furthermore, their defeat will be a sad dis-Illusion to the Boers, who have had a fanatical belief in their invincibility. It remains to be seen whether the blow will take the fighting spirit out of them or inspire them to more desperate re- British in South Africa today were

A Modern Munchausen.

Hon. P. E. Le Blanc, ex-speaker of therefore, that the Beers feel they have the Quebec Legislature, has undertak- a proprietary interest in Cape Colony en to outdo his political associate, which their ancestors settled, and in Mr. Geo. Taylor, M.P. for South Leeds, which they still outnumber the Britin misrepresenting the facts with re- ish. As for Premier Schreiner, he has gard to binder twine. That we may apparently borne himself with credit do Mr. Le Blanc, who certainly fails in a very trying situation. United as to live up to his name, no injustice, they are by ties of race and blood to let us quote his remarks on the sub- the Boers of the Transvaal and Orange ject, as contained in the Montreal Ga- Free State, Mr. Schreiner and his colzette (Conservative) of Wednesday's leagues have been put in a very deli-

"The barbed wire and binder twine duties levied since 1896 had increased the price of this merchandise, and caused the closing of factories, and compelled Canadian workmen to seek a living across the border; whereas Mr. Bates, from whom Sir Wilfrid purchased a house, at Ottawa, had made \$300,000 in one year, from the binder twine purchased from the Government and manufactured in the Kingston

That is the fairy story told by this Quebec Opposition leader. Let us see how near he comes to the facts, and the Gazette gleefully refers to it as "Hot Shot."

Mr. Le Blanc speaks of the "barbed wire and binder twine duties levied since 1896." Does he wish to qualify as the Canadian Rip Van Winkle? One would have thought that everybody in Canada knew that one of the first acts of the present Government at Ottawa was to give the farmers of Canada duty-free barbed wire and binder twine. Mr. Le Blanc would have the public believe that both are taxed and that the result of the taxation has been to close up the factories. We speak of what we know when we say that the wire fence industry still prospers in this country, and that last year the binder twine manufactory at Brantford was busier in manufacturing supplies for the Canadian farmers at a fair profit, than it ever was under the tariff imposed by the late Administration. Having coined such a falsehood it is not surprising that Mr. Le Blanc found it easy to slander. He sham. told the audience that Sir Wilfrid bought his house from Mr. Bates, the buver in 1898 for the output of binder twine at Kingston penitentiary, and he said that Mr. Bates made \$300,000 out of the year's purchase of twine. The insinuation, as will be seen, is that the sale of the twine to Mr. Bates, who was the successful tenderer, was a corrupt one, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a party to it. Mr. Geo. Taylor asserted in the House of Commons that Mr. Betes, presumably as s part of the binder twine transaction. bought a house and presented it to the Prime Minister. The story only held good for one day, for in less than 24 hours Mr. Taylor was obliged to confess that the story had no foundation in fact, and that he had but retailed idle, foolish, vulgar gossip inspired by political malice. Mr. Le Blanc now gives the story another tunn, equally reprehensible, equally ill-founded, equally unworthy of a decent political opponent. And he puts the climax on It by asserting that Mr. Bates profited to the extent of \$300,000 on the year's purchase of binder twine by him from the pentitentiary. This is the most colossal die that has been uttered on the stump in modern times, as we chall prove. Why, we learn from tain, 51,700 is on German contracts,

the parliamentary records, that the 22,200 for Norway, 22,100 for Holland, Phone 1046 value of the total quantity of twine and 8,700 Denmark, the remainder bepurchased by Messrs, Bates & Sons ing contracts for vessels flying British was \$45,953,45. To profit by the trancolors. Britannia rules the waves. saction, as Mr. Le Blane says they did,

ing to ill-health." He is probably suf-fering from heart failure at the pros-pect of meeting the electors.—Ottawa quired to get the twine for nothing, and to have received 61/2 times its contract value from the merchants to

Messrs Bates & Son would have re-

whom they sold it! That is to say, Mr.

Le Blanc asks the public to believe

that the contractors for the output of

the penitentiary twine received 291/2

cents for every pound of binder twine

which was sold to them by the peni-

tentiary officials! As the contractors

sold to the wholesale dealers through-

out the country, and they and the retail dealers must have had some profit,

Mr. Le Blanc's argument leads to the

conclusion that the price of binder

twine to the consumer was last year

considerably over 30 cents a pound.

Owing to the cost of the raw material.

arising from the war in the Philip-

pines, from which the fiber is receiv-

ed, the price of twine rose very con-

siderably last year after the contract-

ors for the penitentiary twine market-

ed their product, but what man in his

senses will believe Mr. Le Blanc's

implication that not a pound of the

penitentiary output was sold under

In their attempt to injure the Gov-

ernment of Canada, and particularly

the Minister of Justice, who has charge

Messrs. Taylor and Le Blanc, and those who take stock in their stories,

only stultify themselves and discredit

The Loyal Dutch.

An unknown correspondent writes

us in warm denunciation of Premier

Schreiner, of Cape Colony. "A deceiv-

er and traitor," our correspondent calls

him, "who gets a big salary in a Brit-

"there will have to be some reform in

South Africa. These Dutch aliens

should be made to take the oath of

the country, and any fresh comers

seems to be a conspiracy all round

the States of South Africa to establish

The Dutch in South Africa are

neither immigrants nor aliens. The

Dutch were in South Africa before the

British, as the French were in Can-

ada before the British. The Boers of

today are the direct descendants of

the Dutch who started to colonize Cape

century. British possession only

cate and painful position, but so far

they have not shirked their imperial

responsibilities. On the contrary, the

fact that the Premier of Cape Colony

happens to be of Dutch descent has

probably been of great service to the

empire in this particular crisis. The

proclamation, enjoining British sub-

jects in Cape Colony to give no aid

more weight with the Dutch in the

colony, for the Dutch there are Brit-

ish subjects, because the mandate is

signed by Mr. Schriener, himself of

Dutch descent. One thing is certain,

the Dutch are in South Africa to stay,

and if the country is to have peace and

unity, and become a source of strength

to the empire, the Dutch and the Brit-

ish must enjoy the same liberties. In

welding the two races together and

building up a common nationality Mr.

Schreiner and his Dutch compatriots,

who hold office under the British

crown and know that British rule

means equal rights to all, can do sig-

nal work for the empire, just as Sir

Geonge Cartier and Sir Wilfrid Laurier,

the one a Conservative, the other a

Liberal, have labored to do in Canada,

With the downfall of the Transvaal.

political equality will be established

wherever the Dutch and the Britsh

live side by side, and wise and tolerant

statesmanship will lead South Africa

The Shamrock is somewhat of

The Buffalo News quotes from the

Montreal Star to show that Canada is

disloyal to the Empire. The Star's

dirty work may have deceived foreign

opinion, but it has had no effect in

The transports carrying British troops

to South Africa will be over three

weeks in making the trip from South-

ampton to Cape Town, the distance be-

ing about 6,000 miles. From Cape Town

to Durban, Naltal, is another 800 miles.

but many of the troops may disembark

at the Cape and be rushed by rail to

the region of Kimberley and Mafeking.

According to the Railway and En-

gineering Review the following table

shows the tonnage of seagoing ves-

sels now in course of construction in

the principal shipbuilding countries of

Of the tonnage shown by Great Bri-

Germany 198,780

Denmark 17,500

United States

France

Steamers. vesseis

4,400

Canada, thank heaven.

the world:

Country.

into a happy and prosperous era.

a Dutch nationality."

ish colony, and should be a loyal sub-

the Opposittion.

The author of that paragraph had better look to his own heart, if he has one. It has been known to Mr. Hardy's intimate friends for some time that he suffered from a painful malady, which made rest and quiet imperative. This should call for sympathy, and not sneer, even from a political enemy.

The Canadian statistical year book for 1898, just issued, estimates the present population of Canada at 5.428.315. and in connection therewith the following interesting statement is made respecting the density of population in Canada to the square mile:

Prince Edward Island54.5

Ontario10.0 Manitoba British Columbia Provisional districts 0.2 Canada (as a whole)................. 1. As the density of population in England and Wales is about 450 to the square mile, it will readily be seen how

What Others Sav

people to spread themselves over.

The Shamrock a Deceiver. [Ottawa Free Press.] Who is going to sing anything about that particular "dear little Shamrock?" She seems to be a base deceiver.

Sympathizes with Ignorance, [Chicago Tribune.] The Boers are simple, ignorant, un-

sophisticated people, and the sympathies of America will be with them in their almost hopeless struggle. Better Than Fighting.

[Toronto Star.] The employers and the pressmen are to be congratulated on the amicable and speedy settlement of the or child. Here's a few lines priced: strike. Conciliation and compromise are always better than a bitter and prolonged fight, and entail much less loss to both sides in labor troubles.

Why the Boers Dislike Rhodes. [Detroit News.]

a question whether the Boers of the Transvaal would rather win Colony in the middle of the seventeenth their acknowledged independence or have the opportunity to hang Cecil dates back to 1806, and most of the Rhodes. They regard this autocrat as the cause of all their troubles. not born on African soil, but emigrated must be admitted that his ambition has led him to ignore the claims of other people in South Africa. His thither in recent years owing to the of purpose, his indifference to public opinion and his marvelous luck have given him one of the greatest fortunes the world. He aspires to be a Bismarck who will forge together the tribes of South Africa and their territories in a compact empire under the flag of Britain, and to have her Britannic Majesty prociaimed em-press of Africa, as well as of India. Then an earldom—or possibly a dukedom for Cecil Rhodes would round career and make his fame eternal.

> WESTERN CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Burford, Oct. 21. - The Western Association of Congregational Churches Ontario held their fall meetings Burford on the 17th and 18th. scheme of the century fund for education and Northwest missions was presented by Rev. A. F. McGregor, superintendent of or comfort to the enemy, will have missions, and Rev. Dr. George, principal of the Congregational College, The scheme was recommended to the churches, and several liberal subscriptions to the endowment fund of the college were received. Rev. Dr. Scholfield, of Brantford, reporting international council, said that Congregationalists while entirely evangelical accepted the accredited results higher criticism, and predicted a world revival of religion. W. Pedley, of Brantford, and Rev. J. T. Daley, of Burford, were given letters of transfer to the Toronto and Quebec associations, respectively. Rev. J. Hendley, of Guelph, was elected president for the coming year.

For Three Years. Nights Itching and Burning Terrible.

Wife Suggests CUTICURA. Uses it. Presto! What a Change. Feels Like Kicking Doctors for Three Years' Suffering.

The itching and burning I suffered in my feet and limbs for three years were terrible. At night they were worse, and would keep me awake a greater part of the night. I consulted doctor after they were worse, and would keep me awake a greater part of the night. I consulted doctor after doctor, as I was travelling on the road most of my time, also one of our city doctors. None of the doctors knew what the trouble was. I got a lot of the different samples of the medicines I had been using. I found them of so many different kinds, that I concluded I would have to go to a Cincinnati hospital before I would get railed. I had frequently been urged to try Curioura Remedies, but I had no faith in them. My wife finally prevailed upon me to try them. Presto! What a change. I am now cured, and it is a permanent cure. I feel like kicking some doctor or myself for suffering three years when I could have used Curtoura remedies.

Sept. 11, 1899. H. JENKINS, Middleboro, Ky.

BABY'S FACE SOLID SORE

My little nephew, John Staunton, was afflicted with the worst sores I ever saw all over his body. His head and face at times were a solid scab and he Els head and race at times were a solid scab and he suffered dreadfully. He was a pitiable sight. His father used all the remedies that he heard of, and doctored with all the doctors. He were a tar cap, also, which did no good, but got no relief until he used the CTHOURA (olutment) and CTHOURA BOAP, Nowhe is a clean, healthy child.

March 8, 1898. P. E. FOLTZ, Pugh's Run. Vs.

CUTICURA Begins with the Blood and Ende with The Skin and Scalp.

se the skin and scalp of crusts itching, burning, and inflammat

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Kid Gloves, in white, tan and red, 2-clasp, black and white embroidery,

much room there is in this country for extra good quality...... 750 Ladies' Kid Gloves, newest embroidery, in navy, gray, modes and black, at.\$1 00

> Ladies' Kid Gloves, modes, gray, blue gray and navy and black, black and white points, at\$1 25 Ladies' Swede Gloves, special shades

in grays and modes, also black, at ... \$1 50 Perrin's, Fownes' and Pewney's makes. All Gloves guaranteed and fitted.

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Boys' Extra Heavy Double Knitted Ladies' and Boys' Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double heels and soles, 3 pairs Ribbed and Plain Cashmere Hose at

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It is generally admitted that this our own experts, forming the finest in earnest. collection of pretty Hats and Bonnets to be seen anywhere.

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A large stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Jackets, in elegant styles and useful materials, fill this section, and are admired by everybody. In style our garments point the correct figure, price per pair \$1 25 to an exclusiveness that surpasses the keenest imagination. They are the world's latest models and priced moderately withal. It's worth your while to know that our stock of stylish Tackets is the finest and best value in i the city.

New York Jackets, in black, blue, fawn and castor, silk lined . . \$9 75 to \$22 00 A large assortment of German Jackets, in all the latest shades, silk lined.\$4 95 to \$17 00

A fine range of Black Curl Jackets, Hose, large sizes, were 75c, for....50c pair silk lined \$4 95, \$6 75, \$7 90, \$15 00 A large assortment of Children's Ulsters and Short Jackets . . \$2 00 to \$10 50 Ladies' Skirts, in plaids, serges and prepons, in the latest styles. \$4 50 up Ladies' Fur Jackets, in Astrachan electric seal, coon, Persian lamb and Greenland seal\$22 50 to \$125.00 A large assortment of Caperines, 8, for 20c, 22c and 25c pair Gauntlets and small Furs.

Underwear Section.

This is one of the most important crease. Our Glove stock is equal to store is an authority in anything in departments in the house. From a the Millinery line. Constantly re- small beginning it has been continuceiving new ideas from Paris and ally increasing, till now it assumes New York makes our display par- immense proportions. We have no while our prices are greatly in favor | ticularly attractive. Besides foreign | fault to find with this department, but productions we display many worthy we're after all the trade there is, and styles that are being contributed by give a few special prices to show we're

> Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, in pink or blue stripes, made plain, special, each. 500 Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, with frills

> of self, double yoke, back and front, and a good width, price each...........75c Ladies' Flannelette Gowns, in all sizes and colors, trimmed with silk embroidery, special, each\$1 00 Ladies' Short French Corset, in gray or white, with solid steel filling, fo

Ladies' Long Waist Black Corset, trimmed with mauve, steel filling and made with a girdle round waist, a heavy corset for winter, regular \$1 25, special per pair......\$1 0

Ladies' Short Waist Corsets, with gussets on hip, steel filling, were \$1, Ladies' Aldominal Corsets, with elastic lacings on side and double fronts, suitable for stout figure, per pair.....\$1 50

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Ladies' Flannelette Blouses, in assorted colors and patterns, special each.... 69c Ladies' Black Luster Blouses, tucked fronts and sleeves, good quality, special at.....\$2 00 and \$2 50 each Ladies' Woolen Blouses, in plain or fancy colors, made with or without lin

ing, a large assortment, each \$1 50 to \$3 00

ine munians, Gray, Garrie Go.

208, 210, 2101/2 and 212 DUNDAS STREET.

THEIR "SCRAP"

Street Railway Company's "Scrap" Power House.

Court of Revision Confirms As sessment as a Going Concern.

Will Await Decision of the Court of Appeal-The Insurance Companies -Several Reductions.

Afternoon and evening sessions of the court of revision were held yesterday, with all the members assessment, fixed at the same figures as last year, was confirmed, and the that the rails, poles and wires be assessed as "scrap,"but want the power house assessed on a scrap basis also. on the power house, and the company would have it assessed for practically the value of the bricks if taken down. "It is this 'scrap' basis, this desire that has done more than anything else to keep up the strike," said Chairman Jones. In this opinion the other mem-

bers concurred. No decision was reached on the insurance companies' appears. There are 37 of them, and if they are successful the roll will be reduced \$48,950. Mr. J. B. McKillop, appearing in their behalf, claimed that under the revenue bill they were exempt from all taxation on premiums. The court deferred judgment until the opinion of the city sollcitor be obtained. Mr. Grant raised the question as to whether or not foreign companies would escape taxation on premiums altogether if the municipalities were not at liberty to assess

Mr. T. J. Murphy, who was present on another case, interposed the argument that if these insurance companies were assessed on premiums they would simply take it out of the policyholders, and that the policyholder. has already paid a tax to pay for his insurance, would be called upon to pay a double tax. Mr. Grant and Chairman Jones car-

ried on the argument as to the principle of the exemption, and Mr. Mc-Killop said he was asking the exemption under the law.

The shareholders of the London Street Railway Company objected to an income assessment for 8 per cent on their stock. The company sub-

mitted several statements, and the court reduced the assessment to 6 per The Misses Bowman were exempted.
The Bell Telephone Company's asnt was fixed at \$21,500 for five (Mention Advertiser.) was organized in less.

The Park avenue exchange, (Mention Advertiser.) tains 27,492 members.

assessed at \$15,000, was reduced to \$13,-500. The assessment on poles and wires was confirmed at \$8,000, and the assessment of \$5,000 on income struck off. Barber Asphalt Company-Personalty, reduced \$1,000.
The London and Western Trust-

Assessed for \$10,000; reduced \$6,500 on the advice of the city solicitor. Charles Patrick, West London—Personalty, reduced \$100. Dyment. Baker & Co.-\$9.600 on realty, \$10,000 on personalty; reduced \$600 on realty and \$1,000 on personalty. C. N. Spencer-Two acres on Simcoe and Grey streets; reduced \$400.

A. M. Sutherland, Briscoe street—Re duced \$100.

A. L. Davis (left city)-Income re-F. J. Mitchell-Realty reduced \$1,000; personalty, \$1,000, struck off. Adjourned.

Smashed Fruit Trees Mended. To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Last fall, after a severe icestorm which broke down a large number of sinking and the boats all swamped. fruit frees, in an article, I told your readers that the trees were not necespresent. The street railway company's sarily lost, and I also instructed them how to save them. Now, those of us in the London district are in trouble again on account of the snowstorm city will await the decision of the which struck us on Sept. 30. I am supreme court, where the company has sure fully a foot and a half fell inside carried their appeal on former assess- of two hours. The leaves, of course, ments. The present appeal differs every tree in my orchard of 14 acres were all on the trees, and in my case slightly from that of former years. was loaded down with fruit, all they The company not only ask this year could bear, many trees having from eight to ten barrels of apples on. Well, the result with me and with others was that the trees, from the additional weight of snow, were smashed down in Mr. Grant has placed a value of \$48,000 all directions. But for my method of doctoring them up, my loss in trees alone would be fully \$300, and my method is worth adopting by others who have suffered.

Now, for my method: First, with an of the company to escape taxation, axe cut out the slivers in the break, so that they will not prevent it drawing together; then tie a strong rope about a strong limb, that is standing, high up, and also another about one that is lying down. Then, with a block and tackle, if you have one, or, if not, with your hay-fork pulleys, draw the down apart up as close as you can; then get a binding chain attached to two opposite limbs, and twist in it a short stick, the same as if you were binding on a sawlog. By that means you can draw the split up tight. Then, with a %-bit, bore holes through the two opposite limbs, get the measure, and get a rod made from 1/2-inch iron, with a nut at each end. Put it in place and screw up, and your tree is stronger then than it was before the break-A. C. ATTWOOD. down. Yours. Vanneck Evergreen Hill Fruit Farm.

> A CRIMEAN VETERAN DRIVES 2,600 MILES.

> Windsor, Oct. 21.-John Stubbs, an old man who claims to be a veteran of the Crimean war, crossed the river from Detroit Thursday afternoon, hav-ing driven from Sait Lake City in a

Hundreds have been cured without knife or plaster by our pleasant CANCER HOME

TR BATMENT Will particulars, 6c (stamps). A. L. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont. (Mention Advertiser.)

prairie schooner. The old man's only companion on his journey of 2,600 miles was his faithful dog. He left the west on June 1, and his supported himself by lecturing. He is now on his way to Collingwood, where he has friends

FORTY SAILORS PERISHED!

British Steamer Pelican Foundered on Alaska Coast.

San Francisco, Oct. 21. - Reports from the Alaska Commercial Company say there can be no longer any doubt that the British steamer Pelican, which left Puget Sound in October, 1897, for Chima, foundered near the Aleutian Islands, and that her entire crew of 40 sailors perished.

A bottle found near Unamak contained a message, saying the ship was

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PULLMAN ABSORBS WAGNER. Chicago, Oct. 21.-After a two days' session of the directorate of the Pullman Palace Car Company it was admitted yesterday that the Pullman Company had absorbed the Wagner Company.

IF TAKEN IN TIME The D. & L. Emulsion will surely cure the most serious affections of the lungs. That "run down" condition, the after effects of a heavy cold is quickly counteract-

ed. Manufactured by the Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd. The sketch of the Queen which sells best in France is one taken on the seashore with a skye terrier walking beside her.

DR. A. W. CHASE'S () CATARRE CURE ... 200. is sent direct to the diseased parts by the Improved Blows Heeis the ulcers, olears the at passages, sloop droppings in the throa. and permanantly cures Cararra and Hay Fever. Blower free. All cealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffale.

Among the patriotic societies the Daughters of the American Revolution is the largest and most influential. It was organized in 1890 and now con-