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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR ALL SPEAK OF CANADA'S CONTINGENT

Their Fine Qualities Displayed at Sunnyside Cause
Great Enthusiasm in England.

French is Handicapped for Want of Forces Sufficient to Seize
Any of the Crossings of the Orange River—Little
News From the Seat of War.

All the great London newspapers speak
editorially in the highest terms of the
fine qualities displayed by the Cana-
dians at the front during their engage-
ment at Sunnyside. Their action is
enthusiastically welcomed as an evidence
of the spirit of the British race now
under trial. The Canadian, one jour-
nal says, did not go to South Africa as
if on a picnic trip, but they went there
to fight, and, if need be, to die side
by side with the other soldiers of the
Queen.

The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Sec-
retary of State for the Colonies, cabled
to Lord Minto yesterday: "I congratu-
late you on gallant behavior of the con-
tingent in engagement at Sunnyside."

Col. Picher's occupation of Douglas is re-
garded as merely the first step of Gen.
Methuen's carefully matured plans to
outflank the Boers. It is probable that
Picher, in conjunction with Gen. Babb-
ington's force from the Modder River,
will proceed to the rear of these en-
trenchments which now prevent Gen.
Methuen from proceeding to Kimberley.
Col. Picher has only forty miles to
travel before he achieves this end, and
if this understanding is correct, an at-
tack by Gen. Methuen and a determined
effort to relieve Kimberley may be ex-
pected any day.

There was brisk fighting in the hills around
Colesberg on Tuesday. The British
now hold the extreme position to the
south and east overlooking the town.
The British also command Norval's
Post, bridge and the Colesberg bridge,
and the Boers have no way of retreat
except by Normberg.

The Boers attacked Molteno yesterday
morning.
William Waldorf Astor has contributed
£1000 to the Prince of Wales' Hospital
Fund.

London, Jan. 4. (4.30 a.m.)—There is a
complete absence of anything new from the
seat of war. The report of the Boer at-
tack upon Molteno is not yet confirmed.
Apparently Gen. French holds nothing
within five miles of Colesberg Junction. His
request for reinforcements depicts any pre-
sent hope that he will be able to seize one
of the crossings of the Orange River.

WHAT METHUEN'S PLANS ARE.
Picher's Occupation of Douglas
First Step in the Plan to Out-
flank the Boers.
London, Jan. 3.—From a source which has
many facilities for gaining inside news
from South Africa, a representative of the
Associated Press learns that Colonel Pich-
er's occupation of Douglas is regarded as
merely the first step of General Methu-
en's carefully matured plans to out-
flank the Boers. According to this author-
ity it is probable Picher, in conjunction
with General Babbington's force from the
Modder River, will proceed to the rear of
these entrenchments which now prevent
Gen. Methuen from proceeding to Kim-
berley. Colonel Picher has only about 40
miles to travel before he achieves this end,
and if this understanding is correct, an at-
tack by Gen. Methuen and a determined
effort to relieve Kimberley may be ex-
pected any day.

Where Picher Is.
A despatch from Dover Farm announces
that Lieut. Col. Picher has returned there
from Douglas.

Still Shelling Ladysmith.
Since Commander Gen. Joubert's return
to the front, the cannonade of Ladysmith
by the Boers has been much livelier. Be-
tween Dec. 18 and Dec. 23 four shells killed
one officer and 13 men and wounded 13
officers and 11 men.

100 Quick Firing Ordered.
The War Office has authorized the equip-
ment of the new battery attached to the
London volunteer corps with Vickers and
Maxims, and has ordered one hundred of
these 12½-pound quick-firing guns im-
mediately. The officers and men of the new
battery will be supplied from the Honorable
Artillery Company.

Militia for Ireland.
Eight additional militia regiments have
been called out. Seven of these will serve
in Ireland, replacing the regulars sent to
South Africa.

Prince's Equerry Goes.
The Hon. Sidney Robert Greville, equerry
to the Prince of Wales, has obtained the
Prince's permission to go to the front.
Recently he has been acting as Lord Sall-
isbury's secretary instead of Mr. Schoenberg
McDonnell, who has gone to South Africa.

More Volunteers.
Among the announcements of those who
volunteered yesterday appear the names of
a hundred or more sons of gentlemen.
Many of these are Scotch.
All parts of England and Scotland report
lively volunteering, a leading feature being
the great sums raised by private subscrip-
tions for volunteer equipment. Some of the
counties have given as high as £30,000. It
is computed that provisions have already
raised nearly £200,000, while London is rais-
ing £120,000 for the city corps.

ALL PLEASED WITH OUR BOYS.

The London Press speaks of the
Fine Qualities Displayed by
the Contingent.
London, Jan. 3. (Star cable.)—The bear-
ing of the Canadians under the first bat-
tle of the war at Sunnyside is warmly ap-
plauded by the press generally. It is re-
cognized that such minor successes
only have a direct bearing on the military
situation, but it is enthusiastically wel-
comed as an evidence of the spirit of the
British race under trial.

Mother Country Shares the Pride.
The Times says: The Mother Country
shares with Canadians and Australians
the pride and gratification at the fine qual-
ities displayed in the dash little engage-
ments. The conduct of both contingents
was most soldierly, and is an earnest of
what the behaviour of all colonial forces

TEN PAGES—THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 4, 1900—TEN PAGES



Oom Paul: I put my trust in der sharpshooters, der vire fence and Providence—but principally in der vire fence and der sharpshooters.

WINNIPEG TO HAVE A MEMBER.

Domestic By-Election to be Held
on January 25—Two Candi-
dates Already In.
Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—After Win-
nipeg has been without a member for nearly
a year, a Dominion by-election is at
last announced for the 25th inst. E. D.
Martin, Independent Liberal, and A. M.
Pattée, Labor, are candidates already in
the field. It is not known what action will
be taken by the Unionist wing of the Lib-
erals. They received a pretty thorough
route at the Provincial elections, but ru-
mors are current that they may oppose
Martin, who will stand on the old Liberal
platform.

THE SUMMONSES SERVED.

Defendants in the Street Car Fatal-
ity Will Appear in Court This
Morning.
The summonses in the prosecution of City
Engineer Rust, Manager Keating of the
Street Railway Company, James Gunn, an
sergeant, Robert Fawcett, motorman,
and Arthur Kinsella, hack driver, were
served last night. The informations, which
charge the above named with killing Mrs.
Hattie Rogers on Church-street, Dec. 16,
were laid by Sergeant Rogers of the detec-
tive department. The defendants will ap-
pear in the Police Court this morning.

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BIRTHS.
WATSON—On the 1st inst., at 131 Jane-
son-avenue, the wife of Jas. P. Watson
of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.
COWIE-EDWARDS—On Jan. 3, 1900, in
Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, by the
Rev. John Pearson, rector, Mr. Andrew
Cowie of Cleveland, Ohio to Miss Annie
M. W. Edwards of Toronto Junction.

**EGAN-LIGHT—On Monday, Jan. 1, 1900,
at the residence of Mr. Chas. Light, Tor-
onto, father of the bride, by Rev. G. A.
Kubring, T. Yates Esq. of Toronto to
Miss May J. Light, formerly of Redditch,
England. Future residence 328 West Rich-
mond-street, Toronto.**

DEATHS.
ADAMSON—At his late residence, 430 Par-
liament-street, on Tuesday, Jan. 2, Wil-
liam Adamson, in his 80th year.

To-day's Program.
Francis Wilson at the Grand, 8 p.m.
Women's Historical Society at Normal
School, 4 p.m.
Public School Board, 8 p.m.
"The Dairy Farm" at the Toronto, 2 and
8 p.m.
Shea's Vandellville, 2 and 8 p.m.
"The Wife" at the Princess, 2 and 8 p.m.
The Empire and Treason, as usual.

Carl Fischer Hansen, a Danish lawyer, is
at Washington with important dispatches
from the Danish Government in connection
with the proposed purchase by the United
States of the Danish West Indies.

HIS TRUST.



Oom Paul: I put my trust in der sharpshooters, der vire fence and Providence—but principally in der vire fence and der sharpshooters.

THE QUEEN'S GAS BILLS.

Postmaster-General Mulock It Was Who Entrenched
the Monopoly.

The public can, with some stretch of imagination, how much each must settle
for himself, imagine the following letter passing in reply to an alleged letter pub-
lished in these columns yesterday:
The Honorable George W. Ross, M.L.A., L.L.B., Premier of Ontario:
Ottawa, Jan. 3rd, 1900.

My Dearest Ross,—

In re Queen's Gas Bills.
I gather from your two urgent letters of yesterday that you are suffering from
cold feet, and would recommend you to try some remedy. I have suffered from the
same myself, and, in fact, am constantly troubled during the night with dreams,
wherein I, as Postmaster-General and member of the Government, am brought
face to face with William Mulock, M.P., late of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition,
and whenever I have these dreams I immediately awake and find myself suffering
from cold feet. Strictly entire nous, I may tell you that Sir Wilf. has had cold
feet ever since the Manitoba elections, and if he is suffering from them it is not
because I did not tell him that the Crown's Next Railway deal was a bad one, and
that Sir Jim Sutherland in Lower Town yesterday buying a pair of lumbermen's snow-
shoes.

But all this is a digression. You speak of turning handspins. What that
term exactly means I do not know, although I hear the Toronto papers are de-
voting space to this phrase. The main thing is not to get excited, and to keep your
head cool, and, if possible, your feet warm. In the matter of the Queen's gas
bills, about which you seem to be so much concerned, I admit that I was solicitor
and counsel of the Gas Company at the time the legislation was secured, and I,
as a lawyer, am bound to tell you, and you, as a lawyer, are bound to receive the
same with every credence, that the price of gas is purely a matter of law, and not
a question of any claims that the public may have in the case. As lawyers, we are
bound to maintain the dignity of the law; and, as a lawyer, I am bound, further,
to tell you that Maclean and The World ought to be both in jail for preaching any
such thing as cheaper gas for the public, and it is a disgrace to the University of
Toronto that doctrines like that should be taught in that institution.

As Postmaster-General of Canada, I must confess to you that I took an oath to
Her Majesty the Queen very similar to that of yours. I am also bound to tell you
that I am trying to carry out that oath, that I have cut down the contracts for car-
rying Her Majesty's mails to the very lowest possible notch, and that I have also
given the letter-carriers and 3rd-class clerks so much work that I can truthfully
say that the Queen, in the words of Cromwell, gets her penny's worth for her
penny every time. In fact, I have tried to pay, and I believe I am getting, three
cents' worth of work for every two cents I pay, the letter-carriers, and I have
evidence in my possession that there is not a single one-horse contractor carrying
Her Majesty's mails to-day in this country who is making a cent out of his contract.
As Postmaster-General, I have also reduced the rate of postage, so that,
while the Queen's revenue is reduced, the Queen's subjects enjoy very substantial
advantages. You will, therefore, see that I, as Postmaster-General, have done a
great deal towards getting a penny's worth for the Queen's penny, and that I have
done a great deal for the people in the way of reduced postage and other conven-
iences. But, as a lawyer and counsel of the Gas Company, I am bound to tell you
that the consumers of gas in Toronto have no claims whatsoever, and, as for your
quotation from Cromwell, and his claim that he insisted on having his penny's
worth for his penny, I may tell you that Cromwell has been dead nearly 250 years,
and that he died infatigable at least his will has never been probated in Ontario.
So that ought to settle him.

As a lawyer and counsel of the Gas Company, and as one interested in the rights
of capital, I am bound to tell you, and to impress upon you with all the force I
am able, that any attempt on your part to reduce the price of gas would have a
most disastrous effect on Canadian credit in the London Money Market. Capital,
as you know, is shy, public credit is susceptible to every breath that blows. Noth-
ing could be more portentous of evil, and nothing would give greater encourage-
ment to Paul Kruger than that, during the currency of the present South African
war, the report should get abroad and on the London Stock Exchange that the
Legislature of Ontario was actually engaged in the work of compelling a gas mon-
opoly to carry out its contract with the people. I shudder at the very prospect of
such a thing.

I am also bound to tell you that there is no need for you to turn handspins,
nor am I quite clear that Whitney will force you to turn them. And the Gas Com-
pany has many things which it can do, some of which I will mention to you. Take
Whitney, for instance. There is no reason why Cockburn, as a Conservative, and
John Laxton, as a Conservative, should go to him and show him how the stand-
ing of Canadian credit on the London market would be jeopardized by any inter-
ference with the price of gas by the Legislature. As a Conservative, Mr. Whit-

ney would be bound to listen to these two gentlemen, and, as a lawyer, and one
who believes in vested rights, he would be bound to be governed by what these
staunch Conservatives might say to him. And once Whitney was made to see the
force of maintaining our financial reputation in Europe, and in the matter of pro-
tecting vested rights, it would then be possible for him to say that he was "pledged"
not to interfere with vested rights, and that he could quietly inform his followers
to that effect. Moreover, as for the four city members in Toronto, we could get
Pearson, who is a very strong and ardent member of the Methodist body, to go
to Crawford and Marier and show them that the Methodist Church would be in
danger if Canadian credit was disturbed on the London market. They might
groom for a few minutes, but, after that, they would get right into line. For, you
know, is a lawyer, and will at once see the value of vested rights, and Dr. Piao is,
you know, the chief executive of one of the closest corporations in the Province,
and is, therefore, bound to protect all privileged classes. If we can get Whitney
and the four city members to take this view, there will be no trouble with the
rest. It is getting to be quite an easy thing now for expert capitalists to hush
up an Opposition, and have them keep quiet when the interests of capital is at
stake.

I am also bound to tell you that there is another thing the Gas Company can
do, and that is, to secure a couple of newspapers in Toronto to declare that the
people of Toronto do not want cheap gas. We have had this done before, and we
had the case argued in the most beautiful way, and I am now sending up to To-
ronto to have marked copies of the papers that argued our case not long ago sent
to you for your edification. These editorials are very clear, and show, without a
doubt, that the Gas Company has no surplus, that the people are not entitled to
cheaper gas, and almost proving that it would be a public calamity were the people
to get cheaper gas.

And finally, I must tell you, my dear Ross, that if things come to the worst, some-
thing can be done to ease off the Queen's gas bills for the public institutions of On-
tario. For instance, we can make a private arrangement with you to give you a
rebate of one-third of what you now pay. That could be done on the ground
that the Province is the largest consumer, and the thing could be so manipulated
that you could stand up in the Legislature and claim boldly how much you had se-
cured for the Queen. But this admission of mine is without prejudice at the pre-
sent moment, for we have not as yet any idea of making the Queen any concession.
It is only to be a last resort.

Another thing that could be done is for Mr. Pearson, who is general manager of
the Gas Company, to wait upon you and show you the prices the Company has to
pay for coal and coal oil to the bloated monopolists of the Standard Oil Company
and the Coal Barons. If there is anything that makes my democratic blood boil it
is the way that the Standard Oil Company and the Coal Barons trample on the
rights of the people and the gas companies, and bleed us white for the coal oil and
the coal we use in making water gas. I have threatened several times to rise in my
place in the House and to denounce the iniquities of these monopolies, and I hope
the day is soon coming when swift justice will overtake them all. But, as a
lawyer and counsel of the Gas Company, I am bound to tell you that the corpora-
tions must stand by one another.

I hope to be in Toronto some of these days, and will come and see you. I am
writing to Cockburn and to Laxton and to Pearson by this same mail, and would
ask you to pay great heed to what they may say.

As for the reserve of \$50,000 accumulated last year by the company, as a lawyer, you
are bound to accept the explanation that Mr. Pearson (under whose wise admin-
istration it was effected) will give you. He is a very able man, and has done a len-
ient service for the shareholders. There is a false impression abroad that he is
not working for the consumers. It seems a work of supererogation that I should, or
that Mr. Pearson should have to explain to you that a large reserve is one of the
best things the Company can have, and that it goes a long way in steadying the
money market and maintaining Canada's credit abroad.

Extending to you the salutations of the season, I am, my dear Ross,

Your fellow-horser in the vineyard of good government.

William Mulock.

P. S.—I am bound to tell you that, as a shareholder and a trustee of shares, I
have, as an old man Tupper would say, "a violent interest" in maintaining the dividends
and the "fund" of the Consumers' Gas Company. I also forget to ask you
whether you really believe the fiction that the Queen pays the gas bills of the Pro-
vincial institutions in Toronto?

I have still further to add that I hear that Whitney has become suddenly "leary"
of propositions made to him "to go quiet" on Government measures. If that is the
case, and all is not lost, save honor, and the coal will have to come down. The Farmer
is my last hold. And don't let it come out that I am counsel for the Gas Com-
pany, or the whole of my stormings about the coal oil and blunder twine monopol-
ies will be coming home to roost. My feet are like ice.
W. M.

Ross, Toronto.

TELEGRAM—RUSH.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—For God's sake, don't let it get out that the Farmers of On-
tario have to pay the gas bills of the Provincial institutions in Toronto. If that
comes out all is lost, save honor, and the coal will have to come down. The Farmer
is my last hold. And don't let it come out that I am counsel for the Gas Com-
pany, or the whole of my stormings about the coal oil and blunder twine monopol-
ies will be coming home to roost. My feet are like ice.
Mulock.

The Queen's Gas Bills in Toronto.

Below is the annual gas bill of the Provincial institutions in Toronto,
paid for by the Queen through the pockets of the farmers of Ontario. The
World contends that these charges are more than they ought to be, and are
contrary to the statute which expressly provides that any surplus above a
reasonable rest account and a 10 per cent. dividend must be distributed
among the consumers in the way of a reduced price of gas. These exorbitant
gas bills, as we have said, have to be paid for by the farmers of Ontario,
and it is the farmers of Ontario who control the Legislature of Ontario which
allows this extortion to continue. The farmers of Ontario have their repre-
sentatives in the Legislature, and can soon bring Mr. Ross to time if they
see fit. Not only are these large gas bills paid, as will be seen by the fig-
ures, by the Province, but, in addition, there is the large expense of putting
in an electric-lighting plant in both the Parliament Buildings and in the
University, on account of the high price of gas. These overcharges on ac-
count of gas and the expenditure on account of capital for the electric plant
represent an investment of from one-quarter to one-half a million of dollars.
But what is good for the Province is good for the citizens of Toronto, and
the citizens of Toronto as well as the farmers of Ontario are looking to Mr.
Ross to compel the Gas Company to live up to its agreement with the
Province of Ontario, which is the chief consumer of gas in Toronto, and
with the people of Toronto, who also use their product. Mr. Ross, the Pre-
mier of Ontario, is also a householder and gas consumer in this city. So
far, he is submitting to the extortion.

Year 1898.	Electric Light.	Gas.
Toronto Asylum for Insane		\$3,569 54
Central Prison		706 59
Mercer Reformatory		407 88
Government House		854 10
Old Parliament Buildings		32 85
New Parliament Buildings		443 34
New Parliament Buildings, elevator power	\$4,912 57	
New Parliament Buildings	373 86	
Educational Buildings		160 11
School of Practical Science		124 92
Osgoode Hall		458 55
For year ending June 3, 1899—		
University Building	51 79	81 23
Gymnasium		79 11
Biological Building	6 89	155 25
Chemical Building	58 96	63 18
	\$5,286 43	\$7,136 65

Fairs and Receptions.
Many of these social entertainments are
on the tapis for this month. Flowers for
decorative purposes will be required, and
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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 3.	At.	From.
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Dundonald	Liverpool	Portland
Edinburgh	Plymouth	New York
Toronto	Quebec	New York
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