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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 Canadians at the front during their engagement at Sunnyside. Their action is enthusiastically welcomed as an evidence of the spirit of the British race now under trial.

The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, cabled to Lord Minto yesterday: "I congratulate you on gallant behavior of the contingent in engagement at Sunnyside."

Col. Plicher's occupation of Douglas is regarded as merely the first step of Gen. Methuen's carefully matured plans to outflank the Boers. It is probable that Plicher, in conjunction with Gen. Bullington's force from the Modder River, will proceed to the rear of those entrenched positions which now prevent Gen. Methuen from proceeding to Kimberley.

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 North's Tont bridge and the Colesberg bridge, and the Boers have no way of retreat except by Normberg.

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 attack upon Molteno is not yet confirmed.

WHAT METHUEN'S PLANS ARE. Plicher's Occupation of Douglas First Step in the Plan to Outflank the Boers.

100 Quick Firing Ordered. The War Office has authorized the equipment of the new battery attached to the London volunteer corps with Vickers and Maxim guns, and has ordered one hundred of these 12½-pounder quick-firers built immediately.

ALL PLEASSED WITH OUR BOYS. The London Press speaks of the Fine Qualities Displayed by the Contingent.

Princess's Equerry Goes. The Hon. Sidney Robert Greville, equerry to the Prince of Wales, has obtained the Princess's permission to go to the front.

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WINNIPEG TO HAVE A MEMBER. Dominion Bye-Election to be Held on January 25—Two Candidates Already In.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—(Special)—After Winnipeg has been without a member for nearly a year, a Dominion bye-election is at last announced for the 25th inst. E. B. Martin, Independent Liberal, and A. M. Pattee, Labor, are candidates already in the field.

THE SUMMONSES SERVED. Defendants in the Street Car Fatality Will Appear in Court This Morning.

The summonses in the prosecution of City Engineer Rust, Manager Keating of the Street Railway Company, James Gunn, superintendent, Robert Fetter, motorman, and Arthur Kincaid, hack driver, were served last night.

FIGHTING AROUND COLESBERG. Boers Stubbornly Resisted the British at Every Point, but Gradually Retreated.

Nanauport, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—There was brisk fighting to-day in the hills around Colesberg. The Boers stubbornly resisted the British at every point, but gradually retreated.

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COOK'S TURKISH BATHS—204 King W. The coldest half of winter is yet to come. For jackets for ladies, and for overcoats for men, of Hudson Bay sable, Astrachan, Bakhar and racoon at Dineen's, will never again be as low in price as they are now.

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 published in these columns yesterday.

any 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.

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.

And finally, I must tell you, my dear Ross, that if things come to the worst, something can be done to ease off the Queen's gas bills for the public institutions of Ontario.

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.

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 administration it was effected) will give you. He is a very able man, and has done splendid service for the shareholders.

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.

But all this is a digression. You speak of turning handspikes. What that term exactly means I do not know, although I hear the Toronto papers are deploring space to this phrase.

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.

Table with columns: Year 1898, Electric Light, Gas. Lists various institutions and their gas bills.

FEES AND RECEPTIONS. Many of these social entertainments are on the tapis for this month. Flowers for decorative purposes will be required.