

## The Lead

ment Keeps Far Ahead Elections in Great Britain.

sed Conservative Gains Noticeable in London and Lancashire.

ic of His Kruger Letters "Lobby" Keeps His Seat.

Oct. 3 (3:30 a. m.)—Yesterday in the parliamentary election leaves the state of the present as follows:

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he 232 seats thus disposed of, the Conservatives, on the other hand, have gained six and the Liberals increased Conservative majorities specially noticeable in London and shire.

est all the London divisions were yesterday. Islington, Clapham, Lambeth show heavy Unionist electorates and the same may be said of Essex, Salford and Blackburn.

The election of Manchester is noted in any of the five districts, but Conservative candidates secured majorities. On the other hand, the majority for Mr. Henry Charles in the north division of Manchester was reduced from 455, the figure, to 26.

far from Mr. Henry Labouchere, his seat in consequence of his correspondence with Mr. Kruger, Northampton, represented by two Liberals, Labouchere, however, did not head poll. Dr. Chipman, who received the greatest number of votes cast, was an Imperialist.

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few Scottish constituencies have been polled. All show that the Liberals are holding their own in Scotland, and the interesting new Liberal seat in the north division of Manchester is Mr. Henry Norman, of the Daily Chronicle, who received 3,701 votes, as against 3,332 cast for Mr. Henry Charles.

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## Pte. Beech Reaches Home

Another khaki-Clad Veteran of Paardeberg Returns to Victoria.

Badly Wounded in the Famous Charge—His Story of the Action.

Pte. A. B. Beech, of the First Canadian Contingent, was a passenger by the Yosemite last night. He was invalided after that, the charge of Paardeberg, in which he was wounded. Private Beech was among the heroes from this city who, as members of a company, were on the right of the line and the most advanced of the firing line. He says that the boys of a company were within two hundred yards of the trenches when the hour which they tell them went down.

The advance was a terrible one. The men jumped from clump to clump amid a veritable hail of bullets. At one time he and Todd, who afterwards fell, had a run for cover which was far from interesting. They waited like sprinters at the start, the one asking the other if he was ready to go. Then they dashed, listening to the explosive bullets playing around them, to the cover of a clump of bushes. They were both doubled up like jack-knives as they went across the line of fire, but although one of the bullets tore away his cheek they were not unhurt.

Thus it was until 4, and then they saw a young bugler of a company standing defiantly out sounding the charge. He had a smile on his face as he stood up to the trenches, facing the foe, seemingly blowing in defiance. He took up. When the line heard it they got up. It was a mistake, and they were ordered to lie down. The men looked at each other and then they saw the order. The order should have been, it was afterwards learned, "Charge magazine."

That was about the time the returned private remembered of the charge. After the start forward there was a brief pause and then the order came. Beech was down, a bullet through his left leg, but he did not let this right in passing. He was still on his feet, and he was still on his feet. He was still on his feet, and he was still on his feet.

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## BOXING AS A DEFENCE

A Southern Man Who Does Not Place Much Reliance In It.

From New Orleans Times-Democrat.

It is a fact that Fitzsimmons is expatiating on the advantages of knowing how to box in case of a sudden attack by a "rough," remarked a veteran sportsman of this city. "I have heard that sort of talk before, and well, it makes me smile. I say back as I can remember, the advocates and apologists of pugilism have been hanging on the importance of moving how to box as a means of ready protection against unexpected attacks. They call it the 'manly art' of self-defence. It is a mistake, and there is no necessity of the cowardly and dangerous practice of carrying a weapon."

When I was a little younger than I am at present, that struck me as being sound logic, and I went to the trouble of taking a course of lessons from a local pugilist. By the time I got through I could spar very prettily; I knew all about feints and lead, and I was a good deal of a fighter. I was a good deal of a fighter, and I was a good deal of a fighter.

One night about a month later, I was strolling down town when a tough-looking young man on the street corner made an attempt to shove his hand into my pocket. I was a good deal of a fighter, and I was a good deal of a fighter.

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George A. Spencer, of this place, while out hunting for deer on Mount Beaufort, near the Comberford place, ran amuck of a large blue-bear. He fired at Mrs. Beahm and shot her through the nose, whereupon she started straight for the man with the gun. When the bear came within 15 or 20 feet, Mr. Spencer aimed fired, this time rolling Mrs. Bruhn down the mountain-side. As it was very steep at this place, Spencer had to make a circuitous hunt to again locate the bear. When found she was sitting on her back, and this time killed her. It was a very large one, weighing no less than 400 pounds. The bear was very glossy black, and Mr. Spencer is going to have it properly taken care of to show his many friends in the future when sitting at his bedside and telling bear stories.

One of the many objects in view in the coming Dominion election is to impress upon the member-elect the attention of the Sumas river, which, if dredged for some 500 or 600 yards, would be a great improvement. It is a great improvement, and it is a great improvement.

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## Business Before The Council

Little of Importance Engaged the Attention of Aldermen Yesterday Evening.

Railway Connection Again Discussed—The Proposed Band Tour to England.

Little of importance was transacted at yesterday evening's meeting of the city council, routine business engaging chief attention. Some discussion occurred over a motion introduced by Ald. Williams, asking the board to place in communication with the heads of the large railway corporations, with the object of ascertaining if it is possible for any arrangement to be made whereby Victoria may get direct railway communication with the Haywards and the proposed band tour to England.

The electric light committee recommended the payment of accounts for the current month. Adopted.

Formal motions were passed authorizing the destruction of certain condemned wooden sheds in regard to which a special meeting of the council was held last week.

It was decided to call for tenders for printing the municipal voters' lists.

Ald. Yates thought the present an opportune time to pass a resolution asking the Dominion government to remove the old powder magazines at Esquimalt.

It was pointed out that notice of motion was necessary.

Ald. Yates reported on behalf of the park committee the receipt of a fine owl from S. Perry Mills.

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Ald. Yates thought a simple way of dealing with the matter would be to instruct an advertisement in the papers to the effect: "Wanted—A railway fully equipped with cars and engine and for sale at once to W. J. Dowler."

Personally, he was willing to do any company with the matter in which the resolution was framed. He thought that the aldermen who have been inclined to "sleep" on the matter. It was only by agitation that anything was accomplished.

The corresponding secretary of the Local Council of Officers of the Association of British Columbia, reported that the association had been paid a sum of \$40 in respect of the details it comes out quite clearly that the real decrease in very much less, especially now that the war is over.

It is, however, under the heading, "Home as invalids," that the aldermen who have been inclined to "sleep" on the matter. It was only by agitation that anything was accomplished.

Ald. Williams expressed the opinion that a mistake was made in not so fixing the rate of taxation so that the annual would not have been so great. It was pointed out that it was too late now to reconsider the by-law, which was formally passed.

After some further business of an unimportant character the council adjourned.

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

Constitution and Officers of the Association for British Columbia.

At Kamloops on September 27th, the British Columbia Good Roads Association, was formed and adopted the following:

CONSTITUTION.

I. Name.

The name of this association shall be the British Columbia Good Roads Association.

II. Object.

1. To combine as far as practicable the efforts of the various municipalities, and to secure the improvement of the roads of the province.

2. To awaken an interest in the subject among the people at large, and to secure the improvement of the roads of the province.

3. To receive, publish and discuss any plan or proposal for the improvement of the roads of the province.

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