

# SECOND CONTINGENT

## Will Consist of Ten Hundred and Forty-four Men and Eighteen Guns.

### Expected the Contingent Will Sail from Halifax Before the Middle of January.

#### General Roberts Says the Reports of Irish Disloyalty Cannot be Denied too Strongly—No News of the Canadians Now at the Front.

**THE SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT WILL CONSIST OF:**  
1,044 MEN.  
18 GUNS.  
265 MOUNTED POLICE AND OTHER WESTERN MEN.  
265 FROM THE ROYAL DRAGOONS AND MILITIA CAVALRY REGIMENTS.  
613 FROM PERMANENT ARTILLERY CORPS AND MILITIA FIELD ARTILLERY.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The composition of the second Canadian contingent for service in South Africa has at last been decided upon. Hon. Dr. Borden informed your correspondent this evening that it would consist of three squadrons of mounted rifles, totaling 831 of all ranks, and 18 guns. The artillery section will consist of three batteries of field-artillery, 171 men of all ranks for each battery, 513 altogether, 393 horses and 18 guns.

There will be no special draft from the Royal Canadian Dragoons, but it is intended to afford every opportunity to men of the regiment to enlist. Similarly, artillery will be recruited from all the field artillery in Canada. The offer of individual batteries is not to be accepted.

The minister stated that it was desirable to distribute the selection over the whole country. There are 17 cavalry regiments from which to draw a squadron and a half. The 8th P. L. Hussars will, it is expected, furnish the allotted quota. Similarly, out of the 17 field batteries, Wainstock, Newcastle and Sydney are to be called upon.

No particular number of men have been assigned to any one city, but, as already announced, the batteries will be designated C, D and E, with temporary headquarters at Kingston, Ottawa and Quebec. A and B batteries will, of course, be expected to furnish a substantial quota to the contingent. Recruiting officers will report to the department by wire from day to day, so that the enlistment rolls may be promptly closed as soon as the requisite number of men is secured.

The minister hopes that the contingent will get away from Halifax not later than the middle of January. It is definitely settled that the Parisian will be one of the transports, and it is probable that the Laurantian will be the other. The Parisian leaves Liverpool for Halifax tomorrow, with the requisite material on board to make internal changes.

The mounted police will take their own horses. Horses for the other squadrons and a half of mounted rifles, as well as for the artillery, will have to be bought by the government. Mr. Beith, M. P., who is said to be one of the best judges of horse-flesh in Canada, will be asked to superintend the buying of horses. The depots for this purpose will be opened at points in Ontario and Quebec, and especially in the maritime provinces, in order to save a long railway journey. The minister states that authority has been secured from the Imperial government to send the necessary medical and nursing staff and equipment, so that Canadian trained nurses will get Red Cross work.

be instructed to join the second contingent at Cape Town. As soon as the troops arrive in South Africa they will, as with the first contingent, come under the Imperial army regulations as regards discipline, pay, etc.

The pay of a British cavalry soldier ranges in the different regiments from 1s. 2d. per day to 1s. 9d. for privates up to 4s. 6d. for non-commissioned officers of the household cavalry being paid better than the line regiments. The pay of a constable of the N. W. M. P. is for the first year fifty cents per day. It has been settled that all the mounted rifles shall be paid according to the rates allowed to the mounted police, or in other words, the dominion will make up to the men the difference between the Imperial army pay and what they would receive if they were in service in Canada.

Dr. Borden threw out hints that this would be a matter for parliament to consider, but it is likely that the troops will be voted by parliament the difference between the two rates of pay.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—It is settled that all the men of the contingent will be transported on the Parisian, the horses going on a separate vessel, or possibly two. Mr. Beith has suggested that men skilled in handling horses on shipboard be engaged for the transport on voyage and this suggestion will be adopted.

Capt. Howard, of galling gun fame, is again in the capital. He has been requested by the minister to accept orders for service. Howard is an old cavalry man, and he desires to be allowed to take a "galloping gun," a maxim which is used by cavalry or light artillery. It is drawn by two horses and can be handled by two men.

SCORES THE GOVERNMENT.  
TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Hon. N. Clarke Wallace, speaking here today as to the second contingent, said: "This is Canada's imperial opportunity. Not only Britain's existence, but Canada's existence as a nation is at stake, and there should be unanimous and immediate action. It is deplorable to think that such a right arm should be paralyzed in the hour of need for the transport on voyage and this suggestion will be adopted."

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Dublin Fusiliers had four men drowned while attempting the passage.

#### SITUATION REVIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 21, 4.45 a. m.—The gravity of the military situation is again becoming accentuated in the public mind, owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday, and it is feared that his communications have been cut. If this be so, his position is dangerous.

The Boer position, already formidable on Dec. 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending over an area of twelve miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length; wire fences have been placed before all the trenches, and the Boers have been got into position, and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault.

ON THE DEFENSIVE.  
The latest despatches received seem to show that the British forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now arriving at Cape Town to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to a surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

ITALIAN TROOPS FOR EGYPT.  
ROME, Dec. 20.—The Italian says it learns that the British troops in Egypt will shortly be replaced by Italians, to enable the former to go to South Africa.

WILL MAKE A BIG STAND.  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Daily News has the following despatch from Cape Town dated Saturday, Dec. 16: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg, and are massing a great force at the abandoned British camp. One command of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

BOERS CAPTURED THE GUNS.  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Morning Post's correspondent at Chieveley, in a despatch dated Dec. 16, says: "The Boers have placed their guns in positions which command this camp. They have captured ten of our guns."

A GLOOMY VIEW.  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Times summarizes the military situation in gloomy terms. It says: "There seems to be little prospect of relieving Ladysmith by a general advance along the railway. The probability increases that if Gen. White is pressed for supplies he must fight. His way lies at all costs, in combination with such movement as Gen. Buller's transport will permit. Viewing the situation as a whole, its extreme gravity is apparent. Our forces in the field are widely scattered, and for a time will be unable to assume the offensive. The members of Ladysmith and Kimberley still dominate the position. It is clear that the problem of organizing transport is yet unsolved."

IMPERIAL YOEMANNY.  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News says that the military chief in South Africa desires 3,000 imperial yeomanry to be sent to the front to help in the arm. He suggested back to the dressing station unaided. In reply to the chaplain's question if he was suffering pain, the lad said: "Only a stinging feeling in my hands."

"LITTLE BOBS."  
In an interview at London yesterday he says the reports of Irish Disloyalty Cannot be Denied too Strongly.

of the Associated Press. He was dressed in the deepest black, in vivid contrast with his snow white hair and moustache. His dapper little figure was as straight as ever, but his keen eyes that have so often scanned British victory were slightly dimmed by the great personal sorrow that has befallen him. But, in spite of this and the multitude of details that claimed his attention, Gen. Roberts willingly assented to see a copy of the Associated Press a parting message to the American people, and gave the following statement:

MARLBOROUGH VOLUNTEERS.  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Duke of Marlborough is among the several titled personages who have volunteered for service in the Boer campaign. Arthur Balfour, first lord of the treasury, has initiated a fund in his native county to help equip yeomanry volunteers whose means will not enable them to furnish their own arms, saddlery and equipment. The fund is intended to supplement the war office grant, which is limited to supplying what is absolutely necessary. Mr. Balfour suggests that the other counties start similar funds.

GENERAL CRITICISM.  
The papers are now generally joining in free criticism of the government and its military policy. There are fresh proofs of unpreparedness due to light. Special stress is laid upon the failure to provide proper transport, which compels the columns to stick tight to railways, and upon the inferiority of the British artillery.

HIRING GERMANS.  
BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Despite repeated British denials, it seems to be a fact that British agents are busy in many of the rural districts of Germany hiring veterans, saddlery and equipment. Several well authenticated cases have been reported this week; but the following incident seems conclusive. The district court of Hamburg has just issued an order for the arrest of a British agent named York for hiring a number of German peasants in the neighborhood for military service, which, under the imperial laws, is a criminal offence.

PROTEST AGAINST FLOUR SEIZURE.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A protest was sent to Washington today from a number of the produce exchange against the seizure by the British of a large amount of flour sent to South Africa. The flour was seized at Delagoa Bay and sent to East London, it being suspected that it was for the Boers.

SHOCK KILLED HIM.  
MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Baron Von Hugel, a prominent figure in Montreal society and on the streets, died today as the result of a stroke of paralysis. His son, Capt. Nortonman Von Hugel, with the Royal Engineers, was wounded in the Modder River battle, and when this news was received by the baron he suffered a stroke of paralysis, which today ended in his death.

ANXIOUS ABOUT SUPPLIES.  
LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer governments have recently intimated to their agents in Europe their readiness to be moderate in regard to peace conditions."

REJECTED RECIPROCIETY.  
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 19.—The department of trade and commerce has been advised that the sister colony of Trinidad has rejected the offer of reciprocity with the United States on the ground of its one-sided character. The sister island colony, as it leaves the door open for Canada making an arrangement with the colony.

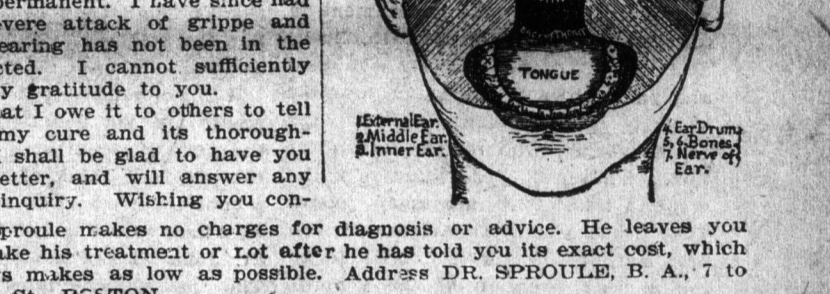
## WELL KNOWN TORONTO MERCHANT-TAILOR PERMANENTLY CURED OF DEAFNESS!

Mr. Chas. C. Hughes is a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Toronto, where he had lived for twenty-four years, being engaged for nearly half of that time in the merchant tailoring business. He was for many years the victim of severe Chronic Catarrh, which greatly affected his hearing and produced constant buzzing and roaring sounds in his ears. The increasing deafness was so much of a hindrance in his business that Mr. Hughes tried everything he could learn of; but he met only with failure until he applied to Dr. Sproule. The eminent Specialist soon cured him, and although this was a year ago, there has been no return of the trouble. The gentleman's description of his case and the peculiarities of its cure will be of interest to all who are similarly afflicted.

Dear Doctor:—Your diagnosis of my case was absolutely correct and certainly your treatment was just the thing. Although I must say that its action was peculiar. The Catarrh and the noises in the head and ears soon disappeared. But the deafness was not apparently affected. I made up my mind to another disappointment; but took the medicine as directed up to the last dose. Two days afterwards, to my surprise and delight, my hearing returned suddenly and entirely. And the best of it is that the work has been permanent. I have since had a very severe attack of grippe and yet my hearing has not been in the least affected. I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude to you.

I feel that I owe it to others to tell them of my cure and its thoroughness, so I shall be glad to have you consent to write a letter, and will answer any letters of inquiry. Wishing you continued success.

Yours very truly,  
CHAS. C. HUGHES,  
46 Sautter St., Toronto.



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## LATE WAR NEWS

Boers Say They Fired on the Ambulance Because They Were Employed in Bringing Up Troops.  
Guns on Special Arranged Carriages Being Prepared at Woolwich Arsenal for Immediate Despatch to the Front.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the Daily News at Modder River telegraphing under date of Dec. 16th, says: "Yesterday Capt. Smythe conversed with a Boer who declared that the Boers fired on the British ambulances because they were employed to bring up troops. He admitted that soldiers who charged the Highlanders on Dec. 11 were not likely to walk behind an ambulance."

EXTENSIVE LOOTING.  
QUENSTOWN, Cape Colony, Dec. 15 (delayed in transmission).—Natives are looting extensively in the territory in the north that has not been annexed by the Boers. That part of the colony is practically without any garrison. A town guard has been formed at Cula, the members supplying their own arms and ammunition. The railway between Sterkstroom and Indwe has been badly damaged by the Boers.

CONVEYING NEWS TO THE BOERS.  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Standard's correspondent at Modder River says: "The consequence of the persistent march in which news of our movements is conveyed to the Boers, all civilians residing within three miles of the camp have been ordered to report themselves to headquarters."

RUNNING SHORT OF AMMUNITION.  
DURBAN, Dec. 15.—Mr. Moss, proprietor of the Transvaal Critic, who was expelled from the Transvaal by the government, has arrived here. He says that the Boers are running short of ammunition for their crossbow guns. The government is manufacturing shells for the captured British artillery.

DINGAAN'S DAY.  
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20.—The Boers yesterday celebrated Dingaan's day, the annual festival commemorating their victory over the Zulus. Their camps echoed with hymns and prayers.

FROM THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT.  
LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Times' information concerning Gen. Methuen's position, which is the latest news received, causes anxiety. It perhaps explains the reports that Gen. Warren's division is going to De Aar. It is stated, however, that one of the transports of fifth division will be sent to Durban, indicating more splitting of the troops.

The Times complains of the non-employment of the colonial irregular horse to harass the Boers and threaten their lines of communication at Magersfontein. It says that if the force was used for this purpose it would probably relieve the pressure on Gen. Methuen with astonishing rapidity. Commenting on the superiority in range of the Boer artillery at Colenso, the Times says it hopes it will convince the British military authorities that there are guns in existence capable of being carried about

## SPECIAL GUNS BEING PREPARED.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There are being prepared at Woolwich Arsenal for shipment on Dec. 21, 8 1/2-inch guns of special arranged carriage. These guns are adapted for the use of a flying column, in view of facility of attack, pursuit and retreat. They are of long range and fire 50 pound shrapnel or high velocity common shells. The arsenal is also furnishing 18 more 6-inch howitzers.

TARTE AND SIFTON.  
MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works, speaking here tonight, denied the report that he intended to resign from the government because he differed from his colleagues on the question of sending a second contingent to South Africa. He evidently agreed with what the government had done, as the second contingent was sent under the same conditions as the first. When parliament met the new situation that had been created would be discussed in all its bearings.

Hon. Mr. Sifton, who also spoke, said the liberals had been defeated in Manitoba because the conservatives were better organized.

A MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY.  
As is usual at the Christmas season, the large stall of S. Z. Dickson in the country market is a great centre of attraction. This year it has been elaborately decorated with wreaths and festoons of evergreen. Over the entrance to the stall is a lofty evergreen arch, from which are suspended pigeons, quail, prairie hens, and a monster turkey. Mr. Dickson's beef got nine animals, the pick of the herd imported by Kane & McGrath from Ontario for the Christmas trade. Prominent in the display is the carcass of the prize two year old steer General Bulber, the winner of nine first prizes in Ontario. The carcass dressed 1,215 lbs., and finer looking beef never hung in the market. The carcass of a yearling heifer that dressed 760 lbs. was also hung yesterday. Over the beef hang seven pairs of chickens from Kingston, Kings Co. They are beauties, blue picked only, and weigh 10 lbs. per pair. The mutation and lamb shown from 27 million of the pick of one thousand which five hundred were shipped to Winnipeg, as stated in yesterday's Sun. Mr. Dickson has the carcass of a thoroughbred thoroughbred Tamworth pig from Sussex. In poultry his stock is a splendid one. Hams and bacon is his own curing, honey eggs, the choicest butter and hard cabbage, lettuce, horseradish and the like are also shown, and the whole display is one that compels admiration and praise from every market man and every visitor. It is plain from the display in all lines that Mr. Dickson's customers will get the best the market affords.

MONTREAL AND TAX EXEMPTION.  
(Montreal Witness.)  
A representative deputation of manufacturers yesterday waited upon the mayor to ask exemption from taxation and from assessment of the machinery plant and tools in the different industries of the city. This request excepted persons, companies and corporations having privileges or powers over or under the streets of any part of the city property. The deputation consisted of Ald. Sadler of the firm of Sadler & Hsworth, manufacturers of leather belting, W. W. Ogilvie, president of the Manufacturers' Association, the Hon. J. D. Rolland (J. B. Rolland and Fila), John A. Pihlow (the Pihlow & Harty Manufacturing Co.), Frank Fauriol (Belting, Paul & Co. Ltd., silk manufacturers), W. McMaster (Montreal Rolling Mills Co. Ltd.), and W. W. Watson (of the Canadian Sugar Refining Co.). Mr. Ogilvie acted as spokesman. A number of speeches were made, and the mayor promised to call a special meeting of the council to consider the matter next week.

An Oregon girl set a trap for a bear a few nights ago and caught a man in it. Now look out for a steady advance in the price of bear traps.

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Work like Soap. The Easy Sort. You know the name.

## COOL LESSON.

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Col. Lessard and Major Drury will