

# FOR THE EMPIRE

## The Boys Who Will Represent St. John in the Second Contingent Given a Royal Send-off.

## Gen. White's Losses in the Recent Engagement at Ladysmith Not Known, but Are Probably Heavy.

## Canadians and Australians Have Been Doing Good Work Near Modder River—Gen. White Reported to Have Captured Four Hundred Boers.

Once more St. John has offered the lives of her sons as the test of her loyalty. Out from her precincts yesterday went another detachment, small but heroic, eager to throw their strength into the balance to preserve inviolate the bounds of empire and the laws of freedom. There is no dress parade, and no one now thinks, as possibly some may have thought when the first contingent set forth, that the war will be of very brief duration. But recognition of the fact that their strength, courage and resourcefulness are likely to be put severely to the test, in nowise diminished the ardor of the gallant youths who left us yesterday. They required no urging, no appeals to their manhood or their patriotism. "Aye ready" was their motto, as it has ever been the motto of the lion brood, whose graves are found beneath every sky that bends above the battle and homes of men.

The enthusiasm which marked the demonstration of last evening at the Mechanics' Institute and at the railway station was significant of the loyalty and devotion of the city of the Loyalists to the Queen and to the empire.

THROUGH THE HEART OF THE CITY.

About half-past seven last evening the men of the St. John contingent met in the rooms of the 62nd officers' club. A few of their friends and several of the officers of the different corps were also present. Until the arrival of Major Borden very little was done. The members of the detachment chatted with their friends, gave and received final instructions. Most of the men had with them souvenirs from acquaintances and societies. B. R. Armstrong, W. E. Anderson and R. F. Markham were presented by Rev. John de Soyres with silver-plated pocket knives, with chains attached, and Bibles. Fred Bettie received from the Y. M. C. A. a gymnastic class a knife, pipe, tobacco and cigars, drinking cup and compass. F. M. Stanley received from some of his friends a shaving outfit.

The roll was called by Major Sturdee, and all the men answered to their names.

A little after eight o'clock Major Borden, accompanied by Col. McLean, entered the room. The men came to attention. Major Sturdee reported that the roll had been called, and all were present. Major Borden passed up and down the line, speaking to each member of the detachment. The officer was at least half a head taller than the tallest man in the local contingent, and looked every inch a soldier.

After inspection, Major Borden gave the detachment in charge of Pte. Armstrong, to be assisted by Private Markham and Parks, as acting non-commissioned officers.

At the request of Major Borden, Aid. Macrae spoke briefly to the men. The mayor, he said, will present to you the farewell address of the citizens in his representative capacity. All I have to say to you is go forward and bring lustre to Canada, and your own names will go down to history as part of those who did much to unite Great Britain and her colonies. Men of the second contingent, you are going forward to no easy task. Many believed that the first contingent was sent merely as a show. Now the stern reality faces all. You are as worthy, yes, more worthy of our admiration on this account than the former volunteers. You have our prayers and heartfelt sympathy, and may good fortune, with God's blessing, go with you. (Cheers.)

ished its quota of spectators, who added their voices to the shouting that could be heard all over the city.

Up Charlotte street to King went the crowd, gathering people to itself and increasing in size and noise at almost every foot.

The Currie Business college was crowded with cheering people; from every window a number of heads, and from every throat a cheer.

The Furlong building was ablaze with colored fire as the men turned down King street. Each corner turned was a sign for renewed cheering. Flags were waved from the tops of houses, and the different buildings were brilliantly illuminated and bright with flags and bunting.

### AT THE HISTORIC INSTITUTE.

Never since its erection did the Mechanics' Institute contain such a large and enthusiastic crowd as that which occupied the premises last night. It was the citizens' opportunity to say farewell to the boys who were about to leave for Halifax en route to the Transvaal. There were present the parents and near relatives of several of the young fellows who felt called upon to go forth in defence of Queen and country. Flags of all sizes were in evidence, and pinned on the breasts of hundreds of ladies and gentlemen were their badges. The people cheered themselves hoarse, the ladies entering into the spirit of the occasion with all their might. In addition to the men who formed St. John's contingent to the contingent there were on the platform:

Lady Tilley, Mrs. Edward Sears, Mrs. J. de Soyres, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Miss Robb, Capt. Murray, H. H. McLean, Miss Stone, Miss Simonds, Mrs. Titus, Mrs. Raclne, Mrs. Markham, Miss Walker, Miss McLaughlin, John V. Ellis, M. P., Lt. Col. Tucker, M. P., Hon. A. T. Dunn, Geo. Robertson, M. P., F. C. J. Oaman, M. P., F. P. Oaman, Lt. Col. Jones, Lt. Col. McLean, Lt. Col. Armstrong, Lt. Col. Markham, Major White, Major Armstrong, Surgeon Lt. Col. Daniel, Surgeon Major Walker, Surgeon Captain McLaren, Major Edwards, Major Perks, Capt. McRobb, Capt. Armstrong, H. H. Miles, Capt. Baxter, Lt. Drake, Rev. J. de Soyres, Rev. J. M. Davenport, Rev. R. Mathers, Deputy Mayor Macrae, Aid. Colwell, Aid. Robinson, Aid. Allan, Aid. Maxwell, James Manchester, J. M. Robinson, T. B. Hanington, H. C. Tully, Dr. J. H. Scamberg, D. J. Brown, A. Macaulay, James Anderson, C. W. Bell, James Collins, J. S. McLaren, F. A. Jones, J. de W. Spurr, W. H. Thorne, S. D. Scott, J. R. Ferguson.

The boys came in at the rear of the building and when they appeared upon the stage, cheer after cheer rang for the brave fellows. Flags were waved by ladies and gentlemen, and it was some moments before Mayor Sears could make himself heard.

The band of the 62nd Fusiliers occupied a position immediately in front of the stage.

Cheers were given for various members of the company, not one of them being overlooked. The old St. John Rifle Company, with badges and flags, had seats close up to the front. They went there to do honor to all the boys, and Corporal McIntosh in particular. They sang "Soldiers of the Queen," and the band played it, and the whole gathering joined in the song.

The company were arranged at the rear of the stage and photographed.

Mayor Sears advanced to the front and was discussing with several gentlemen the programme to be gone through with while the band played the National Anthem.

The audience sang "God Save the Queen" as it was never before given in St. John. Then some one called out, "Put the contingent at the front of the platform. We want to see them."

This suggestion met with universal approval and the boys were provided with seats at the front of the stage, Major Borden, who is in command of the company, taking a seat at the right of the mayor. The ladies and gentlemen previously mentioned fell back and others who could not even get standing space in the body of the house, crowded up on the stage.

The crowd cheered for all they were worth and

### MAYOR SEARS

had difficulty in restoring order. "Citizens of St. John," said the mayor in speaking to the very massive and my size prevents your seeing any of the noble young fellows behind me. But I will only take a moment or two. I wish Kruger could get a telescope glance at this meeting. (Cheers.) If he could see this gathering I am satisfied he would surrender tomorrow. (Cheers.) At this time the spirit of Britain pervades the people of St. John. When I look at these young men who came out, not through the strong arm of the law, but through their own determination, it shows what they are made of. (Cheers.) Continuing, his worship said these lads had come forward willingly to fight the battles of our Queen.

### REV. JOHN DE SOYRES

was introduced by the mayor and cheers were given both for the chief magistrate and the reverend gentleman. Mr. de Soyres said it was an enviable position to be placed in to have the privilege of speaking to such an audience, of addressing the young men who were about to join the forces of the Queen in South Africa. The question was a greater one than the internal government of the Transvaal. It was the honor of our country, the honor of the flag he saw waving before him, the honor of our Queen. (Great cheering.) In Canada there was no need of conscription. (Cheers.) We saw the best of our citizens in these noble youths. Their fathers and mothers were with bleeding hearts, saw them depart, yet they would not attempt to keep them back. (Cheers.) There was not a church or a circle of friends that was not losing some one. He might mention Messrs. Armstrong, Markham and Appleton. We are sending them to Pretoria and may God bless them back again. (Cheers.) The struggle was a tremendous one. England was sending out her bravest men and Canada was assisting. (Cheers.) We were confident that God would give us the victory. (Cheers.) The troops going out would have to take beleaguered cities and we would all be as anxious to hear of their accomplishments as we were now to hear of the relief of Ladysmith. (Cheers.) They would have to drive South Africa out of our hands. When the South African trouble first came up the speaker said he was one of those who questioned whether England should go in if it was only a question of franchise. But now he was one of those who held that England must go in, that the God of our fathers would protect them and give them victory. (Cheers.) And when they came back might they wear on their breasts medals pinned there perhaps by the hand of Her Majesty the Queen. (Great cheering.)

### DR. ELLIS, M. P.

was given a very warm reception. He said he agreed with the Mr. de Soyres had said. He had never known the people of St. John to be so aroused. Our boys were going out carrying with them our hopes that Britain would triumph. (Cheers.) Canada would make a fine contribution to this way. The British were satisfied that in this war they were right. (Cheers.) Canada was contributing towards the forces to enforce that right. Addressing the men, Mr. Ellis said St. John regretted to lose such a number of their fellows if but for a few weeks or so. He said that they would be successful. (Applause.) This he was satisfied of, that whatever they did they would never trail the flag of England in the dust with dishonor. (Great cheering.)

### GEN. ROBERTSON, M. P.

was cheered when he stepped to the front. He quoted from Joseph Cowan, a radical member of parliament, to show that the war was a foregone conclusion. He assured the boys that the St. John contingent that was a grand opportunity. He would be glad if he himself could have gone. (Cheers.) If any of our men lost their lives in South Africa they would fall in as just a cause as ever man died for. (Cheers.) "God be with our boys," said the ex-mayor. "May victory perch upon your banner." They should remember, whatever their sufferings might be, that millions of Canadians would pray for them every night as they knelt before their Maker. (Cheers.)

### MAJOR ARMSTRONG

the district paymaster, was greeted with cheers as he came forward to present to the men the badge gotten up by Payson Davidson. The major assured the contingent that we all knew they would distinguish themselves. (Cheers.) He then referred to the young officers of the artillery and cavalry who had resigned their commissions and enlisted as privates in order to fight their country's battle. (Cheers.) He knew they would all do their duty. If our Canadian contingent should be cut down the survivors should bear in mind the fact that there were in Canada a hundred thousand men ready to go to the front. (Great cheering.) His only regret was that he could not go.

The major then remarked that a letter had been placed in his hands from W. E. Craig, who went out with the first contingent. Mr. Craig reported all hands to be in good health at the time of writing.

### LADY TILLEY

on behalf of the Red Cross society

presented the men with parcels containing various useful articles. Cheers were given for Lady Tilley, who said a few words to the men as she handed them the parcels. A large parcel was handed to Lt. Markham for the Sussex men.

Mayor Sears here reminded the citizens that the sending out of this company meant additional burdens on the people of our city and province. There was now in the bank \$5,331 to the credit of the Transvaal fund. There should be more. (Cheers.) We guaranteed the boys who went out at first \$5.00 per week. That would be for all the time the war lasted. (Cheers.) Now these young fellows, who would soon take their departure, must understand that they would be similarly provided for. (Cheers.)

The mayor then gave each of the men a sovereign on behalf of the citizens. It just happened that the mayor was one sovereign short, and he was about to hand out a \$5 bill in aid of the Transvaal fund, when he was standing near a female sovereign who slipped it into the mayor's hand. Gunner Stanley of No. 2 company, 3rd Regiment R. C. A. was given a sovereign by the mayor on behalf of the members of that company.

Then the crowd cheered again and again.

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of the polished band instruments, the martial tread of the men, the shouting crowd, formed a panorama at once grand and beautiful. The columns of fairs had long since been broken up, and high on the shoulders of their friends, the men of the detachment, were carried.

At the station, even before the arrival of the train, the main building and the shed were seemingly filled to their utmost capacity. How the remainder got in was incomprehensible, but in they got.

Seldom has there been in that building a larger or more enthusiastic gathering of people than that crowded there last night. Old men and boys, women and young girls jostled and pushed their way through the mass in an endeavor to get to some place from which a view might be obtained.

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### FOUR HUNDRED PRISONERS.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The crowd at the war office today was larger and more excited than any since the time of Gen. Buller's reverse. The lobbies were packed with enquirers, and the street outside was thronged with people. A rumor which was started that Ladysmith had fallen created painful excitement.

When about 4 o'clock Gen. White's

### AT HIS OWN EXPENSE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—A London despatch states that Sir Charles Ross, Bart., of Balmagown Castle, has made an offer to the secretary of state for an offer to personally equip at his own expense a machine gun battery, with four horses for each gun, for service in the Transvaal. The offer has been received in London with great enthusiasm.

### BLAMES GEN. METHUEN.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Lord De La Warr, in a graphic description of the battle of Magerfontein, says: "It is useless to disguise that a large percentage of the troops are losing heart for a campaign composed of a succession of frontal attacks on an inviolable foe securely entrenched and unreachably. Our men fought admirably, but they were asked to perform miracles. Don't blame them and don't blame the gallant general who was the first victim of the terrible disaster which overcame the Highland brigade. They marched in quarter column to their doom. Gen. Wauchope's last words, 'For God's sake, men, do not blame me for this,' will gladden the hearts of his numberless friends. There was no accord between Gen. Methuen and General Wauchope in regard to the best method of attack. Gen. Methuen's plan prevailed and the mistake cost 700 men."

A private of the Irish Rifles who fought at Stormberg, in a letter to his home, says that when General Gatacre saw the position the guide had led the troops into, he shot the guide dead with his own revolver.

### A FREE HAND.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Speaking at Manchester today, Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, said that the government had given the generals in South Africa a free hand, it ought to leave them unhampered to solve the problem to the best of their capacity. The government had never thought of manhandling them by orders from home. Mr. Balfour appealed to the public to remember, while not abstaining from fair comment, that the crisis in which they were dealing with a problem of exceeding difficulty. Moreover, they were unable to defend themselves.

### CONFIDENCE UNSHAKEN.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Morning Post correspondent at Fere Camp, in a despatch dated Jan. 6th, says that the foreign military attaches, who are accompanying Gen. Buller, express astonishment at the high spirits of the troops, the excellence of the medical transports and the supply arrangements. Everybody is looking forward to a great effort to relieve Ladysmith. Confidence in Gen. Buller is utterly unshaken. A telegram to the Post from Ladysmith, dated Jan. 7th, says that Lord Botha and Ben Viljoen, the supreme Boer commanders in Natal, and Commandant Joubert and Schalk-burger, have gone to Pretoria.

### EIGHTH ARMY DIVISION.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Daily News says it understands that the eighth army division will begin sailing for South Africa on Jan. 10. Several two additional battalions, including three howitzer batteries, will be sent as soon as possible, not later than the end of January. The paper adds that the government is determined to raise several new batteries of field artillery. The first installment will consist of six batteries and more will follow. These batteries will not necessarily be sent to South Africa.

### SITUATION REVIEWED.

Now is the Time for Gen. Buller to Make His Attack.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The sense of intense relief with which the country learned that Gen. White's troops had repulsed the vigorous Boer attacks after seventeen hours fighting, has not yet been disturbed by the publication of the garrison casualties which, it is feared, may make a terrible list. It was intimated to inquirers at the war office last night that some statement would be available in the morning, meanwhile absolutely nothing is known beyond General White's brief telegram, received in London through Gen. Buller. This complete ignorance of the immediate situation at Ladysmith obviously precludes comment of any value, and the critics dwell upon the moral effect of the issue of the fighting in heart-

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official despatch was received the matter was intense. The afternoon papers containing the despatch sold rapidly. A sentence in General White's despatch, "The troops are elated at the services they have rendered to the Queen," spiced popular gratification and some of the papers emphasize it by using heavy type.

Lord Salisbury was at the foreign office this afternoon and conferred with attorney general, Sir Richard Webster, and solicitor general, Sir Robert Finlay. It is understood that the matter discussed at the conference was the seizure of the vessels carrying goods alleged to be contraband of war.

The Central News states that Gen. White has taken 400 prisoners in the fighting at Ladysmith.

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