

*Blue Ribbon Tea*  
*Thanks its Millions of Consumers,*  
*and wishes them all*  
*Many Happy Returns of the Season!*

## THE LONDON HOCKEY PLAYERS

Arranging for a Good Time When the Season Actually Opens—Racing and Ring Events.

### HOCKEY.

THE LOCALS BUSY.  
 Arrangements have been concluded with the management of the Princess rink has been permanently boarded for will, as of old, practice and play its matches upon that sheet of ice. The rink has been permanently boarded for hockey, and the Toronto boys will be fit for the game in Western Ontario.

"Blondie" Gilmour and Jack Brown are working hard in the gymnasium, trying to get rid of the extra adipose tissue that has accumulated during a summer of rest. Frank Hobbs and Harry Peel are already in good trim, their work in the football field having brought them down to fighting weight.

Word has come from Toronto that the Wellingtons will bring up their strongest team for next week's game. As a senior team, they do not want to let an intermediate seven get away with them in the first game of the season. With the local team in good shape the Toronto boys will have to play their prettiest to win out.

### AT OAKLAND.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Events at Oakland yesterday:  
 First race, 5 furlongs, selling—Tut-hill 1, Del Vista 2, La Amiga 3. Time, 1:02 1/4.  
 Second race, 7 furlongs, selling—In-yerary 1, True Blue 2, Torsida 3. Time, 1:20.  
 Third race, 5 furlongs, selling—Will Pay 1, Upper Crust 2, Artilleryman 3. Time, 1:02 1/4.  
 Fourth race, 1 mile, selling—Jarda 1, Red Pirate 2, Billy McCloskey 3. Time, 1:42.  
 Fifth race, 7 furlongs—Time-Maker 1, Decoy 2, Dr. Nebula 3. Time, 1:25 1/4.  
 Sixth race, 11-16 miles, handicap—Osculation 1, Fannette 2, Ping 3. Time, 1:42.

AT NEW ORLEANS.  
 New Orleans, Dec. 20.—Dolly Weidhoff and Dr. Walmesley were the only winning favorites yesterday.

First race, selling, 6 furlongs—Dolly Weidhoff 1, Deceptive 2, De Bride 3. Time, 1:15 1/4.  
 Second race, 6 1/4 furlongs—Gold D'O 1, Profit 2, Glenora 3. Time, 1:22 1/4.  
 Third race, selling, 1 mile—Dr. Walmesley 1, Little Billy 2, The Brewer 3. Time, 1:43.  
 Fourth race, selling, 1 mile—Timmer 1, McCleary 2, Martha Fox 3. Time, 1:42 1/4.  
 Fifth race, 1 mile and 20 yards—William Reed 1, Evelyn Byrd 2, St. Lud 3. Time, 1:44.

### PISTOL.

RUHLIN WON.  
 New York, Dec. 20.—Gus Ruhlin, of Akron, O., defeated "Stockings" Conroy, of Troy, in seven rounds before the Broadway A.C. last night. The men were to have fought 20 rounds, but Ruhlin punished the Troy man so severely that Referee White stopped the bout.

SLEEPLESS NIGHTS, caused by a persistent, itching cough, Pny-Pec-toral quickly cures the most severe colds. It soothes, heals, never fails to cure. Manufactured by the proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

Opportunity is rare, and a wise man will never let it go by him.—Bayard Taylor.

Don't Tear Down—Build Up.

The old-fashioned theory of tearing down disease was entirely changed by the advent of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Food, which cures by creating new rich blood and nerve tissue. Through the medium of the circulation and the nervous system they strengthen and invigorate every organ in the human body.

Obedience is the mother of success and is wedded to safety.—Aeschylus.

THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which affect the breathing organs. Nullify this danger with Dr. Thomas Electric Oil—a pulmonary of acknowledged efficacy. It cures soreness and lameness when applied externally, as well as swollen neck and crick in the back, and, as an inward specific, possesses most substantial results.

Each one sees what he carries in his heart.—Goethe.

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat? Lacerate it rather than the risk of filling a consumptive's grave, when by the timely use of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided? This syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing the affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.

Mammion is the largest slave holder in the world.—Saunders.

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## MAY HAVE MET THE ENEMY

Message From a Member of the Canadian Contingent.

The Second Corps to Comprise Artillery, Cavalry and Mounted Infantry.

Hundreds of Volunteers Offering Their Services in Every Part of the Dominion.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20.—Col. MacLean, commander 62nd Fusiliers, last evening received a cablegram from his son, Lieut. Weldon MacLean, of the Canadian contingent. The message was dated Belmont, Dec. 19, and contained the words: "All well," read from a code arranged between father and son before the regiment sailed, the cablegram indicates that the Canadian regiment have had a brush with the Boers, and that none of the New Brunswickers have been injured.

Dispatches from the front and London make no mention of the Canadians having been engaged.

COMPOSITION OF THE CORPS.

[Special to Advertiser per C. P. R.]  
 Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—Hon. Dr. Borden was seen by your correspondent yesterday, and on being asked if he would be able to give out the composition of the contingent replied that he would not say anything on the subject until he had made his report to the cabinet. However, the militia department is not idle, and no time will be lost in outfitting and equipping the contingent. It is said to be settled that the contingent will comprise one thousand officers and men.

There will be three batteries (not two as at first suggested). It takes 138 to a battery, so that this would mean about 500, or half of the contingent. There are two permanent batteries and the third would be made up from the field batteries all over Canada. The other 500 will be mounted infantry, composed of mounted police, cavalry and mounted infantry.

The contractors have got their orders for clothing, and everything will be ready in time.

Capt. Hudson, of Chicago, formerly a scout in the Northwest rebellion, offers his services, as does also Joseph Brant, a descendant of Chief Brant, from Brantford. Indeed from all over Canada come offers of services with Canadian forces. Battery men here believe that one of the batteries will be mobilized in Ottawa, another in Kingston and the third in Quebec.

THE BATTERIES.

Quebec, Dec. 20.—Many young men here have volunteered to serve with the news that the officers and men of B Field Battery, R. C. A., as well as those of A Battery, would be called to proceed to the Cape. Capt. Ogilvie, who is at present in England, has been ordered to return at once. Major G. H. Ogilvie, who is in command of B Battery, is getting everything in order so that there will be no delay once instructions are received from Ottawa. The present strength of B Battery is 72 men, while A Battery is 80, and it will be necessary to take at least 100 volunteers from field artillerymen. All the officers and many men of the First Quebec Field Battery, as well as scores of officers and men from the Montreal and Field Batteries, have offered their services.

MONTREAL FIELD BATTERY.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The Montreal Field Battery has offered its services to the Dominion government to form part of the second contingent. Many individual offers for service have been made at the Montreal brigade office.

"A" BATTERY.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 20.—To put A Field Battery on a war footing will necessitate the enlistment of 35 men, making the total 138. But to gather in these men would be a matter of only a few hours. The battery is short of officers, but no doubt, if ordered to active service, the officers on special service in South Africa would be called to serve with their corps, and not one of them but would be proud to do so.

CAVALRY READY.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The enthusiastic response of Canadians to the second call for troops for the Transvaal finds an emphatic echo at Stanley Barracks, where A Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons is stationed. Every trooper, it is stated, is ready to go. The Toronto squadron of the dragoons are within two of their full number of 80. The members who were in the Yukon have all returned, while eight of the squadrons are already in the Transvaal.

B Squadron, at Winnipeg, is in a strong position, and it is generally believed that when they are called on the two squadrons will muster 150 men and horses after medical inspection. The officers of A Squadron are: Capt. Peck, command; Capt. Nelles, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Emsley, Veterinary-Major Hall. The officers of B Company are: Capt. Williams, in command; Mr. Straub, Lieut.-Col. Evans is now on his way home from the Yukon to take charge of the regiment. Col. Lessard having gone to the Transvaal with the first contingent. The only member of the regiment now in the Yukon is Capt. Gardiner, of B Squadron. As the Dragoons parade in rank they will probably carry horses.

AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—Capt. Williams, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, said with regard to the possi-

bility of his command going to South Africa, that he would welcome an opportunity to see service in the Transvaal, and his troops are delighted at the prospect. Capt. Williams said he had been besieged with many applications from aspirants for military service. Most of these applications came from Winnipeg and Southern Manitoba. Over 25 were received yesterday.

THE MEN TO MEET THE BOERS.

Edmonton, N. W. T., Dec. 20.—There is a strong feeling here in favor of a Northwest contingent for Africa made up of mounted plainmen and mountaineers. A first-class corps could be mustered. Colonel Steele, a man of wide experience, is spoken of as the proper leader. He has had years of experience on the plains and in the Yukon, and has but to call for men and he would get thousands of rough riders, not only in Canada, but also from the neighborhood of Montana and Washington, who, as riders, riflemen, packers and frontiersmen could not be surpassed. Inured to exposure and versed in the ways of the savage, able to scout, to do outpost duty, to pack stores, they should prove an effective adjunct of the intelligence department of the army in Africa.

AT HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 20.—The war fever is at a very high pitch here, and many members of the 12th Battalion and 4th Field Battery have offered their services, including Lieut.-Col. MacLaren and many of the officers. The W. E. Sanford Company have received from the militia department at Ottawa a large rush order for infantry and artillery clothing. A large number of cavalry uniforms have recently been shipped, and the order can be filled in ten days.

AT WINDSOR.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 20.—The news that the imperial government had accepted Canada's offer of a second contingent for service in South Africa was received with great enthusiasm in Windsor. The news had scarcely been received when members of the 21st Essex Fusiliers, which is now represented in the field by eighteen men, began offering themselves for service in the second contingent. Already nearly a dozen Windsor boys have made application for places, and many more are ready to go. There is little doubt that Essex county could easily furnish 200 volunteers if needed.

MINISTERS READY TO GO.

Paris, Ont., Dec. 20.—Rev. E. Silcox, pastor of the Congregational Church here, wired the minister of militia, offering himself for active service with the Canadian contingent to the Cape. Mr. Silcox has had ten years' experience in the cavalry and is a military school graduate.

Stanstead, Que., Dec. 20.—Rev. J. E. Starr, of Stanstead, formerly of Toronto, has offered his services to the minister of militia to go as chaplain of the second Canadian contingent.

BUSINESS MEN STIRRED.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The council of the board of trade yesterday passed a resolution, approving of the second contingent, and adding: "That it is the duty and obligation of the government of Canada to strengthen the hands of her majesty's imperial gov-

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