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have command of the road to Ladysmith by way of Oudepost, and are holding a position above the Boers. The Boers, which they took in the night Monday night. The Boers are fighting stoutly, and the losses on both sides are becoming very heavy. It is believed the Boers are preparing to fall back to Groen's Kloof, where they believe their position impregnable. Gen. Lyttelton is not only holding his own, but has managed to drive the enemy back. Col. Wynne is having great success in his operations.

The attack of the Durban Light Infantry was of the most brilliant character. Cover was scarce, the ground consisting of meagre fields. The Boers remained in their position till the Durban reached the top of the hill.

New York, Feb. 8. — The Evening Journal has the following:

Spearman's camp, Wednesday night, Feb. 7. — The British position on Vaal Kranz Ridge has been made secure. Infantry advanced today along the ridge, driving the Boers before them.

PATIENTS ON THE MAINE.

London, Feb. 8. — Lady Randolph Churchill has cabled to the Maine hospital ship committee as follows, under date, Dublin, Feb. 8: "One hundred and forty patients are now on board the Maine, mostly Fustlers, Hussars, West Yorks and Lancashires. There are 60 wounded, mostly from Colenso and Spionkop, including stretcher-bearers and members of the army medical corps. There are many cases of rheumatism and fever. Expect additional today. Owing to the excellence of the ship the authorities are giving us many good cases. The staff is hard at work, and everything is satisfactory."

FOR PEACE.

London, Feb. 9. — The Daily Chronicle publishes today a long disquisition upon South African affairs from S. C. Cronwright-Schreiner, who advocates peace overtures by Great Britain. He says: "I am convinced that if the two republics had a sufficient guarantee that their independence would be respected, the Transvaal would grant a five-year retrospective franchise, the burghers would retire to their own countries and the war would cease immediately."

These views coming from a kinsman of Mr. W. P. Schreiner, the Cape premier, will probably excite much comment. Mr. Cronwright-Schreiner points out that the Dutch outlanders the British colonists, and that if local self-government continues to exist it will be in the control of a large and exasperated anti-British majority, firmly imbued with the conviction that the war was forced on the Boers.

THE FIGHTING ON WEDNESDAY

Boers Tried to Dislodge the British From Their Position.

Gen. Macdonald's Operations Crippled for Lack of Reinforcements.

That Were on the Way, but Failed to Connect.

Boer Account of a British Check at Colenso—Interesting Letter From Col. Baden-Powell.

Koodoosberg Drift, Feb. 8. — The Boers yesterday made a determined effort to drive the British from a hill commanding the drift. Mounting two 7-pounders at the northern extremity, they shelled the position intermittently the whole day. The Seaforth Highlanders gained a position on the rocky summit, and kept up a sustained rifle fire, but suffered somewhat from the Boer shelling. A battery was sent and succeeded in silencing the Boer fire.

Meanwhile two companies of the Argyll Highlanders, advancing along the plain in a westerly direction, found the Boers entrenched at a small drift.

CANCER.

FOR TWO STAMPS.—Stott & Jory, Bowmanville, Ont., will give you full particulars of the simplest method for curing cancers and tumors.

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DOMINION PARLIAMENT

The Opposition Leader Censured the Wrong Man.

Acknowledged His Mistake—Notice of Motion by Mr. Bourassa—A Bankruptcy Act—An Important Bill for Homesteaders in the Northwest.

Ottawa, Feb. 8. — In the house today Col. Prior was informed by the minister of militia that the government had taken steps looking to the repatriation of the 100th Regiment, now the Leinster Regiment in the imperial army. Correspondence, the minister added, is now going on between the Canadian and imperial authorities.

At this point Sir Wilfrid Laurier took up the complaint made by Sir Charles Tupper on Wednesday, that his speech on the address had been falsely reported in the Winnipeg Free Press by Mr. Magurn, of that paper, the statement made being that Sir Charles had accused the French-Canadians of disloyalty. The premier had a letter from Mr. Magurn, in which he stated that he was not a member of the press gallery; that he did not write or dictate or ever see the report to which the honorable gentleman takes exception in a vague and general way. The letter concluded with the remark that as an apology had been mentioned it ought to come from Sir Charles, and not from the writer.

Sir Charles Tupper replied that he had since learned that the writer of the report in question was Mr. Macdonald, and not Mr. Magurn, the writer of the paper, who was also in the gallery. The speaker denied that he had accused the French-Canadians of disloyalty. Never in his life had he made any statement of the kind, and he was shown that he had, and he would retire at once from public life.

MR. BOURASSA SPEAKS.

Mr. Bourassa, for the first time since his re-entry to the house, explained his position on the constitutional question in a speech that was full of resentment of Sir Charles' still-hot charges, and of assurances of the loyalty of our French-Canadian fellow-citizens. The grandson of Louis Joseph Papineau, who was a rebel, loyal to the interests of his country, as loyal as William Lyon Mackenzie, or Lount, or Matthews. Mr. Bourassa was still qualified to hurl back the accusations that were made against his race. It was bound to come, this day of reckoning with Sir Charles, who, since the day the government decided to send the first contingent has been busy in his harranging of those who think with Sir Wilfrid. French-Canadian Liberals came to Ottawa full of anger at the aspersions that have been cast at them and their people. They desired to hand out justice, and the leader of the opposition would go. They know now.

The debate was concluded by Messrs. Bourassa (Liberal, Labelle), McIntosh (the Conservative, for Sherbrooke), Casey and Clarke Wallace.

Mr. Wallace thought the government had treated the volunteers very shabbily. He would not like their actions to establish a precedent. Alluding to the case of Col. Sam. Hughes, the speaker said he believed the minister of militia was hiding behind the major-general. The Canadian people thought Col. Hughes should have had a commission in the first contingent.

Col. Prior asked for information in regard to the government's treatment of the offer of the Province of British Columbia of a contingent of 100 mounted men.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that British Columbia had been notified that he offer would be treated in exactly the same way as that of Lord Strathcona, the province to bear the cost of equipment and transportation but the Dominion Government would place the machinery of organization at the province's disposal. There would be no restriction as to the number of men.

A question by Mr. Taylor elicited the information that the binder twine on hand at the Kingston Penitentiary in August, 1896, was sold to McColl Bros. of St. John, N. B., at the following prices: Manila (maple leaf brand), \$3 per cwt.; mixed (beaver brand), \$4.50; sisal, \$4.50. The binder twine manufactured at Kingston Penitentiary between Aug. 1, 1896, and July 31, 1897, was sold to the Hobbs Hardware Company—Manila, \$5.25; mixed, \$4.75; sisal, \$4.40. The output between Aug. 1, 1897, and July 1, 1898, was sold to H. N. Bates & Sons—Manila, \$4.95; mixed, \$4.45; sisal, \$4.15. The output between Aug. 1, 1898, and July 31, 1899, was sold to the Hobbs Hardware Company—Manila, \$7.25; mixed, \$6.15; sisal, \$6.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the house.

"Would the right honorable gentleman state what business is to be taken up tomorrow?" inquired Sir Charles Herbert Tupper.

"The resolution given notice of yesterday by the minister of finance, that appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the contingents," was the reply.

And after that?" inquired Sir Charles Herbert Tupper.

"After that," the premier answered, "there is no other business ready, as the honorable gentleman knows."

The house adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. Bourassa has given notice of the following resolution: "That this house insists on the principle of sovereignty and independence of parliament as the basis of British institutions, and the safeguard of the civil and political liberties of British citizens, and refuses consequently to consider the action of the government in regard to the South African war as precedent, which should commit this country to any action in the future. That this house further declares that it opposes any change in the political and military relations which exist at present between Canada and Great Britain, unless such change is initiated by the sovereign will of parliament and sanctioned by the people of Canada."

Dr. Roddick gave notice that he would introduce a resolution to allow a medical and surgical practitioner duly registered according to the law of any province of Canada to legally practice in another province without being duly registered in such other province. He stated that registration in each province is unnecessary, and very often of serious inconvenience.

Hon. Clifford Sifton has given notice of a bill to allow homesteaders in the Northwest and Manitoba, who are in service in South Africa, to have the period spent with the force taken off the time necessary to the acquisition of a homestead.

A BANKRUPTCY ACT.

Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., has given notice that he will introduce a bankruptcy act, which does not deal with voluntary assignments. When the

estate is divided the bankrupt receives his discharge, but that discharge is given only on terms. The estate must have paid 33 cents on the dollar at least, and the judge of the court has the power to refuse to discharge in exceptional cases. Another provision is that where a bankrupt cannot pay 33 cents on the dollar, but he given up all his property, and paid as much as he can, the bankruptcy must be declared closed. The effect of closing the bankruptcy is that for three years thereafter claims proved under the bankruptcy act remain alive and cease to bear interest. If the bankrupt, during the period of three years, can pay sufficient to make up 23 cents on the dollar, he is entitled to his discharge. If at the end of three years he has not paid 33 cents on the dollar, the matter is then brought before the court to be dealt with as the case may require. The bankrupt will not then be necessarily entitled to his discharge, but his creditors cannot pursue him except under order of the court, upon such terms as may be just.

ENTRIES FOR SEED GRAIN CAMPAIGN.

Entries are being received by the department of agriculture every day from all parts of Canada from boys and girls in the competition for ten thousand dollars in cash prizes offered by Sir William McDonald, of Montreal. This gift of ten thousand dollars is an extension of the McDonald school fund, under the name of progressive agriculture. The entries are coming in in English, French and German. Every boy or girl under eighteen years of age, living on a farm in Canada, is entitled to make a free entry for this competition. All that is required in making an entry are the words, "Entry for seed grain competition," and the name of the boy or girl making the entry. The entries must be sent to Professor Holmstrom, commissioner of agriculture, Ottawa, and letters so addressed need not be stamped, as they will be carried free by mail. A direct answer cannot be sent to every entry, but a circular of instructions will be sent to all. The date of May 1 was appointed for closing the entries, but it is now considered desirable to have nearly all the entries in by March. Any teacher may make an entry on behalf of one or more pupils.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Thomas Alva Edison is ill in Chicago.

Havanese cigarmakers are striking against employment of Spaniards.

Toronto Junction is acting vigorously to suppress the smallpox outbreak.

Chester Player Steintz has been consigned to an insane asylum in New York.

Mr. T. W. Crothers has been elected chairman of the St. Thomas school board.

Transports reaching San Francisco Wednesday brought 200 dead soldiers from Manila.

A 5-year-old son of Mr. Samuel Canute was found drowned in the mill-race at St. Catharines.

Mr. J. B. Dale, of Petrolia, has sold his English setter dog, Dan Thiers, to an American for \$350.

Iowa's legislature has passed a resolution favoring popular election of the United States senators.

Nothing further has been given out in reference to the suspension at Stinson's bank at Hamilton.

The employees of the G. T. R. shops at Stratford have started contributions to the national patriotic fund.

St. Thomas city council has finally passed bylaw No. 1188, which does away with the ward system.

Wm. Havemeyer, a son of Sugar Magnate H. H. Havemeyer, of New York, is dead in Buenos Ayres.

Mother Strange, founder of the Catholic order of Sisters of Mercy in the United States, is dead at Latrobe, Pa.

Judge Morgan, McTavish and Barron have decided to proceed at once with the West Elgin provincial election investigation.

Rumors that there is impending trouble among the St. Regis Indians are denied by Mr. Jas. G. McKee, inspector of Indian agencies.

Miss Anna Wells is very ill in Galipolis, O., after using a handkerchief which came by mail and which was saturated with poison.

A special from Kingston, Jamaica, which says that news has been received there that the insurgents have captured Bagota, capital of Columbia.

Mrs. Mary Marshall, mother of Conductor Fred Marshall, of the L. E. and D. R. railroad, died Thursday morning at her residence in Walkerville.

McGill medical students ducked a young American freshman in the dissecting bath for making offensive remarks about the British forces in South Africa.

The Montreal city banks have reduced the rate of call loans to the stock market from 6 per cent to 5 1/2 per cent. This time last year the rate was 4 1/2 per cent.

The citizens of Winnipeg heartily indorse the resolution of the city of Vancouver with regard to the offer of 10,000 additional men from Canada to the imperial government.

A wind storm, which almost reached the velocity of a tornado, swept Western Indiana and Eastern Illinois Thursday morning. At Collinsville several houses were destroyed.

It is reported that the Standard Bank has withdrawn from the Clearing Association on account of a dispute over a package of bills received from the Traders' Bank, which the Standard people claim was \$100 short.

A dispatch from Essex announces the death there of E. Miller, a druggist, formerly of Dresden, but said to have been a resident of Detroit for the last two years. He was about 45 years old and left a widow and four children.

On Wednesday morning William Royal, M. C. R. engineer, went to his home on Kains street, St. Thomas, and discovered his wife, sister-in-law and daughter overcome by escaping gas from a coal stove. A doctor relieved

The Nova Scotia Provincial Legislature was opened Thursday by Sir Malachi Daly, lieutenant-governor. The speech from the throne referred at length to the prosperity of the country, and the practical evidences of loyalty shown by the colonies.

Levi Steward, who was hanged at Sandwich, Ont., on Tuesday, left a widow, a fact not generally known. Steward let it leak out at the last moment that he had been married to a woman several years ago, and that she had left him when his downward career commenced.

Charles Colby, Harwich, Ont., has been celebrating his 100th birthday. He was born on Feb. 7, 1800, in the State of Maine. He came to Harwich township and settled on the farm where he now lives when there were no roads through the country. He received his second sight about fifteen years ago, and can read without glasses.

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In the "Montreal Star" of Jan. 15, a letter from Lieut. Charles J. Armstrong, was published in which he wrote:

"There were four signallers of the Shropshire Regiment on duty there, and about 11 o'clock we were able to read some of the signals sent from Kimberley to Modder River by searchlight; some of the words I could make out myself. One sentence was 'Send ten cases Bovril.'"

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PHILADELPHIA'S RELIGIOUS CENSUS.

A religious enterprise of a novel sort is to be undertaken in Philadelphia on Feb. 22. Upon that day a complete census of the population is to be taken for the benefit of the Philadelphia churches. One of the leaders of the movement, Mr. William E. Ellis, thus writes of it in The Presbyterian Journal: "The city has been divided into eighteen districts, with capable chairmen. Diagrams have been prepared showing every house in the city, and when, on the morning of Feb. 22, an army of church-workers go forth for

the gathering of statistics, they will visit every home in the city, high and low, rich and poor."

"Better do it than wish it done,"

Better cure catarrh by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla than complain because you suffer from it.

At Harlem, Holland, there are 135 acres devoted to the growth of hyacinths, which bring in a revenue of \$150,000.

Within the last two years about a hundred postoffices have been established in China. The registry fee for letters is only 1/2 cent.