

Lieut.-Gen. Lord Methuen.

Gen. Methuen is one of the most | expedition. His repulse, after winning popular officers of the service. In London he is known as a society lion and a drawing-room dandy, and some surprise was manifested when he was given charge of the Kimberley relief

three battles, was deeply disappoint-ing, but he has succeeded in holding his position and keeping open the line of communication with Cape Town. There is no doubt of his ultimate suc-

go to the front to fight. There would be no difficulty for Britain to secure 5,000 men. Over 200 have volunteered in Halifax. Major Jolly and his whole Yarmouth and Lunenburg batteries also have volunteered. Warden Wilson offers to raise 1000 convoys

serve on the medical staff. Great dis-

man, rector of St. George's, one of the largest and most fashionable Anglican churches here, has volunteer-

ed to go with the second contingent as chaplain.

AT WHITBY. Whitby, Ont., Dec. 23.-Rev. G. A.

Rix, of the Church of the Redeemer,

Toronto, and chaplain of the 34th Battalion, offers his services as chap-lain for the second Canadian con-

Lieut.-Col. Farewell has received several good applications for service in

AT HAMILTON.

Although the officers of the local corps have received no ultimatum that

a recruiting station will be establish-

ed here, they will continue to receive applications for places on the second

contingent. Among the officers who have offered their services are Capt. Wm. Hendrie, of the 48th Highlanders.

AT KINGSTON.

was asked if he had received many ap-

plications from men volunteering for service in South Africa. He replied

"Hundreds of them. We can get all the

men we want, and more, from the dis-

trict. Applications are coming into my

Lieut.-Col. Checkley, 56th Battalion, Lisgar Rifles, states his readiness to

march "the boys" to the front at a

Lieut.-Col. Drennan, R. A., city clerk,

late commandant of the 5th Kingston Field Battery, has volunteered.

14th Battalion, has notified the non-commissioned officers to hold them-

corps may have to perform garrison

Lieut.-Col. Kitson left for Toronto,

under instructions from Ottawa to or-ganize the cavalry for South Africa,

and take full charge of the force till

MANY APPLICATIONS.

Kingston, Dec. 23.-Yesterday's mails

brought a hundred or more applica-tions from volunteers desiring to serve

ing the British Empire. Veterinary Captain W. J. Morgan is

declined by the imperial authorities, may go with the second Canadian con-

Departure of Lord Roberts From

London.

The Immense Crowd Give the Field.

Marshal a Grand Ovation.

Lord Roberts, who is to assume com-

done in South Africa will be carried

out by thoroughly competent hands,

Although only privileged persons

were permitted to enter the station,

there was a gathering of immense

throngs at all the approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered re-peatedly as "Bobs," accompanied by his wife and two daughters, drove up.

Seldom has the terminus witnessed such an inspiring send-off. Every appearance of the field marshal was the signal for singing, hurrahs, lusty

shouts and expressions of good wishes. The moment the veteran commander arrived he was surrounded by mili-

and on carefully matured lines.

AN INSPIRING

"Gat" Howard, whose offer was

selves in readiness for service.

Lieut.-Col. Evans arrives.

Capt.

Major and Acting Adjutant Kent,

Lieut.-Col. Montizambert. D. O.

and Lieut.-Col. MacLaren.

office in hundreds."

moment's notice.

the Transvaal.

CANADIANS FOR THE FRONT

Graduates of the Kingston Military School.

will Get British Army Commissions if fantry is wanted. Rev. H. H. Pett-Recemmended by the Dominion Minister of Militia-Thousands of Nova Scotians Ready to Join the Contingent.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.-A cable received from the imperial government states that all the graduates of the Royal Military College, Kingston who are recommended by the minister of militia will get commissions in the British

HUNDRED CANADIAN ONE NURSES.

A cable has been sent to the British war office by the minister of militia, stating that over 100 Canadian trained nurses had volunteered for service, and asking of an opportunity of serving with the imperial army hospital staff could be afforded them.

DR. BORDEN'S BUSY DAY. Hon. Dr. Borden was busy all day on the arrangements for the dispatch of the contingent to South Africa. Good progress is being made with the work een after the cabinet meeting, Dr. Borden said that the list of officers was not yet complete, and it was not advisable to give it out piecemeal. Applications are coming in from all parts for positions, and among so much good material it is difficult to choose. The arrangements for transports are not yet

COL MCLEAN'S OFFER. Lieut.-Col. McLean, of St. John, N. B., had an interview with the min-ister of militia in regard to his offer to enlist 100 men, composed of hunt-ers, trappers and guides, at his own expense. They would be good shots and possessing all the qualifications for scouts. Dr. Borden admitted that It would be difficult to find a better class of men than were in the country districts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They are good shots, self-reliant, physique good, and able to do almost anything in the shape building bridges, making roads and coing that class of work that the Royal Engineers are called upon to do, but the government was restricted by the war office to mounted rifles and

ertillery. IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—Enthusiasm throughout Nova Scotia knows no bounds, thousands being anxious to

SALT RHEUM.

B. B. B. cured Mrs. E. H. Cox, of Victoria, N.B., of itching Salt Rheum of the face over 6 years ago and she is perfectly well to-day.

It is a well-known fact that such severe okin diseases as Salt Rheum or Eczema Psoriasis, Tetter, Shingles, etc., are prone to return unless the impurities in the blood causing them are eliminated completely from the system. The cures made of all forms of skin diseases by Burdock Blood Bitters are always most satisfactory on

A case that illustrates this most strikingly is that of Mrs. E. H. Cox, whose husband wrote the following letter, dated Victoria, Carleton Co., N.B., October 28th,

"My wife was a sufferer from an itch ing form of Salt Rheum that would break out on her face. She tried many things, including doctors' medicines, but nothing did her much good.

"About two years ago she commenced taking Burdock Blood Bitters, when to our astonishment her face began to get well, and by the use of two bottles she

was completely cured. "As to the truth of the above statement I would refer you to J. B. Bowser, General Merchant of this town, from whom I bought the two bottles of B.B.B."

The following letter recently received, shows that the cure has been a permanent one: "I am happy to state that my wife has not been troubled with Salt Rheum in the face since Burdock Blood Bitters cured her some years ago. The cure was a marvellous one, and I verily believe B.B.B. the best medicine in the market. I have induced a number of people to use it, and they all say it does them good, especially if they have any blood disorder. Count me a friend of B.B.B.", E. H. COX.

al leave-takings, Lord After personal leave-takings, Lord Roberts reached the platform, where general greetings and parting words were exchanged. Many ladies pressed eagerly forward to get a last handshake, express deep sympathy with the distinguished soldier in his recent hereavement, and bid him godspeed. One woman, with her eyes filled with tears, exclaimed: "God bless you and bring you safely back to us." This wish was re-echoed and re-echoed in varying phraseology by hundreds thronging the vicinity of the train.

THE CAVALRY **VOLUNTEERS**

Large Numbers Already Have Their Applications In-Names of Officers.

Lieut.-Col. Gartshore has already received application from about 80 of the men in the First Hussars, who desire to go to the Transvaal. He expects that there will be about 15 of these men allowed to go. The following officers in the Hussars have volunteered: Major King, of Kingsville; Captains Booker and Stewart and Lieutenants Gartshore, of Hamilton, Layborn, of Winnipeg, Balfour, of Hamilton, and Wigle, of Leamington.

SIXTY MEN

Mine Disaster Four Miles From Brownsville, Pa.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 23.-An exploalso have volunteered. Warden Wilson offers to raise 1,000 cowboys. James Grant, Antigonish, offers to raise a troop of 200 men. Capt. Chipman, Amherst, offers a full company. New Glasgow offers 200 men. Capt. Phinney, Annapolis, offers a full company. Dr. McKeen, Neil's Harbor, offers to serve on the medical steff. sion occurred at the Baznell Coal Works, four miles from here today. Sixty men are reported entombed. The tipple is wrecked. Messengers have been sent here for doctors.

Lady (sitting for portrait)—And make my mouth small, will you, ever so small? I know it is large really, but make it quite tiny, will you? Artist (politely)—Certainly, madam If you prefer it. I will leave it out al-

As a Means of Settling the Dispute With the Hospital Contractors.

Warm Words in Opposition From Ald. Carrothers and Ald. Jolly.

The Proposal to Abate Certain Sewer Rentals Not Approved - Votes of Thanks-The Wind-Up.

A special meeting of the city council

was held last night, and two matters laid over from the regular meeting were dealt with. The hospital building committee submitted the contractors' accounts, together with a report by the city engineer and the clerk of the works, upon some disputed items in Contractor Purdom's account. The items were taken up separately. One involved a deduction, and the difference between Ald. Jolly's figures and those of Mr. Purdom were over \$100. Mr. Purdom claimed the work had been done according to plans and specifications furnished by the archi-tect. The architect was not present. it was evident he approved of Purdom's claim. Ald. Greenlees held that in such a case the architect's action was binding on the com-

Ald. Jolly replied that every \$100 added to the cost of the hospital meant \$5 in the pocket of Mr. Mc-Ald. Greenlees characterized this as

Ald. Greeniees characterized this as a mighty mean imputation. He wondered why, if that were Ald. Jolly's opinion, Mr. McBride was not discharged long ago.

Ald. Jolly would take nothing back. Referring again to the disputed accounts he said they had the opinion of the city engineer and the clerk of the the city engineer and the clerk of the works, who was a faithful man. The accounts were to have been arbitrated upon by the engineer, architect and clerk of works and another alderman.
Ald. Wilkey said there had been no

arbitration, as the committee had or-The engineer and the clerk of the



Lieut.-Gen. Sir C. F. Clery.

what is known as a soldier of the schools. His military training has been has not done so, probably because Lieut.-Col. Hunter, 47th Batt., has handed in the names of 13 volunteers, members of his corps, desirous of serv-

Gen. Clery, who is working under | best of the kind ever written, and is Gen. Buller's direction in Natal, is largely used in Europe. It was predicted that Gen. Clery would achieve some tactical triumph, but so far he largely scientific, and he is the author has not yet been intrusted with inde-of a manual on tactics, which is the pendent operations.

ARMORED TRAINS

a volunteer for service.

Martin McDonald, John street, over A New Feature of Warfare-Will They 70 years old, but very active, and an old soldier, made application to be en-Become General? listed with the second contingent, but he was told he was too old. He be-longed to the 88th Connaught Rangers [Chicago Record.]

The use of the powerful explosive known as lyddite and the extensive employment of armored trains are the two chief novelties that have appeared thus far in the South African war. Railroads have figured to some extent in the more important wars of the last half century, not excepting our civil war, but no such systematic use of armored trains as Great Britain is making has hitherto been known. Both at Ladysmith and at Kimberley the British have extemporized trains covered with armor plate and are using them successfully in reconnoiter-ing and in attacking. These fortresses on wheels have come into existence by the same process of evolution that created ironclad ships. They strongly remind one of armored Mississippl boats that figured so largely in our civil war. Railroads are destined play an increasing part, not only in the business of all nations, but in all future wars of any moment. It will be strange if the crude armored trains now in use in South Africa do not prove to be the forerunners of regular-ly constructed war trains as superior London, Dec. 23.-Field Marshal to these as the Oregon is superior to the Merrimac of 1862. It is not immand of the British troops, left Watprobable that the time will come when erloo Railroad station today amidst no nation's war department will conscenes of enthusiasm, vividly demonsider itself completely equipped unless it has an outfit of bullet-proof cars strating the national interest in the and of the materials for creating such trains from ordinary freight cars at short notice of emergencies. event, and the belief that the departure of the general can be accepted as a guarantee that whatever can be

The French Eirthrate.

[Ottawa Free Press.] The social condition of France is calculated to cause grave anxiety to those of her statesmen who look with philosophic mind to the future as much as the present. A recently published government return is calculated to cause the gravest apprehension. During the past year there was an increase of 59,054 in the number of deaths as compared with the prevor deaths as compared with the previous year, while the number of hirths decreased by 15.174. The moral conveyed by this terrible discrepancy is so plain that he who runs may read it. When men decay the last hour of a nation is struck. In France there appears to be something worse than the decay of men.

works had gone over the accounts to gether without the architect knowing anything about it. The committee's instructions had not been carried out in this as in many other cases where chairman chose to represent the committee instead of allowing the secretary to carry out the resolutions as

Ald. Carrothers said they had no power to make the architect report. Ald. Wilkey moved to refer the disputed items to arbitration. In Mr. Purdom's account these amount to \$426. Mr. Purdom said arbitration was quite satisfactory to him. "I fact, I'm an advocate of it," he said. Ald. Wilkey's motion was carried on

the following division:
Yeas—Ald. O'Meara, Plant, Greenlees, Pritchard, Parnell, Wilkey, Dreany and McPhillips. Nays-Ald. Carrothers, Douglass,

Ald. Jolly and Carrothers had a few more flings at the architect and the contractors before passing on to the

next report. A report was received from the city auditor upon the sewer rentals, which Ald. Carrothers moved to abate. The amount involved is about \$12,000. A motion to refer the matter to the incoming council was defeated, and so was Ald. Carrothers' motion. No ac-

tion was taken. On the recommendation of the investigation committee, Contractor Gra-ham's account for loss of time was

Miss Minnie Wilkinson claimed \$10 for damages sustained through her horse falling. Referred to the engineer with power. A bylaw to consolidate debentures ssued under 132 local improvement by-

At the suggestion of the mayor it was unanimously decided to cable Christmas greetings to the Canadian contingent in South Africa. Ald. O'Meara moved, and Ald. Reed econded, that the thanks of the council

laws. was passed.

tendered to the worthy and most efficient city clerk for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties



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thanks was tendered to the mayor for his uniform courtesy as presiding offi-The mayor in a happy reply advised every aspirant for the mayor's chair

to first spend one or two years as an alderman. Ald. Parnell-You wouldn't believe me two years ago.
His Worship—But I do now. (Laugh-

ter.) It was only by being a member of the council that a man could become efficient for the office. He had gone there without experience, and had a tough time for a while. Now other duties obliged him to withdraw, but he did so feeling that he had many friends in the council. Ald. O'Meara-You have them all.

And McDonald. His Youthful Accomplice, Gets Five Years.

For the Robbery and Fatal Assault on Charles Clark.

John Sherlock Fined \$500-Jury Disagree in Campbell's Case.

There was a dramatic half-hour the court house yesterday. Frank Cahill and John McDonald were first brought in to be sentenced for the assault and robbery of Charles Clark, of St. James street, who died a few months later. Neither of the prisoners had anything to say. Cahill,

the older of the two, listened to the judge's reproof without visible emotion, and heard the sentence-ten years in the penitentiary-with the same nonchalance. McDonald, who is a mere boy, felt his position more keenly and nearly broke down at the finish. His penalty is five years at Kingston.

John Sherlock was next arraigned, having been found guilty of stonethrowing and rioting on July 8. It had been represented in a petition that Sherlock was in precarious health, and that confinement would hasten his death. His appearance bore out the statement, and it seemed difficult for him to stand up. The judge said that on account of the representations of the jail surgeon and other medical men, he had, instead of sending the prisoner to the penitentiary or Central Prison, resolved to impose a fine—but the fine must be commensurate with the offense. The prisoner, said the judge, was liable to five years' imprisonment, but he was willing to impose a fine of \$500. In default of payment, the option would be 18 months in the Central Prison.

Sherlock's devoted sister, who lives in Chicago, stood by him during the judge's recital, and burst into when all was over. Sherlock kissed her affectionately. It is understood she

will pay the fine.

James Campbell, a very respectablelooking young man, sat in the court with his wife and two pretty children, awaiting the verdict of the jury, Campbell having been tried for the same offense as Sherlock. The jury, however reported a disagreement, and Camp-bell was released on bail. He will be tried again at the June sessions.

THE ADMONITION TO CAHILL. The judge, in his remarks to Cahill,

said the crime was of a kind that stamped the perpetrators as lacking the common feeling of humanity. "The old and defenceless man," continued the judge, "was attacked in his own house by two young strapping men, and left insensible on the floor, unable to do anything for himself, to be found the next morning by his sister, almost half dead, with his blood spattered all over the floor where the deed of violence was committed. have not the slightest doubt in my mind that the parties who would commit an offence of that kind would be just as ready to commit murder, and honestly believe that if the man had been able to exercise the consciousness that he possessed prior to the assault, and that had he identified you as the person who attacked him, you might today be standing your trial for murder. On the same evidence I have very little doubt but what you would have been found guilty and your life forfeited to the state for the life that you had taken away. I have very little doubt, also, from the evidence in the case, that the old man has died prematurely from the effects of the beating he got upon that occasion. The punishment provided by the statute is imprisonment for life and to be whipin which he had discharged the duties of his office, and for the information he so courteously gave the council and the citizens at large.

Ald. Parnell valued Mr. Kingston's services very highly, and Ald. Greenlees and the mayor each added a few words in approval of the motion.

The council adopted the resolution by an unanimous standing vote, and sang "For He's a Tolly Good Fellow."

The city clerk heartly thanked the council for the motion.

On motion of Ald. Winnett a vote of the motion in the largely you have thrown it away. You

should have been the stay and comfort of your mother in her declining years. She is an old woman, slaving herself trying to provide means of keeping her soul and body together, while you, who should have some consideration for her for the care and comfort bestowed upon you when you were helpless, should have tried to take care of her in her old age. I hope the sentence will be a warning to you."

Turning to McDonald, Judge Elliot said he took into consideration the jury's recommendation to mercy, the prisoner's youth, and the fact that he had been led into the crime by a person who was older and should have known better.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Cushions and Tea Cosies .- We have a great variety of down and feather Cushions, 50c each; Iron and Brass Bedsteads; Hair Mattresses; Goose-Feather Pillows, at the Bed and Mattress Cleaning Factory, 593 Richmond street north. Telephone 997. J. F. HUNT & SONS.

New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. - Holiday Excursions to Washington, D. C.-Saturday. Dec. 23.

On above date the NEW YORK CENTRAL in connection with the PENNSYLVANIA Railroad will run a popular ten-day holiday excursion to Washington, the nation's capital. Fare for the round trip only \$10 from Sus-pension Bridge or Buffalo. See New York Central ticket agents for tickets, space in sleepers and all infor-mation, or address H. Parry, general agent, Buffalo, N. Y.

Successful Pupils.

Miss Hodgins, a graduate of Coo's Shorthand and Business Academy, 76 Dundas street, London, has accepted a lucrative position as stenograph the Simcoe Pork Packing Company, and Mr. Leonard Tait, as stenographer for the M. C. R., city. Every graduate of the Academy is placed in a situation when competent. It is a thoroughly up-to-date institution, conducted by up-to-date teachers. Young men desiring to take up the study, should make application for admission at once.

Beecham Bids for Kipling MS

Among those who have made the highest bids for the orig-inal manuscript of Rudyard Kip-ling's poem, "The Absent-Mind-ed Beggar," which is being sold for the benefit of the wives and children of the British reservists who have been ordered to South Africa, is Mr. Beecham, of St. Helens, England, who offered \$525 for it.

Mr. Beecham's name is familiar to every newspaper reader in America, as he is proprietor of the famous pills which bear his name. In addition to being a lover of things artistic, he is also a most public-spirited man. The great manufacturing center of St. Helens, of which his enormous factory is one of the largest industries, recognized his good services to the town by electing him recently to the mayoralty, backed by the unanimous petition of the municlipal council of St. Helens. Without doubt that executive ability which has assisted him so materially in building up his vast enterprise will be of great service to his fellow-townsmen.

Nowhere in the city is the evidence of Christmastide more noticeable than at the spacious stores of Mr. George F. Morris, butcher, in the Market House. His display of meats of all kinds is magnificent. Mr. Morris has occupied the same stand for 23 years, and says that the quality and quantity of his display this year surpasses that of any previous year. It includes a Durham heifer,3 years old, weighing 1,300 pounds, when dressed. This is one of the finest specimens of beef ever offered for sale in this city. It won prizes at many of the fall fairs, and came from Capt. Thomas Robson's herd. Mr. Morris has over 20 cattle, three choice colves, sheep, goats and pigs, and sucklings too numerous to mention. One porker weighs over 600 pounds. This firm make a specialty of poultry of every kind, lards, headcheese and sau-The display of meats strung in front of this large establishment costs many thousands of dollars. "Small profits and large sales" is the firm's motto.

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Cyclist-Doctor, I wish you'd make out my bill. Doctor-I thought you weren't ready

to pay it. Cyclist-I'm not. But a fellow to whom I'm hoping to sell my machine asked me what my bleycle cost me, and I can't tell him until I hear from