

CANADIANS ATTACKED. HAMILTONIAN CAPTURED

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HEIDELBERG A BRITISH TOWN.

Clements Drove the Enemy Before Him and Captured Supplies—Hutton Had a Skirmish With the Boers North of Pretoria—With the Artillery at De Aar—The Canadians are Good Shoots—Fighting With Botha.

London, June 25.—The following despatch has been received at the War Office from Lord Roberts: Pretoria, June 25.—Clements successfully engaged a body of Boers yesterday near Winburg, where he had gone to pick up supplies and some heavy guns preparatory to acting in combination with columns from Lindley, Heilbron, and Heidelberg. He drove the enemy north of Sand spruit with loss. No casualties are reported.

"An Hamilton reports that Heidelberg is the most English town he has yet seen. The inhabitants gave him a great reception. The streets were crowded and decorated with bunting. Capt. Valentine hoisted the Union Jack in the market square amidst the cheers of the populace and of the British, Australian and other colonial troops.

"God save the Queen" was sung, the crowds heartily joining in. The poor royalists have had a rough time lately.

"Hutton's Mounted Infantry (including the Cape Mounted Rifles) skirmished with the Boers yesterday a few miles southeast of Pretoria. Capt. Anley is reported to have managed the little business very well. Lieut. Crispin and one of the Northumberland Fusiliers were wounded.

The Canadians were among the first to enter Standerton with Gen. Buller's force.

The correspondent of the Times at Pretoria says that on June 14th the Boers attacked Col. Grouard's railway construction party at the Klondike River. They resisted the attack stubbornly, and were extricated by the timely arrival of transport.

To Defeat De Wet.

London, June 26.—The most important information from South Africa is Gen. Roberts' announcement of a combined movement in the Orange River Colony against Commandant De Wet, who has been showing the most capable generalship.

A despatch from Masera, Basutoland, dated June 24th, reports that a number of Boers who slipped through the British lines between Ficksburg and Senekal, are moving in the neighborhood of Thaba Nchu and Winburg, and are causing uneasiness in the Ladybrand district. It is possible that this was the force that Gen. Clements routed. Another despatch from Masera says that there was heavy cannonading towards Hammamla all day Saturday.

According to the Times' correspondent at Kroonstad, Commandant De Wet's burghers are deserting daily. The tension among those remaining is such that, whenever firing is heard, they burst into prayer and psalm singing.

Canadians in a Fight.

London, June 26.—The Canadians were engaged in the Honing spruit fight last Friday. Gen. De Wet's men first cut off a Canadian outpost of mounted rifles at dawn, two being killed, Lieut. Inglis and four others being wounded, and three being captured. The Free Staters then attacked the camp, where were 50 Canadians and two companies of Shropshires, though with not much effect, as the men were well entrenched.

The foreign military attaches who were with Lord Roberts are now in Cape Town, en route for Europe.

Eighty Hollanders have been lodged in jail at Standerton for destroying property prior to the British occupation. The wives and children of the Boers are surprised that the British do not loot, but pay for what they get.

The Boers derided a construction train near Standerton on June 24th. Two trainmen were killed and four badly wounded.

A party of Brabant's Horse, near Ficksburg, saw a camp of khaki-clad men and walked in, only to find themselves among the Boers. The visitors surrendered.

The Lorenzo Marquez correspondent of the Times, writing yesterday, says: "The Boers are losing a large number of horses from the cold and from lack of food, and the survivors are in a miserable condition. The inadequacy of the Boer commissariat is telling on the burghers."

Hamiltonian Captured.

Kroonstad, June 20, delayed in transmission.—The Canadian Artillery force were engaged in a sharp outpost fight yesterday. Morden Kerr killed, Lieut. Trigis, Aspinall, and Barney T. Miles were wounded. Bell was taken prisoner.

(There are two Bells belonging to Hamilton).

Lieut. Inglis Wounded.

Ottawa, June 25.—The Militia Department to-day received cables which announce the severe wounding of Lieut. Spruit of Lieut. Inglis of the 4th Troop, C Squadron, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, and formerly of Her Majesty's Berkshire Regiment; also the convalescence of Pte. H. Hiam, of the Montreal company of the 1st Canadian contingent, who was reported dangerously ill on the 29th of last month.

A third cable from Lieut.-Col. Otter is dated Pretoria, June 25th, and intimates that there have been no further casualties since the 20th. The latter figure is, however, a mistake, and what Col. Otter probably intended to say was no casualties since the 19th, the date of his last message to the Militia Department.

Pte. Atkinson is Safe.

Alisa Craig, June 25.—(G. N. W. Despatch).—Word has been received here from Private D. H. Atkinson, B Company, Royal Canadians, reported missing at Kroonstad on May 15, that on May 26 he was on hospital duty at Bloemfontein, and hoped to be at the front with the regiment as soon as communications were restored.

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Canadians Shoot Well.

A letter received from Lieut. E. W. Morrison, B Battery, under date De Aar, May 28th, gives an account of a celebration of the Queen's birthday, when the troops held rifle matches. He says: "You have heard a great deal about the Boers shooting well, some forty of them from the surrounding country entered in the rifle matches, but they were not one, two, sixteen, with the Canadians and British. The Ottawa section of D Battery entered five or six men and they cleaned out everything in sight. Corp. Whitton won the 200 yard shoot, and Brigade Sergeant-Major Long won at five hundred yards, and also the aggregate. A Royal Army Medical Corps man and an English Engineer got some of the money, but our boys scooped \$40 out of a total of \$50. Sergt. Wolsley, Corp. Quinney, and Drivers Lyon and Gillespie were the other entries. The gymnastics races were very good, quite a number of officers charged and for the benefit of the British prisoners there, has been delayed at Delagoa Bay. It is understood that Mr. Hay, the American Consul at Pretoria, is going to interview President Kruger in the interests of the prisoners.

Hay to See Kruger.

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Fighting With Botha.

Pretoria, June 24, via Kroonstad.—Commandant-General Botha after his retirement subsequent to his engagement with Gen. Roberts' forces took a very strong position north of Silverton and across the railway. On the following Saturday one of his big guns which had been placed on the railway track, shelled the camp of the eleventh British division. Gen. Hamilton and Gen. Broadwood were sent to attack the Boers, and they made a long detour on the right. Gen. French commanded the troops on the left, while the eleventh division had the centre. The Boers disposed their whole force on the flanks and surrounded Gen. French, who was heavily engaged on Monday. He succeeded, however, in driving the Boers to the east, but not until his artillery ammunition was almost exhausted. On the right flank Gen. Broadwood's two batteries were surprised by a heavy rifle fire from an unexpected position. They were only saved by a brilliant charge of the 12th Lancers, who killed 25 Boers, but lost their commanding officer. A charge of the Household Cavalry was checked by an impassable donga. Part of the main position was captured by the British on Monday evening. Tuesday morning the Boers had disappeared, and Gen. Roberts rode over their position.

The British prisoners who were liberated at Waterval are forming composite regiments, which will be commanded by officers who were also captured by the Boers.

When Gen. French released the prisoners, the men of U Battery, who were captured at Sannas post, seized the Boer Maxim guns covering the prison, and dragged them twelve miles to Pretoria.

A prominent relative of President Kruger obtained a pass in order to visit the President, with letters urging him to return to Pretoria in the interests of the Boer residents, many of whom complain that their savings have been removed from the banks by the Government. The envoy travelled north in a hotel omnibus, but his progress was stopped by Commandant-General Botha, who told him that affairs had now become entirely military and were beyond the President's control. He directed the envoy to return to Pretoria and explain the situation to the burghers at length. The envoy was also told to explain the situation to Mrs. Kruger.

A great quantity of supplies that were captured by the Boers in Natal, especially at Dundee, were found

stored here. These included a hundred tons of compressed forage, biscuits and articles that the Boers were unable to use. They have now been returned to the army.

In view of the interruption to the communications south, Pretoria fort and Johannesburg are now connected by telegraph. Communication by this means was opened yesterday. The first question transmitted was one asking if Gen. Roberts would accept the Presidency of the Soldiers' Institute at Johannesburg.

Woman's Welfare.

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NOTES ABOUT THE CROPS.

Reports Show That Drouth Has Been Hurtful.

FAR FROM STARVATION YET.

The following crop reports, gathered by agents of the Great Northwest Telegraph Company, and dealing principally with the western part of the Province, show, on the whole, fair prospects.

Haidmound.

Cayuga—The wheat crop is the best in this vicinity for years. From present indications it will average 25 bushels to the acre. Oats, peas and barley are in good condition, and promise a good crop. Hay is poor and will not be half a crop.

Brant.

Brantford—In regard to small fruits, currants will be good, gooseberries very light, raspberries fair, cherries light, plums light. Hay about average, but short in straw. Corn promises good; potatoes promise good; apples a fair average. Oats promise good, barley good, fall wheat promises a good average crop. Very little spring wheat grown here. The late rain appears to have had good effect.

Lincoln.

St. Catharines—The extreme drouth that has been prevalent in this section has greatly impaired the crops in Lincoln. In the Township of the sandy soil. Of the strawberries, which promised well, fully one-third dried up on the vines. Peaches good, fall crop. Pears light, plums good, apples fair, cherries very light. Wheat fair, corn very light, very backward, oats light, hay very light. Barley only fair crop.

Oxford.

Woodstock—The crops in this section are on the whole very good. The grain crop promises to be good. Hay is fair, being rather short on the straw. Of the small fruits plums and cherries are light, while the rest promise a fair crop.

Wellington.

Guelph—The crops in this section are on the whole looking very well. The fall wheat to the north and east will average about two-thirds of a crop, while to the south and west it will be a fairly good crop. Hay is not looking quite as well as in former years, and will only be half a crop. All the spring grains are looking exceptionally fine. Although perhaps a little early to speculate, they will turn out good crops. Roots are looking well; the prospects for a good yield of potatoes were never brighter. The apples are slightly blighted in this section, and some farmers complain of their apples falling off the trees. The weather has been beautiful all season.

Welland.

Welland—Hay, very light; wheat, good, above average; oats promise fair; peas and barley fair but not much sown; corn good; hoe crops fair; fruit promises good yield. All crops are suffering for want of rain.

FULTON.

Mrs. E. Halsted is recovering from the effects of the operation and will soon be quite well again. The Methodist Sunday Schools of Tapscott circuit held their annual picnic at Grimsby Park on Friday of last week.

Mr. J. B. Miller and daughter and Miss Jessie Lee are picking strawberries for Mr. W. Clark, of Stony Creek.

Some of the farmers have commenced to cut their hay, which is a very light crop this year.

The Merritt brothers, near Carp Lake, have erected a large barn, with a good cellar stable.

Mr. John Thomas, of New York City, is visiting friends in this locality.

There is a prospect of a creamery being erected at Vinemount, which will be a boon for the farmers within reach of it.

The name of Rev. G. M. Milligan, D. D., pastor of Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, is mentioned in connection with the vacant pulpit of Barony Church, Glasgow.

N. WENTWORTH AND BRANT

Official Report of the Liberal Convention Last Week.

MR. SOMERVILLE'S LETTER.

To the Editor of the Times:

St. George, Ont., June 22, 1900. Sir,—The following is a report of the adjourned Reform convention held in St. George to-day to select a candidate to represent the Liberal party for the next Dominion election.

The full complement of delegates for the riding is 105. Of these 100 were present. After the meeting was called to order, the following communication from James Somerville, M. P., was read by the secretary:

House of Commons, Ottawa, May 24, 1900. J. L. Addison, Esq., M. D., Secretary, North Wentworth and Brant Reform Association, St. George, Ont.

My Dear Sir,—After due consideration I have decided to ask you to withdraw my name from nomination at the convention to be held on the 22nd proximo for the selection of a candidate in the interests of the Liberal party for the next general election.

In retiring I wish to say—without any desire to dictate or interfere in any way with the selection of my successor—that I do so hoping that the Liberals of North Wentworth and Brant will unite in tendering a unanimous nomination to Hon. Wm. Patterson, Minister of Customs in the Laurier Government. And in conclusion, I have to thank my numerous friends in all parts of the electoral division which I have represented in Parliament for so many years for their great kindness in according me the unanimous nomination at the four general elections held since 1882. I am, my dear sir, yours very sincerely,

James Somerville.

Dr. Patton, of St. George, President of the association, with the consent of his mover and seconder, withdrew his name from nomination, leaving John B. Calder, of Ancaster township, and Hon. Mr. Patterson, Minister of Customs, in the field.

After the first ballot, Mr. Calder moved, seconded by R. L. Biggs, that the nomination of Hon. Wm. Patterson be made unanimous, which was carried with three cheers for Calder, followed by the entry of Mr. Patterson to the building by three rousing cheers for Patterson.

The following motions were then carried unanimously: Moved by Robert McQueen, of Beverly, seconded by Walter Murray, of Elmhurst, "That this association desires to place on record its high estimate of the long and faithful services rendered by Mr. Somerville, not only to this constituency but to the Reform party during the eighteen years our representative."

"We desire further to bear witness to his sterling integrity of purpose, and purity of motive, his straightforwardness of action and unwavering loyalty to his convictions of right and duty, held dearer by him than any tie of friendship or personal feeling."

"And that during that extended term of service he has carried aloft the standard of reform for this constituency unwaveringly, and we regret that he is unable to stand back that standard untarnished, and to retire from public life without a single stain on his moral character or political reputation, and we wish him and his partner in life a long, quiet evening of study and satisfaction."

Moved by T. A. Walker, seconded by R. L. Biggs, and resolved that this nominating convention of North Wentworth and Brant desires to place on record an expression of its confidence in and satisfaction with the general policy and administration of the affairs of the country by the present Dominion Government. We hail with great gladness the pre-eminent prosperity that has attended its fiscal policy at once progressive and prudent. We recognize the especially magnificent contributions made under its auspices to the growing unification of the British Empire, in the three various steps of the Preferential Tariff; in the reduction in postage both national and international, and in the ready and hearty manner in which it responded to the patriotic sentiment of the country by contributing the various military contingents of men, money and equipment to the British forces in South Africa, where they have by their heroism, valor, skill and endurance reflected such lustre on our country, and aided in giving it a world wide status and celebrity never previously possessed.

We regard it as having in a very satisfactory way fulfilled its ante-election pledges made to the electorate in reforming and reducing the tariff; taking a plebiscite on the prohibition of the liquor traffic, introducing legislation aiming at the removal of the unjust and unequal distribution of constituencies known as the gerrymander, and as having given an honest, careful administration of great efficiency in every department.

The meeting was then thrown open to the public, and the Hon. Wm. Patterson delivered a stirring address on the political questions of the day. Yours truly, J. L. Addison, Secretary of the Association.

Woodstock Money By-laws.

Woodstock, Ont., June 25.—A by-law to raise \$5,500 to repair Dundas street was voted on to-day, and defeated by a majority of 104. A by-law raising \$3,000 for the installation of an electric alarm system was carried by 102 majority.

Nervous and Debilitated.

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Mrs. D. W. Crossberry, 168 Richmond street west, Toronto, Ont., states: "My daughter, who sews in a white goods manufactory, got completely run down by the steady confinement and close attention required at her work. Her nerves were so exhausted, and she was so weak and debilitated, that she had to give up work entirely, and was almost a victim of nervous prostration."

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NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE. On Thursday, the 5th July, at 2 p. m., at Niagara-on-the-Lake, on the ground, six building lots (60 ft. 2 in. x 420 ft.) beautifully situated between Queen and Johnson streets, being a subdivision of Lots Nos. 79, 80, 89 and 90 (Hospital Lots) of the Military Reserve at that place.

FORT ERIE. On Friday, the 6th July, at 2 p. m., at Fort Erie, on the ground, 22 large lots, situated between the Village and the Old Fort, together with several smaller lots on Albany and Hurontario streets, all in the Village of Fort Erie, Ontario.

An upset price will be placed on each lot. Plans may be seen and full particulars obtained at the Ordinance Lands Office, Department of the Interior, also at the office of Mr. Salem Eckardt, Auctioneer, 108 Wellington Place, Toronto, Mr. W. H. J. Evans, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Mr. Jos. G. Cadham, Auctioneer, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

TERMS OF PAYMENT. One-fifth of the purchase money to be paid down at the time of sale, and the balance in four equal annual instalments, with interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum on any part of the purchase money remaining at any time unpaid, until the conditions will be made known at the time of sale.

By order, P. G. KEYES, Secretary.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, 6th June, 1900.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE OTTAWA.

Sealed tenders (in duplicate) for the supply of coal and wood required to heat the Military buildings at Toronto, Ont., for the 12 months commencing on 1st July, 1900, will be received up to Saturday, 30th June inst. Each tender is to be marked "Tender for Fuel," and addressed to the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, Ottawa.

Printed forms of tender containing full particulars may be obtained from the undersigned at Ottawa, and at the office of the District Officer Commanding, who will furnish all necessary information.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted check on a chartered Canadian bank, payable to the order of the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence for 5 per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party making the tender declines to sign a contract when called upon to do so. If the tender is not accepted the check will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

D. A. MACDONALD, Lt.-Col., Chief Supt. of Military Stores.

Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, 12th June, 1900.