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Most Important Discussion was Over Soldiers' Pay.

The Government were Astounded to Find out they did not Know what They weally Were Paying.

Ottawa, March 5.-Thursday saw the end of the Transvaal discussion, the debate having occupied six days. The ministers have intimated that there was obstruction on the Opposition side, the following interesting facts will sufficiently answer the charge. The speeches on the government side fill 20% columns of Hansard, while those of the opposition occupy 160 columns. Nearly all the long speeches were made by supporters of the government and the longest were hostile to the government action in sending troops to Africa. All the opposition to the offer of troops and opposition to the offer of troops and the payment of expenses came from memoers supporting the government. All the speakers who argued in favor of Canada paying the whole bill were on the opposition side. The only motion made in committee, on which a gotta was taken was a motion that wote was taken, was a motion that Canada should not pay her soldiers, while abroad. This motion was proposed on the government side by Mr. Bourassa, who a fortnight before had been introduced to the house by Mr. Tarte, after an election on the Transaal issue, and after his return had been proclaimed as a government vic-

been proclaimed as a government victory. The only members who voted for the amendment to strike out the provision for payment of the men were three government supporters Mr. Boharassa, Mr. Monet, and Mr. Marcil, all from Quebec. The only speeches that were made in defence of of the Boer cause in Africa, and in condemnation of Mr. Chamberlain and the British policy, were made on the the British policy, were made on the government side where Mr. Tarte, Mr. Bourassa, Mr. Monet, Mr. Ethier, Mr. Desmarais delivered, long pro-THE SOLDIERS' PAY

The house got into committee on The house got into committee on Thursday evening. An interesting discussion followed on the details of the resolution. On the question of the soldiers' pay, Mr. Foster, Mr. Wallace, Mr. McNeili and a number of other members urged that if Canada could not relieve Great Britain of the cost of the Canadian force, it should see that the Canadian troops should see that the Canadian torce, it received a full 50c. a day in addition to the Imperial allowance. For three

hours the members assumed that the troops were receiving 40 cents. Sir Louis Davies, who is usually wrong in any watter of fact, tried for a timeto impress it on the house that they were getting 50 cents in addition to the Im-perial pay. Then Clarke Wallace, who was runmaging among the regular tions, discovered that they were only getting 40 cents. Instead of getting were getting only the 40 cents allowed to the permanent force in barracks and to the Mounted Police. I came as a shock to both sides of house and apparently to some of the ministers. Dr. Rorden explained that

the Imperial Government was paying 24 cents of this while Canada was asked to contribute the other 16. CONFUSION IN THE ROUSE. Finance Minister Fielding created the next astonishment. He arose and solemnly assured the House that when the a rangements passed the council it was supposed that the troops got 50 cents. As Dr. norden had just an nounced that the rate was 40 cents, and as he has been paying that rate to the soldiers since the and of October he

soldiers since the end of October he looked surprised and dismayed. Fuller explanations were demanded and Mr. Fielding, who had the Premier beside him, declared that if the resolutions and the regulations did not provide 50 cents a day they would be made to provide it, as they were always in Ended o do.

So now we have our choice. If Mr. Fielding is right the council deter-Fielding is right the council deter-mined on 50 cents and never found out

entil now that the minister was paying 10 cents less. In that case Mr. Borden, who must have put the regulations den, who must have put the regulations through the council, supposed that he was saking for 46 cents while all the rest thought they were giving him 50. Or else he had his orders to give 50 cents and refused to carry them out. As the money is paid through the finance department there must be a queer state of things whenthe Finance Minister has not found out until now Minister has not found out antil now what is the rate of pay. But it is the more likely state of affairs that the 40 cents basis was originally adopted, and adhered to, until confronted with an aimost unenimous protest the Ministers who were present suddenly changed their policy, and laised the pay of the men on the spot, while the Minister of Militis, sitting two seats behind, was not consecuted in the matter and went blundering on adhering to the 40 cent blundering on adhering to the 40 cent basis. It was one of the most remarkable ascenes ever witnessed in the

ENGLISH PAY FOR ENGLISH SER-

VICE. The Bourassa amendment was another episode. Mr. Bourassa introduced it in a French speech in which he stated the case clearly enough and very much as his own leaders and his own press have stated it before him. If the Canadian soldiers fight in Can-ada, he said, by all means let them ada, he said, by all means let them-have Canadian pay. If they choose to go and fight for England let them be content with English pay. That is the abrupt way in which Mr. Bouras-sa sets forth his view that Canada and England have nothing to do with each England have nothing to do with each other. "Why fight for England" was the question in the campaign sheets circulated in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's inthe question in the circulated in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's interest during the last campaign, "Why fight for England," Mr. Bourassa still asks now as he did then. But the Canadian soldiers went away under the impression that they were fighting for the British Empire of which Canada is as much a part as England. In the end, some of Mr. Tarte's supporters escaped from the chamber and only his own protege and two others remained to face the music. The Bourassa amendment was lost by a vote of 76 to 3, the opposition voting in a solid body against it.

GUINEA PIG'S TAIL

When You Hold One By It's Tail the Fritz told us the other day about a

girl in Milwaukee. She has a sister. Fritz and his friend Waller went to call on this girl and her sister. The one who was not engaged to Mr. Waller casually said: "Fritz, do you know we have some new little things in the basement; I guess they're guinea pigs, but they're different from any guinea pigs I ever saw. If you hold them up by their tails their eyes drop out at least two inches."

"What," says Fritz (and if you could hear him say "w-h-a-t" you'd never forget it). "W-h-a-t's that? Eyes drop out two inches! Well, I guess not. Just tell me that again. How many

inches did you say?" "T-w-o inches if not more," replied the truth-loving maiden. "You just ough, to see them; they're the funniest things you ever saw.

"Well, I should say they were," says Fritz. "Let me have a look at them; you don't mean to tell me their eyes really drop out!" "Oh, yes I do," said the girl, getting warmed up. "You can come right down

and see them for yourself," she added. "I'll bet you a five-pound box of candy," remarked Fritz, "that it's a big mistake." "That's a go," says she, taking the

bet, and they went down. Fritz afterward recailed having seen a prize guinea pig in a show window, and remarking that the beast didn't have any tail. Those particular guinea pigs had about as much a fly remover as a hig round rubber football. Waller lay down on the cellar floor and they thought it was a case for the Coroner. Milwaukee had a huge good time over it, and the girls got the candy.



Mae-"That horrid Miss Perkins 28 perfectly shameless. She would do any thing to attract attention,"

Ethel-"What has she done now? Mae-"I wouldn't believe it if I the 50 cents a day allowed the volun-ters, when in camp or on service, they actually went to church with a last hadn't seen it with my own eyes. She year's bonnet on."

TOLD BY THE ORDERLY.

His Great Retief Over the Old Manie De-

cision as to Modern Bullets. The orderly was telling the story. "Scared? Why, I was never so scared my life. But I had to sit up there on that grave and make a bluff that wasn't afraid. My feet were so cold

that they would have froze snowballs. "The old man deployed the company as skirmishers. The firing was so hot that they couldn't advance, but laid down behind a rice dike and kept ablazin away until the big guns could get up and drop a few shells.

"The old man fixes the men so they're all right. Then he goes and sits down on a grave on the hill just back of the company. Well, of course he couldn's have got any place where the gugies could have got a better chance at him. But he just sets there cool like, and lights a cigarette.

"Well, I'm the hot stuff orderly with a reputation to sustain. So I have to put up a big front and sit down behind him on the same grave and light a cigarette, too. The bullets came a flying around there and dug up the dist and went 'pop, pop' overnead, and say, honest, the orderly was scared to "But the old man puffs his cigarette

and he says, 'Orderly,' he says, 'I guess they are a-shooting at us. "And the orderly, he says, 'Yessar, and you ought to have heard his teeth

"Then the old man says, 'Orderly,'
and I says 'Yessir.' 'We don't care do
we, orderly?' says the old man, and the
orderly says 'No, sir.'
"He was just a holding himself by
the shoulders to keep from getting up, frolling down the other side of that

"Orderly,' says the old man, 'There ain't a bullet made could hit you or me, is there?' "No, sir,' says the orderly, and his feet were so cold they almost froze to-

"Then the gugies fired another volley and a bullet went through the old man's hat and another one spun past the orderly's ear.

"Orderly,' says the old man. Say the orderly was so near dead by that time that he could just grunt, 'Sir.' "Orderly," says the old man, 'they didn't used to have bullets that could hit you or me but I guess they're amaking a new kind now. We will get off our perch, 'and the old man climbed down from the grant and you ought to down from the grave and you ought to see the orderly roll up and hug that rice dike. But cold feet? Say, honest, my feet won't thaw out until next

summer.

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London, March 6 .- The House of Commons was drowded yesterday, and all the public galleries were thronged in anticipation of the budget state ment. The statement of the Chan-cellor of Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, introducing the budget, shows that an expenditure of £154,082,000 has to be provided for in the budget of 1900-1901. The same statement shows that the exchequer account of 2899 1900 would have given a surplus of upwards of £5,000,000; but that the supplamentary war estimates of £23,000,000 make the expenditure exceed the revenue by £17,770,000.

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etc., etc.

Mrs. Marquant was able to sit up Thomas Grandbois, Bloomfield, was

taken to St. Joseph's hospital yester-Northway & Co., are making a

special winday display of new wash Ald. G. W. Sulman is acting Mayor during the absence, of His Worship in

Seven inches of snow fell last evening. The barouneter is very low, in-

dicating storms. City Auditor Wm. H. Robinson, is completing his work on the books in the City Treasurer's office.

The little daughter of Richard Car ey is recovering slowly from the ef-fects of the burns she sustained by falling into a boiler of hot water. County Commissioner Thomas Robinson, is in the city to-day. Yesterday, he severely cut his left hand with an axe while chopping wood. Twelve

stitches were necessary to bring the wound together A successful practice of orchestra and chorus which, under the direction of E. J. Forsythe, will assist in the dedication services of the Oddfellows, was held in the hall last evening.

CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. Comparative statement of duties collected at the Port of Chatham, during the months/ of February, 1899 and 1900: Month of Feb., 4900, \$4,241.86; month of Feb., 1899, \$3,824.06; increase for Feb. 1906, \$417.80.

THE WIDOW BROWN.

The admirers of "The Real Widow The admirers of The Iteal Widow Brown" are legion, and you will be one of them if you witness this genu-inely agreeable musical comedy at the Grand to-night. This story is consistantly told and humorously developed and leads up to situations and climaxes that are novel as well as undeniably funny. The company is one of the best presenting this style of entertainment, and the costumes are exquisite. Many pleasing specialties are introduced

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IN THE EVENING The Degree Staff will exemplify the 2nd Degree at 8 c'cleck in the Lodge Room. At 9 30 a Grand Banquet will be given in the Auditorium to the Grand Lodge Officers who have all accepted invita-

Brothers are requested to secure their tets for Banquet before Wednesday, possible in order that the committee may know how many to prepare for.

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The Real Widow Brown at the Grand

Owen A. Smiley, of Toronto, Canada's charming entertainer, is engaged for St. Patrick's concert, March 19th. Uncle Tom's Cabin will be presented in the Grand to-morrow afternoon for the school children and in the ev-

ening for everybody. Misses Anne and Maggie Still, Miss G. Kennedy and Miss E. Stark, of Joseph street, are spending a few days at Chatham Centre with Miss M. Oli-

A sleigh-loud of 13 young people-and that 13 must have done the business-undertook to drive around the city last evening and have a pleasant time. They had it, too, at least, until in passing the athletic grounds on William St. the covered sleigh went William St. the covered sleigh went over and some exciting scenes followed. One damsel claimed quite excitedly to have broken her arm, while two others were badly bruised; the male portion of the company also suffered severely but in silence. The anguish of the wounded aroused the the neighboring residents and symmetry the neighboring residents and sym-

ALLEGED DISEASED PORK. A police court information has been preferred by Government Inspector Jos. Kime, Jr., against John Duff, charging that he disposed of a hog infected by an infectious disease. The case was enlarged till Friday. J. A. Walker, Q. C., appeared for the prosecution, M. Wilson, Q. C., for Thomas Montgomery, Raleigh, where the hog was alleged to have been kept, and J. B. Rankin, Q. C., for the defense.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING. AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

A reporter of The Planet gleaned the following in an interview with the general agent of Stetson's Double Uncle Tom's Cabin Co., which will appear at the Grand here to-morrow afternoon and sevening: This company is the largest and, best Uncle Tom Co. travelling, comprising thirty first class artists. So complete is their scenery that the piece could be put on in a barn for better scenic effects than is produced by any other company. They have a grand double band and orchestra of ten pieces and one that is hard to beat. that is hard to beat.

VICTIMS OF SLANDER.

A Story Floating around Imput ing Disloyalty to a Well-Known City Firm

To the Planet.-Some malicious perons have circulated a slanderous sons have circulated a slanderous statement imputing to us want of loyalty to Her Majesty and strong sympathy with the Boers in the present struggle in South Africa. These slanderers vouch as their authority a well-known lady, in the city who it is alleged heavy one of medical who, it is alleged, heard one of us give expression to disloyal sentiments while she was making a purchase in our store. There is not the shadow of foundation in truth for this incident. No one heard us ever give ex-pression to disloyal sentiments at any time or on any occasion. The lady re-ferred to denies that she ever made such a statement and authorizes us to use her name, if necessary, to repel the stander. To those who know us, it is scarcely necessary to say that we not only have no sympathy with the Hoers, but that we are and always have been, like our fathers before us, loyal subjects of the British Crown: loyal subjects of the British Crown. It is our intention to prosecute any one whom we may discover to have had a part in circulating a slander so injurious to us as citizens, and so damaging to our characters as merchants in a country forming part of the British Empire. Yours, &c.,

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