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AN ARMORY TO BE BUILT IN SUSSEX.

Col. Domville Informed That Work Will be Begun on One for the Eighth Hussars in the Spring--The P. E. I. Cable Under Fire.

Ottawa, March 12--The session today was a business one, given up chiefly to the discussion of railway bills.

Dr. Bethune introduced a bill respecting the Dominion Atlantic Railway Company; also a bill respecting the Bay of Quinte Railway Company.

Mr. Casey introduced a bill to establish the telegraph system as part of the public service. He explained that it contemplated the establishment of a system of telegraph lines by the government throughout Canada.

Mr. McLellan, of Prince Edward Island, spoke of the excessive tolls on messages between that island and the mainland and also referred to the fact that the office in Charlottetown closed at 8 o'clock, which prevented the morning paper in that city from receiving any news after that hour, and also greatly inconvenienced business men.

Mr. Martin, of Prince Edward Island, also spoke and said that the high rates were due to the government which controlled the line.

Sir Louis Davies said the government had no control over the rates. They were fixed by the railway companies.

This commission, it seems, cost \$8,500 and of this Rev. Dr. McLeod received \$6,770 for salary and \$3,123 for travelling expenses.

Mr. Davin moved that the seed grain introduced into the Northwest should be dealt with in a comprehensive manner so as to do justice, give relief and meet necessities. He made a long speech to support his views and was followed by Mr. Davies, of Saskatchewan, and Mr. Clancy, of Manitoba.

The premier explained that some years ago the late government had a bill for the purchase of seed grain from the farmers of the Northwest, the sums ranging from \$8 to \$20, to secure repayment of which had taken a lien on his lands and the bond of two sureties.

During the discussion on Mr. Davin's resolution in regard to seed grain, in the house on day, Mr. Davin called Mr. Davies, (Saskatchewan) a Boer. This was just prior to the house rising at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Davies has given notice of a fair wage resolution which is as follows: "That all government contracts shall contain such conditions as will prevent any abuse which may arise from sub-letting of such contracts and that every effort shall be made to secure the payment of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out and this house cordially concurs in such policy and demands in the day of the government to take immediate steps to give effect thereto."

It is hereby declared that works to which the foregoing policy shall apply include not only works undertaken by the government itself, but also all work aided by grant of the Dominion public funds.

PROVINCIAL BILLS IN COMMITTEE.

Little Was Done Yesterday--The Bridge Investigation Will Prolong the Session Three Weeks.

Fredericton, March 12--The only business transacted by the legislative committee this morning was that done by sub-committee of corporations, and even they made very little progress.

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Mr. McGoldrick, Keast and Allan, Messrs Hay, Gleason, McDonald, Shaw and Kane with John L. Carleton, counsel for the latter, are here looking after the abattoir bill. The Common Council ask for a company to build a public slaughter house where all animals for consumption in the city shall be slaughtered.

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MEASURES TO SUPPRESS THE PLAGUE.

The San Francisco Board of Health Will Go Through Chinatown and Clean it Thoroughly

San Francisco, March 12--The board of health has agreed that the work of inspecting Chinatown with a view of improving its sanitary condition shall begin every day until all danger is passed, every house will be visited and every occupant inspected.

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HOW JESUS WOULD HAVE RUN A PAPER

To be Shown by the Author of "In His Steps" at Top of This Week--He Would Not Have Allowed Smoking or Abbreviations.

Topeka, Kas., March 12--Rev. C. M. Sheldon, who is to edit the Topeka Capital this week, was at the office of the paper at half past eight o'clock this morning and made a hurried inspection of the various departments.

At 11 o'clock he met the working force of the paper and gave out instructions for the day.

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BLOEMFONTEIN TO BE REACHED TODAY.

General Roberts is Now But Twelve Miles Away--He Again Outwitted the Boers by Marching Around Instead of Against Strong Entrenchments--Peace Proposals to be Laid Before Parliament Today.

London, March 13, 4.30 a. m.--Lord Roberts is making a very rapid advance; and he is again misleading the Boers by continuing his advance southward, instead of through the flat country due east of Asvo's Kop. He will probably seize the railway south of Bloemfontein, and, although another battle is possible, it is more likely that the Boers are only trying to delay his advance until all the rolling stock of the railway and the stores and troops from the Orange River district can be gotten away north.

Whiteley Reid's Congratulations. Such confidence is now felt in the military operations that interest rather centres in the political aspects of the war. The Daily News quotes Mr. Whiteley Reid as saying in a private letter: "I give you hearty congratulations on the changed aspect of the war. It is an immense relief to us all, as well as to you."

Except in the case of Germany the replies of the powers to the Boer appeals for intervention are not yet known publicly here, but it is quite certain that Austria, Hungary and Italy will decline to interfere, and there is no apprehension that anything will come of the overtures of the two republics.

Boer Peace Emissaries. A despatch from Lorenzo Marquez announces the arrival there of Mr. Fischer, the Orange Free State secretary, and Mr. Wolmarans, a member of the Transvaal executive council. It is not known whether they are bound on a mission to foreign powers or to Sir Alfred Milner. Mr. Wolmarans is in President Kruger's confidence.

Unconditional Surrender. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has issued a statement that his forthcoming visit to England has solely to do with private business and is in no way connected with the South African settlement.

All the morning papers take the line that the government will decline to open negotiations with the Boer republics, and will also make it perfectly clear that nothing in the shape of foreign intervention will be tolerated.

The Times says: "President Kruger and President Steyn should have counted the cost before they made war. They played for a great stake and have lost. Until they are ready for unconditional surrender they may save themselves the trouble of sending communications to her majesty's government."

THE COLONIES TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT

Mr. George Wyndham Says They Obeyed the Instinct of an Imperial Race and Will Continue to do So.

London, March 12--At the commencement of the debate in the house of commons today on the army estimates, the parliamentary secretary for the war office, Mr. George Wyndham, declared that recent events did not justify at present and diminution in the provision for the further conduct of the campaign in South Africa.

So the government estimates included what was believed to be enough money to continue the efforts at full pressure for another six months and at half pressure for six months thereafter.

Continuing, Mr. Wyndham said he contemplated that the colonies would in future continue their military support of the Empire on a systematic basis and that they might live to see this new force revolutionize the problem of imperial defence. The colonies, he declared, had not fulfilled a contract but had obeyed the instinct of the imperial race. It might be possible, but deprecated, making proposals to perpetuate their present action, but would seek to render a repa-

ment easier by some organization on arranged lines. The speaker paid a high tribute to the heroism of troops who, he said, had splendidly contributed to the deep strategy of Lord Roberts.

Regarding shooting practice, Mr. Wyndham said that the government propose to expend £150,000 on rifle ranges and sending officers to Switzerland to be the subject of ranges.

Discussing the necessity for additional battalions in order to enable the number of battalions to be at home abroad, and the impossibility of reducing the forces abroad, the secretary finally remarked: "No one ever found the opportunity or time to withdraw our troops from Egypt and no one ever would find tin Regarding garrisons abroad, Mr. Wyndham said that only by a voluntary item of recruiting could the garrisons be maintained."

Sir Charles Dilke, Radical member of the House of Commons, declared that the revolution in the problem of imperial defence, the colonies, he declared, had not fulfilled a contract but had obeyed the instinct of the imperial race. It might be possible, but deprecated, making proposals to perpetuate their present action, but would seek to render a repa-

PEACE PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED

To the House of Commons Today--They are Signed by Both Presidents and Ask for Peace with Independence.

London, March 12--In the House of Commons today Mr. A. J. Balfour, the first lord of treasury and government leader, replying to a question as to whether, consistent with public interests he could state the essential conditions on which alone the government will entertain peace proposals from the South African republics, promised that papers in this connection would shortly be presented to the house.

By Mr. Balfour would be presented to-morrow and would confirm in every respect the news carried by the Associated Press Friday last that the peace rumors were founded on the fact that President Kruger had appealed to Lord Salisbury for a cessation of hostilities and offered at length by cable the terms which he was willing to accept, also that the cable despatch to the premier was signed by President Steyn as well as by President Kruger. Lord Salisbury's answer is exactly as given by the Associated Press at the same time, namely that the advisers had met with an emphatic rejection at the hands of Lord Salisbury, who also said that no such attempt to return the independence of the Transvaal could be considered for a moment by the British government.

HOT ON THEIR TRAIL.

Twelve Thousand Boers With Eighteen Guns Being Closely Pursued.

Venters Vlei, Orange Free State, Monday evening, March 12--The British forces which, since the fighting at Driefontein, have been marching rapidly hither, have turned the Boer position. Our cavalry are ahead. The Boers were reported this morning about 12,000 strong with 18 guns in position on a range of kopjes commanding the direct road to Bloemfontein, which is distant 15 miles

LATEST AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

Gen. French with cavalry division Occupies the Orange Free State Capital.

LONDON, March 13--The War Office has received a despatch from Lord Roberts announcing that General French reached Bloemfontein last evening and occupied two hills close to railway station. About sixty or seventy were killed or are missing.

MONCTON AND FREDERICTON.

Civic Elections Were Held in the Two Towns Yesterday.

Moncton, March 12--The civic elections passed off very quietly today, although there was more than the usual interest taken in the result. The vote was a little larger than that of last year; being about the same in ward one, larger in ward two, and a little smaller in ward three. The result for mayor and aldermen is as follows: For Mayor, F. W. Sumner, 474. J. T. Hawke, 281. Aldermen: At large--F. W. Givan, 461. W. D. Martin, 425. F. C. Robinson, 346. J. C. Patterson, 244. Ward One: F. P. Reid, 88. Dr. Bourque, 78. G. H. Cochrane, 43. J. Flannagan, 25. Ward Two: Dr. Smith, 222. S. Winter, 223. D. Grant, 153. Dr. Purdy, 138. Ward Three: W. K. Gross, 130. J. E. Ryan, 124. W. McK. Weldon, 123. J. S. Magee, 122. Fredericton, March 12--The civic election took place today. The people seem-

WAS LITTLE INTEREST.

Mr. Harry Beckwith Re-Elected Mayor of Fredericton, and F. W. Sumner Chosen Chief Magistrate of Moncton--The Names and Figures of Candidates and Contesters.

Copyright Legislation. Toronto, March 12--At a meeting of executive of the Canadian Society of Authors, of which Hon. George W. Ross president, held today, it was announced that the British Society of Authors agreed to amendments to the copyright act which would give to the Canadian society for safeguarding publishing interests in Canada. It expected legislation putting the proposed amendments into effect will be introduced and passed at the present session of Dominion parliament. A man is often called a "brisk," but because he's made of clay.



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THE MONTREAL DISTURBANCES.

It will probably be regarded as a serious thing in some respects that several thousands of militia were under arms in Montreal during the past week for the defence of property and the preservation of the peace.

The riots which have occurred in Montreal are not so much racial as they are social. They are racial in the sense that English speaking people have been arrayed against the French speaking people.

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Thereby. But what they were subsequently led to do, when joined by several thousand Tory agitators, was a vastly different matter.

"A BOGUS COMPANY."

The words at the head of this article were the term which Mr. Clarke Wallace employed to describe in the House of Commons the company which offered to build the Canadian Pacific Railway for a smaller sum than was paid to the company by which the railway was constructed.

One singular feature of the affair was the fact that Mr. George E. Foster whose seat is close to that of Clarke Wallace, should not have risen to defend the good name of Mr. Gibson from the aspersions of the man from West York.

AFTER THE WAR.

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Provincial Legislature.

Fredericton, March 12.—In the house today Mr. Burchill from the standing committee submitted a report.

Answering Mr. Melanson's inquiry Premier Emmerson said an arrangement was made for the translation and publication of the debates in French with the Courier of Bathurst and the Evangelist of Weymouth.

WRITE FOR IT.

Our Catalogue for Spring and Summer, 1900, will soon be ready for mailing; it is now in the hands of the printers, and we expect to have them in a day or so.

It is somewhat different this year from those that we have previously gotten up, in that it contains samples of our entire Stock of

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Mr. O'Brien (Charlotte) chairman. Progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Answering Mr. Fleming's inquiry with respect to the rapping of the piers of the Woodstock bridge Hon. Mr. White said that tenders were asked Oct. 5 and received up to and including Nov. 6 of last year.

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the house understood your remarks. With all due respect to his honor, Mr. Speaker's position, the latter could not have kept the house in session beyond six o'clock if any honorable gentleman objected and it was therefore idle to say that the government had attempted to say that the house adjourned last Monday without the leader of the opposition having a chance to speak.

The Sun Has Been Guilty of Questionable Tactics.

It was only the other day that Mr. Humphrey had made reference upon the government in connection with the installation of the electric plant in the provincial lunatic asylum.

Mr. Hazen said it seemed to him the honorable gentleman was getting extremely sensitive as to what the newspapers say, and it seemed to him that if honorable members were to rise in their places and find fault with papers not in sympathy with them whenever they think they have not done them justice or have levelled improper criticism against them, a good deal of the valuable time of the house would be wasted.

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Men Threaten Each Other About the Capitol--Arrests for the Murder of Goebel Caused the Crisis.

Frankfort, Ky., March 11--The Democrats and the Republicans in Kentucky are today, for the first time since the present political complications assumed acute form...

WAR NEWS.

London, March 12, 4.45 a. m.--The war office maps show a group of kopjes and a large water pan at Driefontein, a position which has apparently considerable defensive advantages.

BIRTHS.

DUNLOP--To the wife of W. G. Dunlop, on Saturday, a daughter.

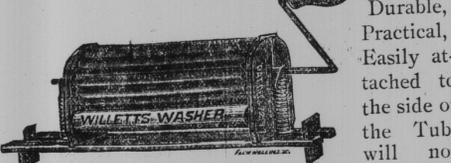
MARRIAGES.

NORTHROP-URQUHART--At the minister's residence, Hatfield's Point, N. B., on Monday, Pastor S. D. Ericson...

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