

An Insult To Victoria

Tarte Sees No Advantage in Spending Money on Harbor Improvement.

Provisions for Yukon Bought in Ottawa While Coast Made Better Offer.

Economising on Volunteers' Pay—Liberals Prepare for General Election.

By Associated Press.
Ottawa, March 2.—Col. Prior asked to-day what amounts have been expended in Victoria harbor since 1897.
Mr. Tarte replied that parliament having thought the public money could be spent to better advantage elsewhere in the Dominion had not spent any money in Victoria.

Dr. Borden said the expenditure for transport and pay of Canadian troops for Yukon had been \$543,980, for barracks at Dawson and Selkirk \$83,000.

Mr. Tarte told Col. Prior that the provisions required for men constructing the Dawson telegraph were purchased in Ottawa, the value of \$5,085, for the tenders were called and Kelly & Co., of Vancouver, were the lowest tender.

The opposition caught the government to-night attempting to make the rate of pay of the volunteers after to-day only 40 cents a day. After a vigorous kick Mr. Fielding inserted 50 cents. Bourassa's amendment to confine the pay to the Imperial rate was defeated by 76 to 3.

Sir Charles Tupper announced that the Ontario Accident Company had offered \$31,000 to be paid immediately to the relatives of Canadians killed at Paardeberg. (Applause.)

The Premier said Canada had not been asked for more troops for Africa.

The Liberals are getting ready for the general election. Chief Organizer Smith has been transferred to Ottawa and Liberal headquarters have been opened here from which literature will be sent to the electors with instructions to party workers.

THE WOUNDED CANADIANS.

War Office Classification of Injuries of the Western Men.

Winnipeg, March 1.—The Telegram prints a special cable from London which says:

"The war office has supplied us with a list of wounded Canadian troops captured on February 18. This is the first indication of the nature of the wounds received by Canadians. It includes the following:

Severely wounded, "A" Co.—Private H. Andrews, Fifth Regiment, Victoria; Private F. Finch-Smith, Fifth Regiment, Victoria.

Slightly wounded, "A" Co.—Private Duncaif, 50th Battalion, Private H. Mackenzie, Manitoba Dragoons.

Toronto, March 2.—A special cable to the Globe this morning from Modder River says that the British and Western companies, a short time ago reported missing, is now reported safe.

STRANDED ALLAN LINER.

Californian May Be Floated in Few Days if Weather Keeps Favorable.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Hugh Allan returned from Portland this morning. He says if the weather keeps fine the Californian will be floated in a few days. At present she is in a snug berth and lighters are alongside taking off her cargo.

When she left Portland the wrecking steamer "A. Borden" was visible off the harbor and could be worked immediately. All depends on whether the wind keeps down or not. She is resting easily at present and work can go on quietly as long as this state of things lasts.

GOOD ROADS FOR ONTARIO.

Government Prepared to Spend a Million Dollars in Improving the Highways.

Toronto, Feb. 28.—Premier Ross made the important announcement this afternoon to the good roads deputation that the government were prepared to grant \$1,000,000 a year for a period of ten years towards improving the roads of Ontario, provided a satisfactory system is found. The gentleman in question stated that the deputation, in some time ago asked the same question of Canada, and a reply was sent that she would send ten thousand.

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Answering Mr. McNeill the Premier remarked that the government had communicated with the imperial authorities in reference to filling vacancies in the first contingent.

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Privations Had Eneebled the Troops and Ammunition Almost Exhausted.

Two Thirds of Whole Force Had Been in Hospital—Supply Train Arrives.

A PLAY WELL ADVERTISED.

New York Correspondence of Olga Netherole's Latest Production.

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS ABSOLUTELY NO RELIANCE CAN BE PLACED ON HIS STATEMENTS.

STREY A BAD LOT.

The admiralty board has telegraphed to the Cape Commander an expression of admiration and thanks on the part of the lords of the admiralty to the Marquis and Jackson engaged in the war, for the fine manner in which they have upheld the traditions of the service and have added to their reputation for resourcefulness, courage and devotion.

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From Friday's Daily Colonist.

Victoria went crazy yesterday—crazy with joy at the news of the relief of Ladysmith.

General Buller and his loyal troops as they first gained entrance to the besieged city could not have displayed greater exultation than did Victorians yesterday on receipt of the glorious tidings.

From the moment that the telegraphic apparatus in the C.P.R. office ticked out the words "Ladysmith relieved," until now, as these words are being penned, Victoria has done everything conceivable to show her great joy at the welcome news.

The great announcement which stirred the hearts of everyone came suddenly. The news from the front during the day did not indicate that the relief of Ladysmith was immediately at hand.

The Colonist had received its usual night despatches, which were in the nature of things of startling importance.

It was 2 o'clock in the morning. "Tick-tick, tick, tick, tick," Vancouver was calling Victoria. The operator answered back, then came the words—"Ladysmith relieved."

That was enough. The supply of fire-crackers which was on hand in the telegraph office was put to the match, and five minutes afterwards, under orders from Mayor Hayward, who was apprised of the good news by phone, the fireworks proclaimed to the sleeping city the news of Buller's triumph.

Instantaneously at the receipt of the news the Colonist building was brilliantly illuminated and a great quantity of fire-crackers set off in front of the entrance.

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Strathcona Asks Photographs of Canadian Volunteers—Baroness Macdonald's Admiration.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 2.—The Redistribution bill was read a second time to-night, the six months' hoist being defeated.

The fire department made a very portion of the apparatus in the parade and the numerous engines and hose carts were appropriately decorated.

The most noticeable feature of the procession was the appearance of the members of the "Red, White and Blue," and afterwards came a group of young amazons clad in the uniform of the British soldier, their appearance being the signal for loud and prolonged cheering.

The lions with which Agie, the celebrated lion tamer, performs at the Lyceum theatre were in the parade and the appearance of these living emblems of British might called forth loud and prolonged applause.

Then were to be noticed Mayor Hayward and the civic officials, members of the provincial legislature and others, all greeted with loud cheers as the procession proceeded.

Hickmen, firemen, drymen and private volunteers to the number of a hun-

Elsewhere in The Dominion

Vancouver and Nelson Feel Samples of Feelings in The Province.

Montreal Celebrates in a Blizzard and Students Hoist the Flag.

AT THE CITY HALL.

Some Patriotic Addresses Delivered by Prominent Citizens.

After traversing the principal streets amid the salvos of applause which marked the procession on its way, a halt was made at the city hall, where patriotic speeches were delivered to the large crowd in attendance by His Worship Mayor Hayward, Rev. Dr. Campbell and C. H. Lugin, editor of the Colonist.

Mayor Hayward first of all called for the attention of General White, who had held Ladysmith against great odds. These were given with great fervor, and the Mayor, outlining called for cheers against the Boers.

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AT THE CITY HALL.

Some Patriotic Addresses Delivered by Prominent Citizens.

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A Reunion Of Easterners

"Old Boys" Banquet at the Hotel Dallas Last Evening.

Great Social Gathering of Prominent Business and Professional Men.

Last week the "Old Boys' reunion" of Canadians from the Eastern provinces was postponed because of the onset of heavy losses in the Canadian regiment at Modder River. Last night the dinner was held and a more auspicious day could not have been chosen that that of the relief of Ladysmith. It gave a fillip to the reunion, especially in view of the glorious details that had reached Victoria.

There was quite a hard snap here at the time of the sale of the property of the late Mr. Abel, which was registered 36 degrees below zero on Risky creek and 18 below at Chimney Creek ferry. This made an ice bridge there, and many have been passing and trips are taking advantage of the ice bridge.

Mr. J. Chapman is wintering his large band of pack-horses on J. Mel drum's ranch, and buying up many more and getting ready to make an expedition for the Yukon country. He has been packing in these late years for the Hudson's Bay Company, and many have been passing and trips are taking advantage of the ice bridge.

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