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METHUEN CHECKED!

Monday's Battle the Most Serious British | landers, the Boer shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high. Otherwise the British losses, would have been still heavier. Reverse of the War.

Thirty Thousand More Troops Must be Sent to South Africa.

London Times Says Canada and Other Colonies Should be Now Called on for Further Contingents—Canadian Regiment is at Modder River.

BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN.

The Highlanders Get Within Two Hundred Yards of the Boer Trenches,

When a Deadly Fire Was Opened on Them from Front and Flank, Mowing Down About Two Hundred Men.

(Special despatch to the Sun.)
LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Daily News ent with Gen. Methuen cables: "After shelling the Boers all day Sunday with our howitzers and naval guns, the whole force, with the exception of those left to guard the camp, moved forward. The attack was opened at 3.20 Monday morning by the Highland brigade. In front were the Seaforth, Argyles and the Black Watch,' with the Gordons and the Highland light infantry in support. The men marched in quarter column formation. The Highlanders had reached to within 200 yards of the Boer trenches when a deadly fire was opened on the front and the right flank. Here about 200 men were mown down, and those leading were forced to retire. The supports were then brought up, but they also falled to carry the kopje, and the right flank was thus in serious jeopardy. The guns, however, dashed to the rescue, and protected by their fire our shattered force was abla to retire. The 4.7 irch naval gun opened on the enemy at six a. m. When our right of the 12th Lancers were dis and skirmished through the clearing and holding it until the afternoon Our terrific artillery fire provoked no response except from the eremy's

DESULTORY ARTILLERY FIRE. "All efforts to carry the position having failed, the action at midday sank into a desultory artillery fire with the exception of some sharp skirmishing on the right flank. At 3.45 the Highlanders forged up to renew the attack on the trenched kopje, but the Boers, who had made no use of their artillery during the whole day, now opened on them with a heavy shrappel fire. The brigade was immediately forced to retire again, and the fight between the guns continued

"The losses on both sides were very severe. Many Boers were killed in the trenches and wire entanglements. (The entanglements mentioned in the foregoing are probably explained by the fact mentioned in another press despatch that the Boers came upon open ground on the British front for the purpose of attacking the British flank, but were arrested by the Guards and the artillery.)

DAILY MAIL'S ACCOUNT. The Daily Mail's correspondent says that the murderous fire on the Highlanders at 200 yards caused in a single minute the larger part of the fearful British loss. He adds: "Startled and overwhelmed, the brigade retired the open veldt against the trenches infantry to take the position by ason the right, fought an invisible battle sault.

FEARED A BAYONET CHARGE. According to another telegram, the Boers had trenches on the level veldt far beyond the foot-hills. These were hidden by screens of leaves. Some trenches between these and the hills were guarded with barbed wire, the

until sunset, when a few rounds were fired from four guns. Prisoners say that one of the lyddite shells fell on forty, men, and that only five escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the laager, completely destroying it. The Boers are said to have outnumbered the British almost three

enemy evidently fearing a bayonet at-

tack. The Boers used only one gun

ANOTHER ACCOUNT

MODDER RIVER, Thursday, Dec 12.—The British casualties in the battle of Magersfonteln included the Marquis of Winchester, major of the second battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham of the first battalion Gordon Highlanders, who was mortally wounded.
When the Highlanders met the murderous point blank fire of the Boers about 200 were mown down. The Black Watch regiment, on re-form-ing, was only able to muster 160 men. The Boers also lost heavily in the trenches and also in the wire en-tanglements, when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank attack on the British.

attack on the entrenched kopie. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the Boers, close to the place omrades of the Highland brigade. The enemy opened with a heavy shrappel fire as the British advanced, and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here

that Col. Downham fell. USED BARBED WIRE.

The Boers had free recourse to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the British crtil-

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held be fore the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieut, Col A. E. Codrington and Capt. Sterling both of the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

A detachment of Boers, posted among some thick bushes to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right. With the remarkable tac for taking cover which the Boers always displayed, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and, although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated as well quickly, but railled and retained their as unusually well aimed, that it was The Guards, who crossed absolutely impossible for the British

At the first advance of the High

DON, Dec. 13.—Sir Walter Hely-

RISK WAS JUSTIFABLE

So Says the London Times Correspondent Refering to Gatacre's

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A despatch to the Times from Bushman's Hook, the Times from Bushman's Hook, dated Monday evening, says:

"The Boer commander has been requested to furnish full information of the British casualties in General Gatacre's engagement. The British have withdrawn to good positions along the railway southward to Molteno.

"Gen. Gatacre and staff remain at Bushman's Hook, which is impregnable and of immense importance, but they will probably move in the direction of Sterkstroom."

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Another despatch to the Times, dated Dec. 12, says that the Boers declined to give the information requested regarding the British casualties. They stated that they had buried the dead and were sending the prisoners to Biomfontein. The Boer loss was stated at four tilled and oss was stated at four killed and

nine wounded.
After describing the hardships endured by Gatacre's men the Times correspondent concludes his despatch as follows: "Ill luck has pursued this column from the first start. The intended trick seemed feasible, but errors rendered it impossible. The maich was too long and the enemy's position was impregnable, but success would have yielded immense results, and the risk was justifiable.'

THE STORMBERG BEPULSE.

The Fight Lasted Three Hours, the British Falling Sack in Fair Order.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 12 (delayed in transmission).—The Cape Argus prints this account of Gen, Gatacre's ight at Stormberg. The despated was sent by the correspondent of the Argus at Molteno: "Gen. Gatacre struck camp at Put-

ter's Kraal on Saturday and put hi men on a train for Molteno. men, who occupied four trains, reach-The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly four o'clock in the afternoon, when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the column was skirting one but the column was and fired on the British. The Royal Irish and Northumberland's, were leading, were ordered to take cover from the fire. The Boers held the superior position, but their shooting was bad, and this saved the British from being annihilated.

"The British artillery attempted to The | flank the enemy, but the Boers anticirated this movement, and our men were sandwiched between a furious fusilade for an hour. An artillery duel followed. Our artillery did splen-

"The Cape police displayed conspicuous bravery, and worked their Maxims in fine style during the Boer also fought well. The Boer guns were silenced for a time, but re-opened from new positions.

"The fight lasted three hours, when Gatacre fell back in fair order, the artillery covering the retreat. Boers followed closely and repeatedly shelled our men. "Ihree transport wagons had to be

CANADIANS AT MODDER RIVER.

Word May Come at Any Momement That Our Boys Are in the Thick of the Fray.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.-Up to a late hour tonight no word had been received from Col. Otter respecting the movements of the Canadian contingent. The general supposition here is that they were not in the fighting at Modder River on Sunday. Any moment, however, word may come that our boys are in the thick of the fray. Mrs. Drummond tonight received a ablegram from Major Drummone dated Modder River, today, stating that he is safe. This is taken to mean that the Canadian contingent has arrived there and that Gen. Methuen is

CASUALTIES NUMBERED 450.

Shell Fire Falled to Disloge the Enemy, and British Were Unable to Get Round Their Flanks.

LONDON, Dec. 13.-Up to midnight the war office had not received any deconcerning Gen. Methuen's losses. It is estimated, however, that the killed, wounded and missing number about 450. The fighting was of a desperate character. A terrific shell fire failed to dislodge the enemy from ACME SKATES their splendid cover, and the British were unable to get round their flanks.

SUNDAY NIGHT SORTIE.

LORENZO MARQUEZ, Dec. 12 (delayed in transmission).-A despatch from Pretoria, describing the sortie from Ladysmith on Sunday night by 500 men of the Second Rifle Brigade, commanded by Col. Metcalfe, which the British described as a victory for their arms, says that the attack was repulsed, and that nine Brit-ish were killed, 70 wounded and 17 captured. Three of the leading townsmen of Pretoria were killed and several others were wounded, causing great sorrow in the town. The des-

add that the cannon damaged British was a Krupp howitzer

DOUBTS THE STATEMENT.

son, governor of Natal and Revisid: a resident of Dunder, who re alned in that town until Oct. 25, at which time the Boers had been in ion of the place for a number of days. Rayfield states that up to red with private persons. He doe believe the charge that the Boers had shot the h ards there, as he himself was a member of the guards.

KARFIRS MARCH TO WHEELWRIGHT

STUDENTS ARRESTED.

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 11 (delayed in transmission). Sixteen colonial students were arrested on the steamship teen of these students were released on parole. Parcle was denied the other three, and they were detained.

MORE TROOPS FOR THE FRONT.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13.-Two nd troops, including the Yorkshires and Lancashires, embarked on the transport Majestic today, bound for preminent citizens and a great crowd of people witnessed their departure. The men were enthusiastically cheer-

MARQUIS OF WINCHESTER KILLED. LONDON, Dec. 14.-The correspond ent of the Telegraph at Modder River says that the Marquis of Winchester, of the Coldstream Guards, who succeeded Lieux. Col. Stopford after the latter was killed in the first Modder River battle, was killed in the last engagement.

CONTRIBUTION FROM GAMBIA.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.)
LONDON, Dec. 13.—The unofficia members of the council, in behalf of the colony of Gambia, propose to con-tribute £500 for the relief of the fam-lies of soldiers killed in South Africa.

BOERS WILL OCCUPY MOLTENO. MOLITENO, Cape Colony, Dec. 11. delayed in transmission).—It is ex-

FOREIGN ATTACHES MOVE. CAPE TOWN, Dec. 13.-In conse quence of a telegram which was re-ceived from Gen. Builer the foreign attaches have safled for Durban.

NATAL POLICE WITH BULLER. DURBAN, Natal, Dec. 13.-A troop

of the Natal police are acting as Gen. Buller's body guard.

MONDAY'S BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 13 .- Gen. Methuen's report from Modder river shows that he met with a serious check on Monday and suffered great loss. NORTH OF MODDER RIVER

Monday, Dec. 11.—Early yesterday evening the guards and the Highland brigade moved from the Modder river camp, marching in the night, in a northeasterly direction. The objective of the Highlanders was the eastern spur of the Boer position, the Guards following the bank of the river while the Yorkshire Light Infantry moved along the river side. Just before daylight the Highlanders arrived within 200 yards of the Boer entrenchments at the foot of a hill. Unsuspecting that the Boers were in marching in quarter column, in close order, when they met a terrible fire from the flanks and were forced to retire with heavy loss.

BOER GUNS SILENCED. The troops reformed under the shelter of some rising ground and gallantly held their position. Later, the Gordons arrived and the troops gradually worked their way until within 300 yards of the Boer positions, displaying the greatest gallantry. In the meanwhile a naval gun at the Modder river, the howitzer batteries and the horse artillery opened a terrific fire, enfilading the trenches and searching every rortion of the Boer position. The Boer guns were entirely silent. In the meanwhile the Boers on the open ground, directly in front,

flank attack, but this was frustrated by the guards and artillery. The Boers recommenced shelling in the evening, but no damage was done. The British slept on their position It is expected that there will be a renewal of the fighting tomerrow. The losses on both sides were very heavy.

GEN. METHUEN'S REPORT. LONDON, Dec. 13.-The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Methuen, dated Tuesday,

"Our artillery shelled a very strong

position held by the enemy in a long. high kopje from four o'clock until dusk Sunday. It rained hard last night. The Highland brigade attack ed at daybreak on Monday the south end of the kcpje. The attack was properly timed, but failed. The guards were ordered to protect the Highlanders' right and rear. The cavalry and mounted infantry, with a howitzer artillery battery, attacked the enemy on the left and the guards on the right, supported by field artillery. They shelled the position from daybreak, and at 1.15 sent the Gordons to support the Highland brigade. The troops held their own in front of the

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Sale of Ready-made Jackets now in full swing at this store. LADIES MIXED TWEED JACKETS -at \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00 These Jackets are worth from five to eight dollars

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enemy's entrenchments until dusk, the position extending (including the kopje) for a distance of six miles towards the Mcdder river. Today am holding my position and entrenching myself. I had to face at least 12,000 nen. Our loss was great."

GEN. WAUCHOPE KILLED. LONDON, Dec. 13.-The war office

as received the following despatch rom Gen. Forestier-Walker: "Cape Town, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Me huen wires that General Wauchope was killed in action yesterday." (Major General Andrew Gilbert Wauchope, C. B., G. M. G., was in command of the Third Brigade. He as in his 54th year. He entered the rmy in 1865, joining the Black Watch. He was appointed colonel in 1888. He served with distinguished gallantry in the Ashanti campaign, 1873; the Egyptian war, 1882; the Soudan expedition, 1884, and the Nile expedition of 1884-85. He was four times wound-ed, thrice severaly. His last command before the Transvaal war was brigadier general commanding ist Brigade Egyptian expeditionary force of 1898. A Scottish laird, he was the opponent of Mr. Gladstone at Mid Lo-thian a few years ago, but was defeated. He was an excellent shot and ough rider.)

ALARM FOR METHUEN. LONDON, Dec. 13.-Alarm is beginning to be expressed in many quarters as to the situation of Gen. Methuen. The Westminster Gazette says: "If
England ever needed a victory it is
now, and it is to Buller, the soldier,
strong, cool-headed and reticent, that
the country looks for this victory."
The other papers are abusing the
sovernment for its "complacent optimism" and inability to great the

Gen. Methuen's statement that he entrenching himself, indicating fear that the Boers may follow up their advantage, adopt the offensive and attack him. Indeed, the gravity the situation from the British point of can hardly be overestimated. Gen. Methuen's long lines of communication to De Aar are most vulnerable. Should they be cut, Gen. Methuen would find himself in a very tight place, if only from lack of supplies, The news of the British reverse had bad effect on the stock exchange where there was a general relapse

Kaffirs and Rand mines dropped 21-2 oints, and De Beers dropped 3-4. MILITARY CIRCLES ALARMED. As the day progressed and driblets of information leaked out, the extreme gravity of Gen. Methuen's position was more fully recognized, and the possibility of his isolation created no small alarm in military circles. It was thought in some quarters that he ought to retrace his steps to Orange River before his lines of communication were seriously severed. Gen. Wauchope's death was much

deplored. He rendered notable service at the battle of Omdurman, for which he was thanked by both houses of A pathetic circumstance was that Gen. Wauchope's wife was among the

inquirers at the war office a few minutes before the telegram announcing his death was posted. The stock exchange today close grave and anxious. There was considerable, nervousness as to the outcome of the settlement, and there

were rumors of further failures. There was little excitement notice able at the war office, but at the club gloom and forebodings that the brief announcement that over 300 wounded had arrived at Orange River indicated that Gen. Methuen's losses were the most severe yet reported.

SPECULATIONS ON THE FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Gen. Methuen as expected, followed up his artillery attack with a general assault on the Boer positions on Monday, and his reports show that the anxiety of the public regarding the result occasioned by the ominous silence of the war office was amply justified. The engagement was evidently of considerable magnitude, and the list of killed and wounded will be proportionate without the compensation which a victory would have brought, if indeed the affair does not turn out to be a more

serious defeat than Gen. Methuen admits. The Highlanders, it is believed, must have stormed the Boer position more than once, while the fact that the Guards were ordered to support the Highlanders' rear looks as though the Boers may even have outflanked their attackers. One report declares that Gen. Cronje attacked the British. Then only compensation the British have been able to discover in the disneartening story is in Gen. Methuen's statement that he maintains his position close to the Boers, thus arousing the hope that he will retrieve the situation. Apparently the bombardment of Saturday and Sunday did not shake the Boers' grip on their position, and it seems certain that they merely withdrew their guns and riflemen under cover, while Gen. Methuen indulged in the usual artillery pre Monday, and that when the British guns were obliged to cease firing owing to the danger of hitting the advancing troops, the Boers speedily re-occupied their trenches and over-whelmed the Highlanders with their terrible rifle fire, probably accor ing this by an attack on the right flank and rear.

PRETORIA, Monday, Dec. 11.official report says: "A battle at Modder River began vesterday with cannon firing, heavy fighting proceeding from 3.30 o'clock in the morning 2.30 o'clock with cannon, Maxims and rifles. A bombardment began at 4.30 mism" and inability to grasp the despatch rider brought word that all strength of the opposition it had to the Boer positions had been maintained and that 41 British prisoners had been taken. At 9.30 o'clock it was reported that the heavy cannonading had somewhad abated The British are constantly using their balloon. The ighting was still going on at noon.

Rimberley is still quiet. JULIAN RALPH'S ACCOUNT. LONDON, Dec. 14.—Julian Ralph, describing the battle at Magersfontein in a special despatch to the Daily

"The Boers were entrenched at Maerstontein, four miles north of Modder River. At dawn Monday the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, were suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches about 200 yards in front. The greater part of the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute. "Startled and overwhelmed,

brigade retired quickly, but soon ral-lied and retained their position. This was on the left. "On the right the Guards' brigade dvanced across the veldt against other trenches, and fought an invisible

foe for fifteen hours. "At eleven in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches, and then enfliaded them. We raked the Boer trenches with the artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with night-

ENGAGED AN ARMORED TRAIN. LONDON, Dec. 14.—A special despatch from Pretoria, by way of Lour-

"While the battle of Ma vas proceeding, the Free State artillery engaged an armored train along the railway line toward Belmont.

"Forty-one prisoners, belonging to the First Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, have just traversed Ja-

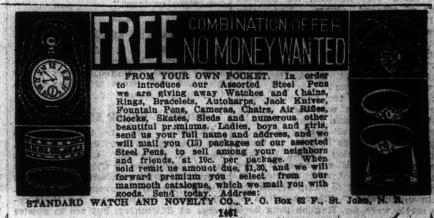
"In the last attack on Surprise Hill, three leading Pretoria townsmen were killed and several others wounded,

ENEMY'S LOSSES TERRIBLE.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Gen. Forestier-Walker, telegraphing from Cape Town at 3.30 p. m. today, sends the follow-ing despatch from Lord Methuen

dated Modder River, Tuesday, Dec. 12, the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning, I retired in perfect order here, where I am in security.

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for fifteen hours."

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ter, in which it said that the Burg-

THE STORMBERG DISASTER.

The Cape Town Argus' account of

the Stormberg disaster intimates that

there was considerable confusion in

the course of the retreat. Once, it is

reported, the British artillery fired on

a body of their own men, who had not yet retreated out of the hollow,

The Telegraph's Pietermanitzburg

correspondent says that the govern-ment has been informed that a force

of Boers is advancing towards Wee-

nen from Ladysmith, with the object

of destroying the bridges over the Mooi river. The government notified Gen. Buller, who has sent out recon-

THE STORMBERG REVERSE.

The Boer Shooting Was Bad, Other-

wise the Loss Would Have Been

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 11, 1.15 p. m.-

The Times' correspondent at Molteno

says that Gen. Gatacre left his head-

quarters at Putter's Kraal Saturday

night to march to Stormberg, where

the Boers were strongly entrenched

in the old British camp. The enemy

were prepared and opened the attack.

pouring murderous volleys into the

advancing troops. The Irish rifles

and Fusiliers took to cover. Fortu-

nately the Boers' shooting was bad, or

otherwise there would have been a

heavy loss. The artillery saved the position by effective shelling. Gen.

coers followed the British for eight

miles, but their shelling was ineffec-

tive. The Boers occupied an impreg-

nable position. The British losses are

Bay complains of the privileges given

the Transvalal, whose consul is re-

ported to have secret service tele-

graph connection between Delagoa

Bay and Kommatie Port, and to re-

ceive constant information of Boer

successes. The correspondent adds

that the Portuguese are jeering the

English and that the place is a hot-

ATTACK ON GUN HILL.

Boers Before the Latter

LONDON, Dec. 13 .-- The Daily Mail

Knew It.

publishes details from its correspond-

ent at Ladysmith, showing that all the

men who took part in the recent at-

tack of the Boer position on Gun Hill

were on foot. Some wore rubber soled

shoes and carried no bayonets, and

their rifles were not loaded. When

they had silently mounted the rocks

passing the sleeping Boer picket, they

suddenly heard the challenge, "Who

comes there?" No reply was made

and the challenge was repeated. Then

red coats. Shoot." An officer of the

the Boers cried several times, "The

Light Horse Volunteers thereupon

shouted in Dutch, "The red coats with bayonets, run." The British cheered

and charged. The enemy's fire broke

out in front and rear, and the British

in front thought their comrades in the

rear were firing on them. Gen. Hun-

and the cext minute the Boers bolted.

Some thirty were surprised asleep.

One of the surgeons amid the confu-

The correspondent adds that a let-

ter written by a Boer gunner was

ter Englishman is a very hard fighter,

and Ladysmith won't fall yet. We are

still strong here, nearly 2,000 being

engaged. They doubtless are encamp-

casualties sustained by the British.

ON STATE BUSINESS.

ed in outlying laagers."

to join the Boers.

crying, "Who the devil are you?"

bed of Transvaal intrigue.

Gatacre withdrew to Molteno.

unknown

Very Heavy.

vounding several of them.

hers were not a bit frightened.

Party from Ladysmith Destroy a Boer Gun, But Have a Hard Fight to Get Back.

One Officer and Eleven Men Killed, and Three Officers and Forty-one Men Wounded.

Particulars of the Storming of Gun Hill and the Complete Destruction of the Boers Long Tom and Another Gun - Lady Sarah Wilson Exchanged

for a Boer Woman.

LONDON REVIEW.

Gatacre Condemned by the Critics as Being Responsible for a Grave Blunder.

Particulars of the Storming of Gun Hill and the Destruction of the "Long Tom."

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 13, 4 a. m.-Gen Gatacre's explanation and the sortie at Ladysmith comprise the only important war news that has been received during the past 24 hours. Gen. Buller continues silent, as to his own prospective movements. The fact that has not yet advanced does not exbeing unquestioned. So much cannot be said respecting Gen. Gataore. The critics, while admitting that errors are unavoidable and recalling those made by the greatest commanders in history, nevertheless condemn him as being responsible for a grave blunder. His sflence as to how he .ost nearly seven hundred men is regarded as most unsatisfactory, and there is an evident disposition to suspect that some humiliative story is being withheld either by Gen. Gatacre or his superiors. Steyn's claim that three gurs and two wagons were captured is also compared with Gatacre's statement, and a desire is expressed to have the discrepancy explained.

NO WORD FROM METHUEN. There is no news from Gen. Lord Methuen, commanding the Kimberley to the interruption in cable communi-cation. A deepatch from Lorenzo ing, which is doubtless the same that was mentioned in Tuesday's message The despatch, which comes from a Cronie attacked the British, who were prepared to advance towards Kimberley. The engagement was proceeding Post's expert, backed by an editorial vehemently complains of the insuffciency of the force sent to South Africa. He does not believe that the military advisors of the government are blameable for the parsimonious lading out of men to meet an imperial emergency. It is an element in the war council which knows nothing of military matters that drags on the British Were Among the Sleeping wheel. We are paying for the deter-mined reglect of problems relating to transport and supply. Economy has transport and supply. Economy has een the ory which has kept the com-

STORMING OF GUN HILL. The Standard's Ladysmith correspondent tells a graphic story of the storming of Gun Hill, after describing the ascent of the hill and the flight of the Boers in fear of the British bayonets, which were not there, he

There was a hurried search for the big guns. For a moment the horrible thought seized us that there might be no guns at all, that the enemy, as had so often been the case, had some how got word of the projected attack and removed their cannot to a safe distance, but at last, to the delight of everybody, the "long Tom" itself was discovered snugly ensconced behind a parapet of sand bags 31 feet thick. A 4.7 inch howitzer was found in an emplacement hardly less strong, with a maxim gun between the two, posted apparently for the purpose of re-

had actually lelivered. DESTRUCTION OF LONG TOM. "Lieut. Turner, with two sappers and six artillerymen at once took charge of the 'Long Tom,' and with crowbarn and hammers smashed the breech and elevating gear. Two charges of gun cotton were placed in the breach and muzzle and connected with fuses. While the 'Long Tom' was thus being provided for, similar attention was bestewed on other sappers and gunners. The preparations being completed. Gen. Hunter ordered the men down the hill The fuses were lit with the burning ends of officers' cigars. Everybody fell back with the exception of Capt Fowke, who remained midway between the two big guns, and after a couple minutes of suspense a loud report showed that an object had been to examine the debris. He found the six inch gun with two gaping holes in the muzzle, which was badly bulged and that the breech rifling had been destroyed beyond all chance of repair. The hewitzer was in even a worse plight, the explosion having wrecked the carriage as well as the gun. The maxim was seized and carried off. The men returned to camp across the plain unmolested. Other trophies of the sortie were an English song book that was found in a cover underneath the parapet, where the gunners evi-

they have not arrived there. Runners report that numbers of British wourded are still lying on the veldt and relief parties are starting to suc-

DIAMOND INDUSTRY KILLED

ANTWERP, Dec. 12.—The war in South Africa has practically killed the diamond industry. It is expected that the stock of rough stones will be exhausted in ten days and that not a mill will then be working. Relef committees are being organized to help the cutters who are already out

FIGHTING IN THE DARK.

PARIS, Dec. 12.-A telegram purporting to be from Col. Villebo Boers, states that he has seen Pres-dent Kruger, who is far from dis-heartened, and says that the English are fighting everywhere in the dark. Col. Villebois Mareuil has gone west to join Commandant Cronje.

A BOER ACCOUNT. PRETORIA, Sunday, Dec. 10 .- Preident Stevn has sent the following details of the fight at Stormberg

The British with six cannon attacked the Boers under Swanpoet and Oliver and stormed the Boers' entrenched position on the kopies. After a severe fight they were compelled to surrender. The prisoners are Major Sturges, six officers and two hundred and thirty non-commissioned officers and men of the Northumberlands; and two officers and about two hundred and fifty noncommissioned officers and men of the Irish Fusiliers. It is impossible to state the number of dead or wounded British.

The Boers captured three cannon and two ammunition wagons.

LADY WILSON EXCHANGED. LONDON, Dec. 13.-A special despatch from Lourenzo Marques says a Boer telegram from Mateking an-nounces that Lady Sarah Wilson, aunt of the Duke of Mariborough, who was captured by the Boers while acting as a correspondent for the London Daily Mail, has been exchanged for a Boer woman who was a prisoner at Mafeking.

SURPRISERS SURPRISED. LONDON, Dec. 12.-The war office publishes the following despatch from Despatch from General White, dated

Dec. 11. says: "Last night Col. Metcalfe and 500 of the second Rifle Brigade, sortied to capture a Boer howitzer on a hill. They reached the crest without being discovered, drove off the enemy and then destroyed the howitzer with gun cotton. When returning, Metcalfe found his retirement barred by the Boers, but he forced his way through, using the bayonet freely. The Boer losses were considerable. The British losses were the following: Lieut. Ferguson and 11 men killed; Capt. Paley, Second Lieut. Davenport, Second Lieut. Bond and 41 men wounded; six men captured who had remained behind in charge of the wounded.

THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT. LONDON, Dec. 11.-No official information has been received here of the doings of the Canadians since they left Cape Town, but news received by the office show that they are still on Lord Methuens' line of communication

from De Aar to Belmont. So far as known, they took no part in clearing the enemy out of Gras Pan last week. That was done from Modder River. It is not officially certain whether they are under command of Lord Methuen or General Walker at Cape Town, who commands the lines of ommunication, but it is probably the latter. The Gordon Highlanders are with

the Canadians, not the Seaforth, so far as known. Unofficial telegrams speak most highly of the way in which the Canadians managed the stiff work at Orange River, building sidings and erecting platforms, besides the routine

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the retiring American consul, will depart for Washington in a few days MAY GREATLY PROLONG THE WAR. BRUSSELS, Dec. 12.—The Transvaal legation believes that Gen. Gatacre's defeat will greatly prolong the war and will cause the Cape Dutch

GROSSLY UNDER ESTIMATED. LONDON, Dec. 12.-A despatch to the Central News, dated Molteno Dec. 11, says that Gen. Gatacre's troops have gone to Cyphergat, where they will await reinforcements before another forward movement is made They were disappointed by their reverse at Stormberg, but are in nowise disheartened. The enemy's strength was grossly underestimated. It was dently took refuge, and a private let- expected they would occupy Molteno

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itary experts, commenting on today's war news, insist upon the admirable work being done by the colonial roops. The St. James Gazette says the New Zealanders, near Colesburg. inticipated the Boers on an important hill, and drove them off with a loss of five. The New South Wales Lancers admirably co-operated with our cay dry in the same neighborhood. The Canadians at Orange River station have been showing their quality as yet in a way no less important, though less showy. Being for the most part very hardy men, accustomed to take up any job that fell in their way, they have been invaluable in very necessary work. The building of railway sidings, erecting platforms and in many needful duties essential to the progress of the campaign. "We know they will be plucky and ecol in action." The colonial campaigning experience is not being lost on them, and they



are now getting their reward in be-

A LETTER Telling How People Had to Leave Johannesburg - Saw Boers Going

Writing to a friend in St. John, October describes the experiences the journey. They left Johannesburg in a coal truck crowded with Jews.

"We left there about 10 o'clock on hum. We had to sleep on one another when we did sleen. We were just back of the engine and the coal dust was in our hair for a week after. At ther unless I could get better accomciled me to do this was that we were terviewed the conductor, and he discovered that one compartment of the carriage was filled with Jews, so he pulled them out and gave it to us. It rasn't very much of a place. The Kaffirs always travel in it in ordinary times, and it didn't smell very sweet. But we opened all the windows and moked up and forgot our trouble after a while, when we got accustomed to it. On Saturday night we were landed at East London, and we had a time finding a room. After walking around half the night we at last discovered a place where we could sleep for half a crown a head. The place was crowded and we had wait until Wednesday for a boat, which landed us at Durban about six o'clock the next night-about 24 hours' run-and it was as crowded as the ccal truck. We all decided that we preferred the ride in the train to it One of my friends slept on the deck. We got to Maritzburg the next night, a week and a day from the time we started on a journey which would only take us 23 hours in ordinary times. The reason we had to go that times. way was that the government of the Transvaal had stopped the trains running between the two places and

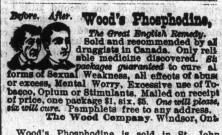
were using it for the transportation of their own troops to the front. I saw them go every day for a week or so. It was very sad, some of the lights. There were old men over sixty, and boys not over fourteen, in the same truck with their Mausers on their back, and with whatever they needed in the war in a pillow-case with their ammunition. It would make a lump come into a fellow's throat to see them. Everybody gave them a cheer as they pulled out of Johannesburg. Some of them are now dead. The few battles which have can fight, and have very good generals on their side. I am writing after the battle of Ladysmith, where they captured the Royal Irish Fusiliers and Gloucesters, and the 10th Mountain battery of artillery. This has made people somewhat down in the mouth here, but it certainly was not the

CORNWALLIS POTATOES FOR HA-VANA.

fault of the men.

The sch. Delta, Capt. Smith, eady for sea, loaded at Canning for Havana, carrying over 3,500 barrels of potatoes. The shippers are W. H.

At Port Williams, sch. V. B. Robdaily going forward over the D. A. railway to Halifax, for transhipment by steamer to Havana.



Wood's Phosphodine is sold in St. John

CERVERA'S OWN STORY. The Admiral Knew that His Fleet Was

to publish the official corresp 200 pages, a copy of which has just reached us. It contains many despatches which have been published before, but some which are entirely new, and in particular several letters which passed between Admiral Cervera and the minister of marine before the war broke out, which are not only rew but of deeper interest. The whole is now offered as the Apologia of the gallant old sailor. With a proud humility, at once dignified and pathetic, he lays before his fellow-countrymen and the world the proof that, whoever blundered, whoever was the victim of wild illusions, he was not: but that throughout, his head was as clear, his foresight as keen, as his heart was

From the very beginning-going back

as far ds the letters of 1896-'97-Cer-vera's constant warning to the minister of marine was, "Do everything in reason or honor to satisfy the United States, for if war breaks out we shall be overwhelmed." Minister Bermejo was incredulous. A good part of the American navy was in the Pacific. Yes, replied clear-sighted Cervera, on March 7, 1898, but what does that mean except the immediate crushing of our feeble naval forces in the Philippines? Ah, rejoined the minister but you do not take into the accoun the "superiority of our homogeneous educated, and disciplined crews in a combat with the mercenary levies of the United States." As to that, answered Cervera, sadly, you have only to remember what happened to our ancestors at Trafalgar. But surely, urged Bermejo, with your swift ships you can ravage the Atlantic coast, and speedily bring the enemy to terms. Are you crazy? was Cervera's despairing comment.

So the correspondence went on

through all those weary weeks of waiting for the war. The men in charge of the fleet-Cervera and all his captains — solemnly warned the government that their campaign must be defensive, or it would necessarily be disastrous. But at the same time Blanco was urgently telegraphing from Cuba, and Macias from Porto Rico, that the squadron must be sent, or all would be lost. Thus pulled about. the government was at its wit's end, Thursday night and travelled in this and finally called the famous council coal truck until 9 o'clock the following of war of the eighteen or twenty adnight, and perhaps those Jews didn't mirals and captains in Madrid, which decided that Cervera must sail from Cape Verde and fling himself on foe. That was about what his orders was in our hair for a week after. At amounted to, for he was utterly unnight we had to change cars, and they able then or later to get intelligible put us in a cattle car with about two instructions from the minister of marinches of their droppings on the floor. inc. His orders were simply to sail for I decided that I wouldn't go any far- the Antilles, calling at some neutral modation, for we had 24 hours' run to Porto Rico or Cuba, as he might from there to where we could take the think best, and doing there whatever boat for Natal. One thing that de- his "skill, discretion, and courage" might suggest. Was ever haples in British territory. I went and in- ficer sent more bunglingly to the fate which he knew to be as certain as the sunrise? Yet Cervera set sail with his crippled ships as bravely and cheerfully as if going to assured victory. He said that if the admirals over-miled him one of them really ought to relieve him, but he was not the man to shrink from duty, and with a proud moriturus saluto to the Spanish government and people, he put to

Cervero fully intended to go to Porto Rico after calling at Fort de France. His statement to that effect is a tribute to the shrawdness of our own naval strategists, who sent Sampson to that island to meet him. But at Martinique Cervera heard that Sampson was awaiting him; he himself had to go to Curacoa fer coal; and then, by a good deal of luck (alog casual), as he himself confesses, got into Santiago unobserved. To Cervera at Martinique the following extraordinary telegram was sent by the minister of marine:

"MADRID, March 22, 1898 .-- Since your sailing the situation has changso that if you judge that the squadron cannot operate to advantage where you are, you may return to Spain, choosing your own route and port of call, though this would preferably be Cadiz. Acknowledge receipt and advise of your decision."

Cervera did 1ot acknowledge receipt because he never saw the despatch till he got back to Spain. He sailed before it was delivered. But an indication of the mind of the Spanish government, and of its fitness to carry on war it needs no comment. In this respect, however, it vas surpassed, if such a thing were possible, by the suggestion made by the minister of war in June 3, that Cervera should run the blockade at Santiago, and go to Manila to smash Dewey, afterwards returning to finish off Sampson! The later official correspondence has

nearly all seen the light before. Cervera was never deceived about the ruin of his ships if he tried to take them out. He wished to blow them up in the harbor and land his men to assist in the defence of the place. But he was under Blanco's orders, and that officer insisted, as we know, upon the admiral's going out to have 600 of his men killed, in a spirit of sheer "vanity," as Cervera called it. One incidental point is cleared up in these despatches. Admiral Sampson has said that he never knew why his ships were At Port Williams, sch. V. B. Roberts, Roberts master, will sail on Monday for Hayana, carrying nearly two thousand barrels of potatoes. The shippers are J. W. & W. Y. Fullerton.

Large quantities of potatoes are daily going forward over the D. A. at night, but that officer had to inform him that he had no artillery mounted that could do it. And the ammunition on shore was as defective as it was on

> Where is boasting? This is the quesion we well may ask after this full revelation of the weakness of the foe we conquered at Santiago. The only boast the Spanish have made is that they showed the world they knew how to die. Never did men go more clear-eyed to death for their country than Cervera and his comrades. What he has now published is in defence of his intelligence. He wanted his friends and his country to know that he at



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MASSACHUSSETTS ELECTION.

BOSTON, Dec. 12.-After a most spirited campaign the republicans won a great victory in the municipal election today, Hon. Thomas N. Hart defeating Gen. Patrick A. Collins, the democratic nominee for mayor, by 1,904 votes, the total vote being: Hart, 40,-665; Collins, 38,761. The democrats, however, still control both branches of the city government, the board of aldermen by a somewhat increased majority. The city as usual voted for license, but the all-absorbing question of re-laying the street car tracks on Tremont street, which had been taken up when the subway was completed, was negatived.

The republican victory was in a great measure due to the "knifing" of Gen. Collins by the supporters of John R. Murphy, who were severely disappointed at their favorite's defeat in the caucases. A remarkably heavy republican vote also materially assisted in overcoming the democratic plurality of 4,000 in the last city election for mayor in 1897, and the 6,000 at the state election in November.

The election, other than the heavy voting, was devoid of special incident, there being no excitement at the polls

and no arrests. The elections in Massachusetts cities practically concluded today, when 17 of them were held. Unlike the conditions a week ago, the repubicans were generally successful, although non-partizanship was a winring barner in several cities. Only in Newburyport did the social democrats Boston, Lynn and Woburn, ordinarily strong democratic strongholds, the republicans scored signal victories. The day was also a good one for license, two cities, Lowell and Salem, changing from no license, and in many cities favoring the sale of liquor were increased.

ELDER WEBBER DEAD.

Was Well Known in This Province-Died in St. Johns, Nfid.

(Richmond, Me., Bee, Dec. 1.) The remains of Elder Ruel S. Webber were brought from his late home in St. Johns, N. F., Saturday afternoon, and funeral services were held at the Free Baptist church at eleven o'clock Sunday morning. The services were conducted by Elder T. B. Osborne of Palmyra, the pastor, Rev. J. M. Paige assisting. The Universalist choir was present and rendered several selections. The officiating clergyman, who had been a co-worker with the deceased, based his remarks on the 11th chapter of John, the resurrection being his special topic. The congregation was made up principally of former neighbors of the deceased, by whom he was held in the highest

Elder Webber was born in Richmond n 1837, and was converted under the Adventists at the early age of fifteen years. He attended Litchfield academy, where he secured a liberal education. When a young man he learned the blacksmith's trade of his father, after which he was employed for a number of years by the late Hon. T. J. Southard and subsequently entered the employ of the Bodwell Granite company of Hallowell, Maine.

About thirty years since he was or-

dained to the ministry, and he proved

a successful worker. He travelled extensively in the west, and about ten years since he took a special course in theology and elecution at Battle from the west he was stationed at St. John, N. B., where he labored with marked success for about ten years, and while here the companion of his youth was stricken with pneumonia. from which she died. Elder Webber was greatly cwn by his bereavement, but after down by his bereavement, but after passing a few weeks with friends here he returned to New Brunswick, where he continued to labor for about one year. He was then sent as a missionary to St. Johns, N. F., accompanied by his new wife, where he labored with success until his health failed a short time since. News of his death was received here with profound reman was ever held in higher esteem by his neighbors than Elder Webber. He was a man of deep piety and walk-ed uprightly before the world. Elder Webbers' age was sixty-three years and eleven months, and he is survived by a widow and one son. The present writer voices the sentiment of all in saving that a good man has gone to als reward. Elder Webber's literary the Bible and Christian theology. His first production, "The Bible Defended," is a reply to Ingersoll's attack on the writings of Moses, and the books met with quite an extensive sale.

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"Mother Against Son" is a drama being played today in Norwich, Conn., and the general opinion seems to be that Mrs. James de Trafford Blackstone, in the autumn of life, is having more storm and stress than usually falls to the lot of woman. Twice divorced, and after twenty years remarried to her first husband through the mediation of their son, she now finds herself, so she claims, thrust out of her home by that same son.

James de Trafford Blackstone was graduated from Yale in 1868. He was one of the original members of the Travellers' club, which was merged into the New York club, and an original member of the New York Jockey club. He was also a member of the Algonquin and Essex County clubs of Boston, and of the Kittemaugh Arcanum and the Norwich club of Norwich Conn. He was a director of the Chicago and Alton railroad treasurer of the Tetokett mills and the Occum Water Power company, and secretary of the Attawaugan Manufacturing

company. But now, when his estate is hopelessly bankrupted, it is said that he spent money more freely than the great mills could make it.

In the heyday of his young manhood he owned horses and yachts, and made frequent excursions to New York. In one of his visits he met Miss Sarah A. Whittaker, who, under the name of Lillian Osborne, was a stage favorite. She was playing Libbie Dean, the ingenue part in "The Mighty Dollar." with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence, at the Park theatre. The young woman was a niece of Mrs. Ferdinand P.

Miss Whittaker was born in Halifax in 1854, but spent her girlhood in Springfield, Mass. She was a brilliant and accomplished young women, pro ficient in music and painting, and had

a crowd of admirers. Blackstone proposed to her, she accepted, and they were married in New York. Mrs. Blackstone retired from the stage, and they made their home in Norwich. For a few years all went well. He had an honored name and money; she had wit, beauty and cleverness. In 1876 a son was born, called Lorenzo after his paternal

grandfather. Then rumor had it that the brilliant young couple did not get along as well as they might. In December, 1877, Mrs. Blackstone left the Norwich home, and went back to her relatives n New York. by his father. In June, 1878, under the incompatibility of temper clause, which is no longer on the statutes of Connecticut, a divorce was granted

On Wednesday, October 23, 1878, four menths after the divorce, Mrs. Blackstone kidnapped her child. A few months later the courts restored the

boy to his father. Feeling herself bereft of everything Blackstone, on November 29, 1879, married Samuel S. Sondheim, of the firm of Sondheim Brothers, brokers, at No. 20 Cotton Exchange. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Gottheil, Mrs. Sondheim throwing aside all differences of creed. They went to the bridegroom's home in

Yonkers, but did not live happily, and on January 19, 1881, she quietly disappeared. In due time Mr. Sondheim secured divorce and later married

She was next heard from in Paris. where she lived for the next fifteen years. After the second divorce she was known as Mme. Blackstone, and became prominent in the French capital, her parlors always crowded with well known men and women, She became a pupil of Madrazo, the portrait painter. Her pictures were accepted by the French Salon in 1890, and she was represented there until she left Paris, four years ago. Among her well known paintings are "After the Gathering," "The Flower Girl," and "A Portrait of a Russian Lady. Some of her paintings have been engraved and reproduced in various

publications in this country. During this period she had many admirers-artists, authors, a Russian prince or two. There was one story of a prince who followed her on one of her visits to this country. But she

never married. The memory of her boy was ever with her. With all her art study and the attractions of the butterfly life she led, Mme. Blackstone was frequently flitting back to see the growing youth she had tried to carry away in 1878. In 1896 she found him a student at Yale, where his father had been graduated, and some of the old tenderness that had never crushed out of the heart of either "Traff" Blackstone or his first wife, as was later proved, began to swell up once more. With the lapse of the flying years there had come a wish to see again and hear the voice of the man who had courted her nearly 20 years before. Then the wish to be near her stalwart son was strong, and so it came about that in May, 1897, Mme. Blackstone, of Paris, came back to New York, very quietly, and established a studio at No. 41 Union square. It was inevitable that she should

meet her former husband some day, face to face. And what of Trafford Blackstone? He, too, had had his troubles. In the early eighties a woman, who said she was Mrs. Annie Rich, of New York, visited Norwich, looking for him. She alternated between his house and his office until she learned that the day before her arrival he had left for Bos-

She kept the wires busy until she learned that he had sailed for Europe. Then she left Norwich, but only for a while. A little later the local papers

copied from the London dailies the

announcement that Mr. De Trafford! Blackstone and Mrs. Annie Rich had een married in St. George's church, Mr. Blackstone installed in his home in Broadway, Norwich, the second Mrs. Blackstone. She identified her-self with the Park church, devoting time to charity. She died in

Even while the second Mrs Black stone was occupying the home that was once hers, Mme, Blackstone of Paris went to Norwich to see her son, The boy was not in the house of his stepmother, however, but with his grandmother, Mrs. Lorenzo Blackstone. And so it came that at these times "Traff" and his first love never

With his second bereavement Trafford Blackstone settled down to a existence. He had gone the pace. He needed rest, and took it. He was a handsome, well preserved man. with just a tinge of gray hair that set off his florid complexion.

Meanwhile the former wife and mother was keeping the studio in Union square.

Well, what might be expected happened. With young Lorenzo out of college, and calling all the time either upon one or the other of his parents, there was a silver line between the two hearts that had never really been sundered. It is said that the lad prought about the reconciliation. Twenty years parted they met again and agreed to remarry. The testimony of the man in the case is good right here. He said on the 21st of Februarv. 1897:

"We have agreed to forget the past. Mrs. Blackstone, who was and is to be, will give up her studio here and fit up another in our home in Norwich Conn. She will devote her leisure to her art. Our son was partly instrumental in bringing about our reconcili-

At this time they were both stopping at the Waldorf. The following Tuesday they left for Philadelphia, where they were remarried by the Rev. R. S. Blanchard of St. James' Episcopal church. Mme. Leger and her nephew, M. Rosoullin of Paris, friends of the bride, and Thomas F. Manning of New York, a friend of the groom, were the only guests who witnessed the ceremony. Lorenzo Blackstone, the son, gave the bride away. After a short tour Mr. and Mrs. James de Trafford Blackstone were "at nome" in the old house in Norwich.

Twenty years of trouble seemed to have earned for them some peace, but all dreams were suddenly dissipated a little over a year after they had entered on the new life by the death of Mr. Blackstone.

Then came the realization that her husband's death left nothing to her, but everything to her son, who now had so changed toward her that she was compelled to petition the courts to order the administrator to pay her \$25 a week for her maintenance.

SCHOOL FOR BLIND. Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting-H. M Whitney's Generous Gift-A Scholarship Proposed.

The 29th annual meeting of the School for the Blind was held on Mon-day evening, says the Halifax Herald, and as usual was largely attended by citizens. The splendid work of the blind school is a never failing source of admiration, and the exercises by the scholars are always interesting. It was the 29th annual meeting. Five years ago the school had 56 pupils Today it has 112 from all the maritime

provinces and Newfoundland. Gov. Daly, Archbishor O'Brien, Bishop Courtney, J. C. Mackintosh and supt. Fraser were among

the speakers. The report of the board of managers recorded an increase of six in the reg-ular attendance during 1899. The board was glad to have been able to receive all who applied.

The erection of a cottage hospital on the grounds was deemed worthy of serious consideration, and the estab lishment of scholarships was heartily endorsed

There are 34 pupils from the province of New Brunswick, five from P. E. Island and eight from Newfoundland The treasurer's accounts show the receipts on current account to have been \$17.698.25 and the expenses \$17,

684.02, leaving a small balance. Among the graduates of the school there have been four young men who have been fortunate enough to secure the means to continue their literary or musical studies. E. P. Fletche took the arts course at Acadia College and obtained his B. A. degree; A. M. Chisholm, F. R. McLean and H. B. Campbell went to Germany, and there completed their musical training under the most favorable auspices. Many other pupils have possessed marked literary or musical ability, but have not had the opportunity of improving these gifts to their fullest extent. The establishment of a scholarship of sufficient value to enable a pupil to take a course in a first class conservatory of music, or to pay his expenses through college, would stimulate the ambition of every pupil in the school, would tend to raise the standard of our own work, and would be of inestimable advantage to those who are fortunate enough to win such a scholarship. Supt. Fraser trusted that this idea may recommend itself to some one or more of the many benefactors of the school. This idea was strongly commended by the distinguished speakers of the evening.

Henry M. Whitney of Boston having had his attention called to the need for an up-to-date method of producing suitable literature for the pupils, kindly purchased and presented to the school an interpointing Brailis stereotyper and point print press. These machines, which are manufactured by Messrs. Harrison and Seifried of Chicago, are of the very latest and most improved pattern. With these machines they can stereotype upon thin brass or zinc plates the matter which they wish to reproduce, and from these plates can strike off 50, 100, or if need be, 1,000 copies in raised print. The process is expeditious and the cost of books thus printed is comparatively small. The value of this printing out-

Children Cry for CASTORIA

ment is very great.

fit to the work of the school depart

PLAIN SPEAKING.

Great Speech by Hon. Mr. Chamberlain at Leicester.

The Only Tolerable Solution, the Supremacy of the British Flag.

(Daily Mail.)

Mr. Chamberlain addressed 7.000 people at Leicester last night. The var, he said, was a great war, alike for the principles involved and the interests at stake.

We are embarked, he said, in a great war-the greatest that this generation has known. It is great because of the exertions and the sacrifices which it entails: it is greater still perhaps because of the importance of the principles which it involves and of the interests which are at stake. (Cheers.)

Now, we ask ourselves naturally, What is the object of this great war? We are cold by continental friends-(laughter and hisses)-prompted, it may be, by friends at home-(laughter)-that this is a war of greed and rapacity, undertaken by a powerful country to crush the life cut of a weak and helpless state in order to grab its territory and its gold. (Laughter.)
I can hardly find patience—(great heering)—to answer a slander so wicked and so stupid. (Cheers.) These gentlemen - what do they know of England? (Hear, hear.) What

do they know of that great colonia system which now for many years has precluded us from making any pecuniary gain from the possessions of the British Crown-from our fellow subjects in our colonies and dependencies?

WHY WE ARE AT WAR. We ask no ransom; we exact no tribute; we have nothing directly to gain by a war which will transfer to us a territory not at present ours. If tomorrow the Union Jack waved over the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, the only result would be that thenceforth good government and justice-(cheers)-would prevail-(A voice: "And it will.")-and if prosperity followed that, we should do as is our custom-we should share

it with the whole of the civilized world. (Cheers.) "WHAT DO THEY KNOW?" And these critics of our-what do they know of England? What do they know of the principles that govern our action if they think that there exists among us any government or any minister so base as to carry into their country an unjust and unnecessary war for some perschal or even for some pational interest? What do they know if they are not aware that the generous in stincts of the whole people would intervene to frustrate his nefarious de signs, and sera him skulking into obscurity, discredited and dishonored by

such a policy? (Cheers.) A FIGHT FOR JUSTICE No, ladies and gentlemen, we are fighting for objects and for causes which are to be found in the best traditions of our race; we are fighting for justice to our fellow-countrymen.

(Cheers.) We are fighting for good govern ment and freedom from oppression, fighting for the due performance of secred promises for the observance of solemn conventions, fighting also to resist an attack on the Queen's dominions, an insult and injury her loyal subjects. (Cheers.)

"AN INSOLENT ATTACK." It is a great war upon which we are entered. We are told the Transvas s a weak power, but weakness in war depends not on wealth nor numbers and the Transvaal at the time of the unwarranted and extraordinary and insolent attack upon Her Majesty's territories was by far the greates military power in South Africa.' (Hear, hear.) For years the Boers ad armed and prepared for this contingency, and when it is remembered we are over 6,000 miles from South Africa, and even on landing 1,500 miles from our ultimate objective, it is not surprising that the Boers thought they would defeat us, and had already oasted the driving of the British red ackets into the sea. We owe it to the magnificent defence made by a handful of troops who held forts in Natal and on the colony border that we did not and all South Africa under the Boe flag. We shall continue to watch anxiously this great struggle with minds prepared if need be for reverses, not too exultant of victories, and waiting in entire and absolute confidence as

to what the end will be. AMATEUR STRATEGISTS Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain said he wondered what would have become of the Duke of Wellington in that great campaign which ended in thrusting across the Spanish border the legions of Napoleon; what would have been said of him when he lay for months inactive behind his lines at Torres Vedras, when he allowed the country which he had come to save to be ravaged by the enemy, what would have become of him if his plan of campaign had been subjected twice a day to the acute and sometimes impetuous criticism of hundreds of skilful writers-(laughter)-and of thousands of amateur strategists? (Laugh-

ter.) Whatever may be the incidents the exceptional campaign in which we are engaged, we should have trust in cur own countrymen-(cheers)-believing that in the long run, as has always happened before in our island story, British skill and British valor and British resolution will carry the matter through to a successful issue

A WONDERFUL FEAT. We have seen, for instance, that it

has been possible to perform a feat which has never been performed before, and which no other nation in the civilized world has ever attempted to accomplish-(cheers)-that is, to place a great force of 50,000 men-soon, he hoped, to be increased to 80,000-(cheers)-or it may be to 90,000 men-(renewed cheers)-to place this force almost without am accident, without

a country distant nearly 7,000 miles from British shores. (Cheers.)

SAME BRITISH & MADIER Who among us is there, to whatever class he belongs, from the richest to the poorest, from the highest to the lowest, who is not proud of what is being done every day by his relations his friends, his acquaintances in this

great struggle? (Cheers.) Our soldiers have shown that they have lost none of the qualities which have gained for them their splendid reputation. (Hear, hear.) They are no longer taken, as perhaps at one time to a large extent they were, from the dregs of the population. They are better educated now, they are more refined, but they are not less brave. (Cheers.) They are not less daring. They are not less resourceful than those forefathers of theirs who fought at Dettingen or climbed the heights of Badajos, who conquered at Waterloo and Inkerman; and side by side with them, shoulder to shoulder, their equals in gallantry, the colonial forces

are fighting. (Cheers.) SKULKED TO OUR HOLES. According to Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, we should have skulked back to our holes when Kruger refused to listen to our peaceful representations. That would have lost us South Africa, weakened our hold on India, and earned for us the contempt of mankind. Referring to Lord Kimberley's Newcastle speech, he said the government of that day made the 1881 convention because they believed annexation had taken place under a misapprehension. He doubted whether any member of that government would repeat that convention. . .

THE FUTURE

I have one word, continued the right non, gentleman-it will be a short one -to say about the future. (Cheers.) I am not certain that I ought to say that, because I cannot add anything to the admirable account given of the ntentions and the determination of the government by Mr. Balfour last even-

ing. (Cheers.) I agree with him that it is altogether premature to discuss the details of a settlement; I do not like to divide the skin before we have caught the bear.

(Laughter.) But there are certain important principles upon which I believe this country has made up its mind, and which I am certain will govern the actions of the government. (Hear, hear.) There are one or two points that we must have in view:

A CLEAN SLATE.

By their own acts, and not by ours, the Boers have created an entirely new situation. (Cheers.) They and not we have brought us out of the region of conferences and compromises. have made for us a clean state-(hear hear)-upon which we can write what we please. (Great and prolonged

They have torn up the conventions to which they owe their independence; they have scattered them to the winds. LOOKING BACKWARD.

We look back upon the past eight-een years—those trouble years in which we have always been on the verge of a crisis—we see what terrible sacrifices we have to bear now that he crisis has actually come; we see that the favored position which they owe to our grace—(hear, hear)—has been abused, and has proved capable of becoming a serious danger to the Empire, to our possessions in Africa, has been the means of oppressing our fellow-subjects; and any governmentdon't care to which party it belongs -any government which, in the light of this experience, ignored these facts and placed it once more in the power of the two republics who have so abused their opportunities to renew their intrigues against the paramount power, to threaten again the peace of South Africa, to continue the attempt to place one white race under the sub ection of and under the heels of an other-any government which did this would betray the interests of the Emoire, would deserve the scorn and contemnation of all right-thinking people (Cheers.)

OUR FLAG MUST BE SUPREME. The other day my predecessor in office Lord Ripon asked that full consideration should be given to the opin

on of our self-governing colonies in South Africa I hope that I understand him cor rectly, and if all he means by that is that we should have frank consulta tion with, and full knowledge of the opinion of our loval-(cheers)-fellowsubjects in the Cape Colony and in Natal, whether they be Dutch or whether they be English, I entirely agree with him: (Cheers.)

But I venture to predict that these loyal fellow-subjects of ours will not regard any solution as tolerable or any settlement entire which does not provide without a shadow of doubt for the supremacy of the British flag-(prolonged cheers)—as the only guarantee for settled peace, the only security for just treatment of all races in South Africa. (Cheers.)

A CHANGE OF TACTICS.

LONDON, Dec. 12.-Reuter's Tele gram Company has received the fol owing despatch from Hong Kong: "The insurgent government called) of the Philippines will be changed to a dictatorship, to continue hostilities against the Americans ex clusively by the methods of guerilla

"The Filipino army is being spli into small hands, the troops taking an oath before separation that they will fight until their country's rights are

"A force of U. S. marines who land ed at Vigan. South Ilocos province from the battleship Oregon, was de feated by the Filipinos under Ger Finio (Tino?) on Dec. 4. "The Manila newspapers, despit

the censorship, admit that Gen. Lawton is missing. (The foregoing despatch is a strik ing illustration of the tactics of the Filipino junta in Hong Kong.)

SIMILAR BUT DIFFERENT.

'I'm afraid that young man who calls o you three evenings each week is rather fast," remarked a mother to her daughter. "That's what he is, mamma," answered the young lady. "I've got him so fast he'll never be able to get away."—Chicago News. confusion, almost without a hitch, in

BRAVERY REWARDED.

Formed the Life Boat Crew

That Rescued the Seamen of the Seh. Hazel Dell. During the Big Storm of December Second.

At the City hall Tuesday afternoon six of the eight men who manned the life boat on Dec. 2nd, by means of which the crew of the schooner Hazel Dell, ashore on the Foul ground, were rescued, were presented with the thanks of the Common Council and \$10 each. There was a large gathering. The council having directed the treasury board to look after the matter, Ald. Robinson presided, and there were present: Ald. White, Colwell, Millidge, Allan, McGoldrick, Max-well, Waring, Macrae, Stackhouse, Seaton, Tufts and Christie, Recorde Skinner, Chamberlain Sandall, Director of Public Safety Wisely, Coroner Berryman and a large number of citizens. The members of the life boat's crew present occupied seats at the right of the chairman. They were Wm. Scott, Richard B. Cline, Alfred Bennett, Fred C. Lahey, Robt. Murray and Robt. Mitchell.

In a very appropriate speech Ald. Robinson made the presentation. He began by regretting the absence of the mayor, who, he said, had been invited to be present. He would have preferred to have had his worship perform the pleasant task which he would soon be called upon to per, form. The alderman then referred to the resolution passed by the council town hall here on Friday. Farmers at its last regular meeting, directing came from as far as thirty miles to a committee of the treasury board to hear him speak. He was accompanied prepare a resolution of thanks for presentation to the heroes, who at the on the platform by N. F. Davin, M. P., risk of their own lives saved from a and Fremier Haultain. watery grave the crew of the Hazel The resolution passed by a ly scored the liberals on the score of standing vote, which implied that the council wished to pay the highest honor possible to the subject matter Tupper, who spoke next, was presentin hand. It was a brave and heroic ed with a bouquet and an address act. Great nerve was required to induce men to start out on an expedition such as these gentlemen undertook, when it was a question whether they would be able to effect the rescue of the schooner's crew, or whether they themselves would perish, he considered it his duty to take part, Ald. Robinson here referred to the New Brunswickers who went out to South Africa with the Canadian contingent. They were as capable of doing as brave deeds as any men engaged in the war. They might even now and probably were at this time receiving their first hantism of fire. They were made of the right stuff. Britons were famous for their cluck and valor. Wherever they were found they held up their end as the men of no other nation did. We could readily picture

through them when they saw that they were going to accomplish the brave men should be crowned with success. Ald. Robinson then read the resolution passed by the Common Council on Thursday last, as follows: "At a Common Council held at the council chamber, in the city of Saint John, on Thursday, the 7th day of December, A. D. 1899: Resolved, that the thanks of this council be conveyed to Frederick C. Lahey, Robert Murray, William Scott, Edward Lahey, Richard B. Cline, Alfred Bennett, Robert Nichol and Edward Kelly, who, at THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VICthe risk of their own lives, on the morning of Saturday last, the 2nd day of December, instant, manned the life boat and went out and rescued the crew of the American schooner Hazel Dell, which struck on the foul ground (so called), during a severe gale;

to ourselves on that stormy morning

what were the feelings of the men as

they clung to the rigging of the little

vessel, not knowing what moment she

them with her. What were the feel-

as they saw the life boat approaching.

manned by eight able men, determined

on their rescue, no matter what their

"And further resolved, that the sum of ten dollars be awarded to each member of the said crew, as a slight recognition of his laudable and heroic onduct on the occasion."

Next came the resolutions of thanks, each beautifully written out by D. R. Willett of the chamberlain's office or paper bearing the city's arms, and signed by the members of the treasury board. They read as follows:

CITY OF ST. JOHN, N. B.,

12th December, A. D. 1899. We, the undersigned members of the treasury board, acting under the direction of the common council, beg leave to hand you a copy of a resolution adopted by the said common council on the 7th day of December, instant, and at the same time would ask you to accept the enclosed sum of money as a slight recognition by the city of Saint John of your laudable and heroic conduct in the matter referred to in the said resolution We would also convey to you the thanks of the common council for your humane exertions and gallant conduct in rescuing the crew of the schooner Hazel Dell.

Trusting that your life may be long spared to enable you to perform other acts of bravery and heroism should the occasion arises therefore, we remain.

Ald. Robinson said it was with great pleasure that he handed to the gentlemen present the resolution and the small amount of money voted them by the council. The sum represented nothing but a token of the ouncil's appreciation of their heroic conduct

The six men came forward and received the envelopes containing the esolution and money. Addressing Robert Murray, who has been one of the life boat's crew on many occasions, Ald. Robinson said he was able to speak highly of that gentleman's ability. (Applause.)

Ald. McGoldrick, as chairman of the safety board, said a few words. Every citizen must appreciate fully the action of these gentlemen. The fire department was called out on the occasion, but they were unable to

man a life boat, although the force ed men brave en ugh to undertake any work, be it ever so per-ilous. The gift of the council, al-Presentation to the Men Who though a small one, was sufficient to show that the city fathers appreciated the gallant conduct of the men. He trusted that they would live and enjoy prosperity. (Applause.)

Ald. Macrae made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion. He was pleased to be present at this presentation to express to the gallant life boat crew the united appreciation of the citizens of the work they did. He referred to various acts of heroism that might be said to be inspired by circumstances. But the manning of a life boat, a first class one, to go out to save life, was something which must be recognized as heroism. In this instance, however, the life boat was ill fitted for the task. The men who manned it were entitled to the Royal Humane Society's medals.

This ended the proceedings. Fred Lahey undertook to hand to Edward Lahey and Edward Kelly their envelopes.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

The Leader of the Conservative Party Given an Ovation.

At the Capital of the Territories -The True Significance of the Manitoba Victory.

REGINA, N. W. T., Dec. 9 .- Sir Charles Tupper addressed the largest audience which ever assembled in the

Mr. Haultain first spoke and severetheir broken pledges. Sir Charles from the conservative association. The audience rose en masse and cheered egain and again. Sir Charles said that he had been prevented from holding a meeting at Regina before on account of the Manitoba elections, in which and he did not think that he had occasion to regret having taken part in that campaign. While speaking at Oak Lake he had been reported as having said that Hugh John would win every seat. This was wrong. What he did say was that Hugh John would have a working majority in the local house, but that in the domin ion elections the conservatives would carry every seat west of Lake Superfor. The first part of the prediction had come true; the second part was

yet to come. He referred in glowing terms to Messrs. Davin and Haultain.characterizing the former as the most eloquent would sink beneath them, carrying man in the Canadian parliament. The triumph of the conservatives in Maniwhich had ever been achieved by any province of the dominion. Mr. Green way had felt himself embarrassed by own peril? The life hoat's crew must the growing change of public opin have felt a thrill of satisfaction pass and brought in an act of the legislature in an endeavor to strengthen his hands. An attempt to gerrymander difficult task they had undertaken. It at the eve of an election was a proof was fitting that the efforts of such of defeat. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had reserved Mr. Blake's doctrine that alliances were wrong between federal and local governments. Sir Wilfrid Laurier went on the hustings in Ontario and said the government of that province was his right arm, and he begged the people not to cut it off or paralyze it. It was not cut off now, but paralyzed, and when Premier Ross challenged the people of Ontario again it would be cut off. It was impossible

to overrate

TORY. When Sir Wilfrid Laurier changed Mr. Black's doctrine with reference to alliances between the Ottawa government and the provincial ones, and when he brought in a bill making the election of a member of the dominion parliament depending upon the local legislature it was the duty of every man who aspired to a seat in parliament to use his influence to see that

good legislators were elected to ensure good laws. The Greenway government had appointed men to carry out the election law, who had performed the work in a scandalous manner, which would be impossible under Hugh John's admin-

istration. THE FEDERAL CONTEST

The Dominion government had deided to hold the elections in January. It had been their intention to hold general elections for the house commons, in Manitoba and in Ontario, the same day, so that the voters in the general elections should not know the results of the polls in Manitoba and Ontario until after the voting for the Manitoba results, he did not think the general election would be held at present. When it came, however, the conservatives were confident of succass. He defied any person to put his hand on one principle that Sir Wilfrid had not trampled under foot. When taunted on this score in the house, fir Wilfrid Laurier said: "Well, we are in power, and you are not."

Sir Charles went into the preferential trade question, and pointed out Sir Wilfrid's attitude on it. Then he dwelt on the liberals' broken pledges, the Crow's Nest deal, and the Teslin Lake railway. He scored Mr. Sifton and stated that he had challenged him to appear against him in Brandon or anywhere else on the public platform. but he had not come up to the mark. Sir Charles was accorded a splendid greeting, and was frequently interrupt-

ed with cheers. Mr. Davin made a speech, which is thought by some to be one of the most brilliant short orations he ever

made.

The honor conferred by the Queen on the Lord Mayor of Bristol has given satisfaction not only to the citizens of Bristol, but to nonconformists throughout England. Sir Herbert Ashman is a Baptist, and takes a prominent part as a layman in all matters concerning the progress of the Baptist de-

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ANOTHER GRIT GOVERNMENT GONE.

These are unhealthy times for grit governments. Within a week the Greenway government of Manitoba has been swept away, the Farquharson ministry in Prince Edward | ple there could be successfully bulkied. Island has got its death blow, and He has learned something since. the Ross government of Ontario has received a message from the people of the nature of a notice to quit. The machine, which has been in active operation in all three provinces, has

outlived at least a part of its useful-The circumstances in which the Farquharson government is placed were set forth in these columns yesterday. The general elections took place in July, 1897, at which time the government was supported by a twothirds majority, or as some returns made it by twenty-one to nine. Down to August of last year the government still had twenty supporters to by a majority of 29, has again been ing ex-Premier Peters, now of British Columbia! Mr. Peters was premier when the elections were held, but he resigned his office in October.

1897, and Mr. Warburton took his place. It did not take Mr. Warburton long to see the necessity of flying from the evil to come, and in July, 1898, he accepted a seat on the bench. Mr. Farquharson succeeded to the premiership and had the write issued for the constituency which Mr. Warburton the courts. The other was vacated had represented. To his surprise he by the death of a conservative. If found that Mr. Warburton's large rative was elected in his place. Shortly afterward one of Mr. Parquisison's supporters, who had been returned in a by-election, was unseated for corruption and a liberal conservative was elected in his stead. The parties then stood 18 to 12, with one of the 18 in the speaker's chair, another in British Coland a third in the habit of voting want of confidence. astances it occurred to Attorney General McDonald that It was a fitting time for him to get out of the sinking ship. Another seat on the bench was available and he claimed it. This made it necessary for Mr. Farquharson to find a new attorney general, and also to secure if he could the election of a member for Belfast, formerly represented by Mr. McDon-ald. The premier did not hurry. He had only two lawyer supporters in the house, and one of them was ruled out as certain to be defeated. The other was appointed, and as he sat for the constituency most concerned in the Murray Harbor railway, it was hoped that he might be elected. It happened

overnments was employed.

The result is fold elsewhere. The attorney general is defeated and the seat for Belfast is lost. The opposi-tion now stands at 14 members, or if Mr. Wise votes want of confidence, at The government can only muster 16 by counting Mr. Wise, and the speaker and Mr. Peters of British Columbia. It is evident that the Farquharson government cannot survive. unless an appeal to the country should save it, and if the last four by-elections afford a criterion of public feeling the state of the government after the appeal would be worse than it is Meanwhile Mr. Farquharson should be able to select his next attorney general, as he has only one left supporting him in the 1 4 64 15

that the other vacant seat was also

on the route of this railway. The

elections were deferred until Sir Louis

to his infinite discredit. All the influ-

and he did take charge of them,

HONOR FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

While the result of the two byelections in Prince Edward Island is satisfactory from a party point of view, it is still more welcome for the testimony it gives to the independence and integrity of a sorely tempted electorate. The Island election districts are not large. In the last election less than 1,500 votes were polled in Belfast and less than 1,000 in Murray Harbor. Roth districts were intensely interested in the proposed railway and the Hillsboro bridge. They have waited long for this accommodation, and when Sir Louis Davies caused parliament to give effeet to so much of the late government's policy the people of these districts were much gratified.

When, therefore, Sir Louis appeared before them in the late cam- field the strongest army that can be Toronto.

paign, and told them that their refusal to elect supporters of Mr. Farguharson would delay or prevent the construction of the railway he made a most impressive threat. No intimidation could be more effective, or

more base. Added to the threat of punishment was the hope of reward. Calls for tenders were made on the same day that the election writs were issued. The purchaser of the right of way was started on his rounds with the election campaigners. As it proved, threats and bribes

were alike useless. This should always be remembered to the honor of the people of Belfast and Murray Harbor, Prince Edward Island. So also shall the incident be remembered to the shame of the minister of marine, who left his office and his work at Ottawa to take this pitiful share in a campaign which has ended in his utter humiliation

A few days ago Sir Louis Davies finished his work of intimidation and came to this province to take part in Mr. Blair's meetings. He then assured the party organ at Moncton that the two seats were safe for the liberals. This shows that long as he Sir Louis still supposed that the peo-

ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE GAIN. The cherus of victory started in Manitoba last week is echoed today in Ontario. The net result of the four Ontario by-elections held yesterday

was the loss of one seat by the Ross

government. The minister of agriculture is re turned in South Ontario by a major ity of 352, which is, we believe, rather larger than his majority in the las

In South Brant also the govern ment is sustained, but by a majority reduced from 527 to 430. East Elgin, which the conserva tives carried at the general election

ten opponents, one of the twenty be- won by them, this tire by 58, or just double the majority. West Elgin, which was captured a the last by-election for the governnight by Mr. McNish and the machine has elected Mr. McDiarmid. liberal

conservative and opposition, by majority of 21. The effect of vesterday's voting i to reduce the government majority by two and bring it down to ten, provided the three remaining elections go as before. Two of these three are seats stolen by the machine as West Elgin was, and vacated by the action of the Sun is not mistaken, the parties in the Ontario legislature now stand majority had; disappeared and a 50 liberals to 40 conservatives, with West Huron vacant

> CANADA AND THE WAR. If a second Canadian contingent accepted for South Africa, it will probably be larger than the first one. The Canadian corps now in the field is a good one for service, but military effectiveness was not the only consideration that the authorities and the people of Canada had in view. It was intended to signify in a marked degree the sentiment of Imperial unity, and to this end the corps was made as far as possible representative of all the provinces, and even of all parts of each province. As only one thousend men were wanted, and many thousands were anxious to serve, it was necessary to limit the number taken from any district. The result is that the whole dominion has supplied

a corps no larger than could have

been raised in this comparatively

small province. In making up another tingent it would be less necessary to consider localities. first consideration would be to get the most efficient men available. It ought to be true that the best soldiers in ence that could be used by the two Canada are the trained men of the permanent corps, and those who have belonged to these regiments. Equal to these, and better for the irregular work of the South Africa campaign would be the Northwest Mounted Police. We believe that these men would be as good as the best of the Natal mounted forces. What they would lack in knowledge of the coun try and want of acclimatization they would make up in their long training, as many of the Natal men became soldiers for the first time at the begin ning of this war. The recent experi-ence of Gatacre, and the earlier experience of White and Methuen, show the need of intelligent and daring capable of great endurance.

mounted men, good at scouting and It is safe to say that a force of 1,000 men could be raised from the mounted police and ex-troopers with capable western recruits accustomed to the same kind of life. The permanent force could also be raised to a corps of 1,000 without taking in many untrained men. With these could be sent as many battalions of militia as the imperial government would accept. The Canadian government could also offer to garrison Halifax, thus setting free the British forces now stationed there. The British forces now in Africa are quite capable of crushing the Boer armies. But in the interests of humanity and of the empire it is desirable that the war should be brought to an end as soon as possible. The anxiety that is felt because of the check received by Methuen and the repulse of Gatacre did not imply any most gloomy forebodings are those of box, heals the ulcers, clears the air writers who fear that the campaign Dutch rising may take place in the causes foul breath, and absolutely colony and that other nations may be led to intervene. It might, therefore, tion. 25c. a box, blower free, at all

raised and thus bring about at the earliest possible moment the inevitable outcome.

If another call is made upon the people of Canada they will not be under the illusion that a picnic expedition is proposed. They will under stand that severe and deadly fighting is likely to be the lot of those who all the more, will they respond to any call that may be made for further assistance.

A CRUEL HOAX.

The story of the relief of Ladysmith by General Clery and the capture of several thousand Boers by General Buller, which came over the Atlantic cable Thursday morning and was hailed with universal joy, turns out to be a base fabrication. While the absence of official confirmation of the news from the British war office led cautious persons to doubt the glad idings, supplementary despatches from Montreal and Ottawa, to the effect that the Bank of Montreal had received a confirmatory cable from Lordon, and that Lord Minto had been semi-officially advised of the relief of Ladysmith, were accepted by the general public as corroborative testimon; of undoubted reliability. These des patches, however, turned out to be as false as the original cable story had lived in Prince Edward Island that the cruel hoax must have been the work of stock jobbers, but whoever the authors nay be, nothing ment will satisfy an outraged public.

NOT UNSUCCESSFUL.

General Methuen has fought four heavy engagements with the Boers. On three occasions he has beaten them and driven them back. He has crossed two rivers in the face of the enemy, and has driven them out of one entrenched position. For some ffty niles he has followed up a force believed to be superior in numbers to his own. He made a fourth attack this time on a strongly intrenched position and was not able to take it But he holds all he had and is pre paring to make another attack. Whatever may be said about other division commanders it cannot be said that Methuen has on the whole been unsuccessful. He has lost many including one of his generals and sev eral other officers. But considering the number of men engaged the loss is not larger than would be expected in a general engagement, and there is no reason to suppose that the Boers have fared better.



A GREAT VICTORY

All Honor to the Conservatives of P. E. Island!

Two Seats Captured from the Liberals and Att'y General McKinnon Defeated.

The Farguharson Government Must Now Step Down and Out - Report That They Will Ask for a Dissolution.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 13 .- Th conservatives of P. E. Island are jubilant tonight, and the followers of Sir Louis Davies are correspondingly ed, so much so that it is reported the government will dissolv the house and order a general elec

tion at a very early day. In the by-election in Belfast (fourth district of Queens) A. A. McLean, conservative, defeated Irving, liberal by a majority of 58; and in Murray Harbor (fourth district of Kings) A P. Prouse, conservative, defeated Attorney General McKinnon by 31 ma

jority. This leaves the house as follows: Opposition..... 15 Government.16

Hon. F. Peters, now in British Colimbia, is one of the 16. Both seats were formerly held by the liberals. The Farquharson govrnment is doomed. P. E. Island line up alongside of conservative British

FOUL BREATH

Columbia.

... FROM CATARRH

Tells of the Decay of the Mucous Lining of the Nose and Throat.

No symptom of catarrh causes more annoyance than foul breath. This offensive odor comes from the ulceration of the membranes and is an indication of the decay which is taking place in the linings of the nose and throat. To the victim of catarrh, as well as to his associates, this foulness

of the breath is disgusting. To counteract bad breath and eradicate catarrh from the system no treatment is more successful than Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, the only remedy that can be relied upon to entirely

cure chronic catarrh. Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is sent direct to the diseased parts by the imdoubt as to the ultimate result. The proved blower which accompanies each passages, relieves the pressure which will be greatly prolonged, that a causes headache, stops the decay which cures catarrh and prevents consumpbe deemed necessary to place in the dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co.,

FALSE REPORTS

Ladysmith Has Not Yet Been Relieved into an ambush. This has caused bere, as the has By General Clery,

And General Buller Has Not Captured Ten Thousand Boers.

General White Defeated a Boer Force Near Vaal Kop. Forcing the Enemy to Retire With a Loss of Forty Killed and Wounded.

(Special despatch to the Sun.) ruth in the press despatches sent out today announcing the relief of Ladymith by Gen. Clery and the capture of ten thousand Boers by Gen. Bull er. The story is a fake

THAT FAKE REPORT.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 15, 4 a. m .- There is no indication of the origin of the re port that Ladysmith had been relieved, nor is there the least confirmation of it. There is eager, even painful anxiety for news from Gen. Buller whose advance to the relief of Ladv smith is widely believed to have be gun Thursday. "When it begins, says one critic, "the fate of the em pire will be centred in his camp.' Doing a Good Work.

DOING A GOOD WORK.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Times in leading article today credits Prime Minister Schreiner with arresting disloyalty in Cape Colony. It says: 'We are not corcerned with the measures adopted nor their fitness What we consider is the intention and motive, and we rejoice. The testimony is to the rightness of his aim in dealing with a section of the colonists who are in a position of influence.

The article proceeds: "There is moral. Never again will we create in independent states. With Africa disappearance disloyalty, whether of Dutch or renegade English, will vanish and the loyal Eng lish and Dutch will rejoice together and be assured of liberty and peace.' The recruiting of irregulars pro-A nephew of President Steyn of the Orange Free Stafe has joined

A SUCCESS FOR WHITE. ingaged 1800 Boers Near Vaal Kop Foreing the Enemy to Retire With a Loss of 40 Killed and Wounded.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 14.—The war office has received from Gen. French acre port of the engagement on Wedne day in the neighborhood of Kulifor tein and Vaal Kop, eight miles north of Arundel, despatches concerning which have already been cabled. Gen, French's report agrees with the pres despatches except in the matter of the losses on both sides.

He says he shelled a farm occupie by Boers, killing and wounding 40. He seized and held Vaal Kop. The British loss was one killed, eight wounded.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Dec. 15.—The war office nas received the following despatch from Gen. Forestier-Walker at Cape

Tcwn: "General French wires under date of Dec. 13, reporting a skirmish at 4 o'clock in the morning with 1,800 Boers who were advancing southward toward Naauwpoort. The skirmish ing continued all the morning, the Boers fighting on a front of fourteen miles. The enemy retired with a loss of forty killed and wounded. Our casualties were one killed, wounded and including one officer

EIGHTH ARMY DIVISION. (Special Despatch to the Sun.)

and two missing.

LONDON, Dec. 14, 4 a. m.-The most serious fact of the moment from the British point of view is the undoubted great Dutch disaffection Cape Colony, not only on the borders but in the south, as far as King-Wil liamstown and elsewhere in the neigh borhood of East London. The critics are impressed by what this portends in England that more troops be sent The Morning Post's critic, whose

identity is today revealed, he being Henry Spencer Wilkinson, for many years a volunteer officer, treats of the outlook with great gravity, and raised the question of the desirability of placing in commission all the ships of the navy without delay.

The government's announcement that a seventh army division will be mobilized is everywhere welcomed. It will consist of about 13,000 men. It is understood that preparations have already begun to mobilize an eighth livision, comprising sixteen regiments of infantry and three of cavalry. This will necessitate the summoning of all the remaining reserves of the regular

NEAR TO SUCCESS.

Supplementary reports from Maersfontein make it clear that but for the disaster to the Highland brigade the British loss would have been comparatively insignificant. It is evident that Gen. Methuen pushed forward the Highlanders in the darkness in the hope of surprising the enemy, who were too wary or too well informed by their scouts. The failure is all the more exasperating to the

near to success. The question of the LONDON, Dec. 14.-There is no Boer less is no nearer elucidation. One prisoner says the Boers evacuated the heights and trenches during Sunday's shelling, returning at nightfall. The Chronicle correspondent's account indicates that the British withdrawal from their advanced position on Tuesday was in consequence of the heavy guns of the enemy reaching them. These opened in the morning with a hot shell fire from which the British had little cover and which Gen. Methuen's guns were unable to silence.

BATTLE OF MAGERSFONTEIN. Black Watch When Reforming Could Only Muster 160 Men.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 14.-The Times Modder river correspondent, speaking of the disaster to the Highlanders says that they were beginning to extend when the enemy opened a terrific fire, and the entire brigade, after attempting a charge which failed, retired, leaving hundreds on the veldt If it had not been for the Boers shooting high our loss would have been

THE BLACK WATCH. The Standard's correspondent says: The Black Watch when re-forming after the disaster could only muster 150 men. The original strength is not mentioned, but apparently the whole 2nd battalion went into action. During the afternoon the 1st battalion of the Gordon Highlanders advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the enemy's centre close to when their dead and wounded comrade lay. It was, however, physically impossible for even these troops to take the enemy's trench. The barbed wire entanglements offered sufficient ob structions even after the damage in-

CONDUCT BEYOND PRAISE. "The failure of the attack was not due to lack of bravery. The conduct of all under the withering fire is be yond praise."

A despatch to the Central News from Magersfontein says the Boers were re-inforced early Monday morning by 2,000 troops. The Boers fought with stubborn gallantry, and took advantage of every turn in the game.

WAS A DESPERATE FIGHT. (By Associated Press.) MODDER RIVER, Cape Colony, Tuesday, Dec. 12.—Details gathere here by a representative of the Asso clated Press among the wounded British and Boers give some idea of the desperate nature of the fight Magersfontein. The Highlanders did all that the most gallant troops in the world could do, but it was impossible to face the terrible fire of the Boers. The British artillery again saved the situation and livides he honors of the day with the Scotchmen. The batteries worked for hours under a gall-

FEARFUL LOSS. According to the Boer stories, it was impossible for the Burghers to have escaped fearful loss. One Boer prisoner said a single lyddite shell killed or wounded over 70 Boers, and that two other shells burst over two bodies of Boers ensconced behind the range, doing fearful damage. All agree that the Boers fought throughout with the utmost gallantry. Their sharpshoot

ers seldom missed the mark. A COOL CUSTOMER. A Seaforth Highlander says that while he was lying wounded on the field he saw a Boer, of typical Ger-

man appearance, faultlessly dressed. with polished top-boots, a shirt with silk ruffles and a cigar in his mouth. walking among the ant-hills, picking off the British. This Boer was quite alone, and it was apparent from his frequent use of field glasses that he was singling out officers. Another wounded Boer says that a yddite shell, fired on Sunday, fell in

the middle of an open air prayer meeting held to offer supplications for the success of the Boer arms. All the wounded are full of praise for the treatment they received from the medical department on the battle-

While the Guards were advancing on the plain, which the Boers were shelling from the adjoining ridges, they encountered and cut up a strong Boer picket posted on a hill for purposes of observation. All the memcers of the picket were either wound

WALKED INTO AN AMBUSH.

ed, killed or taken prisoners.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) CAPE TOWN, Dec. 12.-The corres condent of the Times at Arundal says that in Sunday's engagement, after the Inniskilling Fusiliers had located the enemy, Gen. Porter ordered the Horse Artillery cut under Burton, and they did splendid work. The enemy's fire was brisk but ineffectual, and the British drove the Boers into the kopjes. They left a quantity of ammunition and their breakfasts uneaten. Further details of Gen. Gatacre's British because the attack seemed so defeat show that he walked blindly

with him the Cape police, who are the best scouts. They know the country well. These men appear to have been in the rear and the infantry in front. Fortunately the defeat occurred in a disturbed district.

SKIRMISH NEAR COLENSO BRIDGE.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) FRERE CAMP, Natal, Dec. 12 (?clayed in transmission).-There was a slight skirmish yesterday near Colenso bridge between a company of Bethune's mounted infantry and about 200 Boers. Capt. Erskine's men were escorting some engineers who were making some sketches when they were fired on by the Boers east of the bridge. The British dismounted, formed in skirmishing order and drove the Boers back over the bridge. There were no casualties on the British side, though a builet passed through a trooper's hat.

PROTECTED BY BARGED WIRE

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) MODDER RIVER, Dec. 12 (delayed in transmission) .- In Monday's fighting at Magersfontein the Boer artillery remained silent till the afternoon, when some quick fire vicker and Maxims fired on part of the 9th brigade. A few three pounders from a laager west in the Kloor hills also fired over the heads of the Highlanders who were withdrawing.

The Boer trenches had two strands of barbed wire fence to protect the men from a bayonet charge. The lyddite shells used by the British did not appear to do much dam-

HOLDING SECRET MEETINGS.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON Dec. 14.-The Cape Town orrespondent of the Daily News says that the defeat of Gen. Methuen following Gen. Gatacre's reverse has had a most depressing effect. Loyalists? whose number is in nowise increasing, are filled with dark forebodings Dutch disaffection is rapidly growing, and a large section of the inhabitants need little persuading to join the Boers. Disturbing reports are received from the eastern border of the colony. A fairly large party of Dutchmen passed through the Amatela passes at midnight Dec. 7 taking observations. Secret meetings are being held in the Victoria east districts. The imperial authorities, in response to repeated requests, have armed the foyal farmers in the Stutterheim and Reirad districts.

AFRIKANDERS DISSATISFIED

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) CAPEGTOWN, Dec. 14.—The espondent of the Argus at Kingnstown says there is much dissatisfaction among the Afrikanders in that district. Other advices confirm the reports of the unsatisfactory situation on the border.

MODDERSPRUIT BRIDGE DESTROYED (Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Ladysmith

correspondent of the Central News heliographed to Weenen on Dec. 12 that a sortle had destroyed the Modderspruit bridge.

RECEIVED SIEGE ARTILLERY.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Central News correspondent with Gen. Methuen telegraphs from Modder river that Commandant Cronje has received siege artillery from Pretoria since the first Modder river battle

AN OFFER OF MORE MEN.

(Special Despatch to the Sun.) SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 14.-The rime minister has cabled to Colonial Scretary Chamberlain offering to furnish more troops for service against the Boers.

SPIKED THEIR GUNS. (Special Despatch to the Sun.) LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Cape Town prrespondent of the Daily News says that Gen. Gatacre's men spiked their guns and shot their horses before abandoning their resitions Sunday.

NOT CONFIRMED

Lord Minto Up to a Late Hour Had Not Received Any Word of the Relief of Ladysmith. (Special to the Sun)

OTTAIWIA, Dec. 14.—There was no essation today to the mass of rumors which have been flying around the city for the past two or three days relative to the doings of the Canadian contingent. The publicity given to some of these rumors by the local press, and which were calculated to harrow the feelings of relatives of members of the Canadian special service battalion, met with a fitting rebuke from the governor general. The evening papers contain the following letter:

"The attention of the governor general has been called to a statement in the press to the effect that I had telegraphed to Cape Town for information in respect to a rumor that Major Rogers and Private Latimer had been killed in action. No such enquiry has been made by his excellency or by his order, and his excellency wishes to take this opportunity of expressing his sincere regret that groundless rumors, which must cause nost painful and unnecessary anxiety to the relatives of those referred to, should have been thoughtlessly made public.

"Your obedient servant,

"HARRY GRAHAM, "Acting Gov. Gen.'s Secy."

Notwithstanding this well merited rebuke, liberties have been taken with his excellency's name today. It has

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Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges.

When ordering the address of your WEEKLY SUN to be changed, send the NAME of the POST OFFICE to

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old St. John man, W. E. was prominent in an entertainment given in Vancouver last week in aid of the Mansion House fund for sol-diers' wives and children, at which

The beautiful buck deer in Rock-wood Park was killed on Monday. Some weeks ago the animal had its leg broken. It was splinted and efforts made to save its life, but mortification set in and the deer had to be

The body of Catherine Alexander, who died in Washington, December 8, of phthisis, was brought to St. John on the Atlantic express on Tuesday. The remains will be taken to the home of the deceased in Prince Edward Island.

IMMENSE INCREASE in the sale of the D. & L. Menthol Plaster evidences the fact that it is useful for all rheumatic pains, lumbago and lame back, pain in the sides, etc. Davia & Liaw-rence Co., Ltd., manufacturers.

The horses, harness and carriages of the estate of the late M. Blackhall were sold at auction yesterday morning by G. E. Gerow, auctioneer. The prices brought were low. The Leetch mare sold for \$55, the Blackhall mare sold for \$10 and the colt for \$21.

At the judge's chambers. Court House, Hampton, Judge Wedderburn motified the bar that from 12th instant, until further notice, his address will be at the Hotal Dufferin, as he expects to spend the winter in St. John, and his district." may be heard at Hampton or St. John, insel may desire.

camp fell on Mr. Armstrong's foot, last year. seriously injuring it. He will be con-fined to the house for several days.-

Says the Truro News: "We understand that Rev. H. F. Waring, the very talented and eloquent preacher of Immanuel Baptist church, in this town, has received a call to the large and wealthy Brussels street Baptist church, St. John, N. B. Mr. Waring regret the departure of so scholarly

following officers for the ensuing year: Rideout, W. M.; Dr. A. S. Estey, D. M.; G. M. Shaw, chap.; Arnold Christmas present that will endure Porter, secy.; A. G. Baker, F. S.; for generations, slip into his stocking Harry Dickenson, treas.; Chas. Rideout, D. of C.; Chas. Thistle, lect.;

75c per yard.

A Vancouver man was last week offered 85 cents per dozen for eggs from his hennery for the next three

R. B. Hanson of Bocabec proposes building a saw mill at the mouth of the Magaguadavic river.

A fair exchange, a pound of UNION BLEND TEA for 25, 30, 35 or 40c., at the grocer's

Mayor Garden of Vancouver, B. C a Woodstock, N. B., man, has been presented with a largely signed petition asking him to be a candidate for another term.

At Back Bay, Charlotte Co., las week, Josiah Smith of Yarmouth, N. S., fell between a schooner and the wharf and was instantly killed. was 34 years of age. Sch. Arthur M. Gibson, Capt. Stew-

art, arrived at Matanzas on the 7th from Pascagoula, having made the passage in four days, a very quick E. P. McDonald, wholesale dealer in

the market, made a big shipment of mutton yesterday. He sent to Win-mpeg to P. Gallagher & Sons 434 theep, weighing 20,500 lbs. Mr. Gallaher has also purchased a lot of poul-

GENERAL DEBILITY AND A eral tonic to the system. Such is The D. & L. Emulsion. Builds you up, increases your weight, gives health, Made by Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd.

The cheese factory at Corn Hill Kings Co., has closed for the season. It received 1,030,000 lbs. of milk, from which about 100,875 lbs. of cheese were made. The farmers netted a little over 70 cents per 100 lbs. and got the whey

Theodore Murchie, who represent James Murchie & Sons in Carleton county, is at the Victoria. Mr. Murchie reports that the lumbermen are operating more extensively this year than last. The conditions are rather unfavorable at present, the marshes being open. Cold weather is needed efore snow comes.

News has been received of Oscar Hanson, who left his home in Fairville on Wednesday last. Mrs. John Taylor of Harvey has written the boy's father that he arrived at Harvey on Thursday and stayed at her house until Friday night. He then left, stating he was going to walk to McAdam. He said nothing to her of the reason why he left home or what his future intentions were.

The Jeffries, Kings Co., N. B cheese factory closed on the 80th pl Oct. after a very successful season's The new condensed milk factory at Charlottetown was opened on Monday. For the present some fitteen hands will be employed. The number of hands will be increased according as the case demands. The factory when under way is capable of employing 100 hands, and can handle a very large quantity of milk.

R. H. Armstrong met with a painful accident in the woods near Camp Adams on Friday last. Mr. Armstrong and John Sargeant were endeavoring to move a small camp, when the jack with which they were moving the camp fell on Mr. Armstrong's foot, business. The quantity of milk fur-

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets All druggists refund the money it it falls it ours. 25c. B. W. Grove's signature is our each box.

Work on the saw mill at Bonny River will be completed when the smoke-stack is erected. The rigging for this work and workmen from St John arrived by Monday's train. A. Sullivan of the Bonny River house and Wm. Douglass of Moore's Milk Hartland L. O. L., No. 41, of Hartland, Carleton Co., has elected the following officers for the appropriate that the followin

XMAS PRESENTS. If you want to give your son a Christmas present that will endure a paid-up scholarship at the Currie D. of C.; Chas. Thistle, lect.; Business University, which will insure yey McKinney, A. G. Baker, Herbir a first-class business education.

This institution is offering a special discount on all scholarships closed during the Christmas holidays.

FALSE REPORTS. (Continued from Page Four.)

been telegraphed all over the country this afternoon that Lord Minto had received a message from the war office confirming the report of the re-lief of Ladysmith. While naturally everybody is anxious to hear this good news, yet, so far as his excellency is concerned, he is no better informed than any person else, and up to a late hour tonight had not received any information from England in reference to South African affairs.

Mr. Anderson, local manager of the Bank of Montreal, announced he had

been notified from his head office that: their agent in London had cabled intelligence that the war office had been advised of the siege of Ladysmith being raised, but that no official advice had been received on the subject. At the militia department the day passed without any word from Colonel Otter. The break in the South Afri-can cables is blamed for this condition of affairs. No confirmation was received here in reference to the death of Private Chappelle, except what appears in the press despatches. The special service roll shows Private Chappelle was in the 74th Battallon, with headquarters at Sussex, N. B. He was a member of No. 6 company, and resided at Bale Verte. He was a single man and a member of the

division of Royal Canadian Artillery, Quebec, to join the Canadian battalion in South Africa as a special service officer. Major Rutherford has been in England for a year past undergoing a course of instruction in garrison artillery work, and it was his intention to return to Canada next month. He has asked and secured anincrity to go to South Africa, but the war office cannot guarantee his employment in the special branch of the service with which he is connected.

South Africa. (Special to the Sun.) CATAWA, Dec. 14.—It appears that Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut. Cof. after all the Bank of Montreal report Goff, Major Robinson, Capt. Wingate of the relief of Ladysmith is incor- and Lieut, Cowie. rect, as tonight Mr. Clouston, general

manager, telegraphed his excellency as follows: "Could not get you on the teles ray, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolfe-Murithone. The correspondent wires a bell, Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, mistake was made in saving the war bell, Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, office confirmed the report of Lady- Scott and Lieut. Waterhouse, smith being relieved, General Buller Attention is called to the

encountered at Magerstonieln were Irish fighting, regiments, which partly drawn from Natar, and that most equal them. Gen. Buller will strike a blow before these have time to return. The newspapers are calling upon othe government to employ the Cunarders as well pondent of the Standard at Modder as the White Star steamers as trans- river, describing the fight at Magers-ports, seeing the urgent necessity for fontein, says; without calling upon the militia for

foreign service... SPEEDY TRANSPORTS NEEDED. The greatest need, therefore, is speedy transports.

Sir Charles Warren, who arrived at Cape Town yesterday, will possibly join Lord Methuen and take command of the combined forces. The Daily Chronicle's Modder river

spatch, which is at variance with all the other reports, represents Lord Methuen's forces as retiring Tuesday on the camp at Modder river as the result of renewed artillery firing that day. The correspondent says:
"Tuesday forenoon the Boers brought heavy guns into action. The British artillery replied, but failed to silence them. Lord Methuen there-

upon withdrew his force out of Orders have been issued at Woolwich to prepare another siege train to go out with the seventh division. LONDON OPINION REFLECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 14.-While the outwardly calm attitude of the press and people here during the present crisis commands admiration, there is an undercurrent of intense indignation against the war office and the government, which threatens to have a seriious addition in the blunders of the generals and the further evidence of the breakdown of the transport and intelligence departments, which are daily coming to light. It was freely military circles, that the campaign would last until June. It was also expected that General Methuen would have to retire south of the Orange river, and it was claimed he could not hold out longer at Modder river, where his food supply and ammunition were not expected to last over a week. In fact, it was said that his line of com- raval guns was enormous. munication had probably been already cut, and it was claimed that General BLACK LUSTRE (Plain or Figured), 30c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 65c. Gatacre had been similarly weakened by his reverse and the revolt of the colonists, and he might have to choose between a stege and a retreat.

The afternoon newspapers of all shades of politics follow the morning papers in facing the situation courageously and in demanding the immediate despatch of reinforcements Thus, the radical Etar says: "The stake the gamble: Chamberlain has thrown on the table is not merely South Africa, but the Empire. It is too late to regret the game. We have no choice but to play it, even if it involves sending abroad the militia. Our armies in South Africa must be amply

reinforced." SCENES AT THE WAR OFFICE. The scenes at the war office today when General Methuen's casualties were posted were highly dramatic, There was a steady incursion of anxious inquiries from the moment the doors opened, and there was intense excitement when an official appeared bearing the ominously long list of

names. The women present crowded eagerly forward and begged for copies of the lists. The supply was not sufficient, so the official read out the lists. Intense feeling was evident on all the faces, and the pitiable anguish of the bereaved was extrane. It was a memorable scene. Some of the women were so overcome that they had to be as-sisted from the room.

PRESS OPINIONS

LONDON, Dec. 14.-The military critic of the Morning Post has this to say of General Methuen's defeat at Magersfontein: "After discussing as conqueror the terms of settlement and dividing as victor the spoils as well, we have had our day of humiliation." The Globe says: "The country is

prepared for any sacrifice. In the famous words of General Sheridan, 'All must now go in.'"
The St. James Gazette says: "When we have retrieved our defeats and have restored the supremacy of our flag, we can criticise and investigate.
T.day, we must act."
Continuing, the St. James Gazette

urges the government to take the White Star line steamships, from the Oceanic down, and send another army corps to South Africa.

The Westminster Gazette, a liberal

newspaper, which had actively op-posed the war, says: "We are bound to carry the campaign to a successful issue," and adds: "The reckoning MAJOR RUTHERFORD APPOINT-I with the government will come later.

CASUALTIES WERE LARGE war office today granting permission LONDON, Dec. 14.—An official re-te Major Rutherford, of the garrison port gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagement of Sunday and Monday, north of Modder river, as 817. Of the officers, 15 were killed and 47 wounded, while five are missing and one is known to have been captured. The brigade lost 10 officers killed, 33 wounded and 4 missing.

The war office has received a mess-

age stating that there were 650 casuofficers and men of the Highland bri-"gade at Magersfontein. The following list of the officers

Public opinion here is almost unani-mous that the government should offer 500 mounted police for scout duty in Highland brigade—Killed: General Wauchope, Lieut. Colonel J. N. C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmunds, Capt. J. R. Clark, Lieut. Cox. Capt.

Wounded: Colonel Kelham, Major Berkely, Major Duff, Capt. Feathermistake was made in saying the war Meut, the Hon. W. C. Baillie, Lieut, Attention is called to the fact that

being only in touch. Still he thinks it is the flower of the English army Col. W. P. Warburton, M. D., Indian medical vervice (retired), has recently been appointed superintendent of the koyal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

Dr. Warburton is a native of Psince Edward Island. He is a brother of Judge Warburton, Dr. James Warburton, Dr. James Warburton and Dr. George Warburton of Charlottetown.

Mis future intentions were.

A British Columbia paper has the following paper has the following relative to H. F. Page, formerly of Amherst, N. S.: "The annot received any communication from Col. Otter.

Dirymen's Association is to be held at North Yakima, Wash., on the 28th to 30th December. H. F. Page, of Charlottetown.

LONDON, Dec. 15, 4.45 a. m.—The war office is still without news from Watch the Gordons, the Scaforth Ladysmith other than that already being only in touch. Still he thinks there is something in the rumor of the English army that have suffered defeat in the South African campaign. These include the famous guards, the Grena-dier, the Coldstreams and the Scots, and the greatest fighting teginnents. The London, Dec. 15, 4.45 a. m.—The war office is still without news from Charlottetown.

At the judge's chambers, Court ighlanders. Among them are great

METHUEN'S REVERSE. LONDON, Dec. 15.-The corres

ports, seeing the urgent necessity for getting more men to the Cape as speedily as possible. Forty thousand the Highland brigade could reach the men could still be sent from England Beer stronghold. It is not yet clear. through what mischance the force, which was led by guides, came upon the Boer trenches so unexpectedly and so suddenly.

"Beyond question, the Boers wer aware of the approach of the British and had prepared to receive them. According to one version, two Highlarders, through nervousness or elumeiness, discharged their rifles prematurely; but it is equally prob-able that the advance Boer scouts conveyed the intelligence.

"Our men were totally unprepared They had not even fixed bayonets. The disaster was all the more exasperating because of the conscious-ness that, had the brigade been extended and with bayonets fixed, the trenches might have been success rushed with far less sacrifice of life.

AFTER THE BATTLE. MODDER RIVER, Wednesday Dec. 13.-Ambulances started early yesterday morning under a flag of truce to collect the wounded and bury the dead who fell at Magersfon-Brig. Gen. Wauchope, who led the Highland brigade, was found dead near the trenches, shot in the chest and thigh. A few wounded were found near the trenches. Several wounder Boers were taken to the British hos-

BOER LOSS WAS TERRIBLE. The side of the hill and the imme diate neighborhood of the Boen One wounded Boer informed a correspondent of the Associated Press that their loss was terrible. The whole Scandinavian contingent wes destroy ed. Judging from information glean ed from the Boer wounded and from prisoners taken in different parts of the field, the Boer losses must exce 700. The destruction wrought by the

WERE PREPARING TO RETREAT. Word was passed along the Boer lines to prepare to retreat at nightfall. All confess that it was their greatest loss during the war. The British troops have returned to Modder River owing lack of water near the position held yesterday.

MODDERSPRIUT BRIDGE DE-

STROYED. LONDON, Dec. 14.—A special despatch received here from Weenen, Natal, dated Monlay, Dec. 11, says that the Ladysmith garrison had made a sortie and destroyed the Modderspruit bridge.

NEWS FROM FRERE. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-A despatch from the British camp at Frere sta-tion, Natal, dated December 12, tells of the arrival there of Sir William MacCormac and several hundred ambulance bearers. At the time the despatch was sent the Boers were still shelling Ladysmith, though a day or two before the news was that they had stopped using their big guns. Detachments of Boers are moving

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towards Springfield, with the probable hear what enthusiasm and loyalty this wa intention of preventing the British has called forth from Canada from crossing the Tugela river at that SIR HUGH GHATEAD REID.

PELLE. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Queen has sent a message of deep sympathy to the widow of Gen. Wauchope. Private Chappelle of the Royal Canadians died of tonsilitis at Bal-mont, Cape Colony, Weinesday, Dec.

MONCTON, Dec. 14.—Private Montrose C. Chappelle was born at Bale Verte, Westmorfand county, and was 22 years of age. He belonged to No. 6 company, 74th battalion, and was a natural born soldier, of fearless disposition, and was one of the first to wolunteer in this province, and was an exceptionally good shot, standing first in his company for three successive years. He has a father and one brother, George B., resident in Bale Verte, and one brother, Malakoff, a member of the 71st battalion Fredericton. His mother is dead. He only lived in Moncton three weeks, having come here from New Glasgow, N. S. He was a cousin of J. M. Chappelle, caretaker of the railway bridge at Fredericton.

CHURCHILL HAS ESCAPED, (Special to the Sun.)

CHURCHILL HAS ESCAPED. LORENZO MARQUES, Dec. 14.— Winston Churchill, the newspaper correspondent and former officer of the Fourth Hussars, who was cap-tured at the time of the armored train lisaster near Estcourt in November, has escaped from Pretoria.

LORD ROBERTS SENT FOR. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Lord Roberts, who at present is commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's forces in Ireland, has been hastily summoned to London, says a cable to the World, and no doubt exists that he is wanted for a conference on the Transvaal war. While the war office told the extra session that the Boer war would cost \$50,000,000, well informed people now place the figures at \$200,000,000. There are at present 80,000 soldiers in South Africa, 10,000 more are to be mobilized or on their way, and it is thought a seventh division, more, will soon be collected at Aldershot for the Cape.

CADADA'S PART.

Extract from Letters Written by Pro-minent Englishmen to a Citizen of St. John, Re the Cana-dian Contingent

A number of prominent gentlemen in England have written to one, of our citizens their views of the offer of the Canadian

contingent.

JOSEPH ADDISON.

Joseph Addison, president of the Incorporated Law Society of London, writes as follows:—The finest result of this sad business has been its bringing out so grandly the splendid spirit of loyalty of the colonies. The world will not fail to take full note and heed of it, and I trust we here in the old country will all show ourselves worthy of our kinsman across the sea. I think we have learned our lesson, and that no minister will hereafter dare to think of our colonies as some did not long ago. I have the strongest feelings of pleasure and pride for the branches of our great family all over the world. Our maxim should be, "united we stand." New Brunswick has made a gallant effort. I think our Queen should have brought before her the account of such a scene as the newspapers record describing the farewell to the troops. It will go far to comfort her in her trouble.

LORD LLANGATTOCK. LORD LLANGATTOCK.

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Lord Llangattock, one of the prominent members of the house of lords, writes expressing his thanks for the copy of the St. John paper containing the account of the send off given to our New Brunswick contingent. He says we are all deeply anxious about South Africa. I do not think they realized how clever and numerous a body we had to deal with. Your New Brunswick people are splendid. Everybody is saying how well Canada has done. Together we could dety all other powers.

SAMUEL AITKEN. Samuel Aitken, head of the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music, London, says: It is most satisfactory to

Sir Hugh Gilyead, Reid. I have read with spread interest the account in the Sun, and have read with the protoundest pleasure the story of your boys departure for the war. The touching pathos and practical patriosism shown by Canada fills our hearts with the direction of Colenso, and an artillery duel is expected today.

DEATH OF PRIVATE CHAPPELLE.

MR. COLMER. Mr. Colmer of the Dominion of Canada of-fice, says: I have read with great pleasure the account in the Sun. Much price is felt on this side in the fine spirit evinced by Canada and the genuine enthusiasm aroused in the dominion.

FRANCIS B. PALMER Francis B. Palmer, the great company lawyer of London, writes: The enthusiasm in Canada is very moving to us. It is a matter of general satisfaction that Canada's matter of general satisfaction that Canada's

LORD STRATHCONA.

LORD GLENESK

C. A. DUFF MILLER. 46 Belgrave Rd, London, S. W.

on the Dilivara for Southampton, in Charge of some 150 men—drafts for the Berkshire-Regiment.

I myself have quite a number of relatives at the front now. One, a cousin of my wife, Capt. Lafone of the 1st Devon, was younded at Elandsiasgte, another brother is in the 19th Hussars, also at Ladysmith, their nephew, Lieut. Lafone, is in the 2nd Devon, at Mooi River, advancing on Ladysmith, and now my brother-in-law, youngerment, the 2nd Devons, and sails next Thursday on the Canada, taking out (along with another young sub-lieutenant) a draft of 130 men for the Manchester Regiment. So I have three relatives now in the Devons, which, by the way, is commanded by a Canadian, Col. (now general) Yute, who succeeded the late Seneral Symons after Glencoe. My wife's family is Devonshire, so here is a nice combination of Canada, and Devon!

I have another cousin senior captain in Bethuen's Mounted Infantry, now at Estecut. So you see the the agent general for New Brunswick is pretty well represented in this campaign!

The promptness with which, the Canadian contingent was got ready and despatched after once being decided on called forth much favorable comment on this side, and all on this side wish them every good for true. I am now looking out daily for their arrival at the Cape.

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SHARP & MCMACKIN, St. John. (North End).

PROVINCIAL NEWS

PENTON, Dec. S.—The death of Mrs. Annie McDonald, relict of the late Thomas McDonald, took place on Wednesday morning, after a lingering illnass. Deceased was 77 years of age and had been a resident of this village for 40 years. She was a native of Queens Co., Ireland, and fitty-five years ago moved with her husband to America. Six children were born to them. One daughter, Miss Lizzie McDonald, survives her. The funeral rites were held in the Roman Cathelic church this atternoon, interment taking place in the Debec R. C. cemetery, Rev. Father Carney officiating. The pall bearers were: Thomas Connolly, John Boyle, Judson Colnan and James Granam.

Henry Dow, an employe in Arscott & Co.'s tannery, while at work on Saturday, was severely scalded about the feet and aniles. Joseph McKenney, sr., while chopping wood, received a very bad cut in his foot.

At the last regular meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 66, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Boyd, W. Master; Adam Kelly, D. M. Frank Mills, Chaplain; Charlie Kelly, R. Secretary; Enos Dow, Treasurer; George Haplett, D. C.; Fred Burton, F. Secretary; Stephen Clapham, Lecturer.

SHEFFHEID, Sunbury Co., Dec. 9.
—Alison Lunn, from Denton's Point Landing, Queens Co., has removed to Lakeville Corner, Sheffield, and now

Lakeville Corner, Sheffield, and non occupies the tenement and farm which John McKay vacated a few weeks ago when he removed to Oromocto. The St. John river is solid with ice in Sunbury, and there are three ves-sels frozen up in the ice near Freder-

icton since Nov. 12th. Alex. Thurriott has just returned from St. John after disposing of two vessel loads of coal that was shipped and intended for the new shoe factory in Fredericton, but the lee up river prevented.

Reports say there have been converts to the conservative party in these parts, made so by J. D. Hazen's fine speech at Lakeville Corner on the 28th uit. H. B. Hetherington stated emphatically at that meeting that there is not money enough in the dominion treasury to buy Queens Co. now for the liberal party.

There are posters out now calling for tenders for two new bridges across important water and streams in Sheffield. Little Sunbury is not in sight of a permanent bridge vet. Two antediluvian structures are now in contemplation. Has it been put off until steel has become too expensive for the Record Foundry in Moncton to fur-

The popular papers of the day are publishing cartoons representing the Hon. A. G. Blair stretching his elastic personage to Restigouche Co., in the l vain hope that the constituency will have compassion on him and open her arms and receive him. Sunbury and Queens had accommodated him pretty well, but Sunbury and Queens to something more than his own interest and to creating positions for his friends and favorites. He had an | orphan turned out of the position of lighthouse keeper in Sunbury, a posi-tion that came to her through the death of her father. She was giving mer was appointed in her place, at a time when the work of the season was mostly over, and he will have nothing to do but draw his pay and sign the receipts. If the Hon. A. G. Blair or David Morrow, ex-M. P. P., ever come to the river parishes in Sunbury to ask an incensed constituency for their suffrages, we reckon it will be made pretty hot for them.

two days.

MICHIBUCTO. Dec. 9.—William Eddy, an old resident of Jardineville, died on Wednesday, aged seventy-eight years. The late Mr. Eddy was a native of England, and came to this country fifty years ago. The remains were interred yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian cemetery at Kingston. Rev. D. Fraser conducted the services.

The death of Mrs. McWilliams, mother of Thos. McWilliams, a prominent lumber merchant of Mill Branch, occurred on Thursday.

Thursday.

Geo. Amireaux, who went to the Kloncike twenty months ago, with the George
Black party, reached home a few days ago.
He expects to return in February.
W. A. P. Rhodes, who has been very ill, is improving.

A few smelts are being taken in the creeks and small streams. Three carloads were shipped this week.

BOIESTOWN, Dec. S.—Kitchen & Showledge, and small streams that the sing apparatus in the residence of Willisman Richards, and a new furnace in the Williams. Richards company's large hotel.

Daniel McLeod has come home, suffering with diphtheria, contracted while at work in the 'lumber woods.

Wm. Taylor lately opened a law office here.

here.
Scott Act Inspector Menzier paid this place an official visit on Wednesday.
The Debating Society held its first meeting of the season on Wednesday night, in the control of the barlors of the Forester's hall. Weekly meetings will be held all winter. HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 10.-At the funeral of Miss Jessie E. Bishop, whose death occurred on Thursday, the services were largely attended, being conducted by the Rev. F. D. Davidson,

pastor of the Hopewell Baptist church



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Substitution the fraud of the day. See you get Carter's, Ask for Carter's, Insist and demand Carter's Little Liver Pills.

There were many beautiful floral of-ferings. Clifford C. West, who has been living in Vancouver, B. C., for the past year and a half, came home on Friday. He does not expect to return to the

Mrs. Vernon, widow of the late Gideon Vernon, died at her home at Harvey on Friday after a quite David Oliver of Waterside, and Warren Oliver of Vancouver, B. C., are brothers of the deceased.

At St. John's Church of England this morning, Rev. Mr. Smithers de-livered a very excellent sermon on the story of the prodigal son. Mr. Smith-ers' ministrations since he assumed charge of the Albert mission a year and a half ago, have been attended by Several Well-known Residents a great measure of success.

The Emeralds, singing evangelists

gave entertainments last we bert, the Hill and Hillsboro. Mrs. Butterfield continues quite seri-susly ill at her home at Mountville.

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NORTHESK, Dec. 8.—For the second time this fall the river has been frozen over and the loe broken up.

William McLean has moved into an unoccupied house of James McKay's, and Mr. McKay is residing in Mrs. Smith's house. Edward Menries has had the hay press employed getting his hay in readiness for the lumber woods.—R. P. Whitney has men employed hauling corn from Newcastle.—Edward Keating has Messrs. Cain's hay press employed this week.

A large number of people gathered at the R. C. chapel at Red Bank at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, 29th, to witness the nuptials of Miss Lettits M. Copp of Northesk and Patrick Keys of Southest (late of Klondyke). Rev. Father Cromley of Blackville performed the ceremony in the absence of Father Duffy. The bride looked charming in an electric blue travelling suit. She was attended by her sister, and Daniel Sauntry was best man. After the ceremony was over, the bridal party went to the residence of John Keys, where about forty invited guests sat down to a bountiful breakfast. The bride received very many beautiful presents. Mr. Keys will reside in Southesk until spring, when he returns to Klondyke. Mrs. Keys will go there later on.

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MONCTON, Dec. 9.—The Sir Charles Tupper club had a large and enthusiastic meeting last night to hear Geo. V. McInerney, Kent county's talented representative in the house of commons. Mr. McInerney congratulated the club on the mame assumed and gave a most interesting resume of the public career of the leader of the conservative party from the time he became a member of the Nova Scotia government in 1857. down to the defeat of his government in 1856. Mr. McInerney said Sir Charles had been the object of much vile abuse, and he himself had been greatly prejudiced against him at one time, but the more he knew of the man and of his career, the more fully convinced he was that future generations would regard him as the peer of all Canadians, not excepting even the eminent men who had preceded him.

Speaking of the result of the Manitoba elections, Mr. McInerney raised his audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm when he said that it was but the prestige and the precursor of what was to happen all over the dominion when the general elections are brought on. The speaker went on to deal with the broken pledges and unfulfilled promises of the Laurier government, his showing up of Mr. Blah's bungling and his expostre of the hypocrisy of the liberal leaders in their trade and financial policy being especially appreciated. After speakfor an hour and three-quarters to a delighted audience. Mr. McInerney took his seat amidst loud and long-centinued applause. A vote of thanks, moved by R. A. Borden, seconded by John McKenzic, was unanimously tendered the speaker and the meeting dispersed with cheers for the speakers, Sir Charles Tupper and Hugh John Macdonaid.

Alex. McElwee, the New York capitalist who has purchased the Albert railway, returned home today. Yesterday he went over the property and expressed pleasure with the outlook. It is proposed to extend the road into Monoton and to erect a

road into Moncton and to creet a summer hotel at Alma.

SUSSEX, Dec. 12.—Rev. Mr. Nobles, pastor of the Free Baptist church here, who, with Hugh McLean, evangelist singer of Boston, during the recent past have been holding meetings at McAdam Junction, are to begin a series of meetings in Mr. Noble's church tomorrow evening. It is understood Mr. McLean will be present.

Miss Alvira Ryan, daughter of P. W. Ryan of Sussex, was a few days ago married in Boston to Edward Cunningham of that place. After the ceremony a reception was held and the happy bride was the recipient of many valuable and useful presents, among them being a cheque for a handsome sum from her father.

As our correspondent writes, the ladies of the Methodist church are holding their annual turkey supper. The attendance is large and a good time is being had.

E. M. Brundage, M. D., of Fenwick, Studholm, was on a business trip to Sussex today.

GASPEREAUX STATION, Queens Co.,

GASPEREAUX STATION, Queens 11.—Miss B. M. Brown has resigned

position as teacher of the school at Patterson settlement, much to the regret of the district. She has been offered a more lucrative position elsewhere.

Whooping cough is quite prevalent here just now.

Joseph Hoyt & Sons intend lumbering near South Branch Lake during the winter.

Arthur Johnston and Harry Anderson had a lively encounter with a very large bear a few days ago. They succeeded in putting it to flight, carrying in its person three or four bullets and leaving marks of blood.

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FREDERICTON, Dec. 12.—The local government were in session here today. This afternoon Dr. D. R. Moore of Stanley was given a further hearing in regard to the granting of a provincial subsidy to the Cross Creek-Stanley railway. The board of education meet tomorrow.

Survayor General Dunn was engaged today hearing argument of counsel in the Dorchester copper mining case. A. W. Chapman and R. A. Lawlor appeared for the Intercolonial Copper Co.; Dr. Pugsley and M. G. Teed for the Westmorland Mining Co.; H. A. Powell for Dorchester parties, and Geo. F. Gregory for Mr. Meyers, a Boston mining expert.

Islington lodge, Sons of England, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the institution of the order in Canada by a public meeting this evening, at which patriotic addresses were delivered by Rev. Canon Roberts, Rev. G. M. Campbell, Rev. J. D. Freeman and others, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 13.—The ex-

Freeman and others, interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

FREDERICTON, N B., Dec. 13.—The executive council last night considered the claims presented to them by the respective counsel in the matter of the Westmorland mines dispute, and it is understood decided upon a compromise disposition of the case, allowing the claims of the Westmorland and Intercolonial companies each in part. The order in council has not yet been drawn, but it is claimed that under its terms each company will get sufficient of the land in dispute to enable them to properly develop their properties. Mr. Myers' claim to property is disallowed.

The council has decided that the \$1,000 grant to the New Brunswick contingent fund shall be paid into the central fund at St. John to be disposed of by the committee in charge of the same, it being understood that the provincial secretary shall represent the government on such committee. The board of education this morning heard Mr. Coulthard, chairman of the Fredericton school board, and Sheriff Sterling in support of a request that the Easter school holidays be extended to cover Easter Monday and the following Tuesday. Premier Emmerson and the other members of the government intimated an opinion that the school holidays were already too many, but the matter was taken into consideration. The following timber berths were sold today to the purchasers and at the prices named:

Tobique River—Four miles, Hale & Murchie, upset price; east side Oromotto River, two miles, A. H. Hilyard & Co., upset

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North Cocagne River—Two miles, C. E.
Leckhart, \$56.50. North Cocagne River—Iwo miles, C. E. Lockhart, \$56.50.

Messrs. Paters of St. John, whose tannery was recently burned out, are likely to re-establish their works at Gibson. Representatives of the firm are here today looking the ground over, and are said to have been favorably impressed with the adaptability of the old Gibson tannery property, just below the Canada Eastern railway station, for their purposes.

The university class of 1900 at a meeting yesterday decided to make good their pledge to raise \$500 in five years for the proposed engineering building. Dr. Farkin

Presbyterian general assembly, will address a public meeting in St. Paul's church tonight in the interests of the century fund.

All the snow and ice have disappeared from the streets under the warm rains of Mcnday and yesterday, and today presents an April like rather than a December asspect.

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Your correspondent learns on good authority that John L. Carleton has resigned his position as court reporter and that the government have, or will appoint Walter H. Trueman, barrister, of St. John, in his stead. Although none of the members of the government care to talk, still the report is current among the inside ringers and is with little doubt authentic.

QUEENS COUNTY.

Died Last Week.

Celebrated 54th Anniversary of Their Marriage-Beat Off a Wild Cat-Skating on the Lake.

WHITE'S COVE, Dec. 11 .- The resident of White's Point, at the age of 76 years. The deceased has been suffering for some time with cancer of the stomach. Mr. Carmichael was a successful farmer and has for years kept the White's Point post office. He leaves a widow, one son, Johnson, who lives on the homestead, and daughters, Mrs. James Elgee of Caribou. Me., and Charity, who lives home Mr. Carmichael was an adherent of the Presbyterian church and in politics a conservative.

The remains will be interred in the Church of England cemetery at White's Cove. Rev. L. J. Wason (Methodist) will officiate at the house and grave.

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Dec. 9 -Yesterday we were again visited by a light fall of snow, which will make fair sleighing. The lake was partly frozen over last night. Several new parties have comnenced cordwood and logging operations. Among them are Alex Reece of Mill Cove, Wilmot Perry, George Elisworth, Wellington Cox and James

The steam tug Winnie left Gagetown on Monday last for St. John with two scows of hay, shipped by Thomas H.

F. Parks of Cambridge, and David Fowler and G. Walker Brown of Lake-

Gilbert. Yesterday Hugh and Bruce Farris sons of Hon, L. P. Farris, came over from Gagetown to Jemseg on the ice They report the ice three inches thick This was the first crossing of the river at that place this season.

Miss Mary Orchard, our popular teacher, is making preparations for the semi-annual school examination and

Evangelist Anderson, who has held revival services at Lower Cambridge and Mouth of Jemseg, is this week ocnducting meetings at Upper Jemseg and a large number will be baptized there tomorrow (Sunday). His next place to visit will be Mill Cove.

for a political meeting at the hall, Upper Jemseg, next week. This newill be for organization work. rule," as usual, is again to the front. The funeral of J. Hanford Lloyd of McDonald's Corner took place from his hands of the Americans, and problete residence on Monday last. Mr. ably will be when the Alaskan bound-Lloyd had been stricken down with consumption during the last year, and his end was expected. Mr. Lloyd, better known as Capt. Lloyd, has for the administration to enter into a new stormed the carriages to shake hands last number of years been engaged in the coasting trade. The deceased was twice married, his first wife being Miss Amanda Straight, a well known school teacher and daughter of Amos Straight of Cambridge, and his last wife the widow of the late David Cilchrist. The funeral services were con-

ducted by Rev. A. B. Macdenald, assisted by Rev. J. Bennet Anderson. evangelist. Mrs. Jas. S. Robinson of Cambridge wife of Councillor Robinson, who has been prostrated with hemorrhage of

the stomach, is improving. C. W. White, who has been confined to his home with lumbago, is improving. Clarence White of White's Point was recently confronted by a wild cat

while watering his horses at an early hour near his home. After a severe encounter he succeeded in beating the animal off. Mr. White says these animals are becoming very numerous.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Knight of Mill Cove celebrated on Nov. 27 the 54th anniversary of their marriage. This couple were married by the late Rev. Abram Wood, an Episcopal clergyman who lived for many years at Robertson's Point and filled the pulpit of St. John's church at that place. Although well up in years Mr. and Mrs. Knight are both enjoying excellent health and by their sunny manner make life all it should be. Mr. Knight for many years engaged in the building of schooners and afterwards commanded several. Of late years he has been engaged in keeping a gen-eral store, with good success. All join

in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Knight continued enjoyment and many more years of life. Christie Kennedy of Carleton Co. has sold to his brother Blair his property at White's Point. The sum realized is said to be in the vicinity of

Mrs. C. W. White was unexpectedly called home from Pearsonville, Kings Co. (where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Vradenburg) by the illness of her husband.

Dogs are killing sheep in large num bers at Mill Cove and Robertson's

There is now excellent skating or the Washademoak lake. The death took place this week at his home, Young's Cove, of Andrew Lipsett, a well known citizen. Mr. Lipsett has for many years been engaged in the lumbering business. He leaves a widow, a daughter of the late Miller Branscombe of Waerborough, and a large family. His son Burnham will take charge of the homestead and his father's lumbering operations. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church and a staunch conserva-

George White of Mill Cove is engaged in improvements upon his re- 11-2 in. \$2.60 to 2.65. sidence.

BOSTON LETTER.

A Sportsman's Show to be Held Late in February.

Enthroned Catholic Bishop of Vermont—The Manitoba Elections a

Black Kye for Laurier.

The Lumber and Fish Markets - Recen Deaths of Provincialists - Mild Weather -General News.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) BOSTON, Dec. 11.-The weather here is mild again and there is still prospect of snow.

Since the beginning of hay ship-ments from this port to the British army in South Africa, 25 car load have been rejected. The British steamer Montauk is still loading hay WHITE'S COVE, Dec. 11.— The here, and owing to the care taken in death occurred on Friday evening of the selection and stowing of the cargo Thomas Carmichael, a much respected the work is taking a much longe time than usual.

A Sportsman's Show, under the auspices of the Massachusetts Sportsman's Association, will be held in Mechanics' building here during the two weeks from Feb. 22 to March 10, inclusive. The show of 1898 was attended with so great success that immediately after its close plans were mapped out and preparations begun for the coming exhibition. Reports received from agents in all parts of the continent and abroad, and the large number of rare specimens already secured, give the management reason to believe that even a larger collection of live game will be brought together than at the show two years ago, which was claimed to be the larg st collection of live game ever brough together under one roof. The game animals, birds, fish, etc., of course will form the greatest attraction of the show. The provincial government of Quebec had decided to have no exhibit this year on account of the Paris exhibition, but later determined to arrange a new exhibit for the Sportsman's Show. New Brunswickers in Boston are anxious that New Brunswick be adequately represented, and they hope that the provincial govcrnment can see its way clear to send

an exhibit. Hon, Mr. Dunn did excellent service in behalf of the province at the last show, notwithstanding a clash with the too zealous custo officials at the boundary, which the managers of the exhibition greatly re-The Manitoba elections attracted considerable attention in this country, many of the newspapers pro nouncing the result a reverse for the Laurier government. In discussing Canadian politics the Boston Transcript says: "Unfortunately for the

liberals, the course of the senators during the last two sessions of parlian ent has been one that commends itself to public opinion. The senators even when Sir Redvers Buller landed, threw out the Yukon railway bill, and the present sign of grace has sent it from the lower house, whereby ed that the best part of Canada's northern goldfor the construction of a railway whose Pacific port is now in the ary dispute is settled. The same body also threw out the Drummond county railway bill, and forced the liberal connection with the war. arrangement for the extension of the Intercolonial railway to Montreal, Save the Queen, and cheered themwhich saved Canada at least one

million dollars." throned last week as Catholic bishop of Vermont. He succeeds Bishop de Goesbriand, who died recently, aged 90 years. Bishop Michaud is well known in Kent and Westmorland

Arthur Gray, a 24 year old Halifax clerk, who was arrested here on Friday, charged with embezzling \$50 from Conrad's hotel at Halifax, will

be taken back for trial. The witnesses in the Maxwell mur-der case are held at Portland, pend-reception impossible. ing further developments as to the location of the trial. All the witnesses are members of the crew

the schooner J. B. Vandusen. William Davis and Annie Hubert, two of the counterfeiters who made the spurious currency with several parts of the provinces were ficoded, have pleaded guilty, and will be sentenced later. George Davis, a third prisoner, pleaded not guilty, and will fight the case. He was indicted Saturday on four counts. Dr. William P. Brechin of this city died yesterday from blood poisoning, the result of a slight street car acci-

dent. Dr. Brechin was born in Cornwallis, N. S., in 1851. Among deaths of other provincial ists were the following: In Boston Dec. 9. Paul D. Trifford, formerly president of the Boston Waiters' Alliance, aged 30, native of Shelburne, N. S.; in Cambridgeport, Dec. 9, Mrs. Martha Parker, aged 84 years, formerly of St. John; in East Boston, Nov. 28, Stanley de Leskey, aged 19

years, formerly of St. John. The following from the provinces were in the city recently: M. A. Finn, St. John; N. F. Todd, St. Stephen Mrs. F. W. Simmes. Miss Ethel Simmes, Moneton; W. F. Neary, Kentville, N. S.; L. G. Hesseltine and Mrs. Hesseltine, Frederick Mainwaring and Mrs. Mainwaring, J. Warner, Halifax; Nathaniel Morton, Yarmouth.

Open weather has aided the lumber market, the demand continues good and the outlook is very encouraging. The agreement prices on spruce decided upon by millmen two months ago still prevail. Frames, 9 inches and under, are worth \$17; 10 and 12 inch dimensions, \$19, and merchantable boards, \$15. Hemlock is in good request for the season, with the supply small enough to make the market firm. Eastern hemlock boards are selling at \$14 to 16, and No. 1 \$13 to 14. Shingles are a little easier under heavofferings. Extra cedar, best brands, are quoted at \$3.10 to 3.15: clear, \$2.65 to 2.70, and second clear, \$2.10 to 2.25. Laths are firmer. Prices on 15-8 in. are \$2.70 to 2.80, and on

less. Nova Scotia split herring are worth \$6.50, and medium \$5.25 to 5.50. Smelts are in good demand and prices are considered good. Provincial fish bring 8 to 10c. Live lobsters are in good demand at 16c., with boiled at

THE WAR.

Hewed Their Way Through the Boers With Their Swords:

Cheered the New Zealand Contingent as It Arrived at Cape Town -G. W. Steevens is a Prime Favorite With Tommy Atkins.

> SOME GRUESOME TALES. (London Mail.)

TITLY TO

A private in the 1st King's Royal Rifles writes, after the battle of Elands Laagte, to a friend in Preston "I must give a word of praise to the cavalry, who performed the finishing stroke. I tell you it was a great, but terrible, sight to see those horse men hew their way through the Boers with their swords. Three times they rode right through the Boers, hacking, cutting, slashing. We had suffered pretty severely, and I suppose we got our backs up a bit. Anyhow, we got even with Joubert's men.

"Dear —, it's very terrible, is this war," the letter proceeds. "I saw several Boers whose heads had been cut right off by our cavalrymen's swords. It is ghastly, isn't it? But it's the plain truth. Some of the Boers had cied in praying attitudes. Many, I was told by a friend in the 5th Lancers, flung down their arms as soon as they saw the flash of the lances, and clasping their hands above their heads begged for mercy. But they had shown no mercy to our men; some day, if I'm spared, I will tell you some incidents of how the Boers behaved to our men-killing and hammering ur wounded as they lay on the field and this was our revenge.

"Do you know what I should like more than anything else?" this interesting letter continues. "Well, that's a good stew in a hot bath. And, oh, how nice it will be to sleep in a bed again!

NEW ZEALANDERS CHEERED. (London Mail.)

CAPE TOWN, Nov. 27.-The New Zealand contingent, which arrived here in the Waiwera, went direct north this afternoon in two trains. The men looked extremely fit.
The intended official reception had to be abandoned, but Cape Town was smothered with bunting and the shops

were draped with flags, and displayed such mottoes as "Welcome brother loyalists." Even the post office flew the Union Jack, the first time since the war that a government building has been so decorated. No such display was made

and the present sign of grace has occasioned much amazed and gratibearing regions be assigned to the ched through the town, but the sta-Mann-Mackenzie syndicate, in return tion yard was filled with an enthusiastic crowd. Trucks, roofs of car-

ple, and a brass band with pipers played the troops away. It was the greatest display of popular enthusiasm seen in Cape Town in with the troopers, and all sang God

selves hoarsa It was a superb demonstration of Rt. Rev. J. S. Michaud was en-throned last week as Catholic bishop. The troops answered the cheers of the crowd with the Maori yell, which was enjoyed by the people immensely Doubtless it will be heard in battle

before long. The Australian contingent landed from the Medic today, and went to Maitland Camp. There is general regret at the enforced abandonment of the public reception to the colonial troops, but the fact that they did not

WAR NOTES.

A gentleman lately returned from Pretoria says the place is magnificently defended with cannon and dynamite mines.

There are three Cronjes-Piet Cronje, Jameson's conqueror, who is besieging Mafeking; young Piet Cronje, said to have been killed in the siege; and Anthony Cronje, who com-manded at Graspun, and probably also at the Modder River battle.

"There are twelve dead Boers lying around me," writes a Devon private from the field of battle, "and we are on top of the enemy's position. bullets flew about like rain, and thought every minute I was shot." General Younghusband has received

letter from Ladysmith saying that G. W. Steevens, after accompanying the defending force in their operations in the morning, spends the who of the afternoon in the hospital, and gives up his evenings to entertaining

Tommy Atkins, with whom he is a prime favorite.

A private in the Dublin Fusiliers in a letter home describes an amusing incident at Glencoe. A comrade of incident at Glencoe. A comrade of his was removing forage from the camp at Glencoe when a shell banged into the ground five yards off him. Without troubling to look up from his job the Fusilier ejaculated, "Ach! go to blazes with yez!"

The Dean of Maritzburg, a colonist of fifty years' standing, writes: "The Transvoal government is a military oligarchy, corrupt, oppressive, and blindly ambitious. The offer of the Malays at Capetown to raise a troop
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TWO AND TWO.

By-elections in Ontario Juesday Resulted in a Conservative Gain.

TORONTO, Dec. 12.-The by-election held in this province today to fill vacancies in the local legislature resulted in a gain for the conservatives of one seat.

The results were as follows: South Ontario-Dryden (lib.), 352 majority. South Brant-Preston (lib.), 430 majority. West Elgin-McDiarmid (con.), 21

jority. Evaporated vegetables were first put up for the Alaskan market, but the business is being developed more largely for export to other parts of the world.

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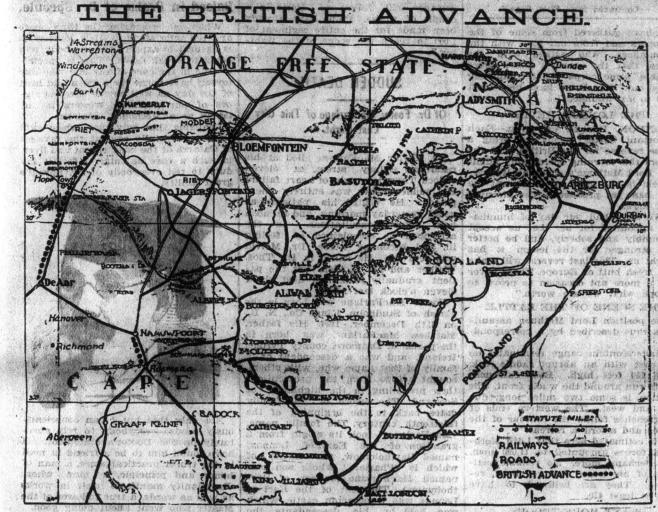
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This map reproduced from the Sun of December 1st, gives a good idea of the position of the three British forces in South Africa, and will be found particularly interesting as showing the district in which General Gatacre met his recent reverse.

THE MARKETS.

Revised Every Monday for the

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Dec. 9.—Rev. C. D. Schurman, Acadia, '97, has gone with is family to Halifax, to become pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist church. Mrs. Schurtan is a daughter of Rev. Joseph Murray, or some time pastor of the Hansport hurch. for some time pastor of the Hansport church.

Miss Annie Clark, a member of the Acadia senior class, was suddenly called to her home, Bay View, P. E. I., by the sudden death of her sister. Miss Clark is a sister of Miss Lella Clark and Jeremiah S. Clark, who graduated last Jine.

A. E. McLeod, a prosperous merchant of Parrsboro, has sold his residence and property there, and taken the residence of J. W. Cal-lwell on Acadia street, Wolfville, where he will remove with his family. Mrs. Caldwell will join her husband in Ottawa. where he will remove with his family. Mrs. Caldwell will join her husband in Ottawa, where he has a position in the civil service. Much sympathy is felt for the Rev. J. W. Keirstead, who graduated from Acadia last June, on the death of his wife, which occurred at the home of her parents at Bay View, P. E. I., on the 5th, and also a little son a few days previous. Mrs. Keirstead had many friends in Wolfville, who will regret her early death.

Mrs. Quinn has closed the Lindens for the winter and will spend some time at the come of her laughter in St. Stephen. Chaplain and Mrs. Martin have returned home of her laughter in St. Stephen.
Chaplain and Mrs. Martin have returned home after their rather rough adventures. Capt. Martin was master of the bark Avola, which was wrecked in the British Channel. S. Howard of St. John was first mate. The yessel was only partly insured and was loadwith coal. Nothing was saved.

The Kings County Agricultural Society, which has had its 110th birthday, reports an unusual aboundant harvest. The grain crop being the best for some years. The country is literally full of hay. The oats average 56 bushels to the acre. The Acadia creamery, Wolfville, is working successfully and the demand for butter and cheese has much exceeded the supply. The directors recommend that more thorough bred stock be raised in Nova Scotia, and save the money, which has hitherto been paid to Ontario for stock.

Mrs. Sears, wife of Professor Sears of the Horticultural school, who is a graduate of a celebrated cooking school, is to give a course of lessons free, under the auspices of the King's Daughters.

Mrs. Arthur Calhoun leaves today with her children for St. John, where she will spend the winter at the home of her father. Mr. Ellis. She expect to return to Wolfville in the spring.

Merchants' Day at Wolfville will be on

Dec. 14th, and considerable preparation is being made.

The open session of the Propylaeum Society, given on Friday evening in College Hall, was a very successful performance. The subject, An Evening with Oliver Wendell Holmes, was an interesting one. The vice-president, Miss McLeod, daughter of Judge McLeod, Charlottetown, Acadia, '69, presided. A marked feature of the evening was "a personal interview with Holmes,' by the founder of the society, and one of Nova Scotia's talented writers, Grace Dean McLeod Rodgers. As the critic, Miss Mabel Caldwell, said in her amusing report. "This interview was beyond criticism." The synopsis, by Miss Pearson, was extremely withy and elicited much applause.

HALLIFAAX, N. S., Dec. 12.—The Red.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 12.—The Red Cap Sraw Shoe Club held its twentyfifth annual meeting tonight. Wm. Levis was elected captain, succeeding H. B. Stairs, commanding the Nova Scotia company in the Canadian con-tingent in South Africa.

The new steamer Manchester Com-

merce, of the Manchester Liners, Limited, fourteen days from Shields for St. John, N. B., arrived in the lower harbor at midnight, with the loss of a couple of propellor blades, having had remains below. The agents are unable to get aboard on account of rough seas, and have only communicated deck of a tugboat. This is the Man-

chester Commerce's maiden trip. CORNWALLIS, N. S., Dec. 13.-Port William's bridge has been re-planked and a new railing put on. Cornwallis bridge has received a similar renova-

same firm have evaporated at Kerr's vaporator in Canning five hundred and fifty pound cases of apples, and about seven eases of chops. The bar-rels of apples have been shipped to England, with satisfactory results, but the evaporated apples have not

been shipped yet. It will be merchants' week in Kentville next week, beginning on Monday,

ceived word from Boston on Monday that the body of his late brother-inlaw, Dr. W. Pitt Breckin, would not the kidneys strong and active in their be sent to Nova Scotia for burial at work of filtering the blood, and thus present, owing to circumstances. Dr. remove the cause of rheumatism. One Breckin died in Boston last Thurz-pill a dose, 25 cents a box.

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and was a son of Pierce Breckin of Canard. He had been practicing his profession in Boston for some years. He was a member of Scotia Lodge, No. 28, of Canning, and had attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry.

Joseph Howe of Middleton, a grandson of the Hon. Joseph Howe, is head book-keeper in the firm of T. P. Calkin & Co. at Kentville.

The Presbyterians of Kentville in-tend to build a new church where the manse now stands.
The merchants of Windsor are to have a merchants' day on December

MISSIONARY FORWARD MOVE-MENT.

A meeting of a special committee of the Baptist Foreign Mission board and a similar committee of the Home Mission board of New Brunswick was held in the Foreign Mission rooms, on Germain street, on Tuesday afternoon, to consider a proposal for raising a forward movement fund of \$50,000.

Rev. J. W. Manning was called to the chair and Rev. W. E. McIntyre appointed secretary, after which the meeting opened in due form. The chairman announced the object of the meeing to be the consideration of the inaugurating a plan for issuing a twentieth century fund for Home and Foreign Missions. A communication was presened from the secretary of the Maritime Home Mission board, ex-pressing sympathy with the idea pro-

the feasibility of the proposal, the following resolution, moved by Dr. Gates and seconded by Rev. Ira Smith, was in the opinion of this joint meeting, representing the Foreign Mission board of the maritime provinces and the Home Mission board of New Brunswick, an effort should be made to raise a fund of \$50,000 by August, 1901, as a forward movement in the interests of Home and Foreign Missions, and that we urge the churches to begin the campaign at their earliest convenience."

It was also decided that the Baptists tion.

The firm of Nesbit & Onderdonk of Ontario have bought 17,000 barrels of apples in Cornwallis this season. The Missions, Grand Ligne and Northwest arranged by the committee in charge. The chairman and secretary were empowered to present the appeal and complete all necessary arrangements.

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GRAND TEMPLE OF HONOR.

The thirty-third semi-annual session was held in the hall of York Temple, Fredericton, on Monday. The G. W. Templar presided. There were also present: H. C. Creed, G. V. Templar; W. C. Simpson, G. W. R.; C. A. Everett, G. W. Treas.; D. McNally, acting U., and H. C. McDonald, G. W. G. Among other St. John members were Hon. Robert Marshall, Geo. Doherty and C. T. Maxwell. Reference has already been made to the address of the G. W. T. The report of G. W. Rec. Simpson showed membership as follows: Victoria, 63; Alexandra, 120; Tilley, 25; Aberdeen, 100; St. James, 24; York, 27; a total of 359. The council membership is 62, included in the foregoing, and there is in addition 246 junior templars, viz.: Victoria, 105; Alexandra, 92; Aberdeen, 49. The report of the Grand Treasurer showed that his balance on hand at the close of his term was \$24.38. The report of the audit committee through its chairman, R. B. Wallace, showed the accounts and other statements to be correct. The committee on the state of the order urged, among other things. to the juvenile templars, not only as a means of recruiting the order, but for its good effect in promoting the cause. Considerable routine business was transacted at a very harmonious session, and a vote of thanks passed to the C. P. R. for courtesies extended to members attending the session from a distance. The meeting closed about midnight. York Temple gave the vis-itors a kind and brotherly reception.

Dector-Put out your tongue. Little formmy-No, sir. I did that to the teacher yesterday, and got an awful hiding.

RALPH S. EATON

Who Has an Orchard of 14,000 Trees in Cornwallis Valley.

alks to the Sun's Readers About Fruit Culture in N. B. and N. S,-The Proposed Agricultural College,

Ralph S. Eaton of Kentville, N. S., is old erough to have had experience, and young erough to have enthusiasm, and when he talks of the fruit growing possibilities of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick he is apt to leave a very distinct impression on the

talks of the fruit growing possibilities of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick he is apt to leave a very distinct impression on the mind of listeners.

Mr. Eaton was in St. John last week, and the Sun prevailed on him to talk a little for publication, in the interest of the cause he has so much at heart. Mr. Eaton has an orchard of his own, and it is one worth talking about—and thinking about. He has a 62 acre block, containing aloud. He has a 62 acre of it was so densely covered with soft wood growth that one had difficulty in forcing a passage. He cleared it and planted apple trees among the stumps, mulching them the first year. Twelve years ago that bit of woods was valued at about 310 an acre. The ordered provided the first year. The was a successful and a fall of the difference, said Mr. Eaton, "between a \$3,000 farm in our section of Nova Scotia is largely due to the orchard." A 30 or 40 acre orchard is not regarded as anything wonderful in the Cornwallis valley.

Mr. Eaton has more than apple trees in his orchard. He has 3,000 plum trees, about half of them Japanese varieties. At the Halifax exhibition he had 2 oz. plums from the latter that Prof. Craig said were finer than he had even seen in Ontario or the United States. But Mr. Eaton had 3 oz. plums there too. He sent six crates to England (in cold storage out well. He proposes to send more to that market, and will also keep plums in cold storage next year to market in November and December. Some varieties of plums require to be marketed more quick-ly. He has great faith in plums, despite the fact that many Kings and Amapolis growns have become discouraged and are neglecting them.

Mr. Eaton also has 1,100 peach trees, and has

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At the regular meeting of Court Welsford, I.O.F., 1665, on the 12th inst., the following officers were elected for next year: T. A. Stevenson, C. R.; C. W. Woods, V. C. R.; P. E. McKenzie, rec. sec.; Wm. Howe, fin. sec.; M. O. McKenzie, treas.; Robert McDonald. chap.; A. H. Jones, S. W., Merrit R. McKenzie, J. W.; H. Thompson, S. B.; chap.; A. H. Jones and Wm. Russell, trustees; H. W. Woods and Merrit R. tee. Retiring C. R. Fowler's exceptionally good report was received with applause. The reports of Fin. Sec. Howe and Treas. McKenzie showed the Court to be in good financial shape. The Court's annual supper and dance will be held on New Year's night.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON XIII. - December 24

GOLDEN TEXT. Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is

Christ the Lord.-Luke 2: 11. THE SECTION includes 2 Chron. 28; the prophecies of the coming of the Christ, in the book of Isaiah (Isa. 7: 10-17; 9: 1-7; 11: 1-10)

and the vision of the Messianic time

(chaps. 40, 55, 60). PLACE IN BIBLE HISTORY. The Bible history of the time of this prophecy is 2 Kings, chap. 16; 2 Chron.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time.—Probably written during the reign of Ahaz in Judah, "during the Syro-Ephraimitish war. B. C. 735-734."
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Place.—It was delivered in Jerusa-

lem, the prophet's home, to Judah, the prophet's people. Isaiah was the son of Amoz. His.

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apply to the times when Christ came, and to all the nations who do not know Christ, A great light. God's promise

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4. The voke of the Assyrians—Also

the yoke and burden of sin. 5. For every, etc.—Read as in R. V. All that pertains to war shall be burn-6. Unto us-For our benefit (John

3: 16). A son is given—The Son of God. The government shall be upon His shoulder—The royal robes were hung upon the shoulder, and the scep-ter and keys were borne upon the shoulder or suspended from it. Christ shall be a king and ruler over the world. His name shall be called—It does not mean that He should actually bear these names, but merely that he should deserve them, and that they would be descriptive of His character. Wonderful—Everything about Christ was wonderful,-His nature, His birth, His words, His deeds, His death, His

thoritative teacher of the truth, a wise administrator of the church, and con-fidential adviser of the individual be-liever. Christ is the wisdom of God. His whole scheme of redemption is the-fruit of consummate wisdom; His person, and life, and atonement, His whole method of saving men, are wisdom it-self. The mighty God—Christ was God as well as man. The true Saviour of man must be divine as well as human; human, to reach down to our hearts; divine, to overcome all enemies, to be us to God. The everlasting Father-Expressing in His person and message the fatherly love of God for His chil-

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(See 2 Kings 15: 37; 16: 4-8; 2 Chron. 28.) What darkness lies on many peo-

II. The Dawning Light (v. 2).—What light shone into this darkness? Of what light was it a type and promise? (Luke 1: 77-79; John 1, 9, 14.)

III. The Blesse lness of the Light (vs. 3-5). -What were the effects of the shining of this light? IV.-A Vision of the Redeemer (v. 6).-Through whom did the light come?

What qualities in the Redeemer? Why do we need these in a true Saviour? V. A Vision of His Kingdom (v. 7). -What things that are desirable do you find in this kingdom? Has this ; r. phecy been fulfilled?

DEATH

Of Sir George Kirkpatrick, Ex-Governor of Ontario,

And for Over Twenty Years a Prominent

Membes of the Canadian Commons. (Special to the Sun.) TORONTO, Dec. 3 13.-Sir George

of Ontario, died at a p'clock this morn-ing after a long filmess. Sir George Airay Kirkpatrick was the fourth son of the late Thos. Kirk-patrick, Q. C., M. P. of Kingston, On-tario, and was born Sept. 13th, 1841. The family claims descent from the Irish branch of the Bagons of Closenburn, Scotland. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, B. A. and L.L. B., 1861; an hon. L.L. D. of Dublin shined.
3. Thou hast multiplied the nation,
(b) and not increased the joy; they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest (c) and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

LL. B., 1861; an hon. LL. D. of Dublin University, 1884; of Queen's University 1893, and of the University of Toronto, 1894. Studying law in his father's office, he was called to the bar in 1865, and practiced his profesharvest (c) and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4. For (d) thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, (e) as in the day of Midian.

5. For (f) every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and (g) garments rolled in blood; (h) but this shall (i) be with burning and fuel of fire.

6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, (j) The Mighty God, (k) The Everlasting Father, (l) The Prince of

For many years he took part in support of the volunteer mili-tia of Canada, which he entered as aupon the throne of Davis,
His kingdom, to (n) order it, and to (o)
establish it with judgment and with
(p) justice from henceforth even for
ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts
(q) will perform this.

Wimbledon team of 1876, and was president of the Dominion Rifle Association, 1834. As a private citizen he took
every prominent part in establishing a very prominent part in establishing some of the more important industrial and commercial institutions in King-

(e) Insert thou hast broken.

Ver. 5. (f) All the armor of the armed man in the tumuit. (g) Insert the. (h) Omit but this. (i) Even be for burning, for.

Ver. 6 (j) Omit The. (k) Omit The. (l) Omit

1883 he married Isabel Louise, youngest daughter of the late Hon. Sir David L. Macpherson, K. C. M. G. Lady Kirkpatrick is prominently identified with many of the charitable institutions of Toronto. His eldest son, a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston, was appointed a lieutenant of the Royal Engineers in 1885, and in 1894 became a teacher in the British Staff College near Sandhurst.

ENGLISH SUPPLANTING SPANISH.

The progress of the English language in Mexico City is very marked from year to year. Even six years ago a stranger found it difficult to do much shopping without a knowledge of Spanish. Now there is not a house of any importance in the city that does not have at least one English-speaking clerk, and some of them have several, and the manager or proprietor deals with the American travelling man in the latter's own language. The prominent lawyers and doctors of Mexico are highly educated men. They speak English fluently, and several other languages as well. They read the newspapers and magazines in English.

The Mexicans are fine linguists, but arevery modest regarding their attainments. You will meet a Mexican gentleman upon the car on his way to business, and, although he may have read the morning newspaper in English thoroughly before leaving home, if he has of had opportunity for conversational practice, he will be reluctant to acknowledge any acquaintance with the language whatever.

ON FORGIVENESS.

Revenges.

"Let Not the Sun Go Down Upon Your Wrath," His Text.

He Recommends More Saccharine and Less Sour in Mankind.

Ephesians iv., 26, "Let not the sun "go down upon your wrath."

What a pillow, embroidered of all colors, hath the dying day! The cradle of clouds from which the sun rises is beautiful enough, but it is sur-passed by the many colored mauso-leum in which at evening it is buried. Sunset along the mountains! It al-most takes one's breath away to restretching over the plain make the glory of the departing light on the tiptop crags and struck aslant through the foliage the more conspicuous. Safron and gold, purple and crimson commingled. All the castles of clouds in conflagration. Burning Moscows on the sky. Hanging gardens of roses at their deepest blush. Banners of vapor, red as if from carnage, in the battle of the elements. The hunter among the Adirondacks and the Swiss is a sunset among the mountains. After a storm at sea the rolling grandeur into which the sun goes down make wierd and splendid dreams out of for a lifetime. Alexander Smith in his poem compares the sunset to "the hatred that you are not barren beach of hell," but this wonthink of the burnished wall of heaven. Paul in prison, writing my text, remembers some of the gorgeous sunsets among the mountains of Asia

Minor and how he had often seen the towers of Damascus blaze in the close of the oriental days, and he flashes out that memory in the text when he

Sublime, all suggestive duty for peo-rie then and people now! Forgive-ness before sundown! He who never feels the throb of indignation is im-becile. He who can walk among the injustices of the world inflicted upon cheek, or flush of eye, or agitation of mature, is either in sympathy with wrong or semi-idiotic. When Ananias, of the courtroom to smite Paul on the mouth, Paul fired up and said, "God shall smite thee, thou whited wall!" in the sentence immediately before my text Paul commands the Ephesians, "Be ye angry and sin not." It all depends upon what you are mad at and how long the feeling lasts whe-ther anger is right or wrong. Life is David, Cuccoth after Gideon, Kerah after Moses, the Pasquins after Au-gustus, the Pharisees after Christ, and after Moses, the resulter Christ, successful to the Pharisees after Christ, successful the Pharisees after Christ, successful the everyone has had his pursuers, and we are swindled or belied or mix we are swindled or persecuted or in sor represented or persecuted or in some way wronged, and the danger is that healthful indignation shall become baleful spite and that our feelings settle down into a prolonged outpour-ing of temper displeasing to God and ruinous to ourselves, and hence the important injunction of the text, "Let mot the sun go down upon your wrath"

REPRESSION OF ONE'S TEMPER. Why that limitation to one's anger?
Why that period of flaming vapor set to punctuate a flaming disposition?
What has the surset got to do with one's resentful emotions? What it a haphazard sentiment written by Paul without special significance? No. n.
I think of five reasons why we shou I think of five reasons why we shou I out left the sun set before our terms.

not let the sun set before our temporale first, because twelve hours is lor enough to be cross about anything wrong inflicted upon vs. Nothing is so exhausting to physical health mental faculty as a protracted indulgence of all-humor. It racks the nerv ous system. It hurts the digestion It heats the blood in brain and hear until the whole body is first overheat ed and then depressed. Besides that, it sours the disposition, turns one aside from his legitimate work, expends energies that ought to be better employed and does us more harm than it does our antagonist. Paul gives us a good, wide allowance of time for to 6 o'clock, but says, "Stop there!" Watch the descending orb of day, and when it reaches the horizon take a reef in your disposition. Unlosse your collar and cool off. Change the subject to something delightfully pleas-Unroll your tight fist and shake fires at the curfew bell. Drive the growling dog of enmity back to its The hours of this morning will pass by, and the afternoon will arrive, and the sun will begin to set, and, I beg you, on the blazing hearth throw all your feuds, invectives and

Aye, you will not postpone till sun down forgiveness of enemies if you can realize that their behavior toward you may be put into the catatogether for good to those that love God." I have had multitudes of friends, but I have found in my own experience that God so arranged it that the greatest opportunities of use-fulness that have been opened before ness credit or started that hie about me were opened by enemies. So you may harness your antagonists to your best interests and compell them to draw you on to better work and higher character. Suppose, instead of waiting until 32 minutes after 4 this evening, when the sun will set, you transfer this glorious work of forgive-

ness at meridian. WE WILL SLEEP BETTER.

Again, we ought not to let the sun go down on our wrath, because we will sleep better if we are at peace with everybody. Insomnia is getting to be one of the most prevalent of yourself more than you damage him, disorders. How few people retire at and you are making heaven for your through to six in the morning! To

and bromide of potassium and cocaine and intoxicants are used, but nothing Talmage on Placating World's is more important than a quiet spirit if we would win somnolence. How is a man going to sleep when he is in mind pursuing his enemy? With what nervous twitch he will start out of a dream! That new plan of cornering his fee will keep him wide awake while the clock strikes 11, 12, 1, 2. I give him an unfailing prescription for wakefulness. Spend the evening hours rehearsing your wrongs and the best way of avenging them. Hold a convention of friends on this subject in your parlor or office at 8 or 9 o'clock. Close the evening by writing a bitter letter express sentiments. Take from the desk or pigeonhole the papers in the case to refresh your mind with your enemy's meanness. Then he down and wait for the coming of the day, and it will come before sleep comes, or your sleep will be worried quiescence, and if you take the precaution to be flat on your back, a frightful nightmare.

Why not put a bound to your ani-nosity? Why let your foes come into the sanctities of your dormitory.
Why let those slanderers who have already torn your reputation to pieces already torn your reputation to pieces or injured your business bend over your midnight pillow and drive you from one of the 'greatest blessings that God can offer—sweet, refreshing, all invigorating sleep? Why not fence out your enemies by the golden bars of the sunset? Why not stand behind the barricade of evening cloud and say to them, "Thus far and no farther." Many a man and many a woman is having the health of soul eaten away by a malevolent spirit. I have in time of religious awakening into the inquiry room and get no peace of soul. After awhile I have bluntly asked them, "Is there not someone against whom you have a give up?" After a little confusion they have slightly whispered, "Yes." Then I have said, "You will never find peace with God as long as you

Again we ought not to allow the sun to set before forgiveness takes see another day. And what if we should be ushered into the presence of our Maker with a grudge upon our soul? The majority of people depart this life in the night. Between 11 n'clock p. m. and 3 o'clock a. m. there is something in the atmosphere which relaxes the grip which the body has on the soul, and most people enter next world through the shadows of this world. Perhaps God may have arranged it in that way so as to make the contrast the more glorious. I have seen sunshiny days in this world that must have been almost like the radiance of heaven. But as most people leave the earth between sundown and sunrise they quit this world at its darkest, and heaven, always bright, will be the brighter for that contrast. Out of darkness into irra-diation.

Shall we then leap over the rose-ate bank of sunset into the favorite with would want to confront his God, against whom we have all done meaner thirgs than anybody has ever done against us, carrying old grudges? How can we expect His forgiveness for the greater when we are not willing to forgive others for the less? Napoeon was encouraged to undertake the nagne had previously crossed them And all this rugged path of foregiveess bears the bleeding footsteps of Him who conquered through suffering, and we ought to be willing to fol-low. On the night of our departure from this life into the next our one plea will have to be for mercy, and it will have to be offered in the presence of Him who has said, "If you forgive not men their trespas neither will your Heavenly Father

forgive your trespasses." What a sorry plight if we stand there hating this one and hating that one and wishing that one a damage and wishing some one else a calamity, and we ourselves needing forgiveness for the 10,000 obliquities of heart and life. When our last hour comes, we want it to find us all right.

HATE BRINGS UNHAPPINESS. Hardly anything affects me so much in the uncovering of Pompeti as the account of the soldier who, after the city had for many centuries been cov-Vesuvius, was found standing in its place on guard, hand on spear and helmet on head. Others fled at the awful submergement, but the explorer, 1,100 years after, found the body of that brave fellow in right position And it will be a grand thing if, when our last moment comes, we are found in right position toward God, on guard and unaffrighted by the descending ashes from the mountain of death. I do not suppose that I am any more of a coward than most people, but I declare to you that Towould not dare to sleep tonight if there were any being in all the earth with whom I would not gladly shake hands, lest during the Light hours my spirit dismissed to other realms. I should, be-

cause of my unforgiving spirit, be denied divine forgiveness. "But," says some woman, "there is a horrid creature that has so injured me that rather than make up with ther I would die first." Well, sister, you may take your choice, for one or the other it will be your complete pordon of her or God's eternal hanishment of you. "But," says some man, "that fellow who cheated me out me in the newspapers or by his perfidy broke up my domestic happiness forgive him I cannot, forgive him I will not." Well, brother, take your choice. You will never be at peace with God till you are at peace with man. Feeling as you now do, you would not get so near the harbor of heaven as to see the lightship. Better leave that man with the God who said, "Vengeance is mine, I will reray." You may say, "I will make him sweat for that yet: I will make him squirm; I mean to pursue him to the death," but you are damaging 10 o'clock at night and sleep clear soul an impossibility. If he will not

relieve this trouble all narcotics and him. In five or six hours it will be edatives and morphine and chloral sundown. The dahlias will bloom between this and that take a shovel and bury the old quarrel at least six feet deep. "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath.

THE FATHER KNOWS.

"But," you say, "I have more than I can bear; too much is put upon me, and I am not to blame if I am some-Then I think of the litle child at the moving of some goods from a store father was puting some rolls of goods on the child's arm, package after package, and some one said, 'That child is being overloaded, and so much ought not to be put upon when the child responded, "Father knows how much I can carry," and God, our Father, will not allo too much imposition on His children In a day of eternity it will be found you had not one annoyance too many; not one exasperation too many; not one outrage too many. Your Heavenly Father knows how much you can

passage of the sunset hour before the dismissal of all our affronts, because we may associate the sublimest ac-tion of the soul with the sublimest ightsome thing to have our persexperiences allied with certain er. You will never pass that place or think of that place without thinking of the glorious communion. There garden wall where you were affianced with the companion who has been your chief joy in life. You never connected with the evening star, or the moon in its first quarter, or with the sunrise, because you saw it just as you were arriving at harbor after a tempestuous voyage. Forever and forever, O hearer, associate the sunset with your magnanimous, out and out, unlimited renunciation of all hatred and forgiveness of all foes.

THE PRACTICE OF GRACE. Oh, it makes me feel splendid to be able by Gcd's help to practice unlimited forgiveness. It improves one's body and soul. My brother, it will make you measure three or four more inches around the chest and improve your respiration so that you can take deeper and longer breath. It improves the countenance by scattering he gloom, and makes you somewhat like God himself. He is omnipotent, and we cannot copy that. He is creative, and we cannot copy that. He is omnipresent, and we cannot copy that. But He forgives with a broad sweep all faults and all neglects and all insults and all wrongdoings, and in this way we may copy Him with mighty success. Go harness that sublime section of your soul to the sunset—the hour when the gate of heaven opens to let the day pass into the eternities, and some of the glories escape this way through the brief open-ing. We talk about the Italian sunsets and sunset amid the the Apennd sunset amid the cordilleras but I will tell you how you may see a grander sunset than any mere lover of nature ever beheld; that is, by linging into it all your hatreds and animosities, and let the horses of fire trample them, and the chariots of fire roll over them, and the spearmen of fire stab them, and the beach of fire consume them, and the billows of fire

verwhelm them. Again, we should not let the sun go down on our wrath, because it is of little importance what the world says of you or does of you when you have the affluent God of the sunset as your provider and defender. as though it were a fixed spectacle of nature and always the same. But no one ever saw two sunsets alike, and if the world has existed 6,000 years there have been about 2,190,000 sunsets, each of them as distinct from all the other pictures in the gallery of the sky as Titian's "Last Supper," Rubens' "Descent From the Cross," Raphael's "Transfiguration," and Michael Angelo's "Last Judgment" are distinct from each other. If that God of such infinite resources that He can put on the wall of the sky each evening more than the Louvre and Luxembourg galleries all in one is my God and your God, our provider and protector, That is the use of our worrying about any human antagonism? If we are misinterpreted, the God of the many colored sunset can put the right color on our action. If all the garniture of the western heavens at eventide is but the upholstery of one of the windows of our future home, what small business for us to be chasing enemies? Let not this Sababth sun go down upon your weath.

THE KEY TO IMMORTALITY. And now I wish for all of you a beautiful sunset to your earthly existence. With some of you it has been a long day of trouble, and with others of you it will be far from calm. When the sun rose at six o'clock, it was the morning of youth, and a fair day was prophesied, but by the time the noon day or middle tife had come, and the clock of your earthly existence struck 12. cloud racks gathered, and tempest bellowed in the track of tempest. But as the evening of old age approaches, I pray God the skies may brighten and the clouds be piled up into pillars as of celestial temples to which you go, or move as with mounted cohorts come to take you home And as you sink out of sight below the horizon, may there be a radiance of Christian example lingering long after you are gone, and on the heavens be written in letters of samphire and on the waters in letters of opal and on the hills in letters of emerald. "Thy sun shall no more go down neither shall thy moon withdraw itself, for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended." So shall the sunset of earth become the sunrise of heaven.

WEARY OF EXPERIMENTING With salves, suppositories and ointments and dreading a surgical operation, scores and hundreds have turned to Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment and found in it an absolute cure for piles. The first application brings relief from the terrible itching, and it is very selsoul an impossibility. If he will not dom that more than one box is re-be reconciled to you, be reconciled to quired to effect a permanent cure.

METHUEN CHECKED.

(Continued from First Page.)

"I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulances, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out. The Boers have been most kind to my wounded.

THE LONDON REVIEW. LONDON. Dec. 14. 4.45 a. m.-Each important battle seems to bring a worse reverse for the British, and the papers this morning sorrowfully admit that Lord Methuen's check at Magersfontein is the most serious event the war has yet produced. The Morning Post says:

tion appointed for us. Let us accept it humbly and soberly, and be better and stronger for the lesson it has aught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt of Europe. There never was a more apt occasion to prove to Europe what we are worth.

THE SCENE OF THE BATTLE. The position Lord Methuen assault d is thus described by a correspond-

"Magersfontein cange terminates or the east with an abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrench-ments run around the whole front. The sition is some two miles long, due the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat." It is estimated here that Lord Methuen's forces amounted to 11,000 men and perhaps more. No reliable estimate of his losses has yet been re-

been at least 450. WANT MORE TROOPS All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation and upon the momentous decision Lord

emain at Modder or to retire on Orange River. The Times says:
"At least 30,000 additional men be sent out. The entire available reserve must be called up and the militia and volunteers turned to account. Ex-forts must be made to increase the local colonial forces, and further of-fers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accept-

The Standard which comments upon the 'seemingly astonishing number of the Boers," conjectures that a substantial portion of the Boer commandoes has been recruited from the Cape Dutch.

ALL EYES ON BULLER. All eyes are now turned hopefully to Gen. Buller, who, taking into account the troops with Gen. White in Ladysmith, has altogether 30,000 men. A despatch from Boer sources says that Kimberley remained quiet during the battle at Magersfontein.

The special correspondent of the Daily Mail at Modder river, describing the fighting, says:
"The Boer trenches extended far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they fear-ed our storming and bayonet attack.

EMPLOYED 30 GUNS. "We raked the kopje and trenches with an intense, well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a witzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they effected savere damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the cuemy's laager, causing its complete

estruction. "The Boers are in still larger force than we found them at Modder river, outnumbering us by almost three, to one. The Transvaalers are apparently dominating in their military councils, although in a minority."

READY IF WANTED.
(Special to the Sub.) OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—News of Methuen's reverse created great excitement in this city, as coupled with it were rumors of misfortunes to members of the Ottawa contingent com-Many enquiries reached the militia department, and it fortunately turned out that no such tidings had been received. Your correspond saw the minister of militia and asked him if any further steps had been taken in regard to furnishing a secand Canadian contingent. "The home authorities have our

offer," replied Dr. Borden, "and you know the answer we received. are quietly preparing so that in the event of the British government degiding to accept the services of a second contingent we could promptly

"Don't you think that the accept ance of a contingent by the imperial government might be regarded at this acture as an evidence of weakess?" your correspondent asked.
"It might," replied the doctor, one cannot afford to be very fastidious at a critical period like the pres-

AN EIGHTH DIVISION. LONDON, Dec. 14.-The Associated Press understands that the war office yesterday (Wednesday) decided, consequence of Lord Methuen's osses at Magersfontein, to mobilize an eighth division in reserve and to send the seventh division to the Cape. Certain foreign stations will probably be garrisoned with militia; and, if necessary, volunteers will be called to take the places of the militia at home. It is also likely that the militia reserve will be sent out to join their espective battalions.

HEAT TERRIFIC. FRERE CAMP, Natal, Dec. 12.-Th Boers are still shelling Ladysmith. The heat is terrific.

CLEVELAND, Q., Dec. 13.-The Plain Dealer tomorrow will say: "A party of 25 young Irish-Americans has left this city to join the Boers in their fight against Great Britain. At New York these men, who are most ly veterans of the Spanish-American war, will join about 500 other Irishmen, and the entire party will sai from New York on Saturday for Paris. 'In the latter city the men will join an Irish regiment being formed to go to the assistance of the Boers. The recruits from this country come

largely from Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Cleveland and other cities. Five hundred more Irish-Americans will follow to Paris in a couple of weeks. Plans have already been made for the entire regiment of 1,000 to reach the scene of the fight-

SUDDEN DEATH

Of Dr. Foster MacFarlane of This City

Dr. Foster MacFarlene died at his residence, Sidney street, at eleven o'clock Thursday night of heart failure His sudden death was entirely unexpected. He visited his patients as usual yesterday morning, and at noor held office consultations. In the afternoon he complained of feeling ill, and becoming worse, Dr. Melvin was sent for. He called in Dr. Thos. Walker and Dr. Holden, but the patient gradually sank and died about eleven o'clock last night.

Foster MacFarlane was born in the

parish of Studholm, Kings Co., N. B., on 12th December, 1834. His father, Matthew MacFarlane, was born in the parish of Dramore, county Tyrone, Ireland, and was a descendant of a amily of that name who, with others sought refuge from the prosecutions then prevailing in the highlands of cotland. The record of the family dates back to the beginning of the nth century. The family name "MacFariane," took its origin from a grandson of the Earl of Lennox, named Bartholomew, the Gaelic of which is "Pharian," whose son was named MacFariane (or son of Bartholomew). The seat of the Earl of Lennox was Dumbarton castle, which ceived. They are believed to have was held by his descendants, the Macfarlanes, at intervals, and for centuries they held possession of their original lands, the principal seat of which was Arrochar, at the head of Lochlong. The MacFarlane clan fought and distinguished themselves in the battle of Langside, May 13, 1565, their valor mainly contributing to decide the fortunes of the day. For their bravery they received from the regent their crest and motto which has ever since been inscribed in their family escutcheon, "This I'll defend." Chief among the descendants of this chiefent family may be mentioned Walter MacFarlane, of MacFarlane, who is justly celebrated as the in-defatigable collector of the ancient records of his country. In 1815, when but a lad of twelve years of age, Matthew MacFarlane accompanied his father, James Mac-Farlane, and other members of the

family to America and on his arrival settled at Rocklard in Kingston, Kings ccunty, N. B. Some years afterwards, and when the family had grown up, Mr. MacFarlane, sr., left his eldest son, Charles, on the home-stead and removed, with Matthew and his other sons and daughters, to Studbolm, in the same county. About the year 1827, being amongst pioneer settlers of that part of the country, Matthew MacFarlane ried Sarah Foster, whose father, Ezekiel Foster, came from New Engthild of this marriage, and first saw the light in a log cabin, the common abode of the pioneer farmers of thos days. His earliest education was re ceived in the parish school, and was limited to the rudiments of an ordinary English education: At the age of twenty, having passed the required examination before the local board then existing, he received a license to teach in the public school. After teaching for a time, he entered the Saptist Seminary at Fredericton, and afterwards took a special course at the University of New Brunswick. After leaving the university, he pur sued a course in medicine at Harvand, and was privileged to sit at the feet of such men as Professors Agas siz, Jeffries, Wyman, Oliver Wendall Holmes and E. Brown-Sequard of Paris, graduating in 1868. He first practiced medicine in his native parish for two years and a half. During this time he was appointed by the government a coroner of Kings county. He then removed to Fairville and later to this city. He has been a member of the senate of the University of New Brunswick and a director of the Union Baptist Education Society. He was one of the promoters of the Dominion Safety Fund Life Assoiation, filling for a number of years the position of director and medical superintendent. He was for years prominently connected with the Sons of ganizations. He was brought up connection with the Methodist body, but in the year 1858 his views underwent a change, and he united with the Baptists. Dr. MacFarlane twice married. His first wife was Elizabeth A. Babbit, daughter of Samuel Perry and Phoebe Babbit of St. John. She died some years ago. Ilis second wife, who survives him, was Miss Van Horne, a native of this province, whom he wedded in Eastby his first wife, namely, Mrs. (Dr.) Barber of Fredericton, Mrs. W. S Rainnie of this city, two unmarried daughters, and W. G. MarFarlane, now at Columbia College, New York. Of kind heart and agreeable manner, Dr. MacFarlane won the friendship and esteem of a large circle, while as a physician he was held in high regard by all his patients. He was a liberal conservative and took deep interest in the political affairs of his country.

CARAQUET DEBATING SOCIETY. The Caraquet Debating society which was reorganized for the winter at a meeting held on the 24th ult., has elected the following officers for the coming year: President, J. W. Young: vice-pres., J. W. Nixon; secretary, P. P. Murray; asst. sec., H. Blackhall; treasurer, H. J. Bisson; janitor, E. Helliur.

The subject for debate at next night of meeting is "Resolved, that fire is more destructive than water."

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A PREACHER'S VOICE

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and ten mile stone in life's journey it is natural to expect that the body will egin to break down. This is specially true in the case of any one who like invself have borne the burden and heat of the day as well as the severest rigors of our northern winters in my labors as a Methodist minister. Realizing that only the highest skill could successfully combat the ravages of Catarrh of the nose, throat and liver, in such a case as mine, I feel it my duty to tell everybody of Dr. Sproul's

great ability.



Not only that but I can conscientiusly advise everybody to rely absolutely on the Doctor's statement have found him to be a friend in need in the truest practical sense, a man of honor and principle, a man whose Christianity manifests itself in works as well as words, a true follower of the Master who went about doing good. Dr. Sproule has proved himself a great physician, but better still a truly

I will be glad to tell anybody about the Doctor's great skill and kindness or will answer letters if stamped enve-May God bless Dr. Sproule, is the daily prayer of his grateful friend. REV. WM. HIGGINS.

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the ministers residence in Carleton, by Rev. Dr. Hartisy, Henry W. Craft and Miss Katle Maue Saunderson, both of St. John, west.

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FLYNN-In this city, on Dec. 14, at No. 2
Chipman Hill, after a short illness,
Patrick Flynn, aged 75 years, leaving
three daughters to mourn their sad 1058.
MACFARLANE—In this city, on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 14th, Foster MacFarlane, M. D., a native of Kings Co., N.
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At McLean's Hall, Chipman-Tuesday, Dec. 26th. Speakers, Dr. A. A. Stockton and Dr. Silas Alward.

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At Jemseg-Thursday, Dec. 28th. Speakers, Dr. Stockton and Repor

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