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# Imperial Yeomanry

### Supply Ten Thousand Mounted Men Answering First Call to Arms.

### Each Volunteer Corps to Send Company to Its Allied Regiment of Regulars.

### London Firms Contributing Expenses of Regiment From That City.

London, Dec. 20.—(4 a.m.)—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which Gen. Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely ten thousand mounted infantry.

This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from Yeomanry Volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications. Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war.

The men must be between 20 and 35 years old and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldiers. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and to wear neutral cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every Volunteer regiment that is allied with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment.

These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The total strength of the Yeomanry forces, which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution, is now 10,433. Their services have never been called in war before.

The Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Alfred Newton, is raising a force of a thousand Volunteers among the city corps. The large city firms are contributing the necessary expenses. Col. Sir Howard Vincent, commander of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has also offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked men.

GENERAL LAWTON'S FATE.  
The Lately Missing American Commander Shot by the Rebels at San Mateo.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Major-General Henry Lawton has been shot and killed at San Mateo.  
Washington, Dec. 19.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the cabinet members received the news with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the war department that Gen. Lawton's commission as a brigadier general in the regular army was in process of preparation when the news of his death was received.

The war department only to-night received official confirmation. Gen. Lawton, it appears, was engaged in driving the insurgents from San Mateo section, northwest of Manila, when he was killed instantly at 9:30 yesterday morning. "A great loss to us and his country," is the comment of Gen. Otis in his despatch.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.  
London, Dec. 19.—A most impressive service was held in St. Paul's Cathedral to-day in memorial of the soldiers killed in South Africa. The Lord Mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, and the city officials attended in their robes of office. The cathedral was thronged, those present including the Duke of Cambridge and the Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war.

LONDON VOLUNTEERS READY.  
London, Dec. 19.—Ninety per cent. of the members of the Honorable Artillery Company of London have volunteered for service in South Africa. It is expected that the Parisian will be chartered as a troopship.

PARISIAN AS A TROOPSHIP.  
Montreal, Dec. 19.—The Dominion government is negotiating with the Allan Steamship Company for the transportation of the second Canadian contingent for South Africa. It is expected that the Parisian will be chartered as a troopship.

CEMENT MINE CAVE-IN.  
Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York and Rosedale cement works at Rosedale this morning. Fifteen miners were reported killed, and later it was reported that all the men escaped.

THE HAGUE PROPOSALS.  
Washington, Dec. 20.—The President is reaching the senate the treaty negotiated by the Powers at The Hague last July for the pacific settlement of disputes between nations. The President's message was a formal letter of transmittal, except that it invited attention to the accompanying report from the secretary of state urging immediate action of the senate.

The Hague, Dec. 20.—The Japanese minister on behalf of the Mikado has signed all the conditions of the international peace conference. A Chinese envoy from St. Petersburg is expected to sign certain declarations for the Chinese government, excluding the laws of war.

# MAY TAKE DELAGOA BAY.

### British Must Act if Portugal Continues to Allow passage of Boer Supplies.

London, Dec. 20.—The Standard hints editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa Bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

# QUEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY.

### Her Majesty Will Entertain Wives and Children of the Soldiers Serving in Africa.

London, Dec. 20.—The Queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle on December 26 the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served. Her Majesty probably presiding in person, and a Christmas dinner of 25 feet high will be covered with gifts.

# FILIPINOS VANQUISHED.

### So Confesses a Member of the Cabinet Who Thinks Little More Trouble in Store.

Manila, Dec. 19.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered one of the strongest and brainiest followers of the insurgents, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press to-day: "The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the American establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions and mismanaged our affairs. The spirit of independence is craving recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, severe and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no more trouble."

# Campaign Folly Of the Liberals.

### Quebecers Promised That Laurier Would Not Send Them to African Wars.

### And Warned That Tupper Bought Rifles and Cannons for Their Sacrifice.

Special to the Colonist.  
Quebec, Dec. 19.—The Courier du Canada publishes a copy of a Liberal election pamphlet issued at Quebec during the campaign of 1896. The paper refers in the same connection to speeches delivered in the Commons at the session of 1896 against the vote asked by the Conservative government for new rifles for the Canadian troops. The brochure is entitled "Do you wish for war?" and has for sub-title, "Three million dollars for guns, cannons and bayonets as imminent dangers for you, cultivators."

The first lines of the pamphlet follow: "One day the blunders of old Tupper is Imperial federation, which signifies a more intimate alliance between England and her colonies in general and Canada in particular."

This is another gem: "One condition of the alliance will be that in times of war Canada will be called upon to pay its share of cost in money and in men. Thus, as England is always at war with somebody, we will have continually to tax ourselves to find money and draw lots to furnish men. In return England will create these Baronets, Knights of the Bath and Commanders of the Bath, but the people will remain food for cannon. Why all these emoluments if we were not to have war? And why fight for England? Electors should remember that these great big chiefs who are so anxious to show themselves loyal patriots are no more loyal than others, and are they to throw us into war for the benefit of others?"

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# Spectacle At Ottawa.

### Again Cabinet Squabble Reported Over Expense of Canadian Contingent.

### Brigade of Artillery Called For With the Permanent Batteries as Nucleus.

### Northwest Police and Volunteer Cavalry to Contribute Equally to Squadrons.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The cabinet wrestled all day over the second contingent and have no announcement to make. It appears to be the lamentable fact that at a time when the country demands prompt action, political considerations are allowed to interfere with the sending of a contingent which will do honor to the Dominion. A minority in the cabinet headed by Tarte are kicking vigorously and the result is absolute paralysis in the work of preparation. The trouble is over the pay of the men and the expenses of the expedition.

Mr. Wilfrid went to Montreal last night to wrestle with the Master of the Administration. The Premier went to Montreal again to-night on the same mission. He left the council early for the purpose of consulting with Tarte, but rather cut to newspaper men when asked for news. When the council rose Dr. Borden intimated that there was nothing to announce. Other ministers were equally uncommunicative.

Meanwhile officials of the militia and mounted police departments are waiting patiently for something to turn up. Tarte it is said, wants the Imperial government to equip the entire contingent. The composition of the artillery division has been finally decided upon by the Lord Mayor of London. It is intended to despatch three field batteries, constituting a brigade division, composed of 18 guns, 21 waggons, 513 officers and men and 333 horses. The scheme is to utilize A and B batteries as the nucleus of the volunteer batteries of the contingent, a third battery being carried out as follows: One section of a battery would be the nucleus of the Kingston Company, another section being brought to Ottawa for a similar purpose. The battery would be made the nucleus of the Quebec corps. How far this plan will be carried out, however, is a matter of conjecture, since the authorization of the cabinet is withheld.

The cavalry division of four squadrons, it would appear that the scheme of the militia department for its enrolment is also in abeyance. That the framework of the contingent will be Northwest Mounted Police and Royal Canadian Dragoons is taken for granted. But no orders appear to have been sent out either to Toronto or Regina looking to these two mounted bodies for service in South Africa.

Hugh Allan, the Allan Steamship Company was in the city in connection with the subject of the transportation of troops to Capetown. The steamship Parisian has been offered for service. Other offers come in the Elder-Dempster Company, of the large freighter Montezuma is of sufficient capacity to transport the contingent in its entirety.

Col. Evans could have command of the cavalry, but it is his case to carry out the Dawson in time. Therefore it is likely Lessard will have command of the cavalry and Drury of the artillery. Both officers are now in South Africa.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The second contingent for Africa is to be decided to-day. The contingent will consist of squadrons of Mounted Rifles to the total of 531 men of all ranks, and 536 horses; three batteries of field artillery, total 513 of all ranks, and 333 horses. One-half the mounted men will be drawn from the Mounted Police, and the other half from the cavalry regiments of the Dominion. Similarly the artillery will be drawn from the seven-teen field batteries, from Winnipeg to Sydney. Recruiting stations will be opened at all regimental headquarters. No officers have yet been appointed. The Parisian has been selected as one of the transports. The government will pay the men the difference in rates between Imperial and Canadian pay. Four nurses will be taken. A large number of horses will have to be bought, and Mr. Beith, M. P., has been asked to undertake this task.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The cheerful and enthusiastic response of Canadians to the second call for troops for the Transvaal finds emphatic echo at Stanley barracks, where "A" squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, are stationed. Every man of the squadron heard the news of the front with great satisfaction, and the disappointment they felt at being unable to go with the first contingent has now faded away. As yet no official notification has reached the officers of the Dragoons regarding their despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Lieut.-Col. McLean has sent word to the militia authorities at Ottawa that he has selected at his disposal should more officers be required to go to South Africa.

PREMIER GREENWAY'S EXIT Will Be Made at End of Year When Hugh John Will Be Called Upon.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Lieutenant-Governor Patterson returned from the East to-day. It is understood Premier Greenway continues in office to the end of the year, when Hugh John Macdonald will be called upon to form his government.

# REBELS OPPOSE GATAKRE.

### Dutch of the Colony Form Large Proportion of Boer Forces at Stormberg.

### London, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail publishes the following despatch from Capetown, dated Saturday, December 16: "The Boers intend to make a big stand at Stormberg and are missing a great force at the abandoned bridge. The commandant of 2,000 consists chiefly of rebel Dutch."

### CANADIANS AT BELMONT.

### Private Message Reported Them All Well There on Tuesday.

St. John, Dec. 20.—Col. McLean has received a cable message from his son, Lieut. Weldon McLean, with the Canadian contingent. The message is dated Belmont, December 19, and reads: "Canadians all well." It is supposed that the Canadians have had a brush.

### IMPERIAL VOLUNTEERS.

### Suggestion of Citizens Fund to Augment the Government Allowance for Equipment.

London, Dec. 20.—Mr. A. J. Balfour in his speech yesterday on the subject of the Earl of Haddington's dwelling upon the importance of the movement to raise Yeomanry and Volunteer forces for service in South Africa. He suggested an offer to assist a public fund to augment the necessarily limited allowance made to the men by the government for equipment.

### LORENZO MARQUES THE KEY.

### Burglars Anxious Lest Receipt of Supplies by That Port Should Be Stopped.

London, Dec. 21.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard says: "The Boer government has recently intimated to the British government its readiness to moderate in regard to peace conditions. The chief anxiety of the burglers is as to the question of receiving supplies via Lorenzo Marques."

# Tugela River Story Re-told.

### Delayed Press Dispatches Give Additional Facts of Buller's Advance.

### British Artillery Had Done Excellent Work Before the Mishap Occurred.

By Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 19.—Special reports regarding the fighting at Tugela River are still filtering through but all the newspaper complain that these reports are severely censored and it is still impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command. Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela River.

### ONE CENSORED STORY.

### Chiefly Camp, Natal, Friday, Dec. 15.—The relief column continued its advance from Chieveley to-day, intending to assail the Boer positions which were known to be very strong to the westward of the Tugela River. During the two preceding days the Boers had allowed themselves to be bombarded with our condescending to reply with a single shot. They further gave half an hour's opening this afternoon without an exchange, when suddenly they belched out a stream of fire from all their entrenched positions, besides opening a fearful cannonade with their heavy guns. The British side with all their quick-firing guns, field and siege guns which were posted from the ridge north of the town, with marvellous accuracy. All this time the artillery attached Gen. Hart's division was forced to change its position. The reports which indicate that the Irish infantry brigade marched out in extended order to cross the river and attack. Undoubtedly aiming at this battery the Boers sent several shells near the ambulance train which was forced to change its position. While this was transpiring, the field artillery on the right were busy shelling the ridges of the Boer left flank, their excellent practice attracting the attention of the Boers, who retaliated with a seething fire, almost demolishing all the guns and stampeding the gun carriage horses.

### CAIRO TO THE CAPE.

### London, Dec. 20.—The British second class cruiser Isis will convey Gen. Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam 10 knots.

### GERMAN EMPEROR'S INTEREST.

### Berlin, Dec. 19.—Emperor William is said to exhibit the keenest personal concern in the war in South Africa and especially the German contingent. Each day he receives despatches showing the latest losses and then he commends the Boer princes who, like himself, have blood ties with England.

### OVERHAULED BY CRUISER.

### Madrid, Dec. 19.—The Spanish steamer Ciudad de Cadix which has just arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from Cadix, reports that she was pursued and overhauled last Saturday by a British cruiser, which fired several shots at her to be interrogated her as to name and route and then allowed her to go on.

Are free from all cramps and irritating matter. Concentrated medicine only. Carter's Little Blue Pills. Very small, very easy to take; no pain; no griping; no vomiting.

### NEW SOUTH WALES OFFERING.

### Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 19.—The government of this colony has decided to send a field hospital corps and a battery of mounted rifles to South Africa in addition to the military contingent.

# Buller's Force Daily Increasing.

### All Arrivals at Capetown Being Ordered to Join the Natal Column.

### Methuen's Enemy Are Greatly Strengthening Position—No Word From Him.

By Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 21.—4:40 a.m.—The gravity of the military situation is again being accentuated in the public mind owing to the complete absence of news. Nothing has been heard from Lord Methuen since Sunday and it is feared that his communications have been cut.

A correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphing from Modder River last Saturday says: "The Boer position, already formidable on December 11, has since been greatly strengthened, extending for an area of twelve miles. It is entrenched according to the most modern methods throughout its entire length. Wire fences have been placed before all the trenches at every point, guns have been positioned and there is every evidence that the Boers are well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

The Times in an article from the pen of a military official laments the disposition of the British forces, quoting the opinion of Napoleon in favor of concentration and regrets that Lord Methuen did not see to it that the Boers were not so well supplied with ammunition. Only a powerful attacking force can hope to make a successful assault."

The latest despatches received seem to show that the Boer forces are standing on the defensive at all points. Gen. Buller is ordering the troops now at Capetown to proceed to Durban to reinforce the Natal column. Absence of news from him has led to the surmise that he is trying to join Gen. White by a flank movement.

The appeals for Yeomanry and Volunteers are being being responded to with the greatest enthusiasm in all parts of the country. Lord Wolseley proposes that the forces being raised by the Lord Mayor of London be called the "City of London Imperial Volunteers."

The government expects the total of Yeomanry and Volunteers to reach 8,000. Baron Chesham will command with Lord Londale as adjutant-general.

The Australian colonies are responding eagerly to the Imperial government's appeal for a second contingent. It is reported that the Queen will abandon her proposed visit in consequence of the war.

On the results of the coal famine in the Sheffield district, indirectly arising out of the war, is of great importance, as the steel works are not able to get coal from their own collieries a few miles distant. They will thus have to employ companies for non-delivery of coal. One of the great armor plate works has shut down partially.

### LORD ROBERTS TO THE PRESS.

### Admiration for Spirit Shown by Colonial Volunteers—Slender of Irish Troops Answered.

London, Dec. 20.—Gen. Lord Roberts, who is to have full command of the British troops in South Africa, accompanied by Lady Roberts and their two daughters, arrived in London this morning. Gen. Roberts willingly assented to give the Associated Press the following statement: "Circumstances naturally forbid any speaking about the campaign ahead of me, except to say that I have entire confidence in the British soldier, and that I believe the traditions of our army will uphold South Africa."

"For the friendly interest and sympathy exhibited by many Americans, I am deeply grateful. I feel sure the justice of our cause merits this. Though we may be at war, I can safely say that no unnecessary harshness and no acts of violence will mar the fair play of this branch of the Anglo-Saxon race."

I cannot too warmly express my admiration for the spirit which prevails in our colonies. The action of Canada is always a glorious page in the history of the sons of the Empire. I look for great things from the men she has sent and is sending to the front.

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### CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS.

### Enthusiasts Waiting at All Points for the Recruiting Offices to Open.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The news that the government intends to raise 600 mounted men in the West, especially the Canadian contingent, has raised the war fever and cowboys, has raised the war fever and cowboys to enthusiasm. As soon as a recruiting office is opened there will be a rush to volunteer, and the authorities will have the finest material to choose from.

Edmonton, Dec. 20.—Fifty Dalhousie students are volunteers for the second contingent. The Halifax bearer corps has volunteered in a body. Seven military officers and 30 men have already handed their names to Col. Irving, D. O. C.

### HELD FOR SHOOTING.

### Racine, Wis., Dec. 20.—Henry F. Corbett, who was arrested on suspicion of having shot the Rev. David B. Cheney and wife, two weeks ago, was taken before the Cheseys to-day and positively identified as the man.

# BRITISH STRENGTH ON LAND.

### With Largest Army Ever Marshalled There is Ample Force Still in Reserve.

### New York, Dec. 20.—The Tribune, referring editorially to the plans adopted by the war office for reinforcing the British army now in South Africa, says: "Mr. Wyndham's present programme, to which he has set himself with characteristic zeal and efficiency, is formidable one. It involves sending to the scene of war two of the three foremost commands of the service, with by far the largest army ever assembled under the British flag in any war, and the enrollment of nearly half a million men with the colors, over and above the entire standing army. That will place Great Britain among the great military powers on land as well as on sea."

"Some are saying that it is unnecessary, and that in the panic caused by disaster the government is losing its head and is going to extremes. We should rather say that it has found its head. It realizes that the force attacking a fortified position should be numerically much superior to the defending force, and it proposes sending to South Africa an army which will sustain that relation to the Boers. It realizes, too, that it is timely for Great Britain to show the world that she is not taxed to her utmost to suppress the African insurrection, but has an ample force still in reserve."

### LIBERAL SUCCEEDS LIBERAL.

### London, Dec. 20.—In the parliamentary election held to-day in Glackmann and Kinross to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of the Right Hon. John Blair Balfour to be Lord Justice of Scotland, Mr. E. Watson, Liberal and Mr. G. Younger, Unionist, were contending. Mr. Balfour carried the constituency at the general election against Mr. Younger.

### SEVERE EARTHQUAKES.

### London, Dec. 20.—A special despatch from Berlin says: "Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 11 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning in the Rhinegail district between Frankfurt and Wiesbaden. The houses were shaken and the people rushed wildly into the open air. No loss of life is reported."

### Vancouver's News Budget.

### Omneca Routes Before Board of Trade—Decision Renewed in Card Cases.

By Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 18.—The executive committee of the royal commission on the Paris exposition held at meeting to-day at Marlborough House, the Prince of Wales presiding. It is understood that though there have been received a few numbers of exhibits on account of the abuse of the Queen's order and French journals, it is not likely that serious results will follow as far as the British exhibit is concerned.

### JOHANNESBURG REFUGEES.

### London, Dec. 20.—Mr. Joseph Kirk, land of Chicago, accompanied by his sister has arrived in London from Johannesburg, whence they had to flee with other refugees, despite their Boer sympathies.

### GERMAN NAVAL STATIONS.

### Efforts of Immediate Future to Be Directed to Their Acquisition.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—In Count Von Buelow's speech to the Reichstag, a passage indicating Germany's need of a fleet of points d'appui and coaling stations for the German navy. This passage has been interpreted as a cautionary meaning being somewhat veiled so as not to attract the suspicions of other nations, but there is the best authority for the statement that Germany's aim during the next few years will be earnestly directed to the acquisition of a number of such points in parts of the world where German war vessels in time of actual hostility would need them particularly in







Wagon Road To Omineca

Provincial Government Petitioned to Build Road From Hazelton to Mines.

This and Other Questions Discussed by Council of the Board of Trade.

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The difference in the cost of the present season has been, as above, no less than \$86 per ton, and the rates between Port Essington and Omineca points are much more profitable to the carriers than those between Ashcroft and Omineca.

It is not our wish to oppose the opening up of the country, and we will point out that for farming or stock-raising purposes the valleys between Quenelle and Omineca are of equal value.

We have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servants, (Signed by many Victorians)

Insurance Rates May Go Up.

Underwriters' Inspector Reports on the Fire Department's and Waterworks.

Victoria's Systems do Not Meet With His Entire Approbation.

A meeting of the board of fire underwriters for Vancouver Island was held here on Monday afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report from Mr. D. W. Davenport...

The Victoria water supply does not meet with his approval, the circulating system operated by the shorter routes from the coast, as by this means the cost of delivery of goods in the interior is increased to the lowest point possible...

The report was received by the board and action was suspended until it has been distributed among the members for consideration. It may mean an increase in the rate of insurance.

Seattle Pastors Awaiting the Appearance of the "Evangelist." The exposure made by the Colonist a few days ago of the peculiar record of "Evangelist" Naylor...

When Rev. Mr. Naylor left Seattle he announced his intention of going to Astoria, Ore., to hold a revival, but he was next heard of in Victoria.

The letters were referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Davidge, Fitcher and Lindley Crease. Mr. Davidge, in acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the board's annual report, drew attention to the fact that the board had received from the Victoria authorities a clipping from the Colonist showing that Victoria had been named as a Victoria, B. C. Klondike trade.

It was decided to defer action until the resolution of the Rossland board was received. The president also brought up the question of the present unsatisfactory steamboat service to the Sound, and Mr. Davenport mentioned that the company had raised the price of meals and berths.

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as well as other projects that Victorians should wait and see what the King action would do before basing a King action. With this he could not agree. A large place to be made for the construction of this scheme if it were not for the fact that this being the case Victorians should lead, not follow. He expressed confidence in the grants from Dominion and Provincial governments being secured, and moved that the second reading of the by-law be ordered.

DEBATING THE PRINCIPLE.

On the question of principle, Ald. Cameron declared himself as certainly in favor of the proposed line. There were, however, a number of other members who, with which he could not agree; and these were expected to see amended in committee. It appeared to him that many of the items of the by-law could be in a more satisfactory form, and the interests of the citizens would be effectually safeguarded—for example he would have preferred to see a responsible company formed to take charge of the work, and with a certain amount of capital in hand, or continuing and other expenses, before the proposition reached the hands of the citizens.

Mr. Ald. Beckwith, in moving the motion, referred to the fact of its being far from a new scheme—in fact a revival of the celebrated DeCossau project, which some years ago, in which he had been interested with a number of other Victorians. His Worship pointed out that while it was then estimated that the road would cost a million and a half, and did not need the aid of a great distance as now in view, the V. & S. railway practically annulled the difference in cost, owing to the fact that the road had been unable to form a working company, although they had secured a guarantee for the construction of the road to the amount of \$500,000, and the gentlemen interested ultimately lost their money.

Ald. MacGregor urged that he had a perfect right to give his vote for the V. & S. road, and was inclined to press that the question should be put out of the way. He was disgusted at the persistence of the interest which this road would give to the city, and was inclined to press that the question should be put out of the way. He was disgusted at the persistence of the interest which this road would give to the city, and was inclined to press that the question should be put out of the way.

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IN COMMITTEE. In committee of the whole, the Mayor presiding, it was arranged on the suggestion of Ald. Hayward, rigorously pushed that the V. & S. road should be below par, might not find itself placed in a disadvantageous position.

THE UPPER COURTS. Number of New Barristers and Solicitors Introduced to Mr. Justice Martin Yesterday.

Yesterday was a busier day than usual in the higher courts, but of established nothing of very great importance transpired.

SPAIN'S NAVAL BUDGET. Madrid, Dec. 19.—The chamber of deputies to-day, by vote 154 against 94, adopted the naval budget.





Eight Hour Law Illustrated.

Dominion Commissioner Hears In Detail of the Blight Upon Slocan.

Prosperous Workmen Driven From Occupations—Well Satisfied Before.

From the Nelson Miner, Dec. 11. Commissioner R. C. Clute, appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the conditions affecting the mining industry of British Columbia, the alleged importation of alien labor, etc., opened court in Nelson yesterday, but as no previous notice had been given of the sitting, the attendance was small. There were only two witnesses examined—first only two were available.

Mr. R. H. Tolan was the first witness examined. He deposed: "I am general secretary for the Silver-lead Mines Association of Slocan, and the Nelson District Association. The districts covered by these associations are the Slocan and Nelson mining divisions. The members of the association include the principal mine owners in these districts. Asked if he was acquainted with the rate of wages ruling in the Slocan prior to the 1st of June, he said it was \$3.50 for a day of ten hours.

Mr. Clute said he had been informed that a nine hour shift prevailed at night. Witness was asked what action had been taken by his association to procure miners for the men in the district. Mr. Tolan replied that men were advertised for at these rates: Hand drillers, \$3; mechanics men, \$3.50; miners in shafts, \$3.50; \$4; carmen, \$2.50 to \$3; shovellers, \$2.50; laborers, \$2.50; blacksmiths, \$3.50 to \$4; timbermen, \$3.50 to \$4.

"What did you do to procure men at the rate of wages advertised?" asked Mr. Clute. "I had several enquiries in response to the advertisements, and answered them," was the reply.

"That was as far as my duties as secretary went. When men came to me in Slocan and applied for work I directed them to the mines."

"Did more than a dozen interviewed men directly?" "Did you go to any of the United States cities to procure help?" "I did not enter into any contract for the introduction of alien labor, nor did I get any one to set for me. No such contracts were entered into by me. My knowledge, I know, is that the feeling between mine owners and miners was perfectly harmonious.

"Has there been any change in the labor law in southern British Columbia to your knowledge?" "Not to my knowledge," replied the witness.

Mr. Campbell asked witness if he was aware of the number of men in the silver-lead mines in Slocan prior to the 1st of June. He answered: "They advertised for 2,500 men. With the mines in full operation about that number would be required."

Mr. Campbell asked how many unemployed miners there were in the Slocan at the time of advertising. Witness: "Speaking of Slocan, I should say about 100 men were unemployed."

Mr. Clute: "Could a sufficient number of British Columbia subjects be obtained for the mines if they were working full capacity?" Witness: "Not at present."

To Mr. Campbell—"Of the dozen or so men who applied to me I can only recall one who went to work."

"What reasons did these men assign for not going to work in the Slocan?" "Two of them told me that they were met by the union men and told not to go to work."

Mr. J. J. Campbell deposed: "I am connected with the Hall Mines assistant manager and chief accountant, and secretary of the Nelson Mines Association."

Mr. Clute: "Are the conditions between Slocan and Nelson miners as harmonious as they were some time ago?" Witness: "Yes, and not alone between the two divisions, but also between mines in the Slocan."

Witness proceeded to explain the differences, and added that the conditions which would induce men to choose would be the proximity of the mine to the mine house accommodation, etc., rather than the quality of the ore. Most of the mines in the Nelson division were at the present time in the Slocan.

"Have you had any difficulty in getting men at the Silver King?" "Yes, during the last year. Until this eight-hour law was established I never heard of difficulty or trouble of any kind between the mine and the miners. Relations with the men at the Hall Mines are pleasant enough now. We require more pleasant work, and although our relations are pleasant we have not done as much work as employed as many men. We find a difficulty in getting skilled miners. The demand is greater than the supply. There has been no strike or shut down in the Silver King."

Mr. Clute invited any of the working miners present to testify.

One of the union men explained that their principal officer, Mr. Wilks, was away at Seattle, and would be back next evening. The speaker said that he did not think any of the men would care to give evidence until Mr. Wilks' return.

There being no other available witness, the court adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

(Nelson Tribune, Dec. 15.) Commissioner Clute held another session of his inquiry at the court house yesterday. The witnesses who testified represented the mine owners exclusively. Mr. Clute drew attention to the fact, and expressed the hope that before his mission in the city closed representatives of the workmen and miners' union would offer their testimony in order that the inquiry might attain the fullest possible scope. J. J. Campbell, secretary of the Nelson Mines Association, was present.

The first witness called was Robert W. Graham, a machinist who has been employed at the Silver King mine for the past year. He testified that he had been doing contract work. During the month of November he had made \$5.00 per day. In July and August, with overtime, he averaged \$4.40. For the first three months of the year he had made \$3.50 per day, and the least was \$3.20. The witness said he could do as much work in eight hours as he could in ten. However, had not accomplished as much work as he could in ten hours. In proportion he could not get as much work out of a machine in eight hours as in that of the average man he would say that men hired under the ten-hour system, his opinion there was not enough miners. Miners were coming back to work, but he was working. He was not a member of the union.

Mr. Campbell: "What was the feeling among the miners about the introduction of the eight-hour law?" "The witness: "There did not seem to be any great opposition for the law, but of course all were glad to see it when it came."

Mr. Campbell: "If a machine is loaded steadily, it will do on-fourth more in ten hours than in eight?" "Yes."

Mr. Campbell: "What class of men were working when you when the law was first introduced?" "The best; some of them had been there three years. They since went away. About one-third were British subjects."

James Wilks, secretary of the Nelson Mines' Union, requested permission to examine the witness, and was granted. He elicited the fact that the witness carried lunch down into the mine with him. Also that under the ten-hour system, he had lost considerable time, half an hour per shift at least, through delays, whereas, under the new system the men were actually at their work for eight hours. The men really performed eight hours' work, whereas before the eight-hour law was done, more than nine hours' work was done.

Mr. Wilks: "Is the average mine at the Silver King a good mine in your opinion?" "The Commissioner: "Why?" "They have had no experience."

"What is the proportion of good miners?" "Probably half."

"If the Silver King paid \$3.50 per day instead of \$3, would they get better men?" "Yes, I suppose they would."

December 12 there were 42 men underground of all classes. This force enabled the company to operate the 40-stamp mill, which crushes about 100 tons per 24 hours. He could not afford any information as to the "strike" which was in progress, but in one instance where a shaft was sunk under both systems the cost per hour of shaft work by the "ate eight-hour shift" was 15 per cent greater than the sum under the two normally ten-hour shifts. In reply to Mr. Campbell, witness expressed the opinion that there were not enough skilled miners to operate all the shafts if they were opened. He thought an increase of wages or a withdrawal of government restrictions as to working hours would bring good men to the country. His experience was that men preferred to work in districts where they could work ten hours at a proportionately larger wage than to work eight hours at smaller wages.

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GEN. HUTTON'S AMBITION. Wants Canadian Fighting Forces 100,000 Strong on War Footing and 50,000 During Peace.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The total number of men in the active militia of Canada, according to the latest establishment list, is 36,023. The desire of the major-general commanding is to increase this number by 70,000 men, and eventually to bring up the total strength of the Canadian national army to 50,000 men on a peace footing, and 100,000 men on a war footing.

Gen. Hutton has evolved the necessary machinery for augmenting the strength of existing units. He contends that it is impracticable to attempt any form of administration for the mobilization of a large body of men unless the existing small units of varying strength are increased in numerical strength, and made up to a uniform establishment. Regiments of cavalry, batteries of artillery, and battalions of infantry, he maintains, should be increased in strength, and made up to a uniform establishment.

The suggested change could be carried out gradually. The general believes that existing battalions which are weak could be combined into provisional regiments without interfering with their present identity. In time of war the battalions would revert to their original status, and would furnish the nuclei for strong regiments. The general has repeatedly pointed out that the Canadian army has a population towards the defence of its own territory than any other country in the world. The per capita pay in Canada being only 23 cents, as against 44 cents in New Zealand and 69 cents in Australia.

France spends on her army \$3.28 per head of population, Germany \$2.16, Holland \$1.45, Switzerland \$1.55, and Great Britain \$2.24. The general has talked the matter over with the minister, and Dr. Borden will announce the government's view of the general's suggestions when the estimates are brought down.

At different points in British Columbia, Kootenai, Kamloops, Kaslo and Revelstoke, effective rifle companies exist. It is proposed to constitute them into a regiment of Rocky Mountain Rifles, and to bring them together each year for twelve days' training.

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