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H. J. WICKHAM, oronto, 5th January, 1900.

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EMILY HOWARD-Suddenly, at B. C., on the 8th February, 1900, Howard Crease, third daughter late Capt. Henry Crease, R.N., nouth, England, and sister of Sir

ddenly, at "Swallowfield Farm, olme, V.I., on the 8th February, aged 60 years, Edward Stainton son of the late Henry Hall, of , Kirby, Kent, England, and of the late Henry Hall, of

At the family residence, Fair-load, on the 8th instant, Margaret, sloved wife of George Winter, a of Edinburgh, Sectiand; aged 54

DER-At the family residence, & Johnson street, on the 14th in-Hubert Wilfred, youngest son of tick and Louisa Alexander; aged ar and four months. the 9th February, T. A. Ellis

HALISTS IN LONDON.

Handled While Attempting to-Meeting Frendly to Boers.

Feb. 13.-The socialists tried pro-Boer or peace meeting at London, last evening. A hosinval the hall, shouting od invalidation the hall, shouting with the Boers," and singing the anthem. Mr. Henry Hindman, leader, and others attempted



semi-Weekly Colonist.

FORTY SECOND YEAR.

THE VICTORIA SEMI-WEEKLY COLONIST MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1900

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The Boers in Flight From Kimberley

French's Cavalry Comes Into Touch With the British Outposts and Proceeds North to Cut Off the Enemy's Retreat.

Burghers Also Deserting the Trenches at Magersfontein and Roberts' Forces bent Upon Capture of the Fugitives.

Shell Fire Punishes Boers Escaping From Jacobsdal—Infantry

Brigade in Hot Pursuit of Large Convoy Making
for Bloemfontein.

Tononto, Feb. 16.—The news of the relief of Kimberley was received here with the greatest enthusiasm. Flags were hoisted on all public buildings and on many private ones in the business quarters. Mayor McDonald, on behalf of the citizens, sent a cablegram of congratulations to Lord Lansdowne, Imperial secretary of state for war.

London, Feb. 16.—The war office publishes these messages from Lord Roberts: "Jacobsdal, Feb. 15.—French, with a French drove the Boers away and cross-

CAPTURE OF JACOBSDAL.

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Riet River, Orange Free State, Feb.

14.—General French, in command of the cavalry division and a strong force of horse artillery, left Modder River on Sunday morning for Rambam, 12 miles east of Enslin, where the whole division concentrated.

The next day he made a rapid march to trench the place.

DINED AT KIMBERLEY CLUB.

London, Feb. 17.—The Standard publishes the following despatch from Wedmai, dated. Thursday at midnight: "Official news has been received here that Gen. French arrived at Kimberley to-day and dined at the club this evening."

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As Part of Ninth Brigade En-

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Five Men Including One British

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JOY AT KIMBERLEY'S RELIEF. Toronto's Mayor Congratulates Lansdowne-Volunteers for Africa Hear News at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—"Kimberley is relieved" were the words which greeted the Toronto detachment of the Canadian Mounted Rifles as the special train containing them pulled into Bonaventure station this morning shortly after 9 o'clock. The announcement spread like wild-fire through the care, and a scene o'clock. The announcement spread like wild-fire through the cars, and a scene of indescribable enthusiasm followed. The detachment consisted of nine officers and 156 men and 162 horses. They left Toronto at 8 o'clock last night, and at 6 o'clock this morning arrived at Cornwall, where they had breakfast. At St. Henri the horse cars were detached from the special and taken to St. tached from the special and taken to St Kyd's stock yards at Point St. Charles The passenger coaches were subse The passenger coaches were subsequently brought into Bonaventure station, where the men were transferred to

INDIAN TROOPS FOR AFRICA.

Satisfactory.

Boers Moving off to Free State -- Flying Column Quiet ing Zululand.

Early this morning a large force of Boers from Colesberg, with ten guns, attacked a convoy of 200 wagons at the Riet River, shelling vigorously and doing damage, but strong reinforcements have been sent hence, and it is hoped they will bring in the whole convey in

BLIZZARD AT NEW YORK.

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Volunteers formed the advance guard, the South Wales Borderers were placed in the centre, and the North Staffords on the right flank. These latter were first in Jacobsdal. They cleared out the Boers main but mort to-day whirrled the snow about in thick blinding clouds. About ten north were sopposing them after a gullant charge with their bayonets.

"Meanwhile the 75th battery shelled outskirts of the town. The enemy retired towards Magersfontein, where Gen. Complete Magor Harlett were wounded and captured in the action on Tuesday and after the Boers executed Jacobsdal, we found these efficers and ten of the British, who had been wounded in a previous engagement.

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Columbian Fall Out on the March.

Associated Press Correspondence.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—The Star received the following cable to-day from its special correspondent, W. Richmond-Smith:

"Genéral French with his cavalry, at the capture of Jacobsdal, Feb. 15 (via Modder River, Feb. 16, delayed in transmission)—In operations which have resulted in the occupation of Jacobsdal by British troops, in the hasty retreat of General Cronigin from Magersfontein, and in the relief of Kimberley the Royal Canadian Regiment was given a share.

"When the order to make the forward movement was given the Canadians, whe were brigaded in the Ninth Division, moved out from Wegednaal, on the right flank of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal, or the right flank of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the cocupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the company of the cocupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the cocupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupatio

flank of the force to attack Jacobsdal as reserves. Preparatory to the occupation of Jacobsdal, General French arrived at Wegedraal on the 15th. The Seventh Division advanced upon Jacobsdal from the east on the afternoon of the same day. After the junction of forces at Wegedraal and the decision to advance upon Jacobsdal, it was seen that a sharp fight was in store. The City of London of the fifteen days' delay.

Welcome at Jacobsdal

Townsfolk Agreeably Surprised to Find British Troops Not Looters.

Now Receiving Them as Friends -President Steyn Betrayed His People.

Boers From Magersfontein Re turn to Farms in Disorganized Masses.

Ry Associated Press. Jacobsdal, Feb. 17.-Lord Roberts troops to-day entered this town, which has been in the possession of the British since yesterday. The utmost order prevails. Military police patrol the streets, but not a stick of furniture, not even an obability of Objection to Their Use in apple from the trees, has been taken. A sentry is placed before each store, and

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 15.—French, with a force of artillery, cavalry and mounted infantry, reached Kimberley this evening, Thursday,"

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.—The following from General French was received this morning:

"I have completely dispersed the enemy from the southern side of Kimberley from Alexander's Fontein to Oliphant's Fontein, and am now going to occupy their ground. Have captured enemy's larger and store depots, supplies and supplies of all ranks, wounded.

"Kimberley cheerful and well."

"Jacobsdal, Feb. 16, 7.45 p.m.—Much gratified on arriving here to find admirable hospital arrangements made by Gen. French's division seized three drifts on the Modder river. At the third drift the Boers were fairly strongly enterended. Gen. French's bombarded them and drove them off. To-day he morely.

CAPTURE OF JACOBSDAL.

tion of the inhabitants, the Free State is tired of the war. It is openly said here that Steyn betrayed the people. When the latter became satisfied there was no truth in the stories of the looting proclivities of the British, the townspeople welcomed the British as friends.

Since the battle of Modder River the town has not been garrisoned, but has merely been used as a postal depot. When the Boers fired on the British Wednesday the townspeople protested. Although the British shelling yesterday considerably frightened the women, the shells were only directed at a ridge beyond the town, which was entrenched. The large hospital remains in beautiful order. It is clean and sanitary, and the wounded on both sides are equally well attended.

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A correspondent talked with a number of the Boer wounded, and they all acknowledged that the British movemen sole object was the capture of Jacobs-dal. When informed of the relief of Kimberley they were at first incredulous and then astounded. The landrost re-

mains in the town.

News has reached here that the Boers are leaving Magersfontein and are returning in disorganized masses to their

Archbishop Bruchesi on the Sad Cons quences of Present War.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—Archbishop Bruchesi is preparing a letter asking all cures in his diocese to pray and have prayers said for the re-establishment of peace in the British Empire. His Grace will draw attention to his remarks on the South African war at New Year's, and will express profound regret at the and will express profound regret at the loss of life which has thrown into mourning thousands of English families.

WARREN FOR PARLIAMENT.

London, Feb. 17.—The parliamentary bye-election yesterday in the Newark division of Nottinghamshire to replace Charles William Sydney, Viscount Newark (Conservative), who had succeeded to the peerage, resulted as follows: Sir Charles Warren, Unionist, 5,162; Henry Stanger, Liberal, 2,871. At the last election Viscount Newark was uncomposed count Newark was unopposed.

HOW THE BOERS TELL IT. True the British Relieved Kimberley but the Burghers Captured

Pretoria, Feb. 16.—(1 p. m.)—It appears from further reports of yesterday's fighting at Jacobsdal that 2,000 British troops got through the Federal position at Modder River and relieved Kimberley.

Shelling Cronje In His Retreat

Free State.
"The Sixth Division crossed the Rei

"The Seventh Division crossed the Riet

Missing Companies of Wiltshire Regiment Were Asleep When Others Marched Out.

Arundel, Feb. 16.—The retirement of the British from Rensburg was most orderly. The railway had withdrawn the stores on the previous day, and the stores on the previous day, and the buggage wagons left before the evacuation took place.

A part of the two companies of the word of the sumably asleep after having been on out as members of the members of which were members of the two companies have probably been taken prisoners.

Missing Companies of Wiltshire Regiment When Asleep When Others Marched Out.

Affairs There—No Politics in His Move.

Arundel, Feb. 16.—The retirement of the despatches from Jacobsdal confirm this belief, saying Cronje has been obliged to "outspan," in other words from a laager or camp, in order to rest his oxen. This explains Gen. Kelly-Kenny's latest despatch referring to the shelling of the laager, which also brought the long-expected word of Kitchener's whereabouts. That the General who services in the defence of Kimberley. The other members of which were personal the pursuit of Gen. Cronje adds greatly to the configuration have at last started east, the long-expected word of Kitchener's whereabouts. That the General who services in the defence of Kimberley. The other members of which were personal the pursuit of Gen. Cronje adds greatly to the configuration have a complex the post duty, have since arrived. The other members of the two companies have probably been taken prisoners.

the struggle which has been going on since October.

No matter how the struggle ends, it will raise the biggest international problems of this century in Europe.

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Sion, is able to effect the projected junction with the forces of Kelly-Kenny, while the Ninth division, under Gen. Colville, is rapidly coming up from the rear, so that the hero of Khartoum should have a sufficient force to decisively engage Cronje and prevent him from reaching Bloemfontein with an effective force.

effective force.

Over the whole Modder River district there is such tremendous military activity that it is hard to realize the area covered or grasp the full meaning of the

covered or grasp the full meaning of the movement.

Gen. Macdonald has again occupied Koodoosberg. What precautions Roberts has adopted against a counter attack are not yet known, but the war office and public are thoroughly convinced that he is fully able to cope with all contingencies, and if it is within human possibilities he will inflict the defeat on Cronje that is so much more important than the relief of Kimberley, brilliant as was the latter achievement.

While Gen. Kelly-Kenny's, or rather Kitchener's, despatch referred to the Boer rear guard as being Cronje's, it is still doubtful if the General is personally with it, and possibly he may be employing more than one line of retreat.

Despatches from Capetown announce Despatches from Capetown announce that enthusiastic demonstrations followed the announcement of the relief of Kimberley. Government House was surrounded by huge crowds, and the British high commissioner and governor

eived an ovation. The house which Lord Roberts occupied on his arrival at Capetown was similarly feted. There were parades through the city, cheering for "Bobs," flags flying, and hostile demonstrations were made outside newspaper offices sympathetic to the Boers, and before the ministers supposed to be in sympathy with the burghers.

The relief was similarly celebrated in

other towns of Cape Colony. JAMESON RAID AGAIN. Chamberlain to Produce Evidence Dis-

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Ottawa, Feb. 16.-A Buffalo deputa

"The Seventh Division crossed the Riet River east of Koffyfontein and drove the Commons and further adjourned.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Mr. Sifton leaves for England in three weeks to be absent for a considerable period. He is about to undergo treatment for deafness, which has been growing worse.

Imports last month increased \$3,750, 000; exports increased \$3,750, 000; exports increased \$7,500,000.

Private David Moore, of London, a member of the first course at Kingston to have commenced on the first of February collapsed owing to the absence of an instruction will occur, if it has not already been fought.

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Opening

Roberts' Plan to Encircle and Capture the Whole Free State Force.

hough Cronje Escaped His Army is Crippled by Loss of Stores Abandoned

Problem Now to Clear Railway Line of Boers Threaten. ing Communications.

London, Feb. 17 .- Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, the military expert, reviewing the British high commissioner and governor of Cape Colony, Sir Alfred Milner, reat midnight, said:

"Lord Roberts has begun his campaign by striking at the principal Boer force in the western theatre of war, that of Commandant Cronje, covering

the siege of Kimberley. "In a little over three weeks Lord Roberts has completed the organization of his forces. He then quietly massed some 50,000 men, four infantry divisions and a cavalry division, near the selected point, reaching Modder River station on Priday, February 9. He must have put his troops in motion with the least possible delay, for ou Monday the action of the man attempt to turn the

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doubt be pursued.

"There is no doubt Kimberley is relieved, and that the railway will soon be re-opened. This is a success, but the more valuable result—the destruction of a part of the Boer army—has not been secured. It cannot be said under the circumstances that this is attributable to weakness in British generalship, which seems to have been excellent.

"There are disquieting features in the news. The capture by Boers, said to have come from Colesberg, of a large British convoy, may diminish the mobility of the British force, and is a proof of the energy of the Boer leaders. The vigorous attack on the British at Rens-

Col. Ofter cables that the authorities at Capetown have arranged to notify the colonial government of any colonial casualties.

It is stated that Mr. Tarte will leave for Paris about the middle of March. He does not want to resign his portfolio, although Brodeur is slated for the position.

The debate on the appropriation to pay the contingents was continued in the

nd the police were compelled to e and to clear the streets in the chood of the hall.

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(From Friday's Daily Edit **Coast Mining** And Sea

An Interesting Budget B by Passengers on

Queen City.

First Parties for Season ing Towards the Omin Country.

The steamer Queen City came the North yesterday morning. her passengers were Hon. Edga ney, who is returning from h properties at Sydney Inlet, and man, James Corkle, who is en the Kootenay country. Consta Spain came down with an Ind oner who has been sentenced months' imprisonment. Mr. provincial constable, and was medal a short time ago for in the rescue of the Hera's crev Engvik, T. R. Cliff, W. L. C miners of Clayoquot; D. Mo who has properties at Clayoqu Alberni Canal; Rev. Father I of Hesquoit, who is bound E Todd, J. Somers, H. C. New Sydney T. Toy also came down. Toy and Newton are interest property at San Juan. Mr. New a number of men there last trip a number of men there last trip these properties. The Queen ports that the schooner Sadie was getting a crew at Nootka. reported that the schooner W Rich was ashore at Village Isl the report could not be verified Ainoka and the Ida Etta sail

SOUTHERN SEALERS Interesting Letter From One Crew of the Ocean Bell

Mr. J. Collister has received from his brother, who is on the schooner Ocean Belle. The ledated at Drake's Bas, February tells of the accident to one of the Belle's crew and the smashing of her boats. The letter says: "a bit of a blow, and a big sea was a bit of a blow, and a big sea wa
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the wave swept on to the schoon
the broken-up boats jammed him
the skylight. His leg was not
but it was badly bruised. If th
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FOR OMINECA. First Party for That District North Last Night.

The steamer Willapa sailed la for the North. She had on be parties for Manson Creek, in the eca district, G. W. Otterson, J. G. A. Thompson taking up a numen and a large quantity of sur that district. Rev. Mr. Apple deacon Collison, R. Chambers, Cand O. Helmer also took passas and O. Helmer also took pas

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COWICHAN VOLUNTE Committee Take Steps to A the Formation of a Cor

The committee appointed zens present at the patriotic in Duncans on February 6 to take form a Cowichan volunteer cor The committee consists of F., land Dougall (chairman), Leakey, Major Mutter, Capt. H. H. Addington and John E. As a praliminant As a preliminary step, it was by Major Mutter and seconder Addington that the following drawn up, to be placed in places in the district: The compointed to take in consideration pointed to take in considerationing of a rifle volunteer corps chan met on Wednesday at there being present Messrs. F Dougall, John E. Hall, Rev. Capt. the Hon. H. H. Addi Major Mutter. The committee have sheets placed where the tojoin such a corps could names. It is proposed to have descripting the whole commany. names. It is proposed to have descrion, if a whole companyed men cannot be raised. The on the committee have also ceive names of any wishing names to be sent in on or 3rd day of March.

The meeting then adjourn p.m. Saturday, March 3.

GENERAL PRIOR'S D Preparing to Take Up Brigad

in Africa When Suddenl The rumor lately current at ada that Col. Prior, M.P., we dently originated owing to despatches stating that M. J. E. H. Prior had died in England. Major-General Prand Col. Prior's father were The following is from the London News, and also from the which papers give paccounts of this gallant office Major-General. John Edward Prior, who is entered in the rior, who is entered in the

that, and in many respects matter has been brought nee 1894 this matter has my political disadvantage vspapers, which from time inserted in their columns to contest in this country to contest in this country bitter is political ani-although I am proud to the twelve years I have I have never allowed any son any political oppon-

That is not so. otton—That is so. You in the News-Advertiser any h the Aews-Advertiser any k on any man in this provat the matter has come up at I am not bound to grant to anybody who attacks I think I have answered which will be satisfactory ers of this house. But I to say a few words in regenarisk mede by the more remarks mede by the mede and the same remarks mede by the same remarks mede by the mede and the same remarks mede by the same remarks mede and the same remarks med and the same remarks mede and the same remarks medically medicall

emarks made by the mov-ution as to the manage-affairs of this govern-n. gentleman, I gathered, on. gentleman, I gathered, cheque would be covered. I had signed myself, but said that Mr. Flett would them. Besides Mr. Flett, I has to be passed by the e department or the other, to be examined and reported deputy minister. In the normal method of the passes ister does not sign cheques, ster does not sign cheques, intersigns them, after the r and the auditor have ape lands and works depart-uchers are signed by Mr. nds and works department, charge, as I explained to other day, certifies for all do not think that I need more about that. I have elve years actively engaged in British Columbia. Many this house have had busi-ions with me and I think I tell you that they have alne straightforward and an-erything I undertook. And ome than that, sir. There gentlemen on the other use who are well acquaintnever profited one dollar that was done down there, that I need take any more w that I need take any more
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for advantage to me coun-rie be in investigating the rs of any hou, member of he twenty years ago? How the house whether the hon. 'inance made or lost money sidence in Colorado? What lature of British Columbia ast matter in any respect or hat matter in any respect or Everyone was well awfre cteristics of western frontier the shrewdness of the busi-West. Everyone was aware West. Everyone was aware a young man came to the nerica from England, he was ses looked upon (if he had providential dispensation for not of the public, but of the among whom he came. There outo that the hon. Minister of nen he first came to western as in this position; and it was at in consequence of his earlby should the house have anyby with them? The matters reby the third member for Vanconnection with the Finance
Colorado residence were no
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as 1894, and since then; and
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r. Semlin continued that he course have to accept the hon. 's statement in this regard, felt convinced that there was public man who would say that of heard of these things. The nber for Vancouver was apparte alone in his lack of knowl-seemed to him, that knowing all mstances so far, as they were d, the third member for Vand been quite willing to take a he executive of which the hon, of Finance had been a prominber; he was also willing that gentleman should be the leader rty and of the government. ty and of the government.

tin promptly rose to deny this

He had said that he wonderhe hon. Finance Minister had selected as leader—"as against Premier"—this concluding shot ectly addressed to Hon. Mr.

to reconcile Mr. Martin's pre-ments with his own observanatural inferences. Now as to the proper parties to judge be-on. Mr. Cotton and the public. on. minister had said, he had hon. minister had said, he had the province for upwards of ears, and had been elected and I as the representative of Vanathis house. The election of the when they had so honored the tleman by choosing him as their tative had been even more cog-t all the circumstances of these referred to by the hon. third for Vancouver than that hon. In bimself. Their confidence in mee Minister, and their opinion hese charges, was illustrated in the delection in successive terms. ed election in successive terms, se had now no right whatever re in a matter wholly between sentatives and the electors who him to the house. If the elec ancouver had come to the con-nat Hon. Mr. Cotton was not a te life. Their returning him to se with full knowledge of the as a sufficient refutation of the which the third member for Vanhad now resurrected. When the nember for Vancouver launched ontinued on Seventh Page.)

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Another Daring Navigator to Sail a Slo from Here to Paris.

Capt. A. Frietsch, who purposes to sail from Seattle to Havre and the Paris exposition in a sloop of his own construction, will start Sunday afternoon. He will name the sloop just before he sails. He will put in at Victoria, Port Townsend and Portland to exhibit the craft. Capt. Frietsch has made several long trips in small boats.

COWICHAN VOLUNTEERS.

Committee Take Steps to Arrange for the Formation of a Corps.

H. H. Addington and John E. Hall.

As a preliminary step, it was proposed by Major Mutter and seconded by Capt.

Addington that the following notice be drawn up, to be placed in conspicious places in the district: The committee appointed to take in consideration the raising of a rifle volunteer corps for Cowichan met on Wednesday at Duncans, there being present Messrs. F. Maitland. Dougall, John E. Hall, Rev. E. Leakey, Capt. the Hon. H. H. Addington and Major Mutter. The committee decided to have sheets placed where those willing to join such a corps could sign their to join such a corps could sign their names. It is proposed to have a mounted section, if a whole company of mounted men cannot be raised. The gentlemen on the committee have also power to receive names of any wishing to join. All mames to be sent in on or before the 3rd day of March.

The meeting then adjourned until 2 p.m. Saturday, March 3.

GENERAL PRIOR'S DEATH. Preparing to Take Up Brigade Comman

in Africa When Suddenly Taken. in Africa When Suddenly Taken.

The rumor lately current all over Canada that Col. Prior, M.P., was dead evidently originated owing to telegraphic despatches stating that Major-General J. E. H. Prior had died in Aldershot, England. Major-General Prior's father and Col. Prior's father were brothers. The following is from the Illustrated London News, and also from Sketch. both of which papers give portraits and accounts of this gallant officer's demise:

Major-General. John Edward Hale Prior, who is entered in the Army Lists

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AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

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WHAT IS UP?

The adjournment of the house until Monday, without any reason being assigned, would be understood in any other province than British Columbia to mean that a crisis had been reached in the affairs of the government, and that when the members re-assemble on Monment would be made. It is not surprising, therefore, that in political circles a change, or if you prefer the witty prising, therefore, that in political circles there is considerable speculation as to Old things in our politics are passi-

diate defeat. A government situated as One is to strengthen itself that could be safely opened by the ap-

REDISTRIBUTION.

thinks the legislature is too large vincial development pursued by the late thinks the legislature is too large numerically, but we do not believe its government solely for the purpose of that he had no right to occupy a seat in reasons exist is always accepted by the saying that the next provincial cabinet, the house either last session or this. If house. In the present instance no such so. In our numble judgment the house do not say that it will necessarily be tied is none too large, and we should protest down to the same details. But as that very strongly against the proposal to down to the same details. But as that or that Mr. Tisdale's clerk sold a small government aimed first of all at the Vancouver and the constituencies electing two members, namely Esquimalt, have a tendency to open the province t Cassiar and Cariboo. An extensive provlarger legislature proportionately to the of labor, so the successors to the present population than the other provinces of cabinet must take the same course, or the Dominion. We cordially endorse the sition that all questions of antagon between the Island and the Mainnot believe that any such antagonism in of a few Mainlanders of an old political erable influence even in their own neighborhood. The people of the Island recognize that the Mainland must natur-lar individual or are favored by some ally far outstrip it in importance, even although they know that this portion of the precipes in all the precipes in a second of the precipe in a the province is destined for an exceedto time, but what they will resent is an attempt to diminish their fair share of influence in the house. Redistribution which means simply the cutting down of Island representation will be received

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just now for British Columbia, he assented most heartdy. It is time for the following item: Frenchman's expression, for "la deluge. away. The next British Columbia ssues that have vexed the people during

sweep these away, and the province will tion which we desire to raise. The Conrise above it all strengthened and fresh- stitution Act prescribes that a member of we desire once more, on the eve of a political crisis, the result of which no man can foresee, to place on record our man can foresee. pointment of its member to a cabinet position. He would be defeated ingloriously. Hence a coalition is wholly out of the question.

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Whether in the provincial development. Whether in the provincial development. Whether in the provincial development is the case of ministers, who have gone before the people for re-election after rechanges that are bound to occur any ceiving a portfolio. They may receive member of the late cabinet will be num- salaries and a certain allowance for We are unable to see any bered among the Lieutenant-Governor's the Honor should concede advisers, we have no means of knowing:

The dissolution of the intercement of the intercement of the intercement of the missing document will be travelling expenses. We see nothing in the case mentioned the government of the intercement of the inte such a request, if it is made. The government has shown itself vacillating to the last degree, false to every true to the last degree, false to every true every man who votes with them in the president of the Council to draw any whatever, from which no other conclusions and certainly no provision to the last degree, false to every true principle of government, and unmindful kouse, that they are striving to bring for his travelling expenses. The act of of its duty towards the representative of the crown. It has done nothing upon which any lieutenant-governor could justify himself in granting them a dissolution.

The third course is to resign, and this The third course is to resign, and this have prevailed during the last year and provision will not meet Dr. McKechnie's gone into at the present session of the provision will not meet Dr. McKechnie's but register the greech nor any or we believe is what the government will a half. There is not a man on the left of the Speaker who is open to the charge of being an office-seeker in his antagon- McKechnie forfeited his seat in the legfor not one of them pretends to know what will be the result of the forthcom-

they will be weighed in the balance and found wanting on the first opportunity

It is time for a change. It is time to have done with temporizing, with sche ing for a particular vote, with the arts school, now happily without any considprosperous future. They will questions which the Semlin government ect to the increase of Mainland persists in ignoring. It is time for a ation as it is needed from time government that can see further than to time, but what they will resent is an next salary day, that will be more con-

the slain. Then followed a long rest, with several successful reconnaissances. On February 9 Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener arrived on the scene and the flanking movement began.

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

"The government will be defeated next week, and after that the deluge," remarked a prominent member of the opposition yesterday, and when he was asked if he did not think a nice little political deluge would be a good thing just now for British Columbia, he assented most heartily. It is time for

Expenses of Officers on Duty," there is

"R. E. McKechnie, P. of C., \$204.67." Dr. McKechnie is President of the Executive Council and this sum is to delution for Tuesday next, which deals fray his travelling expenses in that capathat an address was passed asking fo cabinet, no matter of whom it is com- city. We say frankly at the outset that posed, will stand free from all the petty the President of the Executive Council issues that have vexed the people during ought to be paid his travelling expenses. the last few years. The deluge will This, however, is quite beside the questions will be according to the province will the province will be according to the people during ought to be paid his travelling expenses. the legislature shall receive an indemnity

If the law is as it appears to be, Dr. the speakers on behalf of the governislature by receiving his travelling expenses, and as these must have been in part at least for travelling done previous rock upon which political parties may be badly split. We observe that the Times when political parties may be to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood badly split. We observe that the Times when papers are asked for by an address or order of the house all the papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers. be no way of escaping the proposition should not be. A statement that such al associates will subscribe to this saying that the fact that the Minister of Mines restatement was made, and consequently In our humble judgment the house follow along the same lines, although we ceived 50 cents for a meal given without inauguration of such policies as would Mr. Hall's clerk sold a ton of coal to the Lieutenant-Governor rendered their seats forfeited, surely the acceptance by Dr. ton the sum of \$483.40 was realized for McKechnie personally of \$204.67 as travelling expenses, without warrant of law, must also work a forfeiture of the seat in his case. No President of the Compared with this, all the cities in Council prior to Dr. McKechnie accepted travelling expenses, it being understood that he could not legally do so. We again say that it is not the propriety of the President of the Council receiving his travelegal right to do so and retain his seat in the house. Any gentleman may become President of the Council without having a seat in the house for all tha appears in the Constitution Act. So in ordance with the principle of Respon sible Government, there is nothing to prevent Dr. McKechnie from becc nileage; but the moment he accepts th penses, his seat becomes vacant, and he not only occupies it thereafter without

Vaccination

Provincial Board of Health Isues Timely Leaflet on the Preventive.

Precautions to Prevent Introduction of Scourge From State of Washington.

The provincial board of health has is with a very serious matter. It recites ned a leaflet giving information on the subject of vaccination, which is timely on account of the prevalence of smallpox a tour law, but that an important letter resent in Spokane and other points in the state of Washington. This is its text There never has been, in the history of medical science, any discovery made the prerogatives of the house, and for which stands out so broadly successful as this and other reasons asks the house Jenner's discovery that vaccination is a to censure and condemn the governmen preventive of smallpox. Opposition to vaccination has been ad-

vaccination neither prevents nor modifies

opinion is freely admitted. At the time of the introduction of vaccination, and of the introduction of vaccination, and until a comparatively recent time, arm to arm vaccination was chiefly practised. Careful selection was made of persons ods have entirely removed such objections. Arm to arm vaccination is rarely practised, and is unnecessary.

Vaccine, as supplied to-day, is not from the human being, but is obtained by innoculating, in numerous places, the carefully of an addisingered helly of a

house, but neither the speech nor any of conduct of parliamentary bodies is that when papers are asked for by an adof cases is simple. The vaccine is not to be blamed, but the methods of vaccina-tion too often are. It is popularly known that often a simple wound gives rise to blood poisoning, and similarly the vaccin-ation wound may thus act. The reason

the dat often a simple wound gives rise to blood poisoning, and similarly the vaccination wound may thus are. The reason is that in every person's skin exist inmerable microbes which may give rised to blood poisoning by entering through the abrasion. But if the site chosen for vaccination be carefully cleanased, either in the ordinary way or by antiseptics, the handling and dressings be elean, then for the danger is reduced almost to mi.

Thus the small percentage of dangers or vaccination are, by modern methods, reduced to acminimum, and all objects of vaccination are, by modern methods, reduced to acminimum, and all objects of vaccination are objects. The should therefore be without most thoroughly one of sering any disease.

Of methods are the provincial Board of Health in the state of the provincial Board of Health in Buroache severest scourge of the human rise."

The above statement, while true as to the power of vaccination, fortunately needs to be modified as to the severity of the state of the provincial board of health were approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Councing the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries.

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The past has been an eventful v provincial politics. First the Coal Regulation bill brought the pitifu tion of the ministry into pron Prentice came out unqualifiedly sition, with a speech the sever raignment of the government yet He declared that in his opinion worthy motive as protecting whit from the competition of the cool and actuated the government in b down this law-but that on the c it was an example of the worst i class legislation, designed at the tion of one colliery concern for the comfiture of their business rivals for the real effect upon white latter execution of the up was to extend the companion of the up was to extend the up was to e the operation of the act was to ex Chinese from the coal mines, they only be brought into active comp only be brought into active com-with white workers in other parts province, and no real benefit res third reason for his refusal to ende third reason for his refusal to end measure was that it would und ably be declared ultra vires in t and the enactment of legislation t province had not authority to plish was to his view child's pl worthy a body of supposedly r

With Mr. Prentice's defection, With Mr. Prentice's defection, the ernment during this debate, on M was three times forced for salvat the Speaker's vote; while on one two occasions, during the afternoor dealing with the proposed adjourn of the debate, the unique spectacl presented of a member (Mr. Ralph Speaker) and order to saye his page to presented of a member (as a being forced in order to save his p vote against a motion he had

Tuesday was an "off" day. Aft eventful scene of Monday, when of the coal mines bill and that government hung coincidently in ance, the parliamentarians requirest for their nerves. According for a preliminary skirmish on M tin's motion with respect to re tion,, routine held the fort. In co tion,, routine held the fort. In conconsideration of the Supreme Country an amendment by Mr. McPhillips veepted, providing that appeal storovided from interlocutory designed to meet the needs of Konand allow small matters of litigate be disposed of in Kootenay with trouble and expense of bringing liquid lawyers to the Coast. In the Sale Act the success of the efforts and lawyers to the Coast. In the Sale Act the success of the efforts Price Ellison, for his district, was parent in the acceptance by the ment of a sub-section providing registration of such instruments it town of Vernon. The same action sought with respect to Grand Form. J. M. Martin, but unceremon stood over."

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Redistribution was the text of nesday's proceedings, Mr. Martin his case in the strongest possibl and virtually compelling a sur The government was shown to ha no intention of introducing a gendistribution measure this term; M. Martin said that he had ex himself as satisfied with the gran an extra member to Boundary, proposed in His Honor's speech; proved conclusively that the government objected to redistribution sugation that he beginning of the session—a it was evidenced that the governm been forced by their following the following the sense of the coercing and instead of simply voting docensure motion—as would be the of any government secure in its po of any government secure in its ; the Premier asked leave to at motion, admitting the main chan feet by saying that the government do at once what it was propose sure them for not doing—and predictivation will immediately. redistribution bill immediately. On Thursday politics were the background and personalitied—the text being Mr. Martin for a committee of investigatic late colleague, Hon. Mr. Cott house after hearing the Finance at length refused the committee Another question, not one diate policy, but which neverth

diate policy, but which neverthe an important place in the we ceedings, was with reference to ing of the proffered British (contingent to South Africa. pointed out that hundreds the British Columbia were waiting what would be done—that I were willing to volunteer—and yond sending the offer forward i hearted fashion at the dictation house, the government had a press the offer as bona fide. both Hon. Mr. Semlin and B Cotton practically said that both Hon. Mr. Semilin and E Cotton practically said that minion government would do no connection with an independen cial contingent; that the Impeernment wanted units only—of infantry 125 men. or mounted 1260—that the province, if it set tingent, would have to set "charges paid" all the way town—and that the provincial ment hesitated about going to creased expense involved. The the opposition was that theil ment hesitated about going to creased expense involved. The the opposition was that thei went further than Halifax, as government of the Mother Lan the men delivered at Capetown, sufficient confidence in the petaining the expenditure to sup government to the extent of required. At another stage week's proceedings the govern peared in an unfavorable light refusing to allow a half-hour's ment in order that the membe Join with the people of Victori ding God-speed to the men Strathcona's Horse who we "farewelled" in the Drill hall, yards from the chamber. "In more reason why we should them. yards from the chamber. "I no more reason why we should these young men away," said mier, "than that we should go loops or Vancouver to bid go the recruits that are being ta those places." And just then stirring notes of "The Britis diers," followed by "Rule B floated through the windows. It was Col. Baker who bromotion forward that the hous article.
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CHARLES J. FAGAN, Provincial Board of Health. Feb. 12, 1900. (From Sunday's Daily Edition).

The Tottering Government

Capitulation to Arch Enemy On Heels of Majority's Disappearance.

Military Ardor Allowed to Cool In Stress of Struggle For Political Life.

Femiliar Life, and the state of The past has been an eventful week in provincial politics. First the Coal Mines

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he administered a stinging reprimand, based largely upon the failure to make good the patriotic professions incorporated by the government in His Honor's

Among the new measures now before he house are the Timber Inspection bill, o provide for the official scaling of logs; he bill to establish councils of concilia-ion and arbitration; and a bill (by Mr. tion and arbitration; and a bill (by Mr. McPhillips) to restore the provincial franchise to the judges, sheriffs, deputies, civil servants, etc.—disfranchised by the infamous act of last session.

Still another motion of censure is on the order paper, the mover this time being Mr. Higgins. He has shown that the government withheld the most important letter of all from the return with reference to the eight-hour law that was demanded by resolution of the house. The letter in question he reads as stating that legislation on the subject would be brought before the house at the present session.

Sarel of the Kamloops

Standard.

Very Little Important Evidence

Obtained—Case Adjourned

Until Friday Next.

Quite a crowd of interested spectators assembled at the police court yesterday assembled at the

Libel Charge.

Severe Examination of Editor Sarel of the Kamloops

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Witness in reply said letters coming by mail were frequently opened by himself or other members of the staff and the copy hung on the hook, and frequently part of letters dated from Victoria were written in Kamloops by himself and others and added on to the letters.

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what letters or articles he had written.
He could not remember or specify them.
Mr. McLean—Who wrote the letter appearing in the Kamloops Standard of January 11, dated from Victoria and signed "Observer"?
Mr. Walls again objected, claiming that the original article should be put in stand proved. He quoted authorities in support of his contention. The objection was not sustained.
Witness did not know who wrote the article, Programme for the Spring Meeting of the Club on Easter Monday.

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the understanding as, if an inking of it reached the government, who were unprepared with their sessional programme, they would put up some of their men to keep the discussion leaked out, and consequently when Sir Richard Cartwright sat down no one rose. The Speaker, therefore, put the question, and the address was adopted. It was a sharp move and the government did not relish it, as was evidenced from the accrebity of a remark made by the Premier on Thursday.

CANADA'S OFFER DELAYED

CANADA'S OFFER DELAYED. The debate itself consisted only of six speeches, those of the mover and seconder of the address, Messrs. Gould and Geoffrion and Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Foster and Sir Richard Cartwright. It was devoted al-Richard Cartwright. It was devoted almost exclusively to the government's action relating to the offering and sending of the contingents to South Africa. The official correspondence in connection with the offers submitted, and it certainly places the government of Canada in a very bad light, as contrasted with the other colonies. As far back as July last Queensland made her offer, and it was not until the middle of October that Canada—being the eleventh on the list—was heard from. Sir Charles Tupper told how he had telegraphed to the Fremier urging the government to do something, and promising the undivided support of the opposition in whatever action was taken by Canada to assist in maintaining the supremacy of Great Britain in South Africa. He ridiculed the vacilating policy of the government, which one day declared that it could not do anything without the authority of parliament, and them within ten days thereafter without parliamentary authority, and in direct contradiction to the dectrine the Premier

without the authority of parliament, and then within ten days thereafter without parliamentary authority, and in direct contradiction to the doctrine the Premier had so recently laid down, decided to send one thousand men to the Cape. Sir Wilfrid endeavored to show that the government had acted both promptly and consistently, but he woefully failed.

DISSENSION OF THE CABINET.

His plea that the government were unanimous upon this matter was met with the documentary evidence that all the time the preparations for the contingent were being made, and the discussion in the newspapers was going on, Mr. Tarte by his speeches and writings was endeavoring to frustrate the efforts of the Canadian people to secure adequate representation with the British arms in South Africa. The reading of these speeches and editorials astonished a good many members of the house who had not previously seen them, and they will go on record against Mr. Tarte for all time to come: Endeavor as the Premier did to the best of his ability to offset them by importing other issues into the debate it will be impossible to convince the country that the Minister of Public Works, at a critical period in the history of the Empire, was otherwise than in opposition to the rendering of assistance by Canada to the Mother Country. Mr. Foster's speech was a masterpiece. In fact, it is

Washington, Feb. 15.—Highly sensational testimony was developed to-day in the investifation by the senate committee on privileges and elections of the election of W. A. Clark to the senate from Montana. Justice Hunt, a Republican member of the Montana supreme court, testified that his family physician, Dr. Tracy, had made what the Justice regarded as an attempt to have him consider a \$100,000 bribe to favor lawyer Welcome one of Clark's attorneys in disbarment proceedings against Welcome. The witness did not directly at least connect Mr. Clark with this bribery proposition, so the latter's counsel, ex-Senator Faulkner, moved to strike the whole testimony from the record, but did not succeed. The witness testified that the same day one of the attempts to bribe him had been made similar efforts had been made to reach Justice Piggot, another of the justices of the supreme court of Montana.

THE MARTINIQUE RIOTING. Soldiers Disperse Mobs at Various Points but Situation Yet Critical.

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Hon. Mr. Cotton—Hear, hea The charges that had be against the Finance Minister, against the chance Minister, continued, were in a manner by the infamous charges that put forward by the friends o government party just before general elections. The gent osite had, however, not yet to come forward and as yet to come forward and charges—as the third member couver had—so that they cound refuted. In conclusion, for North Victoria suggest uld be well for the third Vancouver to withdraw his cless he could assure the hou had other evidence to submit which he had indicated.

MR. HELMCKEN regarde lution before the house as in to f hitting below the belt, and opposed it in toto. He accept. Mr. Cotton's explanation as so to every member of the house, a surprise, however, that neither in nor any of his colleagu taken the first opporunity to the Finance Minister's stateme spect to the alleged falsifica

he had not done so it was throwertence. He certainly had in assure the house that there had deliberate falsification of the m Victoria's senior member the this would be taken as satisfae hoped that the other ministers heard from to the same effect the Gordon case, he agreed w Mr. Cotton that—having been torily disposed of in 1894—it shave been resurrected. Mr. M not taken the trouble to explai cumstances in this matter; an knowledge of these circumstar personally thought that Hon. ton should be admired for goin rather than disclose a confiden newspaper narrative of Hon. ton's Colorado experiences, wi Mr. Martin had favored the characterized as a "beautif story." Surely Hon. Mr. Cott be glad—as he would be under cumstances—that the matter would be taken as satisf be glad—as he would be unde cumstances—that the matter brought up, giving him oppo-set himself right. This news, he had reason to believe he whatever in it—it had been for political purposes and sen publication; and he had ne contempt for a man who we stab a man in the back. If the newspaper publication was the stab a man in the back. If the member publication was the dence that the third member couver had to offer, his case failed. The charges that brought forward reminded his cowardly attacks that had against the leader of the prestion in the matter of warran was as little evidence in this the thought that the least the ment of to-day could do in fair play would be to state put there was not the slightest for these mean charges that for these mean charges that made for political purposes in est possible way. (Hear, had prepared an amendment to strike out the second and graphs of the resolution, but understood that no attempt made by the government to cussion, full and free discuss part see that any good would not see that any good would bringing the amendment for

not see that any good would bringing the amendment for There was a promise in c the government side that would not be attempted.

Mr. Helmcken accordingly his amendment to the waste HON. DR. McKECHNIE he had vary little to account. he had very little to say, but as his duty to set himself matter of the alleged falsific records of the executive. records of the executive. at liberty, of course, to give account of the proceedings of tive. As for the "delibers tion," however, he wished the emphatically that this was for the two other charges the resolution before the he the resolution before the himself but a new member this being his second ses this being his second session arrived but recently, compared the country. He had there sonal knowledge of the matt to, while he was quite sat believed the house was als explanation of the Finance whose integrity and ability fullest confidence.

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RAND FORKS.

ks, Feb. 10.—Ross Thomps from a visit to the Oro Deno imp. He made the announce-five-drill compressor will be rtly. One shot yesterday dis-ess than 25 tons of \$35 ore. ll begin as soon as the C.P.R. cars required.
derson, vice-president of thecompany, visited the group
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de states that discourse oot levels is in progress. Ore grade is being extracted from. the volume of business done ry country, and emphasize the-city is becoming pre-eminenthere last month amounted to duty thereon being \$17,369. rkinson, president of the Path-on the north fork of Kettle on the line of the Columbia & liradia of the Columbia & liradia of the Columbia & liradia The plant will be innee. The Pathinder has about the columbia & liradia of the Columbia of the Col ore on the dump, and with the

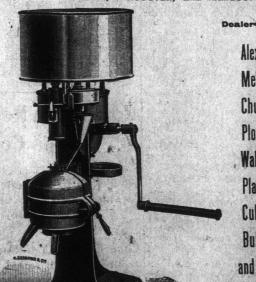
th the local bar association have sittings of the Supre At vesterday's m was adopted urging the provin-ment to grant the application al months ago. The government

ne Boundary country. Already em have been successful in ob bloyment. The outlook for min-hroughout this district is very t, as the B. C. and other large-contemplate augmenting their extensively in the near future R. will shortly begin the con-f a bridge across the north fork-iver, in connection with the spur-elter. As soon as the work is-including the laying of rails, Hill and Old Ironsides will behill and out it is a superinten-hipping of ore to the reduction. B. W. Hodges, the superinten-es that the roasting of ores in begin within four weeks, in an-of the early completion of the ood is utilized for this pur-

nas greatly improved since the re-vfall. Floating ice in the river

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A Sad Chapter From Rensburg

Company of New South Wales Mounted Infantry Annihilated in Retreat.

methematical tripos. Thus the quaint chapter which no longer signifies the best all-round mathematician of the year is saved from extinction. The decision meets with some severe criticism from the press.

It is a strange anomaly to find Great Britain. the home of the emigrant, threatened by the emigrant, yet such is the case. Industrial activity and the increase in wages in the United Kingdom have attracted hordes of Continental labor. Last month alone about 4,000 emigrants arrived, a large increase on the average. The Globe remarks: "When the present wave of industrial prosperity is succeeded by a wave of adversity, we shall have on our hands a multitude of foreigners, eagerly competing for the bread which ought by right to nourish the native-born. We have no legislative machinery for sitting out pauper aliens and returning them to their own country, as they have in the United States."

Mr. Winston Churchill's first novel, "Savrola," was published this week, and has been tolerably well reviewed. The young war correspondent has depicted the political intrigue and revolution in the imaginary republic of Laurania, throwing in lots of fighting epigrams and political maxims, the latter evidently gathered from his experience in England. The book was mainly written in 1897.

Lord Dunraven seems to be losing all interest in vaching. By reagen as a

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Of all the papers in this country that comment on the golfing gossio about Vardon in America, several are taking the view that Americans are to be surprised and not a little humiliated by the splendid golf he will no doubt show them. These papers insinuate that the American golfer rates his own prowess a very great deal too highly, and that he will be reduced to his proper level by a sight of the great champien's play. We believe this is stating the case for the American golfer very unjustly. We have seen nothing, have heard nothing and have read nothing to dispose us to be of the opinion that he has any inordinate notion of his own prowess. In fact he seems to look to the Old Country for models and masters in golf, with modesty altogether becoming. Vardon is not going to give them any revelation?

In gofficial despatch:

"Yesterday at Rondoval Drift, in the neighborhood of Jacobsal, he federal from the papers of the neighborhood of Jacobsal, he federal troops were engaged in a severe fight with 2,000 British who were trying to reach Kimberley. "Commandant Defary continued the engagement until this morning, the federal casualties being five wounded. "After another two hours of hard fighting it is reported that the British retired, leaving Col. Henry with his servant was taken to Jacobsal."

THE PRICE FOR PERJURY.

Offer of Ten Thousand Dollars to Help Fix Claim on Five Millions.

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—In the suit of Mrs. Nettie Craven, who claims a por-

them, sent a tug to the scene. The officials of the company express the opinion that the grounding of the Graf Waldersee was due to the blinding snowstorm prevailing, and they expect that as the tide was rising when she grounded, the steamer will be floated at high water this evening, or at about 8 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER'S ESTATE.

Declared at But Half a Million Pound Exclusive of Entailed Property.

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Ladysmith Diet **During Siege**

Horse and Mule Flesh the Staples and Food Supply Yet Available.

Annual planting protegoes his freely make the company of the compa sleep was the natural sleep of innocence? And I have heard his first words of awakening at the call of his father, as by reveille, from the sleep after the verdict: 'How is Blanche?' 'How is

MILLIONS IN COPPER.

for Keeping Ontario Property Idle.

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Charles Howland, in behalf of himself and other stockholders of the Vermillion Mining Company of Ontario, to-day sued the Canadian Copper Company, the Anglo-American Iron Company, Stevenson Burke, C. W. Bingham, Henry McIntosh, Charles Baird and J. B. Wright, executors of the Cornell estate and all stockholders of the Canadian Copper Co., for \$1,350,000 damages. He alleges that Burke and others, fearing that the Vermillion Company would become a strongrival of the Canadian Iron Company, conspired to secure possession of the stock of the Vermillion Company and did finally secure possession and by controlling the same have kept the Vermillion mines idle, while reaping rich profits from the mines of the Copper Co.

ENGAGED AT MAFEKING.

Pretoria, Feb. 13.-A smart rifle and

VANCOUVER NEWS NOTES Copper Queen Miner Hurt-Fear o seased Pork-Northern Tele-

graph Construction. Vancouver, Feb. 15.-Lieut. Jones, R.

Robert Elliott, a miner em

N., left to-day for Halifax, and is reported to be on his way for duty in South Africa.

Dominion Government Insists That Province Bargained to

The City Hospital is filled with patients of the control of the co

Judges' Pay

legal or other reasons, to base a valid claim for relief upon the ground that the offer, which resulted in the contract, had been made voluntarily.

The minister further observes that, the Atorney-General states that there appears to be no reason why, in the interest of the province, the payments heretofore made to the judges should be continued. If, in the opinion of the present province Bargained to Add Allowance.

Present Repudiation Shown to Be Not Creditable to Local Ministers.

A return presented to the legislature by Premier Semlin a few days ago contained the correspondence in the matter of the county sourted and source and force, although the provincial salary has been withheld.

The minister further submits that there appears to be no reason why, in the interest of the provincial government at the time of his receiving his Dominion appointment in government of the prevaint of the prevaint of the prevaint of the county courts may now be secured at a salary of \$2,400, this remark of the Attorney-General may hold so far as the future is concerned, but as to the prevaint of the county courts may now be secured at a salary of \$2,400, this remark of the ment of these gentlemen as stipendiary magistrates by the provincial government as the provincial government of the gentlemen as the future is concerned, but as to the prevaint of the salary paid by the Dominion, and, as it appears, in the opinion of the prevaint of the time, it was an arrangement was concluded and as it appears, in the opinion of the provincial government of the time, it was an arrangement was concluded and as it appears, in the opinion of the provincial government of the time, it was a party to that arrangement was concluded and as it appears, in the opinion of the provincial government of the time was a party to that arrangement was concluded and as it appears, in the opinion of the province in addition as it appears to

under date of February 15, says: "There are indications of a decisive move at Colenso. I hear that the Boers rely on their entrenchments and barbed wire entanglements along the principal reads to check Roberts' progress in the Free State. The road to Ladysmith is studded with these formidable barriers."

According to a despatch from Chieveley, dated the 14th, it has been ascertained that the British artillery during last week's fighting rendered two large Boer guns and one Nordenfeldt ineffective.

Head Laager Near Ladysmith, Wednesday, Feb. 14.—The British from Chieveley have been bombarding the Boer forces at Blaauw Krantz, east of Colenso, since yesterday afternoon, the bombardment continuing throughout the night. The Boers responded with rifle fire. Particulars are lacking. All quiet at Ladysmith.

Fruit and Ornamental Trees

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A BOER ANNOUNCE ishes a special despatch In which says that the Transv there announces that all the evacuating Natal, their position olong ten Joubert has ordered the condall the available forces to Roberts. The siege of Labe raised. It is expected will enter the town at the week

STILL ANOTHER London, Feb. 22.—Mr Churchill in a despatch frod dated February 20, says he fierce fighting before Lady lieved, and he again urges the necessity of "pouring a conof men, guns and supp Cape." He declares that wanted in South Africa, an shot. Meanwhile, he say "many encouraging signs that wearying of the strugg

Treatment of the V

Arundel, Feb. 19.—Capt of the British medical conight at Hebkirk's farm, wounded Australians. He enemy were remarkably wounded, provided them wand gave them all we from the command to th explanation: "Well, I been kind enough to s

After the retirement forces, the Boers held a and thanked Heaven for Then they separated into and moved to their var chanting hymns as they Longhurst says he was many their considerate trans-

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