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THE CANADIAN CONTINGENTS.

It is somewhat difficult to follow the movements of the Canadian soldiers in South Africa, and perhaps a few words of explanation of how the first and second contingents are brigaded will assist the readers of the Herald in keeping track of our boys.

The first Canadian contingent which is composed exclusively of infantry, is in a brigade commanded by Gen. Smith-Dorrien, and the division commander over him is Gen. Colville, so when it is mentioned in the despatches that Smith-Dorrien's brigade has engaged the enemy or is moving in this or the other direction, we may be reasonably sure that the first Canadians are having a part in the fray of the movements.

The second Canadian contingent, consisting of the first and second battalions of Mounted Rifles, the Strathcona Horse, and D and E Batteries of Artillery, are in General Ian Hamilton's division, and their brigade commander is Gen. Hutton.

The first Battalion of Canadians, under Col Leesead includes the Mounted Rifles from the eastern provinces, and the second battalion is the North West Mounted Police under Col. Herchmer. Col. Steele commands the Strathcona Horse, D battery of artillery was enlisted at Ottawa and is commanded by Major Herdman, and E battery which includes the lower province men, is in command of Capt Ogilvie.

Brave Captain Pelletier of Quebec, who in the delirium of fever in Wynberg hospital fought over again the battle of Paardeberg, shouting "Forward Canadians," is now invalided to England, and his fellow countrymen sincerely trust he will speedily recover from his disability. Capt. Pelletier has proved his loyalty and that of his fellow French Canadians.

The Boer peace delegates before leaving Holland for America, issued an appeal to the United States to stop the South African war. Our Yankee friends are not likely to heed the appeal, but if the Boers will elucidate some scheme by which the war in the Philippines can be terminated, they will be sure of an enthusiastic reception in the neighboring republic.

Lord Roberts has commenced his main advance towards Pretoria and seems to be making good progress. In the very front ranks of the invading army are the Canadian mounted rifles under Gen. Hamilton whose movements are mentioned in the despatches to-day. We would not be surprised if he is a Canadian who first plants the British flag in Pretoria.

Mr. Blair and Mr. Tarte are getting a rest while the St. John Sun, Mountain Times and other Tory newspapers are abusing Mr. Tweedie for leaving the Tory ship.

The Empire day proceedings in the public schools, May 23, will sharpen the loyalty of the boys and girls for the royal celebration of the Queen's birthday.

Sir Chas Tupper's insurance scheme for Canadian soldiers serving in South Africa, has not yet contributed a cent for the relatives of those killed in battle.

The gallant conduct of the Mounted Canadians in Saturday's fighting is mentioned in Lord Roberts' despatches. We are helping the old land to make history.

Col. Otter is nursing his wounds at Bloemfontein, and Col. Buchanan is in command of the first Canadian contingent.

St John Market Quotations. Following were the ruling prices in the St. John market, Monday, May 7.

Table with market prices for various goods like Beef, Pork, Butter, etc.

BORN. In this city, May 4th, to Mr and Mrs W.A. Gibson, a daughter.

OTTAWA LETTER

Echoes of The Recent Fire.

HELP FLOWING IN FROM ALL DIRECTIONS.

Tories Still Pounding Away at the Preferential Tariff.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, May 4th, 1900.—Parliament re-assembled on Tuesday afternoon, after an adjournment from the preceding Tuesday, owing to the fire. One of the first acts of the members was to vote \$100,000 in aid of the sufferers, and \$41,000 for the immediate reconstruction of two bridges that had been destroyed, and the Hull Post Office. The size of this appropriation will afford some notion of the disastrous nature of the fire and the misery and want that it has brought to thousands of people in Ottawa and Hull. It is not remembered that the Dominion Government ever made such a contribution towards the sufferers by any calamity which has occurred in Canada. It was fortunate for the many victims that their trouble came upon them at a time when the Dominion treasury was full, and that the members of Parliament were able with their own eyes to measure the extent of the disaster.

One of the strong compensating features of this disaster is the proof which it has brought of the sympathetic connection which prevails among all parts of Dominion. The call for help has been responded to by every city in Canada and by at least three of the Provincial Governments. Another feature which is full of encouragement is the aid which has come from England. At this moment of writing the subscriptions at the Mansion House at London reach close upon \$100,000, and messages of condolence have been received from Her Majesty and from titled personages. Lord Strathcona sent \$25,000, Lord Mount Stephen \$30,000 and the Earl of Derby \$5,000. Several commercial corporations doing business in Canada have also responded generously.

It is worthy of remark that large donations have also come from the United States, in money, in food and clothing and in the loan of machinery for some of the industries that were destroyed. At this time it looks as if the relief fund would reach nearly \$1,000,000 and this will be sufficient not only to relieve the immediate wants of the homeless and destitute, but to lay the foundation for the restoration of the houses which have been burned. The sufferers are for the most part laborers and artisans who have been left without a dollar of means, very little insurance, and their livelihood taken away in the destruction of the mills. Wisely expended the money available will enable the commissioners to re-build 1,500 suitable houses, superior in sanitary provisions and general convenience to those which were wiped out, and ensure greater safety for the future. This plan, of course, is based upon contributions in small instalments from the sufferers, so that the properties will be complete in time without making them feel that they have been a burden on the recipients of charity. All this, however, remains to be developed.

One cannot help but admire persistency even in a bad cause. For weeks the Opposition have been hammering away on the budget, developing nothing new and saying nothing that was interesting, and yet after the short recess of four or five days they returned to their cold porridge with an eagerness that might have deceived a casual visitor into the belief that they relished it. What they are really doing is simply to mark time until all danger of an election in June is past. That danger does not exist some time ago; but such is the dread of the Conservatives of an appeal to the country, and so strong is the hope that something may turn up to their advantage, that they hang on with a grim doggedness which, while it is annoying to those who would like to see the business of the House disposed of and is costly to the country, cannot but be admired as an object lesson in pertinacity.

The burden of all this talk by the Tories is without a single element of novelty to relieve the monotony of the daily debates. They still argue that England should not receive a preference from us unless she is willing to give a preference in return. Little by little this line of reasoning leads them into an attitude of stronger hostility to the Empire, and, strange to say, they accompany their anti-imperialism with many reproaches upon the loyalty of Liberals. It will be seen that they are thus playing a very funny double game, although it is very difficult to see what they can possibly accomplish by it. The Scriptural axiom that one cannot serve two masters is equally applicable to politics. The Conservatives cannot oppose a preference on the ground that it is not mutual, and yet claim that they are doing this in a spirit of super-loyalty to Great Britain. Nor can they get sensible people to believe that England is being humbugged on one hand, and that Canadian industries are menaced on the other.

The old logic of events continues to be against the Tories. The returns of exports and imports for the nine months of the fiscal year up to the end of March show an aggregate trade of \$75,632,510 against \$23,682,353 for the same period of 1899, an increase of \$39,970,163. Imports for the nine months amounted to \$135,639,293, as compared with \$112,760,006, and exports to \$139,973,223 as against \$122,572,347. For the month of March alone the increase over March 1899, in exports is about \$2,000,000, and in imports over \$2,000,000. The customs revenue in the nine months also shows a development of \$3,265,030. This promises to be by all odds the most remarkable year in the history of the Dominion, and it would not be surprising if the increase in trade for the entire twelve months amounted to nearly as much as the increase for the entire 18 years of Co servative rule.

The bank statement tells the same story for March that it has done for many months past. In all important respects it shows large growth, except in overdue debts, which are now not half as large as they were in 1896. As compared with the month of March last year the deposits have increased by \$22,000,000, and the discounts, which indicate the measure of commercial activity, by \$39,000,000. The money in circulation is larger by \$5,000,000, and the business with foreign banks was doubled. The entire situation in this regard points to continued prosperity and business enterprise.

Much ado has been made by the Conservative press over the price of coal oil. It is thought to be good party tactics

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commanding the third infantry battalion, behaved in a very gallant manner.

The naval guns and the artillery made excellent practice, particularly y two five inch guns used for the first time with this force. We captured a Maxim and 25 prisoners. Our casualties are very few, 15 wounded, one killed and three missing."

The War Summary.

London, May 7.—The capture of Winburg by the British is confirmed and the main advance to Pretoria continues with the machine like precision and rapidity which have characterized all Lord Roberts' forward movements.

By the occupation of Winburg, General Ian Hamilton puts himself nearly parallel with Lord Roberts, and only twenty-nine miles eastward, while he has the additional advantage of being connected with his chief by means of the railroad that runs from Smaldeal or Winburg road station, as it is sometimes called.

There only feature of the carefully devised plan of general advance not yet disclosed by the swift developments, is the part General Buller has elected to take in the operations. At present there are no indications of any movements on the part of Natal army.

Lord Roberts is now 9 miles north of the Vet and 60 miles north of Bloemfontein. Evidently he is not letting grass grow under his feet. Though the Boers seem equally anxious to retreat towards Kroonstadt and are doing so at the time this despatch is sent, there is nothing new from them. Hunter, but it is presumed he is pushing steadily forward in the direction of Mafeking, aided by the aggressiveness of Baron's and Paget's brigades.

The critics of the afternoon newspapers view the situation with the greatest satisfaction. A special despatch from Smaldeal, dated 9.45 p. m., Sunday, May 6, gives details of the occupation of Winburg by the British. It says: "News has just come here that General Hamilton is giving the Boers no rest, and that they are falling back hurriedly. He entered Winburg today after a brisk fight, in which the Boers fell back so quickly that one of their guns, in addition to a Maxim, was abandoned."

The same despatch in describing the crossing of the Vet river by the British, says: "The Boer forces entrenched on the opposite bank prepared to resist our crossing. Our guns were brought into play, and a terrific shell fire was directed on the Boers lines. At the same time the Queenslanders under a heavy fire, dashed across the river and advanced in the open, and completely turned the Boers right. It was dusk but nothing could stop the British Australians. They pushed them, and by nine o'clock this morning on again, seized a commanding kopje and by brilliant movements and continued rifle fire, drove off the enemy in the darkness. The first gleam of day in the morning found the enemy in full flight and our men after we entered this important strategic point."

A despatch from Roshof, dated Friday, May 4, says Gen. Methuen made a reconnaissance from three days previous, to the neighborhood of Swart kopjes fontein and located the Boer laager. After an unimportant exchange of fire, the Boers removed their laager. A fairly strong force of Boers was seen moving northwards. Gen. Methuen then returned to Roshof.

British Advance to the Vet River. London, May 6, 3 p. m.—The war office has published the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Vet River, Saturday, May 5, 7.15 p. m.: "I marched here today with Pule-Carew's division. Headquarters and Maxwell's brigade of the seventh division are two miles in the rear. Maxwell's brigade of the same division is the same distance to our right. "The enemy was in considerable strength on the opposite bank of the river. Our guns engaged theirs for some three hours without our being able to force a passage of the river, but shortly before dusk, the mounted infantry, under Gen. Hutton, (with whom are the Canadian Mounted Rifles) turned the enemy's right and, in a very dashy manner, pushed across the river under heavy shell and musketry fire.

We are now bivouacking for the night within five miles of Vet River. Our casualties, I hope, are not numerous. "Hamilton was in action yesterday and succeeded in preventing a junction of two Boer forces by a well executed movement on the part of the Household Cavalry, the Twelfth Lancers and Kitchener's Horse, who charged a body of the enemy and inflicted serious loss. The enemy fled, leaving their dead on the field and their wounded to be attended by our doctors. "Macdonald's Highland Brigade dislodged the enemy on the right flank under cover of the naval guns, in which operation the Black Watch distinguished themselves and were very skillfully led. "Hamilton was advancing this morning to a difficult drift over the Kleinveet, or Little Vet River. "Hunter reports that Barton's Brigade was heavily engaged this morning two miles north of Roidan. "The enemy's position was quite four miles long and strongly held. He states that our men marched magnificently and covered their retreat after a grand day's fighting. "Casualties in this force in Hamilton's and Hunter's will be reported as soon as possible. "Capt. Miller, who was taken prisoner near the Ntsha Ntsha, has been sent to Ganda's camp by the enemy with a severe wound in the abdomen. "Brabant reports that one sergeant and three men were captured on May 2, while on patrol, and that one of them who had been brutally ill-treated and left for dead by the Boers, was found the following day. "Lieut. Lilley, Victoria Mounted Rifles, reported missing, was found at Brandford dangerously wounded, and has been carefully attended by the Netherlands' ambulance corps."

Gen. Hutton's Good Work. Vet River, Sunday, May 6.—Yesterday the British, after a long march, encountered the Boers holding Vet River, with six guns, two being of long range. An artillery duel ensued. Gen. Pule-Carew started at daybreak yesterday on a 19 mile march. He first came into contact with Boers holding the river at 1 o'clock, p. m. The British soon had two batteries, and later they added two naval nine-pounders, two 4.7 and 5 inch siege guns. The Boers fired with great accuracy, and the duel continued unabated until sunset; and even later there was desultory firing. It is marvelous that nobody on the British side was injured. Gen. Hutton started early to find the drift on the west. When this was discovered it proved to be a strongly held and protected by two guns. The British speedily engaged the Boers, who endeavored to dislodge the British from a Maxim, but Gen. Hutton pushed forward his own position and galloping Maxim and forced the Boers to leave the river bed. The encounter was terribly hot. Later the whole British force crossed the river, threatening the Boer right.



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The Local News.

J Stewart Campbell, attorney and barrister at law, has removed his offices to the Cameron brick building on Queen street.

Miss Mabel Hawkins, daughter of Joseph Hawkins, Douglas, is Monday afternoon for South Framingham, Mass., where she will enter the hospital for trained nurses.

Granham's Hotel at Aroostook Junction was burned to the ground on Thursday morning with all its contents. There was no insurance.

Pt McLeod, 71st Battalion, and Sergt. Ulman, R. C. I., first Canadian contingent, invalided to England from South Africa, are both in Woolwich hospital.

Jack Driscoll pleaded guilty to the charge of drunkenness at the police court Saturday morning, and was sent to jail for twenty days, in default of the payment of a \$5 fine.

The two wagons purchased recently by the city council from the Good Roads Company of Hamilton, arrived Friday. They are to be used for hauling and spreading stone on the city streets.

Ladlow Perley died Sunday of congestion, aged 83 years. He leaves three sons and four daughters. Funeral Tuesday, at Lincoln at 2.30 o'clock. R. B. Adams has charge of the funeral arrangements.

Marsden Foster, an aged citizen of Marysville, died at the home of his son, Hibbert Foster, at that place, on Sunday, aged 82 years. The remains will be interred in the Methodist cemetery Tuesday afternoon.

The Herald commences the publication in today's issue of a new story entitled "One Love Too Many." It is a thrilling tale of love and romance and will no doubt be followed with great interest by the readers of the Herald.

Judge Vanwart, who has been suffering from an attack of nervous prostration for several days, rallied somewhat on Saturday, and in the afternoon boarded the train for Ottawa. It is said that his mission is rather an important one.

The Alliance Fire Insurance Co., of London, Eng., of which Jas. T. Sharkey is the Fredericton agent, came down handsomely with a contribution of \$1250 to the victims of the Hull fire. The donation was a prompt and a generous one.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Alice Graham, daughter of Collector Henry Graham, of St. Stephen, and granddaughter of the late Michael Colter of this city, and Mr. Pothick of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which takes place May 22.

Rev. G. M. Campbell went to Woodstock Saturday morning, where he preached Sunday at both services in the Methodist church. On Monday evening Mr. Campbell lectured at the opera house in that town, his subject being "Our national responsibilities."

Alex Rankine, a well known citizen of St. John, died Saturday, aged 72. His wife, who survives him, is a cousin of Mrs. J. C. Risteen and Mrs. H. B. Clarke, of this city, and his children include R. R. Rankine, well known in this city, and Mr. Stephen McAvity, of St. John.

The late Private Cotton, of Ottawa, reported killed in South Africa, was an intimate friend of P. S. Stevenson, of the Bank of Montreal staff here, and it is said it was he who induced Stevenson to enlist. Cotton was very popular in Ottawa society circles.

On account of the surface water flowing into the cellars of the Baptist and Presbyterian churches and temporarily destroying the usefulness of the furnaces, there were no services held in those places of worship, Sunday. The Presbyterians made use of the Auld Kirk, but the Baptists were unable to hold a service.

The late George Ball of New Maryland left an estate valued at \$5,015, the bulk of which he bequeathed to relatives. His daughter, Mrs. Emma Charters, and Mr. Ellen Lord, are to receive \$1,200 each, and his sister and granddaughters each receive \$200. Among the other bequests is one of \$50 to school district No. 3 in the parish of New Maryland.

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MISSIONARY SUNDAY. Interesting services at the Methodist Church Sunday. Large congregations attended the missionary services in the Methodist Church Sunday. In the morning the preacher was Rev H. D. Marr, of Woodstock, and the theme of his eloquent sermon was the power and efficacy of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He opened his discourse with the exciting story of the auction ransom of a girl slave in Beecher's Plymouth church in 1856, and contrasted it with the redemption of the soul, not with silver and gold.

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By the time these notes reach the reading public in general, Upper Woodstock will have lost one of its fair ones and Temple will be the gayer.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Shaw of Temple has been gladdened by the arrival of a little daughter.

Miss Susie Hillman goes this week to Dorington Hill, to take charge of the school.

P. T. Marston of St. John is visiting his mother, Mrs I W Marston, for a few days.

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H T Marston has thoroughly refitted his wire ferry. He has fitted it out with a new engine and is in charge.

Rev G McDonald leaves by boat today for a short visit to his mother at St. John.

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White's Cove, Queens Co. May 3rd.—Richard Fox of Mill Cove left on Monday for Chipman, where he again takes his place as surveyor in the mill of the King Lumber Co.

Miss Olive and Lucetta Orchard have gone to the States for the summer, as has also Ernest Orchard, who recently gave up his position as nurse in the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

Leslie E. Wright is at home being forced to leave his position on the steamer Star by a severe attack of grip and jaundice.

Thos A. Farris of Waterbury, who numbered last winter on land known as the Wilson Cove, near White's Point, has disposed of his lumber to C. A. J. Robinson, at the Narrows, who started their steam saw mill on Monday.

Large hatches of gasperaux are being taken at Jones.

Rev John H. Hughes of St. John, west end, held service in the Upper James Baptist church on Sunday evening.

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