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SEIZURE OF GERMAN BOAT

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Durban, Jan. 3.—The German steamer Bundsrath was captured by a British cruiser off Delagoa Bay for violation of the neutrality laws. On examination it was found she had on board 5 large Krupp guns, 50 tons of shells and 180 trained artillerymen.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—The seizure of German vessels by Great Britain is still uppermost in Germany. Emperor William coufers daily, sometimes twice, with his Foreign Secretary. The first British reply to Germany's request for an explanation arrived to-day from Lord Salisbury, but it is not deemed satisfactory, although the Foreign Office admits that its argument is plausible from a British point of view.

The London Daily News editorially defines public opinion of Britain as "in a state which should not be ignored." It calls for "a greater vigilance than ever on the part of those responsible for efficiency of the state and advises caution and business-like diplomacy."

The Daily Mail says: "Criticism is up and down the entire field of war transactions, finding fault especially with lack of transports for troops who are ready to depart, and concealment of news, averring that the censorship in South Africa embarrasses the mails, and that reports of correspondents are being mutilated.

The Morning Post demands that the forces afield, afloat and in preparation should be increased by 65,000 men. To this end it urges that all trained men the country possesses, militia and volunteers, shall be called out, asserting incidentally that while the attitude of the other powers is correct in a diplomatic sense, an invasion, if attempted, would be sudden, and that now is the time to apprehend such a contingency.

London, Jan. 10.—There is the gravest of fears felt here over African affairs. The War Office has not contributed the least particulars of what has taken place since Sunday.

Sir Wm. Butler was hastily summoned to London by special train from Devonport yesterday. This seems to indicate that his advice, which only recently was in disfavor, is about to be utilized.

THE HOSPITAL.

Ground was broken on Monday for the site for the Presbyterian Hospital at the corner of Discovery and Third streets. The building will be a frame one, 24 by 36, rustic outside ship-lap inside and filled between with sawdust, roof shingled with two ventilators. The body of the building will contain nine cots, a nurse's room with cot, an operating room 8 1-2x10 1-2 with cot, bathroom 8 1-2x6 with commode and washstand. One large heater and one box stove will supply the necessary amount of caloric and the lighting will be furnished by eight windows, each of four large panes. The labor necessary for the erection of the hospital will be mostly volunteer. The edifice was designed in its entirety by Mr. James Stables who will also superintend its erection and the work will be pushed to completion without loss of time in his energetic hands.

ROUGH WEATHER.

The Cottage City arrived at Skaguay on Tuesday, after drifting for many hours in a terrible storm. She reports picking up the City of Seattle near Bridget Point with a broken propeller and she was drifting within 50 feet of rocks when rescued. The Seattle was taken to Juneau.

The steamer Townsend has gone adrift ten miles below Skagway.

A grand public reception was given to the returned Australian Eleven, who only suffered defeat 3 times out of over 50 matches played in the old country.

ALL EYES ON BULLER.

Great Tension in Britain Over the Expected Engagement.

Russian Troops on the Way to Herat.

London, Jan. 14.—News of the engagement of Buller with the Boer forces checking his advance to the relief of Ladysmith is uppermost in the British mind and the eyes of the world are centred on the outcome of this engagement. It is not felt that a repetition of the Tugela river repulse will occur again, as it is now learned that Buller means to turn the enemy's position and not fight on the ground laid out for him by the Boers. Should Buller succeed in dislodging the Boers at present entrenched for a distance of 17 miles ahead of him, the relief of Ladysmith will follow as a matter of course, and more than balance the checks and defeats the British arms have so far suffered. The success of this engagement will mean the beginning of the end, or it forces the Boers back into the republic where the advantages of shelter will not be like the ground they have so far fought over. Never did Britain need victory from her forces in the field more than now. Buller has a chance of a litetime to relieve the extreme tension of the British mind at home and abroad and shorten the duration of a campaign that must ultimately result in a British South Africa.

While defeats and repulses have been acknowledged by the British it must be apparent that they have slowly and steadily pushed their lines inward and onward with a determination to hold all points of vantage on the way.

London, Jan. 14.—Advices from Colesberg are to the effect that incessant fighting with the Boers is reported. At Cyphergat the Boers were driven out by General Gatacre with artillery and forced back to Colesberg. The latter place is being held by Gen. French, who has the Boers completely hemmed in. The besieged are stubbornly defending their position. A sortie was made, but this was met by dismounted cavalry and put to flight. The Inniskillen Dragoons pursued the enemy, cut their way clean through them, killing 50 and capturing 19. During the retreat the Dragoons effected a surprise movement upon retreating Transvaalers and killed seven on their way back. Gen. French commands Norvals Point Bridge with 10 guns; also Colesberg Road Bridge. The Boers have no way of retreating except by Stormberg.

An attack was made on Molteno, now held by General Gatacre. The Boers were allowed to advance uninterruptedly, till within easy range of the Cape Town Mounted Police and Irish Rifles, who held them in check until the artillery was brought up when the enemy was driven back with heavy loss.

Mafeking reports say that several sorties have been made by the British and that discontent is very marked in the Boer ranks.

The health of the Kimberley troops is good. They have been put on short rations. Dysentery and fever is causing havoc among the enemy. Some 600 cases have so far been reported.

The latest advices from Ladysmith state that the garrison is active. Buller's naval guns are doing good exention in the ranks of the enemy. Tons of shells have been exploded in the trenches occupied by the Boers and the awful carnage wrought is proof of the excellent marksmanship of the gunners. One shell was landed in band of horses, killing a large number and stampeding the remainder.

General Buller is said to have made a move to turn the enemy's position, and news of the engagement may be expected at any moment.

The Zulus have risen and attacked the Boers at several points.

The Russian troops are reported moving upon Herat. Transcaspian troops are being mobilized.

ACCIDENT ON THE ICE.

On Thursday week C. Doulker of Atlin, accompanied by Henry Stoeffler, left town with a sled, two mules and a horse, for Pike River Bay, a dozen of miles down the lake. They made their destination all right, carefully examining the ice as they went along, finding it to average from three to four inches. On their return the following day with a full load of hay the ice suddenly gave way under the team's feet and they were precipitated into the deathly cold water. Mr. Doulker was also thrown in, but with the assistance of Stoeffler managed to regain a footing. Finding themselves powerless, the poor team was left to its fate, the remaining mule, which was being led behind, breaking its halter and making a bee line for terra firma. The sleigh is now firmly frozen into the ice with the dead horse and mule suspended to it by the harness. Mr. Doulker will return to the scene of the accident some fine day and try to recover the harness, which was new. He estimates the value of the lost team at $150.

The Melbourne cup, $50,000, two miles, was won by Merriwee, 1st; Voyou, 2nd; and Dewey, 3rd. Time, 3-28. The attendance numbered 150,000.

A great exhibition is to be held in 1901 by Federated Australia.

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The meeting of Conservatives held Wednesday week was the first one held in this part of Cassiar district. The large number of prominent local Conservatives who have affliated with this association shows plainly that perfect harmony prevails, not a common thing in new camps. Mr. Sawers, the president, has been congratulated by a large following on his untiring energy in organizing the Association.

Mr. Tarte, Minister of Public Works, is reported to be in open revolt against sending more troops to aid Great Britain. He failed to attend any cabinet councils to arrange for the second contingent, and withdrew to Montreal, whither the Premier journeyed to conciliate his refractory colleague. A large and influential section of French-Liberals in Quebec Province is strongly pro-Boer. So marked has become the anti-British attitude of French journals that it has evoked a bitter protest from Mr. L. O David, a leading Frenchman of Montreal.

"Nothing is too good for Tarte," Premier Laurier is credited with saying the morning after the memorable day in June, when the Conservatives under Sir Charles Tupper were ousted from office. It would seem to be in order now to give us his present opinion of the doughty French politician. "When our traitors leave us we flatter ourselves we leave them."

Events that have transpired during the past month unmistakably point to the country's loss of confidence in the great Liberal party of which Laurier-Tarte is the head. The combination never was a popular one with the great proportion of English-speaking Liberals of the Dominion. It was not a permanent structure; not meant, as events just past show, to stand the cool and unhysterical Anglo-Saxon mind. From far away Prince Edward Isl and, on the shores of the Atlantic, comes an ominous voice. Ontario has spoken in no uncertain sound as to the faulty Federal head. And finally, Manitoba, has awakened to her error, and now finds herself, after 12 years of undisturbed Liberal rule, a Conservative Province, with Hugh John Macdonald, son of a royal sire, as Premier.

NOTES.

The Transvaal government has promulgated a new gold tax by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent. of the output, while mines worked by the government will pay 50 per cent.; suspended mines will pay 30 per cent. on their probable output calculated on three months' working, and reducing works will pay 30 per cent. of their net profits. The law is retrospective to October 11.

The Rothschilds have donated £2,000 to the Buckinghamshire Volunteer Fund. It is estimated that £200,000 will be contributed privately to volunteer funds throughout the country. Already the fund for the relief of the families of soldiers exceeds £500,000.

The news that the Government intends to raise 500 mounted men in the West, composed of Mounted Police and cowboys, has raised the war feeling to the highest pitch.

The tests of wireless telegraphy, at Modder River, have been highly successful, communication over a distance of 70 miles being perfectly established. The Marconi instruments intended for the Boers, have been seized at Cape Town.

Lord Somerset is urging the seizure of Lorenzo Marques and its retention, if necessary, until the end of the war, in order to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

A scouting party under command of Lord Dundonald in advance of General Buller, captured 500 head of cattle from the Boers. This is evidence that we are getting along swimmingly and learning to play the African game. Unlike the Boers, we don't want prisoners; we want the sinews.

THE CAMPAIGN.

The newspapers continue actively discussing and criticising the management of the campaign. The advent of horse-sickness, throws increased attention on the question of the transports, and want of wagons, which may tie the British forces to the railways. The "Daily Chronicle" says: "Plenty of wagons could be obtained from the United States, but the Government, with very indiscreet patriotism, have refused to avail themselves of the opportunity. It would have been better if the authorities had followed Lord Kitchener's example at the Atbara bridge. Will they even now apply to the American factories?"

The "Times" editorially attacks the administration of the War Office, calling attention to correspondence disclosing "glaring defects," and declaring that the British Army is being managed for the benefit of the War Office; not of the Nation.

Despatches from various points indicate the steady growth of disaffection. The Cape Town correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners. The "Times" advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists who have been found guilty of treason against persons and property.

The Sixteenth Lancers will go to South Africa, at the special request of Lord Roberts, even after the Government had decided that no more troops should be withdrawn from India.

FROM NOME.

A letter from Mr. Andrew Maiden says: The bench diggings are turning out splendidly. Nearly every foot of it is paying more than $10 per day to the man. Some men have made as high as $800 a day. I am making from $20 to $60 a day. My best day's work so far, is $61, and my best pan of dirt $3. We cannot stake or record a claim on the beach at all and a man can go to work anywhere he finds room.

The richest ground is right down close to the water's edge, and every time the wind blows the water drives the men out. There is plenty of driftwood along the beach but no growing timber. The paystreak is from two to four inches thick and is all red and black sand. There is from six inches to six feet of gravel on top of the paystreak. Nothing less than 15 cents to the pan is considered any good. All of the men on the beach are making something.

James M. Wilson, Yukon superintendent of the Alaska Commercial Company says the creeks are rich but spotted, but the benches yield an average of $20 to $25 a day to the man. They are also finding more or less gold in the tundra.

A FREE HAND.

New York, Jan. 1.—Lord Roberts, according to the Herald's London correspondent, absolutely refused to take commayd in South Africa until this ultimatum was acceeded to: "The only conditions under which I will go out are that I shall have absolutely supreme command and receive no instructions from home."

This was said at a meeting at the War Office, at which were present Lord Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, and Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief. It lasted for hours, during which it was demonstrated by the arguments that the opinions of those present were far from being unanimous. When the point he insisted upon had been yielded, Lord Roberts then demanded that Lord Kitchener be given him and this was agreed to.

It is argued now that Lords Roberts and Kitchener will so completely reorganize the method of the campaign that it will be March before the first decisive move is made to end the war.

ROAD TO HAZLETON.

Mr. C. W. D. Clifford, M. P. P., has induced the Victoria Board of Trade to support a petition to the Provincial Government asking that a wagon road be constructed from Hazleton, the head of navigation on the Skeena, into the Omineca.

The Brannick Hotel, Skagway, one of the most popular houses in that city, was burned to the ground on Wednesday.

Heavy gales are raging over the Pacific Coast.

The British Columbia Legislature is doing business with one of a majority.

Japan is making war preparations with a view to throwing her weight into the British side.

Dominion statistics show that 50,000 settlers moved into the Northwest Territories last year.

Assessment Act and Provincial Revenue Tax Act.

Atlin and Bennett Lake Divisions of Cassiar District.

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the Statutes, that "Revenue Tax" and all taxes levied under the "Assessment Act" are now due for the year 1900. Assessed taxes are collectible at the following rates, viz:

If paid on or before June 30th, 1900:

Three-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Two and one-half per cent. on assessed value of wild land.

One-half of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars the following rates, namely, upon such excess of income, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty-thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and one-half of one per cent.

If paid on or after the 1st July, 1900:

Four-fifths of one per cent. on real property.

Three per cent. on the assessed value of wild land.

Three-fourths of one per cent. on personal property.

On so much of the income of any person as exceeds one thousand dollars, the following rates, namely, upon such excess, when the same is not more than ten thousand dollars, one and one-quarter of one per cent.; when such excess is over ten thousand dollars and not more than twenty thousand dollars one and one-half of one per cent.; when such excess is over twenty thousand dollars, one and three-quarters of one per cent.

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RUSSIA HAS AN EYE ON MOROCCO

London, Jan. 1.—World correspondent's prediction of two weeks ago that Morocco is fast becoming the bone of a dangerous European international contention is now verified. Russia, according to the foreign correspondent of the chief London paper, is pressing Spain to sell Ceuta, the stronghold on the Moroccan coast facing Gibraltar. By the aid of modern fortification armaments Ceuta can be made to dominate the Straits quite as effectually as Gibraltar.

The British 'particular service' squadron, one of the most formidable ever mobilized, has just arrived at Gibraltar, reinforcing Britain's naval strength in that region in a most significant manner.

The Channel squadron has divided into two parts, one patrolling the route of the British transports between the straits and Cape Verde, the other doing the same duty along the Spanish and Portuguese coasts.

The cession of Ceuta to Russia would bring the whole Moroccan question instantly to a head.

Russia, France and Germany are suspected of intending a combine in this scramble, in view of England's serious difficulties in South Africa.

JOUBERT'S POLITENESS IN WAR.

Bold as a lion, Gen. Joubert is tender as a woman. When he administered that crushing defeat to Gen. Symons at Glencoe, and took him prisoner, his whole mood changed. He telegraphed through the lines to General White: "Regret to inform you that Gen. Symons died this morning. His condition improved during the night, but he became worse this morning. Please convey my sincerest regrets to Lady Symons."

He never leads to attack without his forces sing "Old Hundred." Divine service and preaching in his army on Sunday is as much a part of the military routine as the morning roll call. His popularity is something wonderful. He is even cheered on great occasions when public enthusiasm escapes all bounds. Boers do not cheer as a rule.

Each Boer is taught to fight and fight for himself. In their wide intervals between the men in line and their invariable picking of the best cover lie the germs of what the British and Americans have transformed into their elaborate "extended order" tactics. Each Boer advances or retires for himself, preserving only a general alignment with his comrades.

There is no volley firing. Every Boer is a sharpshooter and fires at some one he means to hit. There is no wild firing at bodies of troops. No ammunition is wasted and an officer is the proper mark.

ON THE CLUB.

EDITOR CLAIM:

Sir,—I attended the preliminary meeting held in the Bank of Halifax and the more I think of the forming of a club out of a public house, the more ridiculous appears this scheme brought forward by a clique or four who want to centralize the trade of Atlin, not in a club bar, but in a public one under the guise and cloak of an institution.

The time for forming this club to me, Mr. Editor, appears to be out of joint. It is entirely uncalled for at the present time, especially when such a large percentage of resident Atlinites are absent from the City. And then again, it appears to me to be a slightly gilded proposition to help take a white elephant off the present proprietor's hands.

It is rather humorous, to say the least, to be asked to join a club, pay $15 entrance fee and $3.50 a month for the privacy of a billiard table, and card room at 25 cents per hour, when the more remunerative and certainly the more important division—the bar—is made public. FIRST STREET.

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PICKED UP HERE AND THERE.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian church held services in the Arctic Brotherhood Hall, Second street between Trainor and Pearl, on Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 3:30 p.m. Rev. John Pringle, B. A., minister. Church of England services will be held at corner Trainor and Third streets on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Our stout little friend, Barnes of the binoculars, made the trip to McKee Creek a few days ago and reports a tough tussle on his return trip. He ploughed along the deep snow on the lake and reached town on the very point of exhaustion. On his arrival the kind Samaritans of the B. A. C. took him in hand and thawed him out. His moustache was a solid sheet of ice down to his chest and poor Barnes had to endure the intolerable agony of smelling one of Sandy MacPherson's finest hot scotches for twenty minutes or so before a passage to his mouth could be melted out. Mr. Barnes has now recuperated and barring a few patches of frostbite, temporarily marring his manly beauty, is O. K.

Don't forget that you can get Fresh Fish, Onions, Eggs, Labrador Herring, nice Pickled Pork and many other things at Parsons Produce Co.

A meeting of the Atlin club will be held at the Bank of Halifax on Monday evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose and consideration and adoption of a constitution and by-laws which will be then submitted.

One of the best articles for good health is a wholesome loaf of bread at 12 cents, and a first-class meal at 50 cents at the Pioneer Bakery.

The past week has been a succession of snowstorms, there being now nearly three feet on a level. The result has been the obliteration of trails, delay of mails and subsidence of ice in the centre of the lake from pressure, causing overflow in places. We would advise a large amount of caution to anyone contemplating the outward trip just at present.

Fresh Fish, Onions, Eggs at Parsons Produce Co.; P. P. Co.'s store, First street.

Mrs. McNeil, of Discovery, and party, with three dogsleds, made an unsuccessful sortie on Thursday morning. After a fierce contest with the enemy, lasting six hours, they were forced to retire to their entrenchments in Atlin, where they will bide their time for a more favorable occasion. Mrs. McNeil has received the sad news of the illness of a brother at Vancouver, where she is making for.

Chris Nissen, of 117 below on Spruce Creek, who has been laid up with scurvy for some weeks, arrived down last evening for treatment in the hospital.

Alfred Clarke, who had been prospecting about ten miles up the lake, got both feet badly frostbitten. He arrived in Atlin yesterday at 1 o'clock a. m., on horseback, and is now in the hospital for treatment.

Hay, Oats, Chop, Bran at Parsons Produce Co.

Owing to next Thursday being Burns' birthday, which the Scotchmen will naturally celebrate in "a nicht wi' Burns," the same being for the benefit of the new hospital, the Atlin Whist Club will have no meeting during the ensuing week but will meet as usual on the evening of Thursday, 1st February.

A public meeting is called for this evening at 8 o'clock at the Bank of Halifax to consider the propriety of petitioning the Government respecting the erection of suitable public buildings in Atlin.

Messrs. Childers and Bloomfield made a start for the outside part of creation last Saturday, but had not proceeded far before they were enveloped in a blinding snowstorm. After five or six miles of groping around they managed to reach Atlin again and resumed the attempt on Sunday. Mr. Childers owns 50 claims in the district and goes direct to London, and from there to South Africa. Mr. Bloomfield goes to Skagway and will come back soon.

An alarm of fire was rung at 7:30 on Thursday evening. It proved to be in the tent of Joe Fatner, on First street, next to the Vancouver restaurant. The damage was trifling. On Sunday morning Dr. Lewis' office was the scene of a lively blaze, which was put out by the department. Damage about $50. In this connection we must certainly congratulate the efficiency of the brigade and the alacrity displayed in going to the rescue of our popular doctor, and preventing the spread of flames to adjoining buildings.

On Tuesday evening a lunar rainbow, that rather rare phenomenon, was plainly visible for about half an hour in the eastern sky.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Burke, of the Olympic, were given a surprise party on Monday evening by some 30 of their friends. The house at first made great resistance but after finding that the intruders were not Bores and the explosives not lyddite great joviality held sway. Possession was held till 3 in the morning when the invaders grudgingly retired to their less orchestral quarters.

The Pine City Harmony club gave a concert and dance at the Irving Hotel on Tuesday evening. A very good time was had and the visitors from Atlin were plentiful.

If correspondents will persist in sending to this office communications without the author's name attached, and expect them to appear in print, they are woefully mistaken. It is not necessary that the name should appear; it is merely a guarantee of good faith that they don't emanate from the cell of some insane individual.

Burns' birthday, Thursday, 25th inst., grand Scottish concert, in Grand Hotel dining room.

KRUGER'S PAJAMAS.

An informing story is being told of Mr. Kruger. Returning home from one of his journeys to England, he brought with him a pair of pajamas and his appearance at night in this clothing nearly frightened the life out of the good Tante, his wife. "What's that?" she demanded. "Sleeping clothes from England," said Mr. Kruger, with misgiving. "Then take them off!" responded Tante; "and come to bed in your veldtshoen (shoes)." Can it be Mr. Kruger's habit to go to bed in his boots?

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QUARTZ LOCATIONS.

Six quartz locations have been made lately by D. B. Lowry, John Stevenson and four others, on the opposite side of the lake, one mile inshore and about 25 miles north from here. Mr. Lowry reports a contact vein, 14 feet in width, granite and slate country rock. Mr. Stevenson has a quantity of rock from the ledge at the Burns Co.'s store. It is easy free milling ore, and shows gold to the naked eye.

Parties in Skagway are coming in to inspect the discovery as soon as weather conditions are favorable with a view to purchasing and developing.

We are inclined to think that this is another very good discovery and will rank with others made last fall in the district, as Mr. Lowry reports the lode strong and well-defined.

PERSONALS.

Mr. F. Stait-Gardner leaves for England next week. From there he proceeds to South Africa.

Ed. McFeely and W. Muir left Vancouver on the 10th. It is thought they were on the City of Seattle when towed into Juneau the fore part of this week with a broken shaft.

Mr. Fraser, manager of the Parsons Produce Co., here, contemplates an outward trip about Feb. 10th.

Joseph Mackay of the Government staff is on his way in.

Commissioner Graham and W. Vickers are in Revelstoke.

S. A. Smythe intends leaving for the coast next week. He takes with him a large collection of views of Atlin division which will be used in giving dark lantern exhibitions and lectures on the coast, the Territories and Eastern Canada.

A visitor to Atlin of late would imagine we were threatened by an invasion of the Russians—Ladies with rifles and cartridge belts being much in evidence on the boulevards. No occasion for alarm, however, they are only getting ready for an onslaught on the "Turks" next week.

THE CONSERVATIVES

Amend Previous Resolutions at Wednesday's Meeting.

The second weekly meeting of this association took place at the rooms of Mr. Sawers on Second street on Wednesday evening and was largely attended. Much interest was manifested and the proceedings were marked by a unanimity of sentiment which bodes well for the association. On the meeting being called to order the minutes of the previous meeting were read and the section referring to candidates making them ineligible unless they have 5 years' satisfactory standing as Liberal-Conservatives was struck out. This was moved by Messrs. Featherstonhaugh and Murray and carried.

The minutes were adopted as amended and then the secretary read copies of letters forwarded to Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Hugh John Macdonald.

On motion of Messrs. Brownlee and Burdett the secretary was instructed to immediately correspond with the Provincial secretary and become affiliated with the Provincial Association.

On motion of Dr. Cameron and Mr. Canavan the membership roll was exhibited and Conservatives who were not present at the former meeting were given an opportunity to come forward and sign the same.

The matter of holding the meetings of the association in a public hall then came up and considerable discussion ensued, and finally resulted in Mr. Thain and Rev. F. L. Stephenson moving that the next meeting be held in a public hall. This was agreed to.

Mr. Featherstonhaugh here announced that the rent of the A. B. hall was $15, whilst the large dining room of the Grand Hotel could be had for $5, and in the event of the latter place being selected he would himself defray the rent for the first meeting.

Mr. Featherstonhaugh's generous offer being accepted a vote of thanks was tendered to this gentleman.

The meeting then adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening in the dining room of the Hotel Grand.