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THE LATEST SHUFFLE IN PROVINCIAL POLITICS LANDS THE DOUGHTY MANITOBAN ON TOP.

Disgraceful Scenes in the House While Prorogation Ceremonies Were Being Performed — Even the Chaplain Turns Pale at the Proceedings.

Victoria, Feb. 28. — The Semlin-Cotton government is no more, the Lieutenant-Governor having yesterday administered the coup de grace in a letter of dismissal received by the Premier shortly before noon and the text of which he has not divulged.

Mr. Joseph Martin has been called upon and accepted the task of forming a new administration. He has already secured a portion of his cabinet material, and expects to be in a position to announce the names of at least three of his ministers at the opening of the house to day. The proceedings of this last day of the session will be brief to a degree, the house opening only to be prorogued; and dissolution will be announced just as soon as the issuing of the necessary writs can be arranged. It is the intention of Hon. Mr. Martin to go to the country with the very least possible delay.

Later advices say Premier Martin is forming his cabinet. James Stuart Yates, who ran against Hon. D. M. Eberts in South Victoria, in 1898, and a well-known legal gentleman in Victoria, has been selected for the office of Provincial Secretary. Mr. Smith Curtis, well-known in mining circles of the interior, now of Grand Forks, is to be Minister of Mines. Mr. Yates will temporarily administer the Department of Lands and Works, and Mr. Curtis that of Finance as well as Mines.

Skagway, March 6, (Victoria, March 1.)—When the House assembled to-day at 2.30 o'clock, a vote of censure and non-confidence upon Hon. Joseph Martin was declared carried. Then pandemonium reigned supreme. Mr. Speaker Forster completely lost control of the House. Never before was there such a disorderly scene witnessed.

When His Honor Lieut.-Governor McInnes and suite entered the chamber and while walking up to the throne for the purpose of proroguing the session and dissolving the eighth Parliament of British Columbia, several members so far forgot themselves as to laugh outright at the representative of the Crown, and further insulted the Lieut.-Governor, by many—a majority—leaving the chamber while His Honor was reading his address in connection with the prorogation of the House. Jeers, hisses and laughter were heard on every side. Premier Martin, however, remained steadfast in his attendance upon Her Majesty's representative.

The action of the Legislature this afternoon is the theme of discussion on all sides. The chaplain of the House, for the time being, joined the members in walking out of the chamber. The galleries applauded the action of the members in order, it is said, to show Gov. McInnes that he does not own, nor can he run, the Province.

ADVERTISING ATLIN.

The Board of Trade is going to be a factor of incalculable value in furthering the future welfare of the district. The members composing it are going to work the right way, and with an earnestness which is gratifying. One of the earliest things to engage their attention is the issuance of several thousand pamphlets, 24 pages, neatly bound, descriptive of Atlin, its topography, climate, mines, mills, business houses, banks and everything which can be of use in guiding intending visitors or investors. These pamphlets will be sent in large quantities to Canadian, English and American Boards of Trade for free distribution, and will also be placed everywhere where they will do the most good.

LADYSMITH RELIEVED.

THE BOERS COMPLETELY ROUTED AND THE BRITISH IN HOT PURSUIT.

Another Heavy Engagement Expected in the Vicinity of Bloemfontein.

Skagway, March 6.—Ladysmith is relieved. Buller reports the enemy routed and British troops in pursuit to prevent Boers from reaching Glencoe and Dundee, and as the British hold the line of railway the enemy will likely be forced back, leaving the approach at Laing's Nek in the hands of the British.

The Boers were again repulsed at Mafeking with heavy loss. The British loss was only 2 killed.

Kronje, with about 5,000 men, also 600 captured near Kimberley, are now en route to Cape Town as prisoners of the Queen.

The entire artillery, small arms and camp equipment of Kronje's army was captured. Kronje's loss, including his retreat from Magersfontein, killed and wounded, estimated at about 3,000.

General Roberts is now concentrating his troops to meet the Boers 33 miles outside of Bloemfontein. The enemy is likely surrendered now, or heavy battle imminent at an early date.

The list of Canadians killed, just issued by the Department of Militia, is as follows:

Private A. C. Page, Gov.-General's Bodyguard, Toronto; Corporal B. Whithy, R. C. A.; Private, G. Ormond, 93rd Cumberland Infantry; Private W. A. Riggs, Charlottetown Engineers; Private J. B. Scott, R. C. R.; Corporal F. W. Withers, 3rd New Brunswick Regiment C. A.; Private J. N. Johnston, 62nd St. John Fusileers.

The following have died from wounds received in action: Private J. Wasdell, 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal; A. Ray, 89th Battalion; Private W. S. Brady, 45rd Regiment, Ottawa; Private G. F. Thomas, Gov.-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa; Private F. J. Living, 43rd Regiment, Ottawa.

The list of wounded is a long one.

The casualties of the British in Africa to date is 12,834, of which 2,319 were added the past fortnight, says a London despatch of March 1. Ten of the 11 Scotch regiments lost about 2,050 men, and eight of the Irish regiments 2,000. Then came the Gloucesters and Northumberlands, while of nearly 2,000 colonials, the Royal Canadians lost 121, and the Victoria Mounted contingent 26.

THE TOPIC OF THE HOUR.

The Heroic Conduct of the Canadians Before a Point-Blank Fusilade the Admiration of the World.

Skagway, March 6, (London March, 1.)—A despatch to the Times from Paardeberg, dated Tuesday, says: "The performance of the Canadians, under an absolutely withering fire, which caused them to retire 50 yards until the engineers had dug trenches, was splendid. The dim moonlight and the cloudy sky alone rendered the enemy's point-blank fusilade ineffectual. The Canadians held the position until dawn. The greatest admiration is expressed for their valor, and it is felt that a new era has been opened to the Empire, now that the Canadians have avenged Majuba." A despatch to the Morning Post from Paardeberg says: "The Canadians were only prevented from carrying Gen. Kronje's laager at the point of the bayonet by imperative orders to the contrary. Their gallantry is THE UNIVERSAL THEME of conversation. We captured 5,000 small arms. Our tremendous shell fire had scarcely any appreciable effect on the Boer trenches. Their wounded during the week numbered 80. The number of their dead we have not ascertained.

The whole empire is wild with joy over the surrender of Kronje, which took place early on the morning of Feb. 27th.

THE COMMERCE BLAZE.

A fire occurred on Wednesday morning at the Bank of Commerce. The blaze commenced where the stove pipe passes through the ceiling in the sitting room upstairs. The officials struggled with it for some time, but, finding their efforts ineffectual, the alarm was sounded and the brigade quickly arrived. Axemen quickly cut a hole through the tin roof and a patent extinguisher soon did the rest. The damage is about $100, fully covered by insurance. The manager, Mr. De Jex, desires to tender the fire brigade his thanks and appreciation for their prompt and effectual assistance.

THE LATE W. FRASER.

The jury in the case of William Fraser, whose death in the City Hospital, Vancouver, recently caused much comment, returned a verdict in effect that he died of uremic poisoning, which had nothing to do with the alleged dose of mineral poison that had been given him. Mr. Fraser was well-known in Atlin and surrounding district.

Chief Bingham and Assistant-Chief Shiels, assisted by the newly-elected fire wardens, made a round of Atlin on Thursday, in search of defective flues. They are all bent on business, and pity the first to come before His Honor.

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It must be a source of gratification, not only to British subjects, but to every thinking man who has the welfare and advancement of the human race at heart, to note the closing in of the toils upon the Boer invaders of British territory and the swift advance of our armies into the enemy's country. With the Boers once routed out of their chosen lairs, they cease in a great measure, to be formidable. Once the germ of disintegration sets in amongst their ranks it will spread rapidly. They staked their all on the game of advancing and holding the mountains and passes of upper Cape Colony and Natal. To do them justice, and by doing so we will do our armies justice also, the Boers have fought bravely and scientifically, and, if they retain the good judgment which has characterized their proceedings so far, they will throw up the sponge at an early date. Let us hope they will retain sense enough to know when they are beaten and not wilfully prolong a cruel and bloodthisrty strife without any ultimate prospect of success in view. Whilst no terms except unconditional surrender will be accorded, the only individual punishment inflicted on the units composing the Boer army will be that of falling into line in the great march of progress and doubtlessly many of them, in after years, when they have experienced the blessings of true civilization, of which Great Britain is the leading exponent among the nations, will wonder how they ever could have been such insufferable idiots as to fight against it.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

The following letters, received by Mr. C. H. Sawers, president of the local organization, are self-explanatory:

House of Commons,
Ottawa, Feb. 15th.

C. W. Sawers, President of the Atlin Conservative Association:

My Dear Sir,—I am much gratified to learn by letter from yourself and Mr. F. L. Stephenson, of Jan. 12th, that our friends in Atlin district are taking so much interest in the Liberal-Conservative cause. Will you be good enough to assure your association of my hearty appreciation of their kind congratulations to myself and the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald, the Premier of Manitoba, and the good wishes they express in reference to the future.

I may say, that having personally visited a large portion of the Dominion within the past few months, I entertain no doubt whatever that when the opportunity offers the Liberal-Conservative party will be victorious.

CHARLES TUPPER.

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 21.

C. W. Sawers, President Atlin Liberal-Conservative Association:

Dear Sir,—Your letter of the 13th January followed me to Ottawa. Sir Charles Tupper and I were both very much pleased to see the activity which I can assure you from personal experience, is now no uncommon thing in our ranks from east to west.

I feel particularly honored by the election to the presidency of the Liberal-Conservative Association for your district and I wish the pioneer association of Cassiar district every possible success.

With every good wish for yourselves and the association,

I am, very sincerely yours,

CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 10.

C. W. Sawers, Esq., President Atlin Liberal-Conservative Association:

Dear Sir,—* * * The Conservatives of Atlin are much to be congratulated on forming a local organization. The older residents of British Columbia being unused to party warfare, do not realize the value of organization. We appreciate it in Vancouver and in the past year have added nearly 1,000 names to our order.

The only trouble that arises with us is the introduction of party lines into provincial politics, and as to that, some few prominent Conservatives in Vancouver are very much opposed to it, although it is not perhaps unworthy to comment that one of the most pronounced oppositionists of the Victoria organization was present at the convention and assisted, in common with all the rest, in sinking individual preferences for the common good. I have great hope that this difficulty will be overcome and that in both Federal and Provincial matters, that party, which has made Canada what it is to-day, will heal their differences and present a united front to our political opponents.

There is no question in my mind but what British Columbia is largely Conservative, and one of the reasons that our Liberal friends so strongly oppose the introduction of party lines into Provincial matters is, that they quite recognize the fact that they would be hopelessly in the minority, if the Conservatives were to unite on that question.

There are very few of the names on the list that I am acquainted with but I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you in the coming summer, and making their acquaintance.

CHARLES WILSON.

CARD OF THANKS.

EDITOR CLAIM:

Sir, — As chairman of the Patriotic Fund entertainments, I desire to publicly thank, through the columns of your paper, all the ladies and gentlemen who have so nobly responded with their time, talents and money, in making these entertainments, so far, such a notable success. Especially are thanks due to Messrs. Rice & Hastie, for the free use of their beautiful hall with fire and lights, and to THE CLAIM Publishing Co., for their gratuitous printing of programmes. The satin programmes printed by them will be cherished in years to come as souvenirs of the war and also for their beauty as works of art. Yours sincerely,

E. W. BICKLE.

SPRUCE CREEK.

The inhabitants of this promising section are beginning to recover from their Rip Van Winkle experience, and the blithe sun topping the hills has set the warm blood coursing in their veins once more. A very busy season is assured on this creek, as well as a prosperous one.

Some of the more indefatigable are already at work, notably Salter and Smith, 75 below, are sluicing under cover and reported to be doing well.

Claim 5 above, is being prospected and a 22 1-2 pennyweight nugget was secured, amongst others, last week.

Capt. John Edward's party hold the fort at the mouth of Little Spruce and have some really good ground. The genial captain himself is on the coast at present, and has, we understand on good authority, been offered the position of Gold Commissioner at Porcupine, a position, we may say, from long personal acquaintance with the captain, he is eminently fitted to adorn.

LAID OVER.

The case of Phillip Hampton, on remand, charged with having supplied intoxicants to an Indian, was called again on Tuesday before Magistrates Bickle and Vickers. The case was postponed indefinitely, the accused being allowed to go on his own recognizance.

Some people have suggested that the Boer prisoners of war should be brought to England. Many of the transports are certainly coming back empty, and the bringing of the Boers to this country would open the eyes of some of them and do considerable future good. Of course, there are many old military prisons in England which used to be pretty full during the last war with France. There is one at Glencorse, in Midlothian, which was erected in 1813 to accommodate 6,000 French prisoners and their guard. Near by is the cemetery, where no less than 309 of the Frenchmen lie buried—a very pathetic feature of war.

Over £90,000 have been collected by English provincial newspapers for the various war funds. The Daily Telegraph fund, for which the Scotsman is also working, has now reached the magnificent total of over 2,000,000 shillings—more than £100,000.

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NOTES OF THE WAR

Lord Dundonald, who has just added lustre to the record of the Household Cavalry, gives force to the Daltonian theory of heredity. His grandfather, tenth earl, was not only an officer of action of the first order, but a highly celebrated inventor. The present peer has invented a valuable gun carriage, which is in use in the present campaign. The family name of the Dundonalds is Cochrane, and they are a standard old Scottish family.

The loss of a thousand men in each of the unsuccessful attacks on Colenso and Magersfontein is not too great, considering the strength of the enemy's position. At Albuera, during the Peninsular War, when the British under Beresford carried the ridge which was held by the best troops of France under Soult, no less than 8,000 French and 7,000 of the allies were killed or wounded during a conflict of only four hours. When the positions were reversed at Waterloo, the French being the attacking force, the Old Guard of France lost nearly 10,000 men in less than ten minutes in the grand final but futile attack on the British Guards. It must be evident, therefore, that the Boers are not altogether the crack shots generally imagined.

A great deal is expected of the corps of gillies and stalkers from Highland Estates which Lord Lovat has organized. The Highlanders (150 in number) will be mounted on their sturdy little ponies, and will start immediately for South Africa.

The ant-hills in South Africa cause serious annoyance not only to the soldier from home, but even to the experienced Colonial. In the dark they look exactly like men crouching down, and an unoffending ant hill has frequently been ordered to "advance and give the countersign." However, they have their compensations, for they make excellent camp ovens for cooking Tommy's dinner.

The great amusement at Ladysmith is to set up straw figures for the Boers to waste their ammunition on. Once a Lancer of straw was set on a rock to draw the enemies' fire. Its composure so exasperated the enemy that they even turned one of their big guns on to it. Another time a bogus battery was run up in the night and the Boers blazed away for hours at lay figures and imitation 15-pounders before they found out that they were mistaken.

Our commanders appear to be very unwise in granting facilities so readily for the Boers to come near their trenches with the white flag. According to a correspondent, when the Boer ambulance went into Ladysmith some time ago one of the disguised men was the crack gunner of the enemy, who, on their part, take very good care to blindfold Englishmen. Of course, when the gunner got back, he knew just where to plant his shots to do the most damage. In strategy the eneny can give our generals several points and a beating.

CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND

Tuesday Night's Entertainment Eclipses all Previous Attempts and a Handsome Sum Is Added to the Fund.

The second entertainment for the Fund benefit was given in Rice & Hastie's hall on Tuesday night and was a "hummer." In some mysterious way public expectation was aroused to a keen anticipation of sometuing out of the ordinary, and the result was a house crammed full, with standing room only, for the late comers. Handsome programmes were freely distributed. A stage, the full width of the hall, with curtains, was in place, and with the lavish wealth of flags displayed, gave a tout ensemble easily metropolitan in its elegance. Previous to the opening of the performance, the chairman, E. W. Bickle read a telegram just received from Skagway, announcing the relief of Ladysmith and the brilliant successes of the British army all along the line. Cheers after cheers were given for Buller and his bully boys, for White and his veterans, and culminated in a grand outburst tor the "Widow at Windsor." When the excitement subsided the curtain opened on a beautifully set court scene, judge in wig and gown, with a suspiciously red nose; lawyers, policemen, witnesses, etc., and the trial of Phelim O'Shaughnessy for stealing a pig from Hans Pumpernickel commenced and was followed with rapt attention until the end, when Judge Sober gave a decision, popular to the audience, that Phelim was not guilty. The characters were 12 in number, all properly costumed, and space only prevents our mentioning all the good points made. The opposing lawyers—(Messrs. Wells and Richardson)—had fine parts and made the most of them, but all did splendidly. To Mr. W. G. Paxton great credit must be given for his untiring energy as stage manager.

A concert followed and the little ladies, Misses Cawley, Lucas and White, scored successes in a song, hornpipe and recitation respectively. Duets, instrumental and vocal, songs and quartettes, rendered by our standard performers, filled up a most agreeable hour, after which Dr. H. B. Cameron took the platform and after a short but instructive lecture on hypnotism, secured five or six good subjects from the audience, all well-known citizens of standing, and then the fun commenced. The ridiculous plots and positions the doctor threw his subjects into at will, was too much for the audience. They simply howled with laughter and several ladies nearly went into hysterics. It is safe to say that if the Doctor can be induced to give another exhibition the hall will not contain the crowd. The proceeds of the entertainment will make a handsome addition to the fund.

Telegrams of regret at their not being present were read from Rev. John Pringle, Tagish, and Dr. Lewis, Skagway.

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Counsellor Sharp, Prosecuting Attorney ..... Mr. H. M. Wells
Bluster Snap, Counsel for prisoner ..... Mr. L. M. Richardson
Phelim O'Shaughnessy, Prisoner ..... Mr. H. J. Donnelly

Witnesses for prosecution:
Hans Pumpkernickel ..... Mr. G. F. Doherty
Frau Pumpkernickel ..... Mrs. J. H. Brownlee
Constable Ferret ..... Mr. G. Lawrence.

Witnesses for Prisoner:
Terence Brady ..... Rev. Mr. Stephenson
Bridget Spalpeen ..... Mrs. W. A. Jefferies
Mrs. McJerk ..... Mrs. Stephenson

Clerk of Court ..... Mr. W. G. Paxton
Jury ..... Messrs. Dockrill, Pinder, Trimen, McFeely, Wheeling and Fortin (foreman.)

INTERMISSION.

Duet, Instrumental..Messrs. Pavey and Pilling
Song—Sweet Bunch of Daisies ..... Miss Kate Cawley
Hornpipe ..... Miss Helen Lucas
Recitation—Mother's Darling ..... Miss Gladys White
Duet—Gently Sighs the Breeze ..... Rev. F. L. and Mrs. Stephenson
Duet, Instrumental ..... Messrs. Cameron and Pilling
Song—Love's Vesper Hour ..... Mrs. Gregory
Quartette—Stars Trembling O'er Us ..... Rev. F. L. and Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Blackett and Mr. R. F. Wollaston.
Song—Soldiers of the Queen ..... Mr. R. F. Wollaston
Pie Eating Extraordinary .....

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Mr. D. B. Lowry leaves next week with a couple of men to sink a shaft on his quartz discovery at Jubilee Mountain, about 25 miles up the lake.

Mr. A. Boyer, engineer in charge of locating party of the Atlin and Quesnelle Telegraph line, was in town on Tuesday and left Wednesday for the south end of the lake. He will locate and blaze the line from Atlin to Telegraph creek. Tom Lillie, our late fire chief, will act as guide, being thoroughly posted on that section of country. Mr. Boyer expressed himself as charmed with the site and scenic beauties of Atlin. He attended the Patriotic Fund entertainment in the evening and said the size and respectability of the audience, as well as the talent exhibited, were complete eye-openers to him.

Fresh Fish, still at Parson's Produce Co.

Mrs. A. White has opened the Atlin Restaurant on Pearl street. We bespeak for her a fair share of patronage.

Miss N. Simson was in Atlin this week renewing acquaintances.

Turkeys and Mess Pork at Parsons Produce Co.

Judge Woods will next Tuesday evening deliver a lecture on "The Transvaal War," and it is intended to make this a patriotic evening in Bennett.—Bennett Sun, March 3.

The advance party of the Charleson telegraph line contingent arrived in Atlin this week, and a large amount of supplies are finding their way here daily. The supplies include everything from food for men to feed for horses, and the necessary tools and materials. It is proposed to cache these along the proposed route of construction while snow is on the ground, when inland transportation is easier than in summer.

Mrs. Lucas and daughter leave for Seattle in a couple of days. Mrs. Lucas will leave her daughter in a seminary in Tacoma and then proceed to Nome, where she has a good position awaiting her. Her many friends here wish her every success in her new departure.

Mr. J. H. Ferguson, paying teller of the Bank of Halifax left this week to take command of the branch in Bennett. Mr. Ferguson has left many warm friends here, who, whilst pleased at his promotion, are sorry to part with him. His position vacated here will be filled by Mr. J. L. Murray, who has been at Bennett for some time. We notice by the Bennett Sun that Mr. Murray was extremely popular there.

Our worthy knight of the ham, mer, Mr. T. Gregory, is nothing if not original. Altogether unsolicited, on the afternoon of the last Patriotic Fund Entertainment, he rigged himself up as a "hobo" in a realistic way, and, with bell in hand paraded the principal thoroughfares advertising the entertainment for all it was worth. The idea was ingenious and well carried out, and helped some towards the overflowing house that evening. Good boy, Tom, you have helped to make some widows and children's heavy lots lighter for them. Accept our fatherly benediction!

The Atlin Patriotic Fund has passed the two hundred dollar mark, and is, as yet, only in its infancy. Help the good cause along by attending each and every entertainment. They are more than full value for fifty cents, anyway.

To allow time for the proper decoration of the Grand Hall for Friday's "At Home" in aid of the Patriotic Fund, next week's meeting of the Whist Club will be held on Wednesday evening.

The matter of raising a rough riders' corps from British Columbia by popular subscription, has fallen through.

P. Burns, Atlin's pioneer butcher, arrived in town this week and speaks in glowing terms of Atlin's prospects for this summer.

At the meeting of the fire brigade, held in the rooms of the B. A. C., on Wednesday evening, J. Bingham was made chief, and A. W. Shiels, assistant chief. An order was passed authorizing the purchase of rubber coats, and another instructing the secretary to correspond with coast firms with a view to securing a "manual."

A fire occured in the Post Office Thursday evening at 12:30. Department called. Usual cause—stovepipe too near woodwork. Damage trifling.

The blockade still continues on the Yukon and White Pass Railroad owing to an accident to the snow plough.

The Post Office authorities have received notification that the coast mail has been sent by dog team and will be due here on Tuesday.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY.

The Committee of the Patriotic Fund has decided to hold the next entertainment on Friday, the 16th inst.

It will take the form of an "At Home." Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Brownlee have kindly consented to assist the committee, and hope to secure the hearty co-operation of the ladies of Atlin.

The programme will consist of dancing, interspersed with songs, instrumental selections and some entirely new attractions. A high class lunch will be served, all the chefs of the town having volunteered their services to make this part of the entertainment a success. The orchestra will be augmented and good dance music assured. Green favors will be in order, and at midnight Saint Patrick's Day will be appropriately ushered in. Irishmen and others willing to assist in decorating the hall are requested to call on Mrs. Brownlee any forenoon, between 11 and 12 o'clock.

The charges for admission on this special occasion will be $2.00 for gentlemen and 50c for ladies and children.

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THE DOMINION ESTIMATES.

British Columbia's Modest Share in Increase of Three Millions.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The estimates show an increase of $2,781,431. British Columbia's appropriations are: Kamloops post-office $2,000; Nelson building $20,000; New Westminster building $25,000; Rossland building $20,000; Vancouver drill hall $18,000; William Head Quarantine $5,000; Columbia River $16,000; Skeena River $6,000; Nanaimo harbor, $5,000. To delimit Alaska boundary, $14,000; $20,000 to relieve distressed persons along Dease and Liard Rivers. Yukon justice is increased $19,000.

The Prince of Wales paid a visit to the wounded who arrived at Southampton, Feb. 27th, on the ship Princess of Wales. He singled out the Canadians and told them how proud the Empire was of them and their compatriots who had come so loyally to make common cause with the Mother Country.

Bobs! you're little but you're a big man all the same. If the Widow at Windsor does not make you a Duke at least, come right along to Atlin and we'll make you Mayor, with 160 acres hydraulic ground thrown in.

A petition is being circulated in Vancouver asking Sir Hibbert Tupper to stand for Burrard in the next Dominion elections. Dr. Selyn is circulating the petition, and among the signatures are those of Chas. Wilson, Q. C., and Mayor Garden. Sir Hibbert on being asked regarding the petition stated that he had been told that Dr. Selyn was circulating one, but he did not desire it, the proposal being out of the question.

OLYMPIC HOTEL

SUNDAY DINNER.

Five O'clock, P. M.

MENU

SOUPS.
Clam Chowder. Beef Broth.
BOILED.
Trout, with Egg Sauce.
RELISHES.
Queen Olives. Lobster Salad. Chow Chow.
MEATS.
Prime Rib Roast, with Dish Gravy.
Smothered Ptarmigan on Toast.
ENTREES.
Peach Fritters, with Brandy Sauce.
VEGETABLES.
Mashed Potatoes. Sugar Corn.
PASTRY.
Mince, Custard and Cocoanut Pie.
Rice Pudding Vanilla Sauce.
Coffee. Tea. Cocoa.

PRICE, 50 CENTS.

The Boer ruses sometimes have an element of humour, to which a generous foe need not be ashamed to respond. One day "Long Tom," the hero of so many messages from Ladysmith, was removed from its place by Commandant Trichardt and a tree trunk was substituted. This drew our fire for a long time—probably it was one of the occasions on which "Long Tom," was put out of action.

When all our forces are in South Africa we shall have no fewer then 40,000 mounted men available! These will comprise about 10,000 regular cavalry, 10,000 Yeomany, 8,000 mounted infantry, 6,000 local horse, and the remainder Australians, Canadians, &c. And the Boers confidently imagined that England could not raise more than 10,000 troops! There will be at least 175,000 there at the finish.

In the Imperial House of Commons, March 1, the second reading of a private member's bill, limiting the time of labor of underground miners to eight hours, was rejected by 199 to 175.

The Ontario and Lake Superior Company is establishing a works for the manufacture of nickel steel rails at a cost of $2,500,000 at Sault Ste. Marie.