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We have decided to continue our Special Crockery Sale for a few days more. Don't fail to get one of our $7.50 Dinner Sets, of 100 pieces. Best value in town.

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A Carload of assorted Groceries now being opened up. The most complete and varied stock now on hand ever offered by us. The latest delicacies in town; some of them especially inviting. When you feel like having something "for a change" drop in and see our up-to-date Grocery line. We can satisfy the most fastidious.

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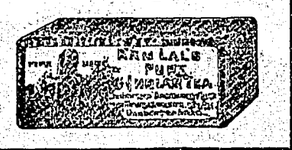

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ACROSS THE TUGELA

Buller's Forces Working Round the Boer Position

THE BOERS ARE RETIRING NORTH

The British Find Strong Boer Positions Evacuated.—Supplies Leave Frere Camp for Ladysmith.—A Junction Expected With Gen. White.—General Wood Enters the Orange Free State. —Every Available Man in the Stste Ordered Out.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The War office issued at midnight a despatch from Roberts dated Cape Town, Sunday, 14, 8.30 p.m., saying: No change in situation. The War office simultaneously issued the following from Roberts dated Cape Town, 13,: Methuen's cavalry reconnaisance returned on Jan. 11. It went 25 miles into the Free State country and found it clear of enemy, except patrols. All quiet at Modder River. French reconnoitered around enemy's left flank on the 10th. He advanced from Slimanger's Farm on the 11th with cavalry and horse artillery to bombard a Boer laggar east of Colesberg Junction, but were unable to outflank the enemy.

LADYSMITH, Jan.11.—The Boers are fortifying their positions to the north and west, doubtless with a view of securing a safe line of retreat should their opposition to Buller's advance fail. They have surrounded Ladysmith in large numbers and may contemplate another attack. It is known, however, that they are greatly depressed by their heavy losses. Prior to Saturday they were confident of their ability to defeat the garrison and take possession of the town.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 12.—The besiegers have been quiet for two days, but can be seen in active movement. On the distant hills we have perceived two small bodies galloping with two machine guns.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—A despatch dated Belmont, Jan. 10, says: Col. Pilcher, with 400 Canadians and Queenslanders and a battery of Royal Horse Artillery, made a reconnaisance yesterday and advanced 10 miles into the Free State territory. They sighted patrols of the enemy. The Boers fled, abandoning their rifles and ammunition.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The total strength so far at the front or ordered there is 160,000 men, 32,000 horses and 446 guns.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 12.—No firing for two days. All well.

PRETORIA, Jan. 15.—It is asserted that unless the Transvaal imports are allowed to pass Delagoa Bay steps will be taken prejudicial to the prisoners' rations.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 14.—It looks like as if there would be a great battle within the next few days. The Boers are concentrating for operations on a large scale.

CAPE TOWN, Jan. 15.—Methuen's cavalry on Jan. 11 went 25 miles into the Free State. No enemy were met.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Lord Lansdowne has accepted Lord Strathcona's offer.

ORANGE RIVER, Jan. 12.—General Wood, for the first time in this campaign, has established a post in the enemy's country. With a force of all arms he took up a position on Jan. 6 at Zoutspans drift on the north side of Orange River, in the Free State.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A special despatch from Cape Town dated Jan. 12, announces that Gen. Warren has crossed the Tugela River.

LONDON, Jan. 15—The tenor of the news dribbled in from South Africa in last 48 hours indicates that a combined forward movement of a comprehensive character is proceeding. Credible information from many different sources also points indisputably to momentous changes in the dispositions of the Boer forces.

Advices from Pietermaritzburg dated Jan. 13 says that since their defeat on Jan. 6th, the Boers have been removing guns from the position south of Ladysmith. The same despatch confirms the report that the 13th Hussars have reached Groblerskloof without meeting the Boers. Groblerskloof is perhaps the strongest position held by the Burghers and its evacuation astonished the British.

Altogether there is a more hopeful feeling in official circles.

Gen. French's forces have succeeded in dragging a fifteen pounder to the summit of the steep and rocky Coleskop, a thousand feet above the surrounding plain, and on Jan. 12, successfullp routed the Boers in camp on the plain three miles away from Sterkstroom.

LONDON, Jan. 13—The Standard gives prominence to the following, dated Jan. 13: A man has just arrived from Springfield and says that the British column proceeding to the relief of Ladysmith has crossed the Little Tugela. When he left, it was facing the Boer position on the Big Tugela, and a howitzer was shelling the Boer trenches. It also says that 270 wagons full of stores for Ladysmith have left Frere Camp, and it was expected that the column would join hands with General White on Monday evening.

The British patrols have discovered parties of Boers in the direction of Ennersdale between Frere and Estcourt.

LONDON, Jan. 16—A Saturday's despatch to the Times from Lorenzo Marques says: The Free State is now calling out every available man including the trading merchants.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 15—There is good reason to believe that the report that Sir Chas. Warren with 11,000 men has gone towards Weenen is correct and we may expect some important news shortly.

S. Smith of Revelstok Station, has recently purchased the estate of the late John Hetherington, across the railroad track near the Big Eddy. Mr. Smith intends having the property improved next summer and a fruit orchard etc. planted.

GREAT DEPARTMENTAL STORE

Stock-Taking Sale at Bourne Bros.'

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There are times when this store excels itself by demonstrating its advanced leadership and its exalted supremacy in a way that surprises mercantile circles, and sets the buying public guessing "What next!" Such a time is close at hand! It is our Stock-Taking Sale, the wheels of which were set in motion last Tuesday morning. Our previous successors on similar occasions need no comment from this source, nor is it necessary for us to tell of the many advantages our Stock Taking Sale of the past week has afforded to buyers of every circumstance. Such facts are recognized on every side and admitted by all. There has been a marked improvement all along the line, even values have been made greater, and that in the face of steadily advancing market prices of such materials most necessary for making the sale a success. There is indeed rare and pleasing satisfaction in store for buyers here during this week, and all we ask is the privilege of showing you our goods and prices. Commencing next Tuesday morning we shall be ready for that purpose.

Linen Specials for Tuesday

72 inch extra heavy full bleached Satin finished table damasks, warranted all pure Irish linen, superior quality, our regular price 75c. and 85c. yard, special ..... 65c.

All pure linen crumb cloths, sizes 8x4 and 10x4, in figured damask patterns, our regular price $3.50 and $4.00, special price $2.25

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Black figured lustre, 40 inch wide, our regular price 45 cents, special price ..... 35c.

A few dress lengths of 7 yards Fancy Dress Material, silk and wool, in all shades, actual value $8.50, sale $6.00

Black French Brocade, silk raised effects, very very rich in appearance, 6 to 6½ yards, cheap at $6.50, special $4.90

Ladies' Winter Jackets for $3.00

Ladies' Heavy Tweed Jackets, in brown and white mixtures, regular at $7.00, special $3.00

Ladies' Black Beaver Cloth Jackets, button front, Special value at $8.50, special $4.75

Boys' Winter Reefers

Boys' Napp Cloth Reefers, all wool lined with black farmers' satin, all sizes, our special value at $5.50, this sale price $4.00

Boys' Napp Cloth Reefers, check tweed lining, our regular price $2.75, special at $2.00

Mens' Overcoats

Mens' All Wool Beaver Cloth Overcoats, velvet collar, well lined throughout with best farmers' satin, regular price $15.00, special $12.00

Men's Suits

Men's All Wool Tweed Suits, in fancy checks, dark color, best trimmings throughout, regulor price $11.50, sale price $9.75

Ladies' Winter Underskirts

Ladies' Metallic Stripe Skirts, in black and white, green and black, purple and white, regular goods and $2.50, sale price $1.75

25 Per Cent. Off

All Ladies' Felt Sailor and Walking Hats. This means a $2.00 Hat for $1.50

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Ladies' New Greenland Seal Capes, very high collar, cut full sweep, lined seal brown sateen, regular $30.00, sale price to clear $19.50

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Can be easily satisfied at this Store, no matter what it may be in Hosiery for man, woman, child or infant. This is the one store that has anticipated every demand and reliable qualities, always and invariably the best values within your reach.

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These lines we wish to discontinue in stock and so make prices that will clear out what we have left in a hurry. Ready for to-night.

If you are judicious

You will not leave it too late to come for a share of these very generous givings. Each one speaks for itself.

Bourne Bros

MANITOBA'S NEW PREMIER

Replies to the Congratulations of His Revelstoke Friends on His Recent Victory.

A. JOHNSTON, ESQ.,
Revelstoke, B. C.

SIR: I would have answered your more than kind telegram of the 8th before this, but was obliged to leave town immediately after the election to take part in the contests decided on the 14th and 15th respectively, and from these I did not return until late Friday night. I wish now to thank you and ask you to thank the staff of the REVELSTOKE HERALD for their congratulations on the victory which the Conservative party gained here. It was more than kind of you to think of us, and I can assure you that all the Conservatives in Winnipeg to whom I showed your telegram were intensely gratified by it. I shall now try to show them what good government is.

With kind regards to you and the other members of the staff, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
HUGH JOHN MACDONALD.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18, 1899.

JOHN D. SIBBALD, ESQ.,
Sec. Lib.-Conservative Association
Revelstoke, B.C.

SIR: Your telegram of the 9th ult., arrived here in due course, but as I was absent from town attending to thr party's interests in other parts of the province, I did not receive it until a much later date. My being away is the only reason why there has been such a long delay in replying to it, for I can assure you that I was immensely gratified by the kind congratulations of your Association on the victory which our party gained here on the 7th ult. It was due to the excellent organization which we had established throughout the province, and to the zeal, enthusiasm and energy shown by our supporters, which carried all before them and rendered of no effect the influence and the money of both the Dominion and the Provincial goverments. Will you kindly thank the Conservatives of your flourishing town on behalf of the Manitoba Conservatives, and yourself for remembering us in the hour of our victory, and tell them from us that we trust when the opportunity arises they will follow our example, and carry the Conservative flag again to the front.

Wishing you and them the compliments of the season.

I remain, yours faithfully,
HUGH JOHN MACDONALD.

TROUT LAKE CITY

A Few Little Eccentricities of the Postal Services—License Commissioners

TROUT LAKE CITY, Jan. 9—I don't know what the post office department is trying to do with the "mail service" into this district, its always been bad, even when old timers sent their mail by anyone going or coming from Revelstoke, they says they got it more regularly than now, and at that time one expected little. But in the year of grace 1900 we look for something better than chaos. We look for a regular service, a time for arrival and departure specified, not so here. It may come or it may not, it may go or it may not. It may peradventure go as far as Batey's Park Hotel to wait a more convenient season, or it may come to Batey's in the same way. Its not registering a kick by any means by writing this, but it shows how apathetic, even humble we can become for small blessings bestowed.

Trout Lake is a splendid place to live in sometimes that is when we can get fresh beef and other luxuries of a like kind necessary, but when we have to wait say three or four weeks for such luxuries the place is not so good to live in. The last thing I have heard of is the formation of a resident co-operative combine, who are shipping their own beef, mutton, lamb, pork, eggs and butter from the territories, at a big saving all round.

I see a paragraph in your issue of the 3rd inst. that T. J. Grahame, J. Kernaghan and A. McRae returned on Saturday from Trout Lake City where they held a sitting as the district board of license commissioners. This is not quite correct. A. McRae was in and did his work o. k. Messrs. Grahame and Kernaghan were enroute for Trout Lake, but met A. McRae about half way to Thomson's Landing, and returned with him. Give A. McRae the credit he deserves. A sitting of the commissioners was expected and all the hotel proprietors were on the ground, but were disappointed as to the sitting. What is the use of edging the granting of licenses with so many penalties, so much red tape, and other follies, if the commissioners do not keep faith with the hotelkeepers in meeting them; and the law strictly enforced regarding the working of such necessary places. Either keep the law in its entirety or let it go, as we've been used to it. I don't know and I don't care who's to blame for the commissioners not sitting as arranged. It plainly shows to me how annecessary where as all hotels have their license and are running as if the commissioners met. Somebody has to pay the piper for these seemingly unnecessary trips. If our commissioners as in this case can do the business, why take the others out, seemingly unwillingly from their business, and at the public expense?

Everything at the mines going on fairly. The ore shipments should be good. COR.

The Rossland Bonspiel

The date of the Rossland bonspiel and carnival has been set for February 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. The whole of the ice is set aside for the curling on the 13th and 14th—the finals of the differents to be played off on the curling ice on the following days. The carnival part of the programme starts on the 15th and consists of the usual events, hockey, ski races, snowshoe races, skating races and fancy dress carnival. The prizes are on the usual scale of magnificence which Rossland is famed for. We hope they will be favored with good weather.

Now, Revelstoke! are you going to be represented? How about the Hockey team we have not heard from you? Revelstoke has good material and should not go unrepresented.

LADYSMITH RELIEVED

So Says a Cablegram to New York Newspapers.

DETAILS NOT YET RECEIVED

Terrible Havoc Among the Boers in the Assault at Ladysmith on the 6th.— The Free Staters Want to Go Home.— Our Two Big Railways Come Down Handsomely.—Boers Repulsed in a Skirmish Near Rensberg.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17—Ladysmith has been relieved. A despatch to the New York papers corroborates the news. Prices advanced on the stock exchange today on this rumor.

A despatch dated Jan. 15 reports that Gatacre's troops made a demonstration beyond Molteno in the direction of Stormberg. The burghers were not sighted and the British remained at Molteno. The arrivals from Stormberg estimate that there were 4,500 Boers at that place, mostly rebelled colonists and Free Staters.

RENSBURG, Jan. 15.—The Boers this morning attempted to rush the hill held by a company of Yorkshires and New Zealanders, but were repulsed at the point of the bayonet. The Boers had 21 men killed and about 50 wounded.

LONDON, Jan. 16—The absence of news from Natal proves that the censor will allow nothing to pass until Gen. Buller's plans have been executed or failed.

Modder River advices of yesterday's date only report a daily long range shelling of the Boers.

Yesterday's advices from Storkstrom show that the British still hold Molteno.

Arrivals from Stromberg estimate 4,500 Boers at that place. Gen. French continues to shell the Boer position, but nothing decisive has taken place.

PRETORIA, Jan. 13—As a result of the bombardment of Mafeking yesterday the British fort eastward was demolished and the British retired. One Boer was wounded.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16—The Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk each subscribed $15,000 to the Canadian patriotic fund.

LADYSMITH, Jan. 8, by messenger to Sprinfield Jan 15.—A representative of the Associated Press visited the scene of Saturday's battle and states that he saw a large number of dead Boers. The British guns seem to have worked great havoc. The volunteers carried the Boer dead off the hill and handed the bodies to comrades at the bottom. Over ninety were carried off the wagon hill alone.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—A Pietermaritzburg despatch, dated Tuesday last, says: There was heavy firing in the north yesterday, apparently the Boers were contesting Gen. Buller's passage of the Tugela. The howitzers were evidently busy, as the firing is described as the heaviest yet heard in Natal.

MODDER RIVER, Jan. 16.—There was a brisk exchange of shells this morning, the Boers returning our fire for the first time in several days. The British entrenchments are being continually strengthened and extended.

Stories still reach camp that the Free Staters desire to end the war. The latest is that a council was recently held at Bloemfontein at which President Steyn and General Cronje were present. It was then stated that unless the British began the attack by the 17th the Free Staters would return home.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—At midnight the War office announced that no special would be issued tonight.

THE CITY COUNCIL

Hold Their First Meeting—Alderman-Elect Needham Ruled Out by the Attorney General—The Committees for the Current Year.

The first meeting of the new council took place on Monday evening. Present Mayor Smith, Aldermen Kilpatrick, McKechnie, Newman, Patrick and Abrahamson. Alderman-elect S. Needham was not present, having been advised by the Attorney General that he could not possibly qualify. Fred. Fraser, J. P., was present and swore in such of the council as had not already taken the oath.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Premier Semlin announcing the appointment of W. R. Dickey as police magistrate during T. L. Haig's absence. The city clerk further announced that Mr. Dickey had informed him that he had sent in his resignation as police magistrate

Notice was given of the introduction of a bylaw changing the names of the following streets: John to First, James to Second and George to Third.

A motion was made by Ald. McKechnie, seconded by Ald, Newman, recommending the appointment of J. D. Sibbald as police magistrate to the provincial government and carried unanimously.

INQUIRIES.

Ald. Kilpatrick asked for a return for the year of the police magistrate's work.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

The Mayor then read the list of standing committees for the year as follows:

Finance—Ald. McKechnie, chairman, L. Patrick, Abrahamson.

Public Works—Ald. Newman, chairman, Abrahamson, Kilpatrick.

Fire, Water and Light—Ald. Kilpatrick, chairman, Newman.

Bylaws, License and Health—Ald. L. Patrick, chairman, McKechnie.

ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid: Several refunds of the road tax to various C. P. R. employees, and P. Moran's account for work done at Conductor Hopgood's house.

The council then adjourned.

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REVELSTOKE HERALD

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

1. All correspondence must be legibly written on one side of the paper only.
2. Correspondence containing personal matter must be signed with the proper name of the writer.
3. Correspondence with reference to anything that has appeared in another paper must first be offered for publication to that paper before it can appear in THE HERALD.

CAPTAIN MACDONELL

The announcement that Lieutenant Macdonell has been promoted to the rank of captain was received with enthusiasm by the members of D squadron, with whom Captain Macdonell is a very popular officer.

Captain Macdonell is a thorough soldier, and an all round good fellow, who is possessed of a good deal of magnetism, the effect of which is distinctly noticeable among his men. No better appointment in the interests of the contingent could have been made than the promotion of Captain Macdonell.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

The following extract from a leading article in the Seattle P.-I. shows an admirable spirit:

"A graver danger, perhaps, looks from the East across the ocean that leads to India. British authority there rests still upon the popular conviction that her might is irresistible. The terrible lesson of the mutiny has not been forgotten. But neither have the Indian people lost the tinct of their peculiar blood. Secretive, grooding, changeless, they hold the Briton still an alien and an enemy. If England were overwhelmed and driven cut of South Africa, there would be sleepless nights in India, where a whisper, running mysteriously through the slumbering millions, might wake them to ambitions and deeds not yet forgotten. It is a question of empire in India.

The events of the last few weeks have exhibited the temper and disposition of Europe, as invisible handwriting appears before the fire. Great Britain has enemies only upon the continent. Between her and France there is the ancient blood feud. Germany breaks into insolent joy at the first moment of her repulse. Russia's hatred knows no bounds. All of them have waited their opportunity. All of them hope and most of them frankly say it is here France would avenge the Fashoda affair, with her check in Africa. Germany would be paramount in Africa and wrest from England her commercial interests in China. Russia would pour over the Indian borders and make all Asia her own. It is the terror of England's arms that has prevented any alliance in the past; the memory of the Crimea, of Waterloo, of all the glorious, bloody fields of France. England's possessions would be no safer than China's if she were proved a weakling. It is a question of empire in Europe.

The boundaries of the war with that little handful of Dutchmen, cooped in their inland state, have thus expanded until their portents fill the world's horizon. New as of old it is the weakest that goes to the wall. No man believes that England's strength is waning. But all over the globe men's minds are busy with the suggestion, 'if it should be." A mighty, history-making, earth-rending "if"! It behooves her now to gather herself for one terrific blow to restore her injured prestige, to tell the nations that her strength is not departed or her glory dimmed. The sympathy of America is with her. Many have not believed that this war is a righteous one. Many have been not unwilling that she should suffer chastisement through it. But looking now at the momentous issues involved, seeing larger, darker, more dangerous figures than the Boer looming behind him and thrusting him aside, the people of this country would hold for England, as she so lately held for us, against a united and unfriendly world.

BYE-ELECTIONS.

Instead of a general election, there will be seven and possibly eight by-elections. These are the constituencies:

Winnipeg: Vacated a year ago by the death of Mr. Jameson, Liberal. Held open all last session. The constituency went Conservative in the provincial election, and is likely to be captured by the opposition.

West Ontario: Vacated by the death of the speaker, Sir J. D. Edgar, during last session. This riding has heretofore given almost a two-thirds majority for the Liberal candidate.

Berthier, Quebec: Vacant by the appointment of Mr. Beausoliel to the position of postmaster of Montreal ($4,000). The late member was elected without opposition.

Lotbiniers: Also vacant by the appointment of a government supporter to office. Grit majority over four hundred.

Sherbrooke: Vacated by the death of Hon. W. B. Ives, Conservative. Last Conservative majority two hundred and fifty-seven.

Labelle: Vacated by the resignation of Mr. Bourassa, Liberal, as a protest against the offer of the first contingent. Bourassa's majority was four hundered and cixty-nine. He is again a candidate.

Chambly and Vercheres: Vacated by the death of Hon. C. A. Geoffrion, member without office in the Laurier cabinet. Mr. Geoffrion defeated Hon. L. O. Taillon by four hundred and ninety-four majority.

It will be seen that the Liberal-Conservatives have only one seat to lose, and that except in Winnipeg, the chances would seem to be against the loss of seats by the government. These by-elections will take place this month.

The unpopularity of the government growing out of the Canadian contingent matter has been greatly increased by the apologetic tone adopted by the government press and ministers in Quebec. Mr. Tarte's speech explaining that the first contingent was not offered by the government but sent at the request of the home government, that could not well be refused, was almost worse than the first refusal. His spectacular exhibition of the order in council, declaring that the course adopted was no precedent for the future, and his own statement that he was opposed to the interference of Canada in the European wars of England may have been pleasing to his audience, but they created a feeling elsewhere which makes a general election more than dangerous for the government. Then it is believed that Mr. Tarte influenced the premier at the last moment to cancel the arrangement then about completed for insuring the lives of the men. Lastly, the people of Canada do not approve of the close bargaining by which England is made to pay the Canadian soldiers after their arrival in Africa. The C.O.D. scheme is not a good platform for a Canadian election.

AMERICAN OPINION

ON THE BOER WAR AS REFLECTED FROM WASHINGTON

The News of the American Capital

Washington, Jan. 9.—(special)—Popular feeling in regard to the Boer war is rapidly veering around in this country. Despite misleading statements to the contrary continually published in Canada and Great Britain, public sentiment here heretofore has always been on the side of the Boers, both because they constituted a so-called republic, and because of the disproportionate size of the combatants. But this feeling has been somewhat like that of a man who sees his brother engaged in a fight of which he does not approve. He would not be sorry if the brother got pretty well punched to teach him not to be so hasty the next time, but he would also feel much disposed to take off his coat and go in, if there seemed to be any danger of the brother getting the worst of it. During our war with Spain, Canada seemed to feel the same way. It considered that we were altogether too cocky and wanted us punished, but not defeated.

As long as England is merely fighting the Boers, she will meet with lots of opposition in this country, but as soon as any European power attempts to chip in, the world will be astonished by the depth of pro-English sentiment that will develop in this country. Blood is a good deal thicker than water, and most Americans realize that the preservation of their own race ascendancy depends on the ultimate victory of England.

The close relationship between this country and England was shown at the recent New Year's reception at the White House, when the entire British embassy was present. The Right Honorable Lord Pauncefote of Preston, G. C. B., G. M. G., dean of the diplomatic corps, was accompanied by Lady Pauncefote and their four daughters; Mr. Gerald A. Lowther, first secretary; Captain Charles L. Ottley, R. N., and Mrs. Ottley; Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Lee, R. A., Military attache, and Mrs. Lee, his American bride; Mr. C. N. E. Eliot, C. B., second secretary; Mr. W. G. Max Muller, second secretary; Mr. Robert Bromley and Mr. Arthur E. O. Humphreys Owen, honorary attaches.

The good feeling between the two countries was also emphasized by the fact that Mr. Eliot, of the embassy, had recently been made a knight of the order of the fighting saints, St. Michael and St. George. Mr. Eliot's management of the Samoan difficulty, when he represented England as commissioner to those islands last winter, was such as to win for him the warmest official commendation of the United States government, and to make him popular throughout the country.

A good many Canadians turn up in Washington from time to time. The latest arrival is Mr. Edward McKenzie, of Montreal, who was somewhat amused when asked what Canada thought of the alleged Fenian invasion of that country. "It is all newspaper talk," he said, "and Canadians are losing no sleep on account of it. We know from what source it emanates, and are well satisfied with the knowledge that the fiery warriors who are going to devour Canada blood-raw are wind-jammers of the eighteen-carat variety, and that their talk of gore is guff. A few hot headed individuals, who have deluded themselves into thinking that they have a grievance against England, no doubt realize that this would be a fine time to add to the complications of Great Britain by the invasion of the Dominion, and hence the incentive of the raid. But they will take it out in talk."

Another interesting visitor to the Capital during the past week was Mr. P. Labry, of Manchester, England, who talked entertainingly of the Boer war. "The end of the war will undoubtedly see England supreme all the way from the Cape to the Zambesi," he said. "The Boers had every advantage in men, munitions and position at the outset, and they have won a few battles. But Britain's sea power will enable her to win in the end. Although the navy may not fire a single shot during the war, victory will be due to it, not only because it will make possible the transport of unlimited troops and munitions, but because it will prevent any European nation from taking part, no matter now much they may wish to do so."

Representative Shackleford, of Missouri, has introduced into Congress, a bill placing on the free list all wood pulp suitable for or adapted to the manufacture of printing paper, and all printing paper suitable for or adapted to the printing of newspapers, periodicals, or books. Wood pulp is extensively manufactured in Canada.

Information as to the riches of Cape Nome, in Alaska, continues to come in. The latest arrival from that part of the world is K. M. Jackson, who says that the spot is just as rich in gold as it has been represented, and by next summer there will be 25,000 men at work there. He thinks that the resources of the locality have scarcely been scratched over, and that there are untold millions yet to be taken from mother earth.

Medicine Hat contributed $200 to be divided amongst the eight members of the town who are joining the second contingent.

In reply to a lady asking for a definition of the term "The Absent-Minded Beggar," Rudyard Kipling's secretary writes: "Mr. Kipling desires me to say in answer to your letter, that the term "absent-minded" is one used by private soldiers themselves when they have forgotten any small duty, and "beggar" is a generic term of endearment.

BILL NYE

His Personal Autobiography.

Edgar Wilson Nye was born in Maine, in 1850, August 25, but at two years of age he took his parents by the hand, and, telling them that Piscataquis county was no place for them, he boldly struck out for St. Croix county, Wisconsin, where the hardy young pioneer soon made a home for his parents. The first year he drove the Indians out of St. Croix valley, and suggested to the Northwestern railroad that it would be a good idea to build to St. Paul as soon as the company could get a grant which would pay them two or three times the cost of construction. The following year he adopted trousers, and made $175 from the sale of wolf scalps. He also cleared 27 acres of land and raised some watermelons. In 1854 he established and endowed a school district in Pleasant Valley. It was at this time that he began to turn his attention to the abolition of slavery in the south, and to write articles for the press, signed Veritas, in which he advocated the war of 1860, or as soon as the government could get around to it.

In 1855 he graduated from the farm and began to study law. He did not advance very rapidly in his profession, failing several times in his examination, and giving bonds for his appearance at the next term of court. He was, however, a close student of political economy, and studied personal economy at the same time, till he found that he could easily live on 10 cents a day and his relatives.

Mr. Nye then began to look around him for a new country to build up and foster, and, as Wisconsin had grown to be so thickly settled in the northwestern part of the state that neighbors were frequently found less than five miles apart, he broke loose from restraint and took emigrant rates for Cheyenne, Wyoming. Here he engaged board at the Inter-Ocean hotel, and began to look around him for a position in a bank. Not succeeding in this, he tried journalism and law. He did not succeed in getting a job for some time, but finally was hired as associate editor and janitor of the Laramie Sentinel. The salary was small, but Mr. Nye's latitude great, and he was permitted to write anything that he thought would please the people, whether it was news or not.

By and by he won every heart by his gentle, patient poverty and his delightful parsimony in regard to facts. With a hectic imagination and an order on a restaurant which advertised in the paper he scarcely cared through the live long day whether the school kept or not.

Thus he rose to justice of the peace, and finally to an income reported large to everybody except the assessor.

He is the father of several beautiful children by his first wife, who is still living. She is a Chicago girl, and loves her husband far more than he deserves. He is pleasant to the outside world, but a perfect brute in his home. He early learned that to win the love of his wife he should be erratic and kick the stove over on the children when he came home. He therefore asserts himself in this way, and the family love and respect him, being awed by his greatness and gentle barbarity.

He eats plain food with both hands conversing all the while pleasantly with anyone who may be visiting at the house. If his children do not behave he kicks them from beneath the table till they roar with pain, as he chats on with the guests with a bright and ever flowing stream of bon mots which please and delight those who visit him to such a degree that they forget that they have had hardly anything to eat.

In conclusion, Mr. Nye is in every respect a lovely character. He feared than an injustice might be done him, however, in this sketch, and so he wrote it himself.

THE BASTILE

The famous French prison known as the Bastile was originally the Castle of Paris, and was built by order of Charles V., between 1370 and 1383, as a defence against the English. When it came to be used as a state prison it was provided with vast bulwarks and ditches. The Bastile had four towers, of five stories each on each of its larger sides, and it was partly in these towers and partly in underground cellars that the prisons were situated. It was capable of containing 70 or 80 prisoners, a number frequently reached during the reigns of Louis XIV and Louis XV., the majority of them being persons in the higher ranks. The Bastile was destroyed by a mob on the 15th of July, 1789, and the governor and a number of his officers killed. On its site now stands the Column of July, erected in memory of the patriots of 1789 and 1830.

ITALY'S IRON CROWN

The Iron Crown of Italy was a crown of gold, having inside of it a ring of iron which was said to have been forged from the nails of Christ's Cross. It was made by order of the princess Theudelinde for her husband, Augilulf, King of the Lombards, in the year 591. It was afterwards given by the Queen to the church at Monza. The iron crown was brought into use by Charlemagne at the ceremony of his coronation, and afterwards by all the emperors who were also kings of Lombardy. The Oord of the Iron Crown which is now regarded as a high honor in Austria, was founded by Napoleon. It fell into disuse after his fall, but was revived by Francis I. of Austria, in 1816. In 1859 the iron crown was taken by the Austrians to Vienna, but was presented to the King of Italy in 1866, and is now among the royal treasures at Naples

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President Hadley once held the running record at Yale in his student days.

Emperor William's favorite meat is "thrush hash," a dish peculiar to the Berlin court.

Railway Claims Agent—Well, the next time you want any stock slaughtered, you'll oblige us very much by letting us know a few days previously, so we can send around our experienced butcher, and thus run no risk of derailing our trains?

The indications are that Kruger wil not lift the suzerainty this year.

The look of Mr. Chamberlain's monocle leaves no doub that any raise which Mr. Kruger chooses to make in the present game will be seen.

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PUBLICATION DAYS: Wednesdays and Saturdays

Three children were drowned while skating at Bayaville, Ont.

New regulations have been made regarding the transportation of newspapers to Yukon.

Toronto's new mayor, E. A. Macdonald, denies that he favors the annexation of Canada to the United States.

Springfield, Mo, division of the Hibernians have decided the members cannot assist the Boer campaign.

It is rumored that a British cruiser fired on the Dutch cruiser Friesland, near Delagoa bay, killing an officer.

The dates on which the Winnipeg Victorias will try to capture the Stanley cup from the Shamrocks of Montreal, have been fixed for February 12-14.

The bubonic plague has broken out in Honolulu and Manila.

Robert Hendry, aged 101 years, has died at Kingston, Ont.

The most serious fire in the town's history visited Blyth, Ont.

Mrs. Jellett, formerly of Belleville, Ont., was burned to death in New York.

Some alleged Boer sympathizers in Victoria are having a hard time of it, but they declare they are innocent of the charges.

The Newfoundland legislature has been prorogued until February 1, to complete negotiations concerning the French shore modus vivendi.

W.A.Campbell, county clerk, Chatham, Ont., was killed on his way to see his son, who was leaving Toronto with the second contingent.

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SEIGE OF LADYSMITH

Still Maintained—Disease Amongst the Garrison.

London, Jan. 11.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph dated Monday, January 8th, at noon, from Frere Camp says: Firing from the Boer positions around Ladysmith began early today. It still continues but the cannonading is of a light and irregular standard. The correspondent telegraphs: The heavy gun mounted on Umbulwana hill has been firing since daybreak and evidently the siege of Ladysmith is still maintained.

The Daily Mail has the following despatch dated from Frere Camp: With the exception of the usual shelling of Boer positions by the naval guns the British force remains inactive. Eight Boer camps were seen today by the patrol along the Tugela in a western direction. All were quiet.

Natives say that when the British were reconnoitering near Colenso on Saturday the Boers hurried from Springfield. This supports the report that Colenso was weakened to attack Ladysmith.

A list of victims of disease issued by the war office gives 22 deaths form nteric fever and dysentery in Ladysmith in four days, showing that the besieged are existing amid bad sanitary conditions.

LORD ROBERTS

And Lord Kitchener Arrive at Capetown

London, Jan. 11.—Lord Roberts, the new commander of the British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, General Kitchener, have arrived at Cape Town.

TRANSVAAL TROUBLE

Russia Takes Advantage of Great Britain's Position

London, Jan. 11.—The Calcutta correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "While statements that no alarm is felt concerning Afghanistan is quite true, I have good reason to believe that the Indian government has received disquieting information concerning Russian movements in the direction of Persia. Russia is taking advantage of the Transvaal trouble to strengthen her armaments and to push forward her outposts along the Persian frontier with the view of ultimate annexation, a design in which Germany would probably acquiesce, in consideration of receiving railway concessions.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI

Appoints a Chaplain for the Second Canadian Contingent

Montreal, Jan. 11.—Archbishop Bruchesi has appointed at the request of the government a chaplain to accompany the second Canadian contingent to South Africa. The priest selected for the post is the Rev. Father Sennett, a native of Ontario, who has spent a number of years in active work in the North West.

BOER SUCCESSES

Followed by Tremendous Outbursts of Enthusiasm

London, Jan. 11.—The Cape Town correspondent of The Daily Mail says that the Boer successes were followed by tremendous outbursts of enthusiasm on the western part of the colony. Reports from DeAar say that the whole district was made hideous at night by bands of young men parading villages and singing the Transvaal Volkslied, while the children are practicing the national songs of the republics. The following are statements believed by the western Dutch: "General Buller and Cecil Rhodes are our prisoners." "Two thousand Boers secretly sailed and captured Cape Town.

THE MONTEZUMA

More Cases of Fever on Board the Steamer

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—From information received from Halifax last night it is feared that the Montezuma will be condemned as additional cases of fever have broken out. The authorities will express no opinion on the point. If she is condemned then additional delay will occur, as the Montezuma was a very large boat. It will be necessary to get two to take her place. It is understood that 10,000 khaki suits will be forwarded to Col. Otter with this contingent.

AMERICAN FLOUR

Seized by the British has Been Released

London, Jan. 11.—The American flour seized off Delagoa Bay has been released. Ambassador Choate had an interview with the Marquis of Salisbury yesterday afternoon and received a verbal reply to the representations of the Washington government. The British note on the subject will be sent later to the United States embassy. A list of it was cabled to Washington. In brief, food stuffs are not considered contraband of war unless intended for the enemy.

DROPPED DEAD

W. W. Ogilvie, the Millionaire Miller Dies Suddenly.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—W. W. Ogilvie, the millionaire miller, dropped dead on the street at 1 p.m. today.

RUSSIAN TROOPS

Concentrating on the Border of British India

Chicago, Jan. 12.—A special cablegram from St. Petersburg says: At the recent conference of the ministers it was decided on the report of the ministers of war and marine, to concentrate large forces on the frontiers of British India and Afghanistan One army corps has already gone to Baku, where it awaits orders and another will follow soon. A Russian warship has been ordered to proceed without demonstration to Persian waters. The secret negotiations between Russia and Afghanistan, looking to the elimination of British interests, at Kabul are believed to have been successfully completed and Russian occupation of Herat is under consideration. Russian and Mussulman spies of sagacity and experience are operating in British India and at important points on the frontier. They report the natives active in the propaganda of rebellion and are resolute in readiness and desire to begin a mutiny against British rule.

INSPECTION OF TRAVELLERS

Lorenzo Marquez, Jan. 12.—Inspection of travellers bound to the Transvaal is revived under an old law. No one is allowed to proceed unless he declares before the consul that he has no intention of fighting for the Boers.

SEIZURE OF GERMAN VESSELS

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Theories are now advanced that the seizure of the German mail steamers and the S. S. General, since released, was made on purposely misleading information being supplied the British agent, the design being to get Great Britain and Germany into a quarrel.

S. S. UMBRIA

Sails With Two Thousand Two Hundred Troops for South Africa.

Southampton, Jan. 12.—The Cunard Line steamer Umbria has been chartered as a transport by the British government and sailed from Southampton today with 2,200 soldiers for South Africa.

GEN. BULLER'S MARCH

Difficulties Which Beset His Advance

London, Jan. 2.—A correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette, writing from Estcourt, makes comment on the difficulties which beset General Buller in his advance to Ladysmith. "It would be well if people would bear in mind what transport means when they talk of Buller being in Pretoria by January. Let them imagine the piles of food, blankets, tents, and all the articles of bare life in Africa. Again, consider the difficulties, bridges blown up, dependence on untrained mules, and worse upon untrained drivers. All these things should be taken into consideration before criticising too strongly.

GENERAL BULLER

Seizes a Strong Position at Tugela River

London, Jan. 12.—The war office this morning received the following despatch from General Buller, dated Springfield, January 11, at 9:20 in the evening: "I occupied the south bank of the Tugela river at Potguter's Drift this morning and seized a strong position. The river is in flood. The enemy is strongly entrenched about four and a half miles north."

LORD STRATHCONA

Offers to Raise 400 Men From the North West for the War

Ottawa, Jan. 12—It is understood that Lord Strathcona, Canada's high commissioner, has made an offer to raise two mounted squadrons of 200 men each or 400 men in all, in the Canadian North West to go to South Africa. All that Lord Strathcona desires is to get the militia machinery of Canada, in other words, the assistance of the department of militia in enrolling, outfitting and equipping the troops, he will defray the entire cost of the same, as well as that of the transports and everything else necessary to take the soldiers from the great prairie of the West and place them at the front thoroughly equipped with modern weapons and in good fighting condition. The matter is still under the consideration of the Dominion and imperial governments. A military expert says it would take about $1,000,000 to carry out the suggestion. Nothing official is to be had on the subject. If the matter is carried out then an opportunity will be given to a number of those in the North West who were disappointed in not getting on the second contingent, to go to South Africa. There is any amount of material west of Winnipeg to pick from.

The C.P.R. and G.T.R. show largely increased earnings for the year 1899.

May Yardley, a Brandon girl, has been arrested on a charge of forgery.

The department of the interior and the railway companies will assist the Winnipeg 20th century fair.

"Bob" Moss, a well known Winnipeg and Toronto athlete died at St. Louis.

INCIDENTS OF THE WAR

Daring Despatch Rider.

Many hairbreath adventures are met with by the daring despatch riders. The Grahamstown Journal says: "Mr. W. Cummings, of Douglas, who has been in and out of Kimberley during the siege with despatches from Mr. Rhodes, is perhaps one of the most daring and successful. On one occasion he crept for the best part of 30 miles on his hands and knees with despatches, so as to escape observation, through a country swarming with Boers. The enemy had set a price of £300 on his head."

An Artful Native.

The Journal gives another instance: "A native runner between Kuruman and Mafeking was taking a quill despatch through, and was caught by the Boers. They searched him from top to toe and let him go having found nothing. The wily native had rammed the precious despatch up his nose."

As a Memento.

The Natal Witness publishes a letter from a Ladysmith young lady, which says: "Just after breakfast another shell came from Long Tom. It landed just over on the other side of the paddock. . . . I said I would run over and get a piece of the shell as a memento. No sooner said than done. Off I scampered. Spoke to the first soldier I came to. He said: 'Come with me; I can warn you in time to clear before another shell comes.' So I went gaily on talking away. Another soldier said: 'Here comes another,' and before we had time to think the awful booming and shrieking came. . . . I shut my eyes tight and clung to a barbed wire fence. It exploded about 20 feet away, perhaps not so much, and the earth shook under me, and my legs felt shot all over. The last thing I saw as I shut my eyes was men rolling on the ground and running away in all directions (fear lent them wings, but was not so kind to me), and a mule rushing by me. After it was over I wanted to get a piece of the shell, and then fled home with three lumps . . . When I got back I got such a wigging."

Working the Mines.

A recent visitor to Johannesburg tells the Cape Argus that: "The exodus, including natives, was estimated at 143,000. Many of the mines along the reef were working, and the mint was busy. The first batch of sovereigns minted from the commandeered gold had been delivered at Pretoria.

A Terrific Storm.

A Cape Times correspondent at Estcourt says that owing to the great difficulty experienced in obtaining native runners to carry despatches, "I determined to try and get through myself, and secured a European guide to point out the road. We started out of town about 9 at night, but had not ascended out of town when a terrific thunderstorm commenced. Huge boulders were undermined on the roadside and rolled down on the roadway, and water rushed down the paths ankle deep. The storm passed away to the north, but returned in as great violence and lasted longer than before. At the second outburst the guide refused to go a step further, and we were compelled, therefore, to return to Estcourt."

In Cellars at Mafeking.

A message to the Cape Argus from Mafeking says: "For a month we have lived underground in cellars and in bomb-proof shelters. During the day the streets are rendered dangerous, as the enemy have a siege gun and a battery of seven guns. Day and night the Mauser bullet whistles through our streets, while great shells, six inches in diameter and 23 inches in length, hurtle overhead, wrecking the buildings where they strike.

Hairbreath Escapes.

Many marvellous escapes are recorded at Gras Pan, says the Cape Times: "One man was hit in the right thumb, the left little finger, and the tip of the ear; he had also a graze under the chin. He was hit four times and scarcely marked."

ORIGIN OF SOUTH AFRICAN PLACE NAMES

Natal, means birthday, and was so called in honor of Vasco de Gama's discovery of Port Natal (now called Durban) on Christmas Bay.

Durban, named after Sir Benjamin Durban, who was governor in 1834.

Orange River was named after the Prince of Orange.

Gordon Bay, named after Captain Gordon.

Caledon, named after Lord Caledon, the English governor.

Clanwilliam takes its title from an Irish nobleman who lived there.

Grahamstown, took its name from Colonel Graham.

Somerset is reminiscent of Lord Charles Somerset, another governor.

Colesburg, derived from the name of Sir Lowry Cole, governor.

Malmesbury was the family name of Sir Lowry Cole's wife. Hence the town of Malmesbury.

Wynberg, name derived from the vineyards.

Simon's Bay, Simonstown, and Simonsberg, all come from the name of a Dutch governor, Simon Van der Stel.

Pietermaritzburg is made up of a combination of the names of Gerrit Maritz and Pieter Retief.

Pretoria's likeness to Pretorius will be at once seen.

Bloemfontein means Bloem's fountain or spring.

Harrismith and Ladysmith are called after Sir Harry Smith and his wife, Lady Smith, the former governor of the Cape in 1852.

Aliwal, the name of Sir Harry Smith's famous charger.

IMPROVEMENT IN SWINE

The North West Department of Agriculture Will Import Thoroughbred Boars.

Arrangements have been completed between the Territorial department of agriculture and the Canadian Pacific and Calgary and Edmonton Railway companies, whereby measures will be taken during the coming spring to improve the swine stock in Alberta. The Canadian Pacific Railway company has granted free transportation for a shipment of hogs from Ontario to the West, the Calgary and Edmonton Land corporation has made a grant of $500 to be expended by the department in furthering the object in view, and the Ontario government has agreed to co-operate to the extent of purchasing and gathering the animals required free of charge.

When outlining the scheme for the improvement of cattle in the Territories, decided upon a couple of years ago, the department made it its sole aim to facilitate, through reduced cost and convenience of transportation, the importation of superior sires only, knowing that female stock of fair quality was already in the country. The hog question, will, however, have to be dealt with on a somewhat different basis. In the first place, the notorious lack of quality in the brood hogs at present in the country, calls for an increased number of thoroughbred boars of high individual merit and, secondly the wholly insufficient number of sows now in the hands of the farmers, should be augmented by the importation and distribution of a large number of well bred, selected young females.

It is now proposed to procure in the province of Ontario 200 brood hogs, of the class described above, due to farrow during May, and 25 thoroughbred boars of the Berkshire, Yorkshire and Tamworth breeds and have them brought West in the early spring.

Upon the arrival of this shipment, a series of auction sales, previously advertised, will be held at various points along the line of railway, where a certain number of these animals will be offered for sale at public competition. A low upset price will be placed on each individual head, representing its cost price in Ontario, below which positively no sale will be made. The value of a first-class sow in the West, due to farrow within a month, ranges from $20.00 to $30.00. It is expected that the department will be able to offer such sows at a minimum price of from $12.00 to $16.00, according to weight and quality.

Not more than one boar and two sows will be sold to any one person, and all purchasers will be required to sign a simple form of agreement before taking delivery, setting forth that they are bona fide residents of the North West Territories and that they will neither slaughter, sell nor remove the said animals from the Territories for a period of two years from date of sale, without first obtaining permission from the department of agriculture at Regina.

Those who desire to purchase hogs under the above arrangement should communicate with C. W. Peterson, deputy commissioner of agriculture, Regina, in order that the department may be able to form an estimate of the number of animals which can be disposed of at each point.

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

His Personal Autobiography.

The unhappy subject of this sketch was born so long ago that he persists in never referring to the date. Citizens of his native town of Greenfield, Indiana, while warmly welcoming his advent, were no less anxious some few years ago to speed the parting guest. It seems, in fact, that the better they came to know him, the more resigned they were to give him up. He was illstarred from the very cradle it seems. One day while but a toddler, he climbed, unseen, to an open window where some potted flowers were ranged, and while leaning from his high chair far out, to catch some dainty, gilded butterfly, perchance, he lost his footing, and with a piercing shriek fell headlong to the graveled walk below; and when, an instant later, the affrighted parents picked him up, he was—a poet.

The father of young Riley was a lawyer of large practice, who used in moments of deep thought, to regard this boy as the worst case he ever had. This may have been the reason that, in time, he insisted on his reading law, which the boy really for a time tried to do; but finding that political economy and Blackstone didn't rhyme, he slid out of the office one hot, sultry afternoon, and ran away with a patent medicine and concert wagon, from the tail end of which he was discovered by some relatives violently abusing a bass drum. This was a proud moment for the boy; nor did his peculiar presence of mind entirely desert him till all the country fairs were over for the season. Then, afar off, among strangers, in a strange state, he thought it would be fine to take a flying trip home. But he couldn't fly. Fortunately, in former years he had purloined some knowledge of a trade. He could paint a sign, or a fence or a tin roof—if someone else would furnish him the paint—and one of Riley's hand painted fences gave rapture to the most exacting eye. Yet, through all his stress and trial, he preserved a simple, joyous nature, together with an everwidening love for men and things in general. He made friends, and money, too—enough at last to gratify the highest ambition of his life, namely, to own an overcoat with fur around the tail of it. He then groped his way back home, and worked for nothing in a small country paper that did not long survive the blow. Again excusing himself, he took his snappy paragraphs and poems to another paper and another town, and there did better till he spoiled it all by devising a Poe poem fraud, by which he lost his job; and, in disgrace, and humiliation, shoe-mouth deep, his feelings gave way beneath his feet, and his heart broke with a loud report. So the true poet was born.

Of the poet's present personality we need speak but briefly. His dress is at once elegant and paid for. It is even less picturesque than all-wool Not liking his hair particularly, he wears but little of it, and that of the mildest shade. He is a good speaker, when spoken to but a much better listener, and often longs to change places with his audience so that he also may retire. In writings he probably shows at his best. He always tries to, anyway. Knowing the manifold faux pas and "breaks" in this life of ours, his songs are sympathetic and sincere. Speaking coyly of himself, one day, he said: "I write from the heart, that's one thing I like about me. I may not have a good hand, and my 'copy' may occasionally get mixed up with the market reports, but all the same, what challenges my admiration is that humane peculiarity of mine—the writing from the heart—and therefore to the heart."

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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS

A. McRae has been away in Vancouver since last Friday.

E. Corning, of Kamloops, was in town this week.

The S. O. E. will hold their annual social on Friday week.

W. B. Pool has been away on a trip to Calgary for the past few days.

B. R. Campbell, of the Mail, has been on a trip to Kamloops this week.

The total net proceeds of the Pay, Pay, Pay concert amount to nearly $500.

K. D. Johnson, of the Molsons bank, is leaving on Saturday for a holiday in Calgary.

The Revelstoke Rifle Company is Company No. 5 of the Rocky Mountain Rangers.

Dr. Maclean returned to town on Monday looking in excellent health and spirits.

Archdeacon Pentreath has been made a Doctor of Divinity of Manitoba University.

W. R. Merritt, of the Imperial bank, has returned from a couple of weeks' holiday on the coast.

Dr. Paget went up to Albert Canyon on Tuesday's delayed No. 2 and held service there in the evening.

D. Little was in town on Saturday after spending several months in Atlin and railroading on the White Pass railway.

Mrs. M. P. Dalton and son left this morning on a visit to her home in Moscow, Idaho. Mr. Dalton is now employed in the concentrator at Ymir, B.C.

Mayor Smith has a plan for a sidewalk snowplow, which the HERALD hopes to see in active operation on the Grand Trunk without unnecessary delay.

The ladies of the Talent society of St. Peter's church are requested to attend a business meeting at the Vicarage on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

All Orangemen are respectfully requested to be present at the regular meeting on Friday evening Jan. 19th, at 8 p. m. Installation of officers and Grand Lodge business.

Mrs. Murry Hume, and her mother, Mrs. Hopgood, returned on Thursday from a visit to Kamloops. Mrs. Hume is much improved in health, the HERALD is pleased to state.

The schedule time of the Imperial limited, which will be put on about May 1st will be 10 hours shorter this year than last. The local train will run, it is said, to Revelstoke instead of only to Kamloops from Vancouver.

It seems scarcely worth while for the city council to spoil their expensive new fire alarm system for a pen'north of tar by neglecting to advertise the positions of the boxes and directions how to give the alarm in case of fire.

Rev. H. Fiennes-Clinton arrived from Vancouver this morning to attend the installation of the new officers of the Sons of England local lodge. He thinks of going on to the Slocan and possibly Rossland before returning home.

At the final meeting of the council of 1899, which was held last week, a vote of thanks was moved by Ald. Brown and seconded by Ald. Wells to the Mayor and City Clerk for their efforts on behalf of the municipality during the year.

Last Friday evening W. J. Lawrence gave a magic lantern entertainment in the I.O.F. hall at Arrowhead in aid of the Sunday school. Everybody in town was present, and the proceeds of the show realized a nice sum for the benefit of the school.

The annual general meeting of the board of trade was held last evening and adjourned till tomorrow (Thursday) at afternoon at three o'clock. The election of officers will take place and other general business will come up for discussion. A large attendance of members is requested to be present.

A tower between 50 and 60 feet high is to be erected in front of the west end of St. Peter's church to receive the bell, which is expected to reach town about Friday. Steps have also been taken to buttress up the south wall of the building, which has shewn signs of sinking for some time past.

About 1,000 feet of track was covered just west of Spuzzum by the landslide which delayed Monday's No. 2. A temporary track was constructed around the break and the Pacific express put through. But another slide occurred on Monday evening covering both tracks, and causing the seven hours' delay to No. 2 yesterday.

The captain of the Rocky Mountain Rangers is the happiest man in town. He carries a smile so wide that pedestrians have got to get off the sidewalk to get round it—all because a son was born to Capt. and Mrs. Taylor on Sunday evening. Already the youngster has volunteered for active service under the British flag. British enthusiasm as well as British arms, cannot be checked.

A large number of citizens attended the Hawkins and Holloway smoker in the Alexander Hall on Tuesday evening last, and enjoyed themselves immensely. Some excellent singing was indulged in, and it was with the greatest difficulty that the audience kept their seats during the rendering of a pathetic little ballad entitled "He Wore a Worried Look." The presence of the police was the only thing that saved the life of the singer. The boxing match between Hawkins and Holloway was a very good exhibition of the manly art. Mr. Barwis refereed the bout in a very acceptable manner. —Calgary Albertan.

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NOTE AND COMMENT

E. D. Martin, brother of Joseph Martin, and Independent Liberal candidate in the coming bye-election in Winnipeg, calls the transportation problem one "of overshadowing importance in Canada." He advocates government ownership of public transportation facilities, saying that in his opinion private ownership is an economically unsound and wasteful system, involving also a positive menace to popular freedom and popular government. He proposes a policy of the gradual absorbtion of Canadian railways into the hands of the government and as a start he advocates that it shall "at the earliest possible moment obtain possession of and operate a sufficient proportion of the existing lines and construct on its own account such additional railways, as shall be necessary to give it a determining voice in the standard of rates and service throughout Canada."

This is business. You can call it radicalism, socialism or an other ism you like, but it is simple straight business for all that. The people of Canada and its various provinces are always being promised a business government. What does "business" in connection with a government mean. Of course in the first place it is business for a government to expend its revenues honestly and economically, meaning by the latter expression that value is received for the money, whether the amount expended be large or small and that it is not wasted or lavished on useless projects for party purposes. This is the very A B C of government business. But outside of the actual spending departments, what should be the policy of a business government. It should open up and develope the resources of the country. Here is just where the hitch comes in. Because the sole idea possessed by the average Dominion or Provincial government politician hitherto has been to effect this quite sensible and correct idea by "attracting capital" or in other words by giving up part of the possessions or revenues of the nation to business concerns in order to induce them to build railways or establish factories or start some industry or other, which will create work and stimulate activity.

Now this policy is supposed to add to the general prosperity of the people. If it did it is a curious thing that the mass of the people are constantly opposed to it. This is the very feeling which is constantly taken advantage of by the opponents of the government for the time being by assertions that the members of the government are standing in with the monopolies, which they have fostered and that even if not personally benefitted, at all events they look to them to supply funds for the next election campaign. People that are discontented are always suspicious. These charges are believed. The opposition goes in. But, however many changes are made, the practical result remains the same.

The old system of subsidies continues. Work is provided for the people, it is true, but at the lowest terms at which they can be induced to do it. Transportation facilities are provided, but the freight rates are fixed on no other intelligible principle except the very highest rate at which the produce can be conveyed to the market and leave a bare living for the producer. The few are made rich; the mass is left to struggle on as best it can. And this is called government on business principles. But calling it business does not make it business. It is a wasteful, futile, misdirected system of government, and can never be anything else. The business of the government is not to create and foster methods of accumulating wealth for the few, but to diffuse a general comfort, contentment and prosperity among the whole. To do this we shall have to retrace our steps, to undo much that has been done and adopt a fresh system. Mr. Martin has very clearly and concisely intimated what the first step must be.

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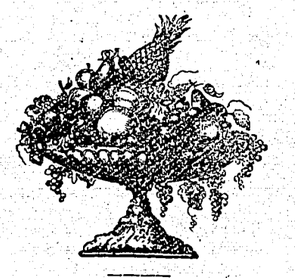

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate a Company with power to construct, equip, maintain, and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout the Province of British Columbia, and to construct, erect, and maintain such and so many poles and other works and devices as the Company deem necessary for making, completing, supporting, using, working, operating and maintaining the system of communication by telephone and telegraph, and to open or break up any part or parts of the said highways or streets as often as the said Company, its agents, officers or workmen think proper, and for the purposes of the undertaking to purchase, acquire or lease, and hold and sell and dispose of lands, buildings or tenements within the limits aforesaid, and to purchase or lease, for any term of years, any telephone or telegraph line established, or to be established, in British Columbia, connected or to be connected with the line which the Company may construct, and to amalgamate with or lease its line or lines, or any portion or portions thereof, to any company possessing, as proprietor, any line of telephone or telegraph communication connecting, or to be connected, with the said Company's line or lines, and to borrow money for the purposes of the Company, and to pledge or mortgage any of the Company's assets for that purpose, and to receive bonuses or privileges from any person or body corporate, and with all other usual, necessary and incidental rights, powers or privileges as may be necessary or incidental to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Dated this 15th day of December, 1899.

J. R. BROWN,
102-10 Solicitor for the Applicants.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Deep Creek, in the southern part of Galena Bay, and about six miles from Arrowhead, B. C., district of West Kootenay, commencing at a post marked, S. O. C. N. W. Cor., near the mouth of Deep Creek, and thence running south 125 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 125 chains; thence west 80 chains to place of beginning, containing 1,000 acres more or less.

November 27th, 1899.

S. O. CHURCH.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Deep Creek, in the southern part of Galena Bay and about seven and one-half miles from Arrowhead, B. C., in the district of West Kootenay, commencing at a post marked T. H. D., N.W. Cor., about 30 chains west of Deep Creek, and 125 chains from its mouth; thence south 125 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 125 chains; thence west 80 chains, to point of beginning, containing 1,000 acres more or less.

November 27th, 1899. T. H. DRCEW.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to purchasers of lots in Block "A," Town of Revelstoke, otherwise known as the "Mara Townsite Property," that all instalments on account of purchase are to be paid to John D. Sibbald, Mara Townsite Agent, and to no other person.

J. A. MARA.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 320 acres of land situate in the Yale District and Burnt Basin, marked out and described as follows. Beginning at a post marked Initial Post, and "W. E. Ellis' North East Corner"; thence 80 chains west; thence 40 chains south; thence 80 chains east; thence 40 chains north, to the place of beginning.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1899.

W. E. ELLIS.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership hitherto existing between C.M. Field and John Bourke has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Outstanding debts are to be paid in equal proportion to both parties.

(Sgd.) C. M. FIELD.
JNO. BOURKE.

Revelstoke, Dec. 12, 1899.

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