

THE FIGHTING AT WEPENER

Boers in Unknown Numbers Attack Gen. Brabant,

ROUNDER OF CANNON HEARD

Orange State and Natal—Roberts Moves Troops Mysteriously—Censorship is Strict—Hope of Entrapping Some Boers—Buller Seizes a Pass—Boers Prisoners Reach St. Helena.

April 10.—(Special).—The attack on Gen. Brabant at dawn today.

Boers are in unknown numbers, reinforcements reaching them.

A body of Boers is marching to Springfontein.

HEAR SOUNDS OF BATTLE.

A firing of heavy guns was heard on the day at Maseru in Basutoland indicating battle.

ARMY MOVEMENTS.

The Eighth Division has been diverted to Fourteen Streams to Springfontein.

Boers are going on the troops at Bloemfontein and Lord Roberts is preparing to cut off some of the raiding forces.

SHIP-BOERS FORTIFYING.

Boers are not allowed to send letters.

Boers are said to be mounting big guns near Elandsbaai in Natal and are firing Wessel's Nek.

FIGHTING IN NATAL.

The War Office will land 20,000 horses in Natal before the end of May.

Firing was heard this morning at the Orange River but no details received.

LOSERS ON BOTH SIDES.

Boers are expected to make an attempt to retake and destroy the Orange River bridge.

Casualties at Wepener were heavy on both sides.

SEES HARD FIGHTING.

Reports that on March 27, the heaviest fighting of the war at Wepener was repulsed.

PRISONERS REACH ST. HELENA.

Boers Niobe and Milwaukee reached St. Helena with the Boer prisoners.

Truro, March 15th, 1899.

The well known Mantel Burns "Kumfort Powders are the best."

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They have turned out as we expected, neat, pretty and well finished. These first arrivals we think are the forerunners of the finest selection we have ever made. We have used our 18 years experience in picking out the newest and prettiest things shown for the season's wear. Full stock in a few days.

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THE DOMINION OF CANADA

An Essay Read Before Dawn of Day Lodge, Ind. Order of Good Templars.

Dawn of Day Lodge I. O. G. T. spent an evening not long since in hearing papers from different members on different parts of the British Empire. This one by a young lady who recently became a member was pronounced the best and is published by request of the Lodge.

THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

In speaking of the Dominion of Canada, I come to find that I am taking up a very wide subject. We have a territory extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, capable of sustaining an immense population, in the latitudes of which have been nurtured the men, who, for centuries have controlled the destinies of mankind.

Canada has a population of five millions of hardy, self-reliant and intelligent people, inheriting no grievance and shackled by no condition unfavorable to national growth. Our Dominion enjoys a connection with the most powerful Empire in the world, giving the greatest security, with entire exemption from the responsibilities of national defence. We have an unsurpassed railway system, unequalled facilities for internal navigation, and a shipping interest only surpassed by Great Britain, France and the United States.

Canada has to-day resources unspeakably greater than those possessed by the original thirteen American Colonies on the day they asserted their independence. Look at the Provinces of Canada individually, starting with our own dear little Island, with its pleasant summers and cheerful winters, and with a soil of wonderful fertility and waters teeming with undeveloped riches. "We may roam through this world like a child at a feast" and we shall find no spot where the people are happier, or enjoy greater educational and religious advantages; or where men of different creeds and races live more harmoniously together than on Prince Edward Island.

Take a passing glance at Nova Scotia, with her great mineral resources, her flourishing shipping interest, her magnificent orchards and her rich dyke-lands, which "the sturdy hands of the Acadian farmers reclaimed from the sea with labor incessant."

Next under our observation comes the beautiful Province of New Brunswick, still abounding in the wealth of the forest and with undoubted agricultural capabilities. Then comes the "grand old Province" of Quebec, watered by the mighty St. Lawrence and its lordly tributaries; and inhabited by the descendants of Champlain and Cartier who notwithstanding their French origin are not one whit behind their Celtic or Anglo-Saxon fellow-citizens in loyal adhesion to British Institutions and love for the Dominion of Canada. Reclining on the shores of the Great Lakes, Ontario, rich, enterprising and progressive, presents herself to our view, with a territory large enough to support a population as great as that of France or England.

In the gateway to the mighty west stands the new Province of Manitoba, receiving the wealth, bone and sinew to no inconsiderable extent of the old world and the new. Passing Manitoba we enter a fertile territory extending westward to the base of the Rocky Mountains

and northward to the Peace River, as large as all the older Provinces put together. In traversing what has been called "the great lone land," our tread is not over "an Empire's dust" but on every land is heard "the tread of pioneers, of Nations yet to be." Last but not least, British Columbia rises before us. In the bosom of her valleys, winter can scarcely be said to penetrate, and there too, the soil is rich almost to a fault, while the undeveloped wealth of forest and mine is great almost beyond description. We have also immense wealth in the Yukon gold fields. We have a right to place no mean value on these territories, where even now,

The hunter's fair-haired children, Find a faithful home, Where countless lakes are sparkling And nameless rivers roam.

Is not a glance over our vast and beautiful Dominion calculated to inspire every Canadian with a love of country? And when he calls to mind that Canada is the home of freedom, he is impelled to exclaim with Fitz-Eustace, when surveying the plains of Flodden; "Where is the coward who would not dare fight for such a land."

Can it be that the tread of pioneers is to be no more heard in the plains of our mighty West? Can it be that the beautiful rivers of Assiniboia and Saskatchewan are to be forever monopolized by the canoe of the savage, or can it be that the children of the men who "quelled the savage and spared the tree," are unequal to the task of carrying forward in the days of peace and plenty, the work, which has had its foundation firmly laid in the midst of toil, danger and privation? No, above the hoarse, uncertain growl of political dispute, may be heard the clear confident ringing voice of enterprise inviting the men of Canada to go up and possess the magnificent heritage which God has given them. Is there a man amongst us who has no faith in the future of Canada? Who has no word of cheer for our brave fellow Canadians, who are to-day fighting in South Africa, and who have shown to the world their loyalty, by their hearty response to the call of the Imperial Parliament for aid when British territory is disputed? Who have left the comforts of home to fight for their Queen and country?

In Canada all are free to worship God as conscience dictates, and nearly all denominations are to be found there. Temperance work is divided among Good Templars, Sons of Temperance, Royal Templars W. C. T. U's with the children's temperance societies connected with each. There are also a number of church temperance societies. Canada also abounds in other fraternal societies, among which is prominent The Independent Order of Foresters, at the head of which is Dr. Oronhyatekha of Toronto who is a full-blooded Mohawk Indian, of which he is very proud. He has become a conspicuous figure in Canadian history, and no sketch of Canada would be complete without mention of such a famous descendent of one of the original tribes, that formerly inhabited Canada.

TEMPLAR.

SIR WILFRID WILL SPEAK

On Empire Day on the Value of British Citizenship.

SOME DOUKHOBOR ANARCHISTS

Execution Fixed for Good Friday—Fatal Riot at a Labor Strike—Tornado Destroys a Texas Town—United States Shipments of Locomotives and Tenders to Eastern Russia.

OTTAWA, April 10.—(Special).—Many protests are being sent to the department of Justice against the execution of Henry Williams of Toronto on Good Friday.

The matter is not in the hands of the Executive but the trial Judge can order a respite so that the execution may take place on a later day.

ANARCHISTIC DOUKHOBORS.

WINNIPEG, April 10.—(Special).—A large quantity of seditious and Anarchistic literature has been discovered among the Doukhobors, printed in their own language and supposed to have been distributed by Russian Anarchists.

WILL SPEAK ON EMPIRE DAY.

MONTREAL, April 10.—(Special).—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has promised the Empire Day committee that he will address the children on the privilege of being a citizen of the British Empire if his Parliamentary duties will permit.



GENERAL BRABANT, Commanding the South African Mounted Brigade.

General Brabant, who has been doing such good work with the colonial corps under his command in the southern part of the Orange Free State, is a favorite with both officers and men and is considered as fearless and skillful a leader as any in the British Army.

A former officer of the Cape Mounted Yeomanry, Captain Durie, writing to the London 'Daily Mail' says, in reference to the term bestowed on General Brabant of "the ever-victorious General":

"You recently applied to General Brabant a title formerly bestowed on the brave and lamented Colonel Gordon—"The ever-victorious General."

"It may interest your readers to know that the parallel holds good in another way. Gordon is reported to have invariably carried with him a little riding-stick. When I had the honor of serving under General Brabant—as he was then—in the Cape wars of 1878-79, he was never seen on horseback without a similar stick, carried as a rule steadily in his right hand; but when that same little stick began to twitch we all knew Brabant meant business.

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A FATAL STRIKE RIOT.

MAMARONECK, N. Y. April 10.—(Special).—During a riot among the striking laborers on the boulevard several men were shot one or two severely. One Italian will probably die.

BAD TORNADO IN TEXAS.

AUSTIN, Texas, April 10.—(Special).—The town of Lebanon was swept by a tornado this morning and the place completely demolished. All the wires are down.

FOR THE FAR EAST.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—(Special).—The steamer Wilhelmina is taking Prince Yoshitoko of Tokyo a steel house to be put up in sections and also 31 locomotives and tenders to be put up at Vladivostok Russia.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, April 10.—(Special).—The following are the closing rates:

April, wheat, 67; corn, 34; oats, 24; pork, \$13.05.
May, wheat, 67; corn, 34; oats, 24; pork, \$13.05.
July, wheat, 65; corn, 40; oats, 24; pork, \$13.12.

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THE EDITOR'S MAIL.

SIR,—I was very much interested in the article which appeared in your columns yesterday morning entitled "Developing our Resources." I hope to see it followed up by another entitled "Husbanding our Resources." Having for some time past had great faith in the possibilities of Prince Edward Island if only our people would work unitedly in bringing about the best results, I take the liberty of throwing out a few suggestions, which may or may not be thought worthy of consideration. In the first place I believe we are over-governed. If each county was represented by five or six men making a house of fifteen or eighteen members, I think it would be amply sufficient for all our requirements and thereby make a considerable saving in the annual expenditure.

It is a well known fact that whilst we have a country as rich in dairying and agricultural possibilities as the minerals of Nova Scotia or the timber lands of New Brunswick, the resources which we have been able to count upon in the past to make revenue and expenditure meet are gradually but surely being reduced, whilst the expenditure is as low as it is ever likely to be under any Government, whether Liberal or Tory, having due regard to the efficient maintenance of the roads, bridges and other public works. I venture to think that this will be admitted by all honest and independent men regardless of politics.

Then what are the greatest difficulties in the way at the present time of having the Province governed as any successful business man or farmer conducts his private affairs? Simply the fear of opponents making a howl throughout the country at any measure of reform that might be introduced by this or that party. The fact of the matter

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is that the best interests of the country are being sacrificed on the altar of office holders and office seekers so that the ins may keep in or the outs get in, as the case may be. But are there not sufficient broad-minded, independent men on both sides in the Province who are prepared to drop provincial politics and work together to raise our country out of the ditch of annually recurring deficits brought about by Liberals and Conservatives alike? This can be done by placing country before party and by selecting some good level-headed men from both sides of politics, not necessarily from those now holding seats in the Legislative Assembly, who could meet together and frame a policy that would commend itself to the people and at the same time do away with deficits. Such an assembly could without fear of successful opposition propound some equitable mode of taxation, while at the same time they might grapple with a question which to my mind must sooner or later be dealt with, namely the reduction of the amount expended upon education, which I noticed for the year 1898 amounted to \$129,817.81 out of a total revenue of \$276,182.93.

As this article has already assumed larger proportions than I anticipated I will conclude by expressing the hope that the discussion, if any should arise on these questions, may be conducted in the same fair and impartial manner as I have tried to submit them.

Yours Truly,
HORACE HASZARD.

Stock Notes.

The handsome stallion Luck Jack, owned by Mr. Jabez Lea, Victoria, will travel the same route as last season, through Countyline to Emerald, Clinton, Margate, Kensington, Beechgrove, Kinkora, Mapleplains; the next week through De Sable, Canoe Cove, Nine Mile Creek, Bonshaw, Melville Road. Advertisement with full particulars will appear later.