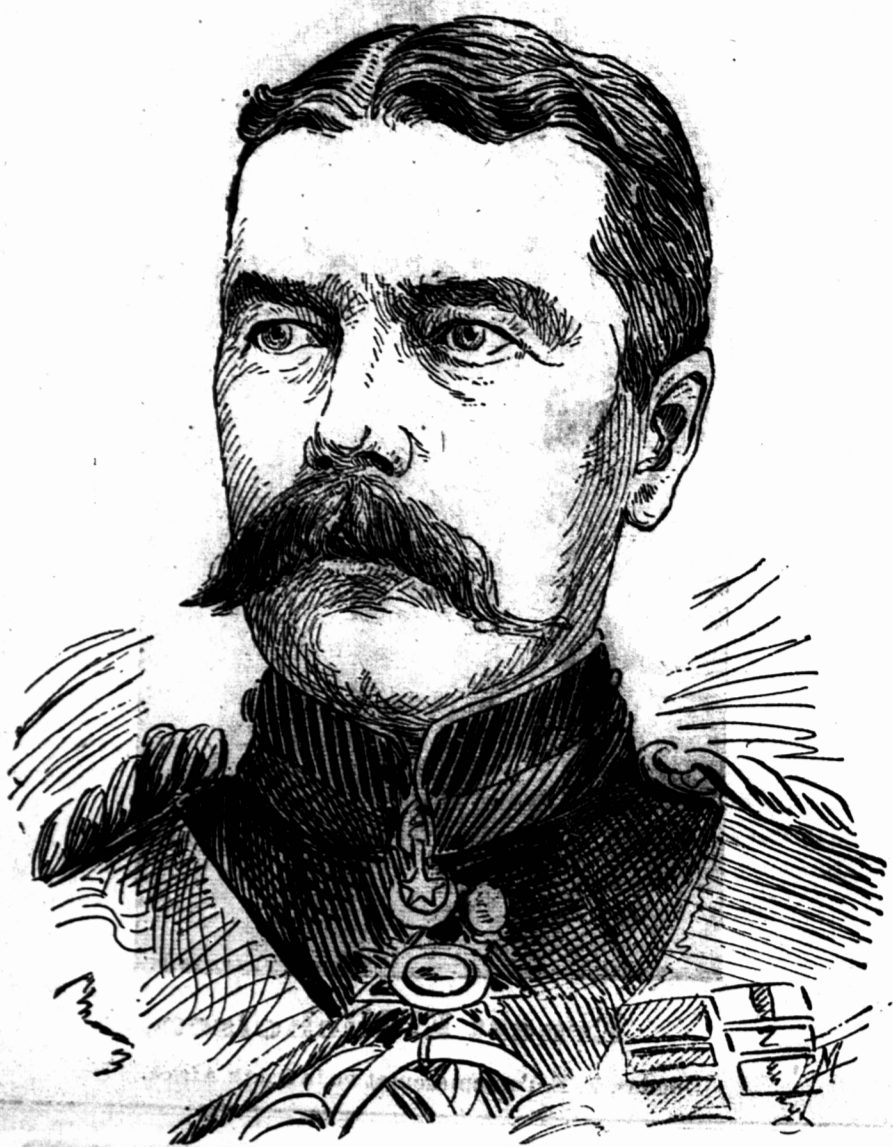


THE FAMOUS SOUTH AFRICAN GENERALS



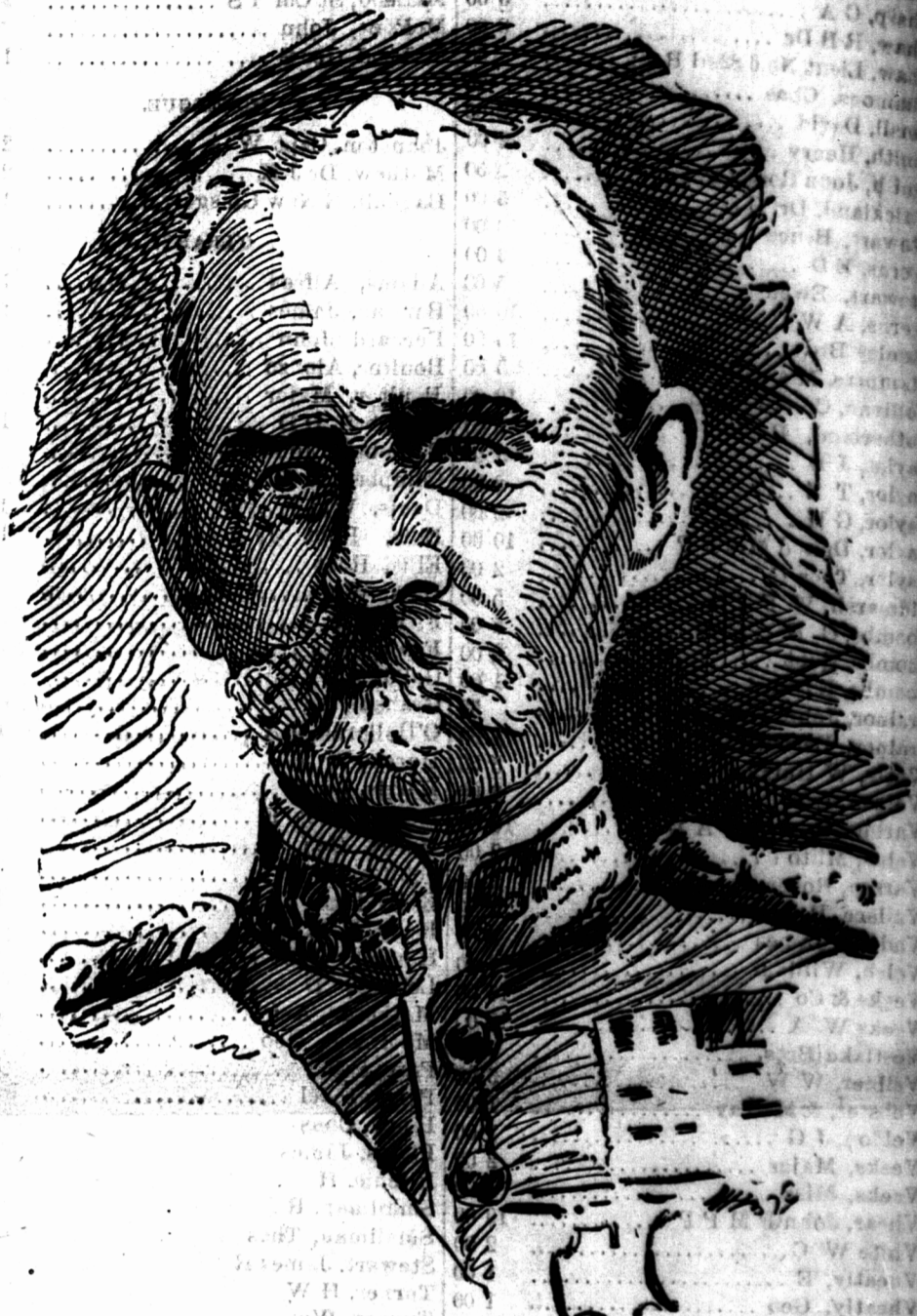
Lord Kitchener.



GENERAL FRENCH,
In Command of the Relief Force at Kimberley.



Lord Dundonald.



Lord Roberts.
Commander in Chief of the British Army.



Col. Baden Powell.
The Defender of Mafeking.



Sir George Stewart White.
The Defender of Ladysmith.

REPORT OF SECY-TREAS.

(Report of Secy-Treasurer.)

On the 6th October 1900, Paul Kruger, President of the South African Republic, issued his famous ultimatum. Six days later his troops had invaded the British territories, and all hope of settlement, save by the stern arbitrament of battle, had to be relinquished. It soon became apparent that the war, thus precipitated, would be a serious one, and, principally to afford her moral support in the face of possible intervention, the British Colonies hastened to range themselves at the side of the Mother-land. Canada was not backward in this matter for on the 31st October 1899 the Sardinian, having on board the 1st Contingent, sailed from Quebec bound for Cape Town.

Then followed three dreary months replete with disaster, the memory of which will long dwell in the minds of Britons. At length, however, the tide began to turn and, in February 1900, the cheering news of the victory of Paardeburg was flashed over the Empire. Here, in Canada, our hearts beat full with mingled emotions of pride and sorrow as it was realised how nobly, but at what a cost, our citizen soldiers had sustained the best traditions of their ancestors in every Province of the Dominion there sprang into being a burning desire to give visible expression to the deep sense of obligation felt to those who had so fought and fallen in our behalf, and particularly was it felt that the memory of the latter should be fittingly honoured. However, as the war still continued to drag its weary length along, and as contingent after contingent was called to the front, the matter had to be left temporarily in abeyance.

To the Guardian newspaper is due the credit of having first in this Province sounded the call for action. On the fourth day of October 1900 it issued an appeal and opened a subscription list for the erection of a monument to "our fallen heroes." The response was immediate, but it was felt that the movement should be given a more official character so, at the invitation of the Mayor, a large number of citizens met in the council chamber on the 16th October 1900 and a committee, consisting of the Premier, the Mayor, Lt. Col. Moore, D. O. C., C. C. Gardiner, Percy Pope, James Byrne, L. L. Bear, Mr. Justice Fitzgerald, J. E. B. McCready, L. W. Watson, Patrick Blake and Senator Ferguson, was appointed to take the matter in hand.

This committee met for the first time on the 20th Oct., 1900, and, having appointed the Premier, (Hon. D. Farquharson) Chairman; Mr. Justice Fitzgerald, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Percy Pope, Secy-Treasurer, at once set about obtaining designs and securing funds for the desired object. On entering upon its duties, it speedily became apparent to the committee that to secure a monument of artistic design, well executed, a much larger sum, than was anticipated, would be required, therefore while information was being sought and designs invited from every available source, its energies were principally directed towards collecting as large an amount as possible. By October following owing in great part to the strenuous efforts put forth by the canvassing committee, C. C. Gardiner, L. L. Bear and Lt. Col. Moore; to the production of "Zebra" under the auspices of the committee which realized \$300.00; and to grants of \$600.00 and \$300.00 obtained from the Provincial Government and City Council respectively, a subscription fund of \$3300.00 had been secured and the committee felt in a position to proceed with a fair prospect of obtaining a creditable result.

On Nov. 14th Judge Warburton was appointed a member of the committee Vice James Byrne, deceased.

Having carefully considered all the proposals submitted, some dozen or more in all, the committee desiring to expend as little money as possible on the pedestal with the view of obtaining a bronze statue, designed by a competent artist and cast by makers of undoubted reputation, permanent work of art unanimously decided in favour of that of Hamilton McCarthy R. C. A. of Ottawa, and having obtained the necessary authority from a public meeting of subscribers and citizens held in the City Council Chamber Nov. 8th 1901, entered into a contract with that gentleman, wherein he undertook to erect the monument, as per model, for the sum of \$4000.00 and to complete it by July 1st 1902.

During the winter of 1901-1902 in consultation with Mr. McCarthy the committee dealt with all matters of detail, including designs of bronze tablets, to carry the memorial and dedicatory inscriptions, (the latter involving an extra charge of \$105.00) colour and quality of the stone, manner of setting up etc., etc.

Early in the spring of 1902, E. F. Purdy who had secured from Mr. McCarthy the contract of supplying and erecting the pedestal, had finished the work satisfactorily and, being assured by Mr. McCarthy that the bronzes would be ready, the committee proceeded to make arrangements for unveiling the monument on July 1st.

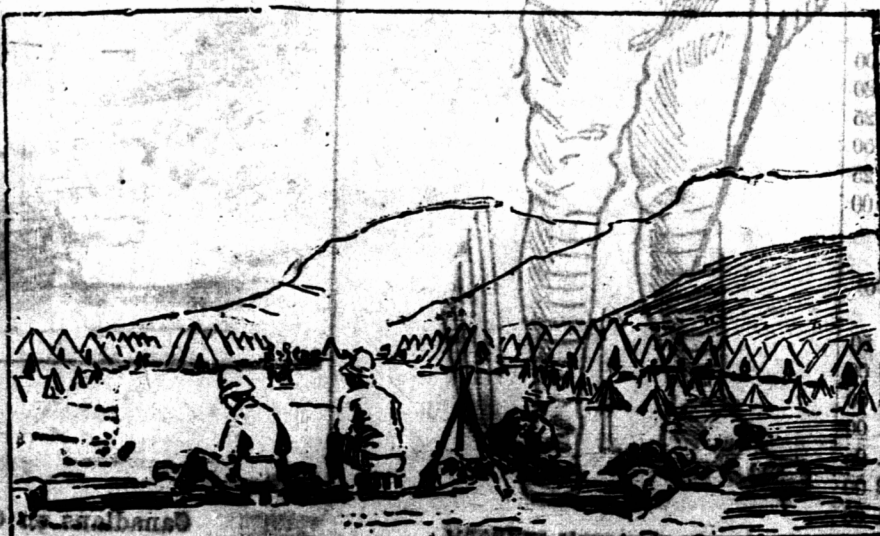
Owing, however, to unforeseen delays, on the part of Mr. McCarthy in completing his models to his satisfaction, and to subsequent difficulties which occurred in getting the statue and tablets cast in bronze at the Henry Bonnard Co., of New York, these were not ready for shipment until after the close of navigation and, consequently the unveiling ceremony had to be deferred until the spring of 1903.

On May 5th 1903 the statue and bronzes were landed in Charlottetown, but, in view of the fact that it was impossible to secure the presence of the Minister of Militia, Sir Louis Davies and Col. Lord Aylmer at an earlier date, it was decided by the committee to defer the ceremony of unveiling until July 6th, the additional delay being considered a small matter compared with making the ceremony sufficiently impressive to bring home to our people the lessons which the monument is designed to teach.

Entering upon their duties, without any previous experience in such matters the members of the committee found the task of obtaining reliable information and forming correct judgements by no means an easy one, but they feel reasonably satisfied with the result of their labours and, in handing over the monument to those who entrusted them with the duty of providing for its erection believe that it is one of which the community can feel justly proud; that the artist for his conception, the artisans concerned in the execution of his ideas and the persons at whose instance the monument has been erected have ample cause for satisfaction in the work as completed.

The following is a complete list of all subscriptions received by the Secy-Treasurer to date, to which will be attached a general statement of receipts and expenditures. All of which is respectfully submitted.

PERCY POPE,
Secy-Treasurer.



A CAMP OF THE CANADIANS.



Sir Redvers Buller.
The Reliever of Ladysmith.



Sir Hector McDonald.
The Famous Scottish Commander.