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THE MORNING GUARDIAN

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1899.

THE WAR NEWS.

The second battle near Modder River, it is now learned has entailed the severest loss in killed and wounded of any battle in the campaign. Following the terrible repulse of Gen. Gatacre at Stormberg with heavy loss in missing men it naturally aroused the keenest desire for victory in another quarter. That feeling was tersely expressed by the Westminster Gazette in the words: "If ever England needed a victory it is now, and it is to Buller, the soldier strong cool-headed and reticent that the country looks for this victory."

It was natural therefore that there should have been intense rejoicing when yesterday it was announced in England and all over the English speaking world that Generals Buller and Cleary had defeated the Boer forces, captured 10 000 prisoners and raised the siege of Ladysmith. Stocks went up in England and throughout Canada as here in Charlottetown flags were flying to the breeze.

Later came the ominous tidings that the War Office in London discredits the news, and this fact persists down to the date of our latest despatches last evening. It is almost incredible that such an important victory with such splendid results could have been achieved and the War Office have no information in regard to it.

What seems probable is that important movements for the relief of Ladysmith have been undertaken, are yet incomplete, and the result is yet in doubt. In the present extreme tension of public feeling, and with even the aged Queen herself almost breaking down under the mental strain, we may feel assured that if the War Office could give forth tidings of victory to Sovereign and people they would do so.

We are therefore most reluctantly compelled to doubt the tidings of victory, so eagerly credited by an anxious public. Further news and of an official character will doubtless come to hand today. We await it with a measure of hope, not without a mixture of grave apprehension.

In the Christmas number of the P. E. Island Magazine the illustrations show Simpson's Mills, Bay View; a scene on Dunk River; Cavendish Views; Cape Lefores; Old Protestant Cemetery, Malpeque Road; The Old Kirk, Charlottetown and others, all admirably engraved and printed. The articles are of interest and merit. They include a timely sketch, Merrie Christmas, from the pen of Senator Ferguson; Cavendish in the Olden time by Walter Simpson; Memories of the past, by John P. Tanton; Nursing at Chickamanga Park, by Florence M. Kelly; a continuation of the story of the Tenant League by John Ross; The Phantom Bell Ringers, by J. Edward Rendle; and retaliation, a well-told and interesting incident of the early days of Charlottetown by L. W. Watson; Poetical pieces by the late Thomas A. Lepage, Isa Carrington Cabett and Prof. Caven and to the value of the number, which is the best yet issued of this excellent Magazine. It deserves a very wide circulation.

Gen. Methuen's position, commonly spoken of as at Modder River is really at a village of that name about a mile and a half north of that stream. The Boer position at Magerfontein, which he attacked unsuccessfully, is about four miles further north.

Loyal Canadians will feel hearty sympathy for the aged Queen on whom "the cares that yoke with empire" fall so heavily in these days of severe trial. Her great age necessarily reduces the power to bear the intense strain caused by repeated reverses in South Africa.

The Manitoba Free Press, organ of the Greenway Government fails to find any other reason for the defeat but bribery and corruption. It hints that the brigade of strangers who came in from the east and west took money with them which at the last moment induced hundreds of electors to change sides. No evidence is offered in support of the charge. It has been quite common with both parties when defeated to account for the fact in this way.

In the new Manitoba House a large proportion of Hugh John's followers are new men who have had no experience in political life. The Free Press claims that most of Mr. Greenway's followers, on the contrary, have sat for years in the Legislature and have a better knowledge of public affairs than their opponents. Experience will no doubt come to the new men more quickly than the other fellows will regain their lost majority.

In the Belfast district at the recent by-election 1446 votes were cast as against 1466 at the general election of 1897. The Liberal candidate received 57 fewer votes and the Conservative candidate 37 votes more than in 1897. In the Murray Harbor district, there was a larger number of votes polled than at the general election—1,001 as against 958. Here the Liberal candidate received 27 votes less and the Conservative candidate 70 more than in 1897. Surely the railway and bridge policy does not account for the change. The Liberal candidate were both worthy and popular men. If it was not the License Act which led to their defeat what was it?

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