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Several Thousand Troops on the Move.

The Ostensible Purpose is to Drive out the Boers—General Buller's Patrol Have a Sharp Skirmish—French Failed to Engage the Boers.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EXAMINER.

THE LONDON CRITIC.

LONDON, March 2, 7.15 a.m.—Military observers here, and even those in close affiliation with the War Office, are considerably confused as to what is being done for the succor of Mafeking.

Some five thousand or six thousand men are engaged with Lord Methuen at Warrenton and Fourteen Streams and now another column is about leaving Kimberley, if it has not already started for Griquatown, a hundred and six miles westward.

Its ostensible purpose is to drive out the Boers. The force is described as a strong one and the expedition is likely to attract attention.

General Buller's patrols had a sharp skirmish on Sunday at Wachabak.

Lord Roberts' infantry have now been quiet for fourteen days and news of an advance is hourly expected.

The Times prints a statement from Cape Town to the effect that the Boers after deducting heavy losses, are probably unable now to put more than 30,000 men on the fighting line.

A BOER REPORT.

PRETORIA, March 23, via Lorenzo Marques.—General Joubert has returned from Kroonstad. He is full of hope and may return to Natal shortly.

HE COULDN'T CATCH THEM.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 25.—General French has returned to Thaba N'chu, having failed to engage the Boers who are trekking northward.

The Montreal Herald's correspondent writing from Paarderberg reports that Roland D. Taylor was shot through the heart while advancing, and that Wayne (of Hunter River) was wounded but slightly.

Senator Lewin's Will.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ST. JOHN, March 27.—The estate of the late Senator Lewin was probated yesterday at \$3,500 real, and \$314,500 personal. With the exception of \$5,000 to the Methodist conference of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, the interest to be applied to supernumerary ministers, D. Pollard and Ministers' Widows' Fund, all his estates is left to his immediate relatives, his grandson, J. D. Pollard Lewin being the principal beneficiary. The will occasions considerable surprise as it was generally expected that the Mount Allison educational institution would be handsomely remembered.

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THE PINEAU MATTER.

Animated Discussion in the Senate.

There was an animated discussion in the Senate on the 22nd inst respecting the Paris Exhibition appointment. Mr. Ferguson asked if Mr. Pineau, member-elect for the Prince Edward Island Legislature, had, with others, received any appointment, but in answering Mr. Mills overlooked this question.

Mr. Ferguson said he had good reason to know that Mr. Pineau had been appointed, and had been spirited away out of the country in order to affect the standing of the Provincial Legislature. He had been elected and approached, and now appointed to Paris to get out of the way.

Sir McKenzie Bowell said the charge made by Mr. Ferguson was a very serious one.

Mr. Mills said it would be well to ascertain the facts before judging.

Sir McKenzie Bowell said Mr. Ferguson had stated that this was so.

Hon. David Mills said Mr. Ferguson evidently intended to make a charge; let him do so. He had not done so, but had put a question upon a subject which he said he knew all about. Personally, he knew nothing about the matter. He had applied to the Minister of Agriculture, who had supplied the information given. If as charged, they were trafficking in offices, the charge ought to be made, and Sir Mackenzie should not skulk behind a question put by Mr. Ferguson.

Mr. Scott said Mr. Ferguson had allowed his suspicions to carry him too far. He had left his seat and asked if Mr. Pineau had been appointed. Mr. Fisher said he knew nothing of the appointment.

Hon. D. Ferguson—Why was not the question answered?

Hon. R. W. Scott—It was answered Mr. Pineau might have been appointed by the Provincial Government.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said he was not in the habit of skulking; he repeated every word he had said.

Hon. Mr. Kirchhoffer desired to pour oil on the troubled waters. The question had been standing for some time and the most important part of it was not answered. He thought Mr. Mills should have been prepared to answer. If specific enquiry were to be made and answer given, then the whole matter could rest.

TO GET HIM OUT OF THE WAY.

Hon. D. Ferguson said Mr. Pineau was elected recently in opposition to the Provincial Government of Prince Edward Island. In January it was rumored that he had been approached and offered \$5 a day and expenses to go to Paris. The object was to get him out of the way and tide the Government over the session. He had given notice of a series of meetings in his riding, but without consulting his friends he suddenly disappeared. He turned up in Ottawa, but left the day Mr. Tarte left. The man had been seduced, he did not know whether by the Provincial Government or the Federal Government. It might be true that Mr. Fisher knew nothing about it. Mr. Tarte might have made the arrangement. Very probably he did. He accepted Mr. Mills' word, but thought it strange that in making ready the answer the Department of Agriculture could not say yes or no to that part of the question.

Mr. Power thought Mr. Pineau might have come to Ottawa to see Mr. Tarte on business and have gone with him.

Mr. Power thought this a serious question. Bibbery had been bad enough when private funds were used. It became worse when a machine was formed for the purpose of burning ballots, but it was fifty times worse when, after an election, public funds and offices were used to purchase members elect.

Hon. David Mills quite agreed that they ought to have honest government. They had waited many years for it. Mr. Ferguson had many charges, but he did not know against whom. Somebody must be tried. Mr. Fisher said he had not appointed him or even ever heard his name.

Hon. G. W. Allan regretted the tone of the discussion, but thought a speech like that of Mr. Mills was calculated to produce recriminations.

Hon. Mr. Kirchhoffer said the whole thing was an exhibition of "what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive." He did not say that Mr. Mills had deceived.

The subject then dropped.

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