

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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VICTORY!

It took Lord Roberts only a fortnight to break the power of the Boers in the West. All true British men will unite in joy and thankfulness. Having overcome Cronje and captured a large part of his army, the British forces are free to deal with Joubert in the East. The news that the Boers are concentrating betokens the speedier conclusion of the war.

THE BRIDGE.

In the recent by-election contest, the Government speakers declared, again and again, that an agreement had been entered into between the Dominion and Provincial Governments providing for the construction of a bridge across the Hillsborough River. This idea was so strongly impressed upon the minds of the electors that many believed it. These persons—of the better class of Liberals—will be surprised to learn that they were deceived and misled.

It will be remembered that THE EXAMINER always treated the statement as apocryphal, and repeatedly demanded proofs that the agreement had been entered into, as well as information concerning its terms. But these were no answer. It now appears that THE EXAMINER'S suspicions were well grounded. The agreement had not at that time been made.

But while the Government delegates were at Ottawa, a few days ago, an agreement was drawn up and made ready for signature.

It will stand to the credit of Premier Faubert that he refused to commit this Province to this agreement until the people who are interested in the bridge have had an opportunity to look into the matter.

Some of the merchants of Charlottetown and others were, consequently, called together yesterday afternoon and, though the proposed agreement was withheld, an important question—the question of location—was submitted for consideration. According to the agreement, as prepared, the bridge is to be built between Kensington and Match's Point, though the interests of town and country, present and prospective, require that it shall, if possible, be built not further up the Hillsborough River than the line of Cumberland Street.

We shall not now discuss this question. We shall await the information requested by the citizens, who were present at the

meeting, in the resolution submitted by the President of the Board of Trade.

In the meantime, the following points are to be borne in mind:

1. The construction of the bridge and railway has been provided for by acts of the Legislature and Parliament. That point is gained. The bridge may come this year; it may come next year; it is bound to come.
2. We are in favor of the construction of the bridge.
3. But the mass of the people—all the people we believe, except a few speculators—desire that the bridge shall be placed where it will do most good, and not out of the way of direct communication with Charlottetown.

C. M. B. A.

The annual entertainment and social of the Charlottetown branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was held in the hall of the Ancient Order of Hibernians last night. The attendance was large, and the proceedings were of a most enjoyable character. The literary and musical portion of the exercises began at eight o'clock, and the following programme was rendered in an excellent manner:

- Opening remarks.....
 President MacDonald
 Instrumental Duett.....
 Miss Carroll and Mrs. Kelly.
 Song.....
 Mr. B. McInnis.
 Recitation.....
 Miss Fitzgerald.
 Song.....
 Mrs. Byrne.
 Song.....
 Mr. C. Hermans.
 Address.....
 Miss Lucy Blanchard
 Rev. Dr. McMillan.
 Song.....
 Mrs. Blake.
 Reading.....
 Mr. Jas. H. Reddin.
 Song.....
 Mrs. O'Reilly.
 Cornet Solo.....
 Mr. Wm. Brown.
 Song.....
 Prof. Caven.
 Instrumental Duett.....
 The Misses Ryan and Blanchard.
 God Save the Queen.

Dr. McMillan's address was a masterly exposition of the objects and benefits of the C. M. B. A., and he strongly urged every young man present who was not already a member to send in his application at once. The opening remarks of the President, Mr. Alexander MacDonald, were of a similar character.

After the entertainment dancing was enjoyed for several hours, the music being furnished by a small orchestra.

An excellent supper was provided by the wives of the members of the association.

Before dispersing the company joined in singing the National Anthem.

FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

The Late Roland Taylor Writes from Belmont—The Doings of the Islanders.

The following letter, dated Belmont, January 19th, is from Roland Taylor, reported killed in the fighting of the 18th:

DEAR FATHER,
 The war is likely to last longer than any of us supposed. In a great many cases the Boers place the Free Staters in the most exposed places, and thus save their own troops. They are mostly on the defensive and thus have the advantage. They are up to all sorts of tricks. One fellow dressed up in a Highlander's uniform and advanced within fifty yards of our pickets, then suddenly dropped down behind a rock and fired on the British. He escaped. Another tried to drive a herd of cattle through the British lines, dressed in Scotch uniform, but he was stopped.

We hear that a second contingent is coming from Canada. If this is so and Kitchener and Roberts do not bring the war to a speedy issue, which I think is impossible without great loss of life, we will stay out the year.

We have a regimental canteen, where everything good is kept, and a fruit vendor who sells grapes, pineapples and peaches, imported from Natal; so that the prices for everything is high. I am unable to save any wages out of 1s. 3d. per day. I have a box under my head in the tent which belongs to Fred Furze and me. It contains four pounds of rice, sugar, treacle, salt, raisins and oatmeal. Sometimes we get jam. Oatmeal is sixpence per pound; rice sixpence, sugar sixpence, raisins one shilling; beer is sold every other day or so, and costs sixpence per quart. I had some once, but not any since. I have received a receipt from Cape Town for subscription to the Weekly Times, so let me know if you do not get it.

For a month now there has been great talk of a box of chocolates which was to be given from the Queen to the troops, and at every train which arrives, the boys exclaim, "Here comes the box!" Fred Furze found two packages of cordite while he was in the advance guard on one of our patrols. I was with him at the time, and shortly afterwards we started up a deer, but we were not allowed to discharge our arms, except on business. Last night our boys were on Sugar Loaf Kopje. We saw bright flashes continuously through the night and flashlight, likely in Kimberley. We heard that the kopje which the Boers occupied near Magersfontein was blown to pieces, and that 5000 Boers were buried or killed by lyddite. The victims of lyddite are killed by concussion made by the explosion. They turn black in the face always. Some of the dead have been found with one eye closed, as in the act of firing.

I have not picked up any diamonds yet! On Wednesday the Australians and Canadians had a day for field sports, but the Australians got most of the first prizes. Don't tell anybody. * * * The Canadian horses are looking tip top, while the Australians do not look so well.

Give my love to Mother, Ellie, Gladys, Johnny and yourself, and remember me to Harvey, Joe, Ellbridge and others.

From your loving son,
 ROLLIE.

Mr. A. R. Dillon writes from Belmont on the 19th of January:

I should have written to you long before this, but really there has been very little of interest to write about. Long before you could get it from me you would see the correspondence from the front of the other Canadian papers, with their glowing accounts of the Canadian contingent, for every paper we get seems to be full of our doings.

The Island boys are all well at present writing, and we are in good spirits—very anxious to get into a fight. But that event is being put off from time to time, the authorities telling us that we are to go into the firing line "next week;" but next week has not arrived yet.

I think that it is very probable we shall be in the next fight at Modder River; and then if I come safely through it I will write you a good account of it the first opportunity afterwards.

There is some talk here now to the effect that we shall leave for home about the end of March. The authorities are offering ten shillings a day, each man to find his own grub, for recruits who will join the South African Mounted Police for a term of two years, and I think that some of the Canadians will join this force.

Are they doing anything in Charlottetown for the Island boys? We hear out here that all the other provinces are getting up subscription lists for their men, and we do not think our Island will be behind any of them. Our pay out here is £1.18.9 (about \$9.38) per month and the grub is so poor, compared to what we have been used to, that it takes all our pay to feed us.

Well, slow work is being made of the Boers out here, and I think it will be some time before this war is ended. Mail is very much delayed; we have received only one lot of Island papers out here, and you do not know how we miss them. We have not got our box from the Island, but we expect it every day.

We have not yet had any wet weather. Must close hurriedly as I have just been ordered to go out on outpost duty.

—Japanese imports are rapidly decreasing under her new protective tariff, which went into effect at the beginning of 1899, while her exports continue increasing. The total imports of Japan during the first seven months of 1899 were 111,531,744 yen, against 177,074,378 yen for the corresponding months of the previous year, while the exports at the same time were 106,770,121 yen, against 82,188,791 yen in the corresponding months of the previous year, so that while her exports have increased 25 per cent her imports have decreased.

"BALM OF HURT WOUNDS" so Shakespeare terms sleep, but irritated breathing tubes prevent sleep, through desire to cough. Balsam is the same word as balm, and the balm for wounded lungs is Adamson's Botanic Cough Balsam. 25c. all druggists.

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The formal opening of the new Prince of Wales College and Normal School will take place in the Assembly Hall, on

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One lot of soiled Blankets go at 25 per cent off. All Table Linens soiled on the double edge go at 25 per cent off.

23 Bed Covers white Grecian go at 25 per cent.

163 Pairs of Corsets go at 25c, 45c, 65c, and \$1.00. They were marked 25 per cent more.

50 White Lawn Aprons were 50c now 39c. 235 Pairs of odd sizes in Ladies' Kid Gloves, Black and Colored at 1/3 off.

18 Colored Sateen Bed Comforts at 25 per cent off.

These goods will not be sold at the above prices after March 1st.

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