

Reading Room  
House of Commons



**We've Cut  
the Price  
in Two**

We've just being going over the hats. A few sailors left, some walking hats, some rough riders, the shapes are right. They're all new this season.

We've put them all on two tables, up by the windows, in the millinery department.

Choose from them at

**Half-Price.**

**MOORE & McLEOD**

Lord Methuen Defeats  
The Whole Boer Force

**BRIGHTON ALE and STOUT**

DEFEATS ALL IMPORTED

RY IT. Can be procured at—

Brighton Brewery & Office No. 79, Queen St.

TELEPHONE NO. 91

**You are Invited**

To call and see our XMAS STOCK of Reed and Rattan Chairs—Cobbler Seat Rockers, Fancy Oak and Mahogany Tables, &c., &c.

**Our Rattan Goods  
are Particularly Fine**

So are the prices. Call in and look round. Our time is yours—we will be glad to show you goods, and quote prices.—Selections may be made now, and will store for you and send home when you want them.

**JOHN NEWSON**

## General Joubert Has Been Superseded

**CLERY ASSUMES COMMAND  
AT FRERE.**

**All Well at Ladysmith on Dec. 3rd.**

Gordon Highlanders Celebrate St. Andrew's Day in Ladysmith. Methuen Was at Modder River on Dec 2nd. Lack of News Causing Much Annoyance in England.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The continued absence of any news here of the expected advance of the British forces in Natal, is creating some impatience, which would be greater but for the circulation of apparently

UNQUESTIONABLE REPORTS

that Ladysmith was safe up to December 3rd, and less authenticated rumours that a considerable section of the besiegers had been detached from their position.

It is evident, nevertheless, that the twenty-four Boer guns in position around the town are harassing the garrison somewhat severely, and that the total casualties, when the list becomes known, are likely to form a long list.

G. W. Stevens, in a despatch dated December 1st, informs The Daily Mail that only two of the besiegers' big guns are dangerous; and his account of the sports and the festivities in camp show that the beleaguered troops are cheerful enough to play football, cricket and polo, and hold a Championship sculling match on the Klip River.

General White, on St. Andrew's Day presided at a banquet of the Gordon Highlanders, at which salmon, haggis, turkey and fruit figured.

In the course of his speech on this occasion General White said that it was unpleasant to be bombarded, but every one had the satisfaction of knowing that they were playing the correct game.

The latest news received from General Methuen's column was sent on December 2nd, when the camp was still at Modder River. All was well except that two men had been wounded in a small reconnaissance half-way to Jacobsdell.

FRERE, Natal, Dec 6.—Major General Clery arrived here on the second instant, and has assumed command of his division.

At the instigation of the War Office, funds are generally now being raised here for the relief of the soldiers and their dependants. They will apply equally to the Canadian as well as to the Britishers in South Africa.

The Boers that were defeated at Modder River, having retreated to Jacobsdell, may now return north to Spysfontein to

bar Methuen's line of communication with De Aar. In the latter case the CANADIANS CERTAINLY WILL MEET THEM.

Cape Town reports that the Colonials, generally, are men of fine physique, and are keen for battle, although thirty-nine Canadians failed to pass the medical inspection at Cape Town.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Not enough is known in London to enable an estimate of the probable effect of COMMANDANT JOUBERT'S SUPERSESSION.

But it is assumed that though Commander Schalk Burger is a younger and more impetuous man. The Boers' plan of campaign will not be affected, it being understood that it was arranged by a Council of War.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The association of the Canadian contingent with the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders at the front is applauded here as a wise step.

Considering the intimate relations of the Scotch and the Canadians, experts here say that the Canadians have a good chance to see early fighting.

ESTCOURT, Natal, Dec. 4.—The naval brigade shelled the Boers near Chively, on Saturday. Two of the enemy were killed.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A despatch from Ladysmith, dated November 2nd, says: "We have plenty food, water and ammunition."

A brief report from Pretoria says that there was heavy firing at Mafeking on December 2nd, but this statement is not supplemented with details.

The Settlement.

DURBAN, Dec 5.—A memorial has been started praying Great Britain to consider the claims of Natal when settling the future of South Africa. The Natalians desire to annex the Orange Free States or Pondoland and the new Republic taken from Zululand in 1886.

Papers found on captured Boers indicate that the Transvaal Government expected to occupy Durban not later than November 29.

Insults Withdrawn.

PARIS, Dec. 6.—The police in addition to another seizure of copies of La Caricature containing matter and illustrations grossly insulting to Queen Victoria, seized copies of a ribald song entitled "The Disembarkation of the English," containing a drawing ridiculing Her Majesty. The song has been exposed in many shops and kiosks.

New records for graphophones just arrived—latest out—Miller Bros.

**ROYAL Baking Powder**

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menacers to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

BATTLE OF MODDER RIVER.

The Waterloo of the Campaign.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—The correspondent of the Associated Press with General Lord Methuen's column, telegraphing from Modder River last Thursday, says:

"The Waterloo of the campaign has been fought and won. The battle was conducted by unprecedented stubbornness on both sides. There was one continuous clatter like the explosion of countless fire crackers. There was no flinching on either side and not a moment's pause.

For five hours the British batteries poured tons of shrapnel grape and shells into the Boer positions. Lord Methuen had 22 guns, and each fired an average of 200 rounds. The Boers had an almost equal number of guns which, it is reported, were mostly served by French and German artillerymen.

BOERS FORTIFY THEIR POSITION.

"It is believed that the Boers had occupied the position seven weeks before and had spent the interval in fortifying it, and rendering it, as they considered, impregnable. They did not seem to fear to expend their ammunition; and their guns were well and smartly handled.

"Owing to the bend in the river on the right, the Boers had an opportunity of cross-firing on the British attack. A Boer Hotchkiss was directed with marvellous accuracy against a British maxim, killing the sergeant in charge, wounding an officer and disabling the gun. This occurred quite at the beginning of the engagement. Whenever the Boer fire was silenced in one direction it was immediately re-opened in another."

NO ONE WAS OUT OF RANGE.

"Owing to the terrific fire, nobody on the plain was out of range. Stretcher bearers found it impossible to go forward in the few cases they were called upon to attend, and the wounded were compelled, if possible, to crawl out of the lines.

"No quarter seems to be given on either side. The British assert that amid the bullets, the ambulance wagons displayed their flags prominently to no advantage. These were repeatedly driven back and compelled to take refuge out of sight.

HE USES DUM-DUM BULLETS.

"It is alleged that the Boers used dum-dum bullets and made special targets of the horses on the plain in the hope of hitting the riders. While the Argyle Highlanders were pushing across the river, they were fired upon from a house and several fell. Thereupon the Highlanders stormed the house, and although the Boers hoisted a white flag no attention was paid to it and all the Boers were shot.

"It is reported that General Cronje with his contingent retreated towards Langeberg at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Others followed in the direction of Jacobsdell, and the main body of the Boers retired with the guns about eight in the evening.

ENEMY'S CAMP IS DESERTED.

"On the following morning at daybreak the British fired a few shells into the village. Getting no response, a patrol of cavalry crossed the river and found the enemy's camp deserted. Dead Boers and many who were dying, were to be seen everywhere in the entrenchments as well as numerous new graves. Several buildings were in smoking ruins.

Some of the Boer prisoners say that General Cronje was in supreme command. He had to whip his men to prevent them from deserting, and despite this, many threw down their rifles and fled."

WHAT THE TIMES SAY.

The Times says editorially: "The battle affords splendid proof of the unsurpassed qualities of the British soldiers, but while victories won solely by the exercise of those qualities are indeed magnificent, they are not war. They fill us with pride, but with pride not unmingled with regret at the persistent perversity of circumstances which, apparently, prevents us obtaining equal or greater results by processes savoring a little of that military science of which we hear so much."

Cronje Was Confident.

MODDER RIVER, via Orange River, Dec. 1.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Refugees who have returned to Modder River explain that when Commandant Cronje reached Kimberley he maintained that the Modder River could be made a Boer stronghold. The German officers with him concurred in this opinion. The Transvaal commander thereupon forced the Kafirs to work in constructing trenches and

strengthening the other defences. After the retreat of the Free State Boers, under Commandant Duplessis, from Belmont, and their junction with the Modder River force, Commander Cronje expressed himself as being confident in the defence. He declared that if the Boers could not resist the English for three weeks he would return home.

Dutch Rebel Arrested.

LONDON, Dec 5.—A despatch to the Morning Post from Estcourt, Natal, says that Mr. Labuschague, a member of the Natal Legislative Council, has been arrested on his farm near Colenso on suspicion that he was assisting the Boers. He was sent to Pietermaritzburg under military escort.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard says:

"The Cape Government intends, at an early date, to send one of the ministers to England, to urge upon the Imperial Government the acceptance of the Cape Cabinet's view regarding the final settlement after the war."

Newfoundland Situation.

St. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 6.—At present there is no apparent prospect of a settlement of the cabinet dispute. Sir James Winter, the premier, will replace Mr. Morine, minister of fisheries, by Mr. Goodridge, member for Twillingate. It is understood that the premier will face the legislature next month and endeavor to get through the session without defeat. Thus far the opposition factions show no sign of uniting.

Boys see our new hockey boots.—R. K. Jost.

The latest graphophone records just arrived at Miller Bros.

**1900**

Do you want a  
**CALENDAR?**

Do you want a

**Handsome  
Calendar?**

A Calendar that is made for the home, and not for the office!

A Calendar that is ornamental and will look well in any house!

A Calendar that you will enjoy every time you look at it?

You can get such a one at

**CARTERS' Bookstore**  
Santa Claus' Headquarters.

**Get the Best**

in Rubber footwear, that means

**"GRANBY"**

Best because only first class material used in the manufacture of them. Best because they fit well—better than others because they wear longer—all first quality guaranteed.

We are headquarters for these goods in Ch'town. A large assortment always on hand. Wholesale and Retail.

**GOFF BROS**

Rubber Heels—Men's 50c; Women's 40c