

READY FOR KIMBERLEY.

When Gunner Dysart Writes His Letter From Cape Town.

Boys all Well and Full of Mettle—Wages and Prices in South Africa—Ladies Wear the Maple Leaf.

THE DISPATCH received yesterday the following letter from Harry B. Dysart, with "E" Battery in South Africa:—

SUNDAY, Cape Town, Feb. 25th.

We have been a week in camp here and are all well and anxious to move on up to the front. We expect to start for Kimberley tomorrow. We are all ready to start anytime. I think there are about five thousand of the troops in camp around here. They are from all over the world, waiting to go to the front and more coming every day. The harbour is full of transports and gun boats. Prices are pretty high here and wages average about four shillings per day, so, you see, it is not as good a place as old Canada after all. The Kafirs do all the labour here. I must say the Canadians are well liked out this way. Every lady in town is wearing the maple leaf. We heard the boys at the front did good work the other day, and so will we when we get there, which we all hope won't be long now. Let them all know we are well, any way. Will write again from Kimberley.

H. B. DYSART.

Fire at Edmundston.

Fire destroyed the People's Bank of Halifax building and Geo. Bernier's drug store. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is generally thought to have commenced around the chimney of the bank building in some way. No one was within at the time, and when the fire was discovered, at 10.30 p. m., it had gained such headway and there was so much smoke that it was impossible to enter the building to save anything, everything not in the vault was destroyed. The manager was through the bank about two hours before the fire was noticed and found everything safe, and on leaving he put out all lights, the only fire being in the furnace. The manager and clerks, who slept in the second story, lost all their personal effects, and Mr. Cochran, the manager, loses heavily. The bank is insured in the Norwich Union for \$3,000 and its loss is upwards of \$6,000.

George Bernier's dwelling and store, distant only a few feet, caught from the bank and was destroyed with nearly all its contents. He is insured.

By the efforts of the citizens the fire was prevented from reaching the hotel of Felix H. bert, distant four feet.

The hand engine of Messrs. Murchie & Burpee was of great assistance, and by its use the flames were confined to the two buildings. Fortunately there was very little wind.

The Liverpool and London and Globe had \$500 insurance on the Bernier building and \$800 on the stock.

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The War.

There is no special news from the war. Making is not yet relieved, and no one knows when this will be accomplished. Otherwise all looks well. Gen. Roberts is preparing for his advance on Pretoria.

J. K. FLEMING M. P. P., asked Mr. White commissioner of works as to the contract for the flooring of the Woodstock bridge. Mr. White replied that the flooring of the Woodstock bridge was purchased by tender. Only one tender was received—that of J. Albert Hayden—to whom the contract was awarded. The contract price was \$12 per thousand for birch plank, the amount being estimated at 71,000 feet; and \$7 per thousand for spruce, for whatever quantity might be required. The spikes and nails for laying the floor would be purchased by the inspector as required. As no bill had yet been received, he was unable to state whether any such spikes or nails had been yet purchased, or if purchased, from whom, or at what price. Mr. Lewis E. Brewer was the inspector and overseer of the work and received \$2.60 per day. He did not know what rate of wages per day the inspector has had to pay in the case of workmen employed by him, as he had not received any bill for the same. He was not personally acquainted with the inspector, Lewis E. Brewer, but he was advised by the chief engineer and believed that he was a man thoroughly competent to take charge of the work. In connection with the work it may be said that the new flooring is on about half the length of the bridge.

Don't forget the grand carnival in the roller rink, tonight.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

Easter Holidays.

Excursion tickets will be sold for the public at one way lowest first-class fare April 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th, good for return until April 17th, 1900. For school vacations to pupils and teachers of school and colleges, on surrender of Standard form of School Vacation Railway Certificate signed by the principal, sell round trip tickets as under:—

To stations on the Atlantic Division and on the Ontario and Quebec Division as far as and including Montreal, at one way lowest first-class fare from April 6th to 14th, inclusive, good to return until April 24th, 1900. To stations west of Montreal at one way lowest first-class fare to Montreal added to one way first-class fare and one third from Montreal, from April 6th to 14th, and inclusive, good to return until April 24th, 1900.

A. J. HEATH, D. P. A., C. P. R.
St. John, N. B.

The Budget Speech.

Mr. Fielding, finance minister delivered the budget speech last Thursday. After explaining three millions of increased expenditure and referring to the surplus of \$4,837,000, Mr. Fielding affirmed that the current and capital accounts were kept the same as in former years. He admitted that the increase of debt was larger than he had anticipated last year, but contended that the increase under this government had been slower during the past three years than during the eighteen years of tory rule, and showed the useful purposes to which the borrowed money was applied. Passing on to the current year, Mr. Fielding estimated that current revenue would pass the fifty million mark. He estimated the expenditure would be \$43,175,000 and the surplus was expected to reach seven and a half million, the largest in Canadian history. The capital expenditure during eight months past was over five millions, and the minister estimated the total for the current year at \$8,875,000. He was of opinion that the fiscal year would close without a dollar's increase of debt, the ordinary revenue covering capital expenditure as well as current outlay. The Yukon had in three years cost \$2,372,340, and had brought a revenue of \$2,572,646, and therefore rather more than paid for itself. In way of comparison Mr. Fielding claimed an average surplus of over two millions, as against an average deficit of nearly as much during the previous regime. Incidentally, Mr. Fielding remarked that the bonds falling due in the next ten or twelve years would require new loans to be floated for over a hundred millions. They would probably be replaced at so much lower interest that the country would be able to spend some two million a year on capital account without increasing the interest charge.

The government of Canada had proposed to admit free of duty all the products of Trinidad except spirits and tobacco, when the articles are imported direct, Trinidad to admit Canadian goods free or under a minimum rate. The principal articles imported by Canada from the island are sugar, cocoa and asphalt, the last of which is already free. Mr. Fielding took up the proposed tariff changes. It was a short chapter, the only change being an addition to the free list. Machinery, such as is not made in Canada, for the manufacture of beet sugar, was to be admitted free. Certain capitalists were disposed to take up the manufactures of beet sugar. It was estimated that the cost of the equipment would be \$500,000, and of this \$300,000 worth would be imported, so that the concession of free admission would be quite important. For the rest it was not proposed to reduce the general tariff or add to the free list. It was not though wise to reduce the duty on United States goods. If the people of that country had manifested a desire to trade with us, we might have met them in the same desire, but under the circumstances the time was not opportune to reduce the duties on American goods. He could not say whether negotiations with Washington would be resumed, but, if not, the people of Canada would not desire to make concessions to their neighbors. The final and principal announcement which the finance minister had to make related to the British preference. He expressed regret that the opposition party differed from the government as to that policy. The opposition demand their pound of flesh and will not prefer Britain unless they got their quid pro quo. If they had been in power there would have been no preference. If they reach power they will take the preference away. On the other side, the government was certain that British statesmen would not entertain the idea of the gentleman opposite and that if Canada was ever to obtain a preference on British markets it would be by the previous free offer of a preference to England. The lines were thus drawn between the two parties. The government not only intended to stick by what they had done, but proposed, with the approval of the house, to go a step further.

He would ask parliament to enact that after the first of July British goods imported into Canada should have a preference of 33 1-3 per cent., or one-third of the duty, instead of 25 per cent., or one-quarter of the duty, as now. He did not believe the change would have a disturbing effect on home industry, and he desired to give notice that he regarded the rate so established as a fair and reasonable revenue tariff and one that would not be disturbed for a considerable time to come.

In closing, Mr. Fielding said his budget was the story of strong financial position, overflowing treasury, of great public enterprises with slight increases of debt; of a very prosperous, contented and happy people; of a people who bear cheerfully their own responsibilities and give freely of their blood and treasure for the Empire in lands that are far away.

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ROYALTY MAY COME.

Duke and Duches of York Plan to Visit Canada.

NEW YORK, March 23.—A London special to the Journal says; The Duke and Duchess of York are planning to visit Canada as soon as the war is over. They will tour through the country and extend their trip to all the other British colonies which have contingents serving in South Africa. The tour will be one of state with all the distinctive characteristics of a royal visit.

Barrie and the Real Thrums.

"The Real Thrums of Barrie" is to be one of the features of the May Ladies' Home Journal. It is a most charming picture of Mr. Barrie and his beloved Thrums, penned by Miss Mary B. Mullett, a writer whose profound admiration for the author led her on a pilgrimage to Thrums. She chatted of Barrie with his neighbors and with the prototypes of his character in "A Window in Thrums," identified the scenes portrayed in that book, and caught a glimpse of the author himself. She writes of all these a freshness and enthusiasm which bring Barrie and his home into realistic view, a picture full of spirit, atmosphere and action—literally a moving photograph of the people and place.

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General Gatacre	57
General Lord Methuen	55
General Clery	62
General French	48
General Kelly-Kenny	48
General Warren	60
General White	65
Lord Roberts	68
Lord Kitchener	50

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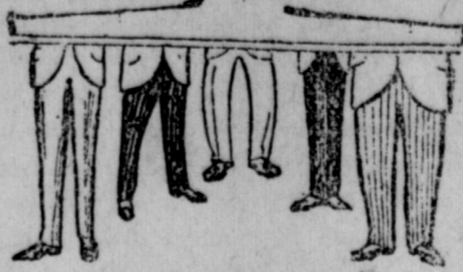
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