### KNOWS ALL ABOUT IT.

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by reason of the unprotected neck of the soldiers, being exposed to the sun. It finally became a nickname for all the English."

Is the government of the Transvaal corrupt?

While I would not say it is the most corrupt in the world, it is most decidedly corrupt. When the gold mines were discovered, there were a great many representatives in the volksraad who had never been possessed of a spare pound in their lives. They suddenly found their votes worth large sums of money. Human nature is much the same all the world over, The volksraad member from the back districts, was no less susceptible to the influence of money than anyone else, and he took his ready cash very openly. People who wanted concessions bought up the members. They made lots out of the concessions, and could afford to pay pretty heavily for the votes.

You think the Boers went into the war quite unprepared to find it such a severe affair.

Most decidedly. They thought all they had to do was to shoot English men. They could not see the possibility of England's winning.

## The War.

At the close of last week a change had taken place in the war situation which was decidedly promising and hearts that had absolutely been put to all the pluck of which they were capable, took full courage. It seemed that the public confidence in Lord Roberts ability was not misplaced and that the good things expected from, would be accomplished by him.

On Thursday last came the first good news in this dispatch.

NEW YORK, Feb 15.—The specials from London to the New York papers printed this morning all tend to the idea that the English military critics believe Lord Roberts to have General Cronjes's Boers forces in a tight place and they look for a decisive battle before the end of the week.

The exact situation as seen in London is put by the Herald correspondent in these Words:—Lord Roberts has begun his operations against the Boer army between the Modder river and Kimberley by initiating a flanking movement, which up to the present time has proved successful. The drifts referred to in Lord Roberts official messages are to the east of Methune's camp, on the Modder River, and within Free State territory. With this huge British force threatening his left wing on a position strengthening from Spyfontein by Magersfontein by Jacobsdal, Cronje is forced to decide whether he will remain or retire. If he elects to go, Kimberley will be relieved at once. If he choses to stay he will have to entrench in his rear or his works will be carried. If his rear is entrenched he will probably be held in check in his present position while Kimberley is relieved.

The news of Lord Roberts' move was not given out until 11 o'clock last night, but even at that hour the telegraph boards at the clubs and hotels were quickly surrounded by crowds of men who discussed the new advance which was felt to be marked by a concentration of purpose, energy and rapidity that augurs well for the events that are to follow."

The London standards military expert says: "Clip drift appears to be just above David's graaf. By holding this point Lord Roberts has penetrated the Boer position, which extends from Magersfontein to Jacobsdal. Any Boer forces that may be at Jacobsdal have been isolated from Cronje's main body. The British commander can develop his flank attack against the Boers left and has a further point in his favor that the line of retreat of the Boers to Bloemfontein is intercepted. Through the gap, which French holds with some eight thousand men, the sixth and seventh divisions will advance and move against the Boer flank."

The London correspondent of the Tribune says: "This entire movement with its concentration of nearly all the British battalions outside Natal and slender columns left under Gatacre and Clements, has been brought about by scientific strategy under a rigorous operation of the censorship the utility of which has been demonstrated at last. An army corps and strong auxiliary forces have been massed where the enemy are the weakest and the previous balance of forces in the military problem has been suddenly upset. This column on the Riet has a promise of potency for the relief of Kimberly and a subsequent advance upon Bloemfontein and is so great a diversion of military resources that Ladysmith may yet be rescued."

BETTER NEWS.

The last week has brought better news. The tide has turned and the little red faced man "that is Bobs" appears to be getting his work in. Assisted by Kitchener and other able generals, and by the absolute tenacity and bull dogedness of Buller, who does not know when he is beaten, the old campaigner has cleared the air, and things look bright. Kimberley has been relieved, and Mafeking may also be said to be relieved.

A dispatch received yesterday morning reads, "Boer line of fortresses along the Tugela broken by Buller, Kitchener pushing rapidly forward in an endeavour to head off Cronje. Lord Methuen's division now at Kimberley. Canadians being rushed forward to join force that is pursuing Cronje. A later Modder River dispatch says General Kelly Kenny intercepted Cronje who was hastening to Bloemfontein from Magersfontein near Klip Drift and captured 78 of the enemy's wagons. Gen. Kelly-Kenny overtook Cronje near Klip's drift, the free state commanders almost unanimously in favor of surrendering, but when morning showed that Baitish cavalry had not surrounded their laager, they cleared out fast leaving sections of their force to guard the transport. They are pushing Cronje hard. Probably will get him in a day or so.

### THE LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

**Quite a Society Function to be Sure.**

The Fredericton legislature was duly opened last Thursday, with the usual flourish of trumpets. Whatever may be the object of keeping up a certain display at the opening of the dominion parliament—and we must not fail to remember that the love of display is part of human nature, the extent to which it is carried in Fredericton is scarcely less than ludicrous. Truly "sassiety" hath its charms, and no one is more after display than your old democrat, transformed by circumstances into your new aristocrat. We are informed that there was a "brilliant assemblage," and that the arrival of his Honour the lieutenant governor was marked by the booming of the salute ef the R. C. R. I. detachment.

The lieut. governor read an address which contains much of interest. There was, of course, patriotic reference regarding the war, while the reference was moderate in length, inasmuch as the governor decided that he and his legislature had no contract of the disposal of the forces going to the assistance of the motherland. This clause is well worth consideration:—

The subject of Technical Education, involving instruction in agriculture, horticulture, mining and the mechanical arts, has during the recess engaged the attention of my Government. The desirability of a school with this object had led to a conference with representatives of the Governments of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island as to the feasibility of joint action by the Maritime Provinces. The importance of affording facilities to the youth of our country to secure the practical training which such an institution is designed to supply cannot be too strongly emphasized. With the keen competition existing in all branches of industry under our modern civilization it is essential that our young people should possess the highest possible qualifications if we would continue to make the progress we hope for in development of the extensive resources of our Province. I have every confidence that your best intelligence will be exercised in the consideration of the measure that will be submitted to make possible the establishment of such an institution.

The great interest aroused by the progress already made toward the mineral development of the Province as a result of the stimulus of recent legislation is a matter of sincere congratulation and encourages the hope that the vast extent and value of our mineral resources will bring to the people of this Province the wealth designed by nature for the enjoyment of our people in placing these valuable mineral deposits within our bordors.

The advancement in agricultural methods and conditions throughout the Province during the past year has been unparalleled in our history as a people, and my Government is stimulated by the success thus won to even greater effort than has heretofore characterized their administration of affairs in this direction. The agricultural meetings so frequently held throughout the country districts during the seasons that have gone, will, so far as possible, be increased in number and efficiency. In this movement not the least important agency has been the series of successful Agricultural Exhibitions in prominent centres of the Province, and I am pleased to be able to congratulate you on the success of the Provincial Exhibition held in the city of Saint John and of the large exhibitions held in Gloucester, Westmorland, Kings and Carleton Counties. Strong evidences of our progress and development characterised all these gatherings.

The unsatisfactory state of the law governing the solemnization of marriage in the Province renders it necessary that some adequate remedy should be applied by the legislature. A measure to that end will be submitted for your consideration.

The necessity of a revision and consolidation of the Statutes of the Province has for some time been manifest and will doubtless induce your favorable consideration to such measures as will be submitted having in view the accomplishment of so desirable a work.

Mr. J. K. Flemming was unable through indisposition to be present at the opening of the legislature, but Mr. Carvell and Mr. McCain were present.


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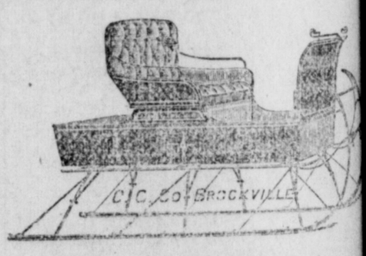

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