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## A WELCOME TO THE BOYS.

The South Africa Volunteers and the Glad Way They Were Received.

Just as PROGRESS is going to press, the special train which brings our soldiers from South Africa is about arriving at the station in this city. The failure of the Idaho to arrive in port on time, on account of an accident to her propellers and the rough weather, caused much disappointment not only in St. John, but in Halifax and throughout all the Maritime provinces. The people have been keyed up to a pitch of excitement all the week and the prospects are, at the present writing, that St. John will equal the grand reception given the returning heroes in our sister city. No description of it, unfortunately, can be presented in this issue, but some idea of the preparations may be had. The city and citizens have vied with each other in their endeavor to make St. John as gay as possible, and flags and bunting of all descriptions arranged in the most artistic forms are seen as they were never seen before. The celebration of days of victory, such as Pretoria and Mafeking is not to be compared in point of decoration, with that which has been prepared for the boys in khaki.

The proclamation of Mayor Daniel, proclaiming Friday a holiday has been taken advantage of to the utmost and thousands of people, who otherwise might not be permitted to enjoy the grand demonstra-



PTE. HOWE, SUSSEX.

tion, will enter into it with enthusiasm and will.

The welcome at the station can only be imagined and not described as yet, but at an early hour on Friday morning everybody was astir and the members of the fire department including the salvage corps, the yacht club, the Neptune Rowing Club, the polymorphians, painter's society and every organization were all about as soon almost as the day broke. The committee appointed by the city together with that chosen by those different bodies had labored conscientiously and everything appeared to be in complete order for the great procession that was to welcome the boys from Africa. Headed by a squad of police the following companies of the fire department and other organizations which had announced their intention of taking part in the procession were forming on King Street (east) at this time of writing.

City fire department.

- No. 1 company, with decorated hose wagon and engine.
- No. 2 hose company, with decorated cart and engine. Tableau, "The Last Shot."
- No. 3 hose company, with decorated wagon and engine.
- No. 1 H. and L. Co., with float representing armored train.
- No. 4 hose company, with decorated hose cart and engine.
- No. 5 company, with decorated hose wagon and engine.
- No. 3 H. and L. Co., with truck finely

- decorated.
- No. 6 hose company, with engine and decorated wagon.
- No. 2 H. and L. Co., with decorated truck.
- No. 1 Salvage Corps, with decorated wagon; thirty men in line.
- No. 2 Salvage Corps, with decorated wagon; thirty men in line.
- Chief Kez. in decorated wagon, followed by special wagon for emergency, driven by Wm. Reed.
- The Fairville firemen, with decorated apparatus.
- I. O. Foresters.
- Bicycle Club.
- Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club.
- Neptune Rowing Club with float representing Neptune and the four great Admirals.
- Sons of England.
- Loyal Orange Association.
- Polymorphians with float representing British Empire.
- Highland Brigade.
- Belyea Float.
- Knights of Pythias.
- Painters.

The intention was to proceed from there to the station and await the arrival of the train. Then the route of procession was up Main street as far as Adelaide, and turning there, by Metcalf, Durham and Victoria streets, will proceed back along Main, through Mill to Union, where it will halt while the children massed in front of the High School will sing a selection of patriotic songs. Starting again, it will proceed along Union to Waterloo, down Waterloo to Haymarket square, around the square into Brussels, up Brussels to Union, along Union to Sydney, thence to north side of King square to Charlotte, thence down King street along Prince William, up Queen to Germain, along Germain to Princess, thence to Charlotte, which it will follow to King square again, and proceeding up the south side of the square, will disband on King street east.

Of course it is not possible to describe any of the splendid decorations in the parade, but some faint idea can be given from a description sent the PROGRESS of the work that has been done by a few of the fire companies. Apart from the decorations on their different stations they have excelled themselves in beautifying that part of their apparatus which could be spared for the parade. The writer of this description says:

No. 2 Salvage Corps have been at work for several days decorating their wagon. Some thirty or forty of their lady friends have been pressed into the service and

of the world, the last red spot on the map being thrown out in strong relief. A boy in khaki uniform will stand on the cart pointing to this latest addition to the empire. This latter explains the float which is extended to represent "The Last Red Spot on the Map." Over the driver's seat a canopy of flowers of "Bobs" and on the other one of Colonel Otter. The doors of the lamp cloths will be replaced by transparent ones of the Canadian coat of arms.

No. 5 Hose Company have struck on a pretty and somewhat original idea for their float. It will represent a Red Cross tent, flying the Red Cross flag. In the tent there will be nurse tending a wounded soldier, who is laid on a stretcher bed. The wheels of the wagon will be decorated in red, white and blue. As far as can be



NEWCASTLE FIELD BATTERY.

seen the float will present a fine appearance.

No. 4 engine, which is at present stationed in No. 5 house, will be decorated by the fire ladders who have charge of it.



ARTHUR HAYLEN.  
(Killed)

Red, white and blue ribbon, bunting and flowers will be used profusely.

No. 3 ladder cart will be beautifully

## PROMISES OF VICTORY.

The Signs of a Great Liberal Sweep on Next Wednesday Throughout the Country.

Next Wednesday is election day and as it draws near the interest in the great contest become more engrossing. Both parties are straining every nerve to win and so far but little advantage has been gained since the campaign was opened.

No doubt is expressed however of the return of the government except by those whose opinion is so strained that they can see nothing save as they wish to view it. The reports from all the provinces are of

those supporting Foster and Stockton to make any wagers upon their success. PROGRESS had heard of odds so high as four to one being offered upon the success of Mr. Blair as against Mr. Foster and not taken, and only a few days ago a gentleman who is credited with being the organizer, and developer as it were, of the Development Club, refused a wager the difference of which was sufficient in itself to prove to those who heard the offer that he had little (if any) confidence in the success of the conservative party.

Outside of St. John the prospect is quite as encouraging as it is within it. Kings County never looked better; Domville stands to win as usual. In Sussex, Mr. Ora P. King is supporting the Colonel vigorously and his popularity with the people there is sure to give the liberal candidate a considerable majority. Hampton, Rothesay, Norton, Kingston, Westfield and all other important parishes of this banner county, will likewise do well for Col. Domville. There is no doubt whatever of his election.

In Westmorland the reports are so encouraging that Mr. Emmerson's success is only a question of majority. Victoria has since nomination, sent along the word that the opposition candidate has retired and the Hon. John Costigan will be elected by acclamation. Northumberland has two candidates in the field, both of which are with the Laurier government.



WILLIAM HUNTER.

It was not expected that Mr. James Bobison would be opposed but Mr. John Morrissey has decided to do so at the last moment. Mr. Morrissey is a liberal but in this case, at least, he is not acting in full accord with the executive of the liberal party. Albert, Kent, Gloucester and Restigouche all appear to be in line with the government. In Kent the conservatives are trying to make it appear that Mr. McInerney is sure to win but the voters in that county will tell them a different story upon the 7th of this month.

York county conservatives seem to be so concerned about the result that they are endeavoring to spoil the meetings. Mr. Gibson's election is so sure that the friends of Dr. McLeod seem to have become disturbed. In Carleton and Charlotte the reports are very encouraging, though it is acknowledged by the liberals that the gentlemen opposing Messrs. Carvell and Armstrong are surely the strongest of those nominated by the conservatives in the provinces. All the more credit to those gentlemen if they defeat them and both of them are confident of success.

Hon. Mr. White's field in Queen's seems to be quite clear. The defeat of Hetherington by Mr. Farris was so complete and so disheartening to the opponents of the government that the former attorney general of the province will not have much difficulty in joining his companions Messrs. Emmerson and Blair in the ranks of the government party.

A Request of Sheriff Sturdee's.

Sheriff Sturdee who is returning officer for the city and the county of St. John announced the names of his deputy returning officers and the places of polling and other information in Friday morning's Telegraph. He requests that the gentlemen named meet him at the court house at 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Foster and Mr. Stockton represent the C. P. R., and Mr. Blair and Mr. Tacker represent the people. It was quite evident after the nomination proceedings on Wednesday night that the claqueurs provided by the new political club had not made any impression upon the intelligent electorate. The result in this constituency is not in the slightest doubt, and the proof of this is the reluctance of

as a result the float will be a thing of beauty. The body of the wagon will be covered with flowers and bunting. Uprights at each of the corners are connected by diagonal rods across the top. These are entwined with artificial maple leaves cunningly designed and colored by four of the young ladies. Surmounting the centre of all will be a large crown in crimson and gold. Under this will be a globe bearing a map

decorated. It has been built up several feet above its usual height, the lower part being draped with Union Jacks bearing the motto: "Welcome Home," on both sides. Above these are banks of flowers. The whole will be topped by an immense crown. At each side of the wagon in the centre will be transparent portraits of the Queen. Four boys in various uniforms of

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