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A FIGHTING CANADIAN.

The spirit of Imperialism is receiving practical illustration in the record and achievements of a young Quebec officer, Major Dobell, son of Hon. R. R. Dobell, of the Dominion Government.

In the course of some correspondence made public by the India office, relating to the evacuation of the city of Pekin by the British troops, it is stated that the British flag was hauled down at two o'clock on the 14th of September last, and that a detachment of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, under command of Major Dobell, which was guarding the palace, was saluted by the Chinese troops as it marched out of the city.

When the war in South Africa broke out Major Dobell was serving with his regiment in India. He at once applied for leave of absence, and when the Royal Canadian regiment went to South Africa he was attached to it for special duty. During the months the regiment was stationed at Belmont, Major Dobell acted as chief of staff for Col. Pitcher in many of that officer's raids into the Free State and the rebel districts of Cape Colony, from the camp at Belmont.

When, just previous to Lord Roberts' famous march around the flanks of Cronje's position at Maagersfontein, the mounted infantry column was gathered together at Richmond under command of General, then Colonel Broadwood, Major Dobell was given an important position on the staff of Col. Alderson, with whom he took part in the famous ride of General French to the relief of Kimberley. Later, in the war, he was given an independent mounted infantry command and did splendid service during the march of the army to Pretoria.

When the trouble with China broke out, Major Dobell's regiment was ordered from India to China and the major responded at once to a hurried call to rejoin his regiment. He served through the Chinese trouble and was given command of the British troops, which guarded the Emperor's palace at Pekin, until the foreign troops by agreement evacuated the city in September last.

Within the past two years then this young Canadian officer has unsheathed his sword on two continents in defence of British interests, in support of the flag that waves as gloriously in Canada as in the mother country or any other portion of the world wide empire.

KIND WORDS FOR MR. BLAIR.

Events, Ottawa's new weekly paper, edited by Mr. A. J. McGurn, a journalist well known all over Canada by reputation at least, has this to say of the Minister of Railways:

"Mr. A. G. Blair, the minister of railways and canals, is one of the strong men in the Laurier administration. Why? Because he has a following. A politician without a following cannot be a leader. Mr. Blair came back from general election with practically the whole parliamentary strength of New Brunswick at his back, and it is fairly representative of his strength among the people. Mr. Blair was never known to boast of this; perhaps the statement may be challenged. At all events Mr. Blair's personal character and his enormously wide personal acquaintance has made him a leader not only among the Liberals but also the Conservatives in New Brunswick. The course of events has made Mr. John Costigan and Mr. Blair political allies, but even when Mr. Costigan was a member of the Conservative administration at Ottawa they were firm friends.

Mr. Blair's recent bereavement, made all the sadder by reason of Mrs. Blair's

poor health and absence from home at the time, has drawn towards the minister and his family the heartfelt sympathy of everybody. Mr. Blair is a man who is wrapped up in his family, and keenly sensitive to a loss of this kind. It is well for Canada that her public men should possess that temperament which brings them into sympathy with the mass of the people they govern, and that they should unite the domestic virtues with public probity."

NEW CANADIAN BANK.

The Sovereign Bank of Canada, which was incorporated at the last session of parliament, is getting ready to do business, and its entrance into the activities of commercial life is creating some interest in the upper provinces.

The headquarters of the new institution are at Montreal, its capital is \$2,000,000 fully subscribed, and its directorate includes leading financiers of Montreal, Toronto and other upper province cities and a number of New York gentlemen who are said to be able to give the bank exceptionally good connections in the United States. The general manager, Mr. Duncan M. Stewart, was formerly inspector of the Royal Bank of Canada and is rated as a man who understands his business.

It is fifteen years since a new bank was started in Canada, but many of the old institutions have greatly enlarged their capital and extended their business overflowing into several of the larger cities of the United States.

The census bureau has issued a report announcing that the population of the entire United States, including all outlying possessions was 84,233,069, in the census year 1900. This is itemized as follows: Continental United States, or United States proper, 75,994,575 (heretofore announced); Philippines, 6,961,339, being the estimate of the statistician to the Philippine commission; Porto Rico, 953,244; Hawaii, 154,001; Alaska, 63,592; Guam, 9000; American Samoa, 6100; persons in the military and naval service of the United States outside of the territory of the United States proper, 91,219.

The anti-British feeling in Germany is so strong and Britain has to submit to so many insults from the German press and people that the agents and representatives of the British lion are beginning to show some resentment—a practical kind of resentment that will be felt in the German pocket. For instance Lord George Hamilton has written on behalf of the Indian government, withdrawing large contracts which had been entered into with German firms for important public works.

The speech from the throne in the Ontario legislature which opened Wednesday gives no indication of the government's intention on the prohibition question. It is believed however that a provincial plebiscite will be taken.

Poor Mr. Pitts has not yet recovered from the stunner of Dec. 28. It is said that when he and Mr. McLeod heard the terrible news they fell into each other's arms and wept. The sight must have been very pathetic.

The St John health authorities seem to have at last got the upper hand of the smallpox outbreak. There has been no new cases for nearly a week, and many of the houses under quarantine have been released.

The Government secured one of the vacant seats in Parliament by acclamation. In Beauce no Conservative candidate put in an appearance, and in Lislet both candidates are Liberal.

Mr F S Spence, a Toronto prohibitionist, well known in Fredericton in connection with Scott Act campaigns, was elected an alderman Monday, leading the poll in his ward.

A Russian Jew was caught stealing into Vermont Saturday night with \$55,000 worth of diamonds neatly sewed up in his undershirt.

MR. ARTHUR LYNCH, M.P.

The Man Who Defeated Mr. Horace Plunkett in Galway—Why He Hates the British Empire.

Ireland, which invented the absentee landlord, says The London Express, seems likely to invent the absentee M.P. Galway has elected Mr. Arthur Lynch, the chosen candidate of the Nationalists, to the British Parliament, but it is almost a certainty that he will not sit in the House. If he returns to England as a British subject he is liable to be arrested for high treason and shot as a traitor. On his own confession Mr. Lynch has borne arms in the Transvaal against the British Government.

The reason why Mr. Lynch hates the British Empire and all its works is said to be because London killed his literary ambition. He is a writer of more than ordinary power, a poet of considerable talent, a man with some pretensions to rank as a thinker. A Master of Arts of Melbourne University, civil engineer, athlete, journalist, war correspondent, military officer commanding the 2nd Irish Brigade with the Boers, Arthur Lynch is unusually versatile. But all his gifts have been nullified by a narrow fanaticism of view and a fierce contempt for all prejudices except his own. When the Rhymers' Club met at the Cheshire Cheese Arthur Lynch came as the guest of a well known Irish mystic. With a mind that could not tolerate the medical-student pleasantries of the Rhymers, Lynch showed that he resented such trifling while he was one of the company. The result was that when he first issued his book, "Modern Authors," those of the Rhymers who were critics remembered, and mercilessly reviewed his work. Three books which followed received the same treatment, and then the aggrieved author, instead of kissing the rod, issued a satire called "Our Poets," which is one of the most savage satires since "English Bards and Scotch Reviewers." He selected such representative poets as Austin Dobson, Swinburne and Kipling, and satirized them in their own metre. But when he came to the minor poets he was venomously merciless. Of one long-haired gentleman who was the fashion some years ago he said, "the sugar-coated prig," and added in a footnote that his claims to beauty might be summed thusly: "He has a fine forehead, but the prim, mean mouth of a parlor-maid." "Our Poets" was soon out of print—bought up, it is hinted, by the satirized Rhymers. There was no further edition, and although Mr. Lynch has published two books since then, it is easy to understand that they were not a success.

In Paris, where he represented a London daily paper, Mr. Lynch came under the spell of that curious character, Miss Maud Gonne, who rejoices in the mock sobriquet of "the Irish Joan of Arc." The lady lost no opportunity of adding fuel to Mr. Lynch's hatred of things English, and she was instrumental in organizing the departure of a number of "mercenaries," with whom were the late Colonel de Villebois-Marcuil and Arthur Lynch, to the Transvaal. The latter's military ability has won the encomiums of Louis Botha, but if Mr. Lynch enters the sphere of British influence the results to himself are likely to be unpleasant.

Premier of South Australia.

Mr. John Greely Jenkins, the new Premier of South Australia, is by descent a Welshman, but was born in the United States, at Clifford, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. He arrived in Adelaide in 1878. Having held various municipal offices at Unley, South Australia, Mr. Jenkins was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1887, and was re-elected in 1890. In March, 1891, on the death of Mr. Bews, Mr. Jenkins accepted the portfolio of Minister of Education in the Playford Ministry, exchanging it in January, 1892, for that of Public Works, a position he held till June, 1892, when he resigned with his colleagues after their defeat. He held office in the Kingston Ministry and was subsequently Chief Secretary in the Holden Ministry. On Mr. Holder's retiring from State politics to enter the Federal Parliament Mr. Jenkins succeeded him in the Premiership.

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