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A CANADIAN HERO.

Every Canadian who read the brief story of Charles Napier Evans' heroism in the battle at Hart's river, South Africa, was thrilled with pride that the young man belonged to this Dominion. Though mortally wounded, the despatches told, young Evans emptied his bandolier into the Boers, and when resistance was no longer possible, when his life blood was fast ebbing out, he smashed his rifle, so that it would be of no use to the enemy.

Evans belonged to Port Hope, Ontario, and when he enlisted in the Second Mounted Rifles was a public school teacher in a rural district. The people among whom he moved probably little dreamed that they were in close touch with one of the world's heroes, and probably the young man himself little knew that his name would be enshrined among the great and distinguished people of the world. The right stuff was in young Evans however, and only the opportunity was wanted to call it out. The chance came when a mere handful of Canadian soldiers faced seven times as many Boers on the South African veldt. Evans was one of the gallant band who preferred death to surrender, and the official despatches tell in brief but graphic language the story of his heroism. The young man's name will long live in the memory of his countrymen, but it should be perpetuated in bronze and marble. Will no public effort be made anywhere in Canada to erect a suitable tablet or monument to so brave a fellow? The Parliament buildings at Ottawa would be a suitable place for such a memorial, and if the government erected such a remembrance of young Evans, their action would be applauded by all the people of Canada.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

The South African war has imposed enormous financial burdens on the Imperial government, which is compelled to look around for new sources of revenue.

The chancellor of the exchequer in his annual statement to parliament, estimates the expenditure for the current year at £174,609,000, and the revenue on the present basis of taxation at £147,785,000 leaving a deficit of £26,824,000. This he said would be increased by £18,500,000 by gratuities to the troops and bringing the soldiers home, the maintenance of the South African constabulary, and the cost of the international sugar convention, etc., making a gross deficit of upwards of £45,000,000. The charges of the war alone represent £450,000 more than the estimated deficit.

To meet the increased expenditure the chancellor proposed to suspend the sinking fund, reducing the deficit by £4,300,000 and to increase by a penny in the pound, the income tax, yielding £2,000,000 increase. From July 1, there would be a two pence stamp duty on eight bills, including dividend warrants and checks, yielding £500,000. He declared he did not want to interfere with beer, wine, tea and sugar and said he must select for indirect taxation an article practically in universal consumption, the taxation of which would not unduly press any class. He was of the opinion that the repeal of the import duty on wheat had not realized the expectations formed at the time. The effect of the duty of three pence per hundredweight on wheat would mean but a very small fraction of a farthing increase in the price of the loaf. The chancellor of the exchequer denied that the reimposition of duties on grain and flour violates

the principles of free trade or would increase the cost of food. He proposed an import duty of three pence per hundredweight on all grain, with a co-operative duty of five pence per hundredweight on flour and meal. The total yield of this duty was estimated at £2,650,000, bringing the total estimate of the revenue from the new taxation to £5,150,000. Of the balance of the deficit, the chancellor proposed to borrow £32,000,000 and to find the rest by drafts on the exchequer.

The increase in the income tax will not be seriously felt as incomes under £160 are exempt, but there will be a great outcry against the tax on bread, its imposition marking a departure from free trade principles as well as increasing the cost of living especially with the poor. The government's friends claim that it is a tariff for revenue only and not of a protective character, but just the same the taxes are increased, a contingency, however, unavoidable with the enormous costs of the war to be paid.

If the Boer peace proposals, as wired from the Hague, correctly represent what their leaders are demanding, it should not take Milner and Kitchener long to to adjourn the peace conference at Pretoria. As a conquered people the Boers will probably have to accept what the British are willing to give, and not what the Boer negotiators are seeking to impose.

Col. Sam Hughes, M. P., does not think much of the Canadian permanent military force, nor indeed of anything in that line except his gallant self. The Col. has discovered that the officers are supercilious, evidently a bad trait in a fighter. What have Col. Dunbar and Col. McDougall to say to this accusation?

If the city council has a few dollars to spare this season they should put them on St John street which is in a miserable condition. The aldermen who represent Queen's ward should see that this important thoroughfare is put in some kind of shape. Round it up and put on a good dose of gravel.

Twenty Canadian lady school teachers sailed from Halifax, Monday for Liverpool en route to South Africa, and the remaining twenty, including New Brunswick's quota of six are to embark Friday at St John.

The Dominion Coal Company and the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., which are doing so much for the development of Cape Breton, are to be amalgamated under a common management.

English Glee.

The art of Old English Glee singing is practically unknown on this side of the Atlantic, although in England it is maintained by one or two very ancient and honorable institutions. One of these is the Noblemen's and Gentlemen's Glee Club in which a number of musical noblemen and Mr Edward Branscombe who is one of the principal lay vicars of the Westminster Abbey Choir is a leading factor. Mr Branscombe is bringing out to Canada for a tour beginning about the middle of April a portion of the famous Westminster Abbey Choir composed of

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