

SEVEN TO ONE.

Odds Against Which the
Canadians Fought at
Hart's River.

LIEUT. CARRUTHERS REFUSED
TO SURRENDER.

Was Ordered to be Shot but
Boers Relented.

London, April 9.—The correspondent of the Standard at Klerksdorp, Transvaal Colony, has cabled a graphic account of the battle of Doornbal farm, March 31, in which the British had three officers and 24 men killed and 16 officers and 131 men wounded, while the Boers had 137 men in killed or wounded.

A small force of Canadian Mounted infantry, says the correspondent, were opposed by sevenfold their number. Six hundred Boers charged confidently, calling upon them to surrender. Lieut. Carruthers, of the Canadians, sprang to his feet, and, exclaiming that he would not surrender, shot the foremost Boer with his revolver at a distance of 15 paces. The Canadians had no cover except the short grass. Lying prone upon the ground they fired steadily and forced the Boers to seek the shelter of a screen of trees. Many of the Boers climbed these trees and fired down on the Canadians. The latter kept the enemy at bay for two hours.

When all but 15 of the British troops were killed or wounded, the Boers ventured another rush and captured the handful of survivors. Lieut. Carruthers was the only British officer who was not seriously wounded. He had several flesh wounds, but refused to go to a hospital. Some of the Boers wanted to shoot him when he was taken prisoner, but they ultimately thought better of this, saying: "He is too brave a man to die that way."

All of the dead men and most of the wounded have several wounds each.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

A Number of Bills Passed This Morning.

The House of Assembly met at eleven o'clock this morning pursuant to adjournment.

After routine the following bills were read a third time and passed:

An act to make provision for the erection of permanent bridges and improvements to the highways of the province.

An act to provide for payment of the revisors appointed by the government.

An act to continue and revive an act incorporating the Woodstock and Centreville Railway Company.

An act to legalize the electoral lists of 1902.

An act to amend the law relating to peddlars.

An act to amend the probates act.

An act to incorporate the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Chatham.

The following bills were read a second time:

An act relating to the crown timber lands of the province.

An act to amend the succession duties act of 1896.

The House then went into committee of the whole with Mr. Porter in the chair, and passed the Hampton fire bill, a bill to amend the health act and the bill in amendment of the succession duties act.

The Hon. attorney general in committing the bill relating to the timber lands of the province, explained that the government frequently received enquiries from English capitalists, desirous of engaging in the manufacture of pulp in New Brunswick, as to the prospect of securing a lease for a long term of years of a portion of our timber lands. The government had given the matter considerable attention, and being desirous of encouraging English capital to seek investment, in New Brunswick, had instructed the surveyor general to prepare a bill dealing with the question. This bill gives the governor in council power, on the expiration of existing leases to grant leases to any company desirous of engaging in the manufacture of pulp, having a capital stock of not less than \$2,000,000 for a period of 999 years on payment of \$2 per acre or \$1280 per square mile. The attorney general explained that the price under the terms of the proposed leases was many times greater than now paid the government

under the present twenty-five year leases, and that the rights of the province were fully safe-guarded as all existing regulations would apply to the leases. In addition to the amount of the lease, the company will be required to pay stumpage at the rate of \$1 per thousand. He could not say how many square miles of timber land a company would require, but one concern now negotiating with the government consumed one thousand tons of paper per week.

The bill was agreed to after a short discussion and reported to the House.

A report from the municipalities' committee was submitted by Mr. Copp in the absence of Mr. Allen and adopted.

Mr. Copp presented the petition of George Moore, Morris L. Musselman and Arthur L. Meyer praying that an act to incorporate the Moncton and Eastern Railway Company may pass and become law.

Mr. Copp also presented for Mr. Allen a petition from the same gentlemen praying that the bill to incorporate the Fredericton and Western Railway Company may pass and become law.

The House again went into committee and passed Hon. Mr. Dunn's bill relating to the collection of rates and taxes.

The Attorney General introduced a bill further relating to the act governing the admission of attorneys, which was read a first and second time and placed on the order book for consideration today.

The House adjourned at 12.45 until three o'clock.

THE GAME LAW.

Some Important Amendments Made by the Legislature.

The Legislature on Monday afternoon had under consideration a bill to amend the game law of the province. It was discussed at some length by the House in committee, and after some amendments had been proposed and agreed to progress was reported with leave to sit again. An amendment by Mr. Lawson, who seemed to be fathering the bill in the absent of the Surveyor General, makes it an offense for any person to have in his possession the carcass or any portion thereof of a cow or calf moose. For some years the killing of a cow or calf moose has been prohibited, but violations of the law have occurred, particularly in the Tobique section of the province. The game has been worked in such a way that it seemed next to impossible to corner the offender and secure his conviction. If discovered with a carcass in his possession he would invariably put forward the claim that it had been shot by another person and found by him. Cases are known where one man would go out into the woods and shoot a cow moose, and would despatch an accomplice the following day to bring in the carcass. Under the law as amended it will be much easier for the game wardens to secure a conviction.

Another amendment of the law provides for the payment of a bounty of fifteen dollars on every wolf shot in the province.

Moose and caribou hunting on the western side of the St John River has been prohibited for several years, but

the law expires on the 15th of September next, and will not be renewed. There has been a great increase in the number of moose and caribou in that section, as a result of the protection, given by the government and there ought to be good sport for hunters next fall. It is proposed to have the season close on December 15th on the western side of the river, instead of the 31st.

Mr. Lawson favors having the open season for big game open on September 1st, and his views coincide with those of the members of the New Brunswick Guides Associations.

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1897	7,236,555.75	548,321.09
1898	7,544,227.02	574,224.75
1899	7,991,042.63	576,807.50
1900	8,482,038.00	586,040.24
1901	9,013,032.63	607,932.00
	Premium Income.	Total Income
1893	\$ 964,201.08	\$1,261,930.51
1874	989,552.73	1,296,145.86
1895	1,040,240.77	1,353,713.38
1896	1,107,779.45	1,421,686.70
1897	1,182,965.15	1,525,630.16
1898	1,278,649.29	1,665,430.85
1899	1,444,862.27	1,833,919.16
1900	1,575,176.25	1,959,882.01
1901	1,735,036.06	2,105,141.94
	Notices of Death.	Amount of Insurance in Force.
1893	\$456,000	\$35,914,417
1894	452,628	36,312,041
1895	498,969	36,932,148
1896	418,436	38,086,849
1897	604,811	39,943,575
1898	571,316	42,222,364
1899	600,206	46,054,820
1900	594,110	50,191,853
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