

FOR THE EMPIRE

The Boys Who Will Represent St. John in the Second Contingent Given a Royal Send-off.

Gen. White's Losses in the Recent Engagement at Ladysmith Not Known, but Are Probably Heavy.

Canadians and Australians Have Been Doing Good Work Near Modder River—Gen. White Reported to Have Captured Four Hundred Boers.

Once more St. John has offered the lives of her sons as the test of her loyalty. Out from her precincts yesterday went another detachment, small but heroic, eager to throw their strength into the balance to preserve inviolate the bounds of empire and the laws of freedom.

THROUGH THE HEART OF THE CITY

About half-past seven last evening the men of the St. John contingent met in the rooms of the 62nd officers' club. A few of their friends and several of the officers of the different corps were also present.

A little after eight o'clock Major Borden, accompanied by Col. McLean, entered the room. The men came to attention. Major Borden reported that the roll had been called and all were present.

The boys came in at the rear of the building and when they appeared upon the stage, cheer after cheer, rang out for the brave fellows. Flags were waved by ladies and gentlemen, and it was some moments before Major Sears could make himself heard.

The men were then formed up, with private Armstrong in command, and preceded by the 62nd band, marched out of the building. Their appearance outside was the signal for an outburst of applause.

ished its quota of spectators, who added their voices to the shouting that could be heard all over the city. Up Charlotte street to King went the crowd, greeting people to itself and increasing in size and noise at almost every foot.

The Currie Business college was crowded with cheering people; from every window a number of heads, and from every throat a cheer. The Furlong building was ablaze with colored fire as the men turned down King street. Each corner turned was a sign for renewed cheering.

Up German turned the crowd, and the wind almost strong enough to stagger one seemed only to act as a stimulus to the shouters, who fairly yelled themselves hoarse in their endeavor to give to the men a fitting send-off.

At the historic institute. Never since its erection did the Mechanics institute contain such a large and enthusiastic crowd as that which occupied the premises last night. It was the citizens' opportunity to say farewell to the boys who were about to leave for Halifax en route to the Transvaal.

The band of the 62nd Fusiliers occupied a position immediately in front of the stage. Cheers were given for various members of the company, not one of them being overlooked.

The company were arranged at the rear of the stage and photographed. Major Sears advanced to the front and was discussing with several gentlemen the programme to be gone through with while the band played the National Anthem.

The crowd cheered for all they were worth and MAYOR SEARS had difficulty in restoring order. Citizens of St. John, said the mayor in speaking of the contingent, my size prevents your seeing any of the noble young fellows behind me.

REV. JOHN DE SOYRES was introduced by the mayor and cheers were given both for the chief magistrate and the reverend gentleman. Mr. de Soyres said it was an enviable position to be placed in to have the privilege of speaking to such an audience, of addressing the young men who were about to join the forces of the Queen in South Africa.

DR. ELLIS, M. P. was given a very warm reception. He said he agreed with the Mr. de Soyres had said. He had never known the people of St. John to be so aroused.

GEO. ROBERTSON, M. P. F. was cheered when he stepped to the front. He quoted from Joseph Cowan, a radical member of parliament, to show that the war was a just one.

MAJOR ARMSTRONG, the district paymaster, was greeted with cheers as he came forward to present to the men the badge gotten up by Payson Davidson.

The mayor here remarked that a letter had been placed in his hands from W. E. Craig, who went out with the first contingent. Mr. Craig reported all hands to be in good health at the time of writing.

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REV. J. M. DAVENPORT, after the cheering which greeted his appearance had subsided, said he was pleased to hear Mr. Robertson tell him just the cause was. There were many here, as in the Transvaal, who thought that this was a war of desperation.

THOSE WHO HAD COME earlier and secured these coveted places were pushed down and on their places taken by others, who again had to leave reluctantly but of necessity.

JOINED BY THE SUSSEX QUOTA. SUSSEX, Jan. 8.—The recruiting office closed here this afternoon so far as its business is concerned.

CAPT. ARMSTRONG was sorry that he had to sever his connection with the artillery, but he felt that it was his duty to go out to South Africa.

AT METHUEN'S CAMP. MODDER RIVER, Jan. 8.—The balloonist this morning located new Boer trenches, where two guns have been mounted, three miles from the Modder River.

THE SCENE AT THE DEPOT. Around the outside of the Institute a crowd gathered some time before the meeting was out.

FOUR HUNDRED PRISONERS. LONDON, Jan. 8.—The crowd at the war office today was larger and more excited than any since the time of Gen. Buller's reverse.

THE PICTURE WAS ONE, once seen never to be forgotten. The twinkling of the torches, the gleam of the polished band instruments, the martial tread of the men, the shouting crowd, formed a panorama at once grand and beautiful.

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The men of the contingent were passed along by willing hands over the heads of the people. To make a pathway for them was impossible. At last all were aboard the train, and from every point, even to the roots of the cars, the cheering was recommenced.

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official despatch was received the matter was intense. The afternoon papers containing the despatch sold rapidly. A sentence in General White's despatch: "The troops are elated at the services they have rendered to the Queen," spiced popular gratification and some of the papers emphasize it by using heavy type.

Lord Salisbury was at the foreign office this afternoon and conferred with attorney general, Sir Richard Webster, and solicitor general, Sir Robert Finlay. It is understood that the matter discussed at the conference was the seizure of the vessels carrying goods alleged to be contraband of war.

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