LEGISLATURE.

What the Legislators of the Province are Doing at Toronto THE NICKEL QUESTION.

Hon. Mr. Davis moved the resolution on the nickel question which he placed on the order paper a few days ago. In effect, it is a protest on the part of the Ontario Legislature against the revival or renewal of the letters patent granted by the Dominion Government to the Orford Copper Company of New York in 1893.

Davis exp'ained that under the Act the Orford Copper Company, by paying the regular fee before the expira- under the Government's revenue law. tion of six years from the date on which its letters patent were granted, could secure an extension of its letters patent for 12 years. The ccmpany claimed that it had instructed its Free State Boers Decline to Rally to solicitor to pay the fee before the six years had expired, but through neglect or inadvertence payment was not The company, also failed to carry out another condition of the patent, and that it had been practically out of court for the past this was the only practical process for surrendered. refining nickel which had yet been established. Yet other processes, he was informed, would soon be in operation in Ontario. The Dr. Hoepiner process, which has been a distinct success in Germany, was to be tried in Hamilton, and the Clergue people were spending a lot of money at Sault Ste. Marie in the construction of a refining plant, in the line of an electrical

motion should pass. As he understood it, it practically amounted to this, it would be an attempt on the part of been:-Killed, 2120; wounded, 1,251; the Legislature to prevent it being sick, 4,351. Total, 7,722. said, either by the Canadian Copper, Company, or any other concern, tha it would be impossible to refine nice kel matte in Ontario.

The motion carried unanimously, and will be transmitted to the Dominio House.

LOAN COMPANIES BILL.

Mr. Carscallen introduced a bill re specting building societies and lca corporations very much along the same lines as that of the Attorney- REPLY TO A THREAT General. The measure in effect proposes to reduce the capital stock of these corporations to the amount of the paid-up capital. It is provided that in fixing the limit of their borrowing powers the amount of unpaid capital stock shall not be considered, but de- day, says :- The Times says that, in positors and debenture-holders are not to be deprived of any rights thereby.

bonus law of 1888, Mr. McKay's bill to threatened destruction of Johannesexempt from taxation non-producing burg will not be published until it is improvements on farm lands, and Mr. Taylor's bill to prevent the planting promulgated in South Africa. It is of the barberry shrub as promotive understood, however, that the Govof rust in wheat.

\$500 FOR COLONIZATION.

Administration.

association expects to get from the

Rev. R. A. Burriss, the sec.-treasurer, writes from Port Arthur that fifty settlers have already arrived, mostly from the United States, and that twenty-six more are coming, of whom thirteen are from Oklahoma, The settlers' home at Port Arthur is overcrowded, and the \$500 is wanted to build a shelter at Hymer for the ing Tuesday, says: women and children, while the men are establishing their homes. Mr. Dyment, MP., for Algoma, has been telegraphed to and instructed to make a similar appeal to the Dominion Government.

MR. CARNEGIE'S PROTEST. the attention of the Government to financial benefit from this connection. the fact that the distribution of the but the report is not substantiated. statutes to clerks of municipalities in Mr. Fischer played the part of Steyn's partially settled districts is not sat- | Mephistopheles.' isfactory. He suggested that the statutes might be torwarded by postclerks having to call on the clerks of the peace and sign receipts therefor. The Attorney-General promised con-

sideration. LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.

The following license commissioners have been appointed:-Parry Sound East .- Samuel Carmich-

ael, Thomas Bottomley, Robert Men-James Calder, William Wilson, sr. Glengarry.-Robert R. Sangster, vice

James Dingwall, resigned. West Wellington.-Thomas Harcourt, John Oliver, James A. Bran-

West Hastings .- Henry G. Bleecker, Queen is paramount. Jeramiah G. Squire, William J. Mc-

East Victoria.-William Waffe, W. C. | CORPS

Moore, John Howis. Waterloo, North.-Walter Veitch, vice Alexander Peterson, resigned. Grey Centre .- P. McCullough, T. Mc-

Gill. C. Pys.

COMING LEGISLATION. Mr. German has a bill to amend the Ontario Veterinary Act. It provides that hereafter persons practising as veterinary surgeons shall pass an

authorized examination. Mr. Marter. North Yoronto, will introduce a bill providing that in municipalities where the wards have been abolished for the election of aldermen the abolition shall also apply to the election of school trustees.

DESTRUCTION OF INSECTS

and destruction of noxious insects was given a second reading. It makes it optional with municipalities to appoint inspectors to attend to the destruction Kruger and Steyn Rouse Enthusiasm Two Klondike Travellers Killed by or prevention of noxious insects, and provides that those disobeying orders shall be subject to penalty.

COLD STORAGE MEASURE.

Hon. Mr. Dryden moved the second incorporation of five or more persons tions. The Government proposed to assist such organizations to the amount vance.

RELIEF FOR LIQUOR MEN. The Provincial Secretary will introduce a bill providing for semi-annual Speaking to the motion, Hon. Mr. payments of hotel licenses and the brewers' and distillers' tax. Brewers malt-houses and distillers' cattle byres

STEYN'S ATTEMPT FAILED.

His Banners. A depsatch from London, Wednesday, says:-General Roberts' despatches to the War Office contain when the omission was called to its the principal news that has been reattention, forwarded the fee, but the ceived from South Africa. There are Commissioner of Patents said he had no reports of important operations, no authority to collect it. Mr. David and General Roberts seems to be aimpointed out that the company had ing at the pacification of the region behind him before further advancing

five or six years. The matter was im- at Bloemfontein telegraphs that the portant in its relation to the general Free State Boers are surrendering vitation to lay down their arms. He Their bodies were hidden in a cave. mineral development of the province. their arms there as fast as they can assured them the British had failed All parties were unanimous in the be registered. He adds that President on every occasion to keep solemn view that the relining should be car- Steyn's attempt to rally the burghers treaties they had made. Sir Al red ried on in this country. The Canadian at Kroonstad is reported to be a com- Milner, Steyn declared, had publicly Copper Company took the view that plete failure. There is the bitterest proclaimed that A rikanders would be it was unable to refine here because feeling against the President in exterminated, knowing that the Rethe Orford Company controlled this Bloemfontein because he did not ac- publics would igh to the end. particular patent for refining nickel. quaint the citizens with General Ro- "He closed by urging the burghers According to the Canada Company, berts offer to spare the town if it to place their trust in God. Steyn's

2,000 DEAD BOERS.

Enemy Killed Almost Total Those of the British.

A despatch from London says:-The Exchange Telegraph Company is authority for the statement that Mr. Whitney said he thought the it is officially admitted at Pretoria that the total Boer casualties have

LOSSES ON EOTH SIDES.

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Britain's Reply to the Boers' Intention to haze Johannesburg.

A despatch from London, Wednesaccordance with precedent, Mr. Cham-Mr. Pardee's bill to return to the berlain's proclamation regarding the ernment intends to convey to the Mr. James Conmee, M.P.P., and Mr. British property during the war will D. F. Burk, are urging the Provincial be regarded as warranting a claim for

KRUGER'S

Civil Government Has Been Reorganized at Bloemfontein.

A London Daily Chronicle correspondent at Bloemiontein, telegraph-

"The Civil Government has been reorganized. Mr. J. A. Collins, Under-Secretary of the Interior of Steyn's Executive, has been appointed landdrost. Steyn is regarded as guilty of fatuity, but not influenced by nepotism. He was always Kruger's tool. It Mr. Carnegie, East Victoria, drew has been rumored that he has reaped

card or letter instead of the municipal EFFECT ON BASUTOS.

Are Convinced the Authority of the Queen is Paramount.

A despatch from Maseru, Basutoland Wednesday, says:-Everybody in Basutoland rejoices in the restoration of telegraphic communication with Aliwal North. The proclamation of Lord Parry Sound West .- Jonathan Crisp. Roberts is apparently effective, as the Free Staters are surrendering to the ed wounded in a farm-house in the Basutoland officials.

The occupation of Thaba Nchu and Rouxville by the British has produced an excellent impression, convincing the white flags flying on the farm-houses. Basutos that the authority of the The women all protested that their

Under British Officers They Are low. Doing Police Duty.

second edition of the Times of Wednesday publishes a despatch from What Kruger Told a Deputation of Bloemfontein, dated, Monday, March 19, which says:-" The blowing up of sign that the Transvaalers intend to

surrounding Bloemfontein, under an Government intended to see the war Africa, where, he said, Irishmen, side ter, who twas released from prison proclamation, by which they agree to Imperial officer, has been detailed for through determinedly, and that a by side with soldiers from the colonies some years ago. The Town Clerk is adjure war, to remain at their homes, police work, and to prevent the further council of war by the nation's lead- and the United Kingdom, were prov- H. Campbell, who was Parnell's pri- and to deliver up their arms, which Mr. Dryden's bill for the prevention pillage of abandoned farms by the ers would be held shortly.

APPEAL TO BOERS.

by Untruthful Statements. A despatch from Kroonstad, Orange Free State, dated the 18th, says:-"The Pretoria Federal commandoes are here. reading of his bill providing for the They are in grand spirits. They are ready for the enemy, and are even as co-operative cold storage associa- de lantly awaiting the British ad- ber. Mr. and Mrs. Worthing left

are also to be exempt rom assessment ish occupation of Bloemfontein.

"President Steyn followed Kruger in strong speech. He told the burgh- shore. ers the Free State was far from being conquered, though its capital had been occupied by the British. He informed he burghers that England had definitely refused to allow the Republics to remain independent States. Therefore, all the Republics had to do now was to fight to the last.

"Steyn said in the six months the appeal roused the burghers to a

REBELS SURRENDERED.

pitch of wild enthusiasm."

Transvaalers Escaped.

A despatch from London says:-The Bloemfontein, Tuesday, March 20:-

"Kitchener occupied Prieska yestered their arms. The Transvaalers es- struction of the mines before the Britcaped across the river.

"Mr. Steyn is circulating a notice by fields.

fording us every assistance in the mat- view is strongly endorsed. range for 500 beds.

"Thirty-three prisoners were taken full of military activity. at Prieska, 200 stand of arms, and President Kruger returned yestersome supplies and explosives.

on the Basutoland frontier."

MORE FIGHTI G IN NATAL.

Winston Churchill Says the Campaign is by No Means Over.

A despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Boers that any wanton destruction of Natal, says:-Yesterday the new iron Her Majesty Talks to the Soldiers mounting for the 4.7 naval gun for Government to advance \$500 at once compensation and justifying a levy field purposes, invented by Capt. Perto the New Ontario Colonization As- upon private property should the re- ry Scott, of H.M.S. Terrible, and consociation, being two months' instal- sources of the Transvarl Republic structed under his direction in the Nament on the \$3,000 a year which the prove inadequate to meet the claim. tal Government railway workshops, was tested and found in every respect TOOL. satisfactory.

Commander Ogilvie told me that he would undertake to move such a gun wherever field artillery could go, and as quick as infantry could go. Beyond all doubt the heavy weapon must be- and lined the route to the hospital. come a permanent feature in modern field armies. We have bought our experience dearly. Let us profit by it. I propose remaining in Natal for the present. The fighting is by no means lent health, . She drove in an open over here. A continual severe pressure on the enemy at all points is the shortest way to peace.

GROBELAAR CAPTURED.

The Boer General Found Wounded in a Farm House.

Post from Norval's pont, dated March 19, says that a low-level railway is being constructed under the broken bridge there, and that supplies are being pushed forward.

A column will start Wednesday to march by way of Philippolis and Faure. smith to Bloemfontein.

Another despatch from Norval's pont reports the capture of Commandant Grobelaar. He was discoverneighbourhood of Doukerspoort.

A British force reconnoitred towards Philippolis last Saturday, and found husbands were not fighting. They readily sold provisions to the British Four hundred of Gen. Brabant's colonial brigade left Aliwal North Monday for Rouxville, and more will fol-

A despatch from London says:-The TO SEE THE WAR THROUGH.

Burghers. A despatch to the London Daily

abandon the defence of the Free putation of burghers waited on Presi- which she had always cherised ed to her Majesty by the City Marshal, of sharing in such a magnificent dent Kruger to enquire regarding the the warmest recollection. "All is quiet in the south and west. situation. They received a reassur-

MURDER AT SKAGUAY.

Indians.

A despatch from Vancouver, B. C., says:-The steamer Cutch, from Skaguay, brought news of the arrest there of nane Indians for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worthing last Octotheir home in Iowa early last spring "Kruger and Steyn addressed a vast for Skaguay, where they went into camp meeting to-day. The Transvaal the restaurant business and did well. President made an impassioned appeal About the end of September they left to the burghers to maintain their gal- Skaguay for a bay ton miles down the lant light for freedom. He told them Lyan canal. That was the last that it was certain the ultimate result of was seen of them. They had taken the war would be that the Boer Re- provisions to stay only a week on their publics would retain their indepen- outing, and after twice that time had dence, despite the temporary Brit- expired their friends set out to look for them. The only trace they found was their boat, abandoned on the

dian told the details of the killing to the police. He had become converted and a member of the S. Ivation Army, \$3.25 per cwt. and considered it a religious duty to Thursday Light.

The Indian, Charlie, who "preached" \$5 to \$1 a head. war had been going on the Boers had on the others, says that the Worth ngs | Lamos-Rather weak demand lost less than 1,000 men in killed, and were shot down over their outdoor are \$.... to \$5.5) per cwt., and \$1..0 to that the lighting was really commenc- at night. An Indian, it was alleged, \$3.75 per cwt. for picked ewes and ing now. As President, he warned had been killed by white men some The Morning Post's correspondent Free Staters not to believe Lord Rob- time before, and it was for revenge

PRETORIA IS CONFIDENT

The City is Lively and Full of Military Activity.

A despatch from Pretoria, says:-A correspondent has just seen Capt. Leon, the agent of the gun works at die theight, at \$2.60 per obt., and ex- give informa i n on this point to-mor- thy of credence. That in the darks La Creusot, France, who was report- port agents bid \$2.55. Special brands, I constant Boring of the ness a thawing and melting process ed to have been killed in an engagement with the British some time ago. Capt. Leon was quite badly wounded, \$15.50, and shorts at \$15 to \$16, at Kitchener Occupies Prieska, But the but he is now improving rapidly. He the mill door through Western Onwill sail for Europe next week.

The people here have not been cast can yellow, quoted at 43c, track, To-War Office has received the following down by the British successes. They ronto; and mixed at 42c; Canadian Victoria, dated February 9th, in which help in the task of clearing the Boers despatch from Lord Roberts, dated are confident of maintaining a sturdy corn, 42c, track, Toronto. resistance for many months.

The Rand Post says it has been ad- and west; and 61 1-2 to 62c, east. day unopposed. The rebels surrender- vised that there will be a general deish are allowed to occupy the gold

means of despatch riders, in reply to The Standard and Diggers' News of and Elc, east. my proclamation, to the effect that Johannesburg, strongly opposes such that he will not fight against us again struction of the mines would be an 1-2c. will be treated as a traitor and shot. act of vandalism which would alienate "The Bloemfontein people are af- the sympathy of friendly powers. This

ter of hospital accommodations. We Johannesburg continues calm, and no No. 1 hard, round lots, 71 1-4c; No. 1 have, consequently, been able to ar- breaches of order are reported from that town. Pretoria is lively and Northern, carloads, 73 3-4c. Win-

day from Kroonstad. He states that "The Boers have begun to surrender he never found the burghers more resolved. He is assured that the fight in the Free State will be desperate. I am informed that the Transvaal Government has taken no resolution to destroy the mine property as a last

in Woolwich Hospital.

A despatch from London, March 22 .says:-The Queen, accompanied by Princess Christian, and attended by 62 5-8c. a large suite, visited Herbert hospital at Woolwich this afternoon to see the sick and wounded soldiers who are being cared for there. Immense crowds awaited the arrival of her Majesty at the station in Woolwich, There were lavish decorations and unbounded enthusiasm was displayed.

The Queen appeared to be in excellandau through the arsenal, grounds, where 20,000 employes were drawn up in line and gave her Majesty a magnificent reception. . The Queen distrithe wards, of the hospital.

On the parade grounds of the garrison the school children viewed the procession from military waggons, and sang "God Save the Queen." A despatch to the London Morning original flag made by some of the ladies of Pretoria on the occasion of the town's first annexation was hoisted over the artillery barracks in honour of her Majesty's visit, and the house where General Gordon was born was effectively decorated.

The Queen spent an hour in the hospitals, and spoke to numbers of the patients, wishing them a speedy recovery.

CONNAUGHT VISITS BELFAST.

Queen's Son Pays a High Tribute

Gallantry of Irish Troops.

A despatch from Belfast, March 22 says:-For the first time in 30 years the Duke of Connaught and Strathern, commander of the forces in Ireland, visited Belfast to-day, on a tour of military inspection. He was enthusi- fied. astically received.

The Earl of Dufferin and Ava proposed the health of his Royal Highness at luncheon. The Duke, in his response, referred to the wonderful development of Belfast. Alluding to the forthcoming visit of the Queen, he said | When the royal address of the corporaall understood that it was entirely of tion of Dublin is presented to the entertain them at Pretoria.

ing their devotion to their sovereign. vate secretary.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Toronto, March 27.-Run was fair consisting of 600 cattle, 800 hogs and 15J sheep and lambs-quite sufficient

for the demand. Export Cattle-Trade slow; offerings not large. A few loads sold at \$1.50 to \$1.80 for heavy cattle and \$1.25 to \$1.40 for light stock.

Butchers' Cattle-Demand was not strong. Loads of choice heifers and steers sold at \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt., good cattle at \$3.50 to \$3.90 per cwt., medium to mixed lots at \$3 to \$3.53 per cwt., and common cows to \$2.50 to \$3

Export Eu.ls-Offerings light and demand weak, Quotations were \$5.53 to \$5.75 per cwt. for light stock and \$5.75 to \$1 for heavy graves. reegers-Few offered to a slow de-

mand at unchanged prices. Stockers-Tais market holds steady with fair offerings and demand at \$3 A' 1ew days ago at Skaguay an In- to \$2.55 per cwt. for steers weigning from 500 to 900 ibs. beeding Lu.ls-Steady at \$2.75 to

Sneep-Trade was dull and some tell of the crime. He gave the police stock left over. Offerings were genthe names of the nine Indians impli- erally inferior. Eaport ewes sold at cated, and the arrests were made last \$3.20 to \$3.10 per cwi., bucks at 13 to \$3.5 per cwt., and butchers' sheep at

erts' proclamation and accept his in- that Worthing and his wife were shot. markets closed weak to-day. In the lo- Ha itax, had received marching ordcal market Manitobas were off 1c, but ers for Africa, and that they were Ontarios remained about steady. Quo- going to leave behind them all the in particular, regulars or colonels, for tations are as follows :- Ontario, red men under 2) years of age and all both for weary hours behaved migrifiand white, 65 to 65 1-2c, according to those unfit for active service. He sugnearness to the mill, Western Ontario gosied that the men thus left bedand points; and 6) to 66c east; goose wheat would be a good nucleus for the re-70c, low freignts, to New York, spring, pa riation on the regiment. east, 66 to 661-2c; Manitoba No. 1 nard, 73c, North Bay, and 80c, g.i.t. Flour-Quiet. Outside mil ers offer

straight rollers, in buyers' bags, mid in wood, for local account, sell from \$2.85 to \$3, according to brand. Millfeed-Bran is quated at \$1450 to

Corn-Continues firm. No. 2 Ameri-

Peas-Demand quiet and easier. Car lots, 60 1-2 to 61c, north Barley - Tone easy. Prices rather easier. Car lots, No. 2, middle freights, 42 1-2c; and east at 43c; No. 1 is quoted at 43 1-2 to 44c, outside.

Rye - Quiet. Car lots, 51c, west, Oats - Prices steady on small o ferings. White oats, north and west, 27 any burgher who signs a declaration a measure. It declares that the de- 1-2c, middle freights 28c, and east 28

> Buckwheat - Quiet. O ferings light. Car lots, outside, quoted at 49 to 50c. Bu falo, March 27.-Spring wheat-Northern, carloads, 76 3-4c; No. ter wheat-No. 2 red, 74 1-2c, asked; No. 1 white and mixed, 73 1-2c, asked. Corr-Quiet; No. 2 yellow, 413-4c; No. 3 yellow, 41 1-2c; No. 4 yellow, 41c; No. 2 corn, 411-2c; No. 3 corn, 41c. Oats-Firm; No. 2 white, 293-1 to 30c;

62 1-2c. Flour-Steady.

October, \$1.13. Minneapolis, March 27. -Close:- Mr. Cargill was informed by Dr. had been evacuated, and was then

hard cash, 661-4c; May, 671-4c; No. 1 jected for various reasons, or those who Northern cash, 643-4c; May, 653-4c; volunteered after the lists were filled. July 665-8c; No. 2 Northern, 621-4c; The number of men furnished from No. 3 spring, 59c. Oats-231-2 to 24c. Ontario was 100, not including the 40 Corn-34 3-4c.

FRANTIC.

Entreat to Be Allowed to Shoot British Officers at Pretoria.

says:-It is reported from Lorenzo lately in the Chinese quarter of San to be jolted in amoulances or ox war-Marques that Pretoria is prepared to Francisco. As a result, orders have ons. stand a siege of two years, and that been given to treat ships coming from buted quantities of Windsor flowers in the Boer women, frantic at the re- those coming from the Orient. verses to the Boer army, are entreating to be allowed to shoot the British officers imprisoned at Pretoria It is also announced from the Transvaal capital that the Italian Govern-

DISTRESS SPREADS IN INDIA.

ment has declined to interfere.

Nearly 5,000,000 Persons on the Relief Works in Famine Districts.

distress caused by the famine is increasing in extent and severity. Prices here have risen to the leval of those of 1897, the great famine year, and are still rising. There are now em- now under consideration the question ployed on the relief works in the fa- of defining the dimensions of a stanmine-stricken districts, 4,810,000 per- dard barrel.

The Maharajah of Jeypore has donated fifteen lakhs of rupees to be placed at interest for the relief of sufferers from the present and future 1,500 Burghers Have Delivered up showing we had been tighting the Fre famines. He stipulates that the money shall be invested by trustees, who shall devote the income to the purpose speci-

QUEEN'S VISIT TO DUBLIN.

Parnell's Brother Will Present Her

the Queen's own free will that she was Queen on her forthcoming visit to Irebridges by the Boers is an evident News from Pretoria, says that a de- planning to revisit the country, of land, the keys of the city will be hand- that they were proud of the honor planning to revisit the country, of land, the keys of the city will be hand- that they were proud of the honor planning to revisit the country, of land, the keys of the city will be hand- that they were proud of the honor planning to revisit the country. J. H. Parnell, brother of the dead march. He paid a high tribute to the gal- Irish leader. The sword-bearer on this lantry of the Irish regiments in South occasion will be J. F. Egan, dynami- the oath prescribed in Lord Roberts'

THE HIGH JOINT COMMISSION.

Sir Charles Tupper enquired when the House was to be furnished with copies of the protocols and other information concerning the commission appointed to arrange outstanding matters between Canada and the United States. As the work of that commission had now, apparently, come to an end, he thought it was time that the House atti the country should be told exactly what they had done.

Sir Wilirid, Laurier could not agree with the idea that the commission had finished its sittings, or that the nego- of an order He says:tiations had cone to an end, although he was not prepared to say when they would be resumed. In the meantime, he was not in a position to say when the protocols and other information would be laid before the House, but the Government now had the matter under consideration; and he would give an answer in a few days. GARRISONING OF ESQUIMALT.

fact that man who had been recruited in Brilish Co.umbia for Company "A" of the Provincial Battalion, which is to garrison Ha ifax, had been sent to do garrison au y at Esquimalt. wanted to know whether it was the intention to garrison Esquimalt permanently with Canadian troops, Also

Dr. Borden said he had no information regarding Mr. Prior's first ques- whether a the raw Imperat L g it Intion, but was not inclined to think it lantry levies or certain of the r gue was well founded. He promised to lars, may be brushed aside as unwork Leinster Regiment, the War Office set in I can believe, but it was induce was now seriously considering the ed and gravated by another c.rcumquestion, and had strong hopes of be- stance which I dare to call ing able to carry it out in the near future. Applause.

THE PACIFIC CAPLE.

Hansard of the Australian colony of tion, where they could a ford little appeared a statement credited to Mr. of the h lis, and that they would come McLean, a member of the Victoria under the shell and ride fire of both Cabinet, to the effect that the Imper- sides, an order was sent them to reial authorities had no objection to Aus- fire. Therein lies the mystery and tralia granting the Eastern Extension crux of all that ensued. So far as I Cable Company landing rights and am able to glean the order in question facilities for doing business for their was simply addressed to the "O. C." proposed cable to Cape Colony on con- o f.cer commandi; g; but that it was dition that Imperial messages should meant the Sixtisth should withdraw to have the preference and that rates the south and join the Scottish ici les, once lowered should never be increas- as some say, seems open to question.

the colonies and Great Britain.

ORFORD COPPER COMPANY. Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented the No 3 white, 29 to 29 1-4c; No. 4 white, petition of the Legislative Assembly The Thirty-seventh company o. Royal 283-4c; No. 2 mixed, 261-2c; No. 3 mix- of Ontario, praying that the bill of ed, 26c. Rye-No. 2 nominally 62 to the Orford Copper Company for re- win the gins to ; urther add to the newal of letters parent do not become Chicago, March 27.-Flaxseed-Clos- law. The petition was referred to the VISITS WOUNDED. ed:-North-West and South-West, cash, Select Committee on Private Bills.

> Wheat-In store, No. 1 Northens, Borden that it was impossible to tell March, 641-8c; May, 635-8c; July, 64 the total number of men who volun-7-8c, on track, No. 1 hard, 651-8c; No. teered for service in South Africa, 1 Northern, 641-8c; No. 2 Northern, either from the separate provinces or from the Dominion as a whole. No re-Duluth, March 27.-Wheat-No. 1 cord was kept of those who were rewho enlisted as reinforcements for the first contingent, nor those who went with the Strathcona Horse.

> > THE BUBONIC PLAGUE. ports, but that a case had been re-

PLAINS OF ABRAHAM mier that there had been informal ne- would be wrested from defeat, and ac gotiations respecting the purchase of attack made all along our lines upon the Plains of Abraham by the Govern- the Boers, for more, rather than less. ment. It had been fully decided to ac- the tate of Ladysmath was trembling quire the property if it could be pro- in the balance. But no-merely an cured at a reasonable figure.

Mr. Sutherland introduced a bill make further provision respecting A despatch from Bombay says:-The grants of land to members of the militia force on active service in the North-West. STANDARD BARREL. Sir Henri Joly, in answer to Mr.

GRANTS TO SOLDIERS.

THE OATH.

Mills, said that the Government had

Their Arms.

A despatch from Bloemfontein, March 21, says:-Lord. Roberts gave a banquet last night to his command- twenty-five prisoners taken at Actor ing officers and the foreign military attaches. In proposing the health of the foreign attaches, Lord Roberts Majesty With the City Keys:

| complimented them on their soldierly all go. He bade them within twenty. |
| A despatch from London says:- | bearing in enduring the privations of four hours remove the the arduous march to Bloemfontein. He added that he hoped he would next

The Russian attache, in reply, said

Fifteen hundred Boers have taken

HOW SPION KOP WAS LOST

WHOLE FORCE RETIRED INSTEAD OF ONE REGIMENT.

tuller Was Astounded at the Blunder-The Force. Had Apparently Been Weakens ed Under the Whirlwiad o. shills and

Ballet. Writing from Potgieter's Drift, Mre Bennet Burle gh, special war corresc pondent of the Daily Telegraph, tells the story of the taking of Spion Kop and subsequent retirement. He throws some light on the vexed question of the cause of the British retreat, which apparently was the misunderstanding

When I let the western base of Sp on Kop, after six p. m., all was well, The gun and musketry fire was almost quiescent. Only at rare intervals did the "pom pom" break in, and as for the ri les, only the relentless snipers were shooting. The wounded were bei g brough down in hundreds, and, Mr. Prior called attention to the as I have said, the mountain battery, was, with the naval gans, on their way toward Thaba Emunyama.

An hour and a hal later a disas-He trous cha. g set in. The green troops, who had never been under lire, must, I suspect, have been shaken by the he had been informed on good authori- subsequent whirlwind of Boer shells 10. onto, Mar. 27.-Wheat-Western ly that the Leinster Reg.ment, now in and bullets that descended upon the cently, and means m gat have been more promptly adopted for helpirs

The stories of scare and stampede

A CRIMINAL BLUNDER.

Seeing that the Sixtieth (King's Mr. Casey produced a copy of the Royal n. les; were in an exposed situ-What appears to have happened if Mr. Mulock said that this statement this :- In the death or absence of Col-

was not at all in harmony with the oncl hiddel., Colonel Thornecro t took Canadian Government's views of the the mess g:, and read it to apply to attitude of the Imperial authorities, the whole orce upon the Sp.on Kop So far as this the Government know, range. A retirement which may have and he felt pretty sure its informa- been a retreat icllowed, and by ten p. tion was correct, the Imperial Gov- m., when the rile fire dwingled into ernment had not given its consent to sn.pir g again, Thaba Emunyama was any variation in the terms of the practically evacuated, only a hand uf agreement for the construction of a o men remaining under the dip of the Pacific cable to be owned jointly by mimosa trees. There were those, I learn, who re used to take the order, but whether Major General Coke acted upon it or not, we are alk alike, oficially and unofficially, in the dark. E g neers had also been ordered up

de enses or the mountain. Whatever may have been the case in Warren's camps, around Po geter's \$1.65; May, \$1.65; September, \$1.16 bid; ONTARIO'S CONTINGENT NUMBERS and Spearman's, we were in bliss al or deplorable guarance that the position

OCCUPIED BY THE BOERS. Thursday morning told its own tale As General Buller was setting out ride over to Warren's force he for

first time heard of the disaster.

Yet, as I have pointed out, the tances separating us are not g There is a military telegraph wire. from Buller's headquarters The Emunyama is well within lamp s.gaal ling range. Why, we had been ber lo g enough to have laid and run lgat tramway from Frere, which would have reduced the convoys, re-Mr. Fisher, replying to Col. Prior, volutionized transport and made it insaid that no cases o bubonic plague comparably easy for the surg ons to had been reported at B. itish Columbian have sent daily a hundred or more of sick and wounded to rail and hospi-A despatch from London, Friday, ported at Port Townsend and another tals in Maritzburg. Now they have

> I dare say General Buller was dream fully shocked and mortified. He rode of with his staff, and has since spent the time with Warren's troops. Many Mr. Taylor was informed by the Pre- or us imagined that even then victors occasional gun and rille shot. Through glasses I could see hundreds or Boers upon Thaba Emunyama. A few helmeted Tommies moved about among

> > The enemy could be seen picking un Lee-Metford rifles and cartridges, an assisting in bringing in wounded and dead to our dressing stations and ambulances, some of which were upon the mountain. Their own ambulances were also busy collecting their wound ed. Our loss is probably over 200 kill. ed, and the total casualties quite 1,600.

SEVERAL OF THE BOERS had ridden on horseback up the moun tain. General Louis Botha was there Staters. He was rather irate, and at first declared he would keep all the wounded in his own hands and our ambulance men until we surrendered Homes. Major Wright, of the Gordons, in charge of the ambulance corps, palavered for over an hour and hospitals south of the Tugala or he

There was an armistice agreed upon, extending from ten o'clock a.(m. te. four o'clock p. m., but it was lorg a ter that hour ere the last of the deal were buried and the wounded brough down bill. Our men declare to they buried over one hundred of 9 dead upon that part of Spion Kop. saw at least fifty dead Boers-

would fire upon them without excep-