They Claim 600 British Killed and 900 Captured.

The War Office Has Nothing About It, But While the Story Is Not Believed, There Is Nervous Anxiety in London

London, April 11. - (5 a.m.) -But that the War Office has issued the last three days, there would be received. little disposition to place any credence in the Boer reports of a British disaster. The unexpected rallying of the Free State commandos, however, leave the public in a nervous condi- laagte.

The re is Great Anxiety. mischances, as well as successes, or allow the newspaper correspondents to report them until confirmation is received, there is some justification for e-garding the Meerkatsfontein rumor as only an exaggerated account of the Roddersberg affair. At the same time the greatest anxiety is felt.

600 BRITISH KILLED. Boer Report Says This Disaster Mappened at Meerkatfoutein.

London, April 11. - A despatch to The Daily Mail from Brandfort, dated | Peace Commissioners, Messrs. Fisher, Sunday, by way of Lorenzo Marquez, Wolmarans and Wessels, arrived here Boers' last attack. says: "Yesterday, Gen. Dewet en- yesterday, and were welcomed by gaged the British for the third time Mr. Muller, the representative of the within a week at Meerkatfontein, Orange Free State, and Mr. Van killing and wounding 600. He cap- Boerschoten, the secretary of the tured 900, with 12 wagons, losing Transvaal Legation at Brussels. 5 Boers killed and 9 wounded.

London, April 11. - The Daily News has the following from Pretoria dated Monday, by way of Delagoa Bay: "It is officially announced that a battle has been fought south of Brandfort, in which 600 British troops were killed and wounded and 800 taken prisoners.

900 British Captured. Lendon, April 11 .- The Daily Mail publishes the following, dated Tuesday, April 10, from Lorenzo Marquez: The Netherlands Railway Company professes to have received a telegram reporting a Boer victory near Kroonstadt, the Boers capturing 900 British.

Commenting on this The Daily Mail There is a Meerkationeight and a half miles southeast of Kroonstadt, but if the report be true, this can hardly be the place."

Boors Say 100 Killed. Pretoria, April 9. - (Via Lorenzo Marquez.) - The British casualties in the fight in Dewets-Dorp were 100 killed and wounded and 459 captur-

The Transvaal Volksraad has been summoned to meet in ordinary session on May 7. Heavy cannonading is reported at

Fourteen Streams. The British are yesterday. using a naval gun. Lord Methuen is moving in the di-

rection of Hoopstad. Naval Guns Working at Natal.

London, April 11. - The Durban correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, telegraphing Tuesday, April 10. says: "Our naval guns have commenced bombarding the Boer positions between Sunday's River and Biggarsberg.

Roberts' Water Supply Good. Post says: "The water supply con- ple lined the highways. tinues satisfactory. Entrenching i proceeding vigorously on the hills commanding Bloemfontein. Civilian

among the troops is somewhat diminishing." Leaving Buller to Join Reberts. graphing Tuesday, says: "Large num-

in command of these troops. Chicago's Aid for Boers. Lorenzo Marquez, April 10. - The French steamer Caravellar, Capt. Labournie, from Havre, Feb. 25, has arrived here with 106 passengers, including the Chicago ambulance corps. A majority of the passengers will proceed by train to the Transvaal.

Britain's Order for 30,000 Horses. New York, April 11 .- The Journal says: "A contract to buy 30,000 to 35,000 horses for the British Government was completed in this city yesterday (Tuesday)."

HEAVY FIGHTING AT WEPENER. Continued From Monday Until Tuesday

-Three Commandes. Aliwal North, Monday, April 9. -An engagement took place to-day at Wepener. The Boers Vickers-Maxim did considerable execution at first, but the British guns soon got the prisoners is shameful, and that dyrange and made great havoc.

was severe, and lasted all day long. The Boers received a check. The casualties were rather heavy on both

Another cammando is advancing to- ed, were obliged to sleep on straw. wards Wepener from Dewetsdorp.

to Wepener. this morning. The result is un- a Russian physician. The latter, when known. Three Boer commandos are he fully learned the condition of af- was entirely by rifle. Half of the attacking the town.

RELLER NOW AT WORK.

4. Is Said He Has Command of One of the Drakenberg Passes.

London, April 10. - In connection to remain in gaol. with the resumption of hostilities in The lady has sent a written report able force six miles from Mafeking. Natal an interesting rumour is cur- to the Intelligence Department here. and to prevent being outflanked on

rent that Gen. Buller has obtained command of one of the Drakensberg passes whereby he hopes to take the Boers in the rear. In the event of his being successful. Gen. Buller has enough troops to leave 20,000 men to hold Natal while he should vance by way of Harrismith whence he would be able to threaten the Boer positions at Bethlehem and Kroonstadt.

Heavy Firing Near Ladysmith. Ladysmith, April 10. - Heavy firing was heard early this morning in the direction of Sundays River. continued for a few hours. No no news from Lord Roberts during tails of the engagement have been

Cannonading at Elandslangte. Heavy cannonading commenced this morning in the vicinity of Elands-

Peers Now at St. Helena. Island of St. Helena, April 11. Despatches from Pretoria, as late The Niobe and the Milwaukee have as Monday, did not mention any fur- arrived here with the Boer prisoners. ther Beer victory. On the contrary. The health of the men is good with they said all the commandoes were the exception of four cases of measquiet, and as Lord Roberts has hith- les, which necessitated the Milwaukee erto sever failed promptly to report being quarantined. The prisoners are quiet and well behaved. They will probably land to-day.

Leyds Goes to Join Them. Brussels, April 11. - Dr. Leyds left Brussels last night to confer with the Boer Peace Commissioners.

Boers on Mainland Again. Cape Town, Tuesday. April 11. -The remainder of the Boer prisoners that were on board the transport off Simonstown, about 2,000, have been transferred to the mainland.

Boer Embassadors at Naples. Naples, April 11. -- The Boer They will remain here for some days.

MORE STRATHCONA RECRUITS. Fifty More Men Required in Prospects of Henvy Work.

Ottawa, Ont., April 11. - Lord Strathcona last night cabled the Militia Department to recruit 50 more men for Strathcona's Horse, to fill vacancies that will probably occur when the men get into the light. This is taken as significant of the fact that hard work is expected in South Africa.

Major Drummond Homeward Bound. last night from Cape Town to the lant fighter that accompanied the

THE LIFFEY VALLEY.

Brilliant Scene of the Queen's Drive on

Tuesday Afternoon. light at the reception accorded her lowing him up.

Her Majesty took her customary drive in her chair in the Vice-Regal grounds yesterday morning.

The Queen selected the picturesque route along the Valley of the Liffey for her drive in the afternoon, and covered nearly 20 miles before returning to the Vice-Regal Lodge. Her Majesty rode in an open landau, and was accompanied by the Princesses and Prince Leopold.

Although the route was only selected a few hours previous to the start. London, April 11. - The Bloem- the villages traversed were gay with fontein correspondent of The Morning bunting, and crowds of cheering peo-

KUMASSIES WANT FIGHT. labor is to be utilized. Sickness Sir Frederick Hodgson's Efforts to Settle Have Failed.

Accra, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, April 10. - Sir Frederick London, April 11. - The Durban Mitchell Hodgson, Governor of the correspondent of The Standard, tele- colony, sends a despatch, irom Kumassie, announcing that his efforts to bers of troops are coming down for effect a peaceful settlement of the difshipment to Cape Colony. Two regi- ficulty between the British officials ments have already salled. Gen. Hart and the Kumassie tribesmen have not is also going to the Cape, probably succeeded.

> Relieving Force on the Way. Accra, British Gold Coast Colony, April 9.-A relieving force of 100 Hussars started for Kumassie to-day. As this body of troops is considered insufficient, a larger force is being concentrated in the Hinterland. Kumassie is evidently invested. The Ashanti have captured several native teachers and their families. The rising is spreading.

BRITISH PRISONERS

Dysentery and Typhold Ri'e, and Sick and Well Without Tents and Obliged to Sleep on Straw.

A despatch from Cape Town, April 11. says:-A lady who left Pretoria on March 20, and who has arrived here, reports that the manner in which the Boers are treating their sentery and typhoid fever are rife Evening .- The fighting at Wepener among the captives. The prisoners, for the British when the fight began, who are confined at Waterval, had no tents, and the sick, as well as those whose health has not yet been affect-

The medical comforts are scanty. Dr. The Rouxville commando has gone Hazlitt, the medical officer, resigned owing to the fact that it was impos-Aliwal North, April 10. - Heavy sible for him to obtain medicines, and fighting was continued at Wepener he was succeeded by Dr. Van Grelot, fairs, also threatened to resign unless British officers were more or less sermedicines and tents were furnished for liously wounded. the sick. The Boers then partly reme-

> died the evils complained of. The colonial prisoners are treated as common malefactors, some of then Ramathlabama and Maleking, March working on the streets rather than

Opened Fire on the Town on March 27 With Seven Guns.

They Were Repulsed When They Came Within Rifle Range-Col. Plumer Was Near Mafeking-Fought a Ten Miles Retreat All the Way From Within Six Miles of the Besieged Town-Plumer Himself Wounded-His Casualties.

Mafeking, Tuesday, March 27. News was received yesterday of the Pietermaritzburg, April 10. - advance of the Southern relief col-

The Boers this morning opened fire at sunrise with seven guns including one 100-pounder. This has been the most vigorous bombardment of the season. The Boer siege gun alone has already fired over sixty rounds. Under cover of fire the Boers advanced to the northern face of the works but retired precipitately on coming within rifle range. They also ad vanced to the southwestern posts but were repulsed. There was one casualty.

To Reduce the Town. The Boers under Commandant Jan Cronje are evidently falling back be- ly light, otherwise we should have had fore the advance of the southern re- a decided break in the price of ordinlief column and are concentrating ary cattle. with two commandoes who are tiring before Col. Plumer in order to make a final effort to reduce the town. All the fort and outlying po- ness in prices was mainly owing to a sitions are manned, the troops are light run. standing in arms and everybody is under cover.

All are convinced that this is the

Baden-l'owell Hopeful.

Buluwayo, March 31. - Col. Baden-Powell wires from Mafeking, under date of March 27, confirming the report that the Boers had been pushed back so far that the town was comparatively out of range of musketry. He concludes with saying: "All promises well for eventually cutting off this force of the enemy if we can hold Snyman here."

PLUMER IN A HOT CORNER. at low figures.

British Version of the Engagement With in Sight of Mafeking-Boers Were Two to One.

Gaberones, Sunday, April 1 .- Yesterday Colonel Plumer with 270 mounted and a few dismounted in-A private message was received fantry and one Maxim gun arrived at Ramathlabama, where he left effect that Major Drummond, the gal- dismounted men, and proceeded along the railroad to within sight of Mafirst contingent to South Africa, is on feking. The advance guard under his way home. The message does Col. White encountered a large body not say whether he is sick or wound- of Boers and almost Amultaneously the left and right flanks were attacked and sharp fighting followed. The Boers were in crescent formation and outnumbered the British two to one They advanced with skill and stubbornness and persistently endeavored Dublin, April 11. - Queen Victoria to encircle the British. After holding through the authorities here has noti- his ground for an hour Col. Plumer fied the citizens of Dublin of her de- retired, with the Boers slowly fol-

It Was a Stiff Fight.

The fighting was continued throughout the ten mile retreat to Ramathlabama, where the British Maxim gun was brought into play. After a stiff fight Col. Plumer reached his camp. British Casualties.

The British casualties were: Killed, 3 officers and 7 men wounded, 3 officers and 24 men; missing 11.

The Boer loss was serious. At the conclusion of the fight Gen. Snyman informed Col. Baden-Powell that he had some British wounded. and both Baden-Powell and Plumer sent ambulances. The Boers were given the crop report. Later in the also busy Sunday collecting their day, however prices sagged. Locally dead and wounded. Most of the prices were about steady, Quotations British wounded were only slightly are as follows:-Ontario, red and

Col. Plumer Wounded. Col. Plumer was wounded but was

able to carry out his duties. While the ambulance was still Ramathlabama April 2nd, Gen. Snyman, with 800 men and three guns. arrived there, and finding no British troops in the vicinity returned to Mafeking.

It is reported here that the advance guard of Lord Methuen's relief force has left Vryburg for Mafeking. Others Wounded and Killed.

Col. Plumer's wound was in his right arm. His horse was shot. Col. Bodie and Capt. Rolt were wounded. Col. Plumer's orderly is missing. Sergt.-Major Maning of the 5th Dragoon Guards, who took up

duties of orderly, did excellent work. Capt. Fred Crowe was shot dead while covering the retreat of others. Capt. MacLaren was severely

wounded, and Lieut. Milligan, the famous Yorkshire cricketer fatally, while holding an assigned position. Medical Orderly Waneford worked 271-2c; middle freight, 28c; and east at pluckily on the field, which afforded 28 1-2c. little cover.

British Had Little Cover.

Saturday's fight in the environs of Mafeking was conducted on Col. Plumer's side under great difficulties, being in the proximity of the Boer laagers, whence reinforcements could be promptly sent to the burghers. and there was little cover available the plain being but sparsely wooded and the railroad embankment, the chief protection, being only two feet high. The men behaved gallantly, however, and the officers were exceptionally conspicuous in the affair.

Nearly All Rifle Fire.

With the exception of a few rounds fired by the British Maxim gun at Ramathlabama, the fire on both sides

Ketired in Good Order. Buluwayo, Tuesday, April 3 .- Col. freely distributed to the Boer pris-31. The Boers appeared in consider-

both sides Plumer had to withdraw

on Ramathlabama, subsequently re

gagement lasted three hours, and the

retirement was well carried out in

Plumer 20 Mile Off.

food supplies. The opinion prevails

here that young Cronje has returned

to the ranks of the investing Boers,

and is trying to avenge Paardeberg.

Bulawayo, Thursday, April 5.

Lieut. Militgan Captured.

Lieut. Milligan of Col. Plumer's col-

umn is a prisoner in the hands of the

Toronto, April 17.-There was again

practically no change in the market

to-day, as the receipts were fortunate-

Both in shipping cattle, butcher cat.

A few lots of shipping cattle sold at

5c, per pound, but the quotations that

have lately prevailed, were in no sense

The same remarks apply to butcher

cattle; good stuff sold at from \$3.75

to \$4.25, and for extra choice lots ten

to fifteen cents more was occasional-

ly paid; but for medium and common

and shipping bulls are unchanged.

Stockers, feeders, milkers, export

mon rough calves are not wanted, even

stronger; some people called them

better, but there was no actual quot-

Sheep are steady and unchanged.

There was a decline of a quarter in

light hogs only, but it may be well to

observe that the hog market shows a

hogs are bringing 51-2c per pound.

Cattle.

Sheep and Lambs.

Milkers and Calves.

white, 65 to 65 1-20 west; 65 1-2 to 66c

east; goose wheat, 71 to 71 1-2c, low

freights to New York; spring, east,

66 1-2 to 67c; Manitoba, No. 1 hard,

rollers, in buyers' bags, middle

freights, at \$2.65 per bbl.; and export

agents bid \$2.55. Special brands, in

Millfeed-Scarce. Bran in quoted at

\$16 to \$10.50; and shorts at \$17 to

\$17.50 at the mill door, through West-

Corn-Unchanged, but rather quiet-

Peas-Steady. Car lots, 60c, north

light. White oats, north and west,

Buckwheat-Quiet. Offerings light

Car lots outside are quoted at 51 to

Duluth, Apr. 17 .- Wheat-No. 1 hard,

1-8c; No. 3 spring, 62 1-8c. Oats-24

1 Northern, 65 3-4c; No. 2 Northern,

FOR BOER PRISONERS.

books, clothing, and luxuries are

1-2c. Corn-57 1-2c.

cash, 69 7-8c; May, 69 5-8c; September,

er. No. 2, American yellow quoted at

to \$3.10, according to brand.

1-2c; Canadian corn scarce.

and west, and 61c east.

ern Ontario.

81c, North Bay; and 81 1-2c, g.i.t.

Butcher, choice, do . 375

Butcher, med. to good. . 325

Butcher, inferior. 250

Stockers, per cwt. . . 275

Sheep, per cwt. . . . 300

Lambs, per cwit. . . 450

Bucks, per cwt. . . . 250

Calves, each. . . . 200

Choice hogs, per cwt. . . 600

Light hogs, per cwt. . . . 550

Heavy hogs, per cwt. . . . 550

We received about 1,500 hogs to-day.

downward tendency all round.

Shippers, per cwt. .

stuff prices are no better.

disturbed.

able change.

tle, and "small stuff," the added firm-

tiring to his base camp. The en

good order under a heavy fire.

Lorenzo Marquez.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

The above despatches give the Mr. Bell of Addington, was informed British version of the retirement of by Dr. Borden, that the major por-Col. Plumer's force first announced tion of the militia will be ordered out April 5th, in a special despatch from for drill in camp this year in June as usual, and the rest in September. The London, April 11. - The Daily Minister of Militia was unable to de-Mail has the following from Lady signate the particular corps which will Sarah Wilson, dated Mafeking, March drill in each month, as the military programme for the annual camps had "Col. Plumer's column is not not yet been made up. within 20 miles of us, but its advebt is undesirable, unless accompanied by

Mr. Marcotte enquired whether an appropriation of \$3,000 was ever granted or promised for the purpose of making a survey with a view to lowering the level of Lake Temiscamingue. Sir Louis Davies replied that the

Government could find no record of any such grant or promise. A report on this subject was received from Rev. Father Paradis, in 1887, but it was destroyed in the fire in the west block in 1897.

Mr. Foster was informed by Mr. Blair that sixteen cars were purchased The amount at half a cent per pound by the Railway Department from the Wagner Car Company in 1899. Several of the wheels on these cars were afterwards found to be defective, and these were replaced by the Wagner Company.

Mr. Davies was told by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Government of Canada, pays to the Government of Manitoba \$1 per day for the maintenance of lunatics from the North-West Ter- Hon. Mr. Davis, in introducing his ritories in the Manitoba asylum. Sir mining bill, commented on the great Wilfrid was unable to state what is prosperity and splendid prospects of the actual cost of the maintenance of the mining industry in Ontario. The such lunatics.

CHINESE LABOUR. amendment to a bill granting a rail-Good veal calves are in request; com- construction or operation of the road, but found only 21 members of the these who voted against him did had a small supply to-day prices were treating the question was unwise, and not because they disagreed with his general idea of restricting Chinese im-

> migration. THE REPORT OF THE G.O.C. report would be printed, and whether

it would contain the report of the G. Dr. Borden replied that it was now in the printers' hands, and would con- Lieutenant-Governor in Council, to imtain such parts of the general officer's pose a mining tax upon the various report as the Minister of Militia

For prime hogs, scaling from 160 to 200 lbs., the top price is 61-4c; light thought necessary. PROHIBITION DISCUSSION. Following is the range of quota-

April 23rd.

.\$ 4 25 \$ 5 00 CALLING PARLIAMENT. A short discussion took place on Mr. 350 Casey's motion affirming the desirability of calling Parliament on a fixed day annually or on a day between certain fixed and narrow limits. In December or January of each year would be in the public interest, and would best consult the convenience of those who have business to bring before that body and of the members thereof.

550 Parliament called early, and that was tures for less than \$100 where the in-575 the policy of the Government also. It terest thereon brings the face value Toronto, April 17 .- Wheat - The January.

opening in western markets was The motion was withdrawn. strong, on the bullish construction IMPORTATION OF FRUIT TREES. suspending the action of the regulation the bill, and suggested that it go to Geo. J. Goschen; Admir d Sir Mich against the introduction into Canada of trees suspected of being infected by the San Jose scale until May 1 next. Flour-Outside millers offer straight wood, for local account, sell from \$3 ernment assuming no risk whatever. lected. The packages must be addressed so as to enter Canada at one of the above named ports of entry, and the route by which they will be shipped must 47c, track, Toronto; and mixed at 46 be clearly stated upon each package. stock may be safely treated, but that Barley-Steady. Car lots, No. 2, midthere is danger of serious injury to dle freights, 42 1-2c; and east at 43c; the trees if fumigated in the autumn No. 1 is quoted at 43 1-2 to 44c, outbefore the buds are thoroughly dormant or in the spring after the buds Rye-Quiet. Car lots, 52c west, and have begun to unfold, all stock which when received is immature or too far Oats-Easy att the decline. Demand advanced for safe treatment will be

the shipper. incorporation of Live Stock Record As- Scale Actrwas reduced from \$20,000 to not at home. sociations will permit any five or more \$10,000, and that the grant for fruit persons who desire to join together for spraying, which was, \$2,500 last year, the purpose of keeping a record of had been dropped altogether in the beeash, 67 1-8c; May, 67 5-8c; July, 68 3-4c; pure-bred live stock of any distinct hef that the people had themselves September, 673-4c; No. 2 Northern, 65 breed to be incorporated on applica- taken the matter up with energy. tion to the Minister of Agriculture. Not more than one association for each May, 65c; July, 665-8c; September, 65 the Act. The association may adopt second reading of his Act dealing with first contingent, writes to a elect annual and life members, whose every child in such an institution, shal. wound during the fight at Paardeberg. 1-8c; on track, No. 1 hard, 663-4c; No. | constitution and by-laws, and may liability shall be limited by the amount after three years confinement be given The wound was not so serious, but the of the membership fees. An annual a chance in the home of his parents consequences following it are terrible, report is to be sent to the Minister of or of foster-parents. The Industrial Agriculture. If any association ceas- School Board shall retain the office of for the bullet that pierced him enteres for twelve months to do business its guardian until he is eighteen years of ed his neck and severed the vocal Roberts Says (20th'ng and Luxur'es Are corporative powers may be revoked. age. If it is deemed necessary for the cords, depriving him forever of the Any persons; who signs a false pedi- boy's welfare, he may, after a term of powers of speech. In a despatch to the War Office gree for registration may be fined six months, be brought back to the Bradshaw belonged to Picton, and Lord Roberts says the telegrams,

summarily in a court of law. THE YUKON FIELD FORCE. The Militia Department has received a report from the commandant of of money are given direct, that larger that some of the men who are now terprises of \$2,000 in cities of over 30,000 increased in a new line of vessels be-Plumer engaged the Boers between oners in his hands, that small sums the Yukon force. The report says amounts are given to the commandant serving will be time-expired before population, \$1,000 in cities of 30,000 and ing built by the American shipbuildbeing issued to prisoners in need of it. will likely come back to their homes, der was discussed.

The discipline of the force is good up to the standard at the depots, which is saying much, considering the temptations of Dawson City. The winter climate has been perfect, and the men have been walking out in red, which means that they have thrown off their overcoats, from the 15th of March.

HORSES FOR BRITISH ARMY. Dr. Sproule called attention to the large purchase of horses being made in the United States by the Imperial Government, and asked what steps the Canadian Government was taking to have them bought in this country. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that representations to that effect had been made to the British authorities, and he had reason to believe a result would follow immediately.

Mr. Fisher stated that he had frequently cabled and written to the High Commissioner that Canada could furnish a large number of useful and serviceable horses, and he believed there would be a result from these ed villages to elect police trustees. It communications shortly.

NEWSPAPER POSTAGE. Replying to Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Mulock stated that the amount collected for newspaper postage at a quarter ending March \$1, 1899, was \$10,332.39.

cent per pound for the three months for the two months ending February 28 last was \$17,982.39. The returns for March are not yet complete.

What the Legislators of the Province are Doing at Toronto. THE MINING BILL.

to obtain for Ontario, as far as pos-The Chinese problem was brought sible, the full advantages of the deway charter on the Island of Van- province. The first three sections of couver. He wanted to prevent the the bill dealt with royalties in various employment of Chinese labour on the forms. Certain mining lands had been House who agreed with him. Most of aity. Others had a royalty charged so against them, and certain lands had give equality in that respect at least, to grant power, which could be put ores mined in this province. In an effort to establish refineries in the Port-mouth's Welcome to the Callant province there was no desire to de-The discussion of Mr. Flint's resolu- stroy present industries, but the powtion favouring prohibition by pro- ers conferred on the Lieutenant-Govvinces was set down for Monday, ernor-in-Council would be used at the if thought desirable at some future time, to impose proper taxation upon minerals. The House would also be asked to confer discretionery power on the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Councit to make modifications in favour of the British Empire or any British colony.

ISSUING DEBENTURES.

Mr. Lucas moved the second reading Sir Louis Davies said there was a of his bill to enable municipalities to face value up to an odd amount. The sirens being deafening. An order in Council has been passed Attorney-General appeared to favor The First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr

the Legal Committee. SECRETARY FOR LABOR. Mr. Latchford's Act respecting a la- and others, welcomed Captain Lamb-Importations are permitted to be bor bureau for the province has now ton, his officers, and crew. entered at St. John, N.B., St. John's, been fully drawn, and provides for To-day's intensely enthusiastic re-Que., Niagara Falls, Windsor and the appointment of a secretary under ception of the Powerful was merely a Winnipeg only, where they will be the direction of the Minister of Pub- welcome from the soldiers sailors, and thoroughly fumigated with hydro- lie Works, who shall collect and sys- inhabitants of Portsmouth. The officyanic acid gas by a competent Gov- tematise information as to wages, cial civic reception for which elaborernment official in accordance with hours of employment, strikes, sani- ate preparations are being made, has the most approved methods. All tary conditions of workingmen, and been postponed to April 24, shipments made in accordance with so on. This secretary is to issue an the above will be entirely at the risk annual report, and make recommenof the shippers or consignees, the Gov- dations based on the information col-BULLFROGS IN DEMAND.

Another industry which is being developed in Ontario is the cultivation of frogs. In his annual report, Mr. Bastedo, the Deputy Commissioner of Tuesday, says that a strong party of and thoroughly dormant nursery Fisheries, calls attention to the in- Boers has been located across the creasing demand for this delicacy in river at Donker's hoek, where Dickthe American market. A considerable number of people in this province, he says, have in view the estab- has been considerable sniping. Two lishing of froggeries. Bullfrogs of British soldiers were shot from a good pedigree are in demand. AGRICULTURAL ESTIMATES.

the Whole on the agricultural esti- house, and that a man named Richter, mates. The Minister of Agriculture who holds a British pass, was one of refused entry and held at the risk of alluded to the fact that the estimate The Government bill to provide for for the administration of the San Jose place Richter's daughter said he was REPRIEVES FOR INDUSTRIAL

PUPILS.

school, and the school may exact a fee had been attached to the Standard for his maintenance from his parents. Bank staff at Kingston and Belleville. TRADING STAMPS DEBATED.

Mr. Farewell's bill to impose a license fee on trading stamp and coupon enfor distribution, and that clothing is long, and the chances are that they under, 2500 in towns of 3,000 and un-

PULPWOOD, BILL PASSED. The Spanish river pulpwood concession was ratified by the Legislature. Mr. Whitney moved that the agree ment be not ratified. The Premier's amendment was to the effect that until the Government knows more of our pulp resources it is amply safe-Their health is all that could be desir- guarded by the agreement with the company, and advocates the promotion

of manufactures. GRANTS TO SOLDIERS. The Attorney-General moved an mendment to his bill for preserving the franchise of those on service in South Africa so as to include war correspondents. He also moved an amendment to his bill to authorize municipal grants for the benefit of Canadians in South Africa, to enable municipalities to issue debentures for

the purpose. Both amendments were carried. POLICE TRUSTEES.

Mr. Holmes moved the second reading of his bill to penmit unincorporatwas also provided that such trustees shall collect the dog tax moneys for the protection of sheep, if such a sysem obtains in the township where the village is situated. Hon. Mr. Stratton thought the measure a good one, and it passed its second reading.

BOUNTY ON WOLVES The Premier's resolution to increase the bounty on wolves from \$10 to \$15

per head was carried. FIRE ESCAPE FADDISTS.

Mr. Carpenter's bill to permit license inspectors to allow the use of a canvas fire escape in hotels in lieu of the present appliances was considered. Mr. Dryden thought the iron staircases should remain, and it would be very unwise to leave the matter in the hands of inspectors. The Premier thought the bill should go to committee, and it went.

CONSUMPTIVE SANATORIA. Hon. Mr. Stratton moved the second reading of the bill to provide provinmain object of the bill, he said, was aid aid for the establishment of sanatoria for consumptives. The bill, he said, was in accord with the Government's policy, of aiding suffering huup by Mr. McInnes in the shape of an velopment of the raw material in the manity to the fullest possible extent. It provided that the Council of any county might take the initiative, or a group of municipalities or counties could unite for the purpose of erecting patented in which there was no roy- sanatoria. The management and control of the institutions were to be in the hands of trustees elected by the municipalities. The Lieutenant-Gov-Choice lambs are wanted, and as we because they thought his method of a different royalty. The proposition ernor-in-Council could grant one-fifth was to abolish royalties on every class of the sum expended on the site, builde of mining lands in Ontario. This would ing, and equipment, but the sum for such a purpose this year should not exceed \$4,000. The municipality would in connection with all the mining be obliged to pay \$1.50 per week for Mr. Prior enquired when the militia lands. In place of royalties it was each patient whose admission was approposed by this bill to ask the House proved, and a similar sum might be paid by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council out of any moneys set apart into operation by proclamation of the by the Legislature for the purpose.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Men of the Powerful.

A despatch from London, April 11. -The British first-class cruiser Powproper time toward assisting refining erful, whose brigade did such spleninterests here, and would be used also. did services in the defence of Ladysmith, arrived at Portsmouth this afternoon, and was received with immense enthusiasm by thousands of people. The whole town, appeared to be in the neighbourhood of the waterside, which was lavishly decorated with bunting, while the fortification and other points of vantage were thronged with cheering crowds waving flags. 625 growing desire to have the sessions of issue annual interest-bearing deben- The warships in the harbour were ablaze with bunting, and their crews 325 would be impossible, however, to have of the debenture up to \$100. As the manned ship and cheered again and 225 all the departmental reports down in law at present stands, debentures can- again as the Powerful entered, the not be issued for less than \$100, which, babel of sounds caused by the bands, with the interest coupon, brings the the cheering, and the shricking of the

Culme-Seymour, the commander chief at Portsmouth; Lord Durham,

FLEW WHITE FLAG.

Thea Shot Down the British Who Came

A despatch dated Bloemfontein, son's cavalry is quartered. There point near a farm house from which a white flag was flying. It is reported The House went into Committee of thirty Boers were hiding in the farm them. When the British searched the

DUMB FOR LIFE.

Bullet Severed Private Brad baw's Yoral Cords.

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., says :- Private Bradshaw, of "D" Com-

He has relatives in Toronto.

It is said the Conners syndicate is