

# 500,000 RECRUITS NEEDED ANNUALLY

## Figures of Brodrick's New Army System.

### CANADA TO GIVE HORSES.

Permanent Arrangement to be Made  
—In 30 Months Army in Africa  
Has Received 550,000 Animals—  
Increased Pay for Tommy Atkins  
—The Task in Africa.

London, March 24.—Mr. Brodrick, in introducing the army estimates in the House of Commons, mentioned circumstances showing how immense has been the task of providing for the campaign in South Africa.

But the most important feature is the increased pay of the soldier. The recruit joining after the beginning of next month will receive is a day instead of 9d. as at present. If, after two years' service, he elects to stay for eight years longer, he gets, being an efficient shot, 6s. a day more, or, if an inefficient shot, he gets 4s. while he is improving.

During the last six years recruiting had gone up from 20,000 to 45,000 per annum, but that had been attained by a lowering of the standard, which had the effect of increasing the waste from 3,480 in 1890 to 8,822 in 1901. Mr. Brodrick believes we have reached the limit of real recruiting, and we cannot look forward to any reduction in our army.

To keep the army at its present level 50,000 recruits would be required annually under the new system, and then they would be able to keep a reserve of 150,000 or 170,000 men. The cost of this proposal would be £1,018,000 to Great Britain and £756,000 to India, per annum.

In the concentration camps there is a population of 150,000 human beings, whom we house, shelter, clothe and feed.

Our scheme at an early stage of the war provided for sending out 70,000 men, and suddenly we found we had to despatch four times that number.

150,000 Horses a Year.  
Before the war we provided for 2,500 remounts annually. Since the outbreak we are sending out 15,000 horses a year. In the first six months of 1900 we landed 80,000 horses in South Africa.

There was no justification for Lord Rosebery's comparison of the Crimean war, in which 50,000 of the best troops were allowed to dwindle to 20,000 practically without food, clothes, shelter or horses, with the present campaign, with its 230,000 men well provided in every respect.

The Duke of Wellington had never more than 60,000 or 70,000 men, and in the Crimea there were never more than 52,000 men, whereas from the time the first great body of reinforcements was sent to South Africa under Lord Roberts we had not less than 150,000 regular troops there, exclusive of colonials, militia, company and volunteers, and in less than a year and a half we have landed there 290,000 horses, 126,000 mules, and chasing in addition 126,000 horses in South Africa.

Thus in thirty months we supplied the army in South Africa with 550,000 animals, which is at the rate of 600 a day.

The remount department in South Africa is now well manned and well conducted.

At present Lord Kitchener has 16,500 horses at the depots ready to be issued, and we are not only meeting existing demands, but preparing for the future.

Under the new scheme of purchase buyers will be placed with breeders and less with the dealers, and through the Board of Agriculture prices are to be given for the best type of army horse.

Permanent Supply From Canada.  
A permanent arrangement will be made with Canada for the supply of horses.

Now we are feeding 300,000 men, including fighting men and attendants, and 243,000 horses and mules in South Africa.

At home the Army Corps scheme is being pushed forward, barracks and training grounds are being prepared, and the great scheme of decentralization has been begun.

A committee has been appointed to consider whether the Engineers should be relieved of the duty of building barracks, that work to pass to civilians.

Audit departments are to be established at Aldershot, Salisbury and Dublin.

The Army Board now takes up any question which comes before it, and Mr. Brodrick tersely put it, "writing as little as possible, and deciding as rapidly as possible."

Military Officials in War Office.  
On the military side of the War Office military officials are to take the place of civilians, and there are 52 places for officers, for which there have been 182 applications; and 34 for non-commissioned officers and men, for which 2,000 applications have been received.

Of 21 new recruits of Yeomanry 14 are already formed.

Five garrison regiments, of the age of the Old Guard of Napoleon, are now in existence, and man for man they are, said Mr. Brodrick, a great deal better in health than the members of the House of Commons.

Volunteer force will be smaller and more efficient, and a reserve will be formed for men over 40.

Fifty thousand Yeomen will be offered £5 each annually to serve abroad in case of mobilization.

At the coronation, when colonial statesmen will be here, an effort will be made to see how far the colonials are willing to share the responsibilities of Empire.—London Daily Telegraph.

### LOST LOOKING FOR ARK.

Monks Ascend Mount Ararat and Cannot be Found.

Berlin, March 24.—Two Armenian monks have mysteriously disappeared from the monastery near Erivan, in Transcaucasia.

They had been close friends and frequently spoke of the fraternity of their desire to ascend the neighboring Mount Ararat to discover whether or not any trace of the ark still remained there. They had been tried to dissuade them from the project, and when they saw that all their persuasions were useless the two monks were put under lock and key as madmen.

But they escaped, and, making their way to the foot of the mountain, they collected a store of provisions in a Kurdish village there and started on their lonely climb. They have not been heard of or seen since, and search parties have failed to trace them.

It is supposed that they reached the line of perpetual snow and perished in a storm.

### JOHN DILLON AND IRELAND.

The United League an Intolerable Tyranny.

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### INSANE SOLDIERS.

Awful Wrecks of U. S. Manhood Brought Home.

What can be more pitiful and gruesome than the report which tells of the passage across the continent of a carload of insane soldiers, gibbering or raving, on their way to the national lunatic asylum at Washington? This was a fresh consignment of the fruits of the country's enterprise in the Philippine Islands. Every transport arriving at San Francisco brings its quota of these mental and physical wrecks. The amount of insanity which has developed among our troops in the Philippines would seem to be far more than ought to be expected. While many of the cases probably are consequent upon exposure to a pestilential climate, and others as has been said by observers in the islands, have resulted from unendurable homesickness, many are due to intemperance and vice. The regular army, excellent as has always been its service record, at its best is not an establishment to which we should wish to commit our young men if we have hope for their future, and the garrison life in the Philippines unquestionably has been demoralizing to a multitude of them. Still if the islands are to be retained, an army must be kept in them, many of its members to perish in the field or hospital, and these others to come home worse than dead. A great price is being paid, for what?—Buffalo Courier.

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