FIFTEEN CANADIANS WERE CAPTURED

In the Final Rush at the Hart's River Fight.

list of the casualties among the 2nd | to. Canadian Mounted Rifles on March 31 was received to-day at Government House from Cape Town. The list is as follows:

DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED.

FARRIER SERGT. GEO. McKUGO, Rossland, B. C., in left breast. Formerly Strathcona's Horse. Mother, Mrs. John Maskell, Customhouse, London, Ont.

J. A. WILKINSON, Guelph, Ont., in inspected us." face and right forearm. Mother, Catherine Wilkinson, Clyde, Ont. PTE JAMES TENNANT, formerly 2nd Battalion, R. C. R., Moneton, N. B. in head. Father, James Tennant, Fredericton, N. B.

SEVERELY WOUNDED.

EHOEINGSMITH J. A. MINCHIN Guelph, Ont., in leg and head Mother, Mrs. A. Minchin, Clyde, Ont. CLAYTON S. CORSON, Toronto, in forearm and hip. Father, P. H. Corson, 201 Carlton street, Toronto. FRANCIS A. SMITH, Toronto, in chest, Next of kin, Mrs. Jas. Smith, 66 Grenville street, Toronto.

ham Centre. thigh. Next of kin, James Stokes, and was extremely popular.

Fingal. Out. W. F. SMITH, Ottawa, in arm. For-Elizabeth Smith, the Good Shepherd's, Quebec. \ \

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

FARRIER-SERGT. N. M. DEWAR, Eau Claire, Nipissing. SERGT. E. A. MUNRO, London, Ont., grazed. Father, James Munro, 610 Princess avenue, London. LANCE-CORP. JOHN CHAS. BOND, Bond, 26 Division street, Toronto. PTE. ALEX. FERGUSON, Toronto... Father, D. A. Ferguson, 171 Madi-

son avenue. Toronto.

London, Ont. Father, George Ken- O. R. dell, Chatham, Out.

301 Dovercourt road, Toronto. Hamilton, his mother.

R. Lloyd, Leamington, England.

DANGEROUSLY ILL.

Wm. Robinson, Halifax, enteric fever. In height, and weighs 175 pounds.

Father, Edward Wilson, 522 Hamil- ony. April 6, at Charleston-H. R. G. Agassiz, Toronto, dysentery.

There are two more wounded than were first reported, making the total list of easualties 57, made up as follows: Killed, 11 non-commissioned officers and men; wounded, 4 officers and 42 non-commissioned officers and men. Several of the wounded were hit twice, showing that the Boers maintained a hot fire.

MESSAGE FROM LORD ROBERTS

The following message has been received by the Governor-General from Lord Roberts:

London, April 7 .- Earl Minto, Government House, Ottawa, Ont .: " I I appreciate splendid stand Canaregret heavy losses. (Signed) Rob-

CABLE FROM COL. EVANS.

Hon. F. W. Borden has sent a realy to Lord Dundonald's message f Saturday evening: "Thanks for your congratulations." On Saturday Gen. O'Grady-Haly received a cablegram from Colonel Evans to this effect: "Regiment in Regret losses."

SIX OTHERS KILLED.

night, about 200 men. There are a without injury of any kind. Before few thousand soldiers about us, but going to the front he was paymaster there are also about 12,000 Boers, so you can imagine how exciting it is. On February 28th reports of the Boers' advance came in, and great preparations were made for defence, digging, trenching, etc. I slept a few hours, but it was too exciting to sleep much. On March 1st Lord Kitchener came over to our camp and

THE WOUNDED.

Toronto, April 8 .- Clayton S. Corson is 21 years old, a son of Mr. P. H. Corson of P. H. Corson & Co., perfumers, Adelaide street west, and a nephew of Dr. McPherson, of Carlton street. Just before leaving for South Africa he boarded at 219 Jarvis street. Formerly he was a student at the Dufferin School, after Port Hope, and was 27 years old. which he became a shipper for Garside & White, wholesale boot and shoe merchants. He is an all-round athlete, and holds a medal for run-J. W. MILLEN, London, Ont., in jaw ning, as well as a reputation for and leg. Father, John Millen, Wind- good work as centre scrimmage in rugby. He was also a member of

son of Mr. J. B. Smith, of the J. B. when Holland got the Victoria Cross. merly R. C. F. A. Next of kin, Smith Lumber Company, and was a Othen was captured. The Boers robcorporal in the G.-G. Body Guards. A circumstance that added poig- down with his fists. nancy to the grief felt by the mother was the receipt of a letter from Frank yesterday afternoon about the same time that the casualty list was being published. It was dated March 1. at Newcastle, Natal, and related that soon after the arrival of the Toronto, grazed Father, J. P. contingent it was re ced by Gen. Lord Kitchener.

Corporal J. C. Bond is a son of PTE. HARRY E. BALLARD, former- Dr. J. P. Bond, of 26 Division street, ly 2nd R. C. R., in shoulder. Next and has had much experience in the of kin, Mrs. S. J. Ballard, Clifford, | campaign against the Boers. He first | went to South Africa as a member PTE. CLARENCE K. RORISON, Lon- of C Battery, second Canadian condon, in thigh. Father, B. D. Rori- | tingent. Afterwards he joined son, 141 Howard avenue, Windsor. Howard's Scouts, and was present PTE. F. A. PYKE, Guelph, in thigh. with the corps at the time of the Brother, Wm. Pyke, Morley, Mich. death of that gallant officer. For-PTE. JOHN ASPYDEN KENDELL, merly he was a member of the Q.

Alex. Ferguson is 21 years of age, PTE FREDERICK COOPER, Toronto, a son of Mr. D. A. Ferguson, of Madiin thigh. Father, H. C. Cooper, son avenue, and a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. PTE FREDERICK CHARLES WILD- was a member of C Company, 48th MAN, Hamilton, in arm. Mrs. A. H. Highlanders, and holds the Marguer-PTE. MICHAEL MURPHY, Peterboro', tachment of the last contingent. in scalp. Next of kin, Connor Mur- Frederick Cooper is a son of Mr. phy, 32 Lewis street, Peterboro'. Henry Cooper, of the Dominion Cas- that the peace negotiations are PTE. WM. ERNEST M'PHERSON, ket Company, for which company he progressing satisfactorily, so Charlottetown. Next of kin, Mary worked previously to enlisting for as the Transvanlers are concerned, invitation is a resolution of the City service in South Africa. He is 22 but the latest advices indicate that PTE. R. LLOYD, enlisted at Revel- years old and was for several years | there is small probability of the stoke, B. C., in hand. Next of kin, a member of H Company, Queen's Free Staters surrendering in Own Rifles. He enlisted with two body. The negotiations, thus far, April 5, at Elandsfontein-Private did physique. He is six feet two inches | their surrender will not entail ban-Father, Thomas Robinson, 9 Doyle | Clarence K. Rorison, Windsor, was fluence. The leading Transvaalers

a member of B Company, first con-At Pretoria- Private John Arthur tingent, and was wounded May 1, terms. The inner circles of the War

Kulseley's Modesty.

A story illustrating the unassaming nature of Corporal Kniseley, of the Canadian Dragoons, who was killed at Harts River, was in circulation at the City Hall yesterday. He calisted in Toronto and was very well known here, but did not reside in the city. When he was offered the £5 and matchbox granted by the gift was made, and, thinking that because his home was not here he had no right to them, declined them.

Capt. Milligan a Good Shot. The career of Pte. Milligan as a rifle shot was notable to the very moment he left Canada. During the have telegraphed Kitchener hearty few days the regiment waited at congratulations to troops who did Halifax he took part in a number so well at Klein Harts River, 31st of competitions. In one he made 97 March, but I would like to acquaint points with 8 feet of wind, and in the Canadian Government how much another 98 points on a still day, with the thermometer below zero dian Mounted Rifles; how much I and two feet of snow on the ground. in the Transvaal, emphasize the fact His achievements were highly praised that the chief honors of the fight, in letters written home by Lieut. which was very severe, went to the F. F. Clarke at the time.

Private Agassiz. siz, dangerously ill, had had rather State; Secretary of State Reitz. Empire in South Africa. He is full Meyer, Commander-in-chief of the of the military zeal. But this is not Orange Free State forces, passed surprising, considering the fighting through Kroonstad, Orange Free action and behaved very creditably. stock from which he sprung. He is 22 years of age and was born in Halifax. His father was a chaplain in the British army, and his mother, Mrs. Agassiz, of London, Eng., is a Corp. D. H. Baird, of the 10th daughter of the late General Gar-Hospital Field Corps, sends a re- nault. When the Second Canadian port of the killing of six Canadians. Contingent (the Canadian Mounted larey would attend the conference to Writing, he says: 'On February Rifles) was formed, he was a member 25th we left Durban for the front, of the Burford squadron of the Secas there was considerable fighting ond Dragoons, and had previously going on. It is difficult to get water been a member of A company, Duf- peace terms, and that the conferto drink, none to wash in, and it ferin Rifles. Brantford. He went to ence then assembling was to enable has to be boiled. The first night St. Catharines and enlisted. On the the leaders to discuss these terms in camp here was very exciting, as way out to Cape Town he was sun thoroughly. we were in the midst of the Boers. struck, and shortly after he reached We are still with the C. M. R., so Cape Town enteric fever developed. are well protected. We are en- When he was sufficiently recovered trenched, and to one side of the he was invalided to England. He fort our camp is situated on a returned to South Africa, but being level plain, all surrounded by mount- unable to go up to the fighting line ains. To the east is the nill Ma- on account of his recent illness he Juba, through which is the pass to did picket duty near Cape Town and Times in its second edition to-day the Orange Free State. There is returned home in June last. He re-

as a private in the third contingent" he nesigned his commission as lieuterant of the Second Regiment Canadian Artillery. Soon after his enlistment he was made a corporal, and when leaving Montreal was acting sergeant in charge of the first quota which left for Halifay. Mr. Howard was a very popular man about Lake St. Louis. He was a member of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, and was a good sailor. He could also pull a good oar, and as a canoeist was in the championship class. He is 27 years of age.

Major Rodden Unharmed. A cablegram was received by Major Wilson, of the Vice yesterday from Quartermaster W. Rodden, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, containing the words, "All well." These are Ottawa, April 7 .- A supplementary | know what company they belonged | taken to mean that Major Rodden took part in the recent fight at "We had a double guard on last Harts River, and that he escaped of the Victoria Rifles, in Montreal.

> Private Evans' Brave Death. London, April 7 .- Most recent advices from the front say that at the Harts River engagement the British troops were arranged in the form of a semi-circle, the Canadian Rifles holding a point somewhat in advance and across the front of the semi-circle. The Boers were following up a bold attack on the Twentyeighth Mounted Infantry, when they were met with a heavy fire from the Canadians, who poured volleys into them at a distance of 200 yards. Private Evans, although mortally wounded, kept in the thick of the fight, and having fired all the ammurition in his bandolier broke his rifle. Private Evans, above mentioned, was the son of Mr. James Evans, of

The Manitoba Men. Winnipeg, April 7 .- C. R. Othen, of Brandon, wounded at Harts River, was well known in the west. He was Sergeant-Major of Brand Com-WILLIAM STOKES, London, Ont., in | the Champion Dufferin Lacrosse Team | was not a day off duty in South Africa on account of sickness. He was Francis A. Smith is the youngest with Major Holland and 17 men bed the dead, and he knocked two

Private Campbell, who was killed, was a farm hand from Reston district. He was about 28 years of age. He was a big, busky soldier, a man anxious to enlist. Campbell worked as a blacksmith at Chater. He was a member of the Brandon Lodge of Oddfellows.

Kingston Men All Well.

Kingston, April 7.-Surgeon-Major Rifles in South Africa, wired his reton members of the contingent were he was acquitted without cross-ex- as Kruger's son is still in the field each be given a regiment, but they

An Ottawa Man Wounded. Ottawa, April 8.-Pte. W. F. Smith, reported severely wounded in the arm in the Hart's River fight, is an old Ottawa boy, formerly an employee of the Citizen, and was a member of "D" Battery during its period of service in South Africa.

The Hague, April 9 .- A report is current in official circles to-day that terms of peace in South Af Wildman, 94 Jackson street west, ette Cup for rifle shooting. He went | rica will be signed in a few days. to South Africa with the first de- It is impossible to verify the report on any definite authority.

The Associated Press understands companions, Tom Walker and James have been mainly explanations of Lendon, both of whom are still in British intentions. It has been the campaign. Cooper has a splen- made plain to the leaders that Wilson, enteric fever, London, Ont. 1900, at Houtnek, Orange River Col- Office believe that if the present ley and Private Day have been kill-Transvaalers agree to surrender, the backbone of Boer resistance will be broken, and that the Free Staters' opposition will soon be overcome.

Mourning in Galt.

Galt, April 7.-Galt mourns for Sergeant John Campbell Perry, one of the Canadians killed at Harts River the city to each of the Toronto men on March 31st. He wrote cheery lethe inquired the terms upon which ters home, the last being from Kitchener's Kop, and they were modest missives. There was not a word about his promotion as sergeant. The Rev. R. E. Knowles announced the sad news from Knox Church pulpit last night. The effect was one of intense sympathy throughout the congregation. Mr. Knowles referred most feelingly to the calamity.

Honors to the Canadians. London, April 8.-Further details which are published of the engage ment with Delarey at Harts River Canadians.

Pretoria, Wednesday, April 9 .- Pre-Pte. Henry Roland Garnault Agas- sident Steyn, of the Orange Free a rough experience in serving the of the Transvaal, and General Lucas State, Sunday, April 6, on their way to Klerksdorp, Southwestern Trans- 24 men killed and had 16 officers vaal, where General Botha, the and 131 men wounded, while pected that General DeWet and Detake place there.

ers are fully possessed of the British | confidently calling on them to sur-

A Strong Statement.

When a mother puts a thing emphatically it is because she knows what she is talking about. Mrs. J. F. Harrigan, Huntingdon, Que., says:—"I have used Baby's Own Tablets in our house for over a year, and I can say that they are all that is claimed for them."

Mrs. Walter Brown, Milby, Que. "I have never used any medici that did him as much good as Baby's Own Tablets. I would not be without them."

A Mother's Comfort. "I have found Baby's Own Tablets a feet medicine for children of all ages," writers. H. H. Fox, Orange Ridge, Man., "and I would not be without them in the house. They are truly a comfort to baby and mother's friend."

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Free to Mothers Only. y mother of young children us her name and address pla written on a postal card, we will send free of all charge a valuable little book on the care of infants and young children. This book has been prepared by a physician who has made the ailments of little ones a life study. With the book we will send a free sample of Baby's Own Tablets—the best medicine in the world for the minor ailments of infants and children. Mention the name of this paper and address The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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An Experienced Mother

"I am the mother of nine children," writer Ont., "and have had occasion to use much medicine for children, and I can truthfully say I have never found anything to equal Baby's Own Tablets. They are prompt in their action and just the thing for little

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"I be found Baby's Own Tablets a great here for my little ones," writes Mrs. William Fitzgibbon, Steenburg, Ont., says:—"My little baby, six months old, was very sick. I gave him Baby's Own Tablets and I think so much of them that I would and was surprised to find the change they made in him in a few hours. I shall always made in him in a few hours. I shall always keep the Tablets in the house after this

Combine Move Failed. New York, April 9 .- A London cable to the Times reports that the London Times' correspondent, who is with Kekewich's force, says it had arranged that Kekewich's and Walter Kitchener's columns should co-operate in a surprise of De-

were made.

of the movement, but the Boers dis-

persed on hearing of Kitchener's en-

gagement, and only a few captures

Prefers Work to Fun. Ottawa, April 9 .- Major Williams. of the R. C. D., Toronto, lately of Winnipeg, who was here the other day, will go again to South Africa with the fourth contingent. He had the Government did not consider it a place on the coronation contingent, advisable to publish the proceedings but preferred active service to cere- of the courtmartial which ordered

Kritzinger's Trial.

Graafreinet, Cape Colony, April 9 -The trial of Commandant Kritzinger by a court martial on the charge of having committed four murders, besides train wrecking and cruelty to prisoners, lasted two days. No evidence was obtained to connect the prisoner with the shooting of natives, and one scout who had been captured by Kritzinger testified that was granted him. The charge of amination by counsel for the defence.

Rosebery Going to Africa? London, April 10 .- The Daily Chroncle publishes a rumor this morning

that Lord Rosebery is going to South Africa to study the situation there with a view of submitting his impressions and advice to King Ed

Inviting Mr. Kruger.

Chicago, April 8 .- Mayor Carter H Harrison to-day forwarded to Paul Kruger, at The Hague, through Montagu White, special Boer envoy, an official invitation to visit Chicago as the city's guest. Accompanying the Council, preceded by a long preamble expressing sympathy for the Boer cause and deploring the long continuation of hostilities. The invitation and resolution are elegantly engrossed on vellum and bound in

Knisley and Day Killed.

of April 6th, General Kitchener now River Colony. reports Corporal Wm. A. Knisley and Private Robert Day, 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, killed 2nd April, between Boschbrilt and Klerksdorp."

ed April 2, yet in the first despatch it was stated that "released men report Knisley and Day killed." A possible explanation is that these men fell wounded into the hands of the Boers and died of their wounds on April 2.

The following cable has been received by the Governor-General: "Cape Town-Dangerously ill. enteric

Transvaal Colony, has cabled a graphic account of the battle at A small force of Canadians mounted infantry, the correspondent says, were opposed by sevenfold their It is understood that the Boer lead- number. ax hundred Boers charged, render.

Lieut. Carruthers, of the Canadians, sprang to his feet, and, exclaiming It is expected that the final decision | that he would not surrender, shot of the burghers will be made known the foremost Boer with his revolver rica. The first one is expected to at a distance of fifteen paces. The arrive in three weeks, and leave Canadians had no cover except the during the first week in May. The Boer Leaders Reach Klerksdorp. short grass. Lying prone upon the other two will probably leave with-London, April 10.-The London ground, they fired steadily and forced in a week of each other. It is exthe Boers to seek the shelter of a pected that the four regiments con-

awaiting a reply Gen. Schalkburger ly wounded. He had several flesh brave a man to die that way." All the dead men and most of the wounded had several wounds.

Will Cede the Rand.

Cologne, April 8 .- Mr. Kruger, through a representative, has assared a deputation of Westphalian night of March 31st. However, more than ever convinced that the spoiled. Kekewich carried out his part | remains independence, for which they will cede the Witwatersrand gold region. He says that there is more fighting on the Boer side now than at the commencement of the war.

Will Not be Published.

London, April 8 .- Mr. Arthur Balfour, leader of the House of Commons, announced this afternoon that the execution of Hancock and Morant, the officers of the Bushveldt Carbineers who were convicted of murdering unarmed Boers.

Kruger's Son Still Fighting. Amsterdam, April 8 .- The statement published in Europe that the the oath of allegiance to the British with the Boer commandoes.

A Letter From the Dead.

St. Thomas, Ont., April 8.-Among the comfort bags sent by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. from St. Thomas for the use of the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles three months ago was one filled with articles supplied by Mrs. Hugh Macpherson. Into it her son, Norman Macpherson, slipped a note with his address, and requesting a line from whoever should receive it. A brief letter has been received from Bertrand Day, one of the men who was killed in the action at Kleinhart's River.

Rosebery's Son to Fight.

London, April 8.-The Sheffield Tele graph to-day published a report that Lord Rosebery was going to South Africa at the request of King Edward. It was received with no credence. It probably arose from the fact that Lord Rosebery's son, Lord Dalmeny, is joining his regiment at the Lord Rosebery is at present in

Another Burgher Corps. Bloemfontein, April 8 .- Gen. Kitch- reason to believe there has

Letter From Col. Steele. Ottawa, April 8,-An officer residing in Ottawa has received a letter There is a certain amount of mys- from Lieut.-Col. Sam. Steele, of the tery about the death of Knisley and South African Constabulary, dated Day. The battle on Harts River Pretoria, March 5, in which the writer took place on March 31, whereas the says: "We are running fairly well two soldiers named are reported kill- now. The division has at last got some good horses, and, needless to say, you know whence they came. | speeches to-day, in which they in-The horses we had were useless, long-bodied, slab-sided animals from Australia, no stamina in them. The Canadians were at Newcastle when I last heard of them, and are expected to be a fine body of men. It | vaal, is to be hoped they will have an opportunity to do the work required . of them. Canadians in the South fever, 7th April, Pretoria, C Division, African Constabulary are in luck was merely facilitating a conference South African Constabulary, (1071), that they did not get into the north-James Arthur Patterson. Please in- ern division, for the climatic condiform father, Samuel Patterson, 318 tions are such that horses cannot the leaders intended to offer terms Berkeley street, Toronto. (Signed) live." Col. Steele further says that of surrender. For himself, he was his district is supposed to be the worst for enteric, but, strange to advised his hearers not to be san-London Apri! 9 .- The correspond say, they had fewer sick than any guine. Great Britain was still preent of the Standard at Klerksdorp, of the others. With Col. Steele are Boyd and Swift, formerly of the Royal Canadian Regiment : Kead, Ten- last word. If the Boers adhered nant, Watts and Jones, of Strath- to their demand for independence they Dornbalt Farm, March 31, in which cona's Horse, and Hilliam, of the Can- might as well abandon the idea of the British lost three officers and adian Mounted Rifles. All are doing negotiations. well, and Hilliam has charge of the depot. Lieut. Scarth has arrived Transvaal Commander-in-Chief, ar- Boers had 137 men killed or wounded. No. 13 troop. He is a great favorite. and Col. Steele adds that he has a good lot of men from colonial corps in addition to those from England, and the greatest harmony prevails.

Recruiting on Thursday.

Ottawa, April 8 .- The British Government has been asked to send three transports to take the next quite a lot of fighting going on around us. We expect to meet the Boers any time, as they are advancing to the pass.

Howard Resigned His Commission.

Yesterday six men rode out a few searching party was sent out, and searching party was sent out, and searching party was sent out, and shey were all found dead. I do not veyor of Montreal, In order to enlist.

He was originally entrusted with the Canadians. The latter kept announcing that acting President Schalkburger and other members of the Boer Government arrived here by train April 6th. and that the Boers ventured another rush and captured the handful of survives all the men offering who possess the necessary qualifications.

Mr. Robert Beith, who has been and his party were occupying a wounds, but refused to go to a hos- engaged by the Militia Department hotel which had been reserved for pital. Some of the Boers wanted to to arrange for the purchase of shoot him when he was taken pris- horses for the contingent, states oner, but they ultimately thought that 600 mounts will be bought in better of this, saying: "He is too the west, 1,000 in Ontario and 400 in Quebec.

Smaller Men; Lighter Horse. Ottawa, April 8 .- On the principle

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that good stuff lies in little room the smaller sized men in Canada, those Zaccheuses who have heretofore climbed up into the sycamore trees larey's main force, starting on the Lutheran workingmen that he is now and cheered the boys who have previously gone to the war and longed Kitchener's column being prema- war will have a happy ending for to be with them, are now to be given turely engaged, the combination was the Boers. Their first condition still their opportunity. A conference took place this afternoon between the Minister of Militia, Gen. O'Grady-Haly, and Col. Pinault, Deputy Minister, at which the minimum height of men who are to be recruited for the fourth contingent was fixed at five feet four inches. Recruiting will commence at all the usual points in Canada about the 18th inst. No particular quota will be assigned to any one city or locality. Thus, if Toronto can furnish 500 good men, who comply with the conditions of service, they will be accepted. Daily reports of enlistment will be sent by telegraph to headquarters, and as soon as the 2,000 men have been enlisted orders to cease enlistment will be telegraphed to all points. It will therefore be a case of "first-come-firstenlisted." The rate of pay will be the same as the 2nd Mounted Rifles. It is unaderstood that somewhat eldest son of Mr. Kruger had taken being that with light men and smaller horses greater mobility can Government in the Transvaal is posi- be secured. There is still a good deal tively denied by the Boer colony here. of speculation about the commands Duff, with the Canadian Mounted he was well treated, and that a pass The Caspar Kruger mentioned must, of the four new corps. It is said they say, be a man of that name that Major Merritt and Major Camlatives here that he and the Kings- train wrecking was withdrawn, and who is an inhabitant of Rustenburg, eron, now out with Col. Evans, will will not return to Canada.

Diplomatically III?

London, April 10 .- It is stated by gossip in connection with the reported postponement of the presentation of the Budget to the House of Commons that the indisposition of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach is diplomatic, and that peace is impending, and that the consequent prospect of relief to the estimates has some thing to do with the postponement. Nothing to confirm these statements can be found. Sir Michael is certainly unwell. He is suffering from a chill of the liver, although his condition is not serious.

The pro-Boer Daily News, scouting the peace rumor, discredits any idea of Government amnesty. It adds: "Nor is the situation in South Africa. bad for the Boers. That they are moving towards unconditional surrender, is quite the reverse. There is little doubt that they control vast districts in the Cape Colony. Their commandants issue orders to the farmers and receive supplies. They move about much as they please, and are scarcely disturbed by Gen French's operations. Moreover there is ed was received to-day. It came ener has authorized Piet De Wet, a a recent reorganization of the Boer in the form of a cablegram from the brother of the well-known Boer gen- forces on Commonwealth lines. Com-Casualty Department, reading: "Cape eral, Christian De Wet, to raise au- mandant Maritz has formed an Iron-Town, April 9 .- Referring to my cable other burgher corps in the Orange sides corps, from which all drunkards and loose livers are rigidly excluded They hold daily prayer-meetings, and meet the hourly perits of war with the stern composure of the Paritans."

Government Not Sanguine.

London, April 9 .- Mr. Walter Long. President of the Local Government Board, and Mr. Gerald Balfour, President of the Board of Trade, made dicated that the Government does not anticipate that peace will be the outcome of the mission to the Boer leaders in the field of Acting President Schalkburger, of the Trans-

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Leeds. said that no negotiations were preceeding with General Kitchener, who ; between the Boer leaders, Mr. Ballour not sanguine in the matter, and he pared to go as far as was stated a year ago, but that was absolutely the

Steyn Going Blind.

London, April 9 .- A news agency despatch from Pretoria says that Mr. S.eyn, nominally the President of the Orange Free State, is suffering from a disease of the eyes, whick threatens to produce total blindness. The news is said to be authentic, and the affliction is not of recent development, but has become more pronounced.

Gen. Plumer Coming Home, London, April 9.-Gen. Plumer left Cape Town on Monday on board the transport Vienna, and is homeward bound for England on three months'