

VOORTREKKER TOWN

(From Our Own Correspondent)

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The Voortrekker town, the wonder city surrounding the site of the monument on the hillside south of Pretoria, came to life to-day. People came and went along its main streets, passed the post office, outfitters' shop, bank, and chemist shops. Farmers arrived with camp outfits and busy scenes of settling in were enacted on all sides. This is no ordinary canvas town. It is more black than white, for most of the tents are made of black tarpaulins, stretched over a wooden framework. These low black huts of canvas line the streets, which bear the names of famous Afrikaner leaders, like Potgieter and Pretorius.

The concrete foundation of the monument, which will take five years to build, look down on a city with its own theatre, hospital, sports ground, Government offices, and shops—all that go to make up a complete community.

A complete canvas hospital has been erected with doctors and St. John Ambulance men in attendance. There is a casualty ward, a permanent ward where the sick can be tended for days, and dispensary. Seventy members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, 70 Red Cross, V.A.D.s and members of the Afrikaans organisation, "Noodhulp," are also in attendance.