

North - West Rebellion.

The Expedition Moves From Qu'Appelle.

NO FURTHER NEWS FROM COL. IRVINE.

Riel's Supporters Said to be Weakening.

SUPPOSITION THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A HOT ONE.

And that the Indians and Half-Breeds Will Fight.

DEPARTURE OF THE BODY GUARDS—THE FIELD BATTERY OUT—THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE A COLD TRIP, ETC., ETC.

WINNIPEG, April 6.—Advices by mail from Edmonton show that the half-breeds and Indians there are in an excited state, and any rebel success would likely cause them to rise.

Factor Macdonald at Fort Qu'Appelle, says nothing is to be apprehended from the half-breeds or Indians in that vicinity. The McLeod district seems to be all quiet and friendly.

Woubedesa, chief of the Minnesota Sioux near Brandon, is reported as being in a surly mood. He would not allow four of his band who were employed by the government to act as guides to go west. He says two thousand soldiers are not enough to meet the Crees, who will probably all fight.

Advices from the Hudson Bay Company from Prince Albert indicate that the town is well protected from attack, but provisions are short.

Further accounts of Duke Lake fight confirm the report given by Gordon. The rebel were at first beaten off, but the police's ammunition gave out and the enemy rallied, when their fire did the most deadly work. One account says Chief Beaudy commenced the encounter, and was shot by a volunteer. But this is regarded as improbable. There is no authentic statement of the rebel loss in the fight.

The Queen's Own will not get in here until two o'clock in the morning.

RIEL GREATLY DISAPPOINTED.

FORT QU'APPELLE, N. W. T., April 6.—From all we can gather here, Riel is greatly disappointed. He had expected a general movement of half-breeds and Indians from the American frontier just below Wood Mountain, together with a general Indian uprising. There is no doubt that the Indians in the northern country are with him, but the action of the American authorities has summarily cut off his hopes of assistance from the south of the line. It is now generally believed therefore, that while he may make a show of resistance at or near Clark's crossing he will not attempt to a stand-up fight with the troops. In all probability he will beat a retreat across the North Saskatchewan into the northern forest, and there General Middleton must abandon pursuit. This vast forest consists of beech, poplar, birch, and hazel, with dense underbrush and buffalo grass, and is utterly impassible for troops.

The idea is that the rebel chief will remain in this shelter and endeavor to patch up terms with the Dominion Government, the prime condition being that they shall except the heads of his bill of rights. As the government cannot, of course, treat with a rebel in arms, Riel will doubtless be compelled to spend the summer in the forest, unless he can give the troops the slip and get into American territory, where the lawyers will have to settle the question of his extradition.

Everything is going on well. The weather is still raw and the grounds saturated with water. It is stated on good authority this afternoon that Riel will plant a large force on the Banks of the South Saskatchewan.

APPLEGARTH NOT KILLED.

SWIFT CURRENT, N. W. T., April 6.—Judge Rouleau and wife arrived here to-day from Battleford. Applegarth, the Indian farm instructor, reported killed, escaped. The Indians and half-breeds are reported congregating at Sounding Lake, which is on the trail between Blackfoot crossing and Battleford, and north west of the great plains.

A courier who left Battleford on April 1st

reached here to-day. He states that when he left all the white people were still safely secured from attack in the barracks, with ample provision and ammunition, until relief comes. The Indians are still in sight of the town, but so far their disturbances are unappreciated from them. Families which left Battleford on the 30th ult., arrived safely here to-day, and are under escort of Judge Rouleau. They will probably reach Winnipeg to-morrow night.

THE SITUATION AT PRINCE ALBERT.

FORT QU'APPELLE, N. W. T., April 6.—The steamer Northcoote, now lying at Medicine Hat, is being put in readiness for the transportation of troops to Clark's Crossing. Other boats of the Hudson Bay Company are at Prince Albert. A steamer is expected to leave Medicine Hat for the crossing in a day or two with a light load. Communication has not yet been re-established with Battleford. No fears, however, are felt as to the safety of those who, at last advices were enclosed in the barracks, which are strongly fortified and provisioned.

There is considerable anxiety as to the situation in Prince Albert. That an urgent appeal for the immediate dispatch of a large force to the rescue has been made is beyond doubt, and relief was necessary is shown by the sudden advance of the troops from Qu'Appelle northward this morning. There is no doubt the situation at Prince Albert is very critical.

THE LATEST REPORT.

FORT QU'APPELLE, N. W. T., April 6.—At 5 o'clock last evening the men "got the route," and at 7 this morning the troops marched out of here along the trail to Touchwood, the inhabitants turned out to give them a send off. After a hasty breakfast the troops were paraded at 6 a. m., and inspected by General Middleton, who addressed a few stirring words to the men. A few finishing touches were given, and at 7 sharp the advance was begun. The scouts led the way on each side of the trail; then came half a Company of the 90th, as advance guard, with one field piece; then the main body of the troops with the baggage, the other field piece bringing up the rear. "A" and "B" Batteries arrived at Qu'Appelle station at 10 a. m. The former will push on apace after the troops, while "B" will remain here until the arrival of the eastern reinforcements. A small portion of the Toronto brigade will hurry after "A" and the Winnipeg troops, but the bulk under Col. Otter will in connection with "B" battery, take the Saskatchewan from Medicine Hat or Swift Current, and go down the river to Clark's crossing, where Gen. Middleton's column will meet them. Clark's crossing is 85 miles from Battleford. The movement of this expedition, however, will depend altogether upon the state of the river and upon the boat service. The route of General Middleton's headquarters will be as follows: From Fort Qu'Appelle to Houghton 24 1/2 miles; Houghton to Touchwood, same distance. Touchwood to Bedson, 20 miles; Bedson to Swinford, 20 miles; Swinford to Wise, 21 1/2 miles; Wise to Humboldt, 21 1/2 miles; Humboldt to Melgund, 22 miles; Melgund to Middleton 20 miles; Middleton to Clark's crossing, 18 miles; Clark's crossing to Stobart, 35 miles—a total of 227 miles. Then to Prince Albert.

THE ADVANCE ON THE ENEMY.

CAMP, via Qu'Appelle, April 6.—We have made fifteen miles to-day. Cold and snowing. Complaints are made that there are not sufficient supplies for the present force now in the field. The batteries are expected to overtake us to-morrow.

AT PORT ARTHUR.

PORT ARTHUR, April 6.—The Queen's Own passed through here about 6:30 this morning, making a very brief stop, only enough to enable the engines to take on coal and water. The time of their expected arrival had been variously announced, and people went to and from the station at all hours of night to meet them. When they appeared in the morning quite a crowd was there to give them a passing cheer. A large supply of Prince Albert and Winnipeg papers were here donated to the troops, who eagerly devoured the news they contained. The condition of the men was generally excellent. No complaints were heard, and the roughing they had gone through had no more serious effect than of somewhat disarranging their toilet.

The Royal Grenadiers leave Jackfish bay this morning, and are expected along here to-morrow evening.

DELAY IN REACHING WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, April 6, 3 p. m.—The train with the Queen's Own Rifles is making rather slow progress. It was at first expected they would reach here at 3 p. m., and later, that six was the hour at which they would arrive. Now information reaches us that they will not be here till midnight. After supper, which will be waiting for them here, they will proceed west. His worship Mayor Hamilton, upon the suggestion of several aldermen, who felt it was incumbent upon the civic authorities to show some courtesies at least to the volunteers now en route west, telegraphed General Middleton requesting that permission be granted the Queen's Own and Grenadiers to accept an entertainment to be given by the corporation. A reply was received from that officer that permission could not be granted.

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READY FOR THE START.

WINNIPEG, April 6.—The troops at Qu'Appelle paraded yesterday for Divine services, Rev. M. Lewis officiating. One hundred and eighty teams went north yesterday with loads. The 90th rifles battalion starts this morning for Touchwood hills, a distance of fifty-six miles from Fort Qu'Appelle.

The batteries which arrive at Qu'Appelle this morning will be pushed forward by forced marches until the 90th is overtaken, when the entire force will advance to the scene of the trouble. Capt. French will lead the brigade with thirty-four expert scouts. Gen. Middleton, addressing the 90th, complimented them on their rapidly increasing efficiency. "You will have to go to the front," he said. "Remember you are fighting men who are never caught asleep. You will form the advance guard, and on you will depend largely the safety of the forces." S. L. Bedson, warden of the Manitoba penitentiary, has charge of the transport service, and has it now thoroughly organized. There are 360 teams divided into right and left divisions, each of which is sub-divided into sub divisions of ten teams under a head teamster. They pay about \$7 per day for the teams, and the drivers find them, food and forage. Mr. Bedson is ably assisted by J. H. E. Secretan, so well-known throughout this country. They estimate that they have to transport for troops now here, including teamsters numbering 650 men, 73,800 pounds of food and 768,000 pounds of forage for teams to last them thirty days.

When the troops reach Touchwood the entire force will be consolidated for the march across the salt plains. The order of the march will be as follows: Scouts thrown out about a mile each side of the road; a half company as advance guard; one field battery, the main body of troops, baggage, one gun, rear guard; and when they halt they will be formed into a square, surrounded by the wagons, which may be called a zereba.

LOOKS LIKE PETERING OUT.

WINNIPEG, April 6.—Private dispatches from the front this morning would indicate a state of fear among Riel and his adherents at the immense military preparations being made to subjugate him, and the ringleaders are reported as deserting the rebel's standard, being afraid of their necks.

THEY'RE OFF.

KINGSTON, April 6.—Last night the Midland battalion received orders to leave for the Northwest, and about ten this morning left by special train on the K. & P. railway.

AMERICAN INDIANS FLOCKING IN.

ST. PAUL, April 6.—The half-breeds in the Wood Mountain region, just north of the American boundary, having been preparing for a rieling for months. Although there are not over three hundred of them, they can easily recruit from the Missouri river country, the Indians, most of them half-breeds, along the frontier between the Rocky Mountains number about 80,000 and they are flocking into the North-west from the American side near the White mountains, intending to rally and move north to Regina, tear up the Canadian Pacific track there, and attack Gen. Middleton in the rear while he is engaged with Riel in front.

HALIFAX READY.

HALIFAX, April 6.—The battalion of Halifax militia for the Northwest, numbering in all 363 officers and men, have been ordered to leave by special train at eight o'clock Wednesday morning.

THE BODY GUARDS START.

The maddest Lieutenant-Colonel in the Dominion militia yesterday was Police Magistrate G. T. Denson, and it is no wonder he was wrathful, he having been kept on through the edge of anxiety for several days by the government in being ordered to the front one day and the order being countermanded the next. Last night, however, he and his men forming the Governor General's Body Guard were hurried up by a special train to start as quickly as possible. At 10 o'clock the men started to move in town

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Correspondence.

Notice.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To the Editor of the Standard.

DEAR SIR,—In your paper of last week there is an item headed "A case worth remembering," taken from the Ontario Reformer, in which my name plays a part.

Now, I want to give you the facts of the case: John Roulston was down last June in Luther, introducing a washing machine, and saw Mr. Heffron at his own place, and talked the business to him of handling the machine for that part, and he would take three townships, and told him not to give it to any other person, and that I was to come and wind up the sale. I got word and went the following week. On my arrival we drew up an agreement for three townships at \$72 each, amounting to \$216 in the agreement, which was read to him, and which he signed, by his daughter writing his name and he making his mark.

The order of payment was this, that he was to give three notes of \$72 each, payable in three, six and nine months. He then asked for longer time on the notes, which I agreed to give him. He signed the notes in the same way as he did the agreement by his daughter writing his name and he making his mark.

With reference to the lawsuit, I sold one note to Gilchrist & Kent of Orangeville, and when it came due Heffron refused to pay on the plea that he did not know what he was signing, and he was sued. I received a summons to appear, twelve days before the trial came off. I thought I had a right to sixteen days, so I went to my lawyer and he told me I had a right to fifteen days, and he wrote to Orangeville to have the trial put back. That was the last I heard of it until a telegram came to William-ford the same day as the trial was to come off, and I was away from home, and John Roulston could not go on account of the death of his father-in-law, which had occurred that morning, said John Roulston being witness to the notes, consequently the trial went on without any witness on my side, hence judgment was given in favor of Heffron, on account of his own evidence, swearing he did not know what he was signing.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for so much space in your paper, I am yours, &c., JOSEPH ROULSTON.

As Others See Us.

EDITOR STANDARD.—The prosperity of your town is proverbial, few villages in Ontario possesses the same natural advantages. The fertility of the country surrounding it has few superiors in the Dominion; hence, superlative excellence as a mark of trade and commerce.

Last Saturday I was much astonished at the chests of tea that were exhibited in front of Mr. McFarland's store, but, upon coming further up the street, my astonishment was doubly increased to find that Mr. J. R. Trimble had trebled the number of chests of tea in front of his store, with a congregation of customers assembled inside and outside the premises that would have gratified the inmost soul of the most ardent seller. The business transacted during my few moments' stay, convinced me that your town had more than its proportionate share of business. A very laughable incident occurred during my stay. A gentleman who was flourishing a diminutive fly sheet, which it appeared emanated from W. J. McFarland, announcing that he did not sell shoddy goods. The wielder of the fly sheet appealed to the multitude to sympathize with him in his sore distress; he had two weeks previously purchased a \$1000 suit from Mr. McFarland, and at the time of purchasing a more than ordinary quantity of shoddy goods, which he had purchased from Mr. McFarland, and called White

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Monday last (fair day) in this village was quite a lively day. A large number of people astir. A good many cattle on the market, but we don't think that many changed hands. The complaints from those wishing to purchase, that owners held at too high a figure. The sound of the auction sale bell along with the musical voice of the youth, with the purple cap, calling together the motley crowd for the sale of needles and pins, caused us to meditate as we pass by, and think the merchants of our enterprising little town have little to complain of as they had not yet to sell out of a sleigh box, and that business in our neighboring town could not be so booming as to prevent the staff from taking a holiday at a neighboring fair. The excitement over the North West troubles runs as fair height in this vicinity. Sergeant Field advertising some days ago for a number of young men to join company No. 6. We do not know how many offered themselves, but we understand Mr. Field is taking the rest off himself, and putting a number of young men through their first drill this (Monday evening) in the company's drill shed here.

About 9 p. m. on Monday evening last, opposite the hotel here Mr. James Henry of Markdale, who had got so much spirits in that he could not be persuaded to keep his hat and coat on, and was making a noise more heinous than the braying of an ass, and using language which was anything but polite. He was going to fight the whole crowd and no body in particular, and was almost going into fits, he was so enraged, at some reflection made on his horse, but as they were intended to apply to himself he became pacified with that explanation, as he claimed he had much more respect for the horse than he had for himself. Messrs Whitten and Moore, who secured the contract for finishing Dr. Christoe's block, are fast pushing the work to completion.

Messrs. Peitch & Mitchell, Butcher have removed into their new store opposite Munahaw's Hotel.

It is said that one and one will make two at house of one of our respected citizen's this week. However, we will report a little later.

OWEN SOUND MARBLE WORKS. H. B. HARRISON MANUFACTURER OF MARBLE AND GRANITE MONUMENTS & HEADSTONES. Mantels, Furniture Marble, &c. JUST RECEIVED 3 Carloads Finest Variegated Marble. Largest stock in the Dominion selected from Vermont. Will be sold at which duty competition. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED. H. B. HARRISON