

THE MURDER OF SCOTT.

The Saddest Incident in Last Northwest Rebellion.

REVOLTING CRUELTY OF RIEL.

(Winnipeg Sun.)

The unfortunate events transpiring just now in the Northwest, instigated by the machinations of Louis Riel, recall with vivid interest the atrocious butchery of Thomas Scott in the winter of 1870.

The truth concerning this horrid butchery is almost too revolting for publication; but have the most unquestionable authority for the following details. The unfortunate young man was shot by three executioners about 12 o'clock in the day, and while he was writhing on the ground a drunken half-breed ran up to him to finish him with his revolver.

There are some additional facts, however, in connection with this crime, which were generally unknown, gathered from a reliable source and published by the writer in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, which lend new features of horror to the terrible tragedy of Fort Garry.

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THE RUSSIAN SCARE.

Still Waiting for Russia's Answer—The Troops Demanded by Lord Dufferin—War Feeling Lying Out.

A last night's London cable says: To-day has been an anxious one in military circles. The war preparations are in full blast, and public opinion is still divided as to the chances of averting war.

At Portsmouth all the ships belonging to the First Naval Reserve, including four ironclads, with all gunboats and torpedo boats, have been ordered to be got in immediate readiness for sea.

It is reported that the Government has received an informal indication that Russia will offer counter proposals to Earl Granville's looking to a compromise.

The Times concurs with the News in inferring from Earl Granville's remarks in the House of Commons that the Government has decided to accept the Russian proposal.

Lord Dufferin's request for reinforcements states if war is to be declared India requires that twenty-three regiments of infantry, three regiments of cavalry, two batteries of field artillery, and eighteen batteries of horse artillery be despatched to India forthwith.

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THE SOUDAN.

Reported Gradual Withdrawal of British Troops—Wolesey to Return Home—Advance of Graham's Troops.

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Neal Dow has just celebrated his 81st birthday. It is remarkable that temperate habits will do for a man.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Blakely asked whether the Premier had any further information as to the present condition of affairs in the Northwest, as to the cause of the rising, and as to what the Government had done.

Mr. John Macdonald: The condition stands very nearly as it was before. There is no information as yet, and there cannot be until tomorrow, as to when the junction would be made between the body commanded by Col. Irvine and the body at Fort Carlton.

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WHAT IS GOING ON.

only of the accounts published by the Opposition newspapers. I therefore preferred to draw my information from these unimpeachable organs which sustain these hon. gentlemen opposite, and which would, of course, be actuated by the highest dictates of patriotism, prudence and scrupulous accuracy.

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LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

The secret service money voted by the Government had been taken to pay him. Looking back at these circumstances it was interesting to know what the Government would do with Riel.

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ANY MACHINERY FOR GETTING AT THE JAIL RECORDS?

It would require a bill of registration, and yet the hon. gentleman proposes to change the whole basis upon which the voting of the country has been placed—namely, the assessment roll—and have for it the register substituted.

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ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

The House went into committee on the Bill to make further provision regarding the public health, Mr. Baxter in the chair.

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TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

Latest News from All Over the World.

A letter from Bishop Cleary was read yesterday morning in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kingston, strongly commending a concert arranged to be held in that city by the Scott Act advocates on Good Friday.

The two suspected dynamiters arrested at Quebec have at last been released from custody for the want of proof. They had retained the able services of Mr. C. Fitzpatrick as advocate, but he was not allowed to hold any interview with them.

The French Senate has adopted the bills increasing the duty on imported cattle and cereals.

A Paris special says the trade depression in France is terribly severe, and that bread riots are feared in Lyons, Marseilles and Paris.

The channel squadron has arrived at Milford Haven. Its appearance there was unexpected. The only theory offered is that it is awaiting orders.

The mother of a family consisting of two grown-up daughters, living in Goffstown, N. H., recently died, and when the undertaker came to perform his duties the father was asked to name the deceased. He replied "Mother." The other name could be remembered, and the daughters were equally ignorant, having never known their parent by any other name than "Mother."