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**The Liberal.**

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, April 30, '85

**THE NORTH-WEST.**

At last our troops have met the rebels, and the result is such that the reported skill of the Hallbreds and Indians can no longer be regarded as mythical. On the other hand, we are proud to say that henceforth doubt or fear as to the steadiness and bravery of our Volunteers can find place in no fair mind. History is full of the records of panics which seize the untried soldier when confronted for the first time by the enemy. Yet these very men who in a nervous access of terror lost all sense of shame and honor lived to be accounted the bravest of the brave. But our Volunteers have not fallen prey to this most natural alarm. Their commanding officer, General Middleton, set them a splendid example of coolness and bravery, and, to his and the country's satisfaction, they approved themselves men worthy of all reliance, men ready to do or die. The circumstances moreover, under which they met the foe, splendidly enhance the glory of their conduct. The facts of the engagement as nearly as we can gather from the lengthy, confused, and often contradictory dispatches, are as follows:—

The scene of action was Fish Creek, about fifteen miles from Batoche, lying on the trail to Fort Arthur. There, on Friday morning, General Middleton's scouts felt the enemy, who had taken up a strong position on two small well-timbered bluffs, and in a deep ravine behind, nearly a mile in length. Middleton's men, about six hundred in number, were soon up, and a fierce firing was kept up on both sides. Officers and men alike exposed themselves with the greatest gallantry. The rebels whose number appears to have been almost four hundred, were commanded by Gabriel Dumont, and fought with fierce and stubborn bravery. But step by step, they were dislodged and driven back, and after about five hours fighting, they appear to have made a hasty flight. The casualties on our side were nine killed, and nearly fifty wounded, some slightly, others very severely. The loss of the rebels has not yet been ascertained, as they succeeded in carrying off their dead and wounded. The 90th Battalion of Winnipeg suffered most seriously. Col. Montzambert arrived on the scene towards the close of the action, but too late for his men (four hundred in number, of whom two hundred and fifty were 10th Royal Grenadiers) to take any important part in the struggle.

We forbear to indulge in lamentation over our killed, although we know that their death is due to iniquity in high places. Alas! mourning calls not back the dead, and it would seem that the innocent and brave are fated to be mangled and cut off in order that those who are sworn to administer law and justice, but who are intent only on office and plunder, may live and be merry. It is, indeed, hard to restrain an honest rage at such a guilty state of public affairs. But we rest in the unshaken conviction that a day of reckoning is near at hand.

**PATRIOTISM.**

Patriotism is, then, it would appear, really the refuge of scoundrels, and the ferocious definition of England's great and irascible lexicographer, Dr. Johnson, of a sadly abused word, contains as much truth as pungency, at least in this unhappy Canada. Truly the shade of the grim father of Tories must be sorely perplexed to witness the scoundrelism now the peculiar portion of those who assume the name in which he gloried. Yet the perturbed spirit may rest, for the genuine British Tory would be the first to scout as political allies the wretched set of charlatans and carpet-baggers that in this country style themselves gentlemen and Conservatives. Imagination becomes choked when it endeavors to picture a sturdy Royalist entering into corrupt deals with Railroad bosses, indulging in barefaced falsehoods, putting lucre before loyalty, and offering sops to rebellious rascaldom. Nay, we have nothing worse to say of the honest Conservative here than that he has

been so gradually led astray that even now it seems well nigh impossible for him to fully realize the shameful state to which his trusted leaders have brought him. And we confess that our only hope of his awakening is the sure promise that the wicked shall not continue forever, but shall be cut off, and that suddenly.

'Tis a fitting climax to the rampant impudence of a subsidized Tory press that it is now branding the Liberal party as anti-patriotic. When our party protested against the outrageous concessions made to the C. P. R., it was told that it was weakening Canadian credit abroad, which was anti-patriotic. And again when the Reformers boldly asserted, (and time has amply proved their assertion) that the troubles in the North-West would surely arise unless Dewdney and his set were looked after, they were told that they were anti-patriotic.

Now if this delirious screaming and whining of these hugely paid journals mean anything, it is a plea to let the Ottawa Government plunge headlong into all kinds of rascality, and then in its hour of trouble, to lend it a helping hand. Not so, ye vampires of the public honor and treasure. However solicitous we may be for the country, we are animated by no enthusiasm to establish a one-man power, to fill the pockets of a Montreal Gazette, a Hamilton Spectator, or a Prescott Messenger. Our pride is not elevated by the contemplation of Tory henchmen of the Dewdney and Wilkinson stripe growing fat and sleek through knavery and cunning. Indeed, we hold that Cannada is far from being blest in having such a breed, is, on the contrary, altogether unblest. And if to entertain this belief is to be anti-patriotic, then we trust ever to deserve the epithet.

**FROM "LA PATRIE".**

[The feelings of the French Canadians in reference to the insurrection may be learned from the following article which appeared in a recent number of *La Patrie*, of Montreal. It is headed 'Lynch Law.']

"According to General Middleton, the instructions which he received from Sir John are the following:

*First crush the rebellion, and then hang without stint those who returned the fire of Captain Crozier, as well as the leaders of the rebellion.*

Last week the Conservative press made a great uproar because a Liberal journal, on the strength of the words of one of Sir John's principal organs, attributed to the latter bloody intentions towards Riel and his followers. What will they say now on learning that General Middleton himself declares that the instructions received by him are in absolute concordance with the words attributed to the Tory chief?

The moderation, then, the gentleness and the kindness preached by the *Globe* and all the Liberal organs, are dead-letters. The words of peace which all true friends of their country must feel at the narrative of the terrible grievances of which those poor tribes of the North-West complain, are useless and vain!

Sir John has decided that Riel and his followers shall be hung.

*And that is what I intend to do,* adds General Middleton, who, as a soldier, knows nothing but discipline.

An important question this, which we ask Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Mr. Caron to explain.

If General Middleton has spoken falsely, let us know it.

And if Louis Riel and his followers are to be hung, let them tell us so."

[*La Patrie* need not vex its soul about the fate of Louis Riel. The only doubtful point about it is the exact sum of money which he is to get to leave Canada, and of course, *not to return.*]

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