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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

SINCE our last issue went to press, fuller information has been received, which shows that Gen. Middleton gained a complete victory at Batoche, and the latest accounts say that nine of our men were killed and forty-two wounded, the rebel loss being estimated at 81 killed and 173 wounded. The Midland Battalion shared with the Royal Grenadiers the honors of the bayonet charge. The General is now proceeding to the relief of Battleford, and to enquire into the cause of Col. Irvine's failure to co-operate. The submission of the half-breed insurgents is complete and satisfactory.

Gen. Strange's expedition from Edmonton is still on the warpath, but little information arrives from that quarter.

Col. Otter's brigade remains inactive until the General has completed his present operations. There are various indications that show the recent injudicious attack upon Poundmaker to have been without orders. The rebel Indians have in consequence become so bold that they have effectually cut communications between Battleford and Swift Current.

It is to be expected that General Middleton will soon proceed to Battleford and open a vigorous campaign against the hostiles.

TORONTO, May 20th, 4 p.m.

THE next issue of the CANADIAN PICTORIAL will contain a fresh batch of sketches from our special artist with General Middleton's command, and among the subjects of which illustrations will appear are the bayonet charge made by the Midland Battalion at Batoche, the 65th Battalion at Port Arthur, a whole page devoted to the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford, and examples of practical surgical appliances in the field, together with portraits of general interest. It should be understood, however, that the arrival of fresh sketches from the front may necessitate the holding over of some of the subjects now in hand.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

A LOOK-OUT ON THE QU'APPELLE TRAIL.

COL. O'BRIEN'S command, composed chiefly of the companies of his own corps, the 35th Battalion (Simcoe Foresters), were for some time quartered at Fort Qu'Appelle, and to its presence is doubtless due the subsidence of the hostile attitude at one time assumed by the local half-breed population and by the Indians on the File Hills reserve in the immediate vicinity. No one who reads the following translation of a letter sent by the crafty Riel to his compatriots in the Qu'Appelle Valley, can for a moment doubt the wisdom of Gen. Middleton in retaining a sufficient force at that point to overawe the disaffected:

"DEAR RELATIVES.—We have the pleasure to let you know that on the 20th last month God gave us a victory over the Mounted Police. Thirty half-breeds and some five or six Cree Indians have met 120 Mounted Policemen and volunteers. Thanks to God, we defeated them.

"Let you, dear friends, be courageous. Do what you can, if it is not already done. Take the stores, the provisions, and the ammunition, and without delay come this way, as many of you as possibly can. Send us word. (Signed) "LOUIS DAVID RIEL."

(Followed by twelve names, which had better be kept secret at present).

"NOTE.—The Mounted Police are making preparations for another attack. They are gathering themselves into one force, and there should be no delay. Come and reinforce us. (Signed) L. D. RIEL."

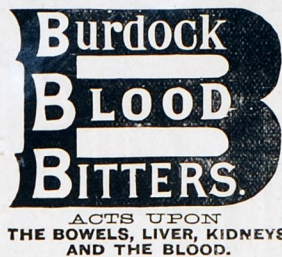
Now, though it is stated from various quarters that Riel is certainly mad, there must be "considerable method in his madness," if his case is to be judged by that letter as a symptom. To the tact and forethought of Col. McDonald, the Indian agent, who secured the above document before it had circulated generally among the half-breeds and Indians, may be fairly ascribed the credit of defeating the evil purposes of the wily rebel. Other communications had, however, so disturbed the minds of the native population that the sentries of Col. O'Brien's garrison were frequently fired upon after dark, and there were many other signs of latent disaffection. Our illustration exhibits a Simcoe Forester posted as a look-out on the trail from Qu'Appelle to Touchwood. The day is fine, the sky is clear, and he avails himself of a favorable opportunity to loosen his boot-laces and ease his blistered feet, which have suffered by frequent marching in boots far better adapted to city pavements than to country uses. He is evidently calculating whether time and circumstances favor his cooling his pedal extremities in the nearest puddle without incurring the observation and reproach of the sergeant commanding the outpost.

DEPARTURE OF THE MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY FOR WINNIPEG.

We furnish our readers with two illustrations from sketches taken on the spot, in connection with the departure of the Montreal brigade of Garrison Artillery, which has just been called out for duty at Winnipeg. The first represents the Sunday parade for divine service at St. Paul's Church, where a very impressive sermon was preached by the Chaplain, the Rev. Thomas Barclay, M.A.

The second furnishes an animated picture showing the brigade embarking for Winnipeg at the Canadian Pacific Railway Station, near Dalhousie Square.

Owing to a wash-out on the Pacific Railway, the first order for immediate departure had to be cancelled; consequently the men had been under constant exercise during the day on the Champ de Mars, and in the evening in the drill room, which will be of great benefit to them hereafter. On the 11th inst., at noon, the brigade, about 275 strong, under the command of Lt.-Colonel W. R. Oswald, took their departure from the Pacific Railway Station for Winnipeg. On each side of Notre



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