THE NORTH-WEST FIELD FORCE.

THE following table, to which we have made some additions, appeared in the first issue of *The Canadian Militia Gazette*, and shows the strength, etc., of the various permanently organized corps now on service in the North-West or on their way thither :

Corps taken from existing Active Militia east of Winnipeg.	Commanding Officer.	Head Quarters.	Called Out.	Left Head-quarters.	Arrived at Winnipeg.	Strength. Officers.	Strength. Horses.	Strength. Guns.	N. C. Offrs and Men.
A Battery	Major Peters	Quebec.	27 Mar.	28 Mar.	5 April.	4	107	2	106
B Battery	Major Short	Kingston.	27 Mar.	28 Mar.	5 April.	0	9	2	4
Gatling Battery						1	13	1	
C. Co. Infantry School Corps	Major Smith	Toronto	27 Mar.	30 Mar.	7 April.	5			85
2nd Batt. G. G. B.	Lt.-Col. Miller	"	27 Mar.	30 Mar.	7 April.	18			257
10th Batt. Royal Grenadiers	Lt.-Col. Grasett	Ottawa	27 Mar.	30 Mar.	8 April.	17			250
Gov.-General's Foot Guards	Capt. Todd		30 Mar.	31 Mar.	8 April.	3			48
65th Battalion	Lt.-Col. Ouimet, M.P.	Montreal	27 Mar.	31 Mar.	10 April.	23			317
York and Simcoe Prov'l Batt.	Lt.-Col. O'Brien, M.P.	Toronto	30 Mar.	1 April.	12 April.	24			394
3rd Battalion	Lt.-Col. Lovell, M.P.	Brockville	30 Mar.	2 April.	12 April.	24			342
Midland Prov'l Battalion	Lt.-Col. A. Williams, M.P.	Kingston	31 Mar.	6 April.	14 April.	24			342
7th Battalion	Lt.-Col. W. Williams	London	31 Mar.	7 April.	15 April.	20			237
Gov.-General's Body-Guard	Lt.-Col. Denison	Toronto	1 April.	6 April.	15 April.	8			73
Cavalry School Corps, A Troop	Lt.-Col. Turnbull	Quebec	1 April.	7 April.	19 April.	3			46
10th Battalion	Lt.-Col. Prentice	Dundas	31 Mar.	1 April.	21 April.	32			346
Brigade Garrison Artillery	Lt.-Col. Oswald	Montreal	1 May.	11 May.	22 April.	32			576
32nd Battalion	Lt.-Col. Cooper	Walkerton				23			

To which may be added the following, in part raised, organized, and equipped since the rebellion broke out :—

Corps.	Headquarters or Station.	Officer Commanding.	Strength. Officers.	Strength. N. C. Officers and Men.	Strength. Horses.	Strength. Guns.
Cavalry Troop	Winnipeg	Capt. Knight	1	35	15	
Field Battery	Winnipeg	Major Gen. O. Smith	3	98	18	2
90th Batt. Infantry	Winnipeg	Lt.-Col. Scott	23	298		
90th Batt. Rifles	Winnipeg	Major Mackeand	24	280		
91st Batt. Infantry	Winnipeg	Lt.-Col. T. Scott, M.P.	24	408		
Boulton's Scouts	With Gen. Middleton	Major Boulton	3	40	40	
St. Scouts	St. Agricole	Capt. C. S. Rennie	3	40	40	
Mounted Rifles	South of Qu'Appelle	Capt. G. W. R. White	3	53	53	
Stewart's Rangers	Calgary and Macleod	Capt. J. Stewart	4	150	150	4
Gatling Guns						9
			94	1,381	341	6

Adding to these the North-West Mounted Police, we find a total force now on active duty of over 5,000 men. The following table, from official sources, shows the number and present distribution of the Mounted Police force :—

Prince Albert	235
Battleford	85
Edmonton, or with General Strange's column	65
Calgary	10
Fort Macleod	50
Medicine Hat, Maple Creek, and Southern frontier	60
Regina and outposts	50
	555

In addition to the above mentioned troops there are the following corps on active service, either garrisoning particular points of importance or being held in readiness to proceed to the front :—The Toronto Garrison Battery, comprising some 45 officers and men, at Toronto ; the New Brunswick provisional battalion, at Fredericton, eight companies ; the Prince of Wales' Rifles, at the Exhibition Grounds, Montreal, six companies ; and several companies from local corps garrisoning the forts at Quebec, Prescott, and Kingston.

NEARLY $9,000 has been already collected in aid of the Volunteer Relief Fund for the citizen soldiery of Manitoba.

REV. FATHER LACOMBE reports that the halfbreeds of St. Albert and Edmonton district generally are obedient to Bishop Grandin's advice. They are ready to fight against the hostile Indians, and want to do so to show their loyalty.

SYMPATHY WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES.

H.R.H. the Princess Louise has shewn by her recent acts of kindness that, like her noble husband, she still remembers Canada and is anxious to serve Canadians. Her first thought was how most readily to supply an acceptable luxury for the troops at the front, and she made a liberal personal gift of pipes and tobacco. So soon, however, as she could learn that there was a likelihood of serious fighting, her sympathies took a more practical direction, for she cabled on May 4th, "If acceptable, I propose to send ambulance appliances and a few men." The Minister of Militia promptly replied : "The kind offer is gratefully accepted. Canada receives the gift at the hands of the Princess whose good wishes and kindness are so fondly remembered among us. ' In consequence, however, of further communications which Princess Louise's Committee had with the Dominion authorities, no surgeons are to be sent out by means of the North-West Fund, and the whole contributions received will be expended in the purchase of medical comforts, necessaries and delicacies for the wounded men. The first shipment will be hurried along. The Committee are gratified at the continued inflow of subscriptions, over £400 having been given by the members of the Stock Exchange. The Ladies' Committee includes many names well-known in connection with Canada.

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S CONGRATULATIONS.

THE following official correspondence between His Excellency the Governor-General and Major-General Middleton has been made public :

To General Middleton, via Qu'Appelle, North-West Territories :

Accept my hearty congratulations on your success. You have had a task of exceptional difficulty. Please tell your gallant soldiers that, as the Queen's representative here, I congratulate them on their behavior, not only in this action, but during the toils and hardships of the advance. The list of casualties is, I fear, heavy. We can ill afford to lose such an officer as Capt. French. My sincere sympathy is with the wounded. Shall be glad of any information with regard to their condition. LANSDOWNE.

To His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne :

On the part of my troops and myself I beg to thank you for your kind congratulations on our success, and appreciation of the difficulties we have laboured under; and coming as they do from the Queen's representative heightens, if possible, the pleasure with which they are received by all of us, and I trust I may be permitted to add that, as regards the officers and soldiers, they richly deserve your approbation. Ere this your Excellency will have heard that our success has been crowned by the surrender of Mr. Riel. I hear the wounded are doing well. All are at Saskatoon.

FRED. MIDDLETON.

Guardupuy's Crossing, May 15, 1885.

Answers to Correspondents.

H. BLAND STRANGE.—Thanks for your contributions.

A. S. GREEN, Port Elgin.—Thanks, will try to make room shortly.

FRANK COOPER.—Thanks for the portraits.

J. B. TRAYES.—Will utilize the sketch at first opportunity.

J. S. MCMILLAN, St. John.—Will soon find a place for what you send.

TO CORRESPONDENTS AND CONTRIBUTORS GENERALLY.—Do not suppose that what you send us is unappreciated. We shall endeavor to do justice to all, but kindly remember our space is limited, and it takes a good deal of time to engrave good pictures.

IT is to be hoped that in all cases, where such consideration can possibly be shewn, employers will make only temporary arrangements to fill up the situations of those who have been required to don their uniforms, always remembering that if the employees had not belonged to "corps raised by voluntary enlistment," perhaps their principals might now belong to "corps raised by ballot." Indeed, instead of the master being without the man just now, it might, but for the patriotic spirit which keeps the volunteer militia ranks full, be just as well the man lamenting the absence of the master for warlike experience on the boundless prairie. Let every volunteer's employment be kept open for him to resume on his return home!

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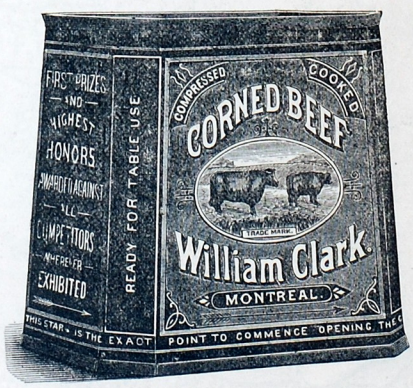

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