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ADVERTISERS having shewn their appreciation of the columns of the ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS in a way that has obliged us in the present issue to utilize the back of the Supplement, in order to accommodate notices that must otherwise have been omitted, we have occupied a portion of the additional space thus provided with information that is sure to prove highly interesting to our readers.

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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

GEN. STRANGE's brigade has reached Edmonton, and we may now expect that vigorous measures will be taken to deal with the marauding Indians who have made a clean sweep of the settlements between the Battle River and the North Saskatchewan.

Col. Otter, with a flying column of 300 men, had a seven hours' engagement on Sunday, the 3rd inst., with hostile Indians, whom he found and attacked on Poundmaker's reserve, and then returned to Battleford, after suffering a loss of seven killed and twelve wounded. The place where the battle was fought is about 34 miles from Battleford. It is 30 square miles in area, and is full of scrub with bluffs, ravines and small hills. It is claimed that one hundred of the enemy were placed *hors de combat*.

Gen. Middleton was still in camp at Fish Creek when last heard from. The Steamer *Northcote*, which had been delayed by getting aground, has at last reached Clarke's Crossing, and other boats were on their way down bringing abundant supplies of all kinds.

There have now been four engagements with the enemy since the rebellion became a fact, and in all but the last the enemy has had the best of it. (1.) Major Crozier's command was worsted at Duck Lake, and retired, leaving their dead on the field; (2.) Col. Herchmer's steamer, proceeding with Mounted Police and supplies to the relief of Battleford, was attacked on the South Saskatchewan and forced to return to Swift Current; (3.) General Middleton attacked the rebels (or a band of hostile Indians) entrenched in the ravine at Fish Creek, and failed to accomplish anything important, notwithstanding the heavy casualties suffered by the troops under his command. The true reason, hitherto suppressed, probably appears in the following exposition which appeared in the *Mail* on Wednesday:—

Middleton says that if the rebels offer resistance as stubborn as on last Friday he will order and insist upon a bayonet charge. He tried to get the volunteers to charge the last time, but the fire of the rebels was so deadly and persistent that the untrained soldiers, brave in other respects, could not force their way to the rifle pits. It is also stated that the general ordered "A" Battery to charge, but that before they could be brought up the rebels had changed their position. A bayonet charge is supposed to be the only effective manner in which the rebels can be dislodged and defeated. Great slaughter would be entailed, but if successful in the first charge the rebels would scarcely dare to make another stand.—*Cor. St. Paul Pioneer Press.*

(4.) And lastly, we have the gallant fight made by Colonel Otter's command at Poundmaker's reserve. When fuller particulars are to hand, it will probably appear that Colonel Otter only intended to make a *reconnaissance*, but found himself unable to restrain the ardour of his troops, who, once fairly into the fight, held their ground with tenacity until ammunition was exhausted or they incurred danger of being surrounded and annihilated.

TORONTO, May 6th, 4 p.m.

CORRESPONDENTS AT THE FRONT.

THE Canadian press has certainly not been deficient of enterprise or niggardly in expenditure in catering for a public eager to catch every item of news from the North-West that special correspondents can succeed in raking up; and the competition between the leading dailies has mainly been attended with advantage to the many whose chief interest at present centres in the events transpiring at the front. Much as the energy displayed in this emulation deserves admiration, it is nevertheless regrettable that in very many instances sensational rumors have been forwarded on very insufficient evidence, and that much has appeared in the papers which was obviously inimical to the public interest and calculated to increase the dangers and inconveniences that the troops in the field are obliged to undergo. Anyone who has lived in the Western States knows very well how Indian difficulties have been fomented and their gravity exaggerated on purpose that troops might be sent into the interested districts and a large local expenditure of public money be occasioned. The *Regina Leader* is probably not far astray in saying:—

"The scrambling for troops to be stationed at different points in the territories, when there was no occasion for them, in order that a little money might be spent in the stores in an incident worthy of note. Farming instructors have been reported killed and Indians on the war-path in sections as secure as the city of Toronto, and, on the unprincipled alarmists being called to task by sober-minded people, the latter have been told 'not to

WHAT IS CATARRH?

From the *Mail* (Can.) Dec. 15.

Catarrh is a mucous-purulent discharge caused by the presence and development of a vegetable parasite in the internal lining membrane of the nose. The parasite is the simplest living form known that lives upon organs, and is only developed under favorable circumstances, and these are:—Morbid state of the blood, as the blighted corpse of tubercle the germ poison of syphilis, mercury, toxæmia, from the retention of the effete matter of the skin, suppressed perspiration, badly ventilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep the internal lining membrane of the nose in a constant state of irritation, ever ready for the deposit of the seeds of these germs, which spread up the nostrils, and down the fauces, or back of the throat, causing ulceration of the throat; up the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping the proper structure of the bronchial tubes, ending in pulmonary consumption and death.

Many attempts have been made to cure this distressing disease by the use of inhalants, medicated vapors and other ingenious devices, but none of these treatments can do a particle of good until the parasites are either destroyed or removed from the mucous tissue.

Some time since a well-known physician of forty years' standing, after much experimenting, succeeded in discovering the necessary combination of ingredients which never fail in absolutely and permanently eradicating this horrible disease, whether standing for one year or forty years. Those who may be suffering from the above disease, should without delay, communicate with the business managers.

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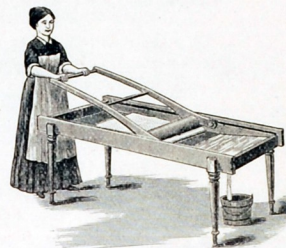
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