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THE state of public feeling being such as to warrant the publication of a first-class illustrated journal, we have at considerable expense secured a large staff of artists, and in a remarkably short time have produced the results which we now submit. Considering the lack of time, our readers will admit that the "WAR NEWS" is the best effort ever made in Canada to supply the Canadian public with an illustrated newspaper.

It is the intention of the publishers, if they receive sufficient encouragement, to continue the issue of the "WAR NEWS" as a weekly, at least during the campaign.

Our special artist, accompanying the expedition, will send us, from time to time, sketches of events of interest *en route* and at the front.

OUR thanks are tendered to many friends who have assisted us in various ways in preparing the present issue. Amongst others we would specially mention Mrs. Grasset and Mr. H. E. Smallpiece (of the *World*). To the latter we are indebted for the authentic views of Battleford town and fort.

The lithographed portion of this issue was executed by the Toronto Lithographing Company, upon whom very much credit is reflected by the work, done, as it was, on short notice.

HUGH J. MACDONALD, son of Sir John Macdonald, is at the front as Lieutenant of No. 1 Company, 90th Winnipeg Battalion.

THE municipal councils of places which furnish troops will look after the necessities of families the heads of which have been called away on the expedition.

"They are the stuff," said an enthusiastic urchin, "Splendid fellows," "They will make fine soldiers," etc. Such exclamations from one who had seen some of the best soldiers in the world on parade. He was deeply impressed with the sturdy bearing of our militia.

THE NORTH-WEST REBELLION.

SUMMARY OF NEWS TO DATE.

The suppression of the rebellion among the half-breeds of the North-West Territories, which broke out last week, is likely to prove a serious, difficult and tedious task. The Indians are joining the half-breeds in large numbers and aggravating the trouble, so that large bodies of troops must go forward to quell the insurgents, and under the best circumstances the campaign is likely to continue all summer. When Indians don the war paint, it is next to impossible to reason with them, and it is not likely that even influential mediators like Archbishop Tache can bring about a peaceable solution of the difficulties. Force must meet force, and loyal Canadians, while regretting the outbreak, are hopeful and confident that the superior strategem of our troops may give them the victory.

THE ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLE.

The present rebellion originated in the dissatisfaction of the half-breeds, who complain, as stated by the *Mail*, that while the Metis of Manitoba were given grants of 240 acres under the Act of 1870, their claims have been ignored; and they say with equal truth that the Government should at least give them free patents for the farms which they have been cultivating, and compensation for disturbance in cases where the Dominion surveyors may find it necessary to re-arrange the shape of their holdings, the old French form of delimitation being at variance with the modern system.

Sir John A. Macdonald, who was until recently Minister of the Interior, stated the cause of the dissatisfaction among the half-breeds in these words:—

"The half-breeds have had a great many claims, some of which are reasonable while others are not reasonable. The House knows that, when the settlement of matters in Manitoba was made, a large number of half-breeds were settled on the Assiniboine and Red River who had then little properties in possession under the direct sanction of the Hudson Bay Company. All those claims were recognized. Certain parcels of land were appropriated to satisfy them, and land scrip was issued to those half-breeds to the value of their holdings. The half-breeds scattered over the plains had no such rights from the Hudson Bay Company or anyone else. But they had heard that the half-breeds in the Red River had received certain money or money's worth, and they claimed that they had the same rights. Now among those half-breeds at Prince Albert, and on both banks of the Saskatchewan there are a number of half-breeds who received scrip for land on the Red River, and afterwards left Manitoba and went to the plains. They put in their demands for land scrip again, thinking that they would not be identified. A great many of them have been identified, and their claims refused. The half-breeds have been told that if they desire to be considered as Indians a most liberal reserve will be set apart for them. If they desire to be considered white men they can get 160 acres of land as homesteads. But they are not satisfied with that. They want to get land scrip for a large quantity of land, upwards of 200 acres, and then get their homesteads as well. Then there was some difficulty about the settlement of the plots which these half-breeds settled along the Saskatchewan. No man has been disturbed on these plots, and they have been told they will not be disturbed. Sometimes the half-breeds fought among themselves, because in the bending of the river one man's claim overlaps another's. There have been several reports from different officials for some years and a great many claims have been settled. Some are still unsettled. Finally, there is a commission which we hope will proceed in the spring, or as soon as possible, to settle the few claims that remain unadjusted."

THE LEADER OF THE REBELLION.

Louis Riel, who became notorious, by the leadership of what is known as the "Red River Rebellion," in 1870, is at the head of the rebels in the present case. Riel, it is said, has been latterly living in Montana, Territory teaching school, but was invited over by the half-breeds, who, months ago, planned their mode of attack.

Louis Riel is now about forty years old, a medium height, stout and dark complexioned, with dark brown hair and moustache. He has a well shaped and somewhat massive forehead, a Roman nose. His eyes are dark,

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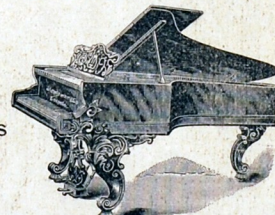
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