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For three months past the correspon-
dence of the Montreal and Toronto news-
papers from the front has been full of
glowing tributes to the pluck and effi-
ciency displayed by Lieut. Howard, of the
Connecticut National Guard, more famili-
arly known to Canadians as "the man
with the Gatling." Lord Melgund, in an
alleged interview, quoted in these col-
umns, credited the same individual with
having saved a nine-pounder from capture
during the first day at Batoche. The
portrait of our American cousin who, if
we are still to believe all we have read,
turned the crank with such fatal effect and

always at the right moment, has appeared
in this paper and most of the dailies.
And now we are told by "Grenade," an
audacious correspondent of the *Mail*, that
there is "no such a person" as the hero
we have all been worshipping, that the
Gatling has all along been under the com-
mand of Lieut. Rivers, of "A" Battery,
by whom he was simply permitted, "from
his knowledge of the weapon, to take a
number at the gun, where he worked the
crank," and that latterly orders have been
given by the Major-General that "Howard
is to keep his hands off the Gatling except
when his services may be required as a
mechanic to keep it in order." It will be
noticed in the General's official report that
Howard's, as well as Wilson's, name is
mentioned favorably. If the Canadian
public, however, have been grossly imposed
upon as to the actual status of the former
and the value of his services in the field,
then all we can say is that Canadian
newspapers have either had very untrust-
worthy correspondents of their own, or
else, having no correspondents at all, they
have been grossly imposing upon their
readers by palming off upon them reports
transmitted by Yankee writers for Ameri-
can papers, who have ingeniously given
a very large share of credit in the wrong
quarter.

UGLY stories are again being circulated
as to outrages having been perpetrated by
the troops after the storming of Batoche.
It is altogether too bad, if this be really
true, that the whole force engaged should
have such a stigma resting on them.
Better by far that the offenders, if any
there were, should have been dealt with,
on the spot, by court-martial.

THE TRIAL OF RIEL.

The preliminary arraignment of Louis
Riel on a charge of attempting, by force
of arms, traitorously to subvert the
authority of the Queen's Government in
Canada, took place last week at Regina,
and the trial of the prisoner, who was
then fully committed, was appointed to
commence on the 20th inst. The form of
the information on which the committal
took place was given in detail in our last
number, and it will have been seen thereby
that Riel is charged directly as a British
subject with acting as a traitor and also,
by another count, with perpetrating the
same offence while living under protection
of the laws of a country forming part of
Her Majesty's realms.

Where such eminent counsel have been
employed as the Government has very
wisely retained in this important case, it
may seem presumptuous for lay opinions
to be offered in regard to the form of the
prosecution; but it will certainly strike
many people that an exaggerated import-
ance is being attached to the prisoner by
accusing him at all of a political crime. We
have recently had a political trial in
Toronto with most unsatisfactory results,
for, notwithstanding the fact that the
accused were acquitted, after a fair trial,
by a jury of their fellow-countrymen, they
are still frequently stigmatized by the
newspapers of hostile politics as the
"brawling brood of bribers," instead of a
dignified acquiescence being shown in the
result of proceedings initiated by the
party which did not succeed.

It is perfectly true that the counsel for
the Crown, who have as yet had but little
chance for consultation, may hereafter
decide upon an indictment with counts
that will cover inferior offences to that
charged in Mr. Stewart's, so that, on the
principle that the greater may contain the
less, no miscarriage of justice need occur
because at present but a single crime is
imputed.

It remains to be seen whether or not the
prisoner will actually be placed on his
trial for a political offence, which, in his
case, would appear calculated to unduly
magnify the importance of an individual
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