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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

THE main interest in the operations at the front now rests in the pursuit of Big Bear who, at time of writing, had still eluded capture and was endeavoring to effect his escape from the troops operating against him in five different directions. According to the impression of the rescued female prisoners, he was in blissful ignorance of the victory of Batoche and the capture of Riel. The following telegrams were read by the Minister of Militia in the House of Commons on Monday:—

"In camp, six miles from Fort Pitt, June 7, via Straubenzie, June 8.—News just received. McKay and six scouts of Strange's have brought in Mrs. Delaney and Mrs. Gowanlock, and eight men, five half-breeds and two Wood Crees, who were encamped by themselves. The breeds say that they have been prisoners, and one of the Crees is the man who let Mr. and Mrs. Quinney, and the other three men escape. We go on to-morrow after Big Bear, and shall keep up communication with Fort Pitt.—FRED MIDDLETON.

"Fort Pitt, 6th, via Straubenzie, 7th.—Have opened telegraph office about forty miles from here. Middleton is after Big Bear, Gen. Strange is near Frog Lake. The following prisoners escaped and came in yesterday:—Mrs. Delaney, Mrs. Gowanlock, Dufresne, and Simpson; Gladu, wife, and one child; Mozeau, wife, and four children; Pritchard, wife, and eight children; Alfred Smith, wife, and four children; Huzel, wife, and one child; Andre Dreneau, Abraham Motts, wife,

and six children; Gregory Donaire, Peter Blondin, Henry Dufresne, two of Simpson's stepsons, two Indians, and two squaws. These prisoners all well.—VAN STRAUBENZIE.

The gratifying intelligence has since been received that the women have in no instance been ill-treated. They owed this immunity mainly to the influence of the half-breeds. It also appears that the Wood Crees restrained the Plain Crees from perpetrating a general massacre.

It is hardly possible that Big Bear can effect his escape, as he is being followed up by a flying column whose provisions are carried on packhorses through an otherwise impracticable country. The Queen's Own have gladly received orders to go on the war-path once more, and will doubtless strive to be the first column to reach the enemy.

Toronto, June 10, 1885.

OUR NEXT NUMBER.

will contain some capital illustrations of Lord Boyle's cowboy troop and their officers; some views of Battleford, by Lieut. R. Lyndhurst Wadmore, Infantry School Corps; the rescue of Mrs. Gowanlock and Mrs. Delaney; and several portraits of general interest. Also some pictures from sketches by Mr. F. W. Curzon, our special artist with General Middleton's command.

ENGLISH SYMPATHY WITH CANADIAN SUFFERING.

It is much to be regretted that the Toronto Mail, which many people accept as a trustworthy exponent of the views of Sir John Macdonald's Government, should have undertaken to sneer at the efforts which are being successfully made in England to raise a fund by which much may be done to ameliorate the sufferings of those of our fellow-countrymen who have lost their all by this rebellion. It ventures to declare that "subscriptions are being asked for them with a certain degree of very kindly fervor, which is, we think, a little overstrained," and the promoters are told that "the notion of the London Committee, for instance, of sending out six doctors to see after our wounded, showed not so much that benevolence was active as that knowledge was very limited concerning Canada." Now the poet has observed that "he who is ungrateful has no fault but one," and we submit that the above sneering remarks are exceedingly well calculated, if not, indeed, intended, to dry up the well-springs of benevolence in the Old Country.

It is all very well for the Mail to assert that "our people do not quite relish the notion of appearing in *forma pauperis* before the London public," but those in this country who have suffered in person or property by Riel's second outbreak, who have lost their natural supporters in consequence, or who will be called upon to pay heavy taxes to compensate individuals who have been robbed by half-breeds or Indians—to say nothing of the military expenses of the campaign now approaching a close—will be inclined to agree that a little outside help will be very acceptable.

The aim and scope of the movement in England was fully explained by the Marquis of Lorne at a recent meeting in London, presided over by the Lord Mayor. He said:—

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