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**THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.**

is not quite as satisfactory as it appeared last week, Big Bear having apparently eluded the pursuing troops, who have had a hard time in chasing him. The most brilliant incident of the pursuit is the gallant fight made by the police and scouts under Inspector Steele. Meantime, the men seem pretty well sick of the campaign, or rather the concluding experience of it, and are anxious to be ordered home.

Not much progress has been made thus far in recruiting among the corps at the front for men willing to enrol for continuous service until November. It may therefore be necessary to retain for duty some of the corps now in the field.  
Toronto, June 17, 4 p.m.

**OUR NEXT NUMBER**

will contain several illustrations sent us by Mr. F. W. Curzon, our special artist with Gen. Middleton's command; a view of the camp of the Prince of Wales' Regiment at the Exhibition Grounds, Montreal; some capital sketches furnished from Battleford and vicinity, by Corporal Davis, of the Foot Guards, and Mr. W. D. Smith, including a view of the bridge across the Battle River built by the Queen's Own; a view of the hospital at Saskatoon, by Mr. King; and also various portraits and scenes of general interest. In the supplement will be produced an authentic "Plan of position at Battle of Batoche," from a sketch made by Messrs Burrows and Denny, of the Surveyors' Intelligence Corps.

**THE QUESTION OF PENSIONS.**

There is one matter in connection with the suppression of the rebellion that fairly promises to be considered entirely without political bias. The attitude of the Opposition may to some extent be calculated on from the following paragraph which recently appeared in the *Globe*—

"There is some possibility that cases of great hardship caused by the rebellion will be overlooked both by the Government and the charitable public. The case of Private Dobbs of the Battleford rifles is in point. He was killed at Cut Knife Hill, leaving a wife and three children at Battleford absolutely penniless. The widow and orphans are no doubt at the present time protected against actual starvation, but what of the future? The State has taken the natural protector from the family, and the State should supply his place. Mrs. Dobbs should receive a pension for the remainder of her life."

Though it is satisfactory to perceive a disposition on the part of a leading organ of the Opposition to advocate a generous consideration of such claims, the public will be glad to know that the law is plain as to the responsibility resting upon the Government to provide for the families of those militia men who have been killed or disabled on actual service. The *Regulations and Orders for the Militia, 1883*, provide as follows:—

"995. When any officer or man is killed in actual service, or dies from wounds or disease contracted on actual service, provision shall be made for his wife and family out of the public funds.

"996. And all cases of permanent disability arising from injuries received or illness contracted on actual service shall be reported on by a Medical Board, and compensation awarded, under such regulations as may be made from time to time by the Governor in Council."

As regards those temporarily incapacitated from returning to their civil vocations, the Regulations provide that officers shall, after discharge from actual service, continue to receive the pay and the allowances of their rank. A non-commissioned officer or private, however, under similar circumstances receives, whether in hospital or at home, one dollar a day, which is double the amount of a private's pay on actual service.

Cases arising from death or permanent disability contracted on service necessarily require that the proper proofs should be forwarded to Headquarters before action can take place for the relief of those interested. We trust, however, that the Militia Department will, in this particular branch of its onerous duties, continue to act with the energy which has characterized it since the troops were first ordered out, so that no public scandal may arise by delay in satisfying the just claims of those entitled to be placed on the pension list. In such cases he "gives twice who gives quickly."

**OFFICERS ON THE WIMBLEDON TEAM.**

SOME ill-natured curmudgeon over the *nom de plume* of "Rifleman," again finds fault, through the columns of the *Globe*, with the expenditure involved in the sending of a Canadian team to Wimbledon. In this last effusion he offers the following criticism on the team for 1885:—

In support of my former communications over the *nom de plume* "Rifleman," showing the useless expenditure of the public funds on pleasure trips to England by non-combatant riflemen, in looking over the published list of the Wimbledon team for 1885, there are only 9 out of the 20 composing the team combatants, or men using the rifle as a weapon of defence; 8 of the number are commissioned officers and 3 are staff sergeants, and have, therefore, no use for a rifle.

Is it possible that it never occurred to "Rifleman" that it was necessary for officers to acquire a practical knowledge of the use of the rifle in order to be able to instruct their men with success, or that the example presented by their personal skill as marksmen would create emulation throughout the grades of rank beneath

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