

them? Has "Riffl-man" not read how Staff-Sergt. Mitchell made it lively for the enemy at Batoche, or how Capt. Forrest took up the rifle of poor young Ferguson, the first man killed at Fish Creek, and avenged his death by shooting the half-breed who slew him, carrying the weapon throughout the remainder of the day and doing good service? Why indeed should officers like Col. Blaine of the 62nd, whose career is sketched elsewhere, forego when they attain the honor of wearing a sword, all the *prestige* which they may have acquired while they carried a rifle among the rank and file? It is just such practical soldiers as these that Canada wants as her representatives at Wimbledon, and it would be the most mistaken policy imaginable to attempt to cultivate an impression in the militia service that an intimate personal acquaintance with the rifle and skill in its use were undesirable qualifications for officers to possess.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

RESCUE OF MRS. GOWANLOCK AND MRS. DELANEY.

THESE ladies at the time of their rescue by a party of ten scouts under one McKay, of Battleford, were encamped with the party of loyal half-breeds who had befriended them, and with whom they escaped from Big Bear. special to the *Mail* says:—

"McKay, with ten others, started to follow the trail. On Wednesday night they surprised the breeds with whom the ladies were. They galloped into camp and disarmed them."

The account goes on to say how, on learning the way in which the party had protected the ladies, their arms were returned to the worthy owners of them. The leader of the scouts who restored the prisoners to civilization, is doubtless the gentleman referred to in the following *Battleford* item in the *Winnipeg Sun*:—

"Mr. Angus McKay, formerly in charge of the Hudson Bay Company's business at Pitt, was made the recipient of a heavy gold ring, bearing his monogram, as a tribute of the esteem in which the Mounted Police stationed at that place hold him, and as a slight acknowledgment of the many acts of kindness they had received at his hands while stationed there."

THE COWBOY BRIGADE.

We are indebted to Mr. J. D. Hutchinson for the following description of the departure of Capt. Stewart's command from Fort McLeod:

"Headed by their youthful but intrepid commander, Capt Stewart, the Rocky Mountain Rangers presented quite a formidable appearance as they left McLeod, amid the loud huzzas of the garrison. Their tanned faces were almost hidden beneath the shade of huge Spanish sombreros, strapped on for 'grim death.' Around many of their necks were silk handkerchiefs, which, besides being an embellishment, prevented the irritation of their coarse brown duck, or 'Montana broadcloth,' coats. Over pants of the same material were drawn a pair of chaps (leather overalls). Crossbelts pregnant with cartridges, a 'six shooter,' sheath knife, a Winchester slung across the pommel of the saddle, and a 'lariat' coiled at the tree, completed the belligerent outfit. Mounted on 'bronchos,' good for from sixty to a hundred miles a day, they soon disappeared in the distance; the loud clanking of bits and jingling of their huge Mexican spurs now gave place to the clatter of hoofs and the rattling of the transportation waggons."

*Propos* of the "broncho," which is the horse of Montana and the contiguous region of the Canadian North-West, the *Santa Fe Democrat* has the following remarks:—

"The broncho is what the cowboys call 'high-strung.' If you want to know just how high he is strung, climb up on his apex. We rode a broncho once. He didn't travel far; but the ride was mighty exhilarating while it lasted. We got on with great pomp and derick, but we didn't put on any unnecessary style when we went to get off. The beast evinced considerable surprise when we took up our location upon his dorsal fin. He seemed to think a moment, and then he gathered up his loins, and delivered a volley of heels and hardware straight out from the shoulder. The recoil was fearful. We saw that our seat was going to be contested, and we began to make a motion to dismount, but the beast had got under way by this time, so we breathed a silent hymn and tightened our grip. He now went off into a spasm of tall, stiff-legged bucks. He pitched us so high that every time we started down we would meet him coming up on another trip. Finally, he gave us one grand, farewell boost, and we clove the firmament and split up through the hushed ethereal until our toes ached from the lowness of the temperature, and we could

distinctly hear the music of the spheres. Then we came down and fell in a little heap, about 100 yards from the starting point. A kind Samaritan gathered up our remains in a cigar box and carried us to the hospital. They looked pityingly at us—the attendant surgeons marvelled as to the nature of our mishap. One said it was a cyclone, another that it was a railroad smash-up; but we thought of the calico-hided pony that was grazing peacefully in the dewy mead, and held our peace."

Capt. Stewart, to whom was given special authority to enrol American citizens in the corps of rangers that he organized, is largely interested in an extensive stock ranche. He formerly resided at Ottawa, where he commanded the Princess Louise Dragon Guards, a troop well-mounted and efficient beyond the average of volunteer cavalry. Having received an excellent portrait of him from Mr. Topley, we hope to present it in our next issue. The Rangers are 150 strong, every man being mounted, and the corps has four officers.

FORT CARLTON,

it will be remembered, which was simply a post of the Hudson Bay Company, was accidentally burned down by Col. Irvine's police during their retreat upon Prince Albert after the battle of Duck Lake. It now presents a very sorry appearance; but the situation is obviously deemed of importance, as Colonel Irvine received orders to station thirty police at this point to guard the crossing. The Royal Grenadiers, "C" Company of the Infantry School, "A" Battery, with scouts, and transport waggons, under the command of Col. Van Straubenzie, reached Carlton in the afternoon of May 25, after a march of 32 miles from Batoche. Thence the artillery and infantry proceeded by steamer to Prince Albert, the mounted men escorting the waggons by trail. The ruins of the building on the right of the camp show where the quarters of the company's officers used to be. Nearer to the foreground will be seen scattered piles of cordwood.

VIEW OF BATTLEFORD.

The panoramic view of a locality in which so much of the interest of the campaign has centred will be an acceptable picture to every one who has relatives or friends in the North-West Field Force, seeing that almost every corps engaged actually at the front has already been to Battleford or will probably visit the place *en route* for home. Mr. Lyndhurst Wadmore, of "C" Company, was good enough to send us two other sketches, for which we hope to find a place very shortly. The following references to the numbers distinguishing particular points in the present view will be found convenient.

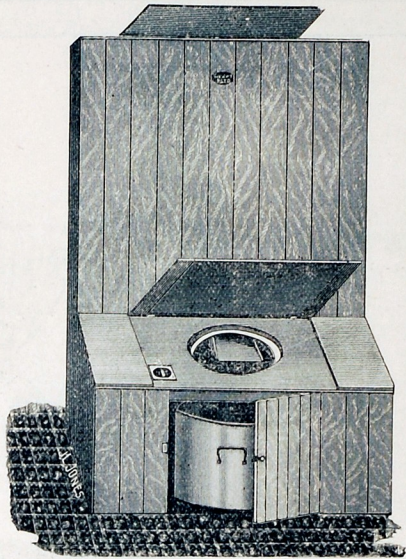
1. Direction of Cut Knife Hill, where Poundmaker's camp was when attacked by Col. Otter's flying column.
2. Valley of Battle River.
3. New Town of Battleford.
4. Camp of the Queen's Own Rifles.
5. Camp of "B" Battery, Canadian Artillery.
6. Camp of "C" Company, Infantry School Cor's, and Governor-General's Body Guard.
7. Camp of the North-West Mounted Police.
8. Battleford fort and police barracks.
9. Refugee settlers and half-breeds encamped outside the stockade.
10. North Branch of the Saskatchewan River.
11. Trail to crossing.
12. Brigade office.
13. Officers' mess ("B" Battery).
14. Site of bridge and ferry concealed by hill.
15. Site of Relief Expedition's first camp.
16. Look-out post on roof of old Government House.
17. Fort Otter, occupied by fifty men of the Queen's Own Rifles, under Capt. Brown.

PORTRAITS OF INTEREST.

CAPT. GEO. H. YOUNG,

whom our picture represents in the uniform of the Dufferin Rifles of Canada, is the only son of the Rev. George Young, D.D., of Brantford, who may be termed the father of Methodism in the Canadian North-West. He entered the Winnipeg customhouse in 1871, and remained in the service until 1882, by which time he had accumulated sufficient money by real estate transactions to retire. He married in 1876 the daughter of Mr. Fawcett, a Methodist missionary at High Bluff. He received his military education at the Royal School of Gunnery, Kingston, and while in the custom house held a commission in the Field Battery as lieutenant. This he resigned to accept the command of the Winnipeg Troop of Cavalry, which he raised and organized. On leaving Winnipeg to reside at Brantford, in 1882, he retired with his rank, but soon after was appointed a lieutenant in the Dufferin Rifles. Since his return to Manitoba, he has resumed,

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