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REDUCTION OF PRICE.

The publishers have satisfaction in announcing that, in compliance with the desire expressed by many of their patrons, they have decided to make the price of the CANADIAN PICTORIAL AND ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS henceforward 10 cents, instead of 15 cents, per copy. In order, however, to bring down the cost of production in a measure to some extent corresponding with so substantial a reduction, the supplement, which has during the progress of the campaign in the North-West been a constant feature, will for the present be discontinued—that is, except when circumstances arise that necessitate the providing of additional space for illustrations of events of extraordinary public interest.

Every effort will still be made to maintain a high standard of literary and artistic excellence, and it will be obvious to all who have thus far approved and supported the undertaking that, if such an increased sale results as we are led to expect the reduction in price will bring about, it will be possible to add many features of interest to the publication. Our patrons may at any rate rest assured that the effort to supply them with an illustrated Canadian family paper, patriotic in tone and free from political rancor, will be continued with unabated enterprise and energy.

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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT

practically has come to an end, as all the troops, except the regular forces enlisted by the Canadian Government for three years service, are now on their way back to their local headquarters.

The capture of Big Bear by the Mounted Police—the accounts variously credit Sergt. Smart and Superintendent

Gagnon with the arrest—has formed a fitting termination to the campaign. Wandering Spirit, who was a ringleader in the atrocities perpetrated at Frog Lake, is still at large, and reported to be making for the United States boundary. Should he and his fellow murderers seek an asylum under the Stars and Stripes, there is no reason to apprehend the American Government would refuse their extradition, as political motives could not be alleged in extenuation of the cold-blooded murder of innocent settlers, and of the priests who heroically met their fate in the performance of their sacred functions.

The main subject of interest now lies in the probable date of the arrival of the Ontario troops at East Selkirk, after which the rate of their progress can be easily estimated. The situation is at present a conundrum difficult of solution. The North Saskatchewan is full of shoals and rapids, just now aggravated by a serious fall in the water. Then the transfer of the baggage at Grand Rapids by means of the Hudson Bay Company's tramway will be a somewhat tedious process. The entrance of the Red River is sometimes difficult in daylight after a southerly wind has prevailed for several days; but it is never attempted after dark. This may be another cause of delay. Friends of the returning battalions must accordingly possess their souls in patience until their arrival is telegraphed from Selkirk, for no communication by wire or any other method can be had with them after they leave Prince Albert until they come in view of that station of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Toronto, July 8, 1885, 4 p.m.

OUR SOUVENIR NUMBER.

APPRECIATING the demand that would arise on the suppression of the rebellion for a comprehensive history of the rising and of the campaign of the triumphant militia forces, the publishers of the CANADIAN PICTORIAL AND ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS have been the first to present to the public a comprehensive narrative of the events which have so absorbed the interest of the country for the past four months. Recognizing the fact that a narrative pure and simple would hardly satisfy the public taste, they have undertaken the production of a Souvenir Number of this journal, freely illustrated with handsome and appropriate views, the same being issued in two parts. The first of these, the circulation of which commenced only last week, is indeed a highly creditable publication of twenty-four pages of good paper, twelve pages being occupied with illustrations covering events that occurred between the commencement of the outbreak and the battle of Fish Creek. In addition, there are two two-page supplements, one of which is a tinted group of the most prominent officers of the North-West Field Force, while the other is a spirited representation of the battle of Fish Creek, based on accurate topographical and other information. Of the letterpress portion we need only say that it has been written by Mr. T. Arnold Haultain, M.A., author of "The War in the Soudan," whose facile pen has enabled him to set down a comprehensive record of exciting events, such as an unbiassed mind could alone put in such shape and order. The two parts of this Souvenir Number will indeed contain a complete history of the rebellion and of its suppression, in bulk equal to about 140 pages of an ordinary book. Such a history alone is fully worth the moderate price of the publication, and most people will feel that in buying it they are actually obtaining the illustrations and the supplements, which every one will deem worthy of framing, as a bonus direct from the publishers.

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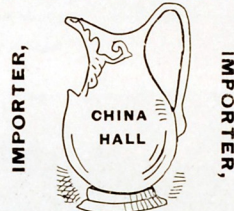
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