

Little Child was informed that the Saulteaux could not leave; if they persisted in doing so that the soldiers would kill their horses and dogs, and cut their lodges, &c. Little Child replied if they did him any harm or occasioned any damage to his people, he would report the matter to the Police. Crow's Dance replied, we care as little for the Police as we do for you. Little Child then had a Council with his head men, and addressed them as follows: "We made up our minds to move but are forbidden. When the children of the White Mother came to the country we thought they would protect us to move wherever we pleased, as long as we obeyed her law. The Governor told us so when we made our Treaty with him. He also informed us that we had but one law to obey, and that was the law of the White Mother. Now what shall we do? One of his head men replied: since the arrival of the White Mother's children in the country we have obeyed the law; we want to obey the law and none other; we were told by her Chief to adhere to Her law, and if any one did us any harm to report it to him. This is the first time that any such an occurrence has happened since the arrival of the Police in the country; let us move; let the Assiniboines attack us, and we will report to the "White Mother's Chief" and see if he will protect us. To this they all assented and the camp ordered to move. Lodges were pulled down, and as they attempted to move off, between two and three hundred warriors came down on the camp and commenced firing with guns and bows in every direction, upsetting travois, cutting lodges, &c., besides killing nineteen dogs (a train dog supplies the place of a horse to an Indian) knocking men down and threatening them with other punishment. The women and children ran from the camp screaming and crying. It is only by a miracle that no serious damage was done with the fire-arms, as the warriors fired through the camp recklessly. When warned by Little Child that he would report the matter to the Police, Crow's Dance struck him and said: "We will do the same to the Police when they come." After the attack was over Little Child and camp moved northwards, and the Assiniboines toward the east. At 11 a. m., I started with Dr. Kittson, 15 men and guide, to arrest "Crow's Dance" and his head men. At 10 p. m., I arrived at the place where the disturbance occurred, and camped; at 2 a. m., I was again on the road, a march of about 8 miles brought me in sight of the camp. The camp was formed in the shape of a war camp with war lodge in the centre. In the "war lodge" I expected to find the head soldier Crow's Dance with his leaders.

Fearing they might offer resistance (Little Child said they certainly would), I halted and had the arms of my men inspected and pistols loaded. Striking the camp so early, I thought I might take them by surprise; so moved west, along a ravine, about half a mile; this brought me within three-fourths of a mile of the camp. At a sharp trot we soon entered camp and surrounded the war lodge, and found Crow's Dance and nineteen warriors in it. I had them immediately moved out of camp to a small butte half a mile distant; found the lodges of the Blackfoot and Bear's Down; arrested and took them to the butte. It was now 5 a. m.; I ordered breakfast, and sent interpreter to inform Chiefs of the camp that I would meet them in council in about an hour. The camp was taken by surprise, arrests made and prisoners taken to the butte before a Chief in the camp knew anything about it.

At the appointed time the following Chiefs assembled, viz., "Long Lodge," "Shell King," and "Little Chief." I told them what I had done, and that I intended to take prisoners to the fort and try them by the law of the White Mother for the crime they had committed; that they, as chiefs, should not have allowed such a crime to be committed. They replied, they tried to stop it but could not. I then said I was informed there were parties in the camp at that moment who wished to leave, but were afraid to go; that these parties must not be stopped; and for them (the Chiefs) to warn their soldiers never in future to attempt to prevent any person leaving camp; that according to the law of the White Mother every person had the privilege of leaving camp when they chose. At 10 a. m. I left council, and arrived at this fort at 8 p. m., a distance of fifty miles. If the Saulteaux had returned one shot, there would in all probability have been a fearful massacre.

I wish to state that "Crow's Dance," "Blackfoot," "Spider," "The one who