

or if they purposed a second attack. All doubt was soon set aside by the arrival of a trooper of Muir's cavalry with a despatch from Colonel Osborne Smith, D.A.G., to Lieutenant-Colonel Marchand, that the enemy had been repulsed and that reinforcements were not required. Accordingly, the brigade was ordered to return to St. Johns. The command to "fall in" and retire was obeyed by the volunteers with a general feeling of disappointment, after a march of nearly eight miles, under a broiling sun, which, to men with a close-fitting uniform, sixty rounds of ball-cartridge and a rifle to carry, rendered the journey very fatiguing. The return march to St. Armands was accomplished without any particular incident occurring; the brigade arrived shortly after noon, and then followed a general scramble for dinner. In two hours more they were again on board the train, and were soon after received at St. Johns with great cheering by the inhabitants, who were jubilant over the victory at Eccles Hill, the particulars of which they had read that morning in the newspapers received from Montreal.

On the following day, the Company of Montanards Canadiens, from St. Jean Baptiste Village, under Captain Simpson, with Lieutenant D. Battersby, arrived at this place and were attached to the Hochelaga corps.

The above brigade, with the St. Johns battery garrison of artillery under Major Drum, with Lieutenants Footneir and Cousins, also two companies of the 21st Battalion under Lieut.-Col. Marchand, were held as a reserve force until all danger was over; and on Thursday, the 3rd June, they returned to their respective homes. They were previously inspected by Lieut.-General Lindsay, accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Arthur and Staff.

