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incorrect in this particular. That treason has been committed by the parties there can be no question. We hope the time is at last come when it can be proved upon them.

At eight o'clock on the same evening, a party of 18 of the Royal Montreal Volunteer Cavalry, under Lieut. Ermatinger, was despatched to St. John's, *via* Longueuil and Chambly, with constable Malo, to effect the arrest of two worthies of that place, Messrs. Dr. D'Avignon and Demaray. Having quietly effected their object, they set out on their return, about three o'clock in the morning, by the same road. Not far from Chambly, they met with a party of about 30 persons, variously armed, who, however, went off as they approached. At about a mile from Longueuil, they were warned by a woman that a large body of men were in waiting for them a little further on; but from some cause or other the information was disregarded, and the party proceeded as before. They had gone on but a very short distance, when they found themselves almost close to a body of about 300, in a field on the right of the road, protected by a high fence, and armed with rifles and muskets. The party in advance moved on to pass them, but was received by a heavy fire, which it was impossible for them to return with effect, armed as they were with pistols only, and from a body which, on account of the high fence, they could not charge sword in hand. Under these circumstances, they fell back on the main body of the party, though not until several shots had told with effect upon them. Lieut. Ermatinger was wounded, we believe with duck-shot, in the face and below the shoulder, Mr. Sharp received a bullet through the leg, a little below the knee, and Mr. John P. Ashton also received a slight wound from a slug. Mr. John Molson, junior, had a narrow escape for his life, a bullet passing through his cap and grazing his head. Mr. Joshua Woodhouse is also wounded, and we believe from all we hear, severely. Several of the horses, we are told, were more or less wounded. In turning to retreat, the waggon in which the constable and the two prisoners were was upset, and necessarily left behind by the cavalry, who then made their way into Longueuil across the fields. On arriving there they found a detachment of two companies from the 32d regiment, under Major Reed, who had been despatched at an early hour from Montreal, to receive and support them in case of necessity, but whose orders had unfortunately directed him not to proceed beyond Longueuil. The prisoners had, however, then made their escape, and the whole body returned to the city for further orders.

Some two hours afterwards, Constable Malo returned to the city, reporting none others killed or wounded, and of course without his prisoners.

We understand that the four companies of the Royals now in town have received orders to march early this morning, under Lieut.-colonel Watherall, R. H., on special duty not yet precisely disclosed, between Longueuil and Chambly. They will be accompanied by one, or perhaps two, field-pieces, and we trust their orders will prove to be such as to bring to a speedy issue the whole business of yesterday's attack.—A recapture, a few new captures, and a satisfactory account of any parties that may be found, should there be any such, to oppose either, are what the circumstances of the case require, and what we trust they will not require in vain.

Conflicting reports are current as to the *locale* of the unarrested leaders, and of Mr. Papineau in particular. By some it is confidently stated that he is in town, by others, that he has even left the country, and crossed the line. We believe neither report to be correct. The authorities, we trust, will lose no time in following up the blow they have now struck. They have passed the rubicon, and the success of their measures must henceforth depend mainly on their promptness. No stone must be left unturned to ensure the arrest of every man against whom evidence can be found to warrant a fair hope of his conviction. If Mr. Papineau or any other such individual be yet in town, it will obviously be the game of the party to have it believed that he is not. We hope the parties interested will be on their guard against the *ruse*, and not relax in their efforts to ensure the apprehension of all the missing candidates for gaol apartments.

There is a little doubt expressed in some quarters as to the fact of a warrant being actually out against Papineau, but we trust there is no ground for such a doubt. The number of warrants prepared is, we believe, considerable, and some one of them must be for the head offender. The arrest of A. N. Morin, in Quebec, shows that there is no intention of allowing the leaders to leave all the dangers of revolution to their underlings.

We have reason to hope that a considerable number of additional arrests are likely to be made in and near Quebec. Let the aim be high and steady, and we care not how often it may be taken. The more men the better: but the highest must be among the first.

The best argument we can urge upon our readers to induce them to renewed activity and spirit in their country's cause, is to be found in the events of the last day or two. The long desired blow is at last struck by the government. Blood has at last been shed by the rebels, who now stand unmasked, and fairly subject to the worst penalties of the laws they have insulted. No British subject could desire better things. Let but the enemy be seen, and the result is certain. Argument is no longer needed to convince any one of what each man's conscience must now plainly tell him to be his duty. He has but to remember that England expects every man to do it.

We see from last night's "Populaire," that Mr. Demaray, one of the parties rescued at Longueuil, has just been discharged from his situation as postmaster at St. John's. The public will be no losers.

THE CHIEF OF THE REBEL GANG TAKEN.—Amable Norbert Morin, director-in-chief of the seditious and treasonable proceedings of the Permanent and Central Committee of Quebec, and chief spy of the Montreal faction, was lodged in jail this morning, on a similar charge