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**THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.**

GEN. STRANGE has had an engagement with Big Bear already, in which it was to such an extent a drawn battle that the troops were retired pending the arrival of reinforcements. The loss, which fell upon the gallant 65th, was happily slight. On the 1st inst. Gen. Middleton's contingent left Battleford in the steamers *Alberta*, *Marquis* and *Northwest*, and comprised Midland battalion 100 men, 90th 275, Grenadiers 250, and part of A and B batteries, and two Gatlings, 60 men. Boulton's scouts, Dennis' surveyors' corps, 50; Brittlebank's (late French's) scouts, and 50 Mounted Police also started at the same time, but went by the south trail. It was expected that a decisive engagement would be fought on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Col. Ouimet is doing good service at Edmonton by raising a volunteer corps among the loyal half-breeds.

A skirmish occurred on the 31st ult. about twenty-six miles west of Medicine Hat, between a detachment of Stewart's rangers and some Indians believed to be Bloods. Superintendent Cotton, N. W. M. P., commanding at Fort McLeod, has set out to deal with the matter.

**OUR NEXT ISSUE**

WILL contain numerous illustrations from sketches from the scene of action in the North-West, together with certain portraits of especial interest. We have also in preparation views representing the loyal turnout for service in the North-West of the New Brunswick provisional battalion.

**"UNCIVILIZED WARFARE."**

In our last issue we quoted two separate despatches of the *Mail's* correspondent with General Middleton's force, making grave accusations against the troops composing it, of course including the Royal Grenadiers of this city. In effect the accusation was that the brave men who fought at Batoche and carried all before them at the point of the bayonet were capable of housebreaking, robbery, and wilful damage. Happily the matter was ventilated on the floor of Parliament, and we quote the *Mail's* own report of what occurred:—

"Mr. LANGELEIER—Is it true, as stated by the special correspondent of the *Toronto Mail* at Clark's Crossing, on the 8th May, that soldiers pillaged the houses of the half-breeds and destroyed a quantity of articles belonging to them? Is it true that they demolished Madame Tourand's house at Fish Bay, broke her furniture, and broke up a sewing machine and a stove? Is it true that at Gabriel's Crossing they destroyed the windows of the residences, and that one vandal broke up the clock and bedsteads, and strewed the floor with the remains of broken furniture, and then next day set the house on fire? Is it the intention of the Government to instruct the commanding officer to take the necessary steps to prevent a repetition of such excesses, and to punish those who have been guilty of them?"

"Hon. A. P. CARON—It is not true. Strict orders were given by General Middleton to the force not to enter any house or touch any property under pain of severe punishment. The official despatches received mention nothing about Madame Tourand's house, her sewing machine or her stove. Broken windows must be expected where guns are brought to bear upon a building. No official report has been received as to the furniture in Vandal's house. As to the intention of the Government, it is to allow the commanding officer, who knows his duty, to look after the troops under his command."

It is surprising that the paper whose columns furnished a channel for these libels has not thought it necessary to disavow or apologise for them. Gen. Middleton not long ago thought it necessary to expel from camp a certain erring correspondent of the *Globe*; but we fancy the most pressing invitations from the gallant head of the force will not induce the *Mail's* correspondent to prolong his stay at head-quarters after the troops have once enjoyed the opportunity of reading the opinions he has expressed of them.

**OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.**

LIEUT. HOWARD, OF GATLING GUN FAME.

THE following sketch of an officer to whom Canadians are certainly under deep obligations will be read with interest. Adjutant-General Stephen R. Smith, of Connecticut, writes:—

"Lieut. Howard is a second lieutenant in the Connecticut National Guard, commissioned as such, July 18, 1884. His full name is Arthur L. Howard. He commands the Second Regiment machine gun platoon attached to the Second Regiment, C. N. G., which is a regiment of ten companies with a full field and staff and band, in all numbering nearly 700 men. His home is in New Haven, where he has a fine residence and an interesting family of a wife and four young children. His age is, I should guess, about thirty-five. He is by occupation a cartridge manufacturer and recently carried on a flourishing business on his own account—in the last year, I believe, clearing somewhere about \$15,000 net. At last accounts he had sold out to the great cartridge combinations and was, prior to going to Canada, engaged in perfecting an invention which promised large pecuniary returns. He is a practical machinist and has invented several intricate machines now being used in the manufacture of cartridges (metallic), and shot shells, primers, etc., etc. He is a remarkably energetic fellow and is never happy except when hard at work. He is highly respected in New Haven and is an accomplished gentleman and officer. He was the first to organize a gun platoon to operate a gatling gun under new orders issued from the Adjutant-General's office, and really gave the office no peace until he had succeeded in securing his gun, uniforms, equipments, and other necessary property from the State. When commissioned in July of last year, he at once went to work and in thirty days or less had his men enlisted, uniformed, and equipped and put into camp with the brigade in the latter part of the following month, which, considering it being a time of peace and the usual amount of red tape to be observed, was a praiseworthy circumstance, and won for himself great credit.

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