

garrison at Fort Porter, it is worth remarking, is only about fifty strong, and it will take some time to reinforce it.

"The Fenians are now assembled in Townsend Hall, which, for some time past, has been the head-quarters of the Brotherhood in this city. It is not possible for them to make any movement to-night, as the weather is unfavorable—raining and pitch dark. By some the gathering here is regarded merely as a feint to cover a more important movement elsewhere.

"I think I am justified in saying that the authorities on the other side have been duly warned, and that measures have been taken to avert any danger."

From other points there were also accounts of the gathering of the Fenians, not only in the middle States, but in the west, and even in the south. A despatch from Memphis, Tenn., under date 29th May, said :

"About 200 Fenians left this city, going north. Others from the south are passing through Main street this afternoon."

Precautionary measures were taken on the railways at the frontier stations, by withdrawing surplus cars and engines, which, no doubt, the invaders would have been glad to find and seize on landing. The next day the numbers of the Fenians at Buffalo had been increased by large arrivals, so that on the night of Thursday, 31st May, the District Attorney telegraphed to the Mayors of Toronto and Hamilton that about 1500 Fenians were at Buffalo, and that they intended moving off that or the following night. A despatch says :

"About 800 Fenians belong to Buffalo, and I have heard that up to last night 1,500 more had arrived. It is said that 700 more were expected to-night, but the train did not connect with the western and southern trains at Cleveland, and only about 15 made their appearance. The Fenians had about a dozen waggons waiting at the station, expecting freight, but got none.

"At 10 o'clock to-night I saw crowds of Fenians fitted out and ready to march. They are expected to leave for Sandusky, Ohio, by the midnight train. From that place or Ogdensburg the real attack is expected to be made. It is said they only await the arrival of artillery shipped from Chicago.

"The Fenians have in their possession accurate plans of the Canadian defences, and know the full strength opposed to them.

"It is rumoured that 20,000 Fenians are scattered in various towns near this city, and ready to embark. The demonstration here is regarded by many as a feint.

"Sweeney and Roberts are both here. The latter arrived to-day.

"There is, it is said, 100,000 stand of arms at P. O'Day's auction rooms, belonging to the Fenians. Their armory and drill room are underneath the building. Barney O'Donohoe (well known in Toronto) is assistant auctioneer."

Most of the Fenians here are from Cincinnati and Louisville, and are southern soldiers. Three Colonels are in command.

The Buffalo authorities also took precautions according to the following correspondence between the District Attorney and the Collector of Customs :