

I have heard from Fort Garry, of the safe arrival of the letters conveying my instructions in regard to the Government provisions. Riel had made two or three attempts to remove them, and had pointed two of the guns of the Fort on Dr. Schultz's warehouse, in which a portion of them are stored, in anticipation of resistance, but the firm attitude of the Canadians and others in the vicinity seems to have induced Riel to postpone his threatened seizure. I hope no collision has taken place over these stores, as such an event might prejudice the movement progressing so favorably in the English and Scotch Parishes.

I enclose (paper "B") copy of a second Proclamation which I deemed it my duty to issue. I hope I am right in using the name of Her Majesty as prominently as I have done. The leaders of this movement have studiously represented that they were only resisting the aggressions of Canada and not the authority of the Crown. It is necessary to meet them on this point explicitly and promptly.

Anxiously awaiting some official directions and information from you,

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. McDOUGALL.

("A.")

To the Honorable Mr. McDougall.

SIR,—We, influential members of the English speaking population and loyal subjects of the British Crown, have heard that you are appointed Governor of this Territory, but we have had no certain or official information that such is the case, in fact we don't know officially that any change has taken place in the constitution of this country. Under these circumstances, there is no certainty of movement or any chance of co-operation. We will be glad to be informed, officially, what is the position of affairs; what are the intentions of the Canadian Government, and what support will be given by Government.

Circumstances are such that names cannot be given; at least it is not advisable, but * * * * * will testify to the genuineness of this communication.

Nov. 27th.

To the Honorable Mr. McDougall.

SIR,—I am requested to certify and sign this to the effect that it is a communication from the representatives of three parishes in this settlement.

("B.")

[L.S.]

THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

By His Excellency, the Honorable William McDougall, a Member of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, and Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the North-West Territories, &c., &c., &c.

To all whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:—

A PROCLAMATION !!!

WHEREAS, Her Majesty THE QUEEN, by Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Dominion of Canada, bearing date the *twenty-ninth* day of *September*, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *sixty-nine*, in the thirty-third year of Her Majesty's Reign, has been graciously pleased to *constitute* and *appoint me*, on, from and after the day to be named by *Her Majesty*; for the admission of Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory into the Union or Dominion of Canada, to be **LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR** in and over *The North-West Territories*, during Her Majesty's pleasure, and did thereby authorize and empower and require and command me, on, from and after the day aforesaid,