

A BIG FIGHT

The Rebels Forced Back After Hard Fighting.

Seven of Ours Killed and Forty-Two Wounded.

(Continued from page 2.)

CLARKE'S CROSSING, N.W.T., April 25.—Couriers this morning brought in additional details of yesterday's fight. In spite of the heavy storm the engagement lasted with intermissions the whole day. When night came on the troops were terribly fatigued, but the excitement kept them up, until nature gave way and the camp became quiet about midnight.

Many are the stories told of hair-breadth escapes, not the least remarkable of those were those of Gen. Middleton, Capt. Wise, A.D.C., Major Buchanan, A.D.C., Capt. Doucet, A.D.C., and Major Boulton. Had the shot that pierced Gen. Middleton's helmet been such lower it would have lodged in his brain. As it was the right side of his head was grazed. Capt. Wise had two horses shot under him and received a slight ankle wound, which while it inconvenienced him some time in walking will probably not keep him out of the saddle, although it bled considerably and required considerable attention.

The rebel fire was remarkably direct and deadly in effect. They saved their ammunition, and only fired when a good mark presented itself. In fact had they been firing at a target in a rifle competition their aim could scarcely have been more calm and deliberate. They covered a large extent of country and cleverly availed themselves of every possible means of cover, while our men fought largely from the open. They, however, stood up bravely and never wavered for an instant.

At first they exhibited a tendency to fire at random with bowed heads. But on Gen. Middleton exclaiming "Stand up men. If I had my head down I should have a dead man." they braced up straight and presented a front that would have done honor to an army of veterans, whose every day work was fighting. No one can now say our citizen soldiery can not fight. Gen. Middleton is very enthusiastic over their conduct. He acknowledged that at first he was inclined to be a little dubious of their bearing under a well directed fire, but his fears were speedily dispelled and he had been shown an engagement fought with a much skill and steadiness as he had ever seen. "Fighting an enemy in ambush," he said, "was the severest test of a soldier's bravery, and the men had acquitted themselves remarkably well."

Gabriel Dumont commanded the rebels with extraordinary skill. The strength of the enemy is variously estimated at from 200 to 500, while Gen. Middleton's force at the opening comprised about 500, composed of the 90th, 310 strong, A battery 120 strong, C infantry 40, Major Boulton's cavalry 60, and 60 teamsters. Towards the close of the conflict Lord Melund's force on the west side comprising the Winnipeg battery, 52 strong, and the Royal Grenadiers 260 strong, crossed over to the river and continued the engagement, while the 90th battalion, who had to stand the fierceness of the first onslaught, took a well-earned rest in the rear.

CLARKE'S CROSSING, April 25.—Shortly before 10 o'clock three companies of the Royal Grenadiers crossed the river and took up positions on the left centre, at the brow of the hill, overlooking the ravine. By this time the firing from the rebels was but feeble, seeming to indicate that their ammunition was running out. The fire of the skirmishers who were deployed in the companies in the centre and left centre was very effective. About this time a house in the ravine was nearly demolished by shots from No. 4 gun of A battery.

At 6.50 the rebels had nearly all dispersed, some fifteen being left in sight. The retired eastward and thence northward toward Batocha crossing. The column removed to the left point of the ravine and the camp was removed midway between the battlefield and the river.

More than twenty horses belonging to the rebels lie dead along the lower bank of Fish Creek.

The rebel loss is thought to have been slight. About 7.30 the artillery fired a few shots to repel a threatened attack on the rear of the troops.

Supply and other teams arriving last night nearly got to the rebel camp thinking the troops had proceeded to Batocha. Having discovered their mistake they were approaching our camp from the direction of the enemy's line and not hearing the challenge of the sentries, were fired on. Eight shots were discharged without doing further injury than alarming the entire camp on both sides of the river.

GEN. MIDDLETON'S REPORT. OTTAWA, April 25.—The following is the official despatch from Gen. Middleton:

To Hon. A. P. Caron, from Fish Creek, 25 miles north of Clarke's Crossing, N. W. T., April 24.—I have had an affair with the rebels at this spot, on the east bank of the river. My advanced scouts were fired upon from a bluff, but we managed to hold our own until the main body arrived, when I took measures to repel the attack, which was done about 2.30. We have captured a lot of their ponies and have three or four of them, apparently Indians and half-breeds in the corner of a bluff, who have done a good deal of mischief; being evidently their best shots, and as I am unwilling to lose more men in trying to take them, I have surrounded their bluff and shall wait until they have expended their ammunition to take them. Lord Melund

joined me as soon as he found from the other side with the 10th regiment and the Winnipeg hill battery, but the affair was over. As the most part of the left column is in this place, and as it is a work of difficulty crossing the river, and the rest to follow, and shall march to-morrow united upon Batocha. The troops behaved very well in this their first affair. The killed and wounded, I deeply regret to say is numerous. They are as follows:

Killed.—Pte. Hutchison, No. 1 Co.; Pte. Ferguson, No. 1 Co.; W. Smith, No. 4 Co.; All of the 90th. Gunner Daniel of A battery. Wounded.—Capt. Clark and Lieut. Swinford, 90th regiment, seri. inj.; Capt. Wise, A. D. C., and Lieut. Doucet, A. D. C., one in the leg and the other in the arm.

Mounted Infantry.—Darey Baker and Lieut. Bruce very seriously, C. F. King, H. B. Perrin, J. Lanford and H. N. Dainard. A battery.—Gunner Asselin, Gunner Irvine, Acting Bombardier Taylor, Sergeant Washburn, Driver Harris. Pte. P. M. Wilson, E. G. Mounsell, Pte. C. Arnsworth, very seriously. (Walter Woodman.) School of Infantry.—Arthur Watson, very seriously; R. H. Dunn, H. Jones, Sgt. R. Cunningham, R. Jones.

The 9th regiment.—Corp. Leithbridge, C company, Pte. Kohn, A company, very seriously; Corp. B. B. Cole, C company, Pte. Herby, F company Y; Pte. A. Blackwood, C company; Pte. Caniff, C company; Pte. W. W. Mathews, A company; Pte. Levell, B company.

I don't know what the loss of the enemy was, but I doubt not it was pretty severe, though from their great advantage of position and mode of fighting it might be well less than ours. I shall proceed to-morrow, after burying the dead and sending the wounded back to Clarke's Crossing. By moving on this side I lose the telegraph line, but I shall keep up communication by Clarke's Crossing if possible.

I regret very much the wounding of my two A. D. C.'s. Capt. Wise's horse was shot previous to his being wounded. (Signed) FRED MIDDLETON, Major-General commanding the N. W. Field Force.

FROM GENERAL MIDDLETON. OTTAWA, April 25.—Mrs. Middleton, wife of Major-General Middleton, received the following dispatch from him this morning: "Twenty five miles from Clarke's Crossing.—Have had our first engagement and were successful, but has not been very serious. Very sorry to say my two A. D. C.'s, Capt. Wise and Lieut. Doucet were both wounded, but neither badly. Previous to this I had a bullet put through my fur cap." Wise and Doucet are both A. D. C.'s to the Governor-General.

AFTER THE BATTLE. FISH CREEK CAMP, via Clark's April 25.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon the 90th Battalion, supported by the Winnipeg Field Battery, moved from camp to the ravine where the fight took place. The scouts constituted the advance guard, and deployed so as to completely surround the guilty. It was suspected, however, that the ravine was entrenched. By 2 p.m. it had been thoroughly explored by our troops. Gen. Middleton and others riding through. There were no rebels. The place is almost impregnable. Rifle pits in rows of three to five were hollowed out of a steep bank, and could not be reached by artillery or small arms. Two Indians, dead, were near the crest of the hill opposite the center, and in three of the small pits traces of blood were seen. We have no idea of the number of the enemy killed, but it probably reached four or five. Forty-five horses, many of them handsome, valuable animals, lie dead in the woods along the creek. In spots safely sheltered from our fire, oxen had been killed, and various camp fires showed the debris of the cook. Two aboriginals and a good deal of savage torgery were found in the ravine. It seems certain that despite the bravery of the Indians left the battlefield in a hurry. Most of the horses were killed by artillery fire, and in some places the trees look as if a cyclone had been through them.

A fatigued party in scouring the ravine secured 18 head more cattle and four mose ponies, making thirty-two of the former and fourteen of the latter. After the fight 150 rebels crossed the Saskatchewan two miles below the scene of the fight to the west side. There are indications everywhere that the exit of the rebels from the ravine was a hasty one—in fact was a flight. More trouble is expected, but it is doubtful if any more serious engagements will be fought, as the rebels are said to be scattering. Our success on Friday was greater than I thought it. Gen. Middleton and his staff now view the affair in the light of a pronounced victory.

THE SADDEST CEREMONY OF ALL. CLARKE'S CROSSING, N.W.T., April 27.—Yesterday was a sad experience for our troops as the remains of several brave boys were borne to their last resting places near the scene of the battle at Fish Creek. They were Private Hutchison, of No. 1 Co., 90th regiment; Private Ferguson, of the same; Private Emms, of No. 4 Co., 90th and Gunner Demanilly, of A battery, Quebec. Pte. Arthur Watson, of the Toronto School of Infantry, died while the obsequies of his companions were taking place. The roll call was a melancholy spectacle and many a half-suppressed "too bad, poor fellow" could be heard as the report was announced "dead," "seriously wounded," or "wounded." No clergyman was present with the force, so that the funeral services had to be read by officers. It was a solemn and impressive ceremony for all that, and brave men who had stood at all the hardships of the march unflinchingly, who had stood motionless as the rebel bullets whizzed past them, whose nerves had remained unshaken even as those poor fellows who were now being laid to rest fell mortally spent, gave way and tears coursed down their bronzed faces in streams. It was a sight that no man of the whole force will ever forget. Major-Gen. Middleton conducted the ceremony in person, and was evidently deeply affected. He has been kindness and gentleness never known since the engagement, constantly visiting the wounded and expressing earnest hopes for their recovery.

To the men he has been wonderfully considerate and forbearing. Rough monuments were erected around the graves to show where the bodies were interred, and to whom they belonged. A courier from the camp reports the death of Gunner Arnsworth, of "A" battery, who was wounded in Friday's fight, making a total of fifteen. Lieut. Swinford, better known, but the doctors say he will hardly recover this morning. The mortuary simply stated the arms of Major-General Middleton, of "A" battery; Fern, of Batocha; and a Bishop of the 90th, and performed an operation on the elbow of "Don" of "C" company of the Infantry school.

WINTERS, April 22.—It is learned that Lieut. G. W. Downey has telegraphed the authorities at Ottawa that Gen. Strong advises the sending of all troops possible into the Saskatchewan district west of Batocha, where the Indians are collecting in great force. He contemplates from information just obtained from the Frog Lake and Sault Lake countries, and has learned that two white women (supposed to be Mrs. Gowanlock and Mrs. Deany) have been sold by the Indians to the half-breeds.

The total strength of the force in the North country is estimated at 1,430, exclusive of 250 scouts and cowboys, of whom 235 are cavalry and 30 artillery, with six guns and two batteries.

A large dispatch says: Scouting parties should patrol the country surrounding here and Moose Jaw. There is danger that the rebels who have beaten at Batocha will endeavor to escape by the trail leading to Wood Mountain. The chiefs of the tribe know that Irvine's force of mounted police will cut off their retreat to the northern forest. This makes it likely that they will try to reach the southern boundary through the Wood M. mountain region. An active scouting force would be able to corral the rebel fugitives while they were on the open trail.

HALF BREEDS CLAIM A VICTORY. QU'APPELLE STATION, N.W.T., April 25.—The half-breeds in the Qu'Appelle valley claim that Dumont won the Fish Creek fight. They say he had only eighty men in the rifle pits, and has three Indians and one breed killed and two breeds wounded. The rebel position back of Fish Creek is very strongly ambushed. The breeds say fifty rebels are keeping the rifle pits shut up with his 250 men at Prince Albert. They say that if Dumont is driven out of Gabriel's and Batocha's he can escape through the lines of the attacking force, and by joining issue with the Indians in the disturbed districts carry it during the coming season a guerilla warfare, spreading terror and destruction to the settlements, and giving employment to all the available troops in the country till winter sets in.

The half-breeds in the valley have had quite a celebration over the Fish Creek affair. Some have gone north, no doubt to join their friends. CLARKE'S CROSSING, April 27.—A courier from Fish Creek late tonight says Gen. Middleton had everything ready to commence his forward march at day-break, but would move very cautiously, fearing a surprise especially as reports have reached him that Riel has a much larger force with than there was formerly. He is also very strongly fortified and extremely defiant.

It is thought more likely that Lord Melund and his companions did not follow the flying scouts any further last Thursday, or they would certainly have been massacred, the object of the pursued evidently being to trap them.

The fact of so many cattle having been found in the ravine is taken as an indication that the rebels have plenty of supplies and are not reduced to the necessities formerly reported.

The Northcoast is reported to have run ashore 175 miles up the river, in which case she will reach Gen. Middleton for several days even before she is cut off. The fifty transport wagons that took the wrong trail have been brought in by Major Boulton's scouts.

Reconnoitering parties under Lord Melund and Major Boulton are kept on the move, but they report the country apparently clear. It is expected, however, that the rebels will make a stand at Gabrielle's crossing, eight miles further on.

Capt. French, in charge of scouts, reports 120 rebels encamped three miles north in a ravine similar to that at Fish Creek.

Amusements. GODERICH MECHANICAL INSTITUTE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, COE of East street and Square (opposite Post Office). Hours: 1 to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 10 p.m. ABOUT 2000 VOLS IN LIBRARY. Leading Daily, Weekly and Illustrated Papers, Magazines, etc., on file. MEMBERSHIP TICKET, ONLY \$1.00, granting free use of Library and Reading Room.

Application for membership received by Librarian, in rooms. GEO. RICE, ALEX. MORTON, President. GODERICH, March 17th, 1885. 1886-17

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE MILL AND FARM PROPERTY. Under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the time and place named by the Vendors, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, at

MARTIN'S HOTEL, in the village of Duganong, in the County of Huron, on Saturday, the 28th day of May, A. D. 1885.

At 12 o'clock noon, by John Knox, Auctioneer, the following valuable property in the following parcels, namely:—

1. A portion of the mill property of William Harris, situated in the Township of Ashfield, in the County of Huron, and being composed of a portion of Lots 6 and 7, and 8, in the 4th Concession, Eastern Division, of the Township of Ashfield, containing 100 acres of land, which may be better described as follows:—

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registered plan of the Village of Crossford, thence North-easterly along said East limit of said road fifteen chains, more or less, to the low water of the Nine Mile River, thence Easterly, following the low water of a sufficient distance to give thirty-seven and a half links measured Easterly at right angles with the course of the side road, above named, thence South-westerly parallel with the side road to the intersection with the Southernly limit of the mill property, thence Easterly, following the several courses of the said Southernly limit of the mill property to the intersection with the Northernly side of road, allowance as shown on plan before mentioned, thence North-westerly, following said Northernly side of road allowance five chains and fifty links, more or less, to an angle of road, thence South, four chains and eighty-four links, more or less, to an angle of road, thence South, seventeen degrees and ten minutes, east five chains and seventeen links, more or less, to an angle of road, thence South, sixty-two degrees, west, four chains, more or less, to an angle of road, thence North, fifty-nine degrees and thirty minutes, West, seventeen chains and fifty links, more or less, to the intersection with the Easternly limit of side road and place of beginning; the whole containing an area of twenty-four acres, more or less. Dated this 16th day of April, A. D. 1885.

This property adjoins the above mentioned mill property.

The principal is a good clay loam.

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On this property is erected a frame dwelling, house about 32x22.

On the property is from the property to the Nine Mile River, by a lane 37 links wide, at its North-West angle.

Terms:—Ten per cent, on day of sale, and balance within one month thereafter, without interest, when possession will be given.

Further particulars can be ascertained and the title deeds examined on application to Cameron, Holt & Cameron, Barristers, Goderich, Ontario.

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