

RIEL THE RULER.

All Communications Must be Referred to Him.

MEETING OF HALF-BREDS.

Their Alleged Contempt for the Canadian Force.

THE BATTLEFORD WIRE CUT.

No News Now Except by Couriers.

IN CAMP AT FORT QU'APPELLE.

THE CHARACTER OF THE FIGHTING THAT IS EXPECTED.

How the Men are Fed—The Commencement of the Rebellion—Fifty Prisoners Locked in a Catholic Church—The Journey of the Toronto Troops—The Battle at Fort Assiniboia.

Q'APPELLE, April 3.—The wires between here and Battleford have now been cut. From this on the only means of communication will be by couriers, who will necessarily be few and far between. Of course as the troops advance repairs will be made so that information will be speedily rendered regarding any engagements.

No encounter has yet taken place with the Indians, the movement of the troops so far being unopposed. It is not thought that Riel will risk any engagement until forced to, but will protract the campaign by simply harassing the troops as they advance.

The half-breeds had signal fires burning all along the valley last night and indulged in holding meetings, at which Lieut. Governor Dewdney and his "ragged army of boys, shopkeepers and counter-jumpers" were made the subject of considerable derision. Riel has sent them word not to attend until he tells them, stating that he could do all the fighting.

A man named Blandin, who arrived recently, had freight taken from him at Humboldt. The rebels gave him an order signed Alex. Fisher, chief-governor of Saskatchewan, and G. A. Orveny, secretary. The order is now in the hands of the Hudson Bay people at Battleford.

The killed at Battleford so far as known are George Applegarth, instructor to the Cree; James Payne, instructor to the Stoney; Clark, instructor to the Moccasin; and Barney Freeman, instructor to the Assiniboia. The rebels have an extensive scale.

Peter Howie, an able instructor and a long resident of Battleford, is being escorted by General Middleton as an interpreter.

There is an unconfirmed report that a large force of Indians and half-breeds are assembled within six miles of Battleford and apparently contemplate an early attack on the barracks.

It is stated that the force at Prince Albert is short of provisions and that Battleford is not in a position to sustain a long siege.

The Indians are armed with shot guns. As to the cannon possessed by Riel Howie says that a shot was fired in several places. He is of opinion that cannon have been taken from Fort Carlton. Gabriel Dumont and a man named Gartin are the chief men next to Riel.

The English half-breeds did not join Riel as expected, but they went to Prince Albert and allied themselves with the whites and the police who are all in the fort here.

Three men were arrested here to-day on a charge of intending to destroy the Louise bridge to prevent the troops from the east entering the city but the charge not being proved they were dismissed.

Before the wires were cut. WINNIPEG, April 3.—Just before the wires to Battleford were cut Commissioner Wrigley, of the Hudson Bay Co. here, received the following from Agent McKay: "No Indians in town, but large numbers six miles south and two west. Messengers not yet returned from Prince Albert. It is hard to say what the outcome will be. Troops wanted at once."

No Time Lost by the Commission. WINNIPEG, April 3.—A. E. Torgel of Regina, one of the commissioners for the adjudication of half-breed claims, has received instructions to be in Winnipeg by Monday, when the first meeting of the commission will take place.

Deck April 3.—W. P. R. Street, Q.C., chairman of the Northwest commission, accompanied by the secretary of the Hudson Bay Co. and other officials, left Winnipeg for the Saskatchewan valley on Tuesday.

Col. Bechermer's Force. MEDICINE HAT, April 3.—Col. Bechermer with his fifty police is still here waiting for a crew to the steamer Barones to take them to Prince Albert. Two hundred men and a quantity of supplies and provisions arrived this morning for the settlers at arm themselves. Forty Crees are known to have left for the north on Tuesday.

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Workmen Up a Tree from Halifax. HALIFAX, N.S., April 3.—Orders were received to-day from Ottawa by Deputy Adjutant General Taylor, upon which the latter has issued instructions for the following to be drafted from the various corps for active service in the Northwest: Garrison artillery, six company officers, non-commissioned officers and eighty-four men and paymaster; from the 68th rifles, one field officer, nine company officers, one hundred non-commissioned officers and men and quartermaster; and from the 69th Princess Louise fulliers, two field officers, nine company officers, one hundred non-commissioned officers and men, and adjutant, surgeon and an assistant-surgeon. The whole force will parade to-morrow at different hours. As parade is slight there was a greater show of enthusiasm than at any time since the militia were called out and a large number of the 69th marched, though not nearly the full strength.

The following reports for itself: The reports are exaggerations. The militia are ready and willing to go. The reports are exaggerated. The militia are ready and willing to go. The reports are exaggerated. The militia are ready and willing to go.

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Jumping Service. QUEBEC, April 3.—Several members of the ninth battalion who left last night took advantage of the crush at the station and cleared off with the train as passing through St. Sarnant. It is said that six men jumped of the cars and escaped. Upon arriving at Three Rivers, Col. Amyot sent Capt. Seneb to Quebec on a regular train to pick the men up. Some of them are now held in the citadel.

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