

orders, or advance to the frontier should Colonel Osborne Smith require reinforcements. About 3 o'clock the train reached St. Armands station, which was guarded by a company of the 60th Battalion under Captain Sixby. After alighting from the cars in the grey dawn, the brigade formed alongside the railway track. Waggon's were in waiting in the village, and after a short delay the men's knapsacks were placed in them, as well as the slender commissariat. A column of route was then formed and the brigade commenced its march towards Pigeon Hill, the Prince of Wales leading and the Victorias, Royals and Hochelagas following, while the waggon's, with a small escort, brought up the rear. The advance guard was composed of No. 1 Company of the Prince of Wales, under Captain Rodgers, and every precaution was taken against surprise, as they expected to be attacked on the road, which was a most favorable one for an enemy, being lined at frequent intervals with thick woods and overlooked by numerous rocky and wooded hills. About half-way on to Pigeon Hill is a dense wood, through which the road passes, and which would afford admirable cover for an enemy. It was viewed with suspicion, and Major Bond threw out Captain Pearson's company of the Prince of Wales to skirmish towards the wood; but they were soon recalled, after penetrating the bush and finding that the ground was too swampy to bear the weight of a man. After passing the wood and proceeding about a mile further on, the column halted near a house, the inmates of which supplied the volunteers with water to drink, and also gave away what milk they had in their dairy. Resuming the route the brigade, without anything of moment happening, after a two miles' march halted in the vicinity of Pigeon Hill village, and about two miles from Eccles Hill.

The inhabitants of the houses in the neighborhood where the brigade halted were extremely kind to the volunteers, and freely gave them everything they had in the shape of provisions.

Here the brigade halted about two hours, the time being pleasantly spent by the volunteers in listening to the stories by the farmers and others, of the fight which had taken place on the previous day at Eccles Hill. The greatest interest was manifested by all to learn particulars. A voluble resident who could describe the scene, the attack, the repulse, and the various movements at Eccles Hill on the 25th, was beset by scores of volunteers, who hung upon his every word as if he were an authority that it would be sacrilege to interrupt in his recital. Several persons arrived in the course of the two hours that the brigade halted, and displayed Fenian trophies, which they had found on the fields after the fight. The reports, however, were all singularly vague as to where the Fenians were to be expected to come from next,