

the General's camp. The men of the Mounted Police were out at target practice this afternoon, but the practice had to be discontinued, owing to the high wind, which rendered accurate shooting almost impossible. A report comes in to-night that Col. Otter, at Battleford, has had a fight with the Indians and chased them 30 miles, losing 7 killed and 13 wounded. The Indians lost at least 30 killed.

7th May, Thursday.—The cold spell still continuing; a dull, cold day, with a good deal of wind from the north. River still rising and water now pretty high. William Drain, the scout, arrived with a despatch for the commissioner from General Middleton, dated on Tuesday last, mentioning the arrival of the steamer "Northcote" from Medicine Hat, and disclosing his intended movements. Capt. Moore, of the Prince Albert volunteers, who was shot below the knee at the Duck Lake fight on the 26th March last, though doing well for a long time, has had at last to suffer amputation of the leg above the knee. He is considered to be in a critical condition. The operation was performed by Surgeon Miller, North-West Mounted Police, and Dr. Bain, of Prince Albert. The scouts, with three additional men, have been moved out again to the forks of the road on the Carlton trail. They have the telegraph instrument with them, and report everything there the same as when they left the other day.

8th May, Friday.—Weather somewhat warmer, and more genial to-day than it has been since last Sunday. In morning a meeting of farmers and others from different sections of the country was held in the commissioner's office to fix the price which the Government should pay to farmers, who are debarred from farming, for their grain, as they may bring it in. It was agreed that \$3 a bushel, all round, for first quality of wheat, barley and oats, and \$2 a bushel for second quality, would be satisfactory, and that Mr. A. G. Sutherland should inspect and grade the grain as it is brought in. The scouts on the Batoche trail, this morning, moved forward to near the Roman Catholic church (six miles from Batoche), saw some of the enemy's scouts there. Reported the fact by telegraph, having made connection with the wire there, and were ordered at 2 p.m. to watch around, retire and report again, which they did about 6 p.m., having returned to Cameron's, near the forks of the road, without being followed. They also went down to Gardopuis' Crossing, but saw nothing of moment. The ball firing begun on Wednesday last was continued to-day. The practice was good, in spite of the high wind.

9th May, Saturday.—Warm and pleasant to-day; fine weather seems at last to have set in. William Drain and Robert Tait, the scouts, were sent out in the afternoon to meet General Middleton and guide him here by way of Hanson's Bay Crossing. Joseph McKay, of the Indian Department, lately from Battleford, reported that he had seen the Indians on the north side of the river, and that they were going back to their reserves to-morrow. They belong to Mistawasi's and Ahnakakoop's bands. Capt. Moore, of the Prince Albert volunteers, is reported to-day as in much pain and suffering after the operation of last Thursday. The scouts on the Batoche trail report that firing was heard this morning in the direction of Batoche; they were also out to Duck Lake, and saw about 150 bushels of wheat in the mill there. There are no half-breeds on this side of the river, apparently, now. They thought they heard the steamer whistling below Batoche's. There was no one at the Roman Catholic church, where the rebel scouts were yesterday.

10th May, Sunday.—Another fine day; warm and pleasant, with cool breeze from the north west. The water in the river has ceased rising, and has fallen quite a