

its way through and a small party under Captain Campbell was detached to keep the crowd back.

The remainder marched on to the main offices where the work of demolition at the hands of the rioters was in progress.

A further attempt was made 100 yards north from the offices to break the rank but the command, "Halt! with ball cartridge load!" had the desired effect and a barrier stretched in the way being cleared the rioters sullenly watched the Command march on.

Arriving at the Main Office the Rioters were found breaking windows and office furniture. Several shots had been exchanged between them and the office hands who had taken refuge on the second floor and kept them at bay by shooting down the stairs but on the Company's approach the rioters mingled with the crowd and so were lost. Mr. Quibell read the Riot Act after sentries had been posted and a "Dead Line" was established over which no one was permitted to pass.

As it was reported that 1700 more men were being brought in from the woods thus swelling the ranks of the discontented, it was thought necessary to have assistance and Captain Gillespie with No. 3 Company was