

Q. Did you see any one on the 17th, did you hear anything then of any disturbance anticipated, did you hear any rumour of possible difficulties?—A. I did hear rumors.

Q. When you left Batoche, whom did you go with?—A. I left with Mr. Welsh and Mr. Macintosh.

Q. Had Welsh any object in view, did he desire to see any one from Batoche?—A. We were leaving Batoche for Saskatoon.

Q. You were with Welsh?—A. Yes.

Q. Was he desirous to see any one, as far as he explained to you?—A. He was desirous of seeing Riel.

Q. Did you go with him for that purpose?—A. I did.

Q. Where did he expect to find Riel then?—A. I hardly know where he expected to find him, he was informed on the road by Gabriel Dumont as to Riel's whereabouts.

Q. Did you find Riel?—A. Yes.

Q. Where?—A. At the house of a Half-breed named Rocheleau.

Q. What is his christian name?—A. I don't remember.

Q. How far south of Batoche was that?—A. Six or seven miles.

Q. Did you know Riel at that time?—A. I had met him before.

Q. How long before?—A. About four months.

Q. About the December or January before?—A. Yes, in November, I believe.

Q. Whereabouts?—A. I met him at the house of Moise Ouellette.

Q. Had you been introduced and spoken to him then?—A. I had spoken to him then.

Q. You knew him by sight?—A. Yes.

Q. When you met him at Rocheleau's, did he say anything to you?—A. He did.

Q. What did he say?—A. Well, he told me the time had come for the Half-breeds to assert their rights.

Q. Do you mean that was the first thing or almost the first thing he said to you, did he ask you any question at all?—A. When I entered the house, I spoke to him. I sat opposite to him, and very little was said for a few moments. Presently, he got up and passed in front of me, and he suddenly stopped and turned to me and said; The time has come when it would have been well for a man to have been good or to have led a good life.

Q. Did he say anymore then?—A. I replied to that.

Q. What did you say, do you remember?—A. I cannot remember what I did say, something to the effect it would be better for a man to always lead a good life and be prepared for any emergency.

Q. What took place next?—A. Just at that time a large crowd of men drove up to the door of Rocheleau's house.

Q. How many do you think?—A. I would judge about 60 or 70.

Q. Were they Half-breeds?—A. Half-breeds.

Q. Were they armed?—A. They were.

Q. All armed, as far as you observed?—A. No, there were some who were not armed.