

The three remaining Companies of that Battalion will leave Toronto with 12 teamsters and 24 horses on Friday, the 27th May, or the following day.

The 2nd Battalion Militia will then go on in the regular trips of the "Algona" and "Chicora," or in the "Prince Alfred" or "Rescue," together with the remainder of the horses and oxen.

It is hoped that the Force, men, stores, &c., will have left Collingwood by the 1st June.

At Thunder Bay a military post with hospital will be established, and a line of communication with Fort Francis will be opened.

The Force will then be passed through to Fort Francis (where another military will be established), beyond which it will not advance until sufficient supplies shall have been collected there to enable it to start with about 30 days' supplies in the boats, leaving a reserve of not less than 60 days at Fort Francis.

The forward movement will then be made to Fort Garry.

I enclose a copy of Colonel Wolseley's orders to his Force, which explains the general nature of the operations.

It is presumed that upon the Force reaching Fort Garry the Lieutenant-Governor will appear upon the scene; Colonel Wolseley will then be ready to give every assistance in his power to the Militia portion of his Force in laying in supplies for the winter, and arranging for housing the Canadian troops as comfortably as possible, &c. He will require authority, however, to incur the necessary expense, as already pointed out in my letters R. R. 30, R. R. 31 of 17th May, 1870.

Colonel Wolseley has my imperative orders to arrange for the regular part of the force to leave Fort Garry upon its return to Canada between the 20th August and 1st September. With this view I have desired him to make it a special point to instruct the Militia Staff and Control Officers in their duties.

Colonel Wolseley has also been instructed to take orders on all subjects from me only, but as he will be separated from me, I have, of course, left something to his discretion. On the subject of the return of the troops, however, I have given him no latitude whatever.

I have, &c.,

JAMES LINDSAY,

Lieutenant-General Commanding.

No. 13.

The Colonial Office to the War Office.

Sir,

Downing Street, 9th June, 1870.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to you, for the information of Mr. Secretary Cardwell, extracts of a despatch from the Governor-General of Canada, relating to the Expeditionary Force proceeding to Fort Garry.

I am, &c.

FREDERIC ROGERS.

Enclosure in No. 13.

EXTRACT of a Despatch from Sir J. Young to Earl Granville, dated Ottawa, 19th May, 1870. No. 97.

"4. COLONEL WOLSELEY, who is to command the Expedition, leaves Toronto with Her Majesty's Troops on the 20th instant, and they go on as quickly as possible to Fort William, at the head of Lake Superior.

"I telegraphed to him yesterday to send me, for your Lordship's information, a short statement of his probable movements. He replied as follows:—

"There are 200 of the 1st Battalion of Volunteers, and the gunboat 'Rescue,' at the Sault.

"All the Regular Troops will be at Fort William on the 26th of May; a post will be formed there, and fortified.

"It is hoped that all the Volunteers and stores will have reached Fort William by the 10th June.

"Expect to reach Fort Garry with entire force about 1st August, and to leave with Regulars between 20th and 25th August, so as to reach Toronto by 1st of October."

"I also send a copy of the orders which he has issued.*

"A temporary difficulty occurred in consequence of the stoppage by the American Authorities of the steamer "Chicora" at the Sault St. Marie Canal, which runs through American territory, connecting Lake Huron with Lake Superior. She had no warlike

* Inclosure 2 in No. 12.