

part. Major Steele with the North-West Police and Scouts under his command carried the position on the left with the assistance of one company of Infantry of the W. L. I. The field gun under Captain Strange and Sergeant O'Connor. N. W. M. P., and manned by a detachment W. L. I., made excellent practice. I was not able to wait for the junction of the 65th, who left the boats and advanced with alacrity. I followed the enemy's trail until darkness was approaching, through a terribly thick and difficult country, where I could scarcely find space to corral the waggons and horses. The force being without tents bivouacked their arms without camp fires.

At day-break on the 28th I again moved forward, finding numerous tracks of recent trails joining the Indian forces in every direction. About 7.30 a.m. I found the enemy occupying an impregnable position in the forks of the Red Deer and the little Red Deer, presenting a salient with a natural glacis crowned with brush and rifle pits along the crest. The Red Deer River which expands into a muskeg covering the front and flanks of the position, which extended about three miles. I deployed the little force at my disposal, throwing forward Major Steele W. M. I., dismounted and Scouts, and 65th detachment under Colonel Hughes, and half W. L. I. extending on their right, remaining in reserve. Colonel Osborne Smith commanding reserves; Major Hutton, Alberta Mounted Rifles, covering right flank; the gun, under Captain Strange and Sergeant Owen, made excellent practice, silencing several rifle pits. I corralled the waggons in rear. Finding the direct attack in front impracticable, I ordered Major Steele to retire his men, mount and make a detour to endeavour to turn the enemy's right flank while occupying their attention on the front. After being absent for some time, he returned and reported the enemy's position extending for a mile and a half with a muskeg in front impassable for his men, the enemy's position being about three miles in extent and defended, the Scouts informed me, by at least six hundred men, some of whom crept through the wood around me and opened fire upon the waggons corralled in rear. The teamsters, however, under Captain Wright, 43rd regiment, remained steady under fire. I judged it advisable to retire to more open ground. This was carried out by the forces with perfect deliberation, the gun under Captain Strange firing until the last moment; the enemy's fire dying away almost; the return being covered by Major Steele's men dismounted—we were not molested. They retired to open ground six miles distant where they corralled the waggons and turned out the horses to graze, and cooked provisions for the men. Our loss is very slight considering the fire we were under, the men taking excellent cover:

65th battalion—Pte. Le Mai, shot through the lungs; Pte. Marcotte, wounded seriously but not dangerously. N. W. M. P.—Constable J. McRea, shot through the leg.

All the troops did their duty to my entire satisfaction. Thanks are specially due to Brigade-Major Dale, Major Steele, commanding cavalry, and Col. Oswald Smith and Col. Hughes, commanding battalions; Capt. Wright, supply officer; Major Boulton commanding bridging party. Surgeon Pennyfather made arrangements for the field hospital.

T. B. STRANGE,
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Gananoque F. B. A.—To be Surgeon: George Henry Bowen, Esq., vice Merrick, resigned.

28th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be Captain: Lieut. John Little Hotson, M.S., vice Fred. Kitchen Burhan, retires retaining rank. To be Lieut., prov.: Sergt. Fred. John Corrie, vice Hotson promoted. To be 2nd Lieut., prov., Sergt. Robert James Crystal, vice Edward Groom Mingay, who resigns.

30th Batt., No. 5 Co.—To be Captain, prov.: Wm. Kingston, Esq., vice Wm. Washington Winfield, who retires retaining rank.

38th Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd Lieut., prov.: Pte. Charles Macklem Nelles, vice Tufford resigned.

40th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be Lieut., prov.: Wm. Alloway Deering, vice Hy. Joseph Dennis, who resigns. To be 2nd Lieut., prov.: Sergt. Wm. Hamilton (R.S.A., 2nd B.), vice Snelgrove promoted.

44th Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be Lieut., prov.: Pte. Frederick William Hill, vice Cruickshank, promoted.

64th Batt.—Lieut. and Adj. Pierre Boyer, V.B., to have the rank of Captain from 16th July, 1880.

Erratum.—In No. 4 of General Orders (15), 10th July, 1885, read "vice Ferguson, retired," instead of "vice Frazer retired."

86th Batt.—The resignation is hereby accepted of Lieut. and Adj. Joseph Edouard Charbonneau.

87th Batt. No. 4 Co.—To be Lieut. prov.: Albert Lemoine, Gentleman, vice Bedard, transferred to and promoted in No. 3 Co.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK FROM 7TH JULY, 1885.

Lieut. Frank Hazen Thomas, S.I., No. 3 Co., 53rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. Edward Winn Farwell, S.I., No. 2 Co., 53rd Batt. 2nd Lieut. Alfred Edward Hall, S.I., No. 3 Co., 6th Batt. 2nd Lieut. Harry James Ross, S.I., 6th Batt. 2nd Lieut. William Fleet Robertson, S.I., 6th Batt. 2nd Lieut. Joseph Arthur Genest, S.I., No. 4 Co. 53rd Batt.

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Pte. T. Crowley, "B" Co., I.S.C.; Sergt. A. Anderson, 5th Batt.; Pte. H. C. Pearce, 53rd Batt.

Second Class, "Short Course," Grade "B."

Pte. A. M. Langeller, "B" Co., I.S.C.; Pte. E. P. Copeman, 53rd Batt.; Pte. J. Paquin, 81st Batt.; Sergt. J. Paradis, 92nd Batt.

Copy of the official reports of Major-General Middleton, C. B. (Commanding the North-West Field Forces), relating to engagements at Fish Creek, April 24, 1885; Cree Reserve (Poundmaker), March 2, 1885; Batoche, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1885, with list of killed and wounded, appeared in last night's *Gazette*, London, England. The substance of these have, in a telegraphic form, already appeared in our columns.—*Broad Arrow*.

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