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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

GENERAL MIDDLETON'S scouts exchanged
shots with the enemy on Wednesday morn-
ing. His force, divided about equally, was
to advance from Clark's Crossing, on both
sides of the river, to attack Riel's position
at Batouche.

Colonel Otter's brigade, marching from
Swift Current to Battleford, is making
good progress, and hopes to relieve the
garrison of that post on Monday.

The vanguard of General Strange's bri-
gade, at present commanded by Colonel
W. Osborne Smith, has already started
from Calgary for Edmonton.

The Fort Pitt garrison were not mas-
sacred after all, but two mounted police-
men lost their lives in defence of that
post. The police have arrived at Battle-
ford. The refugee settlers are with
friendly Indians.

Toronto, April 23 ; 10 a.m.

GEN. MIDDLETON'S STRA- TEGY.

THE critics who occupy comfortable
arm chairs in their own homes or offices
have already commenced a discussion of
Gen. Middleton's strategy, and some of
them have ventured to express unfavour-
able opinions upon the policy which has
divided his available field force into three
distinct expeditions. Now, while some of
the views expounded on this question are
doubtless entitled to respectful considera-
tion, it is more than likely that the result
will prove that the Major-General com-
manding, who has made soldiering the
profession of a lifetime, is after all, the
person best fitted to arrange the plan of
the present campaign. Without profess-
ing to give the real motives which have
actuated Gen. Middleton, it is safe to
advance certain considerations as distinct
disadvantages in the method suggested as
an improvement on his operations. Were
the entire force now advancing from three
different points of departure all to have
started from Qu'Appelle the trail would
have been so much the more cut up that
it would have been impossible to forward
supplies for three times the number of
men. Then, Riel being doubtless well
informed of the movements of the troops
so aggregated, would have little difficulty in
evading attack, while, if he could only
succeed in cutting communications with
the base of supplies, the army would be
reduced to the most dire straits in a few
days. Lastly, an advance of the entire
force in one expedition would fail to give
speedy relief to the settlers at various
points on the North Saskatchewan, while
it would be utterly impossible to cut off
the escape of the rebels. All things con-
sidered, it is safe to trust Gen. Middleton
to cut the Gordian knot of the present
difficulty in his own way. The Minister
of Militia distinctly stated in the House
of Commons last week that the field opera-
tions were not controlled from Ottawa,
but that the General had the sole direction
of the campaign. This was a satisfactory
declaration. The public know upon whom
the responsibility rests, and, as there is
not the slightest reason for impugning the
ability or vigour of the Commander-in-
Chief, those who have relatives or friends
in the corps now at the front may feel the
fullest confidence in the successful issue
of events.

"URGENT PRIVATE AFFAIRS."

THE certainly indiscreet absence of Col.
Ouimet from the command of his battalion
when it was actually setting out on an
important expedition, as part of Gen.
Strange's brigade, is a very unpleasant
episode, regarded from any point of view,
and calculated to be prejudicial to dis-
cipline. The extraordinary variety of the
explanations advanced does not tend to
mend the matter. He personally stated
to a representative of the *Mail*, "very
urgent business was solely the cause of
his sudden return." If this statement be
correct, it cannot be accepted as a justi-
fication for deserting a post of honor in the
field. An officer of high rank entirely
ruined his military reputation through
leaving the Crimea just when the work
was getting warm, by obtaining leave of
absence on "urgent private affairs." If
leave of absence was granted to Col.
Ouimet, surely the fact should have been
promptly reported to the Adjutant-General
at Ottawa, and accordingly been within
the knowledge of the government. The
visit of the former officer at the private
residence of the Minister of Militia, at
6.30 a.m., was altogether irregular and
suspicious; he should have formally re-
ported himself to the chief local military
authority. It is impossible to avoid the
conclusion that Mr. Caron either knows
more of the circumstances of Col. Ouimet's
erratic conduct than he is willing to admit,
or else he is the unfortunate victim of a
personal friend's vagaries.

WHAT IS CATARRH?

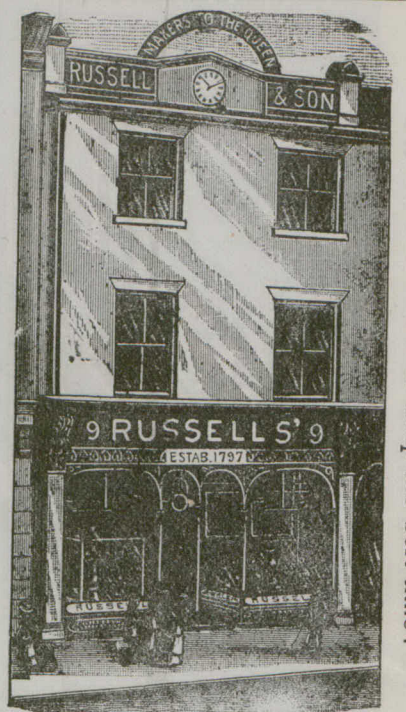
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Catarrh is a muco-purulent discharge caused by
the presence and development of a vegetable para-
site in the internal lining membrane of the nose.
The parasite is the simplest living form known
that lives upon organs, and is only developed un-
der favorable circumstances, and these are:—
Morbid state of the blood, as the blighted corpuscle
of tubercle the germ poison of syphilis, mercury,
toxomoea, from the retention of the effete matter
of the skin, suppressed perspiration, badly ven-
tilated sleeping apartments, and other poisons that
are germinated in the blood. These poisons keep
the internal lining membrane of the nose in a
constant state of irritation, ever ready for the
deposite of the seeds of these germs, which spread
up the nostrils, and down the fauces, or back of
the throat, causing ulceration of the throat; up
the eustachian tubes, causing deafness; burrowing
in the vocal cords, causing hoarseness; usurping
the proper structure of the bronchial tubes, ending
in pulmonary consumption and death.

Many attempts have been made to cure this dis-
tressing disease by the use of inhalents, medicated
vapors and other ingenious devices, but none of
these treatments can do a particle of good until
the parasites are either destroyed or removed
from the mucus tissue.

Some time since a well-known physician of forty
years' standing, after much experimenting, suc-
ceeded in discovering the necessary combination
of ingredients which never fail in absolutely and
permanently eradicating this horrible disease,
whether standing for one year or forty years.
Those who may be suffering from the above dis-
ease, should without delay, communicate with the
business managers,

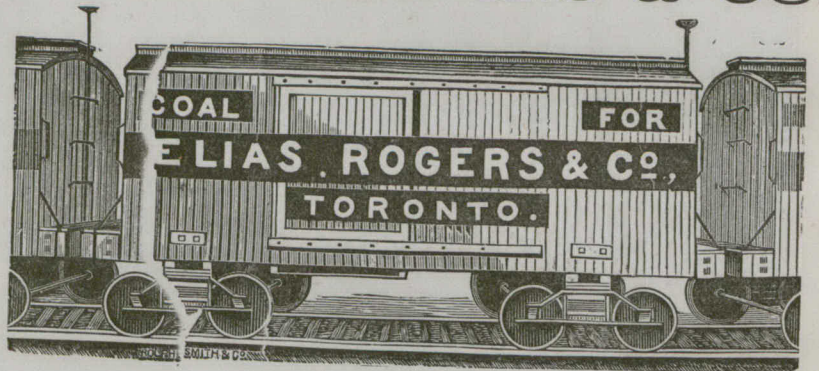
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