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TORONTO, MAY 9TH, 1885.

ADVERTISERS having shewn their appre-
ciation of the columns of the ILLUSTRATED
WAR NEWS in a way that has obliged us
in the present issue to utilize the back of
the Supplement, in order to accommodate
notices that must otherwise have been
omitted, we have occupied a portion of
the additional space thus provided with
information that is sure to prove highly
interesting to our readers.

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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

GEN. STRANGE'S brigade has reached
Edmonton, and we may now expect that
vigorous measures will be taken to deal
with the marauding Indians who have
made a clean sweep of the settlements
between the Battle River and the North
Saskatchewan.

Col. Otter, with a flying column of 300
men, had a seven hours' engagement on
Sunday, the 3rd inst., with hostile Indians,
whom he found and attacked on Pound-
maker's reserve, and then returned to
Battleford, after suffering a loss of seven
killed and twelve wounded. The place
where the battle was fought is about 34
miles from Battleford. It is 30 square
miles in area, and is full of scrub with
bluffs, ravines and small hills. It is
claimed that one hundred of the enemy
were placed *hors de combat*.

Gen. Middleton was still in camp at
Fish Creek when last heard from. The
Steamer *Northcote*, which had been delay-
ed by getting aground, has at last reached
Clarke's Crossing, and other boats were on
their way down bringing abundant sup-
plies of all kinds.

There have now been four engagements
with the enemy since the rebellion became
a fact, and in all but the last the enemy
has had the best of it. (1.) Major Crozier's
command was worsted at Duck Lake, and
retired, leaving their dead on the field;
(2.) Col. Herchmer's steamer, proceeding
with Mounted Police and supplies to the
relief of Battleford, was attacked on the
South Saskatchewan and forced to return
to Swift Current; (3.) General Middle-
ton attacked the rebels (or a band of
hostile Indians) entrenched in the ravine
at Fish Creek, and failed to accomplish
anything important, notwithstanding the
heavy casualties suffered by the troops
under his command. The true reason,
hitherto suppressed, probably appears in
the following exposition which appeared in
the *Mail* on Wednesday:—

Middleton says that if the rebels offer
resistance as stubborn as on last Friday
he will order and insist upon a bayonet
charge. He tried to get the volunteers to
charge the last time, but the fire of the
rebels was so deadly and persistent that
the untrained soldiers, brave in other
respects, could not force their way to the
rifle pits. It is also stated that the gen-
eral ordered "A" Battery to charge, but
that before they could be brought up the
rebels had changed their position. A
bayonet charge is supposed to be the only
effective manner in which the rebels can
be dislodged and defeated. Great slaughter
would be entailed, but if successful in the
first charge the rebels would scarcely dare
to make another stand.—*Cor. St. Paul
Pioneer Press.*

(4.) And lastly, we have the gallant fight
made by Colonel Otter's command at
Poundmaker's reserve. When fuller par-
ticulars are to hand, it will probably ap-
pear that Colonel Otter only intended to
make a *reconnaissance*, but found himself
unable to restrain the ardour of his troops,
who, once fairly into the fight, held their
ground with tenacity until ammunition
was exhausted or they incurred danger
of being surrounded and annihilated.

TORONTO, May 6th, 4 p.m.

CORRESPONDENTS AT THE FRONT.

THE Canadian press has certainly not
been deficient of enterprise or niggardly
in expenditure in catering for a public
eager to catch every item of news from
the North-West that special correspond-
ents can succeed in raking up; and the
competition between the leading dailies
has mainly been attended with advantage
to the many whose chief interest at present
centres in the events transpiring at the
front. Much as the energy displayed in
this emulation deserves admiration, it is
nevertheless regrettable that in very many
instances sensational rumors have been
forwarded on very insufficient evidence,
and that much has appeared in the papers
which was obviously inimical to the pub-
lic interest and calculated to increase the
dangers and inconveniences that the troops
in the field are obliged to undergo. Any-
one who has lived in the Western States
knows very well how Indian difficulties
have been fomented and their gravity
exaggerated on purpose that troops might
be sent into the interested districts and
a large local expenditure of public money
be occasioned. The *Regina Leader* is
probably not far astray in saying:—

"The scrambling for troops to be
stationed at different points in the terri-
tories, when there was no occasion for
them, in order that a little money might
be spent in the stores is an incident worthy
of note. Farming instructors have been
reported killed and Indians on the war-
path in sections as secure as the city of
Toronto, and, on the unprincipled alarmists
being called to task by sober-minded
people, the latter have been told 'not to

WHAT IS CATARRH?

From the Mail (Can.) Dec. 15.

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,
toxæmia, 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
deposit 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.

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years' standing, after much experimenting, suc-
ceeded in discovering the necessary combination
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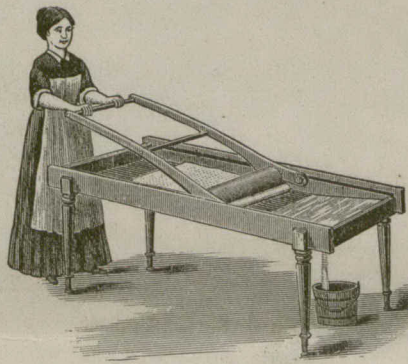
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