

Trumpter Browning, and Corp. Drysdale were the cavalry videttes on patrol duty outside the grounds ; and observed a crowd of eighty or a hundred men approaching noisily across the fields towards Wisemans corner. Here they formed a juncture with another crowd and the whole, numbering probably some four hundred, proceeded along Mount Royal towards the Exhibition grounds. The troopers advanced to the end of their beat, nearest the crowd, and challenged them, receiving in reply the information that the crowd was on its way to the Côte-des-neiges road. The troopers replied that their orders were to prevent any crowd from passing in front of the Exhibition grounds, and added that they could not pass. At this, the crowd with a yell made a rush at the two cavalry men, and stones at the same time were sent whizzing through the air. The patrol was driven back to the gate by sheer weight and both men were wounded by the stones. The sentries at the gates called out the guard at the first appearance of the crowd and as they advanced the detachment off duty fell in. Strict orders were given to the men on no account to load. The support of the cavalry detachment was also got under arms and mounted and galloped down to the gate in support of their patrol. The detachment was in charge of Sergt. W. Thompson, and as the men were leaving the gate, Major Atkinson threw in his lot with them and formed the eleven troopers up in line across the road. A charge was then ordered, and the