

The Picking News says:—Mr. Robert Miller received a letter on Monday last from Mr. Angus McKay, who is now at Indian Head, N. W. T., in which he states that matters are not bad in that part of the North-West as reported.—Chief Piapot and his band, as well as the half-breeds who are located in the vicinity of Indian Head, were at time of writing perfectly quiet and contented, and no ears were entertained of their joining in with the insurrectionists. The sycrants and all their teams yet, and were preparing to do their spring work on the farm. Mr. McKay thinks the rebellion will soon be stamped out.

The *Portage Tribune* says: "The opinion is rapidly gaining ground that the worst of the rebellion in the west is over, and that the half-breeds will diligently engage in seedling when the troops arrive on the scene of action, while Riel and a few more of the ringleaders will have skipped" either to the American side or to the wilds of the far north." Our contemporary adds, that nothing but the prompt execution of Riel will satisfy Canadians to-day.

[London Free Press.]

The *Toronto News* objects to the argu

ment which has been advanced that Riel and his confederates have taken their cue from some degree from the incendiary threats of certain politicians. Our contemporary cannot deny, however that the threats of the Farmer's Union to rebel and secede, together with the bad talk of D. C. Hay and Hon. D. Mills, in the direction of "revolution" and breaking up confederation, were calculated to give aid and comfort to the half-breeds in their rebellion. Riel may reason that what they dare threaten, he might also. There has been altogether too much license in language of this sort used in political discussion. It sets a bad example, and is

able to be cited in justification of public disorder, just when it is least convenient to acknowledge previous utterances.

OTTAWA, April 19.—General Middleton telegraphs to-day that he is crossing the river with the 1st Canadian division of men over the south Saskatchewan at Clarke's crossing which he will finish to-night. He will then wait for the tenth Royals when a march from Fort Qu'Appelle will be made under escort of the thirty-fifth battalion. Telegrams from Prince Albert and Battleford report all quiet at those points. The minister of militia has issued orders appointing John Hughes to the command of the thirty-fifth battalion now at Calgary. The

partment living being officially notified today that Col. Oimet, M. P., who went up in command had left the corps and was on his way home to Montreal. The fair is causing considerable excitement here as no reason is assigned for Oimet's action and according to the articles of war he must be summarily dealt with if he has deserted his post.

WINNIPEG, April 19.—A despatch received here to-day by the Hudson Bay authorities from Calgary, via Edmonton, announced the report regarding the massacre at Frog Lake as false. This seems to confirm the idea entertained all along

Toronto, April 20.—The *Globe's* London Crossing special April 19:—
 ould Melgund, with Capt. French, Major
 ould and his troops made a reconnais-
 sance from the camp yesterday morning
 and captured three Indians, whom they
 found hiding in a coulee. One of them
 is a cousin of White Cap, Chief of the
 Sioux, who took refuge here after the
 Minnecos massacre. They told Gen.
 Middleton that Riel sent White Cap's
 and word to come as there were plenty

When the Indians forced them to remain. These three men left camp five days ago, being sent down to get their horses from the reserve, eighteen miles south of here, and they are on their way back when captured. They found the horses had all been taken up before. They stated Riel was at his house at Batouche. He had two hundred half-breds and there were seven prisoners still with him. Two of the Indians were kept in camp and the third told to go and report to White Cap. The General also promised him \$500 if he brought back Riel's prisoners. The three men are armed.

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