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### THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

THE operations of General Middleton at Batoche culminated on Monday, after three days of desultory artillery and rifle practice, in a gallant charge of the Royal Grenadiers, by which the position was carried at the point of the bayonet—a result in the highest degree creditable to the General commanding and to the brave men whom he commands. At time of writing, it was still uncertain whether the intended co-operation of the steamers and Colonel Irvine's police would accomplish the important object of cutting off the retreat of Riel and his co-rebels, whom, it is to be hoped, will be very soon placed beyond power to do further mischief.

The above important news dwarfs in interest anything that has come to hand from other quarters, but it is satisfactory to know that Gen. Strange has already started with the 65th Battalion and the detachment of the Mounted Police to settle accounts with the ruffianly Big Bear.

Colonel Otter still "holds the fort" at Battleford, where he doubtless awaits orders from General Middleton as to his next proceeding.

All things considered, the campaign is progressing favorably. Through the rifts in the clouds blue sky may now be discerned, and relatives and friends of the gallant soldiers at the front may feel justified in looking forward to the time "when Johnny comes marching home again."

TORONTO, May 13th, 4 p.m.

### A NEW DEPARTURE.

THE exceedingly cordial support which the publishers have met with, in their endeavor to make the ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS worthy of the temporary purpose which it was originally intended to serve, has satisfied them that such a demand exists in Canada for an illustrated weekly paper as will justify them in continuing their undertaking on a more permanent basis. With a view, then, to the perpetuation of their effort, it has been deemed expedient to adopt the more comprehensive appellation of THE CANADIAN PICTORIAL, but the former title of the ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS will likewise be retained for the present, while the unsettled state of the North-West makes the designation still appropriate. As opportunity offers, the scope of the artistic and literary subjects embraced by the publication will be gradually extended and enlarged, while every endeavor will be made to maintain a high standard of excellence in every department.

Our illustrations next week will be of exceptional interest, and will include pictures from sketches by our special artist with General Middleton's force and our artist at Qu'Appelle, together with representations, based on sketches and photographs (already received), of the funeral of the members of the 90th Batt., at Winnipeg. The field artillery in action will appear, occupying a whole page view, and an example will be given of a North-West zereba, while a "look-out on the trail," from Colonel O'Brien's command, will be the frontispiece. Various portraits of great general interest are now in the hands of our artists, and also sketches showing the departure of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, and a church parade of that corps, prior to their leaving for the front.

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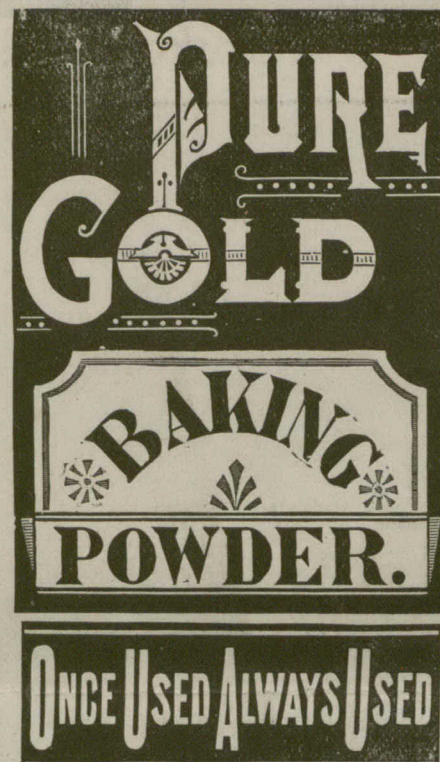
"THRICE armed is he who has his quarrel just," and nothing tends so much to nerve a nation obliged to take up arms as a consciousness of having right on its side. Making due allowance for the mission of our political contemporaries, we submit that the present is no time for "pot and kettle" accusations as to responsibility for the national calamity of this rebellion. There will be ample time, after the era of murder and rapine now inaugurated has been brought to a termination, to investigate and discuss the origin of the trouble. We believe it will be found that the Queen's Government in Canada (whether Grit or Tory) stands fairly clear of responsibility for this strife, and that all reasonable steps have been taken to do justice to the half-breeds and exercise generosity to the Indians. It was Lieutenant-Governor Laird who first suggested that the alleged grievances of the former should be enquired into, and doubtless Mr. Mackenzie's Government would have attended to the matter had they remained in power. The present Government have done much towards satisfying all reasonable demands.

THE Dominion Lands Act of 1879 gave authority for the carrying out of the policy decided on, and in due course Mr. Pearce, an officer of the Government, visited Prince Albert and investigated the claims that had been made. How much truth there is in the statement that the rebellion has arisen because the half-breeds found delay in obtaining titles for their lands may be gathered from the fact that, though more than 100 claims were passed by Mr. Pearce last summer, only two claimants (one of whom was Gabriel Dumont) thought proper, before December 31, to apply for the formal entry by which their patents might be obtained. Again, it is not generally

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