

[The following extracts from newspaper reports may be found of interest.]

THE NORTH-WEST FIELD FORCES

1885

Corps ordered from Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia for active service in the North-West, forwarded via Canadian Pacific Railway round North Shore of Lake Superior.

CORPS TAKEN FROM EXISTING ACTIVE MILITIA.	HEAD QUARTERS.	COMMANDING OFFICER.	CALLED OUT, 1885.	LEFT HEADQUARTERS FOR NORTH-WEST, 1885.	ARRIVAL AT WINNIPEG, 1885.	STRENGTH.				
						OFFICERS.	N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.	HORSES.	GUNS.	
Regiment of Canadian Artillery:—										
“A” Battery....	Quebec....	Lt-Col. Montizambert..	{	March 27	March 28..	April 5....	4	107	9	2
“B” Battery....	Kingston..						8	106	18	2
Infantry School Corps										
“C” Company....	Toronto..	Lt-Col. Otter.....	{	March 27	March 20..	April 7....	5	85		
2nd Battalion.....	do.						18	257		
10th Battalion.....	do.						17	250		
Midland Battalion....	Kingston..	Lt-Col. A. Williams, M.P.	{	March 28..	April 6....	April 14....	34	342		
York and Simcoe Batt.	Toronto..						Lt-Col. O'Brien, M.P.	March 30..	April 2....	April 10....
Governor-General's Foot Guards....	Ottawa....	Capt. Todd.....		March 30..	March 31..	April 8....	3	48		
One Comp'y Sharpshooters.....										
7th Battalion.....	London....	Lt-Col. W. Williams....		March 31..	April 7....	April 15....	20	237		
Governor-General's Body Guard.....	Toronto..	Lt-Col. Denison.....		April 1....	April 6....	April 15....	8	73	72	
65th Battalion.....	Montreal..	Lt-Col. Ouimet, M.P.		March 27..	April 2....	April 10....	23	317		
9th Battalion.....	Quebec....	Lt-Col. Amyot, M.P.		March 31..	April 2....	April 12....	28	204		
Cavalry School Corps										
“A” Troop.....	Quebec....	Lt-Col. Turnbull.....		April 10..	April 11..	April 19....	3	45	33	
Halifax Provisional Battalion.....	Halifax..	Lt-Col. Bremner.....		March 31..	April 11..	April 22....	32	349		
Gatling Battery.....							1	4	9	2
Montreal Gar. Artill'y.	Montreal..	Lt-Col. Oswald.....		April 30..	May 11....	May 20....	20	276		
							251	3042	141	6

Corps on service in the North-West in addition to those sent from Ontario, Quebec, and Nova Scotia.

CORPS	HEADQUARTERS.	OFFICER COMMANDING.	STRENGTH.				GUNS.
			OFFICERS.	N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.	HORSES.		
Cavalry Troop.....	Winnipeg.....	Captain Knight.....	1	35	36		
Field Battery.....	Winnipeg.....	Major Jarvis.....	3	59	18	2	
Winnipeg Light Infantry....	Winnipeg.....	Lt-Col. O. Smith.....	29	298			
90th Battalion Rifles.....	Winnipeg.....	Lt-Col. Mackeand.....	24	290			
Winnipeg Infantry Battalion	Winnipeg.....	Lt-Col. Thos. Scott, M.P.	24	408			
Boulton's Scouts.....	With General.....	Major Boulton.....	5	108	113		
D.L.S. Scouts.....	Qu'Appelle.....	Captain J. S. Dennis.....	3	50	53		
Moose Mountain Scouts....	South of Qu'Appelle.....	Captain White.....	3	51	54		
Rocky Mountain Rangers....	Calgary and Fort McLeod.	Captain J. Stewart.....	4	150	154		
Yorkton Company.....	Yorkton.....	Major F. C. Watson.....	1	63			
Battleford Rifle Company..	Battleford.....	Captain Edward A. Nash....	3	51			
			100	1563	428	2	
Horses purchased for Gatling Guns.....					9		
Horses purchased for Battery.....					86		
					445		

RECAPITULATION.

	OFFICERS.	N. C. OFFICERS AND MEN.	HORSES.	GUNS.
Sent From Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia.....	251	3042	141	6
Add above Force.....	100	1563	445	2
Total.....	351	4605	586	8
N.B.—The Mounted Police numbered 500 all told.....		500		
Adding Officers.....		5105		
Total.....		351		
		5456		

THE ORDER OF EVENTS.

March 22, 1885.—A despatch was received by Sir John Macdonald stating that Riel and a gang of his men, numbering 40 in all, had seized the mail bags at a way office near Duck Lake and stolen eight horses belonging to the mail courier. The telegraph lines were also reported down between Prince Albert and Clarke's Crossing. Riel was reported encamped at Duck Lake having plundered several stores and threatening to attack Fort Carlton.

March 23.—General Middleton had an interview with Mr. Caron, Minister of Militia and Defence, and left the same night for Winnipeg where he arrived on Friday, the 27th. Meantime Lieut-Gov. Dewdney had taken immediate steps to meet the emergency, and the 90th (Winnipeg) Battalion, which has since covered itself with glory, was called out on active service; also the Winnipeg Field Battery. The order calling them out was given on March 23. At that date Major Crozier was in Fort Carlton with 100 Mounted Police and one seven-pounder gun. Lieut-Col. Irvine was at South Saskatchewan.

March 26.—One hundred and twenty men of the 90th left for Troy (Qu'Appelle) station.

March 27.—At 6 p.m. General Middleton left Winnipeg with the remainder of the 90th, arriving at Troy on the 28th, at 9 a.m. Saturday.

March 28.—“A” and “B” Batteries left their headquarters for the front.

March 29.—Half the Winnipeg Field Battery arrived at Troy.

March 31.—The following telegram was received by the Minister of Militia.

To Hon. A. P. Caron:—

An attack on police at Carlton; 11 killed and wounded. Matter being serious, better send all regular and good city regiments. Experts here say ought to have at least 2000 men.

(Signed) F. MIDDLETON,
Major-General.

April 2.—General Middleton arrives at Fort Qu'Appelle.

April 6.—General Middleton leaves Fort Qu'Appelle en route for Humbolt with part of his troops, (about 350), viz: 90th Battalion, half Winnipeg Field Battery, twenty-five Scouts, “A” Battery on way from Troy to Qu'Appelle, “B” Battery remaining at Troy.

April 8.—Queen's Own to Fort Qu'Appelle. Lieut-Col. O. Smith's Winnipeg Provisional Battalion ordered to Calgary and Fort McLeod. Lieut-Col. Otter with troops at Swift Current. “A”