

THE GENERAL'S RUN.

Orillia Packet of 10th July gives the following account of the origin of the above title, frequently used in connection with the North-West troubles:—

Among the unpublished incidents of the rebellion was one which, at the time, created perhaps more sensation and amusement than any other during its course. It happened on the last morning of the Batoche fight, and is well-known among the men as "The General's Run." That morning General Middleton had, for some reason known only to himself, wanted to see either a priest or some one else who was in the priest's house, which stood between the loyal and rebel lines, four hundred yards from the former and only two hundred from the latter. Accordingly he started out without a word to anyone, dressed in civilian's clothes, except he wore a helmet. Capt. Young, Brigade-Major, saw him start out with much apprehension, and was on the point of ordering a guard to attend him, but feared in doing so he would be much more likely to attract the attention of the enemy. The General reached the house in safety, and was met at the door by the man with whom he had to converse. The interview ended, he started back, but had hardly got twenty yards from the door when pop-pop-pop went the rebel rifles, and bullet after bullet sped harmlessly by the General's person. This was the more remarkable, as the stout corpulent body of the General offered a good round target to the enemy. The Commander-in-Chief thought it was time to get out of the way, but he was no longer an athlete, and his fat little legs were hardly capable of carrying their load at any pace. He, however, did his best, and with a motion more like a waddle than a run, increased his speed. His wind was no longer good and soon began to give out, and as he waddled along the puff-puff-puff which came from his panting frame was audible in the lines of his men. The rebels still kept pouring leaden hail after him, but whether their aim was bad or his waddle disconcerted, it will never perhaps be known. At any rate they missed him every time. Capt. Young, as soon as he saw the predicament of his chief, called for volunteers to go out and draw the fire of the rebels away from him, and accompanied by Major Kirwan, Lieutenant Helliwell (who was three hours afterwards badly wounded), and two others, started out. They succeeded in their design, and probably saved the General's life. He kept on his way, panting, puffing, and blowing until, with a face as red as a beet, and completely pumped out, he eventually reached the lines in safety. He must, however, have acquired much additional respect for his powers of pedestrianism, for, as he fell exhausted on his camp bed, he was heard to mutter:—"I didn't know I could run so fast before."

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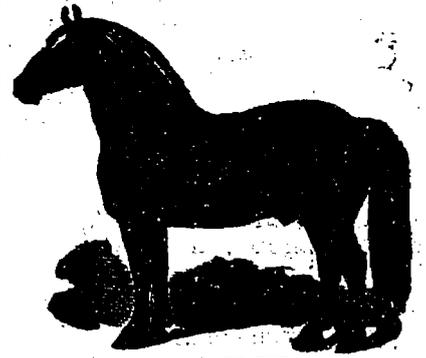
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