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**THE SITUATION AT THE
FRONT.**

is not quite as satisfactory as it appeared
last week, Big Bear having apparently
eluded the pursuing troops, who have had
a hard time in chasing him. The most
brilliant incident of the pursuit is the
gallant fight made by the police and scouts
under Inspector Steele. Meantime, the
men seem pretty well sick of the campaign,
or rather the concluding experience of it,
and are anxious to be ordered home.

Not much progress has been made thus
far in recruiting among the corps at the
front for men willing to enrol for con-
tinuous service until November. It may
therefore be necessary to retain for duty
some of the corps now in the field.
Toronto, June 17, 4 p.m.

OUR NEXT NUMBER

will contain several illustrations sent us by
Mr. F. W. Curzon, our special artist with
Gen. Middleton's command; a view of the
camp of the Prince of Wales' Regiment at
the Exhibition Grounds, Montreal; some
capital sketches furnished from Battleford
and vicinity, by Corporal Davis, of the
Foot Guards, and Mr. W. D. Smith, in-
cluding a view of the bridge across the
Battle River built by the Queen's Own;
a view of the hospital at Saskatoon, by
Mr. King; and also various portraits and
scenes of general interest. In the supple-
ment will be produced an authentic "Plan
of position at Battle of Batoche," from a
sketch made by Messrs Burrows and
Denny, of the Surveyors' Intelligence
Corps.

**THE QUESTION OF PEN-
SIONS.**

THERE is one matter in connection with
the suppression of the rebellion that
fairly promises to be considered entirely
without political bias. The attitude of
the Opposition may to some extent be
calculated on from the following paragraph
which recently appeared in the *Globe* :—

"There is some possibility that cases of
great hardship caused by the rebellion
will be overlooked both by the Govern-
ment and the charitable public. The
case of Private Dobbs of the Battleford
rifles is in point. He was killed at Cut
Knife Hill, leaving a wife and three chil-
dren at Battleford absolutely penniless.
The widow and orphans are no doubt at
the present time protected against actual
starvation, but what of the future? The
State has taken the natural protector from
the family, and the State should supply
his place. Mrs. Dobbs should receive a
pension for the remainder of her life."

Though it is satisfactory to perceive a
disposition on the part of a leading organ
of the Opposition to advocate a generous
consideration of such claims, the public
will be glad to know that the law is plain
as to the responsibility resting upon the
Government to provide for the families of
those militiamen who have been killed or
disabled on actual service. The *Regula-
tions and Orders for the Militia, 1883*,
provide as follows :—

"995. When any officer or man is killed
in actual service, or dies from wounds or
disease contracted on actual service, pro-
vision shall be made for his wife and
family out of the public funds.

"996. And all cases of permanent dis-
ability arising from injuries received or
illness contracted on actual service shall
be reported on by a Medical Board, and
compensation awarded, under such regula-
tions as may be made from time to time
by the Governor in Council."

As regards those temporarily incapaci-
tated from returning to their civil voca-
tions, the Regulations provide that officers
shall, after discharge from actual service,
continue to receive the pay and the allow-
ances of their rank. A non-commissioned
officer or private, however, under similar
circumstances receives, whether in hos-
pital or at home, one dollar a day, which
is double the amount of a private's pay on
actual service.

Cases arising from death or per-
manent disability contracted on service
necessarily require that the proper proofs
should be forwarded to Headquarters
before action can take place for the
relief of those interested. We trust,
however, that the Militia Department
will, in this particular branch of its
onerous duties, continue to act with the
energy which has characterized it since the
troops were first ordered out, so that no
public scandal may arise by delay in
satisfying the just claims of those entitled
to be placed on the pension list. In such
cases he "gives twice who gives quickly."

**OFFICERS ON THE WIMBLE-
DON TEAM.**

SOME ill-natured curmudgeon over the
nom de plume of "Rifleman" again finds
fault, through the columns of the *Globe*,
with the expenditure involved in the send-
ing of a Canadian team to Wimbledon.
In this last effusion he offers the following
criticism on the team for 1885 :—

In support of my former communica-
tions over the *nom de plume* "Rifleman,"
showing the useless expenditure of the
public funds on pleasure trips to England
by non-combatant riflemen, in looking
over the published list of the Wimbledon
team for 1885, there are only 9 out of the
20 composing the team combatants, or
men using the rifle as a weapon of defence;
8 of the number are commissioned officers
and 3 are staff sergeants, and have, there-
fore, no use for a rifle.

Is it possible that it never occurred to
"Rifleman" that it was necessary for
officers to acquire a practical knowledge
of the use of the rifle in order to be able
to instruct their men with success, or that
the example presented by their personal
skill as marksmen would create emulation
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