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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

WHILE General Strange's brigade is making steady progress in the direction of Edmonton, the troops under Colonel Otter are resting at Battleford, after their fatiguing march, pending the receipt of orders as to the next work devolving on them.

The engagement at Fish Creek, referred to at greater length elsewhere, shows that it is not the intention of the rebels to run away, as many expected they would do. No very substantial gain can be scored as the result of that fight, but the volunteers have now experienced the baptism of fire, and their conduct on the occasion was everything that their fellow-countrymen could hope or desire.

No information has yet been obtained as to the fate of the prisoners in the hands of Big Bear. It is to be feared they will be held as hostages by the savages, who hope by this means to procure immunity from well-deserved punishment.

Toronto, April 29th, 1885.

"WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER."

VERY many of our fair readers are anxious to know whether the boys who belong to the North-West Field Force will be allowed to return to their homes immediately that the rebels have been captured or dispersed. Without claiming to be the possessor of Cabinet secrets or too closely in the confidence of Gen. Middleton, or even to have succeeded to the mantle of a Bond-street prophet, we may venture to predict that, when the expedition has accomplished its main object, the militia organizations of the eastern Provinces and Manitoba will be ordered home, and that the pacification of the disturbed districts will be completed by provisional corps formed of men who volunteer out of the various battalions for continued service so long as may be necessary. This was the policy pursued during the early part of the American Civil War, and it has the great advantage of allowing those who wish to return to their ordinary occupations an opportunity to do so without dishonor, while at the same time it affords officers and men whose taste for soldiering has not been satiated by the experience of a campaign, the chance to perpetuate a career for which it is but fair to assume they are peculiarly qualified. It would be an outrage for men to be detained from their professional or other profitable business avocations for a longer period than the exigencies of the public service demand, in order that they might be kept employed in garrison or police duty, for which plenty of men willing to engage could soon be brought into a proper state of efficiency. The Government has already obtained authority from Parliament to raise the strength of the North-West Mounted Police to one thousand men, which force should soon be sufficient, with the local militia organizations, to afford ample security for life and property.

JUST as England has her million of fighting men enrolled by voluntary enlistment, so has Canada her 40,000 men—the flower of the youth of the country—ready for duty in the first line. Indeed, this is only the first line of defence, for the still firmer bone and sinew of the community, those mature men of hardened muscles who have their individual hearts and homes to protect, are hardly to be found among them, though they are "ready, aye, ready" to respond to the call to arms should occasion require. Therefore, only a long continued strain upon the resources of the country in men would require the authorities to resort to the alternative the law provides of a recourse to the ballot as a compulsory means of providing recruits not to be obtained as volunteers. Consideration of the fact that such a recourse would become a stern necessity, in the event of the contingency referred to arising, should cause those who have no personal taste for military training and service to duly appreciate the public spirit and martial ardor of the young men who cheerfully enter the ranks of the various volunteer militia corps throughout the Dominion.

THERE are many banks, merchants, legal firms, and others who at the present time suffer temporary inconvenience by the absence of certain of their employees "on service." The *Monetary Times* gave the following partial list showing how widely the effect of the call to arms is experienced:—

Among firms and corporations whose employees have been sent along with the Toronto contingent from this city are:—John Macdonald & Co., three in number; Wyld, Brock & Co., three; McCall & Co., one; A. R. McMaster & Bros., one; Robert Walker & Sons, three; W. A. Murray & Co., one; Grand Trunk Freight Sheds, seven; Canadian Pacific Railway, one; Toronto Post Office, one; Northern & North-Western Railway, ten men; Blake, Kerr & Co., six; Great North Western Telegraph Company, one; Bell Telephone Company, three; Gooderham & Worts, one; Bank of Commerce, two; Dominion Bank, one; Federal Bank, one; Imperial Bank, one; Bank of Montreal, two; Livingston & Johnson, one; Hughes Bros., two, and so on.

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From the Mail (Can.) Dec. 15.

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