

was a British subject on British soil and would take no oath to serve another government. Riel said, "Take that man out." I was taken back.

Sunday, Feb. 13—To-day we were refused water to wash our faces and hands. With difficulty we got some to drink. Pemmican is all we had to eat. Rev. Mr. Young was refused admittance to our rooms.

Feb. 14—We are still in our small rooms, fed on pemmican and water. Ross and two others called and advised us to take the oath and get out, but we refused. About midnight Riel came to our door and told us that our friends were going to attack the Fort, to release us, and the first movement made would be our death.

Feb. 15—The attack was not made. This evening the women are being removed from the Fort. About 8 p.m. we were offered a parole oath, which we took, and we are now out in town.

Feb. 16—Our friends, the Portage Co., and Dr. Schultz and forces from Stonefort have accomplished their aim—our release—and will return to their homes. To-day a French halfbreed shot and killed a young man by the name of Sutherland, on the ice on the Red river, Kildonan. The Frenchman had been a prisoner with the Portage party, when he broke away, grabbed a gun from a sleigh and as he met Sutherland on horseback, shot him dead without cause. The brutal halfbreed was caught wounded and died in a few days.

Feb. 17—Stayed last night at Poulson's, where we had left our horse. Father, who was one of the Portage company, joined us there. We drove to Winnipeg. The Portage Company, under Major Boulton, was passing Fort Garry on their way home. We heard shouts and yells in the direction of the Fort. A large party of the French were riding towards the Portage company, who formed in line. The French halted and a man from each party met half way. After considerable parleying both parties went to the Fort. We feel the Portage party are prisoners.

Feb. 18—We learn for certain that the Portage Company are locked up in our old rooms. They were told by O'Donohue who was at the head of the mounted French, that as the prisoners had been released and the trouble over, Riel wished to