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OUR NEXT NUMBER

will contain some highly interesting sketches from Mr. F. W. Curzon, our special artist with General Middleton's command, a spirited representation of the sun dance recently held by the Indians near Calgary; the public funeral, at St. Thomas, of Private Hutchinson, of the 90th Battalion, killed at Fish Creek; and other illustrations of general interest.

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"AWFULLY DISILLUSIONED."

For three months past the correspondence of the Montreal and Toronto newspapers from the front has been full of glowing tributes to the pluck and efficiency displayed by Lieut. Howard, of the Connecticut National Guard, more familiarly known to Canadians as "the man with the Gatling." Lord Melgund, in an alleged interview, quoted in these columns, credited the same individual with having saved a nine-pounder from capture during the first day at Batoche. The portrait of our American cousin who, if we are still to believe all we have read, turned the crank with such fatal effect and

always at the right moment, has appeared in this paper and most of the dailies. And now we are told by "Grenade," an audacious correspondent of the *Mail*, that there is "no such a person" as the hero we have all been worshipping, that the Gatling has all along been under the command of Lieut. Rivers, of "A" Battery, by whom he was simply permitted, "from his knowledge of the weapon, to take a number at the gun, where he worked the crank," and that latterly orders have been given by the Major-General that "Howard is to keep his hands off the Gatling except when his services may be required as a mechanic to keep it in order." It will be noticed in the General's official report that Howard's, as well as Wilson's, name is mentioned favorably. If the Canadian public, however, have been grossly imposed upon as to the actual status of the former and the value of his services in the field, then all we can say is that Canadian newspapers have either had very untrustworthy correspondents of their own, or else, having no correspondents at all, they have been grossly imposing upon their readers by palming off upon them reports transmitted by Yankee writers for American papers, who have ingeniously given a very large share of credit in the wrong quarter.

UGLY stories are again being circulated as to outrages having been perpetrated by the troops after the storming of Batoche. It is altogether too bad, if this be really true, that the whole force engaged should have such a stigma resting on them. Better by far that the offenders, if any there were, should have been dealt with, on the spot, by court-martial.

THE TRIAL OF RIEL.

The preliminary arraignment of Louis Riel on a charge of attempting, by force of arms, traitorously to subvert the authority of the Queen's Government in Canada, took place last week at Regina, and the trial of the prisoner, who was then fully committed, was appointed to commence on the 20th inst. The form of the information on which the committal took place was given in detail in our last number, and it will have been seen thereby that Riel is charged directly as a British subject with acting as a traitor and also, by another count, with perpetrating the same offence while living under protection of the laws of a country forming part of Her Majesty's realms.

Where such eminent counsel have been employed as the Government has very wisely retained in this important case, it may seem presumptuous for lay opinions to be offered in regard to the form of the prosecution; but it will certainly strike many people that an exaggerated importance is being attached to the prisoner by accusing him at all of a political crime. We have recently had a political trial in Toronto with most unsatisfactory results, for, notwithstanding the fact that the accused were acquitted, after a fair trial, by a jury of their fellow-countrymen, they are still frequently stigmatized by the newspapers of hostile politics as the "brawling brood of bribers," instead of a dignified acquiescence being shown in the result of proceedings initiated by the party which did not succeed.

It is perfectly true that the counsel for the Crown, who have as yet had but little chance for consultation, may hereafter decide upon an indictment with counts that will cover inferior offences to that charged in Mr. Stewart's, so that, on the principle that the greater may contain the less, no miscarriage of justice need occur because at present but a single crime is imputed.

It remains to be seen whether or not the prisoner will actually be placed on his trial for a political offence, which, in his case, would appear calculated to unduly magnify the importance of an individual already sufficiently puffed up with a sense

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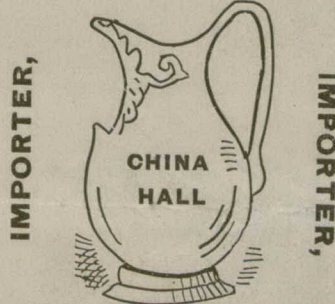
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