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settlers here were determined to make hay while the sun shone, we were charged exorbitant prices for everything. \$1.25 for a dozen of eggs, \$0.40 for a pound of bread, \$1.00 for a pound of butter, and \$0.50 for a quart of milk—pretty good considering that a private's pay was \$0.50 per diem. We got the scow fixed up to the cable ready for transporting purposes. Here I fell in with a lot of "townies" from the "Land o' Cakes," and had only to divest myself of the surroundings to imagine that I was on "Bonnie Tweed side" again. I was, in fact, among No. 6 company of the 90th Battalion, a company composed of Scots, with two exceptions, and as most of them were Lowlanders, we had a talk over the "Old Country." Nothing further of any importance took place to-day, and the only thing we were looking forward to was the order to make a move to Prince Albert as we were eager to try the mettle of the Indians and Halfbreeds, of whose skill as marksmen we had heard such glowing accounts. Next day, Tuesday, the forces for the north bank of the river were sent over, and consisted of the Winnipeg Field Battery, strengthened from "A" with 23 Officers, N. C. Officers and men, the 10th Royals, and part of French's scouts. All sorts of reports were flying around, among others was one that the rebels had cut down the telegraph wires between us and Qu'Appelle, but on going out to see it was found that the wind had blown over one of the poles. After a long spell of waiting on the Crossing, however, the welcome order was given, and on the 23rd of April the two columns moved off, and on the night of the 23rd of April the column under command of General Middleton found themselves encamped at McKintosh's farm, eighteen miles from Clark's Crossing and about three miles from Fish Creek. About nine o'clock the battery was paraded, we had battery orders read out, and among other things we were ordered to have some biscuit in our haversacks, and, in fact, from the extraordinary looks of things, all of us were convinced that we would find something to do for our 9-prs. and rifles before the next twenty-four hours. One by one we got into our tents after a chat and smoke, and soon were sound asleep. On the 24th of April after breakfast we started off again, going slowly up the river side, making short halts. At last about a quarter past nine firing was heard ahead of us, our scouts returned the fire, and the Fish Creek fight was begun.

