

The Coquette  
They say the bravest of men  
That they break the hearts that love them.  
But eyes of blue are tender and true  
As the sky the sunset looks blue.

REBELLIOUS REDS.

From Poundmaker.  
BATTLEFORD, June 20.—On the afternoon of the 17th, Farm Instructor Craig, on Poundmaker's reserve, 31 miles west of here, was held and beaten by Indians and some provisions taken from the government store house. Five police stationed there were prevented from arresting the assaulting Indians by chief Poundmaker and Big Bear, who called on their braves and the small handful of police were defeated. The case was reported here by Craig in person at midnight. On the morning of the 18th thirty police with Capt. Antrous and Dr. Miller under command of Major Crozier left for Poundmaker's reserve to arrest the offending Indians. The Indians refused to give up their men and the major ordered a call for men. One reinforcement of forty men under Sgt. Major Kirk left yesterday morning and seven more in this afternoon. Poundmaker says he will resist the police, and Major Crozier says he will take his men. Trouble is anticipated. The Stony Indians heretofore friendly, are reported leaving their reserve for the scene of action. The great third dance at Poundmaker's reserve was cancelled last evening. Considerable excitement is being shown. A company of home guards has been organized, arms distributed and every preparation is being made for an emergency. There are only 15 police left at the barracks most of whom are invalids. A number of civilians have gathered at the barracks and McDonald's store. The families of Indian Agents, Registrar Scott E. A. Nash, H. Nash, Constables P. Chase, D. M. Finlayson, J. C. Skelton, John Rose and J. M. McGregor took refuge in the police barracks, and received great attention from Sergeant Martin. No word has been received from the seat of war for 48 hours. Operator Richardson, W. H. Smart and W. Laurie, left at noon yesterday to tap the telegraph line opposite Poundmaker's. They report the line cut and neither police nor Indians to be seen. They are returning. A number of citizens have gone west to-day to report progress. If the Indians resist a lively time may be looked for. The people have every confidence in the police and all are prepared for a fight.

LATER.

A messenger has just arrived from Poundmaker with the intelligence that no prisoners had been taken, and that the fight was expected that they would be given up tonight. No fight had taken place up to that time.

OUR SISTER PROVINCE.

Port Moody.

The number of passengers now going over the road between this city and the terminus is something wonderful. Stage after stage leave our streets every day loaded with passengers. We learn that notwithstanding the unusual dry weather, the crops in the Cariboo district look remarkably well. The crops in the Thompson valley however, are much in need of rain and will suffer seriously if moisture should not be vouchsafed to them at an early day. Clearing, building and improvements generally goes steadily on at the terminus. Business is looking up and a general feeling of satisfaction pervades the community. Lots are constantly being bought, although not on the scale of a week ago, owing to the higher prices demanded by holders. The steam shovels are to be brought down to Port Moody so get out the ballast for filling in to make the track. Some large new wharves are spoken of as likely to be constructed immediately. Mainland Guardian.

GENERAL NEWS.

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, June 25.—The Government has appointed T. A. McLean, West Toronto, registrar of Calgary. The Mail, referring to the loan says: "It has been put upon the market in a time of confessed dullness which malignant opposition endeavored to magnify into disaster. It was asked for just at the time when Cartwright's vindictive and violent speech was asked for with a full understanding of the serious financial responsibilities of Canada, but such was the confidence of the money market in the soundness of Canada's financial methods that there was a rush for the loan and the price is most satisfactory. This is the first three and a half per cent loan Canada ever put on the market. Its success is encouraging. Business men will be able to judge of the justice of the claim that the loan is under all circumstances an exceptionally good one."

OTTAWA, June 18.—Mr. Hugh Sutherland arrived here to-day to make final arrangements for the building of the Hudson Bay Railway. He leaves for England next week.

On behalf of the cattle ranches in Montana the C.P.R. authorities have represented to the Minister of Customs the propriety of allowing cattle of the western states to be carried through Canadian territory. The Montana ranchers propose entering the stock at Fort Walsh and driving them to the C.P.R. for shipment. An effort will be made to make Montreal the cattle route west of Montana and the western states. The Minister has agreed to a relaxation of the customs regulation so as to bring the trade into Canadian ports.

GENERAL.

In the Commons to-day Lord Fitzmaurice under secretary, in answer to a question by Mr. Arthur Arnold regarding the alleged abduction of an English citizen named Skelton, in Kansas, said the British Minister at Washington was instructed to act in the case sometime before the report was received.

A monster Orange meeting is announced for Newry on July 12. Many members of the House of Commons will be present.

Application has been made before Chief Justice Ritchie of the Superior Court in behalf of the Ontario and Nova Scotia Governments for a postponement of the argument on the Dominion License act, which was submitted to the Supreme Court for a decision as to its legality. The Chief Justice intimated that he would consult his brother judges and very likely a decision would be given Monday next.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. Wm. Coveale of Kingston Ont. The position of city engineer at Kingston for several years. His many friends throughout the North-west will hear of his death with much regret.

Snake Statistics.  
No one has any idea of the mischief that snakes cause every year in India. It appears that as many as 20,000 deaths result annually from their bites while since 1880 no fewer than 150,000 to 200,000 persons have perished by their means. The cobra's bite is fatal within half an hour. Need it surprise us that local authorities encourage the destruction of these vile animals? In 1880 the sum of 11,055 rupees was given as rewards to destroyers of serpents, and 312,776 reptiles were got rid of in that year. In Oude and the North West Provinces a body of men called Kanjas has been organized for the purpose of rooting out the pest. For doing their work they receive two rupees per month, but if a man destroys more than twenty snakes during that time he gets three rupees per animal for all above the number named.

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