

number of repeating Winchester rifles, but many old smooth bores, they were short of ammunition, and it is doubtful if the force with Riel ever numbered 700 men, Indians and 'Breeds' combined. The prisoners they took they treated well, and they respected the dead.

As a military achievement the success of the campaign has been brilliant. The Hon. Mr. Caron, Minister of Militia, may justly be proud of the department which between the 23rd of March and the 20th of May placed 4,419 men in the field, the whole of which force, with the exception of the Winnipeg Corps and the irregular mounted troops, were sent from Lower Canada. A complete system of transport for three columns marching at great distances from each other had to be organised; and six weeks after General Middleton's departure from Fort Qu'appelle, Riel had been brought a prisoner into his camp. From Ottawa to Qu'appelle is 1,635 miles. From Qu'appelle to Batoches is a march of 243 miles. Lord Wolseley left Toronto on the 21st of May, 1870, and arrived at Fort Garry on the 24th of August, three months. In 1885 the last troops ordered out left Montreal for the front on the 11th of May, and arrived at Winnipeg on the 20th of May, nine days. So much has fifteen years of civilisation and a railway done for Canada.

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