

# A SKIRMISH!

## First Honors for the Winnipeg Battery.

### TWO OF THE INDIANS KILLED.

### The Remainder of the Band Scattered.

### PRINCE ALBERT STILL INVESTED.

### Anxiety Regarding Its Safety on the Increase.

### BELEAGURED BATTLEFORD.

### Hostile Demonstrations by the Insurgents.

### A SORTIE ON A SMALL SCALE.

### Two Scouts Reported to Have Been Slain.

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the province that companies have been organized and they are clamoring for arms. At a meeting of wholesale merchants held here yesterday, the members of the monopoly enjoyed by the Hudson Bay company in furnishing supplies.

A report from a scout received in a roundabout manner, states that two scouts, believed to be from Prince Albert, were captured and killed by Indians, arms and military supplies arrived to-day from the east and are being stored in Fort Osborne preparatory to their shipment west. The citizens are preparing a great reception for the troops from the east.

**Riel's Army.**  
WINNIPEG, Man., April 2.—A man named Howie of High Bluff, just returned from Batouche crossing, the headquarters of Riel, reports that his command are twice hundred half-breeds and seven hundred Indians, and all fully bent upon fighting.

A and B batteries reached Neipigon this evening and will arrive at Winnipeg Sunday morning. No tidings yet from Col. Irvine at Prince Albert, which leads to the belief that he has sent either the Humboldt or Battleford having been captured by the enemy.

**Shells from Battleford.**  
QU'APPELLE STATION, April 2.—General Middleton yesterday received a despatch from Battleford saying that the Indians and half-breeds to the south of the town were being shelled from the barracks.

Word arrived later that the Indians had departed in westerly direction, probably to join the Fort Pitt Indians. Col. Herchmer, who started with a force of 40 police to relieve Battleford, still remaining at Medicine Hat, being delayed by the breaking-up of the ice on the Saskatchewan. It is probable he will be recalled, as Gen. Middleton fears his force would be annihilated if it attempted to reach Battleford as ordered.

**The Town Cleaned Out.**  
QU'APPELLE, April 2.—A despatch from Battleford states that three policemen and twelve civilians, under cover of a field piece, made a sortie from the barracks and captured a band of horse belonging to three half-breeds who were plundering a store. One of the broods was wounded but they all got away. The party reported the town badly plundered and the stores being completely cleaned out.

The Taylor settlement, 25 miles west of Battleford, was ransacked to-day and everything destroyed. A large body of Indians with their families and cattle are camped twelve miles out. They are moving slowly south toward Stouffville.

The weather is moderating in the Battleford region.

**Movements of the Troops at Qu'Appelle.**  
QU'APPELLE TOWN, April 2.—The troops at this post advanced last night to the Touchwood hills, and there were started this morning for the fort to make room at this point for the forces coming from the east. A general advance will be made from Fort Qu'Appelle, which will be the second base, when sufficient troops have arrived to make the advance to the latter part of next week, and will be made in two divisions from Qu'Appelle, the other from Swift Current river. To prevent any rebels leaving the country, both divisions will advance at the same time. It has not yet been definitely decided who will command the second division, but rumor says it will be Col. Otter and Lord Melgund. The transportation service is thoroughly organized, 300 teams being now at work.

**Rides For the Troops.**  
QU'APPELLE, April 2.—The government has ordered 10,000 Martini-Henri rifles for immediate use, which will be at once despatched for distribution among the troops serving in the Northwest.

**Capt. Gordon, of the Princess Louise.**  
QU'APPELLE, April 2.—The Princess Louise dragoon guards, Ottawa, has ordered his regiment for service in the Northwest and the troops are jubilant in the hope of being accepted.

The severe winter storm of the season has prevailed since midday.

**The 9th Battalion En Route.**  
QUEBEC, April 2.—The 9th Battalion (Volunteers of Quebec), 250 strong, left to-night by special train for the Northwest. About 20,000 people turned out to see them off, and they embarked amid the strains of "Partant pour l'Asie." The enthusiasm was intense. Rev. Father Jodoin of the Oblate fathers accompanied them as chaplain. Dr. DeLois goes as surgeon in place of Dr. Roy, whose falling health will not permit him to accompany. C. Robillard, nephew of Mr. Robillard, M.P., goes with the regiment as the Canadian special correspondent.

The ranks of No. 7 and 8 companies are filled almost entirely with students, several of whom have been ordered out and who stated their families were in straitened circumstances, and are to be provided for by a number of citizens.

**Brother David's Corps.**  
REGINA, April 2.—A volunteer company has been formed here. Lieut. Col. Scott, late of 26th battalion, has been appointed captain, and Major Mowat, late of the Ottawa R. B. lieutenant. Authority has been received from Ottawa, and arms are now en route. Major James, late of 28th battalion, is forming a home guard. N. F. Davis, editor of the Regina Leader, has enlisted as a private.

**The War Fever in Hamilton.**  
HAMILTON, April 2.—Although not actually called out for service the men of the 13th battalion are full of military enthusiasm. Four new companies are being raised, one of which Chief of Police Stewart is organizing. The battalion will commence its annual drill at the Crystal Palace at once. At last night's parade there was not only a full muster, but scores of able bodied likely-looking men applied to be enrolled. The 13th is ready to do its share either against the Fenians at Fort Erie or against the half-breeds and redskins in the Northwest.

The Hamilton field battery is also in readiness. They have for guns ten above their full strength, namely, 84. There has been some one at the drill shed all day, waiting for orders that might come from Ottawa.

**Sympathy With the Half-Breeds.**  
MONTREAL, April 2.—Meetings of those who sympathize with Riel have been held the past two evenings at Rivard's hall, St. Gabriel street. Those present resolved that although approving of the course of the government from a constitutional point of view they hoped that all possible means would be taken to settle matters amicably. The speakers stated that it was only just that the French half-breeds should be granted

the same privileges as the Scotch. The government are to be petitioned to employ a mediatory commission. A resolution was passed condemning the sending of such young men to the Northwest as those composing the 65th battalion.

**Menacing the Barracks.**  
WINNIPEG, April 2.—Advice from Battleford indicates that the Indians are still menacing the barracks, holding powder-wagons, war dances, etc., six miles south of the town. Troops are wanted at once. It will take four days to get there, by which time the barracks may be taken and the women and children sacrificed. The Indians mean either to take the barracks or go to Fort Pitt, which garrison by only 25 police. There is a lot of provisions there, on which Big Bear's band have long had their eye. No word has been received from there for some days.

**Will Not Leave Till Saturday.**  
WINNIPEG, April 2.—The 65th battalion will not leave for the Northwest until Saturday. Orders have been issued for the transport of most of the stores upon St. Helen's island to the city, in anticipation of a break-up in the river ice, which would, if the stores were needed urgently, prevent their being got at.

**These are the Princess Louise Fusiliers.**  
HAMILTON, N. S., April 2.—The 66th Fusiliers had another parade and drill this evening, when not over 150 turned up, including officers.

A despatch from Ottawa was received stating that men would likely have to leave for the Northwest on Monday morning. This afternoon a deputation of business men waited in westerly direction, probably to join the Fort Pitt Indians. Col. Herchmer, who started with a force of 40 police to relieve Battleford, still remaining at Medicine Hat, being delayed by the breaking-up of the ice on the Saskatchewan. It is probable he will be recalled, as Gen. Middleton fears his force would be annihilated if it attempted to reach Battleford as ordered.

**Number of members of the 66th have already obtained medical certificates that they are not in a condition for active service.**

**OVER THE FIRST PORTAGE.**  
The Toronto Division surmount the West Part of their Journey.

MATTHEW, Ont., April 2.—The Queen's Own rifle and company of infantry arrived at Abbots' end of the track at 11 p.m. last night. After supper they took sleighs, intending to cover half the distance of the gap before daybreak. Then to get breakfast at the camp provided by the C. P. R. people and proceed on the balance of the day's journey.

The 12th Battalion, which will have rail for 80 miles to Fort Monrose, which they expect to reach to-night. To-morrow they will take to sleighs again; 25 miles teaming and 12 miles rail will bring them to Jackfish Bay, leaving 25 miles teaming and 83 miles railway for Saturday. The Royal Grenadiers are about three or four hours behind them.

**MARY STATION, April 2.—The Queen's Own arrived at the other end of the first gap at 2:30 p.m. The Royal Grenadiers followed at 3:30 p.m. The A and B batteries left Fort Monrose at 6:30 a.m. to-day, Thursday. The first section arrived at Mackay's harbor to-morrow. Expect 1100 to take dinner here to-morrow, going west.**

**The First Mishap.**  
MONTREAL, April 2.—Last night Private Miller of the Grenadiers slipped and fell in one of the brigades. The fall was rather serious fracture. The regimental surgeon attended to him, and he was sent back on the train yesterday.

It was Col. Miller's birthday yesterday and, in response to a toast proposed by Col. Otter, all the boys honored it at dinner by drinking the gallant colonel's health in one of the regiments.

The men continue in the best of spirits, in spite of the fatigue attending the present marching and travelling.

We shall be in Winnipeg, God willing, on Sunday evening. A and B batteries will be there Sunday morning.

**Departure of the York-Simcoe Brigade.**  
The most noteworthy event of the day yesterday was the departure of the brigade drafted from the 12th York battalion and the 26th Simcoe battalion. It had been understood that the brigade would not take the road until to-morrow, but at nine o'clock yesterday morning Deputy Adjutant General Denison received a despatch from the Minister of Militia and Defence, ordering the volunteers of the 26th Simcoe to be sent to the Northwest at once. This order was immediately obeyed, and the colonel and officers of the two regiments, and the time fixed for departure was at once altered.

The suburban companies of the York Rangers paraded at their respective armories in the morning, and the 26th Simcoe, drafted from the Sutton, Aurora, Sharon and Newmarket companies—on board. The "boys from the bush" were greeted with loud cheering and waving of hats, to which they responded with equal gusto. A glance at the troops showed them to be large and muscular looking, well calculated to stand any amount of marching. After the delays incident to this occasion the suburban detachment of the 12th boarded two coaches which were attached to the train, and amid deafening cheers on both sides the engine shrieked and the train moved off.

Some of the officers of the band straggled up some favorite paring airs. At 10 o'clock last night the brigade had reached the depot, and was being loaded on to the train. The 12th and 26th were twenty miles beyond Peterboro.

This brigade is made up of four companies of 100 men each, and four from the rangers, each company being commanded by a lieutenant.

1st-Lieut. Col. O'Brien is the commanding officer, Lieut. Col. Wyndham being senior major and Lieut. Col. Wyndham junior major. The surgeons are Dr. McCarthy and Dr. Macdonell. Among the non-commissioned officers are Capt. Cooper, Leslie (Sharon and Newmarket). Among the 26th officers are Majors Ward, Graham and Borewell, Captains Leadley and Campbell and Lieutenants Banting, Drinkwater,

Lanox and Spry. The total strength of the brigade is about 375.

**Treating their Men Well.**  
Instances of generous treatment by employers of their men who have gone to the front are beginning to be known. Rice, Lewis & Co. paid three of their men \$100 on account of salary in advance. Wryld, Brock & Co., who have three men in the exhibition buildings; their horses were sent to the front, and the men were given complete outfits of boots, clothing, etc. Nerlich & Co., who have a sergeant in their employ, intimated to him that his salary would go on as if he were at work. Eby, Blain & Co. have three men in the force, whose places are kept for them and whose salaries go on.

**The Troopers in Camp.**  
Twenty men of the Governor-General's Body Guard were quartered last night in the exhibition buildings; their horses were accommodated in the stables. There will be a parade this morning. They will be ordered to proceed to the Northwest, if not on Saturday afternoon, then on Monday morning. In the afternoon, 70 men, though in the intention to endeavor to equip the corps by its full strength, namely, 100 men, are being sent to the front, though it is possible that the government will purchase animals for them. As many as 100 recruits were quartered yesterday, though only a few of them were taken, as there is no way to the necessary equipment in the stores. The men have been ordered to supply their own clothing, though there is no reason why the government should not furnish these necessities. The men think the government should provide the necessary equipment for the latest pattern and revolver, for any fighting they may have to do, will not be at any distance from the front. Col. Denison is to go in command.

**Cavalry Notes.**  
The C. P. R. has been notified to be prepared to transport the Sixth Fusiliers (Montreal) within 24 hours.

The county council distributed boots during the day, under the direction of the uniformed men from across the Don.

Col. Osborne Smith's Manitoba battalion is composed exclusively of Irishmen and their descendants. More power to their elbows.

Capt. F. H. S. Veth, of the railways and Ottawa, has offered to go to the Northwest.

What a picnic old soldiers are having during their leisure hours. They are enjoying to-day to tales of their own marvellous doings.

The patriotic citizens over the Don raised the money for a new company, which will be expanded as exigencies demand. Good for them.

A. P. Patrick, dominion land surveyor, and Ottawa, has offered to go to the Northwest.

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pairs of socks. Rev. Mr. Ingis gave each a testament. Nearly all the company signed the pledge before starting. Councilor Markham received \$1,000 if they brought back Riel's scalp.

**Bowmanville News:** No doubt, as time rolls on he will be conquered, driven out of the country, have a price set on his head, be pardoned, become a member of parliament, possibly be knighted, and fifty years hence, when a motion is made in parliament to reward the volunteers, a dispute will arise as to which side was in the right, volunteers or the rebels.

The remnants of the Grenadiers paraded at the army last night, under command of Major Harrison. The muster was only one hundred strong, but of these there were twenty or more in uniform. The men have been formed into three provisional companies and will parade every Thursday night as usual. Several recruits were taken in last night.

Private Douglas (student in Hector Cameron's office of the Queen's Own left Toronto last night to join his regiment in Winnipeg. He had a seven shooter, self-cooker on his hip, 300 cartridges in his belt, a Ballard rifle, a big knife, and money sufficient to buy him a horse, which he said he could ride like a Mexican. He anticipated a lot of glorious things for his country. Whoop!

A corps of fifteen experienced volunteer nurses has been organized in this city for hospital and field service in the Northwest. They were together by J. F. Thomson, who is now in correspondence with Dr. Sergin, the chief of the medical staff at Ottawa, relative to their departure. He expects that they will leave here in time to join the troops at Qu'Appelle. The first minister increased to ten.

Notwithstanding the heavy rain, there was a strong muster of the Toronto field battery at the old fort last night, when a number of recruits were enrolled. Col. Gray warned his men not to leave town, but to be prepared for active service on Thursday morning, when they will be ordered to the front.

The list of artillery to be called out. In the meantime they will drill every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday night.

No less than forty-five applications have been made to the law respecting infectious or contagious diseases affecting animals; an act respecting elective substances; an act to amend the law respecting houses and other works constructed over or on navigable rivers under the authority of provincial acts; and an act to amend the act to encourage the construction of dry docks by granting assistance, on certain conditions, to the companies constructing them.

The house adjourned at 6 o'clock till 3 p.m. on Tuesday next.

**TAMAI TAKEN.**  
Gen. Graham Finding the Place Deceitfully Entered into Possession.

TUAKIM, April 2.—The whole British force advanced to Tamai to-day. The place was found deserted and Gen. Graham took possession of it. A spy reports that Tinkat is deserted.

The rebels retired from the Tushah hill without attempting to attack the British. The advance on Tamai will commence in the morning. The balloon used in observations to-day burst during a gale.

**DOMINION DASHES.**  
A part of the ice palace at Montreal fell with a tremendous crash yesterday morning.

Another shove has occurred on the St. Lawrence at Montreal. The channel now extends to the foot of the mountain. The net receipts of the Montreal gas company for last year were \$40,000 more than for 1883.

A boy in Montreal named Brown found cartridges on the street, and in trying to open it is exploded. The thumb and fingers of his right hand were blown off.

**A Disasters Failure at St. Catharines.**  
St. CATHARINES, Ont., April 2.—One of the most painful business failures that ever occurred in this community was reported in the city this morning, involving the large business establishment of N. & O. J. Phelps. The firm has sold mill, a hammer factory, a spoke factory, number yards, timber limits and interests in a score of different directions. All it seems are involved beyond the hope of recovery. The liabilities are about \$75,000.

**Arrested by Mistake.**  
Hamilton Times of yesterday: On Tuesday last the arrest of G. A. VanAllen was chronicled in the Times. Mr. VanAllen called to-day and said the whole affair was a mistake. He requested the publication of the following:

WELLAND, April 1, 1885.  
It is to be regretted that Mr. VanAllen, a charge of fraud on the part of the law, has been wrongly charged. It seems to have been a misunderstanding regarding a such by them.—E. H. HILLEN, police magistrate.

**Cross's Sentence.**  
BARRE, April 2.—Peter Cross, who killed David Hamilton in a respectable house at Orillia in June last, has been sentenced by Justice Galt to three years in the penitentiary. The jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter with a strong recommendation to mercy.

**An Infernal Machine at Trieste.**  
TRIESTE, April 2.—An infernal machine exploded in the office of Lloyd's agency here to-day. One man was mortally wounded.

**CABLE NOTES.**  
It is said the exile of the Orleans prince will be a feature of the new French premier's program.

Owing to the elasticity of M. de Freycinet, the new French ministry is called the India-rubber ministry.

Benjamin Davis, a London, Eng., solicitor, has absconded, leaving behind him liabilities amounting to a million dollars.

Russia is making efforts to put her navy in better condition. She has ordered a number of fast cruisers and torpedo rams.

M. Ferry attributes his defeat to being too much. A government that would keep in power must never let its troops get the worst of it.

A great number of tradespeople at Dublin have been warned that if they make any display of welcome to the Prince of Wales their windows will be smashed.

**Baptist Church News.**  
Six were baptized by Rev. Dr. Thomas, at the Jarvis street church, Sunday night. Special services have been held for four weeks in the Parliament street church, and a number have been led to decision for Christ. Last Sunday evening the pastor baptized thirteen, a number of whom are men and boys.

After the evening service at the Beverly street church, Sunday, the pastor baptized four converts on a profession of their faith in Christ. One of the baptized left for the Northwest, Monday, to fight the battles of his country.

During the past year the membership of the College street church, which is reported making the total 229. The Sunday school numbers over 300 scholars with 35 teachers.

**Good Wheat Prospects.**  
A gentleman who is in the interest of a leading house of Toronto has been making a tour of the western counties, says that the universal report is favorable of a grand prospect for the winter wheat, which is reported never to have looked better and to be quite safe from such frosts as might injure it after the melting of the snow.

## ACCEPTED PROPOSALS.

### RUSSIA AGREES TO EARLY OATH VILLES TERMS.

A rumor that the frontier line to be drawn in Afghan Territory—The Conference of the Viceroy and the Amir.

LONDON, April 2.—Lord Rosebery, in a speech last evening, said it was not the object of the government to patch up a temporary truce with Russia, but to arrange a permanent modus vivendi regarding their rights in Central Asia.

**The Best a Report.**  
LONDON, April 2.—Despatches from Kabul report that Sir Peter Lushington has decided to favor the establishment of a frontier line with Russia, but an arrangement a permanent modus vivendi regarding their rights in Central Asia.

**India as a Portion of the Empire.**  
RAWALPINDI, April 2.—The chiefs and princes of the whole empire who are now represented here have all earnestly demanded troops and money without which to uphold England in any possible difficulty with Russia.

**Russian Preparations for Peace.**  
ODESSA, April 3.—The fifteenth army division, stationed here, has been ordered to the Caucasus.

**The First Conference.**  
RAWALPINDI, April 2.—The first formal conference between the Amir and Earl Dufferin was held to-day. A grand Durbar has been fixed for Monday. Lord Dufferin offered the Amir a formal treaty recognizing the right of England to lay out and fortify the northwestern frontier of Afghanistan.

**Russia's Reply.**  
LONDON, April 2.—Russia's reply amounts to a virtual acceptance of the more important proposals of England.

**UPWARDS OF THIRTEEN HUNDRED Another Sweeping Victory for the Scott.**  
PALMERSTON, April 2.—The Scott act was carried in Wellington county to-day by upwards of thirteen hundred, Elora and Arthur villages being the only places to give a majority against it, the former giving 12 and the latter 10. The former gave a majority of