

under the command of Major Scriver, have just arrived, and imparted strength and confidence to all. At this moment a party of Volunteers headed by Major Stott, of St. Valentine have gone down to attack the advanced post of the rebels.* They have already begun the assault, and are destroying a bridge to prevent the rebels from advancing towards Napierville; and while a detachment of the enemy's rifles are vainly striving to interrupt this heroic achievement, Lieut. Col. Odell, with the main body, consisting of from 300 to 350 men, and supported by Major Scriver and March, have engaged the main body and rendered the action general. The order of battle adopted by the Volunteers on this eventful occasion, evinces a great deal of coolness and determination. It shews that they were wise in debate, as well as valiant in war; and that reflection had convinced them, that it was their paramount duty to uphold the supremacy of the law, and preserve the integrity of the country. Major March and Captain Straker occupied the right; the men under Colonel Scriver composed the centre and the left; and to Captains Fisher, Weldon, and Hays, was assigned the hazardous duty of flanking. The numerical force on both sides was nearly equal; but the Insurrectionists had the best position, and this, with their field piece, gave them a decided advantage. This action continued for nearly thirty minutes; and then the rebels fled in the utmost confusion, leaving eighteen of their party dead on the field, besides nine wounded, two of whom died soon after. Among the fruits of this victory, were the cannon, a large quantity of ammunition, nearly 300 stand of arms, and seven prisoners.

* This party consisted of Major Stott, his two sons, Robert and Obed, John M'Callum, Esq. of Odell Town, Mr. Duncan M'Callum of La Cole, and others. Major S. and his family resided in the midst of disaffected persons; but none evinced more coolness and bravery than himself, his sons, and the few Loyalists that lived in his neighbourhood. J. M'Callum, Esq. was Paymaster of the Battalion, and performed the duties of that office, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. It should be added that Mr. D. M'Callum, mentioned above, while trying to cut the beams of the bridge, received a severe fall, the effects of which he felt for some time after.