

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1908.

PASSING OF THE FRENCH HALF-BREDS OF THE RIEL REBELLION.

A Strong Passionate Race Who Have Disappeared—The Land Over Which That "Little War" Was Waged—New Light on Some of Its Phases.

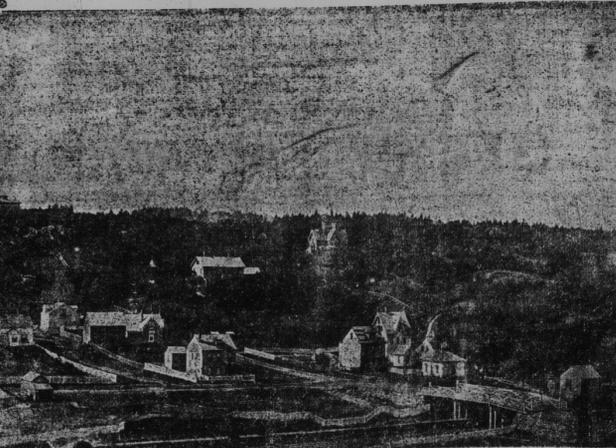
Duck Lake, N. W. T., Nov. 17.—German, Hungarians, Poles, Galicians, Menonites, Doukhobors, Scandinavians, Scotch, Irish, English, Americans, Canadians, even a few Hebrews, all in great coats of fur...

They were too proud to surrender promptly, and they were too confident that somehow the Deity would deliver them. "It was all foolishness," say the half-breeds now, but their courage and their devotion to their memories of the time are sore.

The 1885 rebellion of the Metis, or people of mixed blood—a term which the French among them prefer to half-breed, because it denotes that many of them were less than half Indian—arose from a complication of negligence and misunderstanding.

Probably nobody who has seen something of war could go about Batoche and not be glad that the Metis were not there. It is a place where the Metis were not, and where the English were not, and where the French were not.

OLD-TIME PICTURES OF ST. JOHN, NO. 3.



"The Valley" section of the City Forty Years Ago.

Forty years ago Winter, Wright and Stanley streets looked like the above. In 1868 there were just thirteen residences where today you can count homes by the hundreds.

Changes Bound to Come in Britain's Fiscal Policy. Events Shaping, Declares Hon. George E. Foster—Chamberlain's Schem Popular With the People—The Educational Campaign of Ex-Colonial Secretary Will Let Masses Possess.

The Montreal Star publishes the following account of an interview with Hon. George E. Foster on his arrival in New York last Friday. In reply to the question: "What in your opinion are the most important results that will follow from the Chamberlain campaign?" Mr. Foster replied: "One great result will be the thorough awakening of the British people to the importance and possibilities of the overseas dominions of the empire."

Will Mean Business Rush. Cuban Merchants Anxious as to Congress' Action Next Wednesday. Havana, Dec. 12.—The merchants of Havana universally assert that the passage of the reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba next Wednesday will result immediately in an extraordinary demand for American goods.

A Suppressed Ten-year Poem. In Harper's for December, J. C. Thomson has collected a large number of Thomson's suppressed poems, some of surprising beauty. Of the one quoted below and referring to America, Mr. Thomson rightly asks: "What reason can Thomson have had for suppressing such a stanza as this—"

Mount Allison Bazaar a Success. Sackville, Dec. 14.—The receipts of the Alumnae bazaar on Saturday night were \$111, making with the \$630 previously reported a total of \$741. Dr. Borden expects after expenses have been paid to net \$630.

HOW THE ENGLISH GAINED CONTROL OF THE ST. JOHN RIVER FROM THE FRENCH.

A Memorable Day in New Brunswick's History—Monckton's Expedition to Drive the Acadians from Their Settlements—Sylvanus Cobb and General Wolfe.

W. O. RAYMOND, LL. D. CHAPTER XIII.

The territory north of the Bay of Fundy, which now forms the Province of New Brunswick, was for nearly half a century a bone of contention between the French and their English rivals.

But as years passed on, and the growing power of the English colonies began to overshadow that of "La Nouvelle France," it seemed that the Anglo-Saxon race must in the end prevail.



MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT MONCKTON. (From a portrait taken when Governor of New York and Commander-in-Chief in America.)

Louisbourg surrendered to General Amherst on the 28th July, 1758, and a few weeks later Colonel Monckton was sent with a body of troops, flushed with their success, to drive the hapless Acadians from their settlements on the River St. John.

Robert Monckton was the second son of John, first Viscount Galway, by his wife Lady Elizabeth Manners, youngest daughter of the Duke of Rutland. He began his military career in Flanders in 1742, where he fought in several battles.

Sylvanus Cobb was born in Plymouth, New England, in 1709. Shortly before the capture of Louisbourg by Sir Wm. Pepperell, in 1745, he raised a company in his native town for Colonel Gorham's regiment and served with credit during the operations of the siege.

The troops that accompanied Colonel Monckton to the River St. John included several New England companies of Rangers under captains McCurdy, Brewer, Gorham and Stark, a detachment of artillery, the 2nd battalion of the Royal American Regiment and the 35th regiment of light infantry.