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# MONTREAL, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1885.

THE REBELLION.

A SHARP FIGHT WITH RIEL'S FOLLOWERS.

FORT CARLTON ABANDONED AND BURNED.

BATTLEFORD CAPTURED BY THE REBELS

ndians rising on the File Hill Reserve-The Sixty-Fifth Battalion to leave to-morrow -Archbishop Tache's lecture to his people-The question discussed by Parliament

OTTAWA, March 27.-The following tele-gram from Lt.-Col. Irvine to the Right Hon. Sir John Macdonald, dated at Fort Carlton, party of 100, went to Duck Lake to secure a large quantity of supplies there stored. We were met by some 200 rebels, who held an advantageous position at Beardy's Reserve, and endeavored to sur-round the police and civilians. The rebels fired first, when it became general. Crozier, owing to the disadvantage at which he was taken, retreated, arriving at the fort at the same time as my party. Ten civilians of Prince Albert and two policemen were killed and four civilians and seven constables wounded. The number of rebels killed is not known. The killed are Reg. No. 1005, Constable T. J. Gibson; Reg. No. 1065, Constable G. P. Arnold; and civilians: Captain John Meriton, W. Napier, James Bakely, S. Elliott, Robert Middleton, U. Mackenzie, D. McPhail, Charles Hewitt. D. Mackenzie, D. McPhail, Charles Hewitt, Joseph Anderson, Alex. Fisher. The wounded are Captain Moore, leg Droken; A. Mac-Nabb, W. R. Markley, Alex. Stewart, all of the volunteers. The Northwest Mounted Police wounded are :-Inspector J. Howe; Corporal Gilchnett are Annocco via the constable Garrett; Reg. No. 1,117, Constable S. F. Gordon; Reg. No. 1,045, Constable A. M. Smith; Reg. No. 1,048, Constable J. S. Moore ; Reg. No. 935, Constable A. Miller. The situation in the North-West was detailed in Sir John Macdonald's statement in the house this evening. Since then it is learned that, as a result of a cabinet council held at six o'clock, the Queen's Own Rifles, the 10th Royal Grenadiers, and the infantry school of Toronto, have been ordered to the scene of the trouble and will proceed immediately over the Canadian Pacific railway. The 65th Battalion of Montreal also has been ordered to hold itselt in readiness to move to the West. From the Toronto corps five hundred and eighty men are expected to be obtained, which, with "A" and "B" Batteries, will make a force of eight hundred men to reinforce the Winnipeg contingent of 300 men, making an aggregate strength with mounted police of seventeen hundred in the North-West within the next week or ten days. Lord Melgund left last night for Winnipeg. It is said on good authority that Riel has withdrawn from nominal leadership of the rebellion, and put in his place a puppit, hopinc thereby to save his neck.

route than by any other, taking into account the delay there would be in communicating with Washington. There are about 70 miles that will have to be travelled between the two ends of the constructed line north of Lake Superior, and we can confidently rely upon having snow there, so that we can do our transporting by sleight. The men can be carried across this gap, and it will do them no harm and make no material delay, and when they reach the other line they can go on safely by rail to Winnipeg, and, if necessary, without interruption to the Rocky Mountains. So far as we know, the whole hostile force is concentrated in the vicinity of Prince Albert or thereabouts.

that route. They will go quicker by that

## THE BATTERIES.

Hon. Mr. Blake-When is it expected the battery will be ready? Sir Joh Macdonald-It is ordered to go at

Hon. Mr. Caron-I may say that when we received the news which the leader of the government has communicated, and previous

the time that the news was communicated, the department had taken precautions to provide for the transport and subsistence of about five hundred men to be sent into the North-West. It is intended that one hundred men each from A and B batteries shall be conveyed immediately over the Canadian Pacific railway north of Lake Superior, and provision has been made that no delay will occur in transport. I may say that the batteries have been under moving orders for the last three days, and that orders have been given now that they shall leave immediately. I expect that a detachment from A Battery will leave Quebec to-night or the morning after.

Hon. Mr. Blake-Where is Gen. Middleton just now?

Sir John Macdonald-He is at Winnipeg ; but he telegraphs that he is going to move West to-morrow morning.

THE NEWS FROM WINNIPEG.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 27 .- News from the seat of the Northwest troubles is not reassuring to day and to some extent alarming. The result is that military manouvres con-tinue with unceasing activity. Gen. Middleton arrived this morning and is a guest at Government House. Attended by Deputy Adjutant General Houghton, he inspected stores, clothing, magazine and supplies at Fort Osborne. He is dissatisfied with the condition of the clothing, which has lain there since the last Riel rebellion, and is therefore untit for service. The rebels were at Batoche Crossing, South Saskatchewan, yesterday with four hundred armed men. Riel has issued an order not to molest white men, but is seizing arms and imprisoning officials of the government everywhere. Governor Dewdney denies the report of tam-pering with the mails, telegraphed yesterday. Horses at the mail stations were, however seized. Riel is reconnoitering between Duck lake and Prince Albert with six hundred armed men. Major Crozier, from Carlton, sent word to Battleford that an attack was expected. Big Bear, who was reported to have gone to Carlton, is still at Fort Pitt. Musket, chief of the Stonies, fifteen miles south of Battleford, offered one hundred men to aid the police.

for. One hundred and forty teams have been secured and are now at Qu'Appelle. They were hired from various points near Qu'Appelle. Each man furnishes own team and wagon. Anhis other hundred teams and waggons were sent forward by a special provision train which left for the West at noon to-day. This will make 240 teams in all. Each outfit receives SS a day, which will make the expenditure for the transport alone about \$2,000 a day, to say nothing of folder and provisions for the troops, a sufficient quantity of which will be taken to last about two weeks. Agents are being employed at points along the line of march to purchase and provide stores for the troops. The 90th rifles, field battery and cav alry were inspected at 2 p.m. and told to hold themselves in readiness to go to the front at six o'clock. Four hundred horses were pur-chased to-day and the city has a decidedly warlike appearance, but the citizens are cheer ful and confident that the blow when struck will be short, sharp and decisive.

## CROZIER'S FIGHT.

Later-Startling intelligence has been received by the chief officers of the Hudson's Bay company this afternoon. It announces the first collision of troops with the rebels near Duck Lake and not far from Fort Carl-ton. Celonel Irvine is said to have effected junction with Crozier at Fort Carlton. The latter made a sortie from the fort with 100 men to accure supplies from Duck Lake. They were intercepted by the rebels, who out-numbered them three to one. The civilians, under Captain Moore of Prince Albert, comprised half of Crozier's command. The rebels made an attempt to surround the police and first opened fire. The police and civilians re-sponded and the fight is reported to have become general for a time. Crozier, finding himself outnumbered and the rebels as well armed as himself, if not better, fell back slowly upon Fort Carlton. Ten civilians of Prince Albert are killed and two mounted police. Four civilians and seven mounted police are wounded. Of the regulars killed are Constables Arnold and Gibson. The wounded are Inspector Howe, Corporal Gilchrist, Constables Garrett, Gordon, Smith, Wood and Miller. The civilians killed are Capt. G. Merton, W. Napier, James Blakeley, Robert Middleton, D. Mackenzie, D. McPhail, Charles Newitt, Joseph Anderson, Alexander Fisher, and another whose name could not be learned. The wounded are Capt. Moore, in command of the civilians, shot through the leg, A. Macnabb, W. R. Markley and Alexander Stewart.

#### THE START FOR THE WEST.

There is now tremendous excitement and the troops have just embarked for the westat 7 o'clock in charge of General Middleton. The whole power of the nation will, it is felt, be put forth to crush the insurgents. necessary another regiment will be If raised here and equipped. There are retired officers enough here to command two regiments, and also volunteers enough to fill the ranks. The police and civilians are reported to have behaved nobly under fire. The rebel loss is believed to be large, but is not known on account of the police having to retire. Further news is awaited with anxiety, as it is believed the rebels will follow up their success by attacking Fort Carlton, where Col. Irvine and Capt. Crozier have now effected unction.

Lavigne, Lafontaine, Des Trois Maisons, Plinquet, Villeneuve, and Loduc. The regi-ment consists of eight companies, each composed of forty-two non-commissioned officers and meu, or in all about 375 men. The corps is one of the finest in the Canadian militin, and has always been renowned for its esprit de corps. The men, like their officers, aroall fine fellows, and will no doubt give a gold account of themselves, and nobly respond to the call of duty.

## AT TORONTO.

TORONTO, March 27 .- News from the North-West to-night of the collision between the rebus and mounted police has caused intense er eitement. Col. Otter has received instructions to hold himself in readiness to leave for the North-West to-morrow marning at ten o'clock in command of the Infantry School corps and 500 men of the Queen's Own and Royal Grenadiers. The fighting spirit of both regiments is thoroughly aroused and many express their pleasure at being able to take part in quelling the rebellion. The adjutants of both rogiments have been busy all night picking out the 250 men from each regiment. One thousand stand of arms were sent from here yesterday to Winnipeg, and a hundred thousand rounds of ammunition left Kingston yester-

day for the same destination. OTTAWA, Ont. March 29.-There has been no end of rumors respecting the situation in the North-West in the air for the past two days, but actual news is of the most meagre character. Stories to the effect that a second engagement had taken place and that the Winnipeg city hall had been blown up, which were bandied about last night and this morn-ing, are utterly without foundation. The position, in fact, has undergone little change, and is likely to continue as at present until reinforcements from Winnipeg reach the scene of hostilities. It has just been learned by despatch to the Minister of Militia from Mr. Wrigley, of the Hudson's Bay Company, at Winnipeg, that that company has received a despatch, via Battleford, from Mr. Clark chief factor at Carlton, to the effect that the post there has been destroyed and police and loyalists have evacuated it. Mr. Clark also telegraphs very important news that the loss of life in the engagement of Thursday was due to treachery on the part of the halfbreeds. It appears that Major Crozier, with a detachment of Mounted Police and the civilian force at Carlton, drawn from Prince Albert, moved forward on Thursday morning to hold a parley with the robels at Duck Lake, and, under a flag of truce, began com-munications with a view to a cessation of hostilities, and that it was while these were

is so greatly deplored. Factor Clark's telegram runs as follows :--"Evacuating Carlton for Prince Albert, after descroying telegraph and stores; Carlton fight commenced by half-breeds firing on police during parley with Major Crozier, under flag of truce.

proceeding, under the flag of trace, that the rebels opened fire upon the police and citi-zens' corps, and caused the loss of life, which

one company ; Colonel Osborne Smith, Winnipeg, a battalion of eight companies ; Captain Stewart, late of Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, a mounted corps of 160 to 200 men ; Col. Strange, of Calgary, a mounted corps of 150 to 200 men ; Captain Gishorne, cf Battleford, one company of infantry ; Col. Thomas Scott, M. P., a battalion of six companies and one company of infantry at Calgary ; Mr. J. K. Oswald, late of Montreal, proceeds at once from Ottawa to his present residence at Calgary to assist in the organization of corps there. Altogether the militia force organized for service numbers 2,660 mcn, a force more than ample to quell the most widespread uprising in the North-West.

## THE ROUTE.

The militia ordered to depart to the scene of operations will be transported by the C.P. R. direct via Winnipeg to Qu'Appelle, at which point there is a large depot of supplies and where the first detachment of Winnipeg volunteers already sent are quartered in the immigration sheds. They will not reach Qu'Appelle until about this day week. From Qu'Appelle they will have to travel on foot Qu'Appelle they will have to travel on foot to the Touchwood hills agency, thence to Humholdt, thence to Clarke's crossing on the Saskatchewan, should the middle crossing be eccupied by the rebel forces, and thence to the north branch to tribe the trail leading form Battleford to strike the trail leading from Battleford to Carleton. The total distance from Quebec to Carlton is 2,421 miles, 2,198 of which will be travelled by rail, except the Lake Superior gap of 40 miles, and the remaining distance, 223 miles will have to be travelled by foot. The following is a table of distances:

# Miles.

. . . . . . . . 2,421 Total In an interview this morning Senator schultz stated that he believed no large body of Indians will join Riel, because in 1869-70 he made the strongest efforts to receive their co-operation, but not one single Indian joined his standard.

## ARCHEISHOP TACHE

expresses indignation at being suspected of giving countenance to the insurrection. He says he got Riel out of one scrape, but now that he has got into another he must take the odium of it and suffer as he deserves for his indiscretion. The movement has no sympathy from the Roman Catholic church. Riel's mother and brothers reside at St. Vital, a short distance South of Winnipeg, but with the exception of his mother none of them know anything of his movements.

The half-breed settlement extends twentysix miles from Dumon's crossing to Prince Albert. From Batoche crossing to Carlton is

PRICE --- FIVE CENTS.

Firing was begun by the rebels while Major Crozier was holding a parley with Riel under a flag of truce. The engagement then was brisk, the police and volunteers having responded with a vigorous fire. The rebels are reported to have lost forty-seven men killed and wounded. The cannon of the mounted police rendered effective service in covering the retreat to Fort Carlton, and but for them almost inevitable disaster would have followed. A robel emissary who has been travelling around amongst the reserves on the Saskatchewan inciting to a rising was arrested at Fort Pitt. News has just been received of a concentration of Crees at Poundmaker's reserve, and that a delegation is on the way to Battleford to make a domand upon the authori ties. Capt. Norman of the mounted police hero approves of the action of Col. Irvine and thinks it a strategic move and that it will embarrass the rebels. It would also relievo the anxiety of the settlers at Prince Albert, one of the most populous districts in the North-West on the Saskatchewan. The report is current that Captain Moore died from the effects of the fight of Thursday, but it still lacks confirmation. Fort Carlton lies in a hollow on the South bank of the North Saskatchewan. The only buildings in the place are the fort and house to the east of the fort about fifty yards, occupied by Hon. Lawrence Clarke. There are no residents in the place save the mounted police and Hudson's Bay officials. The fort lies about fifty yards from the river, a flat bluff rising be-hind it to a height of 200 feet above the level of the river. The Indian reserve here is in charge of Farm Instructor Chaffey, but it is charge of Farm Instructor Unalley, out it in believed Indians and all accompany the police to Prince Albert, moving along the north bank of the river, and that they will be free from annoyance by the robels. The se-mail service has been interrupted via Duc Se-Lake and Prince Albert.

OTTAWA, March 30.

There was a rumor to-night that Farm In structor Nichols, near Qa'Appelle, had been murdered by Indians, but the story has not been confirmed and has not reached the Gov-ernment. The worst news of the day relates to the possibility of an Indian up rising. General Middleton telegraphed that the Indians are becoming unquiet, and that considerable apprehension prevails in the settlements near the reserve. Pondmakeand Little Pine, Gree chiefs, near Battletord, have donned their war-paint and col lected their warriors, and will join the rebels. Fondmaker's tribe numbers 156 and Little Pine's 421, or together 577, out of whom probably 250 warriors could be had The total number of Indians, nearly all Crees,

in the district to which the rebellion may extend is as follows :---At Fort Pitt, 1,190 : at Edmonton, 2,921 ; at Carlton, 1,791 ; at Battleford, 2,423 -- a total of 8,325, prob. one halt o whom a The Fenians are reported to be holding .. meeting at Fargo, Dakota. If Riel gets the Indians to act with him the Fenians may make a raid at the boundary, though the dis tance that would have to be traversed from it. renders it improbable that any large body of men will make the attempt.

## ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN.

A telegram from Mr. Egan, who is in charge of the traific arrangements of the Canadian Pacific Railway, states that at Oak Hill, a place on the line, a half-breed was arrested (said to be named Gourinne), attempting to presumed was for the purpose of preventing the 90th regiment from going on to Qu'Appelle. The prisoner stated that Riel had 1,500 men under him and six American cannon.

lu answer to Mr. Blake in the House of Commons last night, Hon. Mr. Caron said that in addition to the instructions given to have 100 men each from A and B Batteries sent over the Canadian Pacific railway, the government had also, since making the last statement, issued orders for 250 men from the Queen's own Riiles, Toronto, and 250 more from the 10th Royals, as well as S5 men from the C school of Infantry to be in immediate rediness for active service. The whole 580 men would be placed under command of Col. Otter and would be ready at a moment's notice to be transported to Winnipeg by the place themselves in readiness.

Mr. Blake asked if anything had been done with reference to the despatch of additional troops composed of volunteers in the Province of Manitoba.

Hon. Mr. Caron spid that orders were given two days ago for the 90th Battalion and half a battery stationed at Winnipeg to proceed to Qu'Appello. It was the intention of the government to organize a mounted corps, who would furnish their own horses, saddlery and arms, to be composed of men who were accustomed to the country and who were provided with about the best arms that could be found in such an emergency. This corps would be under command of Capt. Stewart, who was formerly in command of the Princess Louise dragoon guards here.

said steps were taken some days ago to communicate with Mr. Henry Abbott, brother of the honorable member for Argenteuil, who

## CROZIER HAS TWO HUNDRED INDIANS

under arms. He has also three pieces of ar tillery. Telegraph lines are working along the main line of road from Winnipeg to Ed monton, but the branch to Prince Albert is still down. A despatch from Battleford just received says that they have organized a company of forty-live men for service. They had not heard from Prince Albert for some days and have sent out a scout to investigate and expect he will return at noon today, if not interrupted. Captain Wastie, of Brandon, arrested a supposed emissary of Riel's agitating the half-breeds at Oak Lake, fifty miles west of that city on the Ca-nadian Pacific. His name is Louis Gouvinne. He had been sent with letters to the Indians and half-breeds at Broadview, Oak Lako and Bay St. Paul. He was captured at Broadview, his captors being mounted police. To their disappointplace an obstruction on the line, which it was ment, however, the papers were not found on him. The prisoner says he left Ricl six days ago and that he had then six American can-

ron and 1,500 men, and that he was being joined by American Indians. Major Crozier and his men, he says, have been made prisoners. The story is of course untrue, and sup-posed to be exaggerated. The prisoner was brought to Winnipeg by order of General Middleton and arrived here at nine o'clock in diately. charge of Captain Wastie. He is a man about 25 years of age, of average height, and good features for one who appears to - he more Indian than anything else, black shining eyes and glossy hair and a rather low forehead completes his physiognomy. He resembles a Montana cowboy. He wore civilized clothes, which appeared rather clean. He had a black slouch hat with a rather broad brim. Prisoner now stoutly Canadian Pacific railway. These were the denies any connection with Riel. He is, only troops so far that had been ordered to nevertheless, believed to be one of the gang who attempted to wreck the military train going west on Wednesday night near Old Lake. The train escaped, but a section man next morning found a large iron plate on the track and the prisoner a short distance off lurking in a suspicious manner. He is now in the police station.

Gen. Middleton, who takes charge of the arrangements of the expedition, arrived from Ottawa at 7 o'clock this morning. He was met at the station by Colonel Houghton and other officers of militin. He was driven to the government house at once, where he will have his headquarters until he leaves with the troops. All forencon he was active at Fort Osborne. The fire alarm sounded at 9.30 a.m., and the bugle sounded the alarm, the troops hurried to and fro very actively

Replying to Mr. Ives Sir John Macdonald and soon made a fine muster. The men are active and eager for the front. Although the Hudson's Bay Co. only received orders from the Dominion government the night is in charge as engineer of the construction before last to undertake the transport of on the Canadian Pacific railway, and he has troops from Qu'Appelle to Prince Albert, made all preparations for forwarding the such vigorous measures did the company take troops by that route. They must go by that the entire transport has been arranged

## "A" BATTERY STARTS.

QUEBEC, March 27 .- " A" Battery left tonight at 12 o'clock by special train, via the North Shore railway, en route for the North-West. Great enthusiasm prevailed at the departure; the band played the men to the station, and a large number of citizns saw them off. The detachment consists of one hundred men, under command of Captain Peters and Lieutenants Hudon and Rivers. They have all the necessary ambulance and ammunition with them, besides nine horses and two nine-pounder field guns. The mon are in the best of spirits.

#### THE NORTH-WEST MILITIA.

OTTAWA, March 27 .- The volunteers at Battleford have left that point to join Col. Irvine's force at Carlton. The settlers at all points are alarmed by the reports of the rising, and are organizing for defence if neces sary. At Winnipeg the excitement is intense. Two more regiments could be raised if neces sary. At Portage la Prairie, in three or four hours, sixty-five names were obtained for a local infantry company. An other was tele graphed to Col. Houghton, at Winnipeg, to lise a good company for active service imme-

## THE 65TH CALLED CUT.

Brigade Major Hughes at 10 o'clock last hight received the following despatch from Ottawa from the Adjutant General :---

"Call out 65th Battallion immediately for active service and report action and result.

W. POWELL (Signed), Adjutant General."

Major Hughes, on receipt of this telegram at once communicated with the command ing officer of the regiment, Lt.-Col. Ouimet, who at a late hour last night notified the adjutant and captains of the battalion. A conference was held, and it was decided to order the regiment to parade in the armory old City Hall, this morning at nine o'clock and Adjutant Robert will be in attendance to serve out the arms and accoutrements. The battalion was kept under arms for three hours. The officers who could not be seen last night were notified this morning, and proceeded at once to the armory. The officers say it will be forty eight hours before they can get the men together, as during the winter they are rather disorganized. The following particulars of the regiment will no doubt be of interest :--

#### THE ROSTER.

Lieut, Col. J. A. Onimet, commanding : Lieut.-Col. Hughes, major on staff; Major C A. Dugas; Capt. Robert, adjutant; Capt. Bossé, paymaster; Dr. Lachapelle, sur-geon; Dr. Mignault, assistant surgeon; captains in command of companies; Lieutenants : Messrs. Doherty, Stearns,

## ABANDONMENT OF CARLTON.

A despatch from Colonel Irvine to Comptroller White, of the mounted police, received this morning, states that the post at Carlton was accidentally hurned to the ground on Friday, but that all arrangements had previously been made for evacuating the post and retiring to Prince Albert. It is thought the post was destroyed by the police, as, finding his force inadequate to pro-tect both Carlton and Prince Albert, and the latter point being a much more im-portant one to garrison, Col. Irvine determined to retire upon Prince Albert with his

whole force. There is no special significance in this action, so far as can be judged. Col. Irvine has doubtless acted for the best, and knowing the strength of the rebels, has deemed it advisable to destroy the post (for it is not a fort), and supplies, in order that they may not fall into the hands of the insurgents. Prince Albert is the chief centre of population and trade in the district, having a population of about a thousand, chielly rhites, while Carlton comprises only the old Hudson's Bay post, a moderate sized log building, and not more than half a dozen persons are located there, so that it is of infinitely more consequence to protect Prince Albert than the old Hudson's Bay post, which has been used for some months past as a mounted police station.

In an interview this evening with the min ister of militia, who has been engaged all day in perfecting arrangements for the despatch of reinforcements, it was learned that an ambulance corps has been organized for the expedition and placed in charge of Dr. Douglas, a Victoria Cross man, who has had a large experience in the organiz-ation of ambulance corps in England. The force

UNDER MARCHING ORDERS

consists of the following: One hundred men of A Battery, Quebec, with two guns; one hundred men of B Battery, Kingston, with two guns; eighty-five men from C School of Infantry, Toronto; 250 men from the Queen's Own, and 250 from the Tenth Royals, Toronto, the whole Toronto contingent being under command of Col. Otter, formerly of the Queen's Own, now commandant of the School of Infantry in that city, and 280 men from Military District No. 3, under command of Col. Arthur Williams, M.P., in all a total of 1,165 men, in addition to the Winnipeg field battery of 60 men and six guns, now at Qu'Appelle under Gen. Middleton, and pushing to the front. Then the 65th battalion of Montreal has been called out, but not ordered to move until a further force is deemed necessary. There are, besides, drafted for immediate service fifty men from the Governor-General's Foot Guards, of Ottawa, under command of Capt. Todd, who muster at the drill hall to-morrow morning and proceed west in the afternoon. This completes the draft from the regular militia, but the

SERVICES OF VOLUNTEER CORPS are also to be availed of, and to this end the

Messrs. Prevost, Giroux, Roy, Peitras, following officers have been authorized to Larocque, Bauset, Ethier and Ostell; raise local corps, namely: Colonel Scott, of following officers have been authorized to and then by telegraph to Winnipeg. raise local corps, namely: Colonel Scott, of The following additional particulars have Regina, one company; Captain Wood, Birtle, been received of the fight at Duck Lake :---

17 miles, passing through Duck Lake. St. Laurent is the name applied to the balf-breed settlement referred to. There is a Catholic church four miles down the river and one at Duck Lake. Riel is understood to have made his headquarters at Ratoche crossing. He is thought to be the leader, as he was a captain in the buffalo hunts for many years, and is known as a bold and energetic man. He was in the habit of going buffalo hunting across the line, and had many encounters with the Sarcee, Pigeon and Blood Indians on the American side. It is estimated that there are at least one thousand male adults among the half breeds in that section. They raise cattle, farm a little, and are described as being generally in good condition.

## SUNDAY S DESPATCH.

WINSIPPE, Man., March 29,--Fort Carlton is reported to have been burned, said to be accidentally, but believed by military critics to have been done by Col. Irvine, as a military strategem to prevent it falling into the hands of the rebels, who thereby might secure aditional stores. sumplies and arms. If has been ascertained that there are not probably over five hundred armed men among the insurgents, although, could arms and ammunition be procured, probably three times that number could be placed in the field. The half-breeds are determined and seem resolved, now that blood has been shed, to fight, as they expect no inclulgence will be shown them by the authorities. If the news from Col. Irvine is at all favorable it is believed Gen, Middleton will move forward with the troops now under his command and not await the arrival of the troops now on the way from the East. Col. Strange, who raised a hundred men at Calgary, has been, it is rumored, ordered to repair with his men at once to Qa'Appelle to join the troops from Winnipeg, expected to begin the march to-morrow to Prince Albert to the assistance of the mounted police. Telegraphic communication is still interrupted between Clark's crossing on the main government line and Prince Albert. Messengers sent from Battleford to Fort Carlton have returned, being unable to force a way through the rebels, who seem to infest the whole country around the fort. A second battalion of in-fantry has been put in commission here, eight companies strong, for service in the city and is under command of Lt. Col. Osborne Smith, late Deputy Adjutant General of this military district.

#### THE BURNING OF CARLTON.

The report of the burning of Fort Carlton and its evacuation by the mounted police has been confirmed by a despatch received by Commissioner Wrigley of the Hudson's Bay company, from their chief factor Mr. Clarke. Col. Irvine with 260 police and volunteers left the post on Friday, the 27th, after burn ing the stores and other supplies likely to fall into the hands of the rebels. Its evacuation was rendered necessary from the lack of provisions to supply the increased force and the exposed character of the post in the event of an attack by the rebels from the surrounding hills. They have gone to Prince Albert, it being easier to defend and the larger settlement requiring protection. The only means of news now from Prince Albert will be by courier to Battleford, a distance of 120 miles,

BATTLEFORD CAPTURED.

OTTAWA, March 30-9 p. m. -- The most serious news of the day has just come in. namely that Pondmaker and Little Pine with force of probably a couple of hundred ha dians are marching on Battleford, where a detachment of mounted police are stationed and a volunteer militia corps exists, and are now encamped within three miles of that point, having moved forward five miles since morning.

WINNIPEG, Man, March 30.-News from Battleford is alarming, and the prospect of trouble with the Indians increases. All the Indians in that district are at Pondmaker'; reserve. They number some 500 and threaten the barracks. All the settlers and their families are in the barracks, where they have been placed for safety. Every man in fhe place has been enrolled for service. Thu Indians threaten to burn the town and work expected to come to-day to a pow-wow with the agent. The previous report as to the women and children leaving for Swift Cur rent station would seem to be contradicted by the above.

A later despatch received by the Hudson's Bay officia's this evening says " The Indiana came into the town this morning, numbering; between 80 and 100, almost all armed. I have just come in after having a talk with them. They seem unsettled and not at all well disposed."

Later-Despatches this evening from Battleford are more alarming. The Indiana gathered at l'ondmaker's reserve, it is said. over 500 strong, and are now encamped in sight of the town. They threaten to attack the barracks. The balf-breeds in the neighborhood have left the place, and it is feared they will join the insurgents.

#### THE TOWN CAPTURED.

March 31, 1 a.m.-The following despatch house. The inhabitants escaped to the police barracks, where they are now expecting an attack from the Indians, who are gathered on the south side of the Cattle river. " Telegraph communication is expected to cease at any monuent.'

## ANOTHER INDIAN RISING.

WINNIPEC, March 30,-A despatch from Qu'Appelle says a detachment of the Winnipeg Rifles and the field battery with one gun have gone to quell an Indian rising at the Vile Hill reserves. The report that Mr. Nichol. the Indian farm instructor, is killed is generally believed to be correct, and that the Indians, with emissaries of Riel, are in possession of the supplies. Those Indiana number nearly three hundred, and embrace the following chiefs :-Little Black Bear's reserve, Star Blanket's reserve, O'Kaniss's reserve and Pepekesi's reserve. They have hitherto been considered very peaceable and industrious? Indians. General Middleton, Lieut. Col. Houghton, Deputy Adjutant Gen-eral, and Commissariat. Officer Bedson wilk Continued on Eighth Page.