

# WEEKLY MONITOR SUPPLEMENT, May 13th, '85.

## The North West Rebellion.

WINNIPEG, May 8.—Col. Otter, with 230 men, started to Poundmaker's reserve of Friday afternoon, drove all night, and at 5.15 Saturday morning began a seven hour's engagement with the Indians. Eight of our men were killed and thirteen wounded. The attack was begun by the Indians suddenly, and it looked as if a trap had been set for us, into which we ran. The enemy was very strong, estimated at six hundred, and fought fiercely from cover, while we were comparatively open to their fire, fighting from the brow of the hill over a coulee. Five minutes after the first shot was fired we appeared to be completely surrounded. Fifty men were sent back to clear the rear. We had just passed through a deep gully thickly wooded and a swift stream running on one side. The men sent back made a brave dash and accomplished their object, thus lessening the danger of the situation. The fighting, which was all skirmishing, was over a large and uneven stretch of country and our men were working at a great disadvantage, but they stuck to it like heroes, and with bullets whistling in on them from almost every direction never flinched for an instant. Every corps continued steady on the aggressive, and by 10 o'clock the enemy was almost silenced. They resumed again shortly and the fighting was again heavy. The artillery with the two seven pounders and the galling did good work, repeatedly firing the enemy from their cover, and at 11 o'clock the enemy was again almost completely silenced. Colonel Otter had already given orders to withdraw from a position of such disadvantage. The Indians observing this tried to cut off the retreat of our men, who fought their way out inch by inch, the front always to the enemy. No praises sufficient to describe the bravery of our officers and men. Every one showed himself a hero. Col Otter with his staff was in every part of the field and his orders were as cool and decided as at a sham battle. The men were badly used up before the withdrawal began. Our force comprised 75 mounted police and scouts of "B" battery, the Ottawa guards, "C" company infantry school, part of the Queen's Own and Battleford rifles. It is thought that some 30 or 40 of the enemy were killed. The column returned to Battleford the same night. The wounded are all doing well.

Another fight took place at Batoche's Crossing, on the 9th inst. The troops left camp early in the morning, and after proceeding some distance heard heavy firing in the direction of the river where the steamer Northcote was supposed to be a signal was fired and the guns of the steamer replied. After pushing on some distance further, they were met by a party of the rebels. The remainder we give in Halifax Chronicle's correspondent own words:—

They fired and retreated behind a house towards a hollow. The galling was brought to bear on them, when they ran into the house; near the church of St. Laurent, which was also fired on by the galling, when they ran out into the bush. "A" battery by this time came up with a rush and got into position, sending several shells after the rebels. The royal grenadiers then dashed into action and deployed into line, continuing to advance in skirmishing order till the church was reached, when a priest came out of the house waving a white flag.

RESCUE OF THE PRISONERS.—Gen. Middleton and staff advanced and shook hands, when three other priests and five sisters of charity came out. A number of half-breed children were inside in charge of the sisters. Father Monlin informed me that the steamer arrived at a point a little above Batoche at 5.30 a. m. The rebels immediately commenced firing on it from both banks. It shortly after struck on a mud bank, but swung clear again, and just before our arrival passed the crossing. We just got a glimpse of the steamer down the river and she must have had a hard time, as the smoke stack was gone. The grenadiers still advanced in skirmishing order through the bush to the right of the trail, the galling being nushed forward down the declivity towards

Batoche, now plainly visible in the valley below. Here a battery unlimbered on the top of the ridges, sending shells into the rebels, and whilst doing so were almost surprised by a number of the rebels, who crept up through the bush and were not discovered until twenty yards distant when they made a rush for our guns, firing and yelling as they ran. Capt. Howard saw the danger and with cool daring ran his gun a couple of yards in front of his battery and opening fire

LITERALLY MOWED THE REBELS DOWN. Those remaining turned and ran. Reaching the shelter of the bush, they opened fire again. Howard's escape from injury was something marvellous. The bullets flying around him, he gallantly maintained his position and the rebels unable to stand the terrible fire, returned to the pit constructed in the ravine.

11 A. M.—As I now write Capt. French, with his scouts and a party of the dismounted men of a battery, are down in the ravine firing continuously on the left and centre, but scattered on the right. After gallant efforts to draw the rebels from the pits French's scouts and battery men retired.

The fight was still going on when this despatch closed, which was in Monday's paper. Nothing has been heard since as the wires were down. Only one man was killed up to date of writing. Riel's force is stated by a rescued prisoner to be only 400 and that when his ammunition was last dealt out, only one keg of powder remained. General Middleton immediately set about intrenching the camp as he is determined to hold his position.

Winnipeg, May 9.—A despatch received via Humboldt, and brought by a courier who left the camp at Gabriel's Crossing at seven o'clock on Friday night, reports orders were issued for the reveille to sound at four o'clock Saturday morning, preparatory to a march upon Batoche an hour later. Gabriel Dumont's house, near the camp, was burned on Friday by order of Gen Middleton. A French half-breed named Latte, who escaped from Riel's camp, came into our line on Friday. He states that there were only 45 half-breeds in the fight at Fish Creek, with a number of Indians. The loss of the rebels is put down at six killed and three wounded, and the names are given. He gives the strength of Riel's forces entrenched at Batoche as five hundred armed men, and that they resolved to fight to the bitter end. Riel has proclaimed himself a prophet. The half-breeds, should Riel attempt to desert them, would shoot him.

FORCES FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.—St. JOHN, May 11.—The excitement which has reigned here since the Riel rebellion broke out culminated to-night when word came that part of the 62nd fusiliers had been drafted for duty at the front. Officers and men alike have wished for this, and there was great jubilation among the corps when told of the news. Lieut. Col. Maunsell, deputy adjutant-general, to-night received a despatch calling on him to raise eight companies of the New Brunswick active militia and the infantry school corps located at Fredericton. The whole force will likely start in four days, and, besides the school corps, will comprise four companies of the St. John fusiliers, a company of the 71st battalion, Fredericton, a company of the 74th, Sussex, and one from the 73rd, Sussex. Colonel Maunsell is to go in command.

—The Bridgetown Brass Band gave a short open air concert on Thursday night last, on the balcony of the Grand Central Hotel. Quite a crowd gathered, which showed its appreciation of the music by liberal applause, and then when the list was passed around in a more substantial way to the tune of nine dollars. Councilor Mills from Annapolis gave the boys \$5.

—We beg to call our readers' attention to the high standing of the physicians who have used and who recommend EAGAN'S PHOSPHORUS in cases of Consumption, Scrofula, Debility and all Wasting Diseases. Such testimony in its favor is sufficient to warrant a trial of it. For sale by druggists.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

—Mr. Samuel Legg has moved his removed his watch making establishment into the store formerly occupied by W. M. Tupper. It is just opposite his old stand.

SEIZED FOR SMUGGLING.—On the 1st inst., Customs officer Maclaren, of St. John, visited Bear River, N. S., and seized the brig Sainval Colpel, which had arrived there from Delaware Breakwater. The brig is owned by E. Rice, of Bear River, and others, and is alleged to have been used in smuggling operations last year.

—A steamer of the White Cross Line, the Helvetia, had her bows stove in by the ice in the Gulf of St. Lawrence about a week ago. She commenced to leak badly and put back and headed for Sydney, but commenced to sink, and had to signal an Allen steamer that was passing for assistance. The passengers and crew were taken on board the Allen liner, and the German steamer almost immediately sunk. The Helvetia was 1109 tons, and commanded by Captain Schoonhoven, who was also commander of the Daniel Steinman when she was wrecked at Sambro, and this is his first trip across the Atlantic since.

—The Ideal Musical and Comedy Company exhibited in this town, in Victoria Hall, on Saturday and Monday nights last. The show has many excellent features. Mrs. Percival is a very fine violinist and her performances on this instrument were deservedly applauded and encored. Frank Mara is a first rate comedian, and his comicallities kept the audience in a perfect roar of laughter. Miss Mara supports him well in a number of his chief scenes. On Monday night, an exhibition of mind reading, spiritualism, etc., was given by Mr. Percival. His first feats were the mind reading and slate writing tests followed by an exhibition of table lifting. Two young men from the audience went up on the stage, and placed their hands on an ordinary table with Mr. P., and Mr. Mara. The table soon commenced to tip around in a lively fashion, and finally it was lifted bodily up from the stage by some unseen force, notwithstanding that the young men exerted all their force to hold it down. They finally jumped off the stage as if alarmed. This table lifting feat is a good one and is well worth seeing.

—The 2nd Quarterly Session of the Grand Division of N. S., was held at Weymouth Bridge, Digby Co., on Tuesday and Wednesday, 5th and 6th of May. The Session was opened at 8 p. m., May 5th, G. W. A. Wallace W. Mills, in the chair. The G. W. P. was unable to be present, owing to the bad state of the roads. The evening session was taken up by the initiation of members and reports of G. S. and committees. The report of G. S. ribs showed the order in a healthy condition with a net increase of 371 members. Total membership now is 17,024.

Receipts of the quarter general fund \$1,079.77; agency fund, \$450.64. Only 27 divisions out of a total of 297 have failed to forward capita tax for the past quarter. This is a good showing financially. 13 New Divisions have been added since the first of January. The meeting of Wednesday morning, was taken up with discussion on constitutional questions; the report of the G. W. P. and an interesting paper concerning Temperance work in B. randa. The afternoon was taken up by a debate on agency work and the state of the Order. A large deficit must be promptly met by Temperance people on the agency work must be curtailed. A public meeting was held in the evening with a fair attendance of young folk. G. S., B. A. Temple, Editor of "Clarion" and others gave addresses.

The scenery in and around Weymouth, especially at the mouth of the river, is beautiful and will well repay a visit.

An incident which produced some merriment occurred during the session. One of the G. D. representatives awoke at an

early hour to find that mother puss and a happy family of five had come to share his bed. The serenade, which followed, was duly appreciated by the representatives in the vicinity.

It was decided that these were too young for Sons of Temperance but might be called a Band of Hope.

—Rev. Frank Potter, just from London, Eng., a former student of Mr. Spurgeon's Pastor's College, is now with the Lower Granville Baptist Church.

## School Examinations.

The examination of the Mill School was held on Wednesday, April 29th, in the presence of a number of visitors. The scholars were examined in reading, spelling, geography, history, book-keeping, arithmetic and drawing, interspersed with recitations. The readiness with which the scholars answered the most difficult questions, showed that a large amount of work had been done during the term.

The teacher Mr. N. B. Dunn, has evidently done his duty thoroughly.

The exercises in arithmetic and book-keeping showed more than ordinary training, the most difficult questions being worked and explained by scholars, not more than 12 or 13 years of age.

At the close a spelling match was conducted. The prizes for the best spelling being carried off by Miss Ella Whitman, Amand Beals, and Asaph Whitman.

Prizes were given to Asaph Whitman, and Mary E. Dunn, for regular attendance, A. J. Beals, E. L. Whitman and Bertie Gates for good conduct.

The prizes consisted of nice books presented by the teacher. The trustees and visitors declared themselves well pleased with the progress of the school.

## A VISITOR.

CARLETON'S CORNER.—The public examination of the school at Carleton's Corner, took place on Wednesday, 29th ult.

This school is under the management of Mr. Levi M. Milbury, and the examination showed that he had been painstaking and consequently successful in his efforts to impart instruction.

Classes were examined in reading, spelling, history, arithmetic, geography, algebra, etc., in all of which it was evident that the students had made encouraging progress.

Some recitations were well rendered, adding interest to the exercises.

It is a pity that the attendance at this school is not larger. Surely parents are somewhat to blame when but eleven children out of all this extensive section could be found at an examination.

## Nemo.

Bridgetown, May 1st, 1885.

SOUTH FARMINGTON.—Not doubting that you take an interest in whatever relates to the educational progress of our county, we ask you for sufficient space for a short account of the closing exercises of the Farmington School taught for the last two years by Miss Bessie McGregor. The treating of this school has been of a most thorough and efficient description. It is a large school with but the one department, yet as much pains was taken to develop the interest of the smallest in the work before it, as was given to the most advanced pupil. McGregor had been a Normal student, which, we think always tells. Were every section of our province as fortunate as we feel that this school has been in its teaching department, who could measure the results of the men and women of the coming years. The best motives were set before the school and hopelessly dull must the pupil be who did not catch some idea of the *must* and the *ought* of life from Miss McGregor's teaching. As Miss McGregor, much to the regret of parents and trustees, resigns at this time her teaching duties, and as we think no notice of any previous examinations has ever been sent to you, and the examinations that we have attended, would any of them have done credit to our best Seminars we hope you can give us space for this.

NOTE.—The programme of exercises was given by our correspondent, but the limited space at our command this week makes it necessary for us to omit it.—[Ed.]