# HANG THE MURDERERS.

## GEN. MIDDLETON'S INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA.

**A Correct and Reliable Version of the Duck Lake Fight—Riel's Part in the Affair — Who Fired First and Who Fired Last.**

*From Yesterday's 7 a.m. Edition.*

WINNIPEG, Man., April 21.—A further interview with the Sioux braves captured at Clarke's Crossing has resulted in ascertaining that White Cast, their chief, was with Riel with all his lodges, most of whom are refugees from Minnesota in 1862.

Of halfbreeds there are 250 poorly armed. Nine lodges of Teton Sioux are on the east side with Riel and five lodges on the west side. Riel's Indian allies do not number more than one hundred. How many Crees there are between Batoche and Prince Albert the prisoners did not know.

Gen. Middleton, having been asked if it were true that he was ordered from Ottawa not to fire on the rebels, first, replied that it was infernal rot. His only instructions were to quell the insurrection and hang the murderers and the responsible head men. Those he would carry out. He thinks critics may animadvert if he divides his forces by crossing a portion to the other side of the Saskatchewan, and recognizes it as not being military, but if he attacks the west side the halfbreeds will retire into the Bird hills, which are a perfect cover if the attack is made from the east side. They can cross the ferry and hide in the coverts in and around Duck lake. He has now nearly 900 troops, but if the rebels go into the woods their number would be needed to drive them out.

A despatch from Medicine Hat reports that the Piegans and Bloods are assuming a warlike attitude. Settlers with their families are flocking into Macleod.

Col. Otter's column, including the Queen's Own, started at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon from Saskatchewan crossing on their march over the prairie for Battleford.

There is no news from Riel's camp, but three rebel scouts were seen at Touchwood yesterday endeavoring to incite the halfbreeds and Indians to rise and cut off supplies which are being advanced from Qu'Appelle.

The general has resolved upon the following plan of advance: Forty scouts under Capt. French, 90th battalion, Winnipeg field battery and 10th Royal Grenadiers will cross the river to day and to-morrow and will proceed to march down the river under command of Col. Montizambert. At the same time the balance of A battery, C company and Boulton's troops under Gen. Middleton will march down the river on the east side.

An attack may be looked for Wednesday or early Taursday morning.

The first division of Calgary troops destined for Edmonton, starts to-day. It will be composed of the right wing of the 65th, four companies, under Col. Hughes, and twenty Northwest mounted under Major Steele.

The second division will follow shortly. It will comprise the left wing of the 65th, twenty mounted police and one gun under Capt. Perry.

The third division will move when transport is available. It will comprise four companies of the Winnipeg light infantry under Col. Osborne Smith and the Alberta Mounted rifles under Major Hutton.

John Kerr, who escaped from Prince Albert, says Riel personally directed the pillage of his shop, telling his followers to appropriate all the ammunition and guns in the place. They secured six double-barrelled shot guns; two rifles and a considerable quantity of ammunition. Having ransacked the store they released the occupants on parole. The insurgents then went across the river to Walters & Baker's store, where a similar demand was made for guns, etc., which Walters refused to obey. Gabriel Dumont, pointing a gun in a threatening manner at Walters ordered him upstairs. The command was obeyed with alacrity. The store was depleted of its contents. The insurgents were to the extent of about one-half armed with shot guns and rifles.

The Kerr brothers were rearrested for advising the telegraph repairer named Caswell to fly or he would be arrested and brought before the council of twelve, all halfbreeds except Jackson, an Englishman. The council had a meeting in Garnat's house, near Batoche's crossing, where the prisoners were examined. Riel asked the council to deal leniently with the prisoners, saying he had always found them good fellows, and the result was they were dismissed with "Don't you do it again."

The Kerrs had returned to the crossing and were only there a short time when a friendly halfbreed came down on horseback and told them to get out if they were desirous of continuing to enjoy happiness in this world. They fled and took refuge in the house of a halfbreed three miles from Duck lake.

The firing at the Duck lake fight lasted twenty-six minutes. Shortly after the fight a halfbreed who had taken part gave Mr. Kerr the following version of the battle: About thirty rebels under Gabriel Dumont were en route to take Carleton. They were only the advance guard, as Riel was two miles behind with 250 halfbreeds and Indians. There were about fifty whites, eight of whom were police and the remainder volunteers. Mr. Kerr states that the halfbreed told him distinctly that Major Crozier was not in the fight, and if he was he remained in concealment.

Kerr states that McKay, justice of the peace, was the leader of the whites, and when within 100 yards of the rebels he walked forward and met Dumont. The latter ordered McKay to surrender his arms, but the latter refused and said he was after Riel, Jackson and Dumont. The latter, who was mounted, then swung his rifle around his head and struck at McKay, but the latter avoided the blow and both men returned to their respective forces. In the meantime the rebels scattered in the bushes and their opponents did likewise. The whites had come mounted and with bob-sleighs and had their guns with them. When they sighted the enemy they turned their horse's heads towards Carleton. Mr. Kerr said the whites fired the first shot and immediately afterward the firing became general. The shooting on either side had very little effect until the whites were retreating when they left themselves open to the enemy, when they sustained heavy losses.

Five halfbreeds and one Indian were killed.

Kerr said that one of the volunteers who had been seriously wounded implored the rebels to spare him. The poor fellow's pleadings had no effect upon the cruel wretches, who shot him through the heart.

Kerr said that when he left Batoche the rebel army numbered 500 strong, 175 being made up of Cree and Teton Sioux Indians and the balance of halfbreeds. The latter body is composed of men who followed agriculture and freighting for a livelihood.

Speaking of Riel, Kerr said he was a crank and that he made the halfbreeds and Indians believe he was superhuman.

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"I do not like thee, Dr. Fell,"
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—It has often been wondered at, the bad odor this oft-quoted doctor was in. 'Twas probably because he, being one of the old school doctors, made up pills as large as bullets, which nothing but an ostrich could bolt without nausea. Hence the dislike. Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Pleasant Purgative Pellets" are sugar-coated and no larger than bird shot, and are quick to do their work. For all derangements of the liver, bowels and stomach they are specific.

## HE SAW THE FALLS.

BY LUKE SHARP.

At the Falls of Montmorency, below Quebec, there is an hotel by the roadside where you pay twenty-five cents to a woman who can't talk English and in consideration of this sum you are allowed to see the falls. A young fellow paid just as I left the house to walk across the fields to the steps in front of the falls. He came running after me. He was very anxious to see them. He had walked all the way from Quebec—about nine miles—and now his impatience was getting the better of him.

"You paid first," he said, "but would you mind my going down the steps ahead of you?"

"Not at all," I said. "I guess, though, the steps are wide enough for two to go down."

"I suppose so, but I want to get there before a crowd comes. I hate a crowd. I want to enjoy the falls alone."

"It is too late in the season for a crowd. I don't suppose anyone has been here for a month."

As we came to the long stairway he hopped merrily down, two stairs at a time. Suddenly his feet went out from under him and he went down the stair, which is very steep, in a sitting posture, giving a shriek every time he hit a new step. There were several platforms, but he shot over them with incredible swiftness in spite of all his efforts to stop, and at one time I thought nothing would save him from going right down into the current. However, he flung his arms around one of the railing supports and hung on there seemingly panic stricken till I reached him. I found that after the first few top steps the rest had been covered with spray that had frozen and made every step as slippery as glass. It required a good deal of caution and a persistent clinging to the rail to get down in any other way than the somewhat hurried plan my new acquaintance had so thoughtlessly adopted. "You are too impatient," I said soothingly. "You shouldn't have done that. Do you think twenty five cents pays for such wear and tear of the steps as you put them to. This is not a tobogganing slide you know."

"For heaven's sake," he cried, "how am I to get up again?"

"I guess we'll both get up the same way. Hang on where you are and look at the falls."

"Falls!" he said in disgust. "I've had about 500 seperate and destinct falls. Falls enough to last me until next seasop. When I visit Montmorency again it will be in summer."

And with that he crawled up on his hands and knees, and I saw him no more.

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