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ING AND PUBLISHING COMPANY, TORONTO.

**THE SITUATION AT THE  
FRONT.**

SINCE our last issue went to press, fuller  
information has been received, which  
shows that Gen. Middleton gained a com-  
plete victory at Batoche, and the latest  
accounts say that nine of our men were  
killed and forty-two wounded, the rebel  
loss being estimated at 81 killed and 173  
wounded. The Midland Battalion shared  
with the Royal Grenadiers the honors of  
the bayonet charge. The General is now  
proceeding to the relief of Battleford, and  
to enquire into the cause of Col. Irvine's  
failure to co-operate. The submission of  
the half-breed insurgents is complete and  
satisfactory.

Gen. Strange's expedition from Edmon-  
ton is still on the warpath, but little infor-  
mation arrives from that quarter.

Col. Otter's brigade remains inactive  
until the General has completed his  
present operations. There are various in-  
dications that show the recent injudicious  
attack upon Poundmaker to have been  
without orders. The rebel Indians have  
in consequence become so bold that they  
have effectually cut communications be-  
tween Battleford and Swift Current.

It is to be expected that General  
Middleton will soon proceed to Battleford  
and open a vigorous campaign against the  
hostiles.

TORONTO, May 20th, 4 p.m.

THE next issue of the CANADIAN PIC-  
TORIAL will contain a fresh batch of  
sketches from our special artist with Gen-  
eral Middleton's command, and among the  
subjects of which illustrations will appear  
are the bayonet charge made by the Mid-  
land Battalion at Batoche, the 65th Bat-  
talion at Port Arthur, a whole page de-  
voted to the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford,  
and examples of practical surgical appli-  
ances in the field, together with portraits  
of general interest. It should be under-  
stood, however, that the arrival of fresh  
sketches from the front may necessitate  
the holding over of some of the subjects  
now in hand.

**OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.**

**A LOOK-OUT ON THE QU'APPELLE  
TRAIL.**

COL. O'BRIEN'S command, composed chiefly  
of the companies of his own corps, the 35th  
Battalion (Simcoe Foresters), were for some  
time quartered at Fort Qu'Appelle, and to its  
presence is doubtless due the subsidence of  
the hostile attitude at one time assumed by  
the local half-breed population and by the  
Indians on the File Hills reserve in the  
immediate vicinity. No one who reads the  
following translation of a letter sent by the  
crafty Riel to his compatriots in the Qu'Appelle  
Valley, can for a moment doubt the wisdom  
of Gen. Middleton in retaining a sufficient  
force at that point to overawe the disaffected:

"DEAR RELATIVES,—We have the plea-  
sure to let you know that on the 20th last  
month God gave us a victory over the  
Mounted Police. Thirty half-breeds and  
some five or six Cree Indians have met 120  
Mounted Policemen and volunteers. Thanks  
to God, we defeated them.

"Let you, dear friends, be courageous. Do  
what you can, if it is not already done. Take  
the stores, the provisions, and the ammuni-  
tion, and without delay come this way, as  
many of you as possibly can. Send us word.  
(Signed) "LOUIS DAVID RIEL."

(Followed by twelve names, which had  
better be kept secret at present).

"NOTE.—The Mounted Police are making  
preparations for another attack. They are  
gathering themselves into one force, and  
there should be no delay. Come and reinforce  
us. (Signed) L. D. RIEL."

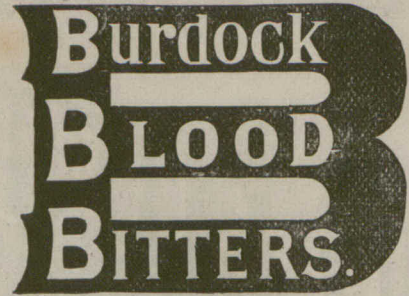
Now, though it is stated from various  
quarters that Riel is certainly mad, there  
must be "considerable method in his mad-  
ness," if his case is to be judged by that letter  
as a symptom. To the tact and forethought  
of Col. McDonald, the Indian agent, who  
secured the above document before it had  
circulated generally among the half-breeds  
and Indians, may be fairly ascribed the credit  
of defeating the evil purposes of the wily  
rebel. Other communications had, however,  
so disturbed the minds of the native popula-  
tion that the sentries of Col. O'Brien's garri-  
son were frequently fired upon after dark,  
and there were many other signs of latent dis-  
affection. Our illustration exhibits a Simcoe  
Forester posted as a look-out on the trail  
from Qu'Appelle to Touchwood. The day is  
fine, the sky is clear, and he avails himself  
of a favorable opportunity to loosen his boot-  
laces and ease his blistered feet, which have  
suffered by frequent marching in boots far  
better adapted to city pavements than to coun-  
try uses. He is evidently calculating whether  
time and circumstances favor his cooling his  
pedal extremities in the nearest puddle with-  
out incurring the observation and reproof of  
the sergeant commanding the outpost.

**DEPARTURE OF THE MONTREAL  
GARRISON ARTILLERY FOR  
WINNIPEG.**

WE furnish our readers with two illustra-  
tions from sketches taken on the spot, in con-  
nection with the departure of the Montreal  
brigade of Garrison Artillery, which has just  
been called out for duty at Winnipeg. The  
first represents the Sunday parade for divine  
service at St. Paul's Church, where a very  
impressive sermon was preached by the Chap-  
lain, the Rev. Thomas Barclay, M.A.

The second furnishes an animated picture  
showing the brigade embarking for Winnipeg  
at the Canadian Pacific Railway Station, near  
Dalhousie Square.

Owing to a wash-out on the Pacific Railway,  
the first order for immediate departure had to  
be cancelled; consequently the men had  
been under constant exercise during the day  
on the Champ de Mars, and in the evening in  
the drill room, which will be of great benefit  
to them hereafter. On the 11th inst., at  
noon, the brigade, about 275 strong, under  
the command of Lt.-Colonel W. R. Oswald,  
took their departure from the Pacific Railway  
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