

Indian rebels, and found traces of them everywhere. The Volunteers steps were dogged as they moved. Scouts on horseback followed parallel to their march. Endless perplexing trails, running in circles or lost in water, were prepared for the special embarrassment of the white men, and the Indians' audacity was carried to the point, in one instance, of a chief coming to warm himself at a camp fire, before Mr. Cox's men had marched two hundred yards from it.

No success appears to have attended the frequent rifle bullets which were aimed at the Indians, and conciliation appeared hopeless. The Murderers had abandoned all idea of mercy, and thought only of selling their lives dearly. A melancholy incident attended the march; Mr. McLean, contrary to the wishes of Mr. Cox, went in search of the natives, in company with a single siwash. He fell into an ambush and was shot through the heart.

14. The Alexandria party having returned to Menohe, entertaining the Governor believes, no intention of renewing the pursuit of the Murderers until the advent of winter should drive them down from the mountains, His Excellency gave orders for the New Westminster party, now restored to completion, to