

EXTRACTS FROM DIARY.

1837.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—A bright, cold day, streets very animated and crowded with sleighs. Another set of prisoners removed up to the new Jail, among them Jalbert, the assassin of Lieut. Weir,* and Bouchette, the Surveyor-General's son, and Dr. Kimber—all pinioned and escorted by riflemen and cavalry. Saw letter from Mrs. Kimber to Sir John, commencing: "General—Grace pour mon mari." Sir John intends to proceed himself to the attack of St. Eustache to-morrow. Had letter from my brother at Toronto. All in arms there. Several persons murdered.

Dec. 13.—The expedition set off for St. Eustache with Sir John and his staff at its head, attended by escorts of cavalry. A large crowd of spectators attended and cheered enthusiastically. They are to rest to-night at St. Martin's, and then proceed on to St. Eustache to-morrow. Walking down Notre Dame Street saw great commotion, and the soldiers turned out before the prison barracks and cavalry riding up. Wolfred Nelson† and Dr. Valois were brought in by some Americans and were being lodged in the Jail. As they passed through the gates the crowd howled and uttered hideous cries of execration. The sentries everywhere almost are volunteers. The sleighing still good. Mournful separations to-day.

*Lieut. Weir of the 32nd Regiment. He had been sent on 22nd November, 1837, with despatches to Sorel, mixed connection with Colonel Gore's column, was taken prisoner by the rebels, and in attempting to escape was cut to pieces on the morning of the 23rd.

†Dr. Wolfred Nelson, a friend of Papineau, took an active part in the rebellion in Lower Canada. Colonel Gore, with an armed force of about 250 men of the 24th, 32nd and 66th Regiments, was sent to arrest him at his house. He and his friends made such a determined resistance that the troops had to retire. Dr. Nelson escaped to the frontier, was taken prisoner and confined for seven months in jail. He was then sentenced to transportation for life, and sent with other prisoners to Bermuda. The House of Lords declared this sentence illegal, and they were all released in 1838.