

veyor-general, was admirably conducted, and they were assisted in the most efficient manner by a number of ladies, most or all of whom were Sisters of Charity, or of the order of St. John the Divine; and that constant friend of Canada Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, foremost as she has ever been when any good work was to be done for this country, sent out many hospital stores, and a surgeon of her own selection, for the purpose of dispensing them. Nothing was wanting to the comfort of those who were wounded or ill and in hospital from other causes, and it will be a source of pleasure to the House to learn that the recoveries were remarkable, owing chiefly, no doubt, to skilful medical attendance and good nursing, and partly perhaps to the climate where the operations were being conducted. The commissariat service was placed chiefly with the Hudson's Bay Company, and I observe that my hon. friend the Minister of Militia speaks of the officer who had charge of it, Mr. J. Wrigley, in the highest terms, and says that his activity and zeal and tact did him honour. While all behaved so well it would be invidious to mention individuals, nor is it usual, and therefore this vote of thanks is confined by name to General Middleton; and all the others deeply and justly entitled to the thanks of the country are grouped under the ordinary phrase of officers and men, including the North-West Mounted Police who did excellent service there, although the main body was for a long time obliged to remain inactive at Prince Albert, but a detachment did excellent service at Battleford, and the advance upon Poundmaker and elsewhere in that, and other sections of the country. This House, however, will, I am sure, grant me its pardon in so far departing from the rule I have adverted to as to do it as well as myself the pleasure of referring to the gallant services of Lieut. Pelletier, the son of our colleague, the hon. member for Grandville (Mr. Pelletier), who was wounded in the advance under Col. Otter upon Poundmaker. Happily he has recovered, and is now, I believe, on his way home with the Quebec *Voltigeurs*. I congratulate my hon. friend upon having a son who has so well discharged his duty, and of whom he has such just reason to be proud. I move with every confidence, hon. gentlemen:—

1. That the thanks of this House be given to Major-General Frederick D. Middleton, C.B., for the distinguished skill and ability with which he conducted the military operations in the North-West Territories, which resulted in the suppression of the rebellion against the authority of Her Majesty.

2. That this House doth acknowledge and highly approve the gallantry, discipline and good conduct displayed by the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Militia Force of Canada and of the North-West Mounted Police in the suppression of the said rebellion.

3. That this House doth acknowledge with admiration the distinguished valor and conduct of those who perished during the operations in the North-West in the service of their country, and desires to express its deep sympathy with their relatives and friends.

4. That Mr. Speaker do communicate said resolution to Major-General Frederick Middleton, and that he be requested by Mr. Speaker to signify the same to the several officers and men referred to therein.

HON. MR. SCOTT—I am sure, hon. gentlemen, that there can be but one feeling in this chamber on the propriety of this motion. The Canadian troops, under Major-General Middleton, have promptly and successfully quelled the insurrection in the North-West, and it is a fitting tribute that the Parliament of Canada should offer this vote of thanks. In the Imperial Parliament we know that votes of thanks of this kind are of frequent occurrence. The leader of the Government, in introducing these resolutions to our notice, remarked the few occasions, if any, on which a proposition of this kind has been submitted to Parliament. I do not, myself, recollect any occasion on which we have been asked to put on record a vote of thanks to a Canadian army. When the occasion did arise to call forth our militia and test the courage of Canadian troops it has been gratifying to see how our citizen soldiers have established their claim to the good opinion of us all. (Cheers.) When Parliament met in January, none of us had the most remote conception that there was a domestic warfare looming up in the distance, and we were all shocked when the news reached us of the occurrence at Duck Lake. The public mind over the Dominion felt that prompt action was necessary in order to preserve the peace of the Dominion. The call for volunteers went