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I promise thee all joyous things,
That furnish forth the lives of kings!

For every silvery, ringing blow,
Cities and palaces shall grow!

Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree;
'Till wider prophecies to me.

When rust hath gnaw'd me deep and red,
A nation strong shall lift her head!

Her crown the very Heav'n shall smite,
Æons shall build her in their might!

Bite deep and wide, O Axe, the tree;
Bright Seer, help on thy prophecy!

[FOR THE CRITIC.]

JOTTINGS FROM OTTAWA.

The frequent threats of exposure by interested parties of General Sir
Fred. Middleton's peculiar treatment of the property of law-abiding citizens
in the North-West Territories during the late rebellion have at last culminated
in the appointment of a Parliamentary Committee to investigate the charges
against him. It would seem from all accounts we have heard that the
doughty General, while

"Seeking the bubble reputation
Even in the cannon's mouth,"

was so mindful of the moral welfare of his troops that, lest they might be
tempted in the rashness of youth to disregard the laws of *meum and tuum*
towards any valuable furs they found lying around loose during their occu-
pation of the Territories, he lost no opportunity to expropriate every-
thing he saw in that line himself, and, with large-souled disinterestedness,
never stopped to enquire to whom the furs belonged or whence came his
right to interfere with them. The evidence taken at the first sitting of the
Committee shows that Mr. Reed, the Assistant Indian Commissioner, had
given orders to have a portion of the half-breed Bremner's furs at Battle-
ford packed up for Gen. Middleton, and that orders for more furs had come
in signed by the General himself. In explanation of Mr. Reed's connection
with the General's unique venture in the fur industry, the former's counsel
informed the Committee that the General had told him (Reed) that *the furs*
ought to be confiscated, and some put up for the General and his staff!
It was upon this expression of opinion that Reed acted in giving the order
above referred to. Sir Fred. has not yet appeared before the Committee,
but Mr. Gormully, his counsel, alleged as a reason for the seizure of the
furs that the General believed Bremner was a rebel, and, consequently, he
considered the furs liable to confiscation. It is not stated what grounds
existed to create such a belief in the upright breast of the hero who would
have lost Ratoche if his plucky subordinates had not taken the business
into their own hands, and it is certain that if any there were, they were
misleading, for Bremner was undoubtedly a loyal half-breed throughout the
conflict. But, however that may be, the question now to be settled to the
satisfaction of Bremner and the public is what eventually became of the
furs? Even at this early stage of the Committee's proceedings it is proved
by a witness from Battleford that two boxes of furs had been packed up for
General Middleton upon Mr. Reed's order, but what was thereafter done
with them has not yet transpired. Other witnesses are to be had who may
be able to speak as to the history of the goods after they were so packed up
with the General's name upon them, but, whatever was done with them, it
is quite certain they were never given back to Bremner, and, inasmuch as
they were taken from him through Middleton's orders, the burden is upon
the latter to show what was done with them.

The whole transaction is a bad piece of business for a man in Middleton's
position to be mixed up in. Even if he truly believed the man to be guilty
of treason, he had no right to seize his goods. Such a high handed
proceeding would not have been tolerated under the mediæval law of England
respecting treason, where forfeiture of the offender's goods took place *after*
conviction, much more is it unwarrantable under the law of treason as it
obtains in the North-West Territories, wherein there is no provision for the
forfeiture of the offender's goods whatsoever. So it will be seen that no
matter whether he actually took the furs into his own possession
or merely left them packed up in the barracks at Battleford, General
Middleton was guilty of a trespass to Bremner's property in interfering
with it as he did, and is answerable for its value. In endeavoring to explain
his action, he is on the horns of a dilemma, just in this way,—either he
acted as he did under the impression that he had the power to do so, which
presupposes an ignorance of the rights and duties of his office amounting to
rank incompetence; or else his action was prompted by a desire to mis-
appropriate the goods, which would demand his instant degradation and
dismissal from office.

Of course such things are unpleasant to talk about, but the public
welfare demands that a man who sits in so high a place as that of the General
Officer commanding the Militia should be above the suspicion of official
wrong-doing, whether by ignorance or guile. Looting as a concomitant of
military exploits is a barbarism happily long gone out of fashion, and one is