

PROPOSED LAND GRANT TO VOLUNTEERS.

THE following resolutions contain the details as to the grants of land, or scrip in lieu thereof, proposed by the government to be granted by Parliament, to men who have served in suppressing Riel's second rebellion.

Resolved, 1. That it is expedient to recognize the services of the militia force in suppressing the outbreak in the North-West by giving each man, in addition to the pay and allowances to which he is entitled, a grant of land, upon certain conditions, or of scrip redeemable in land, and that the grant should be made in such form as would be conducive to the actual settlement of the public lands of Canada.

2. That in order to give effect to the foregoing resolution the Governor-General in Council be authorized to grant to each member of the militia force bearing arms in the suppression of the outbreak and serving west of Port Arthur since the 25th day of March last, including officers, non-commissioned officers, and men, a free homestead of two adjoining quarter sections, comprising 320 acres in all, of any even-numbered section of unoccupied and unclaimed Dominion lands in Manitoba or the North-West Territories, for homestead and pre-emption entry, subject to the condition that the grantee or his duly constituted substitute shall have selected and entered the said two quarter sections in the Dominion Land Office for the land district in which they may be situated on or before the first day of June, 1886; provided that the said grantee or his substitute, as the case may be, shall perfect the entry made as above provided by commencing actually to reside upon and cultivate the land within six months from and after the 1st day of June, 1886, and shall thereafter continue to reside upon and cultivate the said land for the period; provided, further, that no substitute to be selected by a grantee shall be a person who is not eligible under the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act, to obtain entry for a homestead. Provided, further, that in case a substitute be selected by a grantee as hereinbefore provided, the land shall be entered in the name of the substitute, and upon compliance with the condition in that behalf prescribed by the homestead provisions of the Dominion Land Act, the patent for the two quarter sections shall be issued in the name of the said substitute.

3. That any person entitled, under the foregoing, to select and enter, either by himself or his substitute, 320 acres of land and a homestead in the manner, and subject to the terms and conditions, hereinbefore prescribed, may in lieu thereof, if he so chooses, receive scrip for \$80, which shall be accepted in payment of any Dominion lands open for sale, or in payment of pre-emptions or of rents of Dominion lands leased for grazing or hay-cutting purposes; but any person choosing to take scrip shall notify the Minister of the Interior of his choice on or before the first day of June, 1886.

4. That all grants of land or scrip shall be made by the Minister of the Interior upon a warrant in favour of a person entitled thereto issued by the Minister of Militia and Defence, which shall be recorded in the Department of the Interior, and further, that all scrip which may be issued shall be subject in all respects to the provisions of said clause twenty-one and of clause twenty-two of the Dominion Lands Act.

5. That the entries to be made and the patents to be issued hereunder shall not be subject to the dues and charges exacted in case of ordinary homestead entries.

THE STORMING OF BATOCHÉ.

IN his official report of the fighting at Batoché's, Gen. Middleton says of the famous charge on the last day:—

"After the men had had their dinners they were moved down to take up the old positions and press on. Two companies of the Midland, sixty men in all, under Lieut.-Col. Williams, were extended on the left and moved up to the cemetery, and the Grenadiers, 200 strong, under Lieut.-Col. Grasset, prolonged the line to the right beyond the church, the 90th being in support. The Midland and Grenadiers led by Lieut.-Cols. Williams and Grasset, the whole led by Lieut.-Col. Straubenzie in command of the brigade, then dashed forward with a cheer and drove the enemy out of the pits in front of the cemetery and the ravine to the right of it, thus clearing the angle at the turn of the river. During all this time a heavy fire was kept up from the other side of the river which annoyed our advance. This was kept down as we best could by a few of the Midland Regiment in pits on the bank of the river, and one company of the 90th Regiment was sent to support Lieut.-Col. Williams on the extreme left. The Midland Regiment and Grenadiers kept pushing on gallantly, led by Cols. Straubenzie, Williams, and Grasset, until they held the edge of the bluffs, surrounding the left part of the plain, where the houses were. Just before this a most promising young officer, Lt. Fitch, of the Grenadiers, was killed. At this period one of the Winnipeg Battery guns was got into position where it could shell the houses on the plain, but after two or three rounds it was disabled, and a gun from "A" Battery took its place and fired a few rounds, but not much damage was done, as the houses were not brick or stone. During this time I advanced the 90th so as to prolong the line of attack, and eventually brought down the Surveyor Scouts, Boulton's Mounted Infantry and French's

Scouts, and dismounting still further prolonged the line on the right. The Gatling was now ordered up in front of the 90th to take the houses in flank, which was gallantly done by Lt. Rivers, "A" Battery, and Capt. Howard, and after a few volleys a general advance was made, with rattling cheers, and the whole of the houses were taken, the whole of the prisoners released, and the position virtually captured."

Later on, writing of the conduct of the officers engaged in the charge, the General says:—

"The conduct of Lieut.-Cols. Montizambert, commanding artillery; Williams, commanding Midland Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Grasset, commanding Grenadiers, and Major McKeand, commanding 90th Regiment, was everything I could wish. Lieut.-Col. Williams and Lieut.-Col. Grasset came prominently to my notice from the gallant way in which they led and cheered their men on the left rush by rush, until they gained the houses on the plain, the former having commenced the rush."

THE PENSION REGULATIONS.

AN Order-in-Council has been passed approving certain regulations made by the Militia Department with respect to gratuities and pensions to be paid to the widows and orphans of the officers and men of the active militia who have been killed, and to those wounded in active service after 20th March, 1885, or to the representatives of those who have died from injuries contracted in actual service. The allowances are much the same as those granted after the Fenian raid in 1866, and are based, so far as practicable, on the Imperial army regulations, excepting that in allowances to be made to the widows and families of deceased officers and men, a higher rate is to be granted to the families of those killed in action than to those of the men who died from wounds or illness. Any officer who has lost a limb, an eye, or the use of a limb, is to receive a full year's pay as a gratuity, and after one year may receive pension according to the following rates:—Lieut.-Col., \$1,200 a year; major, \$800; captain, \$400; lieutenant, \$280. All claims for pensions must be applied for within five years. Sergeants who have been disabled so as to be incapable of earning a livelihood, and who require the care of another person, are to receive from 75c. to \$1.10 per day. If the care of another person is not needed, then from 60c. to 90c. per day; if able to contribute in some degree to their maintenance, from 40c. to 60c., and, if able to contribute materially towards their maintenance, from 30c. to 45c. Corporals disabled so as to require care, will receive from 60c. to 90c. as proportionate allowances according to the nature of their injuries. Privates will be entitled to 45c. a day and under, according to the extent of their injuries. The widows of officers or men killed in action are to receive a pension equal to one half of the daily pay of their husbands, and in addition for the first year, a gratuity equal to one year's pay. Children of officers and men killed will be granted comparative allowances equal to one-tenth of the pay of the deceased parents and a gratuity of four months' pay. Smaller allowances are made to widows and children of officers and soldiers who have died from illness or wounds. No pensions are to be granted if the applicants are left in wealthy circumstances or are already in receipt of pensions or allowances from the public. Widows' pensions are to cease when they re-marry, but may be restored in the event of their becoming widowed a second time. Provision is also made for mothers and sisters who have been dependent on sons or brothers killed who have died while on active service.

NORTH-WEST TROUBLES.

IN the House of Commons Mr. Desjardins called attention to statements in North-Western correspondence that the goods of the half-breeds were destroyed or injured by the troops. Mr. Caron said the reports on the subject showed that the correspondents' statements were exaggerated.

Mr. Blake called attention to the fact that the reports respecting the engagements during the rebellion were not yet before the House, which fact Mr. Caron admitted, but said the Major-General had been hard at work at Batoché and had no chance to make a report. Mr. Mills said there were other events than Batoché, such as Duck Lake and the evacuation of Carlton, which the Major-General had not taken part in. There was time after Fish Creek to make a report on that. Mr. Caron admitted that the Fish Creek report was in his hands, but he would not present one till he could present all.

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No. 7, published on the 16th May, contained the following illustrations:

A brave Scout's untimely end; Camp of the 7th Battalion (Fusiliers) at Winnipeg; The Battle of Cut Knife Creek; Scenes with the North-West Field Force; Portraits of Interest. Also a two-page cartoon (by J. W. Bengough), entitled "And Now For Business," in which Major-General Middleton is represented as preparing to strike the decisive blow against the Rebels.

No. 8, published Saturday, May 23rd, contained the following illustrations:

A Look-out on the Qu'Appelle Trail; Departure of the Montreal Garrison Artillery; Experiences of the Royal Grenadiers; Funeral of Two Members of the 90th Battalion at Winnipeg; also a fine TWO-PAGE SUPPLEMENT, showing seven sketches of Camp Life in the Experiences of the Royal Grenadiers; and four incidents of the Battle of Fish Creek (from sketches by our special artist, Mr. Curzon).

No. 9 published on the 30th May contained the following illustrations:

In the Skirmish Line at Batoché; The 65th Battalion (Mount Royal Rifles) at Port Arthur; Lieut.-Col. Gray, M.P.P., Commanding the Toronto Field Battery; A Zareba in the North-West; The Artillery Shelling the Enemy at the Battle of Fish Creek; The Application of the First Bandage on the Battlefield—No. 1; also, the usual fine two-page supplement entitled "The Bayonet Charge at Batoché."

No. 10 published on the 6th June, contained the following illustrations:

Brigade Funerals of Lieut. Fitch and Private Moor, Royal Grenadiers; How the Royal Grenadiers got their Dinner before Batoché; Major Larmour's Portable Rifle Pits in Action; Big Bear, the last of the Rebels; The 38th Battalion (Dufferin Rifles) of Brantford; also, a fine two-page supplement showing sundry sketches from the front, by Mr. F. W. Curzon.

No. 11 published on 13th June contained the following illustrations:

A Royal Grenadier's chance for the Victoria Cross; Views at Qu'Appelle, N.W.T., from sketches by Mr. R. B. Urnston; Camp Denison, Humboldt, N.W.T., from sketches by Trooper E. Kershaw, G.G.B.G.; sketches from Battleford, by Lieut. Wadmore, I.S.C.; The 62nd Batt. (St. John Fusiliers) called out for service in the North-west, crossing the Market Square en route for the Intercolonial Railway Station, from a sketch by Mr. John E. Miles. Also a fine two-page supplement, being a splendid portrait for framing, of Major-General Middleton, C.B., commanding the Militia Forces of the Dominion, from the latest photograph by Topley of Ottawa.

No. 12 published on 20th June contained the following illustrations:

Rescue of Mrs. Gowankock and Mrs. Delaney by a party of Scouts; the Cowboy Brigade, from Photographs and Sketches furnished by J. D. Higginbotham & Co., Fort McLeod; Portraits of Interest; Applications of the First Bandage on the Battlefield—No. 2—from original sketches by Mr. F. Humme. Also a fine two-page Supplement, showing "Sketches from the Front," drawn on Gabriel Dumont's paper bags, by Mr. F. W. Curzon, Special Artist of THE CANADIAN PICTORIAL, with Gen. Middleton's command; and a "View of Battleford as seen from Fort Otter," from a sketch by Lieut. R. Lyndhurst, Wardmore, of C Company, Infantry School Corps, Toronto.

No. 13, published on 27th June, contained the following illustrations:

On the Line of March (illustrating the noble Red Man's idea of a fair division of labor); Sketches from Battleford and Vicinity, furnished by Mr. W. D. Smith; the Hospitals at Saskatoon, from a sketch by Edmund E. King, M.D., Asst. Surgeon, Field Hospital Corps, Battleford; Portraits of Interest; Camp of the Prince of Wales' Regiment at the Exhibition Grounds, from a sketch by Mr. F. N. Boxer; the Bridge that the Queen's Own Rifles built over the Battle River, from a sketch by Corporal Davis, Governor-General's Foot Guards. Also a fine two-page Supplement, being a Map showing position of Troops at the Battle of Batoché, by two members of the Surveyors' Intelligence Corps; and Edward Hanlan's Narrow Escape from Drowning, in Toronto Bay, June 18th, 1885, from sketches by our Special Artist, based on personal information.

No. 14, published on July 4th, contained the following illustrations:

Camp of Half-breed Refugees at Fort Pitt, from a sketch by Mr. F. W. Curzon, Special Artist of THE CANADIAN PICTORIAL, with Gen. Middleton's Command; Portraits of Interest; White Cap's Band and their Captors, from a photograph by Sergt. A. C. Barraud, No. 1 Company, 35th Battalion (Simcoe Forsters); the 35th Battalion (Simcoe Forsters) in Camp at Qu'Appelle, from a photograph by Sergt. A. C. Barraud, No. 1 Company; Roughing it at the Front, from sketches by Mr. F. W. Curzon, Special Artist of THE CANADIAN PICTORIAL, with Gen. Middleton's Command; Louis Riel taking his daily Constitutional at Regina. Also a fine two-page supplement, showing Gen. Middleton's Expedition by River to Fort Pitt; also Battalion Drill by the Pupils of the Public Schools, in the Old Lacrosse Grounds, Toronto, June 25th, 1885, from special photographs and sketches.

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Gallant Attack on Big Bear's Band by a handful of Mounted Police under Inspector Steele and Squadron Sergt.-Major Fury; The Steamer Marquis Poling off a Shoal in the Saskatchewan, from a sketch by Mr. F. W. Curzon, our Special Artist with Gen. Middleton's Command; Portraits of Interest; The 91st (Col. Scott's) Batt. of Infantry on service; Military Views at Battleford, from sketches by Lieutenant R. Lyndhurst Wadmore, "C" Company Infantry School Corps.

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