

FROM  
TORONTO TO FORT GARRY.

AN ACCOUNT OF THE  
SECOND EXPEDITION TO RED RIVER.

DIARY OF A PRIVATE SOLDIER.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 19TH, 1871.—Having during the past two days passed a rigid medical examination, been attested and sworn in, and provided with arms, accoutrements and ammunition, the quota of twenty-five men from No. 2 District, including myself, met at the Toronto Station of the Northern Railway at 7 a. m., and started by the first train for Collingwood. On the same train were also the quotas from several of the eastern districts. We were carried by this train through a beautiful and productive agricultural country, as well as through some fine and thriving towns and villages—Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Barrie being the most noticeable among them; Barrie, especially, shows great signs of progress, and being advantageously as well as prettily situated on a gentle slope at the head of Kempenfeldt Bay, a branch of Lake Simcoe, and the centre of a rich agricultural and timber district, it bids fair to be a large and prosperous town at an early date. At 12.30 p. m., we reached Collingwood, which is 96 miles from Toronto, and were immediately detailed to our several billets in the hotels of the town,