

Q. From what date and for how long?—A. We were on the boat monday, tuesday and part of the wednesday.

Q. Were you in his company otherwise?—A. I accompanied him to Regina.

Q. How many days were you on the way altogether?—A. Five days. We came here on saturday and had left on the monday.

Q. Had you any conversation with him?—A. Several conversations with him.

Q. On what subjects?—A. Well, on various subjects, on the rebellion, as I call it, also on his religious views and we spoke of various other subjects.

Q. Did he give you his plans, his schemes, what he hoped to get by the rebellion?—A. Yes, his general scheme was this: he hoped to induce the Government to make a treaty with him or with the Half-breeds of the North-West similar to the treaty they had made with the Half-breeds of Manitoba. That was what he stated to be his chief object.

Q. How did he hope to accomplish that with his force?—A. He told me first of having sent his bill of rights or representation of his grievances to the Government.

Q. How did he hope with his organisation to get what he wanted?—A. It would be necessary for me to tell just how the matter progressed.

Q. No, we only want what is material?—A. Well, he hoped to get the police in his power, so that whilst they were held, I suppose as hostages, he said simply while he held them, that he might negotiate with the Government while they were in his power.

Q. Then did he say how that failed?—A. He explained how that failed at Duck Lake.

Q. Did he tell you what his object was at Duck Lake?—A. His object was to get hold of the police, so that while they were in his power he might negotiate with the Government.

Q. Then failing that, what was his next plan?—A. To meet General Middleton's forces at Fish Creek and if they suffered reverses of which he was pretty confident they would, that he would then send word to the Indians and while the troops in the country were busy with the Indians, who he felt confident would rise, that then he would be able to negotiate with the Government. That is substantially the plan as it impressed itself on my mind.

Q. The second plan was to meet him at Fish Creek and then raise the Indians and whilst the country was engaged with the Indians, to carry on negotiations with the Government?—A. That is substantially what I understood it to be.

Q. Failing that, what did he expect to do?—A. Well, if that failed, and of course it did fail, he still hoped to meet General Middleton at Batoche and he would be able to hold him at bay long enough to negotiate with the Government.

Q. These were his three different steps?—A. His three different steps.

Q. All ending with the one object?—A. Yes, to get a treaty with the Government.

Q. Now you had a conversation with him, how frequently?—A. I had them often and during the whole of that time. I could not tell the number, we often spoke together.

Examined by Mr. GREENSHIELDS.

Q. How long did you say you had been with him on the boat altogether?—A. From monday to saturday, from the time they started from Guardupuy crossing till we came to Regina.

Q. You never had seen or met Mr. Riel before that time?—A. Never.