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THE GREAT FENIAN FIASCO !

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE RAID!

Names of the Killed and Wounded !

CANADA

From Correspondence Toronto, Globe, June 8th.

CLIFTON, June 3.

When the enemy was first signalled in sight two miles from Ridgeway, the advanced guard, No. 3 Company, Queen's Own, armed with Spencer repeating rifles, immediately extended from the centre, while No. 1 Company extended to the left and No. 2 to the right, No. 3 supporting the centre skirmishers, and No. 4 the left. No. 6 were detailed on the flank. These were afterwards recalled to the main road leading to the rearguard, which passed continually through the rearguard, and formed support to the centre and rear of No. 5. This position taken up, the skirmishers advanced about a mile before the enemy was discovered. A halt was then sounded, and fire was opened by the enemy along the whole line.

Among the first shots was that which carried its deadly message to Ensign MacEachern, of No. 5 Queen's Own, in charge of the command of Company 5, and who had found cover with his men under a rail fence. He rose on his knees and looked at the enemy, when he received a ball in the abdomen, which passed almost entirely through his body. He fell, with the exclamation "I am shot!" and was carried to the rear. He was quite sensible up to the time of his death, and occupied the last time he had to live in sending through Captain Edwards and others messages of affection to his wife. He was assisted in his last moments by the Rev. Mr. Birwash, of Hamilton. He was sick, but would not be invalided previously. Just before death he remarked that he had often dreamt of dying thus, and said it was realized. His death is regretted by the entire force.

Private J. B. Robinson, Trinity College Rifles, was struck by a Fenian bullet, right over the heart, but miraculously escaped, having a penny in his waistcoat pocket which deflected the bullet in three pieces, leaving him only very slightly hurt, and able to march with the column.

Private Biscoe, of Trinity College, was struck by a bullet, which took off the button on his shoulder, doing him no injury. About the last man struck was Ensign Fife, of Queen's Own, which was covering the retreat. He was shot in the left arm, and, though severely wounded, continued to advance, and extend skirmishing line to the right, the Highland company further advancing to prevent their being flanked. The fire on this part of the line was very heavy, and continued so, that as the enemy fell back to their right, the fire was directed upon No. 6, which had ground to the left front, holding a road, orchards, and farm buildings, their advance line. The buildings were a strong position for obstructions, and was supplemented by a lane or road, from which they were speedily disposed by a very heavy fire from No. 6 Company, Captain Adam. This place gave evidence of the severity of the fire which had been maintained upon the Fenians, for there were quantities of their accoutrements thrown away—rifles, overcoats, jackets and caps, and stores strewn the ground in all directions.

A circumstance, which is commendable and which deserved of great importance, worthy of being repeated in future engagements as a means of encouraging the men, the effects of many wounds were resolute to use their arms themselves, discarding their swords.

No. 6 Co., the Junior Co. in the battalion, familiarly called "the babies"—exhibited gallant bravery and attracted the admiration of the whole. After this position had been retained for some time ammunition was getting low, and while holding the position the right wing of the 13th Battalion of Hamilton was extended and advanced to relieve the skirmishers. Owing to their advance, the main body of the enemy also advanced, their mounted leaders appearing on the road, creating the idea that they had driven those who were about to share.

The Hamilton 13th Battalion had by this time advanced and continued marching to within 60 yards of the Fenian line, when in some inexcusable way they were halted. A few of them, including several officers, nobly came up to the advance line. The position of the skirmishers was still maintained for a short time, but the enemy, advancing in full force, the line was compelled to retire, and the retreat commenced, the men retreating sullenly and keeping up a sharp fire.

No. 9 University and the 10th Highland suffered severely from this time, as their position was much exposed, at a distance from the main body and at the rear. No. 1 Company, under Captain Brown, was ordered to advance to protect the retreat and cover the main body; but, finding themselves unsupported and the Fenian fire so heavy, they were ordered to retire, which they did, keeping up a sharp fire on the advancing Fenians.

It was at this time that Ensign Fife, No. 5 Company, was shot in the leg, and Lieut. Campbell, of No. 6, received a wound in the arm. Captain Boustead, when the panic seized the men, which was caused by the want of support and failure of proper commands being given by the commander of the brigade, was knocked down by the retreating men and trampled upon, receiving severe injuries in the breast. He was carried by his company as were most of the wounded, by other comrades, a considerable distance, and exhibited, as did all the wounded, a disregard for their injuries.

A retreat now became inevitable, the failure to seize either the houses on the flanks or to deploy, making it absolutely necessary in order to save the column from being cut to pieces. The Fenian advance maintained a very steady fire, but were apparently checked by the fire of the retreating column.

To resume our narrative of the retreat. The column commanded to retrace their steps, repeatedly kept up a rattling fire upon the enemy, and made stands on the way to check the advance of the enemy. The exertions made by the gallant Major Gilmore to preserve the organization of his regiment and effect an orderly retreat, was particularly noticeable.

The exertions of Ensign Arthur, No. 4 Company, in the same direction, were also very noticeable. He heroically appealed to Col. Booker to halt the brigade. He at

length took possession of the Colonel's horse and drawing his revolver, forced the head of the retreating column, ordering them to halt and form up to arrest the progress of the enemy. The garrison of the University company cost them very severely. They held their post until the last moment, and suffered in killed and wounded more than any other company. We may also mention the coolness of No. 6 Victoria, and No. 8 Trinity College, of the Queen's Own; and particularly of the Caledonia Rifles, which was very conspicuous. These companies rallied several times and formed on their covers in an orderly manner, as if on parade. The York Company also deserves honorable mention, having specially distinguished themselves in action.

I must not omit to call attention to the bravery of a number of the London Scottish Highlanders, who had volunteered to serve with the Highlanders under Capt. Garrison, who, by the way, also deserves praise for efforts to maintain a bold front before the advance of the Fenians. It was found that they were neither elephants, hippopotami, chimpanzees, nor demigods, but ordinary human bipeds, with about the same characteristics of physique and manner as ordinary specimens of the human race. On arrival, they were at once conveyed to the gaol.

Shortly before 1 o'clock to-day they were brought to examination by the Police Magistrate, Capt. Prince, and Mr. John McNab, County Crown Attorney, who extemporeized a tribunal in the gaol. It must be said that they are not a very hard looking lot. Most of them seem to be the unconscious dopes of what is called "native" army, and think out-palatable fatalities. A medal was taken from one of them named Davis, a watch from Rev. Father McMahon; and a wide open watch-book and half-a-dozen pocket books from others. One of them Norton, is slightly wounded in the left hand and right eye.

DEPOSING FUNERAL PROCESSION.

On Tuesday afternoon, the bodies of five of the brave men who recently fell in defence of their country, were deposited in their last resting-place, with imposing civic and military honours. During the forenoon, the bodies of Corporal Duries and Private Alderson, were carried in procession from their late residence to the church. The

Committee rose and reported progress, and House adjourned until Thursday, at 1 p.m.

BIG BOND.

In consequence of the Adminstration of the British Colonial Government's Gold Commissioner O'Reilly says:

The Company, who hold six hundred feet, and employ six men, took out in four days, ending June 2d, \$282 50, and in nine days ending June 2d, \$657 25.

The claim, have just completed their wire-dam, and washed up 14% excess less than one day.

The claim, working four bands in 28 days, ending June 2d, \$613 75.

The — who only hold 100 feet of ground between them, and who have averaged 1000 men per day, have taken their wire-dam from the 19th to the 22d of June, \$59 50, laid out to another cut.

The — from first three days' washing ending June 2d, took out \$300, in the following week \$1,447 25, and in nine days ending 28d June, \$1,813 25.

The claim, with 4 men working 15 days, washed up \$1,618 25 per head and a half. Besides these, the —, the —, the —, and the — have all taken out more or less gold, but not one company on the creek can be said to have got their ground opened to work to advantage.

Cariboo, 6000 feet above sea level.

QUEENSLAND, July 10.—The Cameron Creek washed up on Tuesday, 1000 feet, the result of three shifts. The Aurora Co. washed on Wednesday 120 ozs.

Several claims are at work in Cunjin's Gully, also on Sugar Creek.

WILLIAMS CREEK, July 9.—Nearly all the claims on this creek, with the exception of those awaiting the completion of the bed-rock drain, are now at work and yielding more or less gold. No further danger is anticipated of any stoppage to the working of claims by the rise of the creek till fall. Good pay is being taken out of many claims now, in Cariboo, and the yield of gold is, perhaps, as large as that of any season yet, bonito sand yields not less than 1000 ozs.

Messrs Robert Burrell and John Buij have been appointed fire wardens for the inspection of buildings for the prevention of

WILLOX, 6000 feet above sea level.

NO. 10, for the vacant Ministry, have been elected. Considerable excitement prevailed and a Confederationist was killed in St. John on the evening of the 24th instant.

At a jubilee in Galt, Ont., on the anniversary of the Queen's birthday, a cannon burst and killed two men.

The Lower Canadian elections have resulted in large majorities in favor of confederates.

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Legislative Assembly.

WEDNESDAY, July 11, 1866.

Assembly met at 3:15 p.m. Present—The Speaker, Messrs Ash, Trimble, Young, Dickson, Pidwell, DeCosmo, Carswell, Gochran.

HARBOR DUE ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Dr Ash asked leave to introduce a bill to amend the Harbor Dues Act, so far as to allow timber-laden vessels to enter either

the harbor of Victoria or Esquimalt for the

purpose of shipping a crew, procuring supplies or taking on board passengers, without rendering them subject to the payment of

harbor dues. Also, to collect the fees in decimal currency instead of in English currency.

ROAD ACT.

Mr Pidwell asked if it was the intention of the House this session to amend the Road

Act? the present one being almost inoperative.

The Speaker could furnish no information.

BILLS OF SUPPLY.

The Assembly went into Committee of the Whole on the Bills of Supply, Dr. Trimble in the chair. Rent of Harbormaster's office, \$1500. Post-office, \$300. Voted. [A resolution recommending the removal of the offices to a safer building and more central location, was confirmed.] Repairs of Roads, \$1000. A long discussion ensued over this item.

Dr Helmcken proposed a postponement of these road items. He was more than ever satisfied that the House was wrong.

Mr DeCosmo contended for the right of the House to initiate and raise money votes.

The course was perfectly constitutional.

Dr Helmcken—You won't constitution.

and you're doing the very best thing to get a despotistic one.

Mr Young favored the plan proposed by the hon. Speaker—to lay over the road items, and after the House had got through with

all the rest of the votes, if there were any more left, let them go for roads.

[Hear.]

The items were finally postponed.

PEPCHEEN, stores and fuel for lighthouses, \$2600; Revising and making lists of voters, \$550; Victoria Fire Department, \$1500; Insurance of Government Buildings, etc., \$1000; Voted.

Agricultural Society, \$300; voted.

Premium for the creation of a Flour Mill, \$1250. On motion of Mr Cochran, the amount was fixed at \$1000.

Interest on Road and Harbor Loans, \$162,

\$11,40; interest on temporary loan, \$2000;

Sinking Fund on Loan, \$7,600; total, \$21,400.

Voted.

Drawbacks, \$1500; refunds, \$500, total,

\$2000. Voted.

The Committee next considered the Governor's Message.

The Chairman thought there should be a copy of this House to discuss the document thoroughly, and Dr Dickson so moved. Carried.

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