

Dec. 30—To-day the seven men last taken were taken out and either liberated or confined to the fort. Rev. Mr. Fletcher from Portage, paid us a visit. We were glad to see him.

Dec. 31—We are again provided with bread.

Jan. 1, 1870—Last night at 12 we hailed the new year with "God Save the Queen," which we sang from our hearts; then two hours' music and dancing in the hall. Riel to-day offered some their liberty if they would swear allegiance to his government. They refused, of course.

Sunday, Jan. 2—Rev. Mr. Young came and we had prayer meeting as usual. Two ladies also called to see us, Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Ki son. A Mr. Johnson brought us some beef and potatoes which we relished greatly. We hear Mr. Snow has been taken prisoner. Seven or nine men were liberated by taking some kind of an oath and agreeing to leave the country.

Jan. 6—We are informed to-day by Miss McVicar that we have very few friends outside of the jail; that the Scotch halfbreeds are badly scared and not very favorable to Canada and that Ross has sworn allegiance to Riel.

Jan. 7—It is rumored that we are all to be let out in a few days; but this we have heard so often that we have little faith. Business is dead outside and no money in circulation. We hear the rebels have bought or taken Caldwell's printing press and started a paper called the "New Nation." We had the reading of the first number smuggled in to us. It is anything but friendly to Canada.

Sunday, Jan. 9—Rev. Mr. Young came as usual. Beautiful cold weather,

Jan. 10—After many night's digging with pocket knives, some of the boys succeeded in removing the iron bars from a window in one of the cells, and about three o'clock in the morning twelve made their escape, Thomas Scott being one of them. I was ready to crawl out when the alarm was given by a woman from an upstairs window. The guard, about 20, rushed in and around the jail. The guard at the Fort also joined in the pursuit. One was captured not far from the Fort. Hyman was taken six miles from the Fort, with his feet badly frozen. This evening they also brought back Miller, McArthur and Allen. They found them asleep in Mr. Wheeler's house, 15 miles from here. They were badly used up; the exercise was too great after so long confinement.