

A good deal has been said, apart from remarks on their fighting qualities, about the troops sent to quell the rebellion—their discipline, morals, gentlemanliness, have formed subjects of discussion. It is not my intention to add to discussion further that to say that the Alberta expeditionary force contained specimens of both extremes of behavior. Edmonton was garrisoned by detachments of the 65th of Montreal and the 92nd Winnipeg Light Infantry. It was here the dispute occurred between Col. Ouimet and the Protestant members of his detachment which resulted in the men being punished because they refused to take part in a Roman Catholic celebration, a conspicuous display on the part of the commanding officer of religious intolerance, to say nothing of other qualities usually regarded as more unmilitary. The detachment of the 92nd quartered in Edmonton won the highest esteem for their military and manly qualities. The officers and three-fourths of the men were Presbyterians, and their church parade every Sabbath gave a new and very attractive appearance to the Edmonton congregation.

This article would be incomplete if nothing were said about the prospects of another rebellion. It is only too likely that there will be serious disturbances, but if the government takes precautionary measures by inquiring into and removing grievances, and by being prepared for an outbreak, there will be no reason to expect a rebellion. It cannot be denied, however, that the dissatisfaction among whites, half-breeds and Indians is almost as deep and almost as general as it was last winter. Some of the Indians who were loyal last spring, and who were in consequence promised special concessions, have not only been disappointed in regard to that promise but even the government help they were accustomed to get has been withdrawn. This is especially the case with some bands of Indians east of here, and the harsh treatment to which they have been subjected has spread apprehension and disaffection over a great part of the country.

This dissatisfaction is quite equalled by hard feeling among the white population. Their great grievance is the way the Government has treated claims for services during the rebellion. A considerable number of Edmonton men served as scouts—a branch of service for which they were especially fitted by their knowledge of the country, and by their familiarity with the rough way of living to which scouts