

settlers at Batoche. Three of the four cases have fallen to the ground, the Batoche and Bedson cases being apparently abandoned, as nothing is said about them in the Report, while the appropriation of horses by the General is reduced to the taking, for the public service, of a single horse which was afterwards handed over to the Government auctioneer. The letter directing the confiscation and appropriation of the Bremner furs cannot be found: its contents have to be supplied from memory; the General did not look at it after it was written, and he positively denies having directed the insertion of any injunction to secrecy. Nor did he ever see the furs or inquire about them afterwards. Bremner now swears that he had nothing to do with the rebellion, the Indians having carried him off to their camp by force; but appearances were clearly against him at the time. Among other things, he had in his possession the rifle of a slain volunteer. A hasty order given five years ago turmoil of war and forgotten as soon as it was given, is in the the sum of the misconduct proved against General Middleton. The order was unquestionably wrong. The General's indiscretion in giving it is greatly to be lamented, and bitterly it has been rued. But when this has been said all has been said that reason and justice warrant, or that would have been said if influences and motives perfectly irrelevant to the merits of the case had not been allowed to interfere. A verdict ought to have been given on the charge preferred, which was that of systematic looting or connivance at looting, and given on that charge it must have been a verdict of acquittal.

—There are surely few events more deserving of oblivion than the Fenian Raids. It is difficult to see how anyone can desire to keep their memory alive unless he wants to fan the embers of international enmity. To us they were inglorious, to the Americans worse. Owing to bad combinations and a blunder on the field, our troops were put to flight by a horde of vagabond marauders. The American Government, on the