

blow here, that proclamation would go forth, and he was to be joined by Half-breeds and Indians and that the United States was at his back.

Q. Did he tell you anything more ?—A. He said that knowing him and his past history, I might know that he meant what he said.

Q. Anything else ?—A. He said that the time had come now when he was to rule this country or perish in the attempt.

Q. Go on.—A. We had a long conversation then as to the rights of the Half-breeds and he laid out his plans as to the government of the country.

Q. What did he say as to the government of the country ?—A. They were to have a new government in the North-West. It was to be composed of God fearing men, they would have no such parliament as the house at Ottawa.

Q. Anything else ?—A. Then he stated how he intended to divide the country into seven portions.

Q. In what manner ?—A. It was divided into seven portions but as to who were to have the seven, I cannot say.

Q. You mean to say you cannot say how these seven were to be apportioned ?—A. Yes, he mentioned Bavarians, Poles, Italians, Germans, Irish. There was to be a new Ireland in the North West.

Q. Anything more ? Did he say anything about himself or his own plans ?—A. I recollect nothing further at the present time.

Q. You say he referred to the previous rebellion of 1870, what did he say in regard to that ?—A. He referred to that and he said that that rebellion, the rebellion of fifteen years ago, would not be a patch upon this one.

Q. Did he say anything further with regard to that ?—A. He did ; he spoke of the number that had been killed in that rebellion.

Q. What did he say as to that ?—A. I cannot state as to what he said, but it was to the effect that this rebellion was to be of far greater extent than the former.

Q. Did he speak to the men who were there, or they to him when you were there ?—A. There were several men there when the cutter drove up to the door. The majority of them stayed outside in the sleighs and some of them came in.

Q. Yes ?—A. They spoke in French which I did not understand very well, but I understood him to tell them to go down to Champagne's house, and I understood him to be sending them there : most of the men then drove off and a few stayed behind.

Q. You cannot say what they asked him as your knowledge of french does not enable you to repeat the question they asked him ?—A. No, I cannot say.

Q. Now what did you do then ? Which left first, you or he ?—A. We had dinner.

Q. This conversation took place before dinner, or during dinner ?—A. Partly before, during and after dinner.

Q. You had dinner and what took place next ?—A. Riel prepared to go then to follow the others.

Q. Well, what next ?—A. As he was leaving he asked me, he stated personally he had no ill feeling towards me, but that I was a Canadian, but he put it in this way : as a Canadian I was a part of the canadian Government, and in our hearts there could be no friendship towards each other.

Q. Well, did you go before or after him ?—A. He left before me.

Q. Did he say where he was going ?—A. No, he did not.

Q. What did you do ?—A. I left immediately after he did and went on towards Clark's Crossing at the telegraph office.