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BIG BEAR.

A month ago to-day the heading of our leading article was "Rebellion" and from appearances then the prospects were that many monthly articles would in all probability bear the same unpropitious title. To-day we are gratified to be able to dispense with it. True the copper-colored individual whose name appears above is yet on the war path, but the insurrection properly so called has received its quietus. Big Bear has always, we understand, been a "bad" Indian and has taken advantage of the present, or rather past, trouble not because he has any grievances,

but solely to gratify his innate love of plunder and natural devilishness. He and his band are still holding out and the full force of the troops under Generals Strange and Middleton will soon be concentrated about him in such a manner that he cannot hope to escape. We trust his reckoning may be a short and speedy one. Outrage and murder have been his diversion. The blood of helpless women and children calls from the ground against him and his accursed band, and we feel safe in saying that General Middleton will use every means at his disposal to fasten on this bloodthirsty wretch the full penalty of his murderous work. It is not yet known how many of his prisoners remain alive but it is now certain that Mrs. Gowanlock and Mrs. Delaney, in addition to the victims of Frog Lake, have perished at his hands.

We have every hope that righteous retribution is close upon him. To-day (June 1) we learn that General Strange has struck him the first blow at a point about 14 miles from Fort Pitt and that General Middleton yesterday left Battleford with the following troops on board the steamers *Northwest*, *Alberta*, and *Marquis* for the scene of the battle, viz.: the 90th battalion, 275 men, Major McKeand; the Midland 250 men, Col. Williams; the Grenadiers 250 men, Col. Grassett; 30 men of "B" battery and Gatling gun, with Major Short, Captains Farley and Rutherford; "A" battery 30 men, Capt. Peters, and Lieut. Rivers. It is said that the Queen's Own are indignant because none of them were allowed to go. Sixty men of Boulton's Horse, 60 of the Surveyors' Corps, 50 of Brittlebank's Scouts and 60 mounted police under Col. Herchmer, left at the same time by the south trail. It is General Middleton's intention to strike Big Bear in the rear, and if General Strange can only hold him in his present position until Middleton's arrival the punishment of the scoundrel will be swift and sure. The encounter between General Strange and Big Bear took place on Thursday last and was continued for about three hours, two men of the 65th, Montreal, and one mounted police being seriously wounded. The Indians as usual chose their own position, in this instance an