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TORONTO, APRIL 18TH, 1885.

THE publishers have satisfaction in announcing that they have now entrusted the editorship of the ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS to Capt. C. W. Allen, late of the Department of the Interior, a journalist who unites with many years' experience of military matters such a thorough acquaintance with the conditions of life in the North-West as only a continued residence in that portion of the Dominion could give. Having spared no expense in procuring the services of the best artists obtainable, they venture to promise that their enterprise will be carried on in the future with increased vigor and efficiency.

THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.

So far the troops have had no opportunity of striking a blow at the rebels who have set lawful authority at defiance and driven peaceful settlers from their homes. Vigorous measures are in progress, however, and we may expect soon to have news of stirring events.

The disturbed districts are to be penetrated by three different columns.

Gen. Middleton's force has by this time reached the Saskatchewan, and is likely to encounter the rebels under Dumont at either Clarke's or Batoche's crossing, while co-operation by the Mounted Police under Col. Irvine, from Prince Albert, may be looked for.

Colonel Otter's brigade is now well on its way to relieve Battleford, having crossed the South Saskatchewan on Wednesday.

General Strange's brigade, for the relief of the Edmonton district, will set out from Calgary as soon as arrangements are completed.

THE most influential Indian in the North-West is Crowfoot, who is at the head of the Blackfeet, and assurances have been received by the Government that he will continue loyal to them.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

In our supplement this week Mr. J. W. Bengough has presented, by the power of his pencil, all the various suggestions as to the origin of this second North-West rebellion that have yet been placed before the public. What was formerly involved in some obscurity is therefore now quite clear—in fact somewhat clearer than the limpid water of Red River—and everyone can "put the saddle on the right horse" to suit his own particular views.

"A" BATTERY IN THE TOUCHWOOD HILLS.

The experience delineated on Page 1 is but a typical example of frequently occurring incidents on the line of march through the broken country of the region to the north of Fort Qu'Appelle. Though the land was clear in the open, snow was encountered where the trail penetrated the bush. After weary tugging throughout the day, the near wheeler has made a false step, resulting in a heavy fall upon the driver. The gunners, who have been assisting progress by the use of stout limbs of trees employed as handspikes, are hastening to the deliverance of their fallen comrade, while a segeant (the "No. 1" of this gun detachment) is promptly dismounting to give his personal aid and direction. It will be remembered that the contingent which A Battery furnishes to the North-West Field Force started to overtake Gen. Middleton immediately on its reaching Qu'Appelle station.

THE MARCH OF THE ROYAL GRENADIERS.

We are indebted to Mr. F. W. Curson for the sketches which have enabled us to faithfully represent the incidents illustrated on page 4. The march on board the schooner, to music of the stirring quickstep played by the bugle band, must have been a gratifying termination to a fatiguing tramp, and everyone can realize the sense of satisfaction which the tired soldiers must have felt in unrolling their blankets to make a rough shakedown in the hold. The manner in which the men occasionally advanced in "extended order," or disorder, from the sleighs while passing over another portion of the route, is happily exhibited in the small view shewing how they executed this manoeuvre involuntarily without any command from superior authority. Lastly, the experience of "cold comfort on a flat car," will enable those gentlemen of Canada "who sit at home at ease," or never ride by rail unless in a Pullman, to realize in some degree the circumstances of the volunteers who, in some cases at any rate, travelled in open flat cars without even the boarding up, as a protection against the wind, which kindly forethought had suggested on various portions of the route where passenger coaches were not available.

COL. MILLER QUELLING A MUTINY OF TEAMSTERS.

The incident illustrated at the top of page 5 occurred at Jaskfish Bay, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, and is thus related by a correspondent:

"Col. Miller, after the departure of the detachment, with 20 men remained behind awaiting the return of the sleighs that had departed early in the morning with troops. On the return of the sleighs the drivers put up their horses and flatly refused to convey the Colonel as agreed. Such open defiance of military authority compelled him to take peremptory steps to enforce obedience. He placed his small force in battle array, and with drawn swords compelled the mutinous drivers to hitch up again. The Colonel reached his destination therefore a little late."

The command "fix swords" was apparently executed with so much alacrity that the volunteers did not observe parade formality and "take their time from the right." The display of cold steel proved a convincing argument, and the mutinous drivers at once, though somewhat sulkily, submitted to compulsion. It may here be remarked that the driver of any team hired or impressed for the service of Her Majesty is subject to the stern requirements of military discipline. Such a word as "won't" is never tolerated.

LORD MELGUND.

Among the first of the unattached officers who volunteered for service at the front was Lord Melgund, military secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General. He lost no time in pushing his way to the side of General Middleton, for whom he is acting as chief of the staff. The excellent likeness of his lordship which appears in this issue of the ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS is engraved from a recent photograph that was kindly forwarded, at the request of the Editor, by Lady

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