

Guards, and commenced firing upon the Fenians, who had observed their arrival, also that of the cavalry, as they ascended the hill. A few minutes before the above arrivals some eight or ten men of the 60th came on the ground, also one or two officers from the vicinity of Cook's Corners.

The firing from the Fenian side was kept up with varying interest until about 2 o'clock, when it began to slacken, and in fact about an hour afterwards it ceased altogether, and a flag of truce was displayed by the Fenians in front of Rykert's dwelling. At first there was a good deal of speculation in the Canadian camp as to what the Fenians really meant. The firing on both sides had ceased; but Colonel Smith strictly forbade any volunteer to take any notice of the signal, or to leave his position. With the Home Guards it was otherwise; after the Fenian display of white handkerchiefs, and seeing several women come out of the houses near the line, the suspension of hostilities was accepted, although not officially recognized, and about fifteen of Captain Westover's men, who were posted near the road, went down the hill to the boundary line. The Home Guards had an eye to securing the body of the dead Fenian which lay across the road near the line. As the Canadians approached, and stopped to gaze at Rowe's dead body, about a dozen Fenians, with General Dwyer in front, posted themselves across the road on the American side, and in explanation of their signals, said that they wished to have a short time to be allowed to remove their dead and wounded. General Dwyer requested to speak to a Canadian officer, and one of the Home Guards went back and informed Colonel Smith, who was standing on the rise of the road, about 300 yards distant. He refused to have any communication with the General, and ordered the messenger into camp, and the others to come back at once. In the meantime a great many spectators from both sides, taking advantage of the parley, had crowded down to the boundary line, and while a few crossed the others gazed at each other and the scenes beyond with mingled feelings of curiosity and dread of what would be the next act in the drama. Several of the Home Guards proposed to carry the body of Rowe into camp, and, with that intention, had turned it over, and removed the rifle from the death grasp of Rowe, when the Fenian leader cried out that if they attempted to remove the body he would open fire upon them. Some pretty sharp words were exchanged, and several of the Home Guard, who had crossed the line and gone up to Dwyer, rallied him about the flag of truce. At first he said it was the women, several of whom stood in a group just on the line, and between the two fires. Dwyer was taunted for coming out under petticoat protection; to which he replied by saying that the flag of truce was hoisted in the cause of humanity. There is no doubt but that the Fenians had induced