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THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.
While General Strange's brigade is making steady progress in the direction of Edmonton, the troops under Colonel Otter are resting at Battleford, after their fatiguing march, pending the receipt of orders as to the next work devolving on them.
The engagement at Fish Creek, referred to at greater length elsewhere, shows that it is not the intention of the rebels to run away, as many expected they would do. No very substantial gin can be scored as the result of that fight, but the volunteers have now experienced the baptism of fire, and their conduct on the occasion was everything that their fellow-countrymen could hope or desire.
No information has yet been obtained as to the fate of the prisoners in the hands of Big Bear. It is to be feared they will be held as hostages by the sawages, who hope by this means to procure immunity from well-deserved punishment. Toronto, April 29th, 1885.

## 'WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER.

Very many of our fair readers are anxious to know whether the boys who belong to the North-West Field Force will be allowed to return to their homes imme. diately that the rebels have been captured or dispersed. Without claiming to be the possessor of Cabinet secrets or too closely in the confidence of Gen. Middleton, or even to have succeeded to the mantle of a Bond-street prophet, we may venture to predict that, when the expedition has accomplished its main object, the militia organizations of the eastern Provinces and Manitoba will be ordered home, and that the pacification of the disturbed districts will be completed by provisional corps formed of men who volunteer out of the various battalions for continued service so long as may be necessary. This was the policy pursued during the early part of the American Civil War, and it has the great advantage of allowing those who wish to return to their ordinary occupations an opportunity to do so without dishonor, while at the same time it affords officers and men whose taste for soldiering has not been satiated by the experience of a campaign, the chance to perpetuate a career for which it is but fair to assume they are peculiarly qualified. It would be an outrage for men to be detained from their professional or other profitable business avocations for a longer period than the exigencies of the public service deland, in order that they might be kept employed in garrison or police duty, for which plenty of men willing to engage could soc be brought into a proper state of efficiency The Government has already obtained authority from Parliament to raise the strength of the North-West Mounted Police to one thousand men, which force should soon be sufficient, with the local militia organizations, to afford ample security for life and property
Just as England has her million of fighting men enrolled by voluntary enlistment, so has Canada her 40,000 men -the flower of the youth of the country-ready for duty in the first line. Indeed, this is only the first line of defence, for the still firmer bone and sinew of the community, those mature men of hardened muscles who have their individual hearths and homes to protect, are hardly to be found among them, though they are "ready, aye, ready" to respond to the call to arms should occasion require. Therefore, only a long continued strain upon the resources of the country in men would require the authorities to resort to the alternative the law provides of a recourse to the ballot as a compulsory means of providing recruits not to be obtained as volunteers. Consideration of the fact that such a recourse would become a stern necessity, in the event of the contingency referred to acising, should cause those who have no per sonal taste for military training and ser vice to duly appreciate the public spirit and martial ardor of the young men who cheerfully enter the ranks of the various volunteer militia corps throughout the Dominion.

There are many banks, merchants, legal firms, and others who at the present time suffer temporary inconvenience by the absence of certain of their employees "on service." The Monetary Times gave the following partial list showing how widely the effect of the call to arms is experienced :Among firms and corporations whose employees have been sent along with the Toronto contingent from this city are: - John Mac
donald \& Co., three in number: Wild Brock id Co., three ; McCall \& Co., one : A. R MoMaster \& Bros., one : Robert W. R \& Sons, three ; W. A. Murray \& Co., one Grand Trunk Freight Sheds, seven;' Canadian Pacific Railway, one; Toronto Post Daily, one ; Northern \& North- Western
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OUR ILLUSTRATIONS
THE BATTLE OF FISH（ REEK
The first brush that General Middleton＇s troops had with the rebels took place on April the 24th inst．，and was fought with Riel＇s ad－ vance forces by half of the General＇s com－ mand．It will be remembered that on start－ ing out from Clark＇s Crossing to find the enemy，the command was divided into about equal numbers．
General Middleton was advancing down the right bank with the following force 90th Battalion（Winnipeg）． ＂A＂Battery 304
120 ＂C＂Company School of Infantry． 40 Armed teamsters Major Boulton＇s scouts

Colonel Montizambert was marching duwn the left or west bank with the following ：－ 10th Royal Grenadiers Winnipeg Field Battery Copt French＇s scouts． Teamsters．

250
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40
80
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General Middleton had on his staff Lt．－Cul． Houghton，Deputy Adjutant－General of Military District No．10，and his two aides－ de camp，Captains Wise and Doucet．The in the shape of the letter V，Fish Creek run－ niug west along the bottom，and the principal rifle pits being at the junction of the arims． The General，with his staff，was riding well to the front，as was his habit，with Major Boulton＇s hoise，who were acting as scouts． When about tive miles from Mclficosh，where they had camped the night before，and on approaching the small blufts covered with tim－ approaching the therty of the enemy＇s ber，about twenty or thirty of the enemy scouts opened fire，killing several of the scouts horses and wounding some of men． On the west side，abow stacks．After firing log houses and straw stacks．After firing volley fiom two blufts the scouts got unde cover，when the General turued around Catt．Wise，his A．D．C．，and told him to bing up the advance guard of the 90th，under Capt．F．I．Clarke．While the troops were coming up the General received a bullet through his hat．allop under command o Capt．Peters，the guns being supported by the garrison division（on foot）under Capt， Peters and Lieut．Rivers．After a couple of Peters and had been fired at them，the half－ shrapnels into the ravine．While being breeus retired．Sergeant Stewart，of Majo driven across，Sergeant Stewart，of ajo Boulton＇s Horse，killed an Indian who had already shot four horses．The remainder of the 90 th were then sent up，Major Buchan commanding the right half－battaion，and Major Boswell the left half．＂C＂Company Toronto Infantry School，being on the extreme right，had two or three hot serimmages for possession of a knoll about five hundred yards up the ravine．Being ordered to retire from it，it was taken by the rebels，but the infantry again drove them out．While this was going on at the right，the garrison div－ was going＂A＂Battery，who were supporting the guns，and a company of the 90th，under Capt．Forrest，made a dash across the open－ ing and gained the top of the ravine．The remainder of the forces were gradually worked up and kept closing on the enemy．In the mean time the guns were being moved from point to point，so as to obtain the most advantageous position for shelling the rebels in the ravis． They drove the enemy out of one of the two log－houses they occupied，and bowled over and set on fire three adjacent stacks of straw． The shrapnel was too much for them，and they began to bolt towards the other side of the ravine，where the left wing was pepper－ ing them．This move was the first symptom of weakness they had exhibited，and General Middleton at once took advantage of it and Midadeton a force to close in upon ordered the where fore in upon them，his oject them．The rebel commander，however，was not to be caught in that way．Instead of bunching all his force on the lon，away the fire of the artillery，he sent only a portion of it there to keep our men buy wile the rest tailed off to the north，retiring slowly as our two wings closed on them．Dumont was evident＇y on the lookout for the appearance of Col．Montizambert＇s force from the uther side of the river，and in adopting the move－ ment just described，he completely disposed of Gen．Middleton＇s chances of cutting him off．A scout from the General called aeross the river to Col．Montizambert that the General wanted the infantry to cross and General wanted the in No． 2 Company of the Royal Grenadiers，under Capt．Mason
and Lieuts．Irving and Hay，then crossed on the scow．Lord Melguid and Capt．Young crossed with them，and alter about three－ quarters of a mile march from the river bank they came up with the right who were en gaged with the enemy，who appeared to be under cover in a deep ravine．When this company of the 10 th arrived they were sent over on the right flank and thrown wut in skirmishing order so as to eutilade the ravine and to relieve some of the troops who had been in action all day．About 60 of the rebels were seen to retreat on horseback，the remainder in the ravine being unable to do so owing to their horses being capcured or shot． Infantry could not，of course，follow mounted men，and Boulton＇s scouts were not nuwer－ ous enough to attempt a pursuit．The whole force was，therefore，ordered to halt，and at $3.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．it marched back a ittle to the south of the ravine where the fight began，and close to the river，where dinner was prepared and the men repaired damages after their hard day＇s work．The Winnipeg Field Bat tery arrived from across the river，and，with the Grenadiers，gave the best they had to their gallaut comrades of the 90th，＂A＂and ＂c．＂Camp was pitched here for the night Just below the camp a rough field hospital was formed，in charge of Dr．Orton，M．P． and others，who was busy with the wounded． Nurses were drafted and everything made comfortable for the poor fellows．Kain had fallen from time to time during the day，and about $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ ．a heavy storm of rain，hail，and lightning，with terrific thunder，passed ove the camp．Double guards were put on，and pickets and videtles posted everywhere，the Gents tal troops in case the rebels returned．Nothin was sem however，excep when a small mounted party of them ap－ proached the outer pickets and cheered． 1．umber of cattle wnich Dumont had with him，and which had been stampeded during the fight，strayed i to camp during the night， and were promptly corralled by the men．
The following is a list of the casualtie which，it will be seen，are heavy enough ：

90 ih battalion．
A Co．－Priva＇e Ferguson，killed，shot in the heart；Private Hutchinson killed，shot in the heart；Private W．W．Mathews，left hand；Private C．Kemp，shot in the groin．
BCo ．－Private Whee er，killed，shot in the B Co．－Private Whee er，killed，shot in the
head ；Private Swan，slight wound in arm
Priva Private M．O．R．Jarvis，two wounds in arin， Private stove，wound in shoulder ；Private
Johnson，slightly wounded．C Co．－Lieut． Swinford，severely wounded in head，feared
mort－1ly；Corp．Lethbridge，severely wounded in breast；Corp．Code，wounded in the leg ； Private Chambers，slightly in the neek Private W．H．Canniff，slightly in the arm D Co．－Private Ennis，killed ；Corp．Bow dell，slightly wounded．ECo．－No casualties in back while moving from one bluff to another，still alive ；Private D．Hislop，arm fractured ；Private A．Blackwood，slight wound in thigh．

## battery．

Driver Harrison，killed；Gunner Dema－ nolly，killed；Gunner Cook，killed；Gunner Ainsworth，shot in hody，fatally ；Sergt．－
Major Mawhinney，right arm broken ；Bom－ Major Mawhinney，right arm broken ；Bom－ badier Taylor，wounded in back while loading ； Gunner Morrison，ladly wounded；Gumn Woodman，badly wounded；Gunner McGrath，
badly wounded：Gunner Asselin，badly wounded ；Gunner Imrie，wounded in thigh Gunner Ouillet，wounded iu shoulder ；Driver Turner，wounded in cheek ；Driver Wilson， right arm broken．

Private Watson，mortally wounded，and since dead ：Col．－Sergt．Cummings，flesh wound in the leg；Private R．Jones，arm
fractured；Private H．Jones，shot through fractured ；Private H．Jones，shot through
the jaw ；Private Harris，arm fractured ； Private E．McDonald，flesh wound in arm ； Private R．H．Dunn，wounded in arm and hand，shot twice．
BOLLLON's HORSE.

Capt．Gardner，two slight wounds ；Trooper James Langford，two slight wounds ；Tro per Perrine，arm broken；Trooper King，two
wounds in leg ；Trooper D＇Arcy Baker，very wounds in leg；Trooper dead ；Trooper Bruce， very serious wound in lung ；Sergt．Stewart， slight wound in ear and hand．
Capt．Wise，A．D．C．，had two horses shot under him，and received a slight ankle wound． The man who shot him was in a small rifle pit，and wore a slouch hat with buckskin
band，and was a good marksman．About 1．30 Capt．Voucet，A．D．C．，received a flesh wound in the arm below the elbow．Major Buchan had a horse shot under him．Major Boswell had a bullet hit the heel of his boot． Major Boulton，while standing by his horse， shot under him．
TYPICAL SKETCHES IN THE DRILL SHED，HAMILTON．
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THE RELIEF OF BATTLEFORD． The advance guard of Col．Otter＇s brigade， consisting of Mounted Police scouts，reached Battleford on the 24th April，and on the 20th（Sunday morning）the remainder of the brigade arrived．The Queen＇s Own accord－ the 18th，made Battleford，on the North the 18th，made Battleford，on the North
Saskatchewan，on the 26th，marching say 118 Saskatchewan，on the $26 t h$, marching say
miles in nine days，which is remarkably good considering the nature of the country traversed．Our illustration siows the column
marching into the fort at Battleford．The marching into the fort at Battleford．The
prominent building in the backgrou d is the oliticers＇quarters，which have latterly been appropriated to the use of refugee families． The seene is based upon a photograph．
the mounted police band． Ocr illustra ion shows the band of the Moun ed Police p raded in front of the bar－ racks at Battleford prior to starting out to meet the gallaut garrison of Fort Pitt and play them in．Such alarming reports had Diekens＇command that the arrival of the small detachment occasioned the highest gratification and rejoicing among the oceu－ pants of the beleaguered post．The band，of whom we have received a photograph，were left with the detachment the $t$ stayed to protect Battleford，when Major Crozier
marched to Duck Lake to deal with the marched to Duck
half－breed rebels．
The facts concerning the attack on Fort Pitt are as follows：－On April 15 Big Bear and his band approached the fort and sending a message demanded arms and ammunition
from the tolice．Inspector Dickens answered from the price．Inspector Dickens answered
that that could never $b$ ．The scouts return－ ing from Frog Lake were at this time fired on，one policeman named Cowan being killed and Cous able Lonsby wounded．The latter
ran for the fort and was pursued．The police ran for the fort and was pursued．The police
then opened fire from the barracks，killing then opened fire from the barracks，killing
four Indians and wounding others，and driv－ ing them back．The Indians numbered 250 Just before the fi ing commenced Mr．Mc－
Lean，of the Hudson＇s Bay Company，had a Lean，of the Hudson＇s Bay Company，had a
parley with Big Bear，who told him that it was intended to kill only the police，and that if the civilians Mr．McLean for fort they f the women and children，then le＇t wit the civilians，and are now with the fndians This reduced the garrison to 22 police，and this number being insufficient to defend the for they left the same af ernoon on a scow
which they had previously built，bringing all the amuunition and arms．Before leaving the police received word from Mr．McLeau that the Indians had coal ，il and fire arrows ready to fire the fort if the police remained． The conduct of the police was most gallant his sent the police hand to arrival Col．Mor－ ris sent the police band to meet them and
they marched into the barracks amid the hey marched into the barracks amid the
enthusiastic cheers of the whole population

GROUP OF THE REBEL LEADERS．
The two－page picture which forms the Sup－ plement to the present issue of the Iluus－ rated Wak News presents in ond attire the leaders in the present outbreak in excellent portrait of Louis Riel，the head and front of this mischievous rising，and is taken from a reeent photograph．It is true that some pictures of this arch－rebel have shewn him wearing his full beard，as was certainly his habit about five years ago，when the writer was personally introduced to him in Dakota．Still，it is asserted that of late he has alopted the prevalent custom in the United States，and shaved all but his mous－ tache．The portraits of the other lea lers whose names appear have been engraved from photographs，and are no doubt correct， if not in every cave the most recent，like－ nesses．Special interest attaches to the pic fure of Gabriel Dumont，the intrepid com－ mander－in－chief of the rebels，whose skilful strategy and practical tactics enabled the hall－breeds and Indians to do the Canadian troops stuch serious damage in the engagement t Fish Creek．
Apropos，it is oppo tune to amnounce that the publishers have in preparition a two page picture，grouping the leaders on＂our side，＂which will form an exc llent companion to the present supplement．Its completion has only been delayed by the difficulty ex perienced in obta ning satisfactory poitraits of all the officers it is propo ed to include in it．We shall feel obliged to those of our readers who can send us portraits of any of the officers commanding corps who have gone to the front．

GEN．MIDDLETON AND HIS A．D．C．
The spirited equestrian pictures which ap pear on the front page of the present numbe do full credit to our artist；but to Mr．Topley， of Ottawa，are we indebted for the excellent photographs by which such speaking like－ n 2 sses were secured．The following sketches
of the ougho d soldier and his gallant A．D．C． will meet with general acceptance Major－Gen．Frederick D．Middleton，C B，B， Is thar third son of the late Major General was educated at the Roval Military College Sandhurst，and obtained his first co College， as ensign on December 30th，1842．He saw his first active service in New Zealand，where some of the chiefs who had signed a treaty accepting English pr．tection and sovereignty
in 1840 ，had in 1844 broken out in ins ion and destroyed broken out in ins rrec the south coast．It was in 1816 that this seneral，then an ensign，arrived on the scene and a short time afterward took part in the war in upon Wanquin．After the close of the war in 1848，he was sent to India，where he however，during that c citical period for Eng nd sempire in the east，the time of the
Sepoy rebellion of $1857-1858$ ，t at General Middleton distinguished himself．In the exped tion for the famous relief of Lucknow
he served as orderly officer to General Franks he served as orderly oficer to General Franks，
and took part in the action at Suthorpo e and took part in the action at Suthorpo e，
and in the many engagements which occurred during the advance．During that week of the city，General Middleten，who had become an aide－de－cann to General Lugard，distin－ guished himself for bravery，where all were
brave，and for brave，and for his gallant conduct at the
storming of Bunk＇s h w use and the Montiniere he was rewarded with the be Montiere Uuckncw was in the possession of the Britisi illowed little rest and on the 15 the were next month，April，the General，then captain
and a staff ofticer to Sir Edward Ler and a staff officer to Sir Edward Lugard，took a leading part in one skirmish with the rebels
at Agenyhiur，where for the personal bravery he displuyed，and for his heroic e nduct in risking his own life to save those if o mrades，
he was recoumended by General Lucard to Lord Clyde for the Victoria Cross．The story of his heroisn is as follows：－－Cap－ Lingard to take command of a troop of the Military Train in an attack upon a a large force of the rebels．In a desperate charge，in
which the Third Sikh Cavalry touls Lieutenaut Hamilton，of the troop，fell from his horse．Sume Sepoy rebels rushed at him
to cut hum to pieces whe＂，Captain Middleton to cut him to pieces wher．Captain Middleton
and another ofticer named Murphy rushed to the aid of the wounded officer，and killing some of his assailants drove of＇the rest．and
defended hm iutil he was aried oft the defended hm until he was carried of the
field．Wi hin an hour of th $t$ gallant act， I rivate namtd Fowles was unhorsed and wounded，and Captain Middletun came to his dismounted and placing the wounded man on his own horse brought him into camp．Lord Clyde refused to recommend Middleton for
the Victoria Cross the Victoria Cross on the grivund that he was
on the personal staff th the time on the personal staff at the time．His com－
panion in this first hervic act， panion the Cross．General Middleton served
ceived the Cor throughout the inutin＇，and was many times specially mentioned in home despatches．In
1861 feneral Middleton cante to Canada a major of the 29th Regiment，sent out hei during the Trentutaffiri．The station of the spent a great deal of his spare time in this city，where he had many friends．While in Canada he married Miss Doucet，a member of a well－known family of Montreal．After serving for ten years on the staff of Ge eral
Wyndham，he left Canadn Wyidham，he left Canada on the withdrawal
of the British troons．He then received the othe British troops．He then received the appointiment of Commandant of the Royal
Military College，where he had stu ied．
in In November last，just in time to pre－
vent his retirement under the new rules from active service，he was the new rules the command of the militi $\uparrow$ of Canada happily nothing has oceurred to diminish the confidence which the public repose in his eneryy and professional ability．According to the Globe＇s correspondent with the troops，
on the march from Fort QuA ppelle to Clark＇ Crossing，the General roughed it the same the mell．He is up in the morning at five saddle all dis always first on parade，in the telegraph wire directing the movements of his differeut divisions and Government business， an wers his let－ers，and directs everything
in connection with his immediate in fact until Humboldt was reamed bed never got to bed before 1 a．m．，though dur．ng most of the time he had a bad cold． The General＇s aide－de－camp is Lieut．Wise，
of the Scottish Rifles in the Imperial service of the Scottish Ritles in the Mmerial service，
but he holds the local rank of Captain while but he holds the local rank of Captain while gallant young officer we have heard nothing yallant young officer we have heard nothing
but good opinions．He must have been an aetive participant in the fight at Fish Creek，
where he had two horses shot under him and where he had two horses shot under him and was slightly wounded．
The picture of the sharpshooters of the Governor－General＇s Foot Guards on the plat form of the railway station at Winnipeg， which should have appeared in this number， was unfortunately crowded out by illustra－ tions of subjects which could not so well be No． 6.

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HINTS FOR "TENDERFEET." The following practical hints are pubished in Militia General Orders
hints for marching men. 1. Clothes which have become wet with perspiration during the day should not be siept in, but should be hug ip to 2. At night, non-commissioned omicers in
charye of tents or huts should be careful not to shut all the ventilators. Sleeping in a
vitiated atmosphere tends to produce headvitiated atmosphere tends to produce headache and sickness in the morning,
3. It should be remembered that the foot inceeases by nearly one-eighth of its size in incearehes ; boots should therefore be propormarching ; boots shousd therefore be propor-
tionately large. The slightest pressure on the great toe soon cripples. Socks should be of wool, free from darns, and worn inside out. 4. Smoking on the march weakens the
heart's action, and ts liable to produce faintheart's action, and 1 is liable to produce
ness when the battalion comes to $a$ halt. ness when the battalion comes
5 . Spirits taken on the march often distress the breathing, especially if the pace is quick or the road hilly. Tea is the most invigorat-
ing drink. 6. Small quantities of food only should be taken at the mid-day halt. A good breakfast should be taken at start 7. After the march some kind of warm drink, tea or coffee, should be taken.
8. The attention of those who are subject to galled feet is directed to the following points: The feet should be hardened by the
frequent use of alum baths for a week or two frequent use of anch
before marching (two tablespoonfuls of pow-
den cover the feet. On the morning of the ma ch, the feet should be washed, wiped dry, and then rubbed over with soft soap.
If blisters ocur on the march, the fact should If blisters occur on the march, the fact shour
be rep rted at once. Broken blisters are be rep rrted at once
diffieult to deal with.
In regard to the last point, Lord Wolseley, a good authority on campaigning, says, "if there are blisters they should be pricked with not be torn off. Previous to beginning the next day's march the tender places should have soft soap applied to them, or, if it is not
to be had, any kind of grease. Whisky or um and woter preventive against blisters." It will be found that a better way than using a knife to let out the water of a blister is by drawing a thread of woon, by means of a needle, through under the skin, and then eutting it off so as to leave ends about an inch long. The atmospheric pressure will in a siort hime force the withdrawn, leaving the skiu unbroken. It may be added that the Queen's Regulations enjoin captains of companies to see personally, previous to a long march, that the men's toeand officer. Mr. Robert Sewell, writing to the Mail, gives the following sportsman's suggestions for practical care of the boots while campaigning :
Beyond a wound or sickness I can imagine nothing more fatal to a good day's march than an un omfortabie thoot, and at night. No doubt there will be nights when our gallant fellowa wire, bue den all occasions when the nature of he ground marched over has resulted in wet boots and a fire can be had at the end of the march, I would recommend that the boots be taken off and dried slowly before the fire, the soldier having first pulled on a p ir of dry socks. A boor hand to prevent this I have for many years used an ar icle known as Lamb's leather preserver. It is put up in a ery portable form, and when well rubbed in will reduce a boot dried almost to the hardness of cast iron to the pliancy of a kid glove. Ifforored to camp without fire let the boots be taken off and rubbed as ary as poss the then apply the leather preserver and stur the
boots with prairie grass, which will keep the boots in shape and prevent their drying in wrinkles.
In the absence of the special preparation mentioned, beef suet, mutton tallow, lard, or fat of the

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FIELD FORCES.
As so many of our readers are interested in the subject, we reproduce from the Winnipeg Sun the following interview with Mr. McLeod, post-office inspector for Manitoba and the North-West Territories, with regard to the arrangements for supplying the troops :-
" We are doing," he replied, " what we can to facilitate he delivery of and colospowe the to the troops at the front and along the of march. We send the correspon to Fort Qu'Appelle, and from that point it is for war led by rumners who are attached to the field force. A separation of letters and papers is made at Winnipeg and Qu'Appelle for the purpose of facilitating the delivery at ance to the Postmaster at Qu'Appelle for this
purpose. There may, however, be some difficulty in keepi g up a da ly service, and per-
haps it will be less frequent: but everythin possible will ," be done to get the correspondence along."

The rabout the Swift Current division? The regular mail service was only weekly we will keep that up, and furnish the troop in that division by the same means as that "How for Gout your nordeton's column."
"How about your northern mails ither Battle unable to maintain service with either Battle ord or Prince Albert. We have
not had a mail from Prince Albert for upward of three weeks. The last mail was dated on the 18th March
"No. Not so far as mail yet? No. Not so far as we know. I suppos some of our post-oftices have fallen into the
hands of the rebels, who muy have secure some correspondence, but I know of no mails having been captured.
"You must have a large accumulation of mail matter?

Yes, the e is a large accumulation going east in Mereh, just got east in March, just got as far as Cariton. It
was carried to Prince Albert by the Police when they evacuated Carlton.
"Would you give a list of the post-offices affected by the trouble, as it might relieve
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