





Carleton some days ago were compelled to turn back, the whole Battle river country being alive with insurgents, Indians as well as half-breeds. News from this point is as usual with the anxiety. Should there be serious trouble at Edmonton and Battleford, and also at Wood Mountain the position will be perilous in the extreme. The general belief is that General Middleton will wait here with the Winnipeg militia until the arrival of reinforcements from Eastern Canada. There are not more than 400 men to garrison way to Carleton and Prince Albert, through 250 miles of broken country, with 800 well-equipped half-breeds menacing his front and flank movements. It is not yet certain how the Indians will go. Should Beaulieu, Pound Maker, and Red Pheasant, with other Cree and Sisseton bands, in the north and east, numbering over 15,000 souls, side with the half-breeds as army of 5,000 troops would have its hands full. Archibald McDonald, chief factor of the Hudson's Bay Company here, says that he has had a conference with Papat and other chiefs on Saturday the Indians on this side of the South Saskatchewan are quiet, but those to the north of the river are greatly excited.

THE INDIANS. The length of the campaign entirely depends on the Indians. If they remain loyal it will not be a difficult thing to overpower them with a few battalions, but if they aid him a long and bloody contest must ensue. We understand the authorities have been advised in case of any such should rise, to send friendly tribes and pit them against those in the rebellion. Such a course may become necessary as a last resort, but under the circumstances would be attended with grave danger to the future peace of the country. The fight would at once assume the character of an inter-tribal war, the end of which no man could foretell. It would render life very properly insecure for all time or at all events until the struggle had ended in the annihilation of all Indians concerned in it.

DIFFICULTIES. Still another objection to the Mail from Qu'Appelle, says: "A terrific blizzard has been raging most of to-day and Sunday, and at 9 p. m. was still snowing. This fresh snow will probably render the use of wagons for the transportation of troops impossible. Sleighs would certainly make the journey in much better time. General Middleton keeps a close mouth, but it is evident he does not intend to advance until more troops arrive, though he may perhaps go up to Fort Qu'Appelle, 10 miles north of here, whither some of the troops have already gone. All day long the troops have been learning how to march in serried ranks. Farmers are flocking in with their teams. Should the camping last much longer no seeding will be done this year. Freighters with supplies going north from the railway have been stopped en route for fear they should be captured by the rebels. All troops here are well and full of enthusiasm, and all soldiers among them are looking anxiously for reinforcements from Eastern Canada. A retired sergeant-major of the British army, who has been here for a long time, says the country between Fort Qu'Appelle and Prince Albert, 240 miles, is admirably adapted for the sort of warfare that will be pursued by the half-breeds. It consists of undulating prairie, with deep ravines, hills, rivers, small lakes and innumerable groves of poplar, which will afford a perfect cover for the rebels. They know every advantageous point, whereas the troops under Gen. Middleton will have to go it blind and trust to luck.

REACHING FROM AMHERST. Mr. McManus says the Batteries of Artillery will be of little use in such a region. The half-breeds will not attempt to fight in open but will be content to camp and literally "shoot without being seen." He thinks, too, that the half-breeds, being admirable horsemen, will have a great advantage over the volunteers as regards rapidity of movement and concentration. Then the Remingtons, with which they are armed, are much superior to the Snider-Enfield in the hands of the troops. He says the half-breeds are quite as formidable as those of the Boers, the farmers with whom the British regulars had such a hard job at Majuba hill and elsewhere. He says it will, to some extent, be a question of marksmanship, and that he believes again the half-breeds are infinitely stronger than the volunteers or the regulars. McManus has shot and hunted many times over the country lying between here and Prince Albert, and he thinks it will afford the half-breeds innumerable opportunities for ambushing troops. He is convinced that the General Middleton will not attempt to go much further north of this until he receives large reinforcements, and it is the opinion that 3,000 regulars could not deal with the rising as it stands at present. At least twice that number would be none too many.

TEACHERY. Sir John Macdonald has received a telegram stating that the loss of life in the engagement at Duck Lake, on Thursday, was owing to the treachery of the rebels. The telegram states that Major O'Leary, with mounted police and civilians, moved forward on Thursday morning, in a party with the rebels at Duck Lake, and under a flag of truce began to communicate with a view to the cessation of hostilities, and it was while they were proceeding that the rebels opened fire. A Winnipeg special says authentic information has been received of the rebel loss at Duck Lake. Only one man was wounded. No one was killed. The rebels fought throughout under cover. Nothing could be seen of them by the police, smoke wreaths from their long range rifles being the only visible sign of their presence in the bluff.

PERSONAL. The detachment from "A" Battery, Quebec, is under command of Captain Peters, son of Mr. W. T. Peters, formerly of St. John, now living at Apohaqui. Captain Drury, son of W. Chipman Drury, St. John, is one of the officers. There are many New Brunswickers attending the school at Quebec and it is thought several St. John and Portland men are among those who have gone West. The Fredericton Capital says: (Correspondent of F. G. G. G.) whose name appears among the wounded list mounted police at the late engagement, is a brother of Major Gordon, of the Fredericton Infantry School. Lieut-Col W. S. Morris, Major Thomas Dunsmuir and Little Pine, former residents and well known in this city, all belong to this force.

THE CAUSES OF THE REBELLION. Sheffington Elliott, son of Judge Elliott of London, Ont., in letters written to his family forebode the outbreak. His letters appear to have left for the wrong of the settlers, but did not anticipate that their wrong would bring on open rebellion.

He told in various letters, how lands, which had been killed by half-breeds for years, were given over their heads by the Dominion government to land sharks and speculators, who turned these settlers and sold their homesteads at their own sweet will. He again and again said that the half-breeds had great cause for complaint on account of the injustices done them, and were threatening to rise. He told how Riel had returned and how a council had been called and an ultimatum issued to the Dominion government, saying that if some satisfactory arrangement to settle the claims of half-breeds were not made within 15 days they would rise. Elliott subsequently wrote that Riel gives just until the 17th of March to act. In his letter to Home B. Elliott, March 4, he says: "Riel says he had several thousand Indians who will rise at a word from him. If they do we will be in an awkward position, for the government have taken our arms from us."

The following is a portion of a letter written by a young man residing at Prince Albert, N. W. T., on the 21st inst. and received by his parents in Toronto a few days ago: "I was in the war of Minister Pope, was of opinion that there was too much bloodshed, and that the people of the United States never thought anything of ten or twelve men being killed. It was a weekly occurrence the most atrocious remark by Mr. Ives and pointed out that the lives of white settlers, who were surrounded by Indians, would be in jeopardy. Mr. White (Cardwell) moved that an account be authorized to pay, on their capture from Ottawa, full indemnity to the officials of the house as may have volunteered for services in the Northwest. The motion was altered on recommendation of Mr. Blake, as the house had no legal authority to pass such a motion, and that the House wishes the finance minister to make provision for these payments."

REBELLION AGAIN DEFEATED. SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 28. The return match between Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, and William Beach took place today on the Paramatta river and resulted in Hanlan's defeat by six lengths. Beach beat him seven lengths in their race last year. (Beach commenced life as a blacksmith—a trade which for several years he followed with his father at Dapto, Illawarra. Dappling his vocation he ran away, and for several years he roamed about the country, doing any jobs that came to hand. He then returned home, and having always had a fondness for aquatic pursuits, took part in several races. Being all content with his native place he was persuaded to try his luck on the Sydney waters. In October, 1882, he made his first appearance in a water boat, and rowed second to Michael Roth for the Punch trophy, beating, among others, Laycock and Trickett. On Dec. 23, he beat Clifford in a match for £200 a side on the Paramatta river for £200. A week later he beat McDonald in a match for £100 over the championship course, and in the March following easily lowered the colors of Reynolds in a skiff match. In March, 1883, he took the prize in all-comers race at Woolloomooloo regatta. He rowed against Trickett, for £100 a side, over the championship course, Paramatta river, on July 25, when he was easily beaten by the ex-champion. On Aug. 18 following, however, Beach turned the tables on Trickett, beating him in a second match for £100 a side. On the 27th of the same month he beat a third race was rowed between the pair over the championship course, and resulted in an easy win for Beach. Beach on December 8 again beat the ex-champion. Feb. 1 they again met, and Trickett proved the victor. Beach and Trickett met again on the Paramatta on Saturday, April 12, when the Dapto man won by three lengths. His next great event was to defeat Hanlan.

REV. WM. C. GAYNOR, of Debec, Carleton Co., has for some time been engaged writing a work in Latin based on the Oremus of St. Thomas Aquinas. He has examined a few of the advance sheets gotten out in this country for the author's use and the manner scholarly and the matter vigorous, practical and philosophical. The work itself now stands ready for the press, will be published in Paris. We bespeak words of encouragement to the young author from those qualified to judge of the character, magnitude and opportuneness of his work.—Oble.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Richard Fairley is to be congratulated on the interesting fact announced in another column.

ROYAL ARCHANGEL.—Miramichi Council, No. 441, will meet at its rooms tomorrow evening at 7.30.

ST. MARY'S GUILD.—There was a Devotional meeting of St. Mary's Guild in the School Room on Monday evening last. The President gave an address on the Holy Scriptures.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY SERVICES.—On Good Friday there will be Divine Services in St. Mary's Chapel at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. On Easter Sunday there will be Divine Services in St. Mary's Chapel at 11 a. m. and 6.30 p. m. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a. m. and also at 11 a. m. There will be also Divine Services at St. Paul's at 3 p. m. The offerings on Easter Day will be for the poor.

"LO, THE POOR INDIAN."—On Tuesday three squares walked into a house in town and the kitchen door proceeded to beg for sundry supplies in a very demonstrative way. The kitchen girl was the only person belonging to the house present at the time and she told "the sisters" she had nothing for them. They, thereupon, executed a war dance, declaring that "jains drive us white people out of way west and take us what we want—same here—country belong to injans and bound to hab us." The girl managed to keep up an appearance of courage and fight and got the intruders out, but she was not a little frightened. Not had for the three redskins' goods.

METHODIST CHURCH.—A large congregation was present at the Chatham Methodist Church on Sunday morning last, the service being held with special reference to some of its features to the Educational interests of the British North American Conference. Rev. Mr. Chapman, pastor of the Church and Chairman of the District made an interesting statistical statement showing the excellent work being done by the Confer-

ence in the matter of higher education, and Rev. Dr. Sprague of Bathurst preached the sermon, which was an able one, chiefly devoted to facts of science, experience and history which go to prove the unassailable character of Christianity.

MR. BLAKE'S BOLD DECLARATION. Mr. Blake—in view of what has been said by Mr. Ives and Mr. White and the government both generally and politically responsible; no matter what the cost may be, no matter how many special trains may be engaged or the price, if men are not only speedily sent to the front but supplied with the very best arms and ammunition.

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Miss Hobbs shook out the folds of her heavy shawl silk.

"I said, you know, that perhaps I should be some day, but of course I never dreamed that it would really happen. What a splendid looking old gentleman—the one who sat next to your mother?" she added.

"You mean the General," said Winifred, looking just a little conscious—"General Templeton."

"He has a grand face," said Miss Hobbs. "I've seen one like it in the art gallery—so handsome! and such beautiful white hair! The younger man is his nephew—I think you know me."

"Yes," said Winifred, her heart sinking a little. "Do you think him handsome?"

"Not very; a little self-conceited, if I read him aright." And Miss Hobbs laughingly unfolded her satin fan. "Of course he despises strong-minded women, authors, doctors, lecturers, and the like; he looks as if he did. Well, I've been nearly through the catalogue—a sort of Dead-sea-apple experience. When one has to work like a slave for half a day, one's opinions undergo great change. But really, who are they and what do they do for a living?"

"Mr. Robert is a lawyer," said Winifred. "The General is rich. They belong to an old Southern family. Oh, dear! here comes Aunt Elsie!"

"I'm not a bit afraid of her, my dear. You know we used to hate each other; at least she hated me, and I saw by her face at dinner that she was dying to say something disagreeable."

"You won't mind, will you?" said Winifred, almost imploringly.

"My dear, I'm a perfect idiot," said Winifred's reply, as the little sharp-eyed sharp-faced spinster stopped short as she entered.

"Aunt Elsie," said Winifred, "this is Miss Hobbs; you remember her?"

"Hobbs! Hobbs! I should think I ought to. The Hobbses of Barton, my old home, were all tailors or peddlars; it's a shame. It's a name one couldn't easily forget. Oh, yes! I remember perfectly. You are Circumella that was; come into your carriage, I hear."

All this time she was scanning her friend from head to foot, with a coolness that amused the heiress.

"Oh, no!" I came into somebody else's territory, somebody was obliging enough to say, "was the answer."

"Ah! come over, I see. I suppose you have given up teaching?"

"Oh yes! and shop-tending, and dish-washing, and everything of that sort."

"And I don't suppose you ever think of economizing now?"

"Oh, dear me, no," was the answer. "Well, I hope I shall never get above that," said Miss Hobbs. "I suppose you would object to wearing a ten-cent skirt. Now, I don't, I'm not going to spend all my money on dress or jewels."

"No; that is evident at a glance," said Miss Hobbs, quietly, looking complacently at the costly diamond on her finger. "You still practice consistency, I see, Miss Hobbs."

"A virtue that you never possessed, if I remember aright," said Miss Hobbs, with more than usual acidity, bringing into array her small weapons, ready for onslaught.

"Oh, aunt! said Winifred crimsoning. "Please remember that Miss Hobbs is my guest."

"Pray don't apologize for your aunt, dear," said Miss Hobbs, sweetly.

"Apologize for me?" retorted the spinster. "For me? I'm not going to see it tried. Some people, Miss Hobbs, who make less pretensions, are able to buy and sell you, my dear."

"Oh, but I'm not in the market," laughed Miss Hobbs with imperturbable good nature.

"That's very odd," and the little woman scanned her from head to foot. "I really seemed to see little labels all over that magnificent dress of yours, 'On private exhibition,' 'For sale,' 'Splendid bargains,' 'No more of the same kind left.' You are used to that sort of thing, you know," she added, maliciously.

Winifred's look of real distress amused Miss Hobbs, whom the lash of Miss Hobbs's tongue failed to irritate.

"What good eyes you must have, Miss Hobbs," she said, maliciously, all smiles and dimples—"at your age. But pray excuse me. I really forgot that I must write two letters to-night, in order to post them in the morning."

And she moved quickly towards the door, victor of the field.

"Aunt Clippa!" began Winifred, as Miss Hobbs disappeared, and then quailed as usual before the spiteful fire in her aunt's eyes.

"Very pretty of her, indeed—at my age!" said Miss Hobbs, doilyly angry at the insinuation, and that her opponent had had the last word. "So that is Miss Hobbs! Mark my word; that girl is going to do you harm. You might as well give up all hopes of Rob Templeton while she is here. So I advise you to conciliate the General while there is time."

Winifred turned away impatiently. There was genuine misery in her face, but she did not choose that her aunt should see it.

"You know, my love, you are growing older every day."

"You needn't tell me that," was the quick reply.

"I know it's not always pleasant to be written on one's age," said her aunt; "I always feel it, but then you are not quite past your youth, but I say again, Miss Hobbs is an exceptional person, very exceptional. There is a vim even in that small head of hers to capture whoever and whatever she pleases—not me, oh, no. She falls there, because I flatter myself I am just as exceptional in another way, and can't be captured. Any one can see that young Templeton has gone over head and ears. Even that poor dandy on the fifth floor, and monsieur, the French professor, are quite carried away with her. I can see how it will be."

Winifred started—and from her chair, walked back and forth excitedly, then came back, flung herself into her seat, very "le now, and cried out that she wished she could die.

"Don't be a fool, Winifred De Witt, said her aunt, laughing. 'I have noticed you sighing and moaning around, of late—everybody has. I tell you men break laughing. Then if you must economize somewhere, cry in your bedroom, as don't let anybody know it but your pillow.'

"It's not so easy to laugh," half sobbed Winifred, "when one is unhappy."

"Nobody pretends that it is, but anything rather than wear your heart on your sleeve. How do you suppose I felt yesterday when I fell down stairs with the silver, and as luck would have it, burst open the door, and the parlor full of company. There was I, with knives and forks, and a great silver platter on my back; how they got there heaven only knows; but if you want a tale, there you have it. I didn't cry, no; and when I lost ten thousand dollars at one swoop, I didn't cry."

"Always my luck," said Winifred; Miss Hobbs is handsome, rich, and accomplished. Of course there's no chance for me."

"And he did seem to be getting sweet on you, a little, before she came, I thought," said Miss Hobbs, tapping the floor vehemently, with a very small foot. "But then, why can't the General be the much finer catch of the two, and so your mother thinks. In fact, I believe she'd like to get him herself. I told her she was in love with him, and she went into such a fury. I believe it is all the same, though, but he wouldn't look at her. There's no fool like an old fool."

"Aunt Clippa," said Winifred, drying her eyes furiously, "you seemed, trying her torturing people."

"When people are silly, yes," was the dry remark.

"Then I suppose you are delighted because you think I am in trouble."

"Well, yes, if you are going to cry over it. You might as well look at the thing philosophically. Bob Templeton is a few years younger than you are, only a few, and you don't really look twenty, when you dress for it. However, I'm not going to let him fall in the way Miss Hobbs means to weave for him. He shan't walk into the spider's parlor if I can help it—the impudent little upstart that she is—rich nobody, in fact. I'll thwart her schemes!"

"What can you do?" asked Winifred, her soft, blue eyes still tearful, her manner anxious.

"That's my secret," replied her aunt; "just leave yourself in my hands, only remember I tell you it would be better for you to take the General."

CHAPTER III.

The days sped on, and Miss Hobbs was still an inmate of the De Witt mansion. So sweet, and gracious, and generous she was, that Winifred found it hard work to hate her, even though she monopolized the attention of all the marriageable young men in the house.

It was noticeable that now young Templeton spent all his evenings at home; that he followed Miss Hobbs with his eyes, and that the two, both genuine lovers of music, were often together at the piano, playing or singing duets, or talking in low tones under cover of chords and trills. Everybody knew that Miss Hobbs had a conquest.

And when she went up to her room of nights, she sat a long time before the fire, thinking, while Winifred watched her jealously.

One afternoon Miss Hobbs came in the parlor followed by young Templeton. Her cheeks were feverishly flushed, her eyes shone like diamonds—soft, floating eyes, and so rarely bright!

"You won't let me speak to you?" he said, impatiently.

"Well, there," she said, and turned suddenly round, facing him. "Do speak! He was disconcerted—confused, and stammered—

"I was going to say—that is to say, to tell you how beautiful you are! I can have horses round in ten minutes."

"Indeed, Mr. Templeton," she said, "if you know what an effort it was to dress! I have just come from my toilette; this suit came this morning. I was going to ask Winifred if it was becoming; but you may give your opinion instead, as you happen to be here."

She looked bewilderingly lovely as she stood there smiling.

"Everything you wear is both beautiful and becoming," he said, with an admiring glance.

She swept away to the sofa, and he following, sat down near her, but jumped up in dismay, as she gave a little cry.

"On careless follow! you're on my floor!" she said, laughing at his comical look.

"Was that all? Flounces be hanged!" he retorted, bluntly. "I beg your pardon, Miss Hobbs," he added, as he sat himself down. "I ought to be hung for my rudeness."

"You are forgiven," she said, "if you are very sorry. I am woman enough not to wish to destroy a pretty dress; but after all, it is of not much account. A needleful of silk will repair all the damage. I used to think more of dress."

"Because, like many women, and some men, I am inconsistent. I suppose," she made flippant reply. "Besides, you have heard all about me, I see. Well, perhaps, too, because it is a novelty. In a year's time I may care nothing about it. To tell you the truth," she added, with the most charming frankness, "before my little fortune was left me, I never in all my life had but two absolutely new dresses."

Now, to the mind of a man, who orders a suit that will last him three or four months, the idea of two or three dresses may seem a superfluity, but young Templeton acted his astonishment not me, oh, no. She falls there, because I flatter myself I am just as exceptional in another way, and can't be captured. Any one can see that young Templeton has gone over head and ears. Even that poor dandy on the fifth floor, and monsieur, the French professor, are quite carried away with her. I can see how it will be."

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"Dear, dear!" he said, pityingly; "what a bedlam it must have been!"

General Business.

It was, I assure you. Well, I wore their dresses when they were discarded, and ate the bread of grief and humiliation. My only solace was to get by myself and study. An old bald-headed school-teacher who boarded there, took a fancy for the child, so lonely, so sad, and seeing that she thirsted for knowledge, he, after a fashion, educated her."

"Good fellow! I love that old, bald-headed man," said young Templeton, with enthusiasm.

"So do I. Well, amidst the chatter of dishes, and pots and bottles," continued Miss Hobbs, and her luminous eyes had a far-away look in their soft depths. "I did manage to find my intellect—though with an intense love of the beautiful, I was denied all beauty—"

"Save what you saw in your mirror," interrupted her listener.

"As sparing of your flattery," she said with a laugh. "I was just a tall, big-eyed, sorrowful-faced child, as ugly as sin."

"You are bravely over it, then," he murmured in an undertone, playing with the tassel of her fan.

"Longing for adornment and refinement," continued Miss Hobbs, "I saw little of either. My only solace was in old-fashioned novels. Oh, how I did love them! When my aunt died, I had my second new dress, a black calico."

"I detect black," said young Templeton, "and calico is my abhorrence."

"I don't believe you would know calico from cotton-flannel," laughed Miss Hobbs, merrily. "However, I forgive you; it is a thing you see you hate."

"Yes, that and all her children. Was there an uncle? Because if there was, I shall feel in duty bound to hate him."

"Indeed, you shall hate none of them," said Miss Hobbs, seriously; "they all did the very best they could for me. After that came the fight—yes, the close, hand-to-hand fight with poverty. You cannot know what that means to a friendless woman. I stood behind shop counters and dealt in that which mocked my longing. Oh, how I did have to work, to keep soul and body together! Don't I know how to pity the great army of girls who go to their toll, while I am having my sweetest morning nap!"

Young Templeton was silent, but he looked with a glance that was half adoring, in Miss Hobbs's beautiful eyes.

"After that I found an easier situation, and I came to this home. Poor Winifred! I always pity her, and laugh at myself when I think of the atrocious jargon I taught her for French. I hope she has forgotten it. She was so good to me! Don't you think her very lovely?"

She looked at him eagerly. She had a reason for asking.

"Pretty," he said, "rather—I never fancied blonde beauty."

Her cheeks grew a thought redder, but she went on—

"So now you see why I love dress, jewel in color, exult in the splendor of fabric and luster. Perhaps it is only a passing fancy."

"Miss Hobbs," said young Templeton, and his tones grew deeper—then he drew a long breath and wondered at her silence. He did not dare to look at her, but he went on in an impetuous fashion—

"I have wanted to tell you—"

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