

A SOLDIER AND A GENTLEMAN

SIR FRED MIDDLETON ANSWERS HIS ACCUSERS

He Says He is the Victim of the Politicians

An Exhaustive Explanation of the

Breaker Fur Business—He Does Not

Leave Canada a Debauched Soldier

About Promotions For Brave Officers

To the People of Canada:

To be silent under unmerited censure is

often the part of a soldier, and I have

been charged with impropriety or with

having overstepped my powers as a commander

in the field I might have chosen to retire

without saying anything in my defence, and

to leave to the justice and generosity of

the Canadian people to balance my general

services against a single error of judgment.

But the bitterness of my assailants and the

organs of their party in the press have not

stopped here. I owe it to my compatriots—

and to all Canadians as parties to what

has happened, that I should not be

condemned by silence.

An indictment comprising four charges

was brought against me by Mr. G. W.

Lester, M.P., before the committee of the

House of Commons. Beside the instruction

to Mr. Lester to investigate the fur

business, and to report thereon, the

House of Commons, by a vote of 100 to

10, has also passed a resolution, which

is in the following terms:—That the

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recently become satisfied that it was not

legally justifiable. I did admit that on

considering the matter legally, I should really

and legally had not the power to confer

the fur, but, after all, whether that

power to confer that fur or not, I was

obliged to put them in charge of the

mountain, and I had not afterwards

formally pronounced them confiscated, they

would have remained for them to do

As regards the fur themselves, I may

point out that their amount and value

were then worth \$474 (which valuation is

recorded in the Northwest Territories,

when he left Fort McMurray, and to

Beaufort, he was allowed to take his fur,

but he did not know how many beaver

he had. It was, he said, over

and nearer twenty beaver. Doubtless it

is only reasonable to believe that the

Indian took some of the fur, and after

the fur arrived at Beaufort, a quantity

were taken by the people about before they

were handed over to the mounted police

for security, so that it is impossible to

know how many were really given into

their hands.

Memoranda for the Officers.

Before the select committee it was proved

that only about one-eighth of the fur in

charge were packed up as memoranda for

the officers, that I myself never received

any of them, and that the remaining

seven-eighths were dispersed, and yet it

was stated that I had taken the fur out

of the press of this country, that I had

personally appropriated \$400 worth of fur

to be given to the officers, and that I

was also alleged that some fur were

part payment for dressing other fur, etc.

was part of Bremer's lot. Of course they

could not have been taken from me, but

they were not even of the same kind as

those which I had taken from me, and

therefore could not have been taken from

me. An attempt was made to connect me

personally with these furs by the fact

that I went to look at them at Beaufort

on my way home, but I pointed out that

they had not been put up for me, and

that I was afterwards handed over to

the Government authorities in Winnipeg.

As regards the billiard table, from copies

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names of officers for brevet promotions. On

March 11, 1889, I addressed another letter

to the Minister of Militia referring to my

communication of Dec. 16, 1888, and urging

that some action should be taken thereon.

I never received written official answer to

my letter, but I had frequent conversations

with the minister on the subject. After one

of these conversations, again, as late as April,

1887, personally submitted a letter to the

minister in which I once more brought

forward the subject of these rewards, drawing

attention to the fact of his being the jubilee

year of our Most Gracious Sovereign, when

the Government might deem it an auspicious

moment to ask for the decorations I begged

to recommend, and to confer the brevet

promotions also. The letter would come

under certain alterations in the regula-

tions, which I suggested should be made. In

this letter I ventured to specify the decorations

and promotions as follows:

1. Brevet Major-General, Lieutenant-Colonel,

and all Displacements of the Womb.

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