

THE SCARE AT CALGARY.

FREQUENT ALARMS THAT THE INDIANS ARE COMING.

Reported Encounter Between Major Steele and the Red Men—General Hasleton Out of the Line of Communication.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 21.—A despatch from Calgary reports that the police under Major Steele in advance of Gen. Strange's column, en route to Fort Pitt from Edmonton, had an encounter with Indians, losing several men. This news is brought by freighters and lacks confirmation.

Gen. Strange intends effecting a junction with the Battalion troops and thus prevent Big Bear and Poundmaker joining forces.

Calgary seems to be the scene of considerable unnecessary excitement. Imaginary surprises are created and telegrams follow each in quick succession for more troops. The latest rumor is to get the garden artillery away from Winnipeg, where they are detained for absolutely necessary garrison duty.

A despatch from Moose Jaw announces the arrival of General Laurie who is arranging a change of base of supplies from Swift Current to Moose Jaw on account of the dangers incident to travel by the Swift Current trail.

The bodies of Corp. Code and Privates Hardisty, Fraser, Watson and Lieut. Fitch are being embalmed preparatory to starting for Winnipeg, where they will arrive to-morrow night. The city council has decided to give the Winnipeggers a public funeral.

Dr. Lynch has received a telegram from Dr. Douglas at Clark's Crossing asking that the body of Private Moor, Royal Grenadiers, en route to Moose Jaw be embalmed and forwarded to Toronto along with that of Lieut. Fitch.

The companies of the Halifax battalion are encamped upon high ground overlooking Medicine Hat, and are vigilant on account of rumors of the close proximity of Indians to the north. Capt. Stewart's rangers are also still in that vicinity and scout the country for miles around.

It is believed Gen. Middleton will not wait there, but will push on to Medicine Hat. Everything is quiet at the latter place awaiting his arrival.

INDIAN NEWS. CLARKE'S CROSSING, N.W.T., May 21.—A band of Indians who were on the way from Battleford destined to join Kiehl, are encamped about 30 miles northwest of here. They have sent a messenger to Gen. Middleton for a conference, and it is believed have learned of Kiehl's defeat at Batchoe. Settlers on the west side of the river with the exception of the staff at the telegraph office fled on receipt of the news of the Indian victory.

The body of Private Moore, the Grenadier killed at Batchoe, has been examined and passed here on route to Toronto. At several points a thunder storm has prevailed since Tuesday evening. The vines have been in trouble east of Humboldt.

The balance of the 7th Fusiliers with two companies of the Middle battalion arrived here yesterday, and are encamped on the east side of the river. Four hundred officers and men are here.

RELIEF FOR VOLUNTEER FAMILIES. The ladies' volunteer supply committee yesterday discussed what action should be taken in regard to the families of volunteers at the front, who are in need of assistance.

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THE NEW HISTORICAL NAME OF BATCHOE. The new historical name of Batchoe is derived from a settler of the name of Francis Xavier Batchoe, who is the principal citizen of the town and living there. The name is common among French-Canadian, especially in the country parts, as an abbreviation or corruption of the word "Batiste".

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MR. BLAKE AFTER NEWS.

HE THINKS SIR JOHN SHOULD BE MORE COMMUNICATIVE.

A Debate Regarding the Secretary Information Furnished—Bugs Signatures to Petitions Against the Franchise.

OTTAWA, May 21.—The consideration of the bill in amendment of the Statute in the senate was postponed until Tuesday, when the bill might be re-printed. A bill for the employment of prisoners outside of jail premises was read a second and third time and passed. Other bills were advanced a stage and the hard-worked old judges adjourned, terminating a sitting of less than an hour.

In the house of commons forty-one petitions against the passing of the franchise act were presented.

Mr. Woodworth pointed out that a very large proportion of the signatures to all the anti-franchise petitions were in the same handwriting. A discussion followed on the subject of the handwriting of the signatures to the petitions.

On motion of Sir John Macdonald it was decided that the house should adjourn on Friday next at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. The government measures shall have precedence over the petitions.

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MIDNIGHT RAID.

SIX DISREPUTABLE MEN VISITED LAST NIGHT THE WARD BETWEEN 12 AND 1 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING, WHEN THE POLICE RAIDED SIX DISREPUTABLE HOUSES.

At 16 Elizabeth street, Annis Lincoln, the keeper, was the only person found. Annie Thompson, keeper, four inmates and two frequenters were taken from 9 and 11 Alice street.

At 62 Albert street Leslie Howard was alone in her glory. Fanny Dunn and two girls were found at 25 Centre street.

The house at 35 Teraville street yielded up the keeper, a newly arrived French woman from the other side and three inmates. Lizette Carter and a man were having a quiet little game of euchre when the police broke upon them at 29 Centre street.

This raid aggregated eighteen prisoners, all of whom were taken to the police station. The keeper of the house at 62 Albert street was taken to the police station.

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SEVENTEEN LIVES LOST.

TERRIBLY FATAL FIRE AT CINCINNATI.

The Elevator and the Telegraph and Telephone Wires Largely Responsible for the Extent of the Calamity.

CINCINNATI, May 21.—The fire at 19 Sixth street this afternoon caused the death of seventeen persons and was thought that only five women who jumped from the fifth story window were killed, but when the fire was subdued so that the firemen could enter the building without flood bodies lay in heaps on the fifth floor who jumped from the windows and were killed, and one man, after saving the lives of two women by letting down a rope from the roof, was himself killed by the burns in two of the same rope before he reached the ground.

The result of the voting in Frontenac county has not been received, but sufficient has been secured to induce the passage of the act by a majority of 400. There are twenty names on the list of electors.

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HANLAN IN SAN FRANCISCO.

His Opinion of Beach—A Challenge to the World.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 21.—Hanlan arrived from Australia to-day. Speaking of his defeat by Beach he said, "I simply see, a better man than I was at the time. I was beaten fairly and squarely. I shall return to Australia in eight months and try him again. Beach is the best man I ever met and I am authorized to say he is ready to row any man in the world for from \$5000 to \$25000 and allow travelling expenses." Hanlan is in excellent condition.

VOYING ON THE SCOTT ACT. Carried in the county and Defeated in the City.

KINGSTON, May 21.—The total vote polled in the city was 786 for the act and 859 against it. At many polling places the vote was in the vicinity distributing Scott's act.

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THE COURT HOUSE PLANS.

FIFTY ARCHITECTS PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION.

Report of the Experts—Name of the Plans Satisfactory—All in Excess of the Appropriation—No Prize Awarded.

The court house committee met yesterday afternoon, Chairman Hastings, Ald. Crocker, Carlyle, Jones, Gormley, Pepler and John Woods being present. The report of the experts, Messrs. Manning, Matthew Sheard and Theo. Fuller (Ottawa) was read.

In pursuance with your request of the 15th inst., accompanied with printed copies of the instructions issued for the guidance of architects, and also of a circular addressed to them, and also of a circular addressed to the clerk's office, we at once commenced the inspection of the various plans and specifications, fifty in number, submitted for our consideration and adjudication.

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BRITISH FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

MR. GLADSTONE AND LORD FITZMAURICE.

LONDON, May 21.—In the house of commons, concerning Turkey, Mr. Gladstone stated that the time was inopportune to explain the grounds for a renewal of the Irish Home Rule Bill.

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