

The Rebellion.

The news that came on Saturday, that the outlaw Riel was a prisoner in the hands of General Middleton, sent a thrill of pleasure through the heart of every loyal Canadian.

Now that Riel is a prisoner, there can be but one fate for him. The hangman's noose must claim so ripe a villain.

One of Mr. Blair's Reforms.

In Mr. Blair's famous reform resolutions moved in the Assembly during the session of 1881, the reduction of the number of the Executive Council, had a prominent place.

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"Eight members have a very preponderating influence in the house; he would favor a reduction to seven, having in view a change to five."

"The 'preponderating influence,' said Mr. Blair. Well, does not the 'preponderating influence' still exist? Has Mr. Blair done anything towards removing it? Has he reduced the number of the Executive to five or seven, or has he reduced it at all. No. Mr. Blair since attaining power, has never mentioned the subject either in or out of the House.

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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

The Canadian Pacific Railway-The Senate's attempt to amend the Scott Act-The Opposition continuing their Obstructive Policy.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 16th, 1885. The terms of assistance to the Canadian Pacific Railway which were authoritatively announced early last week, and which are before this fully known to you, do not seem to have evoked the chorus of vituperative protest, which past experience might have led us to expect.

As for the measure of relief for the present, it is generally agreed that the agreement proposed to be ratified by Parliament, is the best possible solution of a very difficult and perplexing question.

The railway must be finished, and that too with the utmost attainable speed; and this object can only be secured by assisting the corporation with the financial strength in which the Government is so richly supplied.

The honorable gentlemen of the Senate are evidently fully determined that the country shall be from time to time reminded not only of their existence, but also of the fact that they have minds of their own, and do not hesitate to put their feet down firmly when they feel inclined.

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There is very no uncertainty as to whether the New Brunswick Battalion will be taken to the West or not.

News of the rebellion and of the departure of our troops for Sussex, has exhausted our space to-day, crowding out local and editorial matter.

CAPITULATED!

course in the Infantry School, Toronto. His father is in Australia. Private Cook is a shoemaker by trade, and nineteen years of age. Lieutenant of the Midland battalion, is a son of General Leitch, and is the president of the Credit Valley Railroad. He is a native of Toronto, and passed a regular course in the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, in 1862. He is a member of the firm of Fitch & Davidson, wholesale grocers, of which his father is also a partner. He was born and educated in Toronto, and his parents are distinguished. He is brother-in-law of Senator Clewton of Ottawa. Lieutenant Helliwell and Corporal Helliwell are brothers, and their father being rector of a church in Amherstburg. Both are law students.

Corporal Williams of the 90th, wounded at the battle of Batoche, is a brother of the late Major-General, killed at Fish Creek. Hardisty, a native of Manitoba and son of one of the old Selkirk settlers, is a native of the province, and was captured by the French, killed, and returned to England, and a native of Ireland. He attended the Dublin college of surgeons in 1863. He joined the mounted police on his organization in 1864, and served as a lance corporal at Appelle. He was a very daring fellow. Sergeant Jacques is an old Toronto boy, and was book-keeper for Gordon & Co. there, and a member of the firm of Fitch & Davidson, and engaged in the hardware business.

The Official Account of Batoche's Capture.

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Riel a Prisoner in Middleton's hands.

The Rebel Chief run down and his half breeds scattered.

The Story of the Battle of Batoche.

The Steamer Northcote's Thrilling Experience.

Probable end of the War.

After the fight at the southern skirt of the rifle pits on Saturday, the rebels were driven back in a large clear space, 200 yards west of the Church of St. Antoine. The rebels on the west side of the river, some 200 strong, fired one or two shots across, but their bullets fell short. Doubtless the rebels had some artillery and Gatling men stood beside their guns. Troops were firing off and on for several hours. Now and then we could hear a way of change. The troops in front. Towards midnight many shots were fired and on the whole we passed a very quiet night. The troops stood to arms sharp at 4 o'clock this Sunday morning. The rebels had been moving about all night, and the moment we began to stir their advance fired a few shots and gave a loud cheer, apparently by way of challenge. The troops were quite cool and collected. General Middleton had let it be understood, however, that most of the work would be left to the artillery, and at parts the officers cautioned the men against exposing themselves. Our artillery moved forward at 6.30 A.M., and opened on the ravines where the fighting was done yesterday. Two guns were directed against the rebel positions, and the rebels fled along the river. A few rebels lay behind three log shanties just below the river bank, and the artillery soon drove them out. The enemy fled in all directions, and our artillery fire except at times between them, when they lay at the artillerymen, who were pretty well covered, however, by skirmishers. Nothing was seen of the Northcote, and A.S. skimmers from the Royal Grenadiers and 90th were sent a little ahead towards grove of spruce and poplar north of our position. Howard, with the Gatling, was sent to the west bank of the river to lead for half an hour. The rebels did not fire back, but lay low in their rifle pits. Occasionally two or three of them would jump drawing our men after them, but strict orders had been issued against following them. This game lasted a long while, no damage being done on either side. We waited until 10 o'clock, and then we attempted to charge the pits, and for similar reasons the rebels refrained from running up against our big guns and Gatling. The rebels shanties along the river.

Knocked into splinters.

By 8.30 A.M., and the troops were ordered up to make a dash for the principal houses behind the bluff, but the men had no sooner reached the bluff than they were met by a fire from the rebel positions. The rebels were firing, suddenly rose in the air, and the men had no sooner reached the bluff than they were met by a fire from the rebel positions. The rebels were firing, suddenly rose in the air, and the men had no sooner reached the bluff than they were met by a fire from the rebel positions.

Another despatch says: News has just been received of the capture of Batoche. The place was carried by the rebels, and having been driven from the pits and entrenchments at the point of the bayonet. The gallant charge was made by the Royal Grenadiers, who were supported by the 90th and their work without flinching. Riel sent a messenger to Gen. Middleton early in the day, saying: "If you persist in firing upon the houses containing our women and children we shall massacre the prisoners in our hands."

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The Northcote's Hurricane of Fire.

Hydrographer, N. W. T., May 12.—(On board the steamer Northcote, this first boat Batoche, May 10th, 4 P.M.)

Another engagement with the rebels took place this morning, with what result we do not know at this writing. According to the report of the Northcote, the rebels were driven back in a large clear space, 200 yards west of the Church of St. Antoine. The rebels on the west side of the river, some 200 strong, fired one or two shots across, but their bullets fell short. Doubtless the rebels had some artillery and Gatling men stood beside their guns. Troops were firing off and on for several hours. Now and then we could hear a way of change. The troops in front. Towards midnight many shots were fired and on the whole we passed a very quiet night. The troops stood to arms sharp at 4 o'clock this Sunday morning. The rebels had been moving about all night, and the moment we began to stir their advance fired a few