

The Northwest Half-breeds.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Morris, in "The Treaties of Canada," divides the half-breeds of the Dominion into three classes. The first class consists of those who, as at St. Laurent near Prince Albert, the Qu'Appelle lakes and Edmonton, have their farms and homes; the second is composed of such as are entirely identified with the Indians, living with them, and speaking their language; and the third class, again, is made up of those who do not farm but spend their time, after the fashion of the wilder Indians, in the pursuit of the buffalo and other game. Writing just five years ago, Mr. Morris says that as to the first of these classes, the question is an easy one. Such half-breeds will, he supposes, be recognized as possessors of the soil, he confirms by the government in their holdings, and thus continue to make their living by farming and trading. Those of the second class have been recognized as Indians and as belonging to the band among which they choose to reside. The position of the third class he considers more difficult. In their case, the loss of the means of livelihood by the destruction of the buffalo, produces the same distress and anxiety as in that of the Indians. In 1876 Mr. Morris had already suggested that a census should be taken of the Metis who lived by wandering over the plains. Though not then disposed to recommend their being brought under the treaties, he suggested that land should be assigned to them and that after they had settled down, if an examination of their circumstance it were deemed expedient, some assistance should be given them to enable them to enter on agricultural operations. In dwelling on the importance of the half-breeds as a link between whites and Indians, Mr. Morris quotes from an address of Lord Dufferin in which he attributed much of the good feeling between the two races to half breed influences. It is all the more pity that a class of people who might have proved so useful to the country should have been misled by evil counsel into courses that can benefit neither themselves nor others, while in many ways they will prove disastrous to all alike.

British Losses in Recent Battles.

Of the twenty-four or twenty-five battles fought by British troops during the past eleven years, including all those in the Ashantee, Afghan, Zululand and Egyptian campaigns, the number of casualties has exceeded in only three instances the total of 50 killed and 170 wounded, inflicted on us during the desperate encounter of Sunday. Of these three, two were disasters of a character happily very rare in the annals of the British army—viz., Isandula, and Majuba. In the former case our total forces of 23 officers, 500 men and 1,000 natives was annihilated, and on the occasion of the disastrous defeat and retreat of Gen. Burrough's command our loss amounted to 21 officers, 300 English and 700 natives killed, and 15 officers and 90 men missing. The third case in which our loss was heavier than at Bakers Zereba was at Tel-el-Kebir, where 9 officers and 45 men were killed and 22 officers and 320 men wounded, and even here the number of killed was less than that in Sunday's battle. In this respect, however, both the two last named are exceeded by Majuba Hill, where 85 were killed; Laing's Nek, 81; Tama, 91; and Abu Klea, 74 killed.

Fighting M. Ds.

Dr. W. B. Slayter and Dr. Chas. Rigby, two leading Halifax physicians had a personal encounter on Friday which has been the talk of the city all day. Dr. Slayter, who is a powerfully built man of forty-five, was one of the surgeons of the Princess Louise Fusiliers who declined to proceed to the seat of the Northwest war when ordered. He has since been the recipient of several handsome white feathers and has been freely posted as a "coward." Dr. Rigby, a rival physician, a tall thin man, with one arm hors de combat; has publicly and privately expressed his opinion of Slayter's decision to stay at home. The two men met when Slayter proved that though afraid to go to the front he was not averse to fighting at home, by knocking Rigby down and kicking him. The belligerents were separated, and Slayter who was arrested will be sued for damages. Slayter has also been dismissed from the Canadian military service.

Royal Receptions.

King Humbert and Queen Margherita on the 8th inst., received Garibaldi's widow and son, giving them a kind welcome. The agreement in regard to the cession of the Island of Caprera was signed. The conditions imposed are that the government shall build a lighthouse on the island, and preserve Garibaldi's grave forever.

AUCTION SALES.—I am instructed by Paul Lea, Esq., to sell his valuable property in this city, by auction, on Monday, the 27th day of April inst., at 12 o'clock, noon, on the premises, namely, the large factory buildings and grounds, the dwelling house, stable, etc., and a vacant lot in rear of same. Particulars in handbill.—A. McNELL, Auctioneer. [ap 13]

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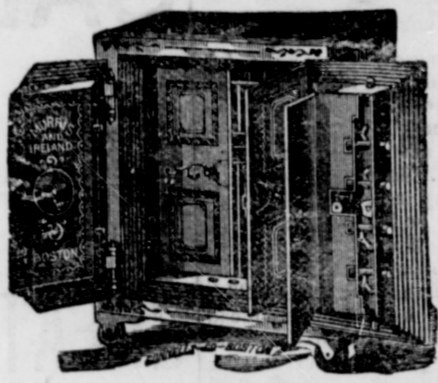
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