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Northwest Rebellion Broke Out March 26, 1885, Ending Three Months Later

By JAMES MCCOOK
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Sixty years ago the mutterings of prairie halfbreeds in the Northwest Territories burst into the fury of revolt and, with the battle of Duck Lake on March 26, 1885, the Northwest Rebellion started.

In three months of isolated skirmishes which followed, 39 volunteers, Northwest Mounted Police and members of Eastern Canadian regiments, died. Losses among their opponents, the Indians and halfbreeds, probably were about the same, although no detailed count appears to have been kept by the rebel leaders.

The campaign had fantastic contrasts. Gen. Frederick Middleton, a precise, slow-moving British officer, led an impetuous force of Eastern Canadian troops who were associated with hard-riding Mounted Police and volunteers. His enemy was the quick-thinking, unpredictable Louis Riel.

Middleton's men had old-fashioned single-shot rifles, the halfbreeds and Indians, better shots and skilled in guerilla warfare, had repeaters. Ships equipped for war followed the meandering prairie rivers, chunks of steel laid along their decks to protect their riflemen. The rebels strung a wire across one river and snared the smoke-stack of the plunging riverboat Northcote, which carried on as if nothing had happened.

Dashing cavalrymen made journeys of fearsome length carrying messages and shooting it out with Indians. At Frog Lake Cree Indians ran amok, slaughtering whites as they left church. At Cutknife, the august Poundmaker prevented his young braves cutting retreating troops to pieces after they had been defeated. When the Battle of Batoche was at its height, Middleton and Riel exchanged formal notes and the general made sure his guns were not directed at the place where the halfbreed women and children were hidden.

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Bill Corner, young Francois Lake ferry engineer, narrowly escaped drowning on Wednesday just at dark when he attempted to cross the rotting ice on foot on his way home to Southland.

Folks at the Landing heard him shout for help when half a mile out from shore. Joseph Sugden, John Belt and Peter Neave ran out with lifebuoy and rope. When the ice was too weak to walk further, Belt, the lightest in weight, crawled as far as possible and threw the lifebelt to Corner. The ice under Sugden gave way and he fell through, but managed to get out. He and Neave pulled Belt and Corner to safety.

It was only that Belt was light and plucky that Corner was rescued as the ice was giving way under the others before the end of the rope played out.

Regina, a newspaper editor complained that too much fuss was being made about the rising, and gave most of his space to a murder trial at Moose Jaw, even on days when even Middleton let it be known his situation was "ticklish." Bugles blew in Toronto, Halifax, Quebec and every other eastern city; recruiting officers could not find places for half the men who volunteered for service.

Following Batoche, Riel surrendered and on November 16 he was hanged, forgiving his enemies, after the Macdonald government at Ottawa had pondered innumerable petitions from Quebec and the United States asking that he be reprieved, and a few from residents of the Northwest who asked that he be hanged forthwith.

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