

Extracts of Depositions furnished to
The Royal Commission on Rebellion Losses (Rebellion of 1885)
(Extracts from the Public Archives of Canada)

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Extracts from Evidence
of

PIERRE TOUROND, farmer, taken before the Royal Commissioners at Prince Albert, district of Saskatchewan, on the second of April 1886;

"I was present at Batoche with the Rebels, was forced to go by Riel and I was présent at the Battle of Fish Creek, under arms, and was wounded. I can't say no it is in the (paper).

My mother at times told us not to go» but Riel told us so many lies that we thought we had to go and fight, and he had too many men for us.

All the time, from the 17th of March when he sent for us to come to the Baptism of Jackson and bring our guns with us to salute the ceremony, when any of us would attempt to go home, they would (stop) us and tell us that if we left, our Cattle and goods would be taken, and if we were taken we would be shot."

The above is a true extract and is complete as regards public interest.

(Signed) Geo. H. Young,
Secretary,
Commission on Rebellion Losses.

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Extracts from Evidence
of

PIERRE TOUROUD, farmer, taken before the Royal Commissioners at Prince Albert, district of Saskatchewan, on the second of April 1886, in support of the claim of J.B. Laplante;

"I know Jean-Baptiste Laplante, He is my uncle, and I have known him from childhood. I saw thé horses and the ox before the Rebellion. They were taken by the soldiers. I did not see them do it but heard so. The horses were taken from Camp at Batoche. His ox he left at home, and I heard that the skin of a black ox was seen in the camp of the Soldiers. All thé people heard so and told me."

The above is a true extract and is complete as regards matters of public interest.

(Signed) Geo. H. Young,
Secretary,
Commission on Rebellion Losses.

Note: This is about the strongest evidence they were able to give of pillage by the troops, though before the taking of evidence it had been customary to head their claims "pillaged and destroyed by the troops of Middieton".
