

being senior officer to Lt. Col. Dennis has taken over the command."

Being impressed with the importance of punctuality on my part, my anxiety was not to be late with the Volunteers, but to render every support in my power to the officer in command, and to obey orders to the letter, which I claim to have done.

As I have shown, I think conclusively, 9:30 a. m. was the hour named for me to meet Col. Peacocke at Stevensville. In order to accomplish this object, I had to travel 16 miles,—eleven by railway to Ridgeway, and five miles' march thence to Stevensville; Colonel Peacocke's column had to march from Chippewa to Stevensville;—the distance by direct road from the one place to the other is eight miles. At 5:07 a. m. the pilot engine, by my orders, left Port Colborne,—the cars, with the Volunteers, following in a few minutes. After arriving at Ridgeway, and when about three quarters of a mile from that village, on the road to Stevensville—the distance to Stevensville being a little more than four miles—the Volunteers were attacked by the Fenians. The time was then 7:30 a. m. I expected to march this remaining distance, with *impedimenta*, in two hours or at the rate of 2½ miles an hour, which rate of speed would have brought the Volunteers to Stevensville—no obstacles intervening—at between 9 and 9:30 a. m., the time named in orders received by me from Captain Akers, R. E., on behalf of Colonel Peacocke.

During the engagement with the Fenians I received a telegram from Colonel Peacocke, dated Chippewa, 5:30 a. m. as follows viz.: "I cannot leave before 7 o'clock." I cannot comprehend why this telegram was sent to me, unless it was intended to cancel previous orders as to the time of leaving Port Colborne.

This telegram evidences clearly that some previous order had been sent requiring me to leave Port Colborne at an hour or time specified, but which was earlier than that named in this telegram.

The only previous order I received touch the time of leaving Port Colborne was the one received from Capt. Akers, R. E. That order distinctly names 5 a. m., as is shewn in this letter.

Your obt. servt.,

A. BOOKER.  
Lt. Col.  
Vol. Militia.

Montreal, 5th November, 1870.

BURFORD.

RIFLE MATCH.

The return match between the Drumbo and Burford Infantry Companies, came off according to agreement, on Saturday last, at the Village of Drumbo. The firing commenced at 1 o'clock, p. m., by the Burford Company at 200 yards. The Burford men did not do as well as usual, some of the best shots missing two or three times; for instance, Capt. Yeigh, Lieut. Wetmore, and the two Whales made only from six to nine points each, against from 14 to 16 at the same range last year. Capt. Byrne could not account for it except that it was in the range. The Burford range is level while at Drumbo they had to fire up hill. This, we think, must have been the cause, for after the first two rounds there was very little difference between the two companies. However, be that as it may, Drumbo at the first range was 26 points ahead. At the 400

yards the contest was so very close that the Drumbo men only gained 3 points. The following is the score of both companies:—

	DRUMBO.	200	400	Tl.
Laidlaw		11	10	21
Lt. Pattullo		7	6	13
Ens. Fair		9	14	23
Sgt. Sharp		11	16	27
Sgt. Cockburn		16	16	32
Corp. Wilson		14	10	24
Pte. Hamilton		10	9	19
" Ellis		13	11	24
" McLaughlan		16	17	33
" Wilson		13	11	24
" Fitch		10	6	16
Bugler Cunliffe		12	11	23
		112	137	279
	BURFORD.	13	16	29
Capt. Byrne		8	9	17
Lt. Wetmore		9	14	23
Capt. Yeigh		11	14	25
Ens. Henderson		9	9	18
G. Whale		13	14	27
J. Padfield		11	2	14
H. Padfield		16	8	24
Wm. Heron		9	4	13
J. Charles		4	15	19
J. Tillison		6	16	22
J. Hunter		6	13	19
J. Whale		116	134	250

Majority for Drumbo. 29.

After firing the Burford Company entertained the Drumbo Company to a supper at Mr. Capron's hotel. The chair was occupied by Capt. Laidlaw, and the vice-chair by Lieut. Pattullo, on the right of the chairman sat Capt. Byrne, Lt. Wetmore, Capt. Yeigh, Lt. Robertson of Paris, and Lieut. Hornor of Princeton, on the left was Lieut. Col. Patton, Capt. Lemon, and Ensign Fair, after the cloth was removed speeches and songs became the order of the evening. "The Queen" "Royal Family" were drunk with loyal enthusiasm, the "Army, Navy and Volunteers" were ably responded to by Col. Patton, Capt. Lemon, Ens. Robertson. Captain Laidlaw then proposed the health of Capt. Byrne, which was drunk with three times three, the whole company singing "he is a jolly good fellow." Capt. Byrne thanked the company for the manner in which his name had been received, and made an able speech in favor of a thorough Militia organization before that of a standing army for Canada. The gallant Captain sat down amid prolonged cheering. Capt. Byrne in return proposed the health of Capt. Laidlaw, which was also drunk with great enthusiasm. Capt. Laidlaw spoke of the good feeling that always existed between the two companies, and if Drumbo ever had to give up her laurels there was no company he would rather would get it than Burford. The following toasts were then drunk:—"Agricultural interests," responded to by Mr. Clark; "Educational," responded to Mr. Fisher, and Charles; "Press," responded to by Lieut. Pattullo; the "Ladies," by Capt. Capt. Byrne, and Mr. Cameron; also the health of Col. Patton, Capt. Lemon, and of the officers and men of both companies in their turn. Songs were sung by Lieut. Pattullo and Mr. Fisher. The company broke up at nine.—*Paris Transcript.*

It appears that a permanent military school is to be established in Montreal, with the assistance of a company of the 60th Rifles, which, by order of the Lieutenant-General, is to remain for that purpose when the regiment starts for Quebec.

RIFLE MATCH.

Yesterday week, the 27th October, a shooting match took place at the rifle range here between the Elora and Fergus companies. The weather was wet and unpleasant giving no fair test of skill under more favorable circumstances, but such as rifle men may expect to meet with when on active service.—The result was in favor of Elora, as the following score will show:—

ELORA SCORE.	
Sgt. Tribe	24
Ens. Leslie	21
Pte. Young	32
" Ideo	26
" W. Smith	19
" Auger	26
" Baird	19
" Todd	16
" Land	18
Cor. Gordon	19
Pte. McDermott	12
" Land	21
Total Elora	253
FERGUS.	
Capt. Orton	18
St. Beattie	31
Sgt. Graham	27
" Gorrie	25
" Jordan	17
Pte. Allardyce	14
" Marshall	15
" McEwen	8
" Fough	20
" Mills	7
" McCulloch	28
" Sanderson	18
Total Fergus	228

Majority for Elora. 25  
—*Elora Observer.*

The 69th Regiment will embark at Quebec to day. A strong appeal has been made by the *Quebec Chronicle* to the charitable in behalf of the poor married women who are not on the strength of the regiment, and who may be left unprotected for during the coming winter.

VOLUNTEER SURGEONS.—The militia authorities in connection with the reforms in the militia system, are now discussing the propriety of giving another grade to be open to the medical officers of the service. At the present the emoluments obtainable by medical men do not meet their expenses, and the losses they sustain by leaving their practice to attend the annual drill and service of the front. We should be glad to see a better prospect opened to them than they have just now.

The monster rifled gun which Mr. Krupp, the great foundry man of Essen, presented to King William after the last war, against the Austrians, is now on its second visit to Paris. At first it was exhibited there at the great exposition. To bring it to Paris on rail, complete with its carriage, a car of the largest dimensions had to be constructed. The bombshell it throws weighs 1,000 pounds, and every shot fired from it costs seven hundred Prussian thalers.

The war spirit of the women of Germany is quite as strong as that of the warlike sex. In every possible way they have sustained the strength and enthusiasm of the army, and have given great assistance in the furnishing of supplies and in taking care of the wounded or sick. The German papers are filled with facts illustrative of these statements.