

United Kingdom that year, amounting in round numbers to £198,000,000, £61,000,000, or one-third went to her dependencies. In 1858 the Colonies did as much business with Great Britain as the United States, France, Germany, Turkey and Holland together. But of even greater consequence are the raw material supplied by the Colonies to her vast manufacturing industries, keeping them in healthful activity. These materials are the life blood of British commerce and pouring in year by year in a gradual dilating stream. In 1861 the total imports of Great Britain amounted to £142,000,000, of which £20,000,000 came from her colonies. In 1860, £74,000,000 were colonial shipments."

This is the eloquence of figures and requires no further comment.

THE Ottawa Field Battery, under command of Captain Forsyth, mustered in full strength last Tuesday and were inspected by Lt.-Col. Atcherly, D. A. G. for the District. After the inspection, Col. Atcherly bestowed the highest praise upon the Battery for their splendid appearance and proficiency in drill. Capt. Forsyth and the officers deserve commendation for the highly satisfactory state of the Battery which is not surpassed by any in the Dominion.

INSPECTIONS by Lieut.-Col. Jackson, Brigade Major, 8th Brigade Division:—
Pembroke, Wednesday, 7th July.

Nos. 3 and 5 Batteries Ottawa Brigade Garrison Artillery, Friday, 9th July.

Miller's Corners (No. 4 Co., 56th Batt.), Saturday, 10th July, at 10 a. m.

Lt.-Col. P. Robinson Ross, accompanied by his son, arrived in town last Friday and is at present a guest of Sir G. E. Cartier.

REVIEWS, &c.

SUTHERLAND'S OTTAWA DIRECTORY, 1869-70. —This is by far the best and most complete directory that has yet been published for this city, and shows a vast amount of care and labor on the part of the editor, who, from long experience in the business is enabled to give all information in the best possible manner. In addition to the usual contents there is an excellent map of the city, with an historical account of its rise and progress, with sketches of its business and manufactures. The lists are very complete, and the directions as good as can be obtained where the houses are unnumbered. It also contains a directory for the counties of Carleton and Russell, there are also full accounts of the churches, public institutions, and societies with the names and addresses of the clergy and officials. The government directory is also a valuable feature in the book and gives the fullest information. The book is handsomely gotten up, bound and printed, and is a work which no business man in the city should be without.

HAND BOOK OF RIFLE SHOOTING.

It is with more than ordinary pleasure that we have perused Lieut. Russell's instructive and entertaining work on that most

important branch of a soldier's training, viz. the use of the rifle. As we all along anticipated, Mr. Russell in his enthusiasm and desire to produce, what he has ably succeeded in doing, viz: a reliable and useful work, has evidently devoted a great deal of time, trouble and expense in giving us a book of 200 pages, full of illustrations.

As Mr. Russell is a marksman of no mean repute and has consulted the best authorities and has personally executed both the subject matter and illustrations, they may be relied on as correct. The book as regards workmanship is first class in every respect and the engravings very fine. The price certainly fixed at the lowest possible figure. We advise all who take the slightest interest in rifle shooting as well as others to immediately send for a copy. There are two editions published. The one for 75 cents is beautifully bound in stiff green and gold cover, but to accommodate the many a cheap limp cloth cover can be had for 55 cents. Post free each Messrs Hunter Rose & Co., Printers. See advertisement.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM MONTREAL.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Independence and then annexation, this is the prognostication of not a few, and the tone of a portion of the press tends to inculcate this idea into our heads whether we will it or no. We have among us what constitutes a proportion large enough to make themselves heard in the matter—Americans, disloyal Irishmen, and loafers,—these, as a class, are for annexation for reasons perfectly clear to every one; we have also some others, loyal and patriotic in one sense, but who infer that annexation would put money in their pockets, and who quote a whole array of figures to demonstrate the fact, making patriotism a mere question of dollars and cents. Independence is, however, a mere question of time, not that we exactly want it, but Britain will not exact it. But why annexation should follow as a matter of course I can't see clearly. It is a poor argument to say that because we are weak and our neighbor so strong that to prevent us being gobbled up we should surrender at discretion and save the ignominy. To any truly loyal man and true patriot his efforts should be to preserve his nationality, even at some discomfort to his purse. No sane man supposes that except we were to receive extraordinary concessions from the American government, annexation would lighten our present burdens. Let those who are dissatisfied under the freest and most liberal government under the sun—if they wish to have a taste of American rule, jog across the border and stay there. A good deal of twaddle and silly stuff has been written and extensively circulated about the blessings of a union, and Uncle Sam—misguided youth—puffed up with self-conceit and vanity declares we must come, it is entirely a one-sided question,

and when we are ready his arms will encircle us and welcome. Where would all the American silver go to then?

The Montreal Engineers were inspected on Friday last and turned out well; their movements were creditable, and Col. Smith complimented them. Their dress was particularly neat, and all the men looked well and satisfied.

It is very pleasant to note instances of officers performing their duty regardless of criticism, and the conduct of an officer in one of our city battalions last week was very commendable, and I trust others will take example and perform their duty as fearlessly. Two privates had the effrontery to appear on parade intoxicated, and were at once taken under an escort to the Central Police Station, where, after sleeping over the effects of the drink, they were discharged. They got off too easily.

The Victoria Rifles, under command of Major Bethune, were also inspected last week. The day was wet and the ground in a very muddy state, but they went through the various evolutions with remarkable precision. Several of the officers were called out to shew their capabilities in Company Drill. Col. Smith expressed himself much pleased, recommending that the regiment go into camp as soon as practicable, as all necessary equipment could be obtained at any time. Lt.-Col. Hutton was absent, and it is generally understood among his men that he intends, much against their wish, to resign his command at an early date.

On Tuesday Col. Smith inspected the Montreal Garrison Artillery on the Champ de Mars. The artillery was under the command of their very popular and energetic commanding officer Major Ferrier. They mustered considerably over 300, and were headed by their fine band. The Colonel, also Captains Cole and Fraser, put the brigade through battalion drill, and Lieut. Wicksteed exercised them in Company Drill. Major Hobbs also put them through the manual and platoon exercises. They were then marched up to their school of gunnery where detachments were detailed off for gun duty. At its conclusion Col. Smith said:

Colonel Ferrier, Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Montreal Brigade Volunteer Artillery:

I always feel pleasure in inspecting you, but never was I more thoroughly satisfied with your appearance than on the present occasion. Under all the circumstances, and taking into account the difficulties against which I know you had to contend as regards clothing, etc., it is in the highest degree creditable to you that you should have turned out at all. On behalf of the Government, I can promise you that in the future you will be provided with all you require, and I have no doubt that our very patriotic civic authorities will be ready to hand over the new drill shed on Craig street, to the use of the volunteers again.

As is always the case with this excellent corps all the movements were well executed. The marching past was good and all the officers were well up in their duty. After