

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Volunteer Review.

OTTAWA, 15th Oct., 1867.

MR. EDITOR: Being one of many who attended at the Skating Rink, on the 14th instant, to witness the distribution of prizes won at the Rifle Tournament, and having had the honor of seeing so many prizes delivered to members of the Ottawa Garrison Artillery, as well as to others belonging to several Volunteer Corps of the Dominion, it brought to my recollection that about six months ago an article appeared in the Review, by an "Old Artilleryman," who seemed very anxious about guns, a drill shed, store rooms, etc., for drill purposes for the Ottawa Volunteer Garrison Artillery (so they are named). I recollect that the Old Artilleryman made the remark that this Corps certainly had the appearance of artillerymen, and so thought I on the 14th instant, and at once made an inquiry whether they had received guns, etc., to make them practically so; but I find that the Old Soldier's article in the Review has had no effect in obtaining breech loaders of heavy calibre, or even the old smooth bore being sent to Ottawa for their use; and I came to the painful conclusion that the officers and men of that Corps appear in wrong uniform, as my little experience leads me to believe that blue and red cloth garnished with yellow brading, was never intended for rifle-men, which it would seem to me they are likely to come to in the end, unless they get the requisite arm of war allotted for the use of artillerymen.

Believe me yours, etc.,

ONCE A REGULAR.

## CANADIAN MILITARY NEWS.

The Buffalo Express says that the English gunboat *Rescue* was at Fort Erie on Wednesday last, taking in fuel preparatory to a cruise, to look after the rascally Fenian marauders, who seem to be still prowling about the borders of the upper lakes.

The *Newfoundlander*, published at St. John, has a couple of admirable articles pointing out the advantages of confederation, and urging strongly the entry of that colony into the confederacy. The articles are copied into the St. John's *Courier*. These are good omens of the growing feeling in favor of a union with the other Provinces on the part of the people of Newfoundland.

**RIFLE MATCH.**—We understand that a match has been arranged between No. 1 Battery Garrison Artillery and the Military School Cadet's Association, which will come off at once. The match has arisen from a challenge thrown out by the Cadets during the Ottawa tournament after their defeat by two points by the Artillery in the Battalion match. They desire now to retrieve their laurels and their opponents do not seem inclined to balk their wish for another contest at the butts. From the reputation of most of those selected to fire, we anticipate a close contest and good scores on both sides.

**BATTALION DRILL SHED.**—We are really glad to be in a position to announce the fact that we are at last to have a Battalion Drill Shed, the County Council having, during the present week, passed the by-law making the appropriation for the purpose; so that justice though tardy, has at last been granted the Volunteers composing the Brant Battalion. Without the accommodation which will thus be furnished, it could not be expected that the Volunteers would be in a position to go through battalion movements. For want of this the Companies organized in town have been unable to perfect themselves in drill; and, in fact, we are aware that, on account of the apathy which has been shown by the authorities in furnishing the accommodation for drill, some of the older Companies, who were considered perfect in their drill, have retrogressed from the high standard of excellence which they at one time enjoyed.

We have the material in the County of Brant for a first class Battalion, and we expect that as soon as the drill shed is completed they will perfect themselves in their drill, and thus be a credit to the country, in the event of their being called into active service.

The building will be erected in the East Ward on ground owned by the Corporation, so that it will be easy of access. Tenders will be received for the erection of the shed up the 12th instant, so that the building will be proceeded with at once.

There was quite an animated discussion on the passage of the by-law, and to those of the Council—more particularly to Councillor Humberch, who introduced the by-law and carried it through, and who so successfully exerted himself to secure the passage of the by-law, the Volunteers are under many obligations—both to him and the friends who assisted—and we are certain they will not soon forget their exertions.

Colonel Villiers, Brigade Major for this District, and Lieutenant Colonel Patton, from Hamilton, and other officers of the Battalion from this town were in attendance at the Council the greater part of the day for the purpose of urging upon individual Councillors the necessity of passing the by-law.—*Brantford Courier*.

**RIFLE MATCHES AT LONDON.**—We observe that arrangements are in progress for extensive shooting matches at London on the 22nd inst. The names on the Committee of Management are such as to ensure the utmost fairness in the proceedings; and the determination to open a match to the respective battalions of the district—12 in number—will, no doubt draw together, in great strength, all the crack shots of this western section. As the day is not far distant those who propose joining in the competition should lose no time in acquiring all the practice possible: and that the list of competitors may be completed as early as possible it will be well if the names be supplied at an early day through some staff or company officer within the district, who will forward it to the Secretary. We expect to see the 22nd battalion well represented on the occasion. A trial at London under the favorable auspices there to be had will do much to qualify shots for the local matches.—*Woodstock Times*.

**PRESENTATION.**—A silver inkstand was presented to Sergt. Hall, by the non-commissioned officers and gunners of No. 3 Battery, 3rd Brigade on his leaving Canada to join the 10th Brigade in Malta. The Sergt.-Major of the Battery in an appropriate

speech highly eulogised the conduct of Sergt. Hall, both as a soldier and a friend. Sergt. Hall made a brief and feeling reply, regretting his separation from those who presented him with such a token of affectionate regard.

## CANADA.



## MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

## HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 18th October, 1867.

## GENERAL ORDERS.

## VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

## No. 1.

Brigade Majors are reminded that at their semi-annual inspections they are actually to see every article of equipment certified by them to be in possession of any corps or company of Volunteer Militia, and no article is to be returned as in the possession of any such corps or company unless it has been so actually seen by the Brigade Major.

## No. 2.

1st Prince of Wales' Regiment, Montreal.

To be Major:

Capt. Frank Bond, vice Middleton, left the limits.

No. 6 Company.

To be Captain:

Lieut. John W. McFarlane, vice Bond, promoted.

To be Lieutenant, temporary:

Ensign Edward Bond, M. S., vice McFarlane, promoted.

25th Elgin Battalion of Infantry.

To be Major:

George Palmer Lockwood, Esq., late Captain H. M.'s 16th Regiment, vice Munro, whose resignation has been accepted.

33d Huron Battalion of Infantry.

To be Adjutant with rank of Lieutenant, acting till further orders:

Henry Cooke, Gentleman.

57th Peterborough Battalion of Infantry.

No. 6 Company.

To be Lieutenant, acting till further orders: Ensign Thomas F. Riggs, vice Farris, whose resignation has been accepted.

To be Ensign, temporary:

John Bissell, Gentleman, M. S., vice Riggs, promoted.

By Command of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief.

P. L. MacDOUGALL, Colonel,  
Adjutant General of Militia.

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