

**THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.**

Is published EVERY MONDAY MORNING, at OTTAWA, Dominion of Canada, by DAWSON KERR, Proprietor.

TERMS—TWO DOLLARS per annum, strictly in advance.

**TO CORRESPONDENTS**

All Communications regarding the Militia or Volunteer movement, or for the Editorial Department, should be addressed to the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW, Ottawa.

Communications intended for insertion should be written on one side of the paper only.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications. Correspondents must invariably send us, confidentially, their name and address.

All letters must be Post-paid, or they will not be taken out of the Post Office.

Adjutants and Officers of Corps throughout the Provinces are particularly requested to favor us regularly with weekly information concerning the movements and doings of their respective Corps, including the fixtures for drill, marching out, rifle practice, &c.

We shall feel obliged to such to forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that it may reach us in time for publication.

**WANTED,**

Agents for "The Volunteer Review,"

IN EVERY

CITY,

TOWN,

And

BATTALION,

IN THE DOMINION,

TO WHOM

**LIBERAL TERMS WILL BE OFFERED**

On application to the PROPRIETOR of

**THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW,**  
OTTAWA.

**CONTENTS OF LAST NUMBER.**

POETRY.—Night.

THE HEAVY CAVALRY CHARGE AT BALACLAVA.

DENISON'S WORK ON MODERN CAVALRY.

GIBRALTAR.

RIFLE MATCHES.—Caledon Company, 35th Batt. Owen Sound Rifle Association. Volunteers and Regulars at Prescott.

CORRESPONDENCE.—From Alton. From Toronto.

LEADERS.—Gen. Grant as President. The Moncrieff Invention. The Hon. Joseph Howe's letter. Fourth annual Rifle Match at Wardsville. Westminster Review. J. O'Hanly on the Intercolonial Railway.

SELECTIONS.—Fenian Congress. Reliefs. Prisoners of War. What Mr. Gladstone does not say. Character in hair. Tall women and little women. 35th Batt., No. 5 Co. Removal of Troops. Death of Col. Kennedy. Departure of the 79th Regt. Our troublesome neighbors in the East. Brigand Chiefs. The "Lancet" on beards.

MISCELLANEOUS AND CANADIAN ITEMS.

REMITTANCES.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS, &c., &c.



## The Volunteer Review,

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1868.

We beg to inform our friends in New Brunswick that Mr. ROGER HUNTER of St. John is appointed Agent for THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW for that Province, and will receive subscriptions and transact other business

connected with the paper. The extensive circulation of the Review throughout all parts of British America, gives the members of the Force the best medium of intercommunication, and being the acknowledged organ of the Dominion Forces we are happy to offer our friends in the East a means of becoming better acquainted with their brethren of the West.

Our Montreal Correspondent in default of a letter this week owing to dullness in Volunteer matters, gives us a few original remarks upon the Moncrieff Gun, which will doubtless interest our readers.

The great question for military men of the present day is doubtless—in what way and to what extent should the existing system of drill be altered to meet the requirements of improved firearms. That a change is imperative we believe is now conceded by all, and it only remains to establish by experiment the most simple and effective modes of formation and movement. In view of the proposed revolution in Infantry drill we have much pleasure this week in presenting our readers, by permission of the Author, Col. Brunel's non-pivot system as arranged by him; under the sanction of the Adjutant General, for the Corps under his command. Although we do not admire some portions of the system as promulgated, yet, as it is a step in the right direction, we are happy to give the Force the benefit of it. In reference thereto Col. Brunel has said that it is his "Aim to build up a system of simplified drill upon the sure foundation of practical experience rather than upon theory;" which is certainly the best means he could take to advance the end proposed. Many suggestions, we have been informed, are already offered for the improvement of this drill, and as its author desires to obtain as much practical information as possible we have no doubt but he will succeed eventually in compiling a system which will go far to meet the exigencies of the time. In England we find the drill reformers are anything but agreed in a great many essential matters, and we believe in things of this kind there is much room for the play of opposite opinions. However it is very probable that before long competent officers connected with the regular service will be appointed by the Horse Guards to revise the existing system of drill, and if such should be the case we hope they will go at once to the root of the matter, and "Reconstruct" the whole system, for to attempt to graft portions of the new upon principles now obsolete would be to complicate instead of simplify. A thorough remodelling is what is required. Such may be brought about by degrees in the British Army, which is most likely; but from the peculiar constitution of the Volunteer Force it is much easier to introduce fundamental changes without danger.

We are glad to see this taken up in Canada, and wish Colonel Brunel all success in the task he has undertaken.

It was a becoming and graceful act on the part of His Excellency Lord Monck, to address, ere his departure from the Dominion, A kindly farewell to the Staff, Militia and Volunteers. Since the memorable year of 1857, there has been no period of Canadian political history which demanded from the representative of Her Majesty greater coolness, tact and judgment than that during which Lord Monck administered the government. During the term of seven years just past our country has risen to a position of high importance, and, from a parcel of isolated colonies he has seen us peacefully unite into a grand confederation, great in youthful vitality, increasing resources and public happiness and prosperity. During that time also he has seen us afflicted; he was among us when our faith was tried by Russian invasion, and our young men were called upon to shed their blood for their country, and he found us, as Canadians have ever been found, faithful to our land, our parentage and traditions. In leaving Canada then, he cannot but bear away with him a lively recollection of the unswerving loyalty, patriotism and devotion of Canadians to the empire and to the liberties they enjoy under it.

The lofty idea of duty which has ever animated the British Army, and which has made it the most formidable and admired foe or friend on earth, is a governing impulse in the mind of every Canadian, and the belief that each individual owes a personal duty to his country is familiar to the minds of our people. Consequently whenever our rights have been invaded either from within or without, that impulse aroused them to action, and we see at every period of our history the same high sentiment of patriotic responsibility find utterance in the most unmistakable manner whenever events of sufficient importance demanded its expression.

From the position he has occupied amongst us, Lord Monck is well enabled to judge the value, labors and sacrifices of the Volunteer Force, and in acknowledging these things as he has, he does no more than an act of simple justice. The greatest reward for a volunteer is to know that his services are appreciated by his fellow citizens and by the authorities under which he gives willing service, and the force will in this respect fully value the parting words of the late Governor General. If, during his stay amongst us, he did not as often as we would wish make himself personally familiar to the people at great volunteer gatherings, the fact is to be regretted, for we believe there is no way in which a governor of the Dominion could make himself so popular as by patronage of the Volunteers and frequent attendance at their gatherings. In leaving our country he takes with him our best wishes for his happiness and if his name awakens no enthusiasm it will at least be remembered with kindness.

In Saturday's Official Gazette we find a