

his arduous duties, and was quite sure it was a fortunate thing for Canada in having such a man in office, and that his successor would have a comparatively easy work to do which had fallen to his lot. (Loud cheers.)

Colonel De Rottenburg (who was received with loud applause) said, if he had the gift of expressing himself as well as some gentlemen who were now present, he would have had much greater gleasure in addressing those who had met together to do him honour. But had he the gift of eloquence, he would have great difficulty in saying how much he felt—how grateful he was for the manner in which his Excellency had spoken of his services, and for the way in which their mention had been received. (Applause.) If he did not feel grateful for this kindness, he should be among the most ungrateful of men. Wherever he had the honour of serving he should always remember the extreme kindness—the great consideration—his Excellency had shown to him. But he must not forget to acknowledge the hearty assistance he had received from the officers of the Militia, in every duty which he had been called upon to perform. During the time he had been engaged in connection with the Militia, he had been brought in contact with various Governors, and, upon his honour, he had never had the least unpleasantness with any of the officers of the Crown. On the contrary they had always met every suggestion he had made, and had endeavoured to forward the interests of the Province to the utmost. (Applause.) He would assure all present that it was with the greatest regret he left this country, but he hoped that he might one day return. He felt confident that the honourable course which the militia of Canada had taken, would still be pursued when he left these shores. (Applause.) And he would assure those whose friends and relations were committed to his charge, that it would be his pride, as well as his duty, to look after their interests. Let them believe that the welfare of the natives of this country should never suffer at his hand. He would venture to express his belief that the 100th Regiment would maintain unsullied the honour of their country. In conclusion, he would again return his thanks for the kindness shown him, and wished them every possible happiness. (Great applause.)

Col. De Rottenburg again rose and proposed a bumper to the Militia of Canada;—the Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry of Canada. The Chairman called upon Sir J. B. Robinson to respond.

Sir J. B. Robinson was received with loud cheers. He concurred in all that had been said about the Baron de Rottenburg, and had thought, when he heard of his appointment to the Colonelcy of the 100th Regiment, that it was the most happy selection the province afforded. The position in which he left the militia compared with the condition in which he found it when he first became connected with it, was certainly a matter of which his friends might feel justly proud. It was about thirty years since he (Sir J. B. Robinson) had had any connection with the militia, for when he was elevated to the Bench he parted from that body, as he was afraid lest the example which was no prevalent on the other side of giving a man his military title on all occasions, should be followed out here, and that he should some morning set it announced after a long trial, that Col. Robinson had charged the jury. (Laughter.) The learned gentlemen then proceeded to make some remarks upon the necessity for maintaining a militia. In 1855, when the move was suggested, he was in England, and was curious to know to what extent the Legislature would support the Government; he had watched the debates with much interest, and the result had exceeded his expectations. There were many people in this country who thought that an expenditure of money upon a militia force was extravagance; but why, he could not comprehend. It might be necessary to resort to some particular means for meeting this expenditure, but if any exertion was required, surely the means always existed. There were other things which required support besides those which were for the procuring of money. (Applause.) In conclusion, Sir J. B. Robinson exhibited to the meeting the original letter of Gen. Brock to his brothers, announcing the capitulation of Detroit, and also his letter demanding the surrender of the fort. This letter was particularly curt, being a mere request for an hour's suspension of hostilities in order to settle the terms of capitulation. The reading

of the letters was received with loud applause.

Col. Thompson, who had served at the time, had a most vivid recollection of the siege. Three times in one day did he cross the river in order to carry field pieces to the opposite side.

The Chairman then gave The Army and Navy, which was responded to by Colonel Bradford and Mr. Derbishire.

The Chairman next proposed, The Educational Institutions of Canada, and Mr. McCaul replied in eloquent terms, showing that mental qualification was as necessary as military discipline to make a good soldier.

Brigade-Major Dennis submitted, The Agricultural Interests of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Vankoughnet, Minister of Agriculture and President of the Executive Council, replied, saying that the agricultural interest of Canada had given valuable support to the militia of the Province. The agricultural interest of Canada had a great deal to do with her militia interest, and it had been found that the farmers of Canada made very good soldiers. (Hear, hear.) The Government of the day had never felt it necessary to interfere with the militia interest, because they had every confidence in its judgment, zeal, and honesty, and that confidence had never been abused. There was no one in the Province who would at this moment be so rash as to, disorganize the militia force of Canada. (Hear, hear.) He had no apprehension of the peace of the country being disturbed—he had no fear of our being dragged into a war with our neighbours—but when they called to mind the circumstances of the past few weeks, the excitable character of the people on the other side of the line, and the means of hostility organized for the purpose, as they said, of preserving their honour—it was the best policy to show that we had nothing to apprehend from attempted aggression, by being prepared for it when ever it came. (Hear, hear.)

Sir J. B. Robinson gave the health of Sir Allan MacNab, which, having been duly honoured, the company drank to the memory of Gen. Brock, immediately after which his Excellency retired, and the festivities terminated. *Toronto Globe*

DINNER TO COL. THE BARON DE ROTTENBURG, C.B.

From the Montreal Gazette.

The Officers of the Active Militia Force of Montreal gave, on Tuesday evening, at the St. Lawrence Hall, a complimentary dinner to Baron De Rottenburg, late Adj. Genl. of Militia, on the occasion of his leaving the country to take the command of the 100th Regiment. Before sitting down to dinner, an address was presented.

The following is a list of those present with the exception of Col. Campbell, C.B. whose absence was unavoidable:—Lieut. Col. Dyde, Commanding Active Force; Lt. Col. Wily, Commanding Montreal Artillery; Capt. Ramsay, Foot Artillery; Lieut. Wand, do.; Brigade-Major Smith; Ensign Douney, Montreal Light Infantry; Ensign McPherson, Highland Company; Capt. Hemming, do.; Capt. Latour, do.; Major Hogan, Comm. Vol. Artillery; Cornet Stephens, No. 2 Troop Cavalry; Capt. Stevenson, Field Battery; Lieut. Col. Delisle, Montreal Militia; Lieut. G. D. Ferrier, No. 6 Comp'y. Artillery; Major Morland, Asst. Qr. Master Gen.; Major Lyman, unatt.; Lt. Col. Ermatinger, I F O, Capt. Meyers, Ml Artl.; Major T. A. Evans, M V R; Capt. S. R. Evans, No. 1 Co. Art; Dr. Fenwick, V. F. Bat. Art; Capt. Taylor, M. L. I.; Lieut. W. Hanson, V. M. R; Lt. Col. Thorndyke, Comm. Vol. Artillery; Capt. A. W. Ogilvie, No. 1 Cavalry; Lt. W. H. Ogilvie, do.; Captain Townsend, 3rd Batt. M. M.; Major Abbott, Comm. 4th Batt. M. M.; Capt. and Adj. Malhot, M. V. R; Capt. Gault, M. M. A.; Lt. Col. Bagg, 4th Batt. M. M.; Lieut. Almqvist, M. F. B. Art; Major Oswald, Comm. St. Andrew's Cavalry; Major Whitney, L. I.; Capt. Hill, No. 6 Rifle Co.; Capt. Dowker, M. Art; Capt. Hobb, M. V. A.; Dr. Nelson, Brigade Surgeon; Major Coursol, Commanding Mon Cavalry; Maj Spong, I A G; Lt. Col. the Hon. P. McGill, unatt.; Lieut. G. Scott, M. Art; Lt. Col. Guy, 10th. Batt.; Lieut. Col. Ryan, 5th. Batt. M. M.; Lieut. Featherstone, M. A.; Lt. Col. Masson; Capt. Jas. Ferrier, M. A.; Capt. Belle, V. M. R.; Lieut. Boyd, Foot Co. Art; Capt. Lyman, No. 3 Co. M. Art; Major Bartley, unatt.; Capt. Lambert, No. 2 V. R; Cornet Smith, No. 1 Troop M. Cavalry.

ry; Col. Campbell, C.B., Com. 5th Mil District Lieut. and Adj. Rennie, 1st Batt. Mil; Lieut. Wm. McGibbon; M. F. Battery; Dep. Comm. Gen. Routh; Capt. Dow; Lieut. Aitken; Major Bellerose, of St. Vincent de Paul; Capt. Lahaise, of St. Martin; Mr. Kinnear; Mr. Lowe.

At eight o'clock the company sat down to dinner, Lt. Col. Dyde, commanding the Active Force, occupied the chair. On his right sat the Guest, Lt. Col. Ermatinger, &c. On his left, the Hon. Lt. Col. McGill, unattached; Lt. Col. Wily, Lt. Col. Tylee, and Major Abbott. The Rifle and Artillery Bands discoursed excellent music during the evening. The dinner itself was admirable, and wines excellent. Both reflected the greatest credit on the establishment. All the proceedings went off happily and with the best feeling.

The Chairman, Colonel Dyde, proposed the first toast on the list. It was, he remarked, useless to comment on that toast. Our gracious sovereign had so well fulfilled the duties of Queen, wife and mother, that she had gained the love of her subjects and the respect of foreign powers. He would ask them to fill a bumper to "The Queen," which was done with all the honors.

Artillery Band—"God save the Queen." Song by Major Evans.

"The Prince Consort and the Royal Family." In proposing this toast, the Chairman said that he was certain that it would be drunk with enthusiasm. Prince Albert had proved himself on all occasions worthy of his high position. He had given entire satisfaction of the nation. They all felt that the Prince Royal was the worthy sign of a worthy mother. He was a fine manly fellow. Another of the family, the brother next to him was in the Navy, where he worked well and did duty as well as any "mid" in the service, disdaining to make use of his position, to obtain immunity from work. (Cheers.)

Rifle Band—"Magyar March." Colonel Thorndyke—Song: "My sires were Englishmen."

"His Excellency the Governor General" was the next toast.

The Chairman remarked that His Excellency on all occasions had displayed the greatest interest in the Militia of the Province. He had himself occasion to know that His Excellency entertained a very high opinion of the Militia of Montreal. He asked them to fill a bumper to "Our Commander-in-Chief."

Drunk with all the honors. Artillery Band—"The Fine Old English Gentleman."

Major Evans—Song: "There is a land that bears." &c.

The Chairman then said the toast that he had next to propose was a stirring one, and one that would be received with enthusiasm. They did not belong to Her Majesty's regular army, but to her Majesty's Canadian army. Since the days of Marlborough, Nelson, Wellington, and other distinguished heroes of the army and navy, the service had not degenerated. One proof was found in that glorious campaign in the Crimea, unequalled in history. The Colonel then gave a short and brilliant sketch of the late deeds of the British army, referring to Alma, Balaclava and Inkermann, saying that the British troops had performed prodigies not surpassed in history. He also describes British soldiers contending against the mutineers in India. Peace was by no means yet assured. There was still trouble in China. Lord Elgin, however, with two or three gunboats, would be able to settle that. (Laughter.) But the war in India was not ended, and his opinion was that the 100th Regiment would have to go thither, and stand side by side with those who fought so bravely. He concluded by saying that it was his opinion, and that of the Province at large, that "our regiment" (the 100th) would fight breast to breast with the "Die-Hards," "Connaught Rangers" and other distinguished regiments in the service now fighting in India, acquire a reputation, maintain it, and adopt the glorious title of "Nullus Secundus." He then called upon them to drink to the

"Army and Navy." Rifle Band—"Britannia Rules the Waves."

The Baron de Rottenburg, on behalf of the army and navy, returned thanks for the eloquent eulogium which the President had pronounced upon the united service. Cana-

dians had always evinced great interest in it, nor in the past had Canadians been unknown to the service. He might particularly refer to Captain McGill, who was now in India, who had fought all through the war. He had the good fortune to escape—not unscathed—but with his life, and might yet win distinction. With respect to the 100th Regiment, the speaker said that every exertion in his power would be used to make the 100th Regiment second to none. There was no fear that the regiment would ever lose the good name it had already acquired. It would be his aim to make the regiment gain the glorious title of, as the Chairman had said, "Nullus secundus." (Loud Cheers.)

The Chairman, before giving the toast of the evening, read communications which he had that day received:

of apology for absence from Col. Campbell and Col. Moffatt. The former said

"I would gladly have taken advantage of the occasion to bear my testimony in public to the admirable manner in which he has performed the duties of his office. Few men in the Province know better than I do the difficulties he has had to contend with in reorganizing the Militia, and placing the active part of it in the efficient state in which it is at present—difficulties which have been overcome in a great measure by the zeal, assiduity and strict impartiality which have marked his career since he accepted the important office, which he has just resigned."

He knew that every officer present would join with Colonel Campbell in the high opinion he had expressed of Baron De Rottenburg. (Loud cheers.) Col. Campbell was in every way capable of expressing such an opinion. The country was mainly indebted to Baron De Rottenburg for the existence of the Militia Force. The Baron had been jointly with Sir A. MacNab one of the Commissioners appointed to report on the best means of organizing the militia. Their report, with a few amendments, which he was sure could not have been improvements, had been adopted; and the credit of that and subsequently bringing the militia to what it was mainly due to the guest of the evening. (Prolonged cheering.) He could not tell them one-half of the obligations they were under to the Baron. First was his appointment of the officers who held various important posts under the Militia Act. These had been most judicious. Colonel Ermatinger, who was appointed to the responsible office of Inspecting Field Officer for Lower Canada, was a gentleman, all the officers of the force would join in praising him for his gentlemanly courtesy and assiduity to the wants of the Militia. He was also no feather bed soldier. He bore on his breast the testimonies of many a hard fought field. (Great applause.) The Baron had also used great discrimination in selecting another officer opposite to him (Colonel Wily). (Loud cheers.) That officer was every inch a soldier, and to his great tact and assiduity were in a great measure due the order and discipline which had often been noticed in the Rifles. He was glad that the service of Baron De Rottenburg had been recognized by the Queen, by appointing him to command the 100th Regiment, which, now that it is incorporated into the British army, would secure its one good name.

The toast of the "The Col. the Baron de Rottenburg" was then drunk with great enthusiasm.

Artillery Band—"British Grenadiers."

Baron de Rottenburg [who spoke in a low tone of voice, and was not very distinctly heard by the reporter] did not feel able to reply to this kind reception in the way he should desire. The Chairman had said more in his favor than he felt he deserved. All that he could claim was that he had earnestly and conscientiously tried to do his duty. There was one person whose kindness and support all along had aided him in accomplishing what had been done for the Militia of the Province. He alluded to the Governor General. (Loud cheers)—and without that support there could not have been the present success. Colonel Ermatinger had been alluded to by the chairman. He could say that he was entirely satisfied with him. He had always acted up to his instructions and displayed great interest in the force. Colonel Wily, commanding the Rifles, was another gentleman who was entitled to praise for his exertions in making

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