

march as far as St. James' Cemetery, where the interment took place and terminated with the usual parting salute of three volleys over the grave. While on the subject I may be permitted to remark that the practice of having military funerals on the Sabbath, although it may be easier to secure a large muster on that day is, I think, not appropriate, and calculated to have a bad moral effect.

St. Patrick's day this year in Toronto passed off very quietly. The procession was small and orderly, quite a contrast to the immense gathering in Montreal, and the "Sunburst" excitement at Ottawa last year. The irrepressible Hibernian Society, although denounced by the priests, took part in the procession. The *Globe* has a statement that three cheers were given for the Manchester "martyrs," but I can find no one prepared to substantiate this.

The *Heron* will shortly emerge from her winter quarters at the Queen's wharf, where she has been housed in for the winter. The finest looking marine attached to this "Man-of-War" is a stalwart negro over six feet in height.

By the proposed military changes the Torontonians will again have the pleasure of welcoming a Highland Regiment—the 78th.

The Fenians in the States are making quite a collection of "trophies" of their raid. They had on exhibition at Albany recently, an Artilleryman's Busby, "taken from the dead body of a British soldier of the regiment called the Queen's Own." As the Welland Battery were the only ones who wore busbies, and none of them were killed, this should be placed beside the "flag" paraded in New York.

On Thursday evening last, No. 5 Company of the 10th Royals had their annual spread at "Coleman's," and were favored with the presence of Majors Boxall and Stolley, and many of the other officers. A very pleasant evening was the result, and the whole affair a great success.

On Saturday afternoon there was a large muster of the members of the University corps of the "Queen's Own" in the Convocation Hall of the University, to mark their appreciation of the services of their late commanding officer, Major H. Croft. The testimonial was in the form of a magnificent and costly sideboard, with a beautiful silver *epervire*, and they likewise begged of him to accept for Mrs. Croft, an elegant and finely wrought writing desk. On receiving the address the gallant Major replied in feeling terms of No. 9 Company, and of the ready support he had always received from the members thereof, whom it had been his honor and pleasure to command. Thanking them kindly for their valuable token of regard to both Mrs. Croft and himself, the assemblage dispersed with three cheers for the Major and three for the Queen. I would have liked to insert both address and reply did space permit.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Rifle Club took place in the Mechanics' Institute on Tuesday last. There was a large attendance of members to hear the very satisfactory report of the Secretary and Treasurer, from which its prosperity is very evident. The membership has more than doubled during the past year, and the large outlay for purchase of material at the commencement of over \$180 has been reduced to \$40, which will be more than met by the annual subscription. Of the \$700 devoted to their tournament last fall, over \$150 were subscribed by members of the club. A faithful account has been rendered of all moneys entrusted to them, so that a splendid tournament on the Garrison Common this year

is more than likely. Thanks were expressed to His Excellency, Gen. Stisted, C. B., for his generous donation and patronage. The club cup presented by Major W. F. Macter has been won by Mr. Charles Sheppard, as having been the highest average during the year. The officers for 1868 are as follows: President, Major Henry Croft; 1st Vice President, Captain J. B. Houstead; 2nd Vice President, Dr. James Ross; Treasurer, W. Hamilton, Esq.; Secretary, Lieut. A. Lord Russell; Members of Committee, Captain J. Edwards and W. Stanley, Esq.

At a meeting of the Volunteer Fund Committee on Saturday afternoon, the Secretary stated that there was still a balance on hand of \$18,629 38. A communication was read from Captain Patterson of the Field Battery suggesting that, as in Montreal, a portion of this sum should be appropriated for the purchase of horses for the Field Battery, and that he would see that they were properly cared for. The Chairman of the "Monumental" Committee reported something still necessary to meet the obligations of the Committee.

Before parting, a resolution was passed for procuring a suitable testimonial to Dr. McCaul, as an acknowledgement of his valuable services as Chairman.

#### FROM PICTON.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

I send you the score made by Nos. 1, 2, and 7, Companies at Target Practice here, last week. The firing was very fair considering the weather. The distance 400 yards, five shots each. Hythe position. The following is the order of merit:

#### No. 2 COMPANY.

Capt. Merrill.....	20
P. Merrill.....	17
R. McCloud.....	17
W. Summerville.....	9
R. E. Jamieson.....	12
J. Hopkins.....	10
J. Welch.....	14
D. Crain.....	12
J. Jenkins.....	13
R. Kelly.....	11
W. Sweeney.....	6
R. Hopkins.....	8
H. Murdoff.....	11
J. Moffit.....	6
J. Dunn.....	6
Total.....	172

#### No. 7. COMPANY.

Sgt. Seeds.....	8
Sgt. McKee.....	11
N McMillan.....	11
R M Lemont.....	9
J Colborn.....	14
A Welch.....	12
D Bentley.....	18
T Welch.....	8
W McLaughlan.....	9
R Sullivan.....	10
E Brooks.....	13
W Grant.....	12
W Seth.....	12
R Dunlop.....	7
Total.....	154

#### No. 1. COMPANY.

Capt. Wight.....	13
Ensign Clute.....	6
Sgt. Johnson.....	15
Sgt. Clark.....	12
Sgt. North.....	5
Bugler Gillespie.....	9
Pte. Lighthall.....	15

J Welch.....	7
R Brooks.....	2
J Nobles.....	5
C Gillespie.....	8
S Wilson.....	2
J Leader.....	10
B Gillespie.....	12
J Spafford.....	5
Total.....	126

#### FROM BOTHWELL.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The town of Bothwell shows a public spirit and a warm feeling for the welfare and comfort of the Volunteers by having just erected a Company Drill Shed, which besides showing the public spirit, is rather an improvement to the town; being a substantial building 80 feet long by 46 feet wide. The armory instead of coming two-thirds of the way down the side, is placed at the end of the Shed, giving more room for the drill, which, as soon as the new Militia Act is passed, will no doubt more frequently take place, when it is to be hoped that the Volunteers under that Act will have that justice done which is due to them in giving their attention to their drill for the defence of the country. Captain Bridgewater gave a free Lecture here on the 14th inst. Owing to the weather being very unfavorable, and the roads in a very bad state, the audience was not a large one. The Lecture was listened to with great attention. His description of a soldier's life in India was not only instructive but also interesting and amusing, describing the gallantry and daring of the British soldiers during the last mutiny, when they had to contend with ten times their number, and showed what determined endurance could accomplish. In the campaign referred to, the lecturer had received severe wounds, which were an honor to a soldier to bear. Captain Bridgewater's remarks to the Volunteers were to the point, showing that no man could ever make a good soldier without strict attention to his duty, and that discipline, with valor, was the real source of success in war. Although there were so few at the lecture, now that the Captain has made himself known, if he should favor the place again with a Lecture, he would have a large audience.

Target practice having become the order day, some of the Bothwell Volunteers, No. 8 Company, 24th Battalion, on the 19th inst., for the first time, had a practice with the Snider Rifle. The following score tells well in their favor. Crackshooting could hardly have been expected at the first trial: the weather was most unfavorable, the day being cold with a high wind. The range was 200 yards, 10 rounds each man, with the following result:

	Total
Drill Instructor G. L. Elliott.....	14
Sergeant M. McPherson.....	2
" H. Taylor.....	2
" L. Trott.....	13
Corporal James Bridges.....	24
" John Bridges.....	11
" — Greenwood.....	13
Private Keith.....	2
" V. Trott.....	9
" Walter Trott.....	3
" Alex. Sussey.....	9
" Thomas Boon.....	9

There were 12 non-commissioned officers and men at the practice, at which Lieut. Chambers and Ensign Loudon were present. Considering the unfavorable weather, the bad range and it being the first practice, the score is a very fair one.