

A year ago, in the annual parade of the Charleston firemen, the total absence of the American flag among the profuse banners was the subject of painful comment; but this omission was then explained as accidental. This year, General Sickles was informed, on the rendezvous of the procession, that the omission had again occurred. There could be nothing "accidental" in this repetition of the insult, and it was impossible safely to ignore the fact. Instantly, therefore, he despatched an order to General Clitz, commanding the Post, instructing the Chief of the Fire Department to put the national colors at the head of the column, escorted on the march by two members of each company, and afterwards fixed side by side with the reviewing personages. And then, "that every person in the column shall salute the colors by lifting his hat or cap on arriving at a point three paces distant from the colors, and, carrying the cap unlifted, march past the colors to a point three paces distant from the same." The Chief and his command at once expressed "cheerful obedience," and the order was carried out by every living being in the procession, exactly as written. So much for quiet, firm control."

If our liberty-loving neighbors confined themselves to the task of regulating their own affairs we should hardly cast a thought on them or their proceedings, but while their Senators and Congressmen are continually advising us to prepare for absorption into the Union, it is well that we should make ourselves familiar with their ideas of liberty and justice. We fear, however, that unless the United States authorities can show other samples than those they have exhibited to the world for six years past, that we benighted colonists will long continue to prefer our despotic form of Government to the freedom dispensed from the Capital at Washington.

The grand military field-day, regular and volunteer, which was to have been held in Toronto on Monday last, is fixed for to-day (Monday.) It is expected to be a great success. Our Toronto correspondence is crowded out this week.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD-QUARTERS

Ottawa, May 10, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

No. 1.

2nd Battalion Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto—

To be Brevet Major:

Capt. Henry Croft, No. 9 Company.
13th Battalion of Infantry, Hamilton, No. 4 Company—

To be Lieutenant:

Ensign John B. Young, vice Routh, promoted.

27th Lambton Battalion of Infantry, No. 3 Company, Garrison Battery, Sarnia—

To be Captain (temporary):

1st Lieut. Charles Seager, M. S., vice O. Doherty, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be 1st Lieut., acting till further orders:
2nd Lieutenant Jas. Hewitt Wood, vice Seager, promoted.

To be 2nd Lieut., acting till further orders:
Joshua Fourth Adams, gentleman, vice Wood, promoted.

33rd Huron Battalion of Infantry, No. 6 Company, Exeter—

To be Ensign, acting till further orders:

James North Howard, gentleman, vice Bowerman, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

46th East Durham Battalion of Infantry, No. 1 Company, Port Hope Garrison Battery—

To be Captain (temporary):

1st Lieut. Samuel Sculthorpe, M. S., vice Bethune, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be 1st Lieutenant, acting till further orders:

Edward Pullen, gentleman, vice Sculthorpe, promoted.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, acting till further orders:

Robert G. Wallace, gentleman, vice Buchanan, deceased.

The 54th Sherbrooke Battalion of Infantry will henceforth be designated as the 53rd Battalion.

The 53rd Melbourne Battalion will henceforth be designated as the 54th Richmond of Infantry.

55th Megantic Battalion of Infantry—

An additional Company at Glenoyd, County of Megantic, is hereby authorized to be added to this Battalion, to be No. 5 Company.

To be Lieutenant, acting till further orders:
Hamilton Rickaby, gentleman.

To be Ensign, acting till further orders:

Malcolm McKenzie, gentleman.

57th Peterborough Battalion of Infantry, No. 6 Company, Hastings—

To be Captain, acting till further orders:
John Blacklock, Esq., vice Fowlds, deceased.

No. 2.

The following officers of the Volunteer Militia and candidates for appointment therein, having appeared before Boards of Officers at Montreal, Kingston and London, for the purpose of having their qualifications tested, have received certificates as follows, viz:

MONTREAL.

FIRST CLASS.

1st Lieut. Chas. C. Brydges, 1st Batt. G T R Brigade.

1st Lieut. Wm V Dawson, Montreal Light Infantry.

Capt. John R Kirkwood, Montreal Light Infantry.

Lt.-Col. Henry Bailey, 2nd Batt. G T R Brigade.

2nd Lieut. Jas Rogers, Engineer Co., G T R Brigade.

Ensign Patrick Newell, 3rd Batt G T R Brigade.

SECOND CLASS.

Capt. John Bulmer, 1st Prince of Wales Regiment.

do Thos Correstine, do

do Wm Henry Smith, Montreal Light Infantry.

do John B Jones, 1st Batt G T R Brigade.

do William McWood, 2nd do

Color-Sergt Robt McLaughlin, do

2nd Lieut Jonathan Irvinson, 1st do

Sergt George Codd, 52nd Bedford Battalion.

Capt Thos J. Wilson, 1st Batt G T R Brigade.

Capt Thos Symington, do

KINGSTON.

FIRST CLASS.

Sergt I W Johnson, 14th Batt Rifles.

Lieut P McIntyre, do

SECOND CLASS.

Sergt J P Thompson, 15th Battalion Infantry.

Ensign A McNiece, 14th Batt Rifles.

Wm Munro, gentleman.

LONDON.

FIRST CLASS.

Major A J McMillan, 29th Waterloo Batt Infantry.

Lieut Neil Caswell, 25th Elgin Batt Infy.

do Thos R Jackson, 33rd Huron Batt Infantry.

do John Lewis, 27th Lambton Batt Infy.

Lieut & Adjt David Scott, 28th Perth do

Ensign Jas Magee, 7th The London Light Infantry.

Sergt-Major John Chinner, 22nd The Oxford Rifles.

Sergt-Major John Windred, 23rd Essex Batt Infantry.

SECOND CLASS.

Capt Michael Stephenson, 5th Batt G T R Brigade.

Capt John Duck, 24th Kent Batt of Infantry.

1st Lieut Jas Thomson, Garrison Battery, Goderich.

Lieut Wm A Bayley, 5th Batt G T R Brigade.

James Benson, gentleman.

Wm T Smith, do

No. 3.

The following Officers of the Volunteer Militia having obtained the necessary certificates of qualification are now confirmed in their respective ranks, viz:—

Lt-Col Henry Bailey, 3rd Batt G T R Brigade.

Major A J McMillan, 29th Waterloo Batt Infantry.

Captain Wm H Smith, Montreal Light Infantry.

do John Bulmer, 1st Prince of Wales Regiment.

do Thomas Correstine, do

do John Duck, 24th Kent Batt of Infantry.

do John B Jones, 1st Batt G T R Brigade.

do Thos L Wilson, do

do Thos Symington, do

do William McWood, 2nd do

do Michael Stephenson, 5th do

1st Lieut Jas Thompson, Goderich Garrison Battery.

do Chas C Brydges, 1st Batt G T R Brigade.

Lieut J Lewis, 27th Lambton Batt Infantry.

do Wm A Bayley, Fifth Batt G T R Brigade.

Ensign Jas. Magee, 7th Batt The London Lt. Infantry.

do A. McNiece, 14th Battalion Rifles.

SERVICE MILITIA.

No. 4.

LOWER CANADA.

The following candidates for commissions in the Service Militia have received Certificates from Commandants of Schools of Military Instruction:

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES.

Reg'l Divisions. Names.

Chambly, William Halpin, gentleman.

Gaspé, Ens Henry G Perchard.

Hochelaga, James W. Philips, gentleman

Nicolet, O. Hardy-de-Chatillon do

Quebec, Louis Colcomb do

do J S Hebert dit Leconte do

do Thomas A Leggo.

SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATES.

Beauce, Philippe Taschereau, gent.

Carleton, U C J V de Boucherville, Esq.