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## The Volunteer Review,

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

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

OTTAWA, MONDAY, MAY 3, 1869.

MR. G. B. DOUGLAS of Toronto is appointed  
General Agent for THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW  
in the Province of Ontario.

THE "Chasseurs Canadiens" of Montreal  
under the command of Lt. Col. Audet, and  
consisting entirely of young French Cana-  
dians, underwent a strict inspection by Lt.  
Col. Bacon, Brigade Major of the District,  
on Wednesday the 21st ultimo. Five com-  
panies were present on parade, and at the  
termination of the inspection 270 of the  
men signed the re-enlistment roll, a fact  
that speaks well for the feeling of the corps  
as regards the Volunteer movement. The  
Chasseurs were raised by Lieut. Colonel  
Coursa during the Trent affair, were on  
active service during the Fenian raid in  
1866, under the command of Lt. Col. Tétu,  
and proved themselves a well disciplined  
corps whilst on frontier duty. Captain Lu-  
branche, the Adjutant of the Chasseurs and  
Assistant Adjutant of the Military School,  
is well posted in his duty and is a zealous  
and most efficient officer.—*Com.*

THIS matter of the "Alabama" claims, of  
which we are heartily sick and tired, and  
which has been such a fruitful theme for  
the orators of the United States to expatiate  
upon when they sought to gain a little sen-  
sational popularity by denouncing Britain  
and vomiting blood and thunder philippics  
against the perfidious English, has come to  
a final dead lock. The London Times has  
clenched the nail driven home by the United  
States Senate. England has gone as far in  
making concessions as honor will permit,  
and all further demands will be met with  
the contempt they deserve. Judging by  
the action of the Senate we would suppose  
that United States legislators had at last  
got the controversy up to the point where  
they desired to bring it, and the pleasing  
alternative of war, which they seemed de-  
lighted to contemplate, is now before them;  
but everybody knows it is easier to quarrel  
than to fight, and that hard words are one  
thing and hard blows another. By their  
insolence and double dealing the leaders of  
the dominant party in the Republic have  
brought the question to a stage where  
British statesmen were loath to force it, and  
have elicited from the leading organs of  
public opinion in England an admonitory  
growl, just sufficient to show that it would  
be dangerous to push the matter further.  
Did the American Congress or Senate pos-  
sess that high tone of political morality  
which distinguishes the British Parliament,  
all this foolish and criminal display of pas-  
sion would have been avoided, and we would  
have been spared the exhibition of all that  
undignified sound and fury which has done  
so much to bring the two highest delibera-  
tive assemblies in the Republic into con-  
tempt. The very men who talk of compel-  
ling England to come to terms of their dic-  
tation must know, if they have given the  
matter any consideration, that they are  
giving utterance to the sheerest nonsense,  
and that passion, not reason, is their guide.  
Yet for all this we do not hesitate to affirm  
that there will be no war between the two  
nations,—that even President Grant, des-  
pite his bellicose utterances, neither desires  
nor intends war, and in consequence Great  
Britain can afford to treat with fitting con-  
tempt the mad ravings and absurd bom-  
bast of such orators as Senator Chandler.

Apropos of this question we are glad to  
see that one of our first public men, the  
Hon. A. T. Galt, has brought the subject of  
Canadian losses by Fenian Invasion and ex-  
penses incurred in defending the northern  
frontier of the United States against inva-  
sion by Southerners before the Dominion  
Commons. In reviewing the subject the  
tone of the Hon. gentleman's remarks was  
at once calm, dignified and honest, he did  
not seek by recrimination to stir up the pas-  
sion of his hearers, nor did he exceed his  
sphere as representing this great wing of  
the Empire, when he said that England  
would not recede from her just and honor-

able position through threats of retaliation  
or reprisal, and that this country would,  
come what might, stand by the empire.

The publication of the papers moved for  
by the Hon. Mr. Galt will have a good effect  
in showing conclusively the straight-forward  
and honorable course pursued by the Cana-  
dian Government and people during the  
trying times of the American war and Fen-  
ian invasion, and how little we deserve  
from the United States such evi-nces of  
enmity as have of late been given, not to  
mention the huge impertinence of the press  
when presuming to talk of annexation—an  
idea which never seriously entered the head  
of a single man in the Dominion whose opi-  
nions are worth a straw. In dealing with  
this subject the republican press has shown  
a profound want of ordinary courtesy and  
common sense, indeed their language has  
been so overbearing and insulting to the peo-  
ple of Canada that it has roused a spirit of  
opposition and dislike which offers one of  
the greatest barriers to their pet idea of ab-  
sorbing this country. Distinctively British  
in our feelings and mode of thought we can-  
not contemplate foreign interference with-  
out anger, while the every day experience  
afforded us of the faults and absurdities of  
republican rule supplies us with the very  
best argument against it. This matter has  
been renewed in every possible shade and  
commented upon in every possible manner,  
and to write further upon it would be merely  
to go over ground already fully explored;  
the ridiculous side of the matter, however,  
reached a climax in the Commons last Mon-  
day. Col. Gray one of the most eloquent,  
and, certainly, the most polished and ele-  
gant speaker in the House in his speech,  
which will be found elsewhere in the pre-  
sent issue, followed up the absurdity of  
Senator Chandler with a sarcastic addenda  
of resolutions which fairly brought down the  
House, and which were a touching commen-  
tary upon those resolutions in reference to  
the "Alabama" claims which have found so  
much favor amongst our neighbours. After  
this the thing is fairly run into the ground,  
but we are glad the feelings of our people  
upon this subject have been made known  
through their representatives. It will ac-  
quar the people of England with our sen-  
timents, and let the United States Govern-  
ment know, what they have, perhaps, never  
realized, that Canadians have no liking or  
sympathy for them or their institutions, at  
least not sufficient to cause them to desire  
closer political relations than what already  
subsists.

As Mr. Galt truly observed the Republic  
will lose no opportunity to annoy and  
humiliate us; such has been their policy in  
the past and we may fairly apprehend it  
will be the same in the future. This being  
fully understood, the sooner we let our  
meddlesome neighbors know our sentiments  
the better; it is all sheer folly to seek the  
good will of a determinedly quarrelsome