

The Military Gazette.

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PENNY WISE AND POUND FOOLISH.

Among the measures of economy to which the financial necessities of the hour have impelled the Government, is the pitiful expedient of saving a paltry sum of less than £1500 by the reduction of the Drill of the Volunteer Artillery from 20 days to 15, during the year.

This step on the part of the Administration is a direct breach of contract with that portion of the Force, and moreover an absolute violation of the Law of the land.

By the Militia Act 18 Vic. Cap. 77, it is enacted by Section 32 that this arm shall be drilled for twenty days during the year, and by Section 34, that such number of days drill shall be paid for at given rates.

It would appear that the advisers of the Crown are in ignorance of these stipulations, or they could hardly have been so unwise as to incur a loss of popularity with the entire Militia Force of the Province, and run the risk of breaking up the whole Volunteer organization, by proposing what any lawyer among them, (and there is a goodly number!) could have told them it was legally out of their power to do, so long as the present act remains unrepealed.

We hope the exposition of this fact will cause the Legislature to hesitate, before sanctioning any such unwise economy. The proceeding is the more remarkable on the part of the Government, when it is recollected that but a few weeks ago, the Volunteers petitioned the Parliament for an increased number of days drill, especially for these more scientific arms of the Service. It would be far better in fact to reduce the number of Rifle Companies or to reduce the Drill of the whole Force in a given ratio, say 10 per cent, than to confine the retrenchment entirely to the most valuable branches of the Service.

But how any some men can possibly think of any reduction in the small amount annually voted for the only stay we have in case of invasion, is truly amazing. If these men must be convinced, and it is hard to convince them, let us point out to their attention the language of the *New York Herald*, and the reckless conduct of those American politicians whom it is generally understood to represent; and then we think they will dismiss their economical scruples. It is the duty of all sensible men not to disregard such indications. We hope that War may be improbable, still it is possible, and nations cannot neglect possibilities. We trust therefore the reduction proposed will not be persisted in.

As we write these lines the complexion of matters in the States becomes more serious. The Americans are a people with whom it is impossible to have any dealings. Would anyone believe that Senators of all parties, acting merely on the statements of the very worst of the population, men directly interested in telling untruths, would recommend steps to be pursued towards British Men of War, which must cause a War between the two countries? Such however is the melancholy fact, they will not wait for enquiry, or even to obtain redress if entitled to it, which we very much doubt.

But what will Canadians say when we inform them from most excellent authority that in the face of this, with a very fair chance of War within three months, the Provincial Government are actually on the point of refusing a miserable vote of \$100,000 for the Militia and Volunteer Forces of the country!

And this at the moment that the very individuals who make up the Administration and the two houses of the Legislature, are expending \$1,000,000 on themselves!

Have we a Governor General? We most respectfully ask His Excellency Sir Edmund Head if he considers he owes nothing to this Province, which he administers in the name of his Sovereign? But what is the use of remonstrating? The Parliament which tolerated, and the Governor General who overlooked, the Russell and Quebec Elections, would do anything.

THE ADJUTANT GENERALSHIP OF MILITIA.

Numerous reports are current as to the disposal of the vacant appointment. Colonel de Salaberry is the latest favorite. We should have preferred Colonel Taché because we consider that he has enough political influence to constrain the Government into just measures towards the Force, and the head of the Military department might then have looked for a seat at the Council Board. However the son of the Hero of Chateaugay has fair claims to the appointment, and in case of a War with our neighbours the presence of a French Canadian at the head of our Provincial Forces may be a good thing. With 20,000 hardy French Canadians, and 20,000 British, properly trained and led, we need not fear for our country.

THE KILLED AND WOUNDED AT LUCKNOW.

War-office, Pall Mall, May 4.

The Secretary of State for War has received from his Royal Highness the General Commanding-in-Chief the following list of casualties during the siege and capture of Lucknow:—

Nominal Roll of Officers Killed and Wounded in the Army under the Command of his Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, from the 2nd to the 21st of March inclusive.

Adjutant-General's Office, Head-quarters, Camp, Lucknow, March 26.

General Staff.—Lieut F R S Flood, Extra Aide-de-Camp to Chief of Staff, wounded severely.

Artillery Division.—Lieut O D Thackwell (15th N I), Asst-Baggage-Master, Divisional Staff, killed, Acting-Mate H O Garvey, Naval Brigade, Shannon, killed, Capt Sir W Peel, K.C.B., N B H M S Shannon, wounded severely; Major W W Barry, Royal Artillery (Siege), severely (burnt); Lieut H A Tracy, Royal Art (Siege), slightly; and Vet-Surg T Hickman, 3rd Brigade Bengal Horse Art (Field), slightly.

Engineer Brigade.—Lieut J Cape (30th N I) Asst-Baggage-Master, Brigade Staff, killed; Capt A J Clerke, Royal Engineers, died from the effects of a gunpowder explosion; Lieut E P Brownlow, B E, died from the effects of a gunpowder explosion; Major A Taylor, B E severely; Lieut A G Forbes, B E slightly; Ensign Knowles, Punjab Pioneers, gun shot in knee.

Cavalry Division.—Brigadier A Little, 1st Cavalry Brigade Staff, wounded severely; Capt T W H Hutchinson, H M 9th Lancers, dangerously (since dead); Major C A Sanford, 5th Punjab Cavalry, killed; Capt F Wale, Commandant, 1st Sikh Irr Cavalry, killed; Lieut A R D Mackenzie, 1st Sikh Irr Cavalry, wounded slightly; Lieut Goodby, 1st Sikh Cavalry, wounded; Lieut Montgomerie, 1st Sikh Irr Cavalry, wounded and Lieut Sandeman, 1st Sikh Irr Cavalry, wounded. 2nd Cavalry Brigade Staff.—Major J P Smith, H M 2nd Drn Guards, killed; Lieut P W A Carnegie, H M 2nd Drn Guards, wounded slightly; Capt W H Slade, H M 7th (Queen's own) Hussars slightly; Lieut H J Wilken, H M 7th (Queen's own) Hussars, slightly; Cornet W G H Bankes, H M 7th (Queen's own) Hussars, very severely; and Major W S R Hodson, Hodson's Horse, dangerously (since dead).

1st Infantry Division.—Lieut W R Moorsom H M 52nd Lt Infantry, Dep. Assistant Quarterm Genl killed. 1st Infantry Brigade.—Ensign J A Cubitt, H M 1st Batt 5th Fusiliers slightly. 2nd Infantry Brigade.—Capt L G Dr Costa (58th N I), Regt of Ferozepore, killed, and Major J Brasyer Regt of Ferozepore, wounded severely.

2nd Infantry Division.—Capt R Stewart, Dep Asst-Adjt-General, wounded severely. 3rd Inf Brigade.—Lieut Col W J Loftus, H M 38th Regt, severely; Lieut-Col T C C Kelly, H M 38th Regt slightly. Brevet-Major E T Gloster, H M 38th Regt, dangerously; Capt G R Hopkins, H M 53rd Regt severely. Lieut H Hellsam, H M 53rd Regt severely. 4th Inf Brigade.—Lieut F E H Farquharson, H M 42nd Highlanders, severely, Capt C W Macdonald, H M 93rd Highlanders killed, Lieut C W Sergison, H M 93rd H killed; Lieut R V S Grimstone, H M 93rd H slightly; Ensign C Hastie, H M 93rd H slightly; Major A T Wilde, 4th Punjab Rifles, dangerously; Capt J Hood, 4th Punjab Rifles, dangerously; Lieut A M L Stewart, 4th Punjab Rifles slightly; and Lieut O L Smith, 4th Punjab Rifles, severely.

3rd Infantry Division.—Capt H Macpherson 5th Inf Brigade Staff, severely; Capt G P Prevost, H M 23rd Fusiliers, slightly. Lieut G V H Russell, H M 23rd Fus severely; Lieut A L Tobin, 23rd Fus, severely; Capt G M Miller, H M 79th Highlanders, severely; Ensign G G Thain, E I Company's service attached, H M 79th H slightly; Capt F O Salisbury, 1st European B Fusiliers, slightly. Capt E St. George, 1st E B F, dangerously; Lieut N Ellis, 1st E B F slightly. 6th Inf Brigade.—Capt W F Thyne, 2nd Batt Rifle Brigade, killed; Ensign L E Cooper, 2nd Batt R B wounded dangerously (since dead); Ensign J A Drake H E I C Service, slightly; Lieut A J Anderson (35th N I), 2nd Punjab Inf, killed; Lieut P W Poulett, 2nd P Inf, severely.

4th Infantry Division.—Lieut J Wall, Dep-Ass Quar-General, killed; Lieut S Chalmers (53rd N.I., Sub-Ass-Comm-Genl), severely; and Lieut Ogilvie (Madras Sappers and Miners), wounded slightly. 7th Inf Brigade.—Capt J Cator H M 10th Foot, severely; Major W Radcliffe, H M 20th Regiment, severely. Capt A R Warren, H M 20th Regiment slightly; and Lieut-Col T O W Ingram H M 97th Pgt killed.

ABSTRACT.

Officers killed or died of wounds...19
Officers wounded.....48
Total.....67.

H W NORMAN Major,
Deputy-Adjutant-General of the Army.

The admiralty have called upon the Dockyard authorities at Sheerness to be immediately informed as to the time that would be required to get the entire steam squadron of reserve at that port ready for sea. Also, for the time required to get certain screw steam-ships of the line, now under fitment, ready also for immediate active service. The result of their reply to their lords is an order for the whole staff of artificers of all classes to be from henceforth until further orders, put on what is termed job and taskwork on unlimited earnings. Provisions and stores of every description are ordered to be forthwith taken on board the screw steam guard-ship of steam reserve *Cressy*, 80. The only requirements of these ships would be seamen, powder, shot, shell, &c. If required for immediate service they are ordered to be manned from the different Coast-guard stations attached to their district. The ships now under fitment at Sheerness, in the basin and dock, are the *Majestic*, 80, screw steam ship; the *Colossus*, 80, screw steam ship; the new screw steam ship *Hero*, 91; the *Terrible*, 21 paddle-wheel steam frigate; the new screw steam frigate *Emerald*, 51; and sundry gunboats. The establishment of clerks' measurers are to be forthwith increased to the same strength as it was during the late war with Russia. An entry is now open on board the *Cressy* for all pensioners whose physical powers will enable them to pass the surgeon, age not being taken into consideration. Their pensions are to continue, in addition to their able seamen or petty officers' pay, during their service.

CANADIAN CORPS.

"The men for 100th have been enlisted principally by the exertions of the recruiters from the 17th, 39th and Canadian Rifles. A second battalion for this corps, or 101st Regiment, could easily be raised."

Yes, and if the Governor General in the exercise of an enlarged and confiding Policy, would raise this corps from the French Canadian population, a Light Infantry Corps to be styled: "Carabiniers de la Reine," could be formed of which the Empire might be proud.

The Quebec Herald says that Shipping is to be taken up for the 100th immediately. The first Detachment will probably leave in the *Indian* on the 19th Instant.

THEATRICALS.

The Quebec public will be gratified during the course of next week by the presence among them of the best Actor of "Light Comedy," of the present day; Mr. C. Mathews supported by an efficient company.

We must remind our fair readers that in addition to this unquestionable treat, the performances will be honoured on Tuesday with the presence of Lieutenant Colonel Munro and the Officers of the 39th Regiment, and on Wednesday by that of Lieut.-Colonel Gordon and the Officers of the 100th, or Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment, being their first appearance!

(See Advertisement Page 160.)

MUSIC.

The Mercury says Mr. Cartor is willing to repeat the *Oratorio* of "the Creation." We sincerely trust he will be encouraged to do so, the last was a great treat. But this time could we not hear it in the Cathedral?

MELANHOLY DEATH OF MR. CHARLES EVANS.

We announce with much regret the death of Mr. Charles Evans, for many years the active, upright, and intelligent Publisher and General Manager of the *United Service Gazette*. He had been staying for a short time in the west of England. Driving home on Tuesday last in a phaeton, after a fishing excursion, near Bridgewater, the horse took fright, ran away, and threw Mr. Evans and his companions out of the vehicle. Mr. Evans fell upon his head, and was killed upon the spot. His companions escaped almost unhurt.

In recording the sudden and violent death of Mr. Evans, the surviving Proprietor and Editors of this Journal desire to record their deep sense of the loss they have sustained. Mr. Evans was well known personally to a great many of our readers of all ranks of the Army and Navy. By all, with whom he came into contact, he was esteemed for his integrity and business habits but his colleagues found reason to admire in him great goodness of heart, and a lofty sense of the duties of the professional press, before which all other considerations gave way.—*U. S. Gazette*.

NEW CITY DIRECTORY.

Those who possess Leovells' splendid "Canada Directory," which, besides being a directory of the whole Province, surpasses many local directories for its accuracy and completeness, can hardly be said to need a Quebec Directory. But, to the rest of the community the defects of previous books, and the recent total alteration of the house numbers in every street, have rendered a fresh and carefully printed edition of such a work of reference very much needed. Mr. Lamoureux is about to issue the new Directory in July, and has two experienced and intelligent agents now making the round of the city, Messrs. Cherrier and Hamelin of Montreal, who are compiling the work and at the same time procuring the names of subscribers. The book will be pocket size, and under Mr. Cherriers management, can hardly fail to be an improvement on all previous attempts in that line.