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be taken out of the Post Office.

Adjutants and Officers of Corps throughout the
Provinces are particularly requested to favor us
regularly with weekly information concerning the
movements and doings of their respective Corps,
including the fixtures for drill, marching out, rifle
practice, &c.

We shall feel obliged to such to forward all in-
formation of this kind as early as possible, so that
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"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,
To guard the Monarch, hence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1869.

LIEUT. COL. R. LOVELACE having accepted
the agency of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW is
prepared to receive subscriptions and trans-
act other business connected therewith in
Montreal and the Province of Quebec. Col.
Lovell intends visiting the Eastern Town-
ships at an early date, when we hope our
friends in that section will give him a favor-
able reception.

FORTHCOMING PRIZE MEETINGS, RIFLE MATCHES, &c.

SECRETARIES OF RIFLE CLUBS and associa-
tions are particularly requested to send us
early as possible announcements of their
forthcoming meetings and prize matches for
publication in THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW. A

large number of our marksmen who desire
to enter upon the summer campaign look to
us for the necessary information and we hope
gentlemen having the management of meet-
ings will put us in possession of facts rela-
ting thereto as early as possible.

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association
Prize Meeting commences at Bedford Range,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, on Tuesday 17th Aug.

Ontario Rifle Association Prize Meeting
will commence at Toronto on Tuesday 22nd.
June.

Stadacona Rifle Association Annual Prize
Meeting, at Beauport Flats near Quebec,
commences July 21st. Capt. Forrest, Secre-
tary.

Frontier Rifle Association Annual Prize
Meeting at Hemmingsford Que., commences
22nd June, Lieut. Col. McEachren Secre-
tary.

FROM MR. R. G. HALBURTON we have re-
ceived a pamphlet containing his lecture on
the "Men of the North and their place in
History," to which we referred at the time
of its delivery in this city. This lecture, all
through, is a living collection of brilliant,
patriotic and noble thoughts, and its perusal
has given us as much pleasure as we expe-
rienced when we first heard it from the lips
of the talented author. We hope it may at-
tain an extensive circulation. It should be
read by every Canadian as every word of it
should be known in the homes of the people
of the Dominion.

We have received from Mr. Henry J. Mor-
gan of this city the prospectus of "The
Canadian Annual Register," a work in
which it is proposed to give the political and
parliamentary history of 1867, including a
preliminary sketch of the proceedings in the
B. N. A. Provinces in the three years im-
mediately preceding the Confederation. An
account of the London Colonial Conference
of 1866-7; the debates in the Imperial Par-
liament on the Confederation Act. The for-
mation of the Local Governments. The
General Election and its issues, with names
of candidates. A sketch of the business of
the Dominion Parliament and Local Legis-
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speeches; the financial affairs of the Domi-
nion; the Church in Canada; retrospect of
Literature, Art and Science; Journal of
remarkable occurrences; the Public Service;
Universities, &c. Obituary of celebrated
persons; Public documents and State papers
of importance. The volume will contain
350 pages, R. 8vo., bound in cloth, and cost
\$2.00.

It is needless for us to remark upon the
great usefulness of this work, and the name
of the Editor is a sufficient guarantee that it
will be well and carefully prepared. Similar
works are published in England and the
United States, and, if this is encouraged as
it deserves, we doubt not of its success in
Canada.

RARELY does it fall to the lot of a single
generation to be the fathers of an empire.
The magnificent privilege of creating a new
nation which will assume, for good or evil,
a guiding influence upon the lives, the for-
tunes, and the happiness of many millions
of people is but seldom granted in modern
times. The immense stride our country is
taking in all the elements of material pro-
gress indicate the future vastness of the
new power which is springing into existence
upon this continent, and the great influence
which it will undoubtedly exercise upon the
history of the nations. For many years past
there has been a steady development of
what may not be inaptly described as the
Canadian idea, that is Canadian nationality,
we are beginning to lose our imported affec-
tions and the eyes of our people are turning
surely towards the grand future that lies
before our country, when, as has often been
foreshadowed by many eminent men
amongst us, Canada shall spring into the
full possession of all the attributes of na-
tional manhood. Our affection for the
British Crown is abiding: for the liberties
it has secured us and for the protection it
has afforded us we are ever grateful, and we
look forward to the possible time of separa-
tion from it with sorrow, but without mis-
giving, and hope that many, many years
may elapse before that inevitable event ar-
rives. Nevertheless it cannot be denied
that there is a strong and constantly in-
creasing force which is bearing us towards
the completion of that idea which is now
occupying the attention of the Dominion
press—Independence. At the present mo-
ment, however, we are convinced that the
thought is premature; we must labor and
suffer before we can dare to assume so great
a responsibility. As Canadians, without any
prejudices of infancy that might warp our
affections to lands dear to the loves and
glories of our forefathers, we look forward
to the realization of a Canadian Empire in
America with hope, if not enthusiasm; but
while so doing we feel how very far off is the
fulfilment of the dream.

For many years to come there will be re-
quired in America a power which in status
and material force will be competent to cope
with the exuberant and rank vitality of the
republican Babel that flourishes beside us.
A giant, but like all giants, weak in the
knees, and which will surely become the
victim of some adventurous Jack. The his-
tory of the United States has proved that
the hope which in ancient days led to the
erection of a tower which would reach the
heavens, has not been confined to the Im-
perial Anarchs of the world's history: the
meteoric Alexanders and Napoleons who
swept the avenues of life with the besom
of destruction, were destroyers because
the Eternal required them to destroy the
old that the new might enter into brighter
and happier existence. The dead past
buried its dead upon the field of Waterloo.