

## THE PETERBORO' BATTALION.

The 57th Battalion of Volunteers completed their eight days' drill on Tuesday fortnight, and returned to their homes. The intense heat of the weather during their period of duty proved very trying to both officers and men, but this drawback was cheerfully borne, and the prescribed duties performed with commendable zeal and regularity.

## PRESENTATION OF COLORS.

After sundry exercises in battalion drill had been witnessed, the ceremony of presenting colors to the battalion took place. This graceful and appropriate act originated with the ladies of Peterboro', a few of whom busied themselves during a part of last week in providing the necessary funds, and ordering the banners from Toronto, where they were manufactured by Mr. James Adams, at a cost of about \$200. The banners consisted of a beautiful silk flag, over the entire of which the bars of the Union Jack are extended, and which is known as "The Queen's Color." The other, the larger battalion flag has not yet arrived, and a temporary one was substituted for the time being. As the time for the presentation arrived, the volunteers were drawn up so as to form three sides of a large hollow square. In the middle of the fourth side, and at some distance from the men, were Lieut. Col. Jarvis, surrounded by the principal officers, and the Committee of Ladies with the banners. A very large crowd of our citizens, male and female, hemmed the volunteers in on all sides, and pressed closely outside the lines adjacent to the prominent personages in order to witness the ceremony.

After the prayer, usual on such occasions, read by the Rev. V. Clementi, the colors were consecrated, and an address from the Ladies who presented them was read by J. Carnegie, M.P.P.

The colors were handed to the proper officers, the band playing "God Save the Queen;" and Lieut. Col. Poole returned thanks on behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion. The corps was then inspected by Lieut. Col. Jarvis, who expressed himself highly satisfied with its proficiency. Before leaving the ground three hearty cheers were given for the ladies of Peterboro', and three for Lieut. Col. Jarvis.

## PRESENTATION TO MAJOR KENNEDY.

On Tuesday, (14th) on the final muster of the battalion, Mayor Scott, on behalf of the citizens of Peterboro', presented a valuable horse and trappings to Major Kennedy, as a mark of appreciation of his long and zealous services in connection with the volunteer force. The presentation took place in the presence of a goodly number of our citizens, and was accompanied by the following address:

To Major John Kennedy, 57th Battalion.

Sir,—It becomes my pleasant duty to inform you that your fellow citizens, appreci-

ating your long service in the Volunteer cause, and appreciating your worth as a good fellow subject, and your loyalty to your Queen and Country, have thought fit as a mark of their esteem for you, to present you with a horse for use upon military duty.

We are all conscious of the many sacrifices which you have made in this respect and of your valuable services in giving practical effect to the patriotism of your fellow-citizens, and I feel glad of the opportunity now presented of thus giving you this tangible token of public respect and esteem.

I have the honor then, in the name of the citizens of Peterboro', to present to you this charger with its trappings, hoping that you may never be called upon to use it in the battle-field, but knowing full well that when your country calls, you and your citizen soldiers will not be slow to uphold the honor of your Queen and Country.

To which Major Kennedy made the following reply:

MR. MAYOR,—Through you I beg to tender to the citizens of Peterboro' my heartfelt thanks for the honor you have this day done me in presenting to me this magnificent charger and its equipment.

You allude to my long service in the Volunteer cause. I have never felt it any hardship to serve my country because I have always felt that my greatest services were not sufficient to pay for the honor and privilege of living under the glorious old flag of Britain.

I accept this presentation the more readily since I feel that by it is intended an honor not to myself only but to the volunteers of the Peterboro' Battalion. On their behalf then, as well as my own, I thank you, and I assure you that when duty calls, it will be found, the Peterboro' Battalion will "every man do his duty."

This valuable gift must be highly gratifying to Major Kennedy, whose long service in the Force justly merited such a public recognition.—*Peterboro' Review*.

## THE ASHBURNHAM VOLUNTEERS.

This company having completed their drill with the 57th Battalion, were entertained at a breakfast in their drill shed, Ashburnham, on Tuesday morning last. The men having done justice to the good things provided, determined to make a present to Mrs. Rogers, wife of Major Rogers, for her kindness and thoughtfulness toward them on this as on many former occasions. The Company having been called to order, Serg't Brown came forward and read the following address

## "TO MRS. ROGERS.

MADAM,—The non-commissioned officers and men of the Ashburnham Company being desirous of marking their appreciation of the interest you have always taken in them have requested me to present you with this small gift."

"You have always been ready to make us comfortable when called out on duty, and the thought that you would greet us when assembled has always been an incentive to us to muster with alacrity when called on; and we assure you that when we cease to be members of this Company, we shall always esteem you as a true friend to the Volunteers in general and of ourselves in particular.

"We hope that God may grant you long

to live and that you may be happy and prosperous in all things."

Major Rogers replied on behalf of Mrs. Rogers thanking them for their kind feeling, and assuring them that both Mrs. Rogers and himself would always feel pride in doing all in their power to help them.

The present consisted of an elegant porcelain lamp highly ornamented, value at least \$15; and the selection of such a gift reflects great credit on those choosing it. After three hearty cheers for Mrs. Rogers the Company were dismissed.—*Peterboro' Review*.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A VOLUNTEER.—A Sergeant of the Listowel Infantry company named James Swanton, died yesterday at the hotel of Mr. Worth, where he was billeted during the Battalion drill. The deceased went on parade on Monday, in apparent good health but had to fall out of the ranks, complaining of the heat. Nothing further was heard of the matter till yesterday morning when he complained of being unwell. Towards noon he became worse, and was unable to join his comrades on their way home. Asst. Surgeon Jackson and Dr. Smith were called but too late to save the unfortunate man's life, and he died before his company reached the station. The deceased leaves a wife and five children in Listowel. The news of his death was conveyed to the station just as the cars were leaving and his late companions in arms were very much affected. A guard of the Stratford Infantry was placed over the room in which he lay, awaiting the result of the inquest. As we went to press Coroner Hyde and jury were holding an inquest. The remains were sent to Mitchell last evening, and were escorted to the station by the two Stratford companies.—*Stratford Herald*.

THE CANADIAN PONTIFICAL ZOUAVES have at last tasted blood. On the 3rd of June a detachment under Alfred Prendergast, of Quebec, fell in with a band of brigands near Velletri, and killed three of their number. The corpses were brought to Velletri and exposed on the market-place as a warning. We regret to learn that P. U. Duprat, notary, one of the Zouaves, is lying dangerously ill, and that his recovery is doubtful. He has acted as correspondent to our contemporary *La Minerve*, since the departure of the first detachment.

29TH WATERLOO BATTALION.—This fine corps has received Government orders to proceed to Headquarters, Berlin, and put in their sixteen days drill for 1868-9. The town of Galt having nobly come forward and offered free rations and quarters to the whole of the officers and men during their week's stay, Col. Goodman has ordered the muster there instead of Berlin. Galt deserves all praise for its liberality. Major A. G. McMillan, of Elora, the Senior Major of the Battalion, left here yesterday for Galt. Drill commences to day and ends on the 25th inst., with an inspection and review.—*Elora Times*.

THE NOVA SCOTIA QUESTION.—We believe that a strong apprehension does exist that Canada will swamp Nova Scotia, or take advantage of her comparative weakness. She dare not do so, even if she were able. If Nova Scotia is to remain in the Union—or even if New Brunswick is to continue to form