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Adjutants and Officers of Corps throughout the Province 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 information of this kind as early as possible, so that may reach us in time for publication.

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The Volunteer Review,

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

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

OTTAWA, MONDAY, JULY 19, 1869.

FORTHCOMING PRIZE MEETINGS, RIFLE MATCHES, &c.

SECRETARIES OF RIFLE CLUBS and associations 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 meetings will put us in possession of facts relating thereto as early as possible.

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Prize Meeting commences at Toronto, Ont., on Tuesday 5th of September.

Stadacona Rifle Association Annual Prize

Meeting, at Beauport Flats near Quebec, commences July 21st, Capt. Forrest, Secretary.

Metropolitan Rifle Association Annual Prize Meeting commences at Rideau Range, Ottawa, on Tuesday August 3rd.

—THE letters from our Montreal and Toronto correspondents were received too late for insertion last week.

—THE Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton, have again come off winners in the simultaneous match with the Montreal Club. See score in another column.

—LT.-COL. Powell D. A. G. left Ottawa last week en route for Europe where he intends to make an extensive tour. We join heartily in wishing the gallant Colonel Bon voyage.

—THE Annual Drill is now being proceeded with in all parts of the country, although there is a general feeling that the time is too short to be of much real benefit in accustoming the men to the duties of a regular service.

—Colonel Gilmour, of the Queen's Own, has offered a handsome Silver Cup for competition between ten Canadian marksmen and an equal number English, Irish and Scotch. Major Brown offers a second prize to be similarly disposed of.

—THE St. John's, Que., *News* wants to know if the Province of Quebec is going to have a Provincial rifle match this year. We have often wondered why that Province has not a Provincial Rifle Association, possessing as it does a large number of the crack shots of the Dominion. With the Government appropriation of \$1,800 to start with we think an association equal to the "Ontario" could soon be established. Riflemen of Montreal and Quebec ought to take the matter in hand immediately and we feel certain they will meet with a full measure of success.

INSPECTIONS by Lt.-Col. Jackson, Brigade Major, 8th Brigade Division.

Tuesday, July 20th, 1869.—Bell's Corners at 9 a.m.; Huntly, 2 p.m.; Richmond, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st.—Goulbourn, 9.30 a.m.; North Gower, 7 p.m.

Thursday, 22nd.—Manotick, 9.30 a.m.; Vernon, 4 p.m.; Metcalfe, 7 p.m.

Friday, 23rd.—Russell, 9 a.m.

A number of our contemporaries announce that Armstrong guns have arrived from England and have been distributed to the artillery Brigades in the various cities and towns. Far from this being the case the guns are a lot of almost obsolete twenty-four pounders of the days of George IV., 50 cwt. guns; military readers will understand how near they approach the modern Armstrong. We inspected those that arrived at Ottawa the other day and are of opinion that for drill purposes they may answer well enough,

but for anything else they are perfectly useless. When we remember the heaps of magnificent ordnance lying rusting in garisons at home and abroad, we are inclined to regard the present of those 24 pounders as but a sorry compliment to our Volunteers.

ALEXANDER SOMERVILLE has written a long letter to the *Montreal Gazette* in which he gives a connected narrative of the proceedings of the unfortunate priest McMahon at the time of the Fenian invasion in June, 1866. According to "The Whistler at the Plough" a most extraordinary concatenation of circumstances has made Father McMahon the victim of our laws. Our detestation of Fenianism and everything connected with it is unbounded, but at the same time we would be sorry if the innocent, especially one of the Priesthood, should suffer through a miscarriage of evidence. Lumsden, it is admitted on all sides, was a scamp who should now be sharing with McMahon the delights of Hatter's Bay, and it was a pity they were not both allowed to go free, as the conviction of the Priest and the acquittal of the Minister to a great many savours of prejudice. An inquiry into the circumstances detailed by Somerville would go far towards removing much of the obliquity resting upon the Priest, and, as the ends of justice have been sufficiently answered, we can afford to be generous and permit him to depart. To a very large portion of our people, who have always proved their loyalty and devotion to British interests in America, the liberation of Father McMahon would be regarded as an act of commendable mercy, and those of the opposite creed are sufficiently generous to give him the full benefit of the doubt.

THE Ancient Capital has given His Excellency Sir John Young a hearty reception as we learn from the Quebec papers. He was met on his arrival by the Mayor and Corporation who presented him with an address to which he replied in gracious terms, then in company with Lady Young he entered the carriage of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and with Sir N. F. Belleau and the Hon. Mr. Chauveau, drove through the city to Spencer Wood.

They were escorted by a troop of the Quebec Hussars, and followed by carriages, in which were members of the Governor-General's suite, Major Pascheroau, the Lieutenant Governor's Aide-de-Camp, and members of the Cabinet, &c.

The streets through which the Governor-General and party proceeded were lined with spectators, notwithstanding that a heavy shower of rain fell but a few minutes before. The trees provided by the Corporation to ornament the route formed a perfect avenue from the wharf to St. Lewis Gate, and there was a general show of flags along the whole distance. All the public buildings had up their colors, and bunting was freely displayed at the various foreign Consulates, and