

to make is an observation practically upon my old pet the *Warrior*, and practically on this diagram, which Mr. Reed has given you, of a vessel with a central fortress. You all know the *Warrior* was the first vessel of this class. I think you all liked the *Warrior*, as a sea-going, sea-worthy ship. I think also you all remember that the *Warrior* had the principle of a central battery, and that that principle of a central battery has been followed and must be followed. Allow me, however, to differ entirely from Mr. Reed on a point he has put forward—namely, that you cannot, without this enormous deck which he has given, and this mode which he has given of filling the fore and aft part of the ship with water, make that a good, sea-worthy ship. Allow me to say that you can; that there are ample means with a central fortress of having your ships beautifully shaped, perfectly like a sea-worthy ship, and with all the qualities you require of speed, stability, and endurance, without making an ugly shape of that kind. If you will permit me to entreat you, it is not to give up your old sea-going prejudices of having a handsome, ship-shape, sea-worthy ship. And if you will take my word for it, neither ugly ships, nor ugly proportions, nor any of these things you have lately been used to, which have offended the eye, and have disgusted so many sailors with their profession.—I say, if you will only get rid of such prejudices as these are, you will find that you may today have a perfect central fort, have an unsinkable ship, have the best guns and most powerful armour, have a convenient, comfortable, and wholesome dwelling, and still have all the beautiful form and sea-going qualities which you had before. Only you must first will it, and then you must give those people to whom you confide its construction full power to carry out your purpose in the design and execution of the work.

Obituary.

Our public men are swiftly passing away one after another. This week we have to chronicle the death of the Hon. Malcolm CAMERON, member of the House of Commons for South Ontario, who departed this life on the 1st inst., aged 68 years. On Friday his remains were escorted to the St. Lawrence Ottawa Railway station by a large number of friends, among them Hon. Messrs. MacKenzie, Vail, Burpee, Smith, Huntington and Scott, from which place they left for the family burying ground at Sarnia. Flags were flying at half mast from the Parliament buildings out of respect for the memory of the deceased gentleman.

It is a remarkable coincidence that the death of Mr. CAMERON renders the representation of both divisions of the County of Ontario in the House of Commons vacant; the seat having been but recently turned upon the grave of his colleague the member for the North Riding. Mr. CAMERON was one of the oldest (if not the oldest) members of the House, being first returned in 1856 to represent the County of Lanark in the House of Assembly for Upper and Lower Canada. He was a member of the Lafontaine-Baldwin and Hincks-Morin Administrations, during which time he occupied several of the leading positions in the Ministry. He was a

Director of the Grand Trunk Railway. Was a delegate to Washington on behalf of certain Western interests; in the negotiation of the Reciprocity Treaty of 1854, and did good service for British Columbia, then a Crown Colony, in procuring for it the right of self government. He held the office of Queen's Printer from 1863 to nearly the close of 1869. He was returned at the last general election for South Ontario. His was an honorable and eventful career, and his loss will be deeply felt by the country.

RIFLE COMPETITION.

A rifle match took place at the Rideau Range on Saturday 27th May, between seven members of the Guards living East of the Sapper's Bridge, and a similar number residing West thereof. As will be seen the Eastenders won. Mr. Newby was to have shot but he was unavoidably absent and Major Anderson shot in his place. The score was as follows:—

EAST OF SAPPER'S BRIDGE.

	200	500	600	T'l.
Private Morrison.....	31	21	21	73
Corporal Reardon.....	27	26	19	72
Major Macpherson.....	32	20	17	69
Private Cotton.....	27	18	17	62
Corporal Deslauriers...	30	20	12	62
L.-Corporal Gray.....	23	21	6	55
Private Troop.....	29	17	5	51

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WEST OF SAPPER'S BRIDGE.

	200	500	600	T'l.
Private Waldo.....	27	26	14	67
Sergeant Sutherland....	22	17	24	63
Captain Todd.....	26	21	17	64
Private Symes.....	27	14	18	59
Sergeant Clayton.....	26	11	20	57
Surgeon Malloch.....	29	14	12	55
Major Anderson (sub.) ..	22	7	12	41

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To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—In your last number received by me to-day the General Order 19th May publishes the names of eight more Cadets for the Military College, without however the number of marks gained by each, being placed opposite their respective names, as required by the General order establishing this Institution, dated 30th October 1875—which in paragraph 21 says “the total number of marks gained by each and the date when the cadets are required to report themselves at the college” will be published in the *Canada Gazette*.”

Will you kindly state in your next issue the reason for this omission, as from some other facts which have come to my knowledge; it looks as if politics had begun to exert, the same baneful influence in this

establishment, as in all else connected with our unfortunate militia force.

QUEBEC.

Our correspondent is in error in imputing to our Militia Authorities that they were politically influenced in their choice of those cadets selected to attend our Military College at Kingston. Politics had nothing to do with it. The fact is that only one person in the Province of Quebec had made application for examination with a view to admission to the Military College.—ED. VOL. REV.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR,—Your correspondent “Bayonet” with his experience of 8 years, having entered the arena in support of his system of drilling the Active Militia, I have no objection in (so to speak) putting on the Gloves with him under this head. His idea of having large camps only once in three or four years is not bad, but that the intervening years should be in a manner wasted, by crowding Battalions in a shed during the severe days of our Canadian winter, and expecting them to get as well trained in such a cramped and necessarily uncomfortable place, as if they were assembled in the summer when drilling in the open air is practicable on almost every day, even granting that each man has 4 or 5 blankets, and there are stores enough in the building, it seems to me very doubtful, if anything like a properly trained soldier could be turned out from such a combined Bivouac, Barrack-room, and drill ground. From 13 years experience, over half of which has been in active service, I am in a position to state, that the days in winter on which drilling in the open air can be carried on to advantage, are few and far between. The plan of retaining half of pay for such a purpose as is proposed by “Bayonet,” if once tried, would not likely be repeated, as the officers and men do not get any too much pay for the work they perform. Then again a most important item your correspondent has overlooked or forgotten i.e., the rifle practice, which any one will admit cannot be carried out in winter, to so great advantage as in summer. I think that unless he advances some stronger reasons, that his plan is not the one that will be adopted.

Let us have District, or Brigade Camps, only once in 3 or 4 years, if economy be the cry; but until a better plan be adopted let the Rural Corps assemble at the most convenient time, during the Summer or Fall, at Battalion Head Quarters, so that the rifle practice can be carried on under the Musketry Instructor's supervision, and the Drill and Discipline, if not under the Deputy Adjutant General's or Brigade Major's, at least under that of the Officer Commanding the Battalion; City Corps be drill as may best suit the convenience of the respective corps.

I remain Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

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