

A strange story is told by a New York paper respecting the cause of the sinking of the "Oneida," to the following effect:

"One of the officers of the 'Oneida,' who recently arrived in this city, stated, in the presence of one of the attaches of this office, that at the time of the collision with the 'Bombay,' all the officers of the 'Oneida' were drunk; that the vessel having just left port the officers were having a 'little jollification below,' and that the deck was in charge of a midshipman. He stated further that the 'Bombay' was not hailed through a speaking trumpet; that immediately after the collision the utmost excitement prevailed, everybody madly rushing for the boats, and thinking of nothing but self-preservation. The officers staggered to the deck in a condition of drunken stupor, and were totally incapable of giving orders or attempting to preserve their own lives."

THE RED RIVER EXPEDITION.—The following are the terms offered to Volunteers.—

PAY:

Color Sergeants	...\$18 00 per month.
Sergeant	...15 00 " "
Corporal & Buglers	13 00 " "
Privates	12 00 " "

With free lodgings and rations, equipment and clothing. To be clothed as riflemen and armed and equipped as follows—1 short Snider Enfield rifle sword bayonet and accoutrements complete; 60 rounds of service ammunition, 1 knapsack, 1 haversack, 1 water bottle, 1 tin plate and mug, 1 blanket, 1 water-proof sheet, 1 cloth (rifle) tunic, 1 pair of cloth trousers, 1 great coat, 1 forage cap, 1 pair of beefskin boots, 1 pair of ankle boots, 1 linen blouse and pair of trousers, 1 mosquito net, with free kit, 2 flannel shirts, 2 pair socks, 1 pair of braces, 2 linen towels, 1 knife, fork and spoon, with holdall, 1 clothes brush, 2 blacking brushes 1 comb, 1 box blacking, 1 tin water-proof blacking, 2 darning needles, 1 hank of thread, 1 piece of soap. And for winter use:—1 tunic, (cloth), 1 pair of cloth trousers, 1 winter cap, (fur, 1 pair of mitts, 2 knitted under-shirts, 2 pairs of knitted drawers, 1 muffler.

The suspension of the *habeas corpus* act is a blow aimed at parties who may expose themselves to the following charges:—

- With being or continuing in arms against Her Majesty in Canada;
- Or with any act of hostility therein;
- Or with having entered Canada with design or intent to levy war against Her Majesty, or to commit any felony therein, etc., etc."

And such parties may be detained in safe custody without bail until the first Jan., 1871, and until the end of the Session of Parliament then next succeeding; and no Justice shall bail or try any such persons so arrested without order from the Privy Council, until the day after the termination of the first session held after the first day of January, 1871, any Law or Statute to the contrary.

DISBANDED.—In consequence of an order received from headquarters, Major Walker yesterday disbanded the Windsor and Leamington Companies, which had for ten days previously been doing duty at this place; and in the afternoon the Leamington men returned to their homes on the Bob Hackett. The St. Thomas cavalry are to take their departure on Monday next. Previous to dismissing the force, Major Walker complimented the respective companies upon their proficiency in drill and their soldierly conduct while under his command.—*Record and Journal.*

RIFLE MATCH—60TH RIFLES VS, QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

On Saturday afternoon the 23rd inst., a rifle match took place on the Garrison Common, between nine Sergeants of the 60th Rifles and the same number from the Queen's Own. Ranges, 200 yards, up to 500 yards, inclusive. Dr. Oliver, 60th Rifles, and Lieut. Col. Gilmor, Queen's Own Rifles, being present, also participated in the match, which commenced at 2 o'clock p.m., and continued until 4.30 p.m., resulting in favour of the 60th Rifles by 17 points. A beautiful silver cup was offered by Col. Gilmor to the highest individual score, which was won by Hospital Sergeant White, No. 9 Company, Q. O. R., who headed the score with 66 points.

The following are the scores of the respective sides:—

60TH RIFLES.			
	300 yds.	400 yds.	Ttl.
Dr. Oliver	18	13	13-61
Sergt. Mitchell	17	13	18-60
" Poinson	16	16	15-59
" Inwood	15	13	15-58
" Witney	14	11	9-53
" Clarke	12	18	8-52
" Beech	14	13	3-46
" Thompson	14	13	8-45
" Curran	15	13	9-44
" Brown	14	14	11-41
Total	149	137	128 104 518

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.			
	300 yds.	400 yds.	Ttl.
H. Sergt White	16	18	17-66
Sergt. Bailely	14	17	16-62
" Meredith	16	15	17-56
" McCormick	15	15	12-55
Col. Gilmor	13	15	16-52
Sergt. Grahame	11	16	16-49
" Isray	10	8	18-46
" McDonald	12	10	15-46
" Cook	15	12	9-44
" Dodge	6	6	9-25
Total	128	132	145 96 501

Average of 60th Rifles, 51.80; Q. O. R. 50.10.

TARGET PRACTICE.

The Mount Forest company mustered at the drill shed on Monday afternoon, and proceeded to the range to shoot for the possession of the prize medal. The day was dull and unfavorable, and the shooting, which was at 200 and 400 yards, was consequently not so good as is usually made. The medal, as will be seen, was won by Private Scott.

Capt. J. Pearce	.....34320	30202-19
Lieut. R. Smith	.....04340	02022-17
Sergt. G. Sutton	.....30230	20302-15
Corpl. A. Black	.....02343	22020-18
Private S. Grass	.....23023	23020-17
Private G. Walker	.....02020	32030-12
Private A. McMillan	.....23422	02020-17
Private T. Davis	.....02203	30200-12
Private H. Cusick	.....03202	02032-14
Corpl. F. Graffo	.....40320	03203-17
Private G. Scott	.....32443	32003-24
Private J. Lewis	.....03033	30202-16
Private N. Sinclair	.....03200	20200-9
P'te. G. Fitzsimmons	.....22034	00203-13
Private R. Edwards	.....23000	30022-12
Private A. Anderson	.....02302	30020-12

—*Examiner.*

A correspondence on the cotton crop and the use of fertilisers will be found in our columns.

THE RIFLE MATCH.—A friendly rifle match took place on the Beauport flats on Saturday afternoon, between 10 of the 69th Regiment and 10 of the 8th Batt., Volunteers, crack shots on both sides, which as appears, by the score below published, resulted in favor of the 8th. The weather was very pleasant, and the atmosphere favorable in every respect for target practice. In addition to the parties competing in the match, we noticed on the ground Col. Bagot, Major Alleyn, Mr. French, 69th Regiment and a number of other gentlemen. The following is the score.

8TH BATTALION.

	200	400	600	Tl.
O. R. Sergt. Frow	.....16	18	13-47
H. Sergt. Ferguson	.....18	18	5-41
Ensign Mahoney	.....19	12	2-33
Capt. Barret	.....17	18	11-46
Lieut. E. G. Scott	.....16	15	3-34
Col. Sergt. Norris	.....18	18	13-49
Lieut. Balfour14	18	6-38	
Capt. Morgan18	19	4-41	
Adj. O'Neil19	17	6-42	
Sergt. Holloway17	17	9-43	

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69TH REGIMENT.

Capt. Charlton11	17	9-37
Capt. Dyke13	16	13-42
Lieut. Aitchison15	15	5-35
Ass. J. M. Dawson	.....15	13	11-39
Col. Sergt. Clough	.....12	14	7-33
Col. Sergt. Connell	.....15	19	9-43
Private Thompson	.....17	15	0-32
Private Fairbairn11	18	8-37
Private Goodwin18	19	4-41
Private Guy20	16	10-46

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Majority for 8th Batt. 29 Points.

A return match will be fired between the same squads at an early day at the range of the 69th Regiment, cove field.—*Chronicle.*

As the Potton volunteer company was nearing St. Armand, on its way to Frelighsburg, on the 13th inst., one of the men rushed out of the ranks and ran for the border line. He was fired upon two or three times but escaped. The shot is supposed to have taken effect, but whether fatally we are unable to learn.—*Lindsay Expositor.*

THE 21ST BATTALION.—The 21st Battalion (St. Johns) has its headquarters at Dunham. Lieut. Col. Marchand finds all the comforts of a home at the residence of Mr Wood, M. L. C., and the other officers and men are billeted much to their own satisfaction. The new and commodious hotel of Mr. Seeley is brimful of bayonets and has a carnation hue from the number of red-coats in and about it. The St. Andrew's troop of Cavalry, (Capt. Burwash) a fine body of well mounted men, are also doing duty in this village and neighborhood.—*The News.*

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES.—Two Volunteer companies are now being formed in this village, one of foot and the other of mounted Infantry. The Infantry which now numbers over 30 men will, it is supposed, be under command of D. Westover, M. S., as Captain, with Z. V. Whitman, M. S., as Lieutenant, and E. Abbott as Ensign. The mounted Infantry had not yet met to organize at our latest information. We understand that application will be immediately made to the proper quarters to have these companies enrolled in the Militia.—*The News.*