

Hudson's Bay Territory was almost as inaccessible as the North Pole, and was considered by Europeans to be as valueless. With this charter in his hand he closes his ears and clasps us like a drowning man. Britain has at last awakened to a sense of justice, and consents to shake him off for us if we will but lend a hand to free ourselves. The question is now before the British Parliament, and we may soon expect to hear that we can have the Hudson Bay Territory on payment of a certain sum for their claim. No one will be sorry to see this gigantic monopoly swept away. It is the last vestige of despotic government in the British possessions, and while it stands it will be a stigma on British institutions. It is true, the "Stop the way company" (as Dickens very properly names it) in the strict interpretation of the word, has no longer a monopoly of the fur trade in their territory, but they have so long exercised their almost unlimited power to its fullest extent, and have waged such a steady warfare against all rivals that no opposition remains, and they continue to be absolute masters of the vast territory which they claim as their own. They have always used their power to secure profit to themselves at the sacrifice of British interests, and at the public loss. They have fallen behind the times, and they cannot wonder that the advancing tide of civilization must sweep them and every other remnant of barbarism out of existence.

DOMINION DAY,

We learn from our exchanges that the first anniversary of the birth of the New Dominion was celebrated throughout the country with the greatest enthusiasm.

TARGETS AND MARKSMEN.—It has been found, while firing at the running-man target at Wimbledon, which is scarlet on one side and grey on the other, that the scarlet dazzles the eye, and is hence the most difficult to hit, from leaving a red streak behind it, in its advance, which unsettles the aim. The grey side was struck seventy-four times and the red only forty two times. It is a curious fact too, it seems, that those with grey eyes hit fairer than those with eyes of other color.

The Picnic given by No. 1 Company Ottawa Rifles, last Wednesday, was a most pleasant and successful affair.

THE NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.—For July has come to hand, and shows a steady improvement both in style and matter on former numbers.

A WARNING TO VOLUNTEERS.—Levi Smith and John Campbell, both belonging to Capt. Yeigh's Infantry Company, 30th Battalion, were brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday afternoon, and fined \$4.00 and costs each for refusing to turn out for the annual drill.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENT'S.

NOTICE.—All communications addressed to the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW, must be accompanied by the correct name and address of the writer to insure attention.

"**SEMPER PARATUS,**" Hamilton, O.—Much obliged for your communication, and are very happy to accept you as our "special" at Hamilton. As mails are sometimes delayed, it would be well if you were to post your letter Tuesday or Wednesday previous to publication.

"**C. M. K.,**" Whitby, O.—Many thanks for your kind offer. It was very annoying to us not to receive your letter in time to take advantage of your courteous proposition.

"**L. S.,**" Ingersol, O.—Your relative rank is that of Captain.

"**J. G. S.,**" Quebec.—Col. Wily has not yet decided upon publishing his SERVICE MILITIA LIST, for the year. When he does we will let you know.

MILITARY.—Orders have been received from England, countermanding the order for the second battalion of the fourth Regiment to proceed to England. They are to remain for the present in Garrison at Halifax. The remainder of the 30th Regiment, now in Quebec, embark on board the *Himalaya*, for Halifax, this morning at nine o'clock, and numerous drafts for different regiments now serving in Canada are expected to arrive on the steamer *Moravian*. The following is the list of Her Majesty's troops now serving in the Province of Quebec and Ontario:—Artillery; 2nd, 3rd and 4th brigades for Quebec; 5th and 6th for Montreal; 7th and 8th for Kingston. Brigade D, for Montreal; E. and F. for London; H. for Toronto, and K for Montreal, Royal Engineers—1st and 15th companies for Point Levis. Cavalry—13th Hussars for Toronto. Infantry—1st 16th for Montreal; 1st 17th for Toronto; 29th for Hamilton; 53rd for Quebec. Rifles—4th 60th for London; 1st 60th for Montreal; 69th for Brantford; 78th and 100th for Montreal; 1st Rifle brigade, Royal Canadian Rifles for Ottawa.

An ingenious individual named Jacques has lately been exhibiting before the Emperor Napoleon, a perfect "love of a gun" capable of being fired off forty times in the course of a minute, simply by turning a crank. With this charming apparatus, a young lady or child could destroy 2,400 lives in the course of an hour without much fatigue. What a privilege to live in an age in which murder is rendered so delightfully easy!

When Mr. Disraeli retires from the premiership it is supposed that the Queen will make him a Knight of the Garter, a distinction usually conferred upon members of the Royal families and the higher nobility. Mr. Pitt was the only other commoner who was offered this honor, and he, greatly to his sovereign's disappointment, declined to accept it.

CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 3rd July, 1868.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

No. 1.

To be District Paymaster, Eastern Townships and South of the St. Lawrence: Captain Hyndman, of the Bishop's College Rifle Company, Lennoxville, vice Rawson, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

Quebec Squadron of Cavalry.

To be Surgeon:

Assistant Surgeon James Edward Stansfield, vice C. P. Sewell, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

2nd "Queen's Own Rifles," Toronto.

To be Ensign:

Color Sergeant John Erskine, vice Ellis, promoted.

3rd Battalion "Victoria Volunteer Rifles," Montreal.

To be Adjutant (temporary):

Ensign John Allan, M. S., vice Davidson, who resigns the Adjutancy only.

7th Battalion "The London Light Infantry."

To be Assistant Surgeon:

John Martin Fraser, M. D., M. R. C. S.

11th Battalion "Argenteuil Rangers," St. Andrews.

No. 1 Company, St. Andrews.

To be Ensign, acting till further orders.

Frank Beattie, gentleman, vice Abbott, promoted.

No. 7 Company, Grenville.

To be Ensign (temporary):

Joseph Hambly, gentleman, M. S., vice Jno. Hambly, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

14th Battalion "The Princess of Wales's Own Rifles," Kingston.

Lieutenant and Adjutant Hayter Reed, to have the rank of Captain to date from the 25th ult.

42nd "Brockville" Battalion of Infantry

To be Quarter-Master:

Sergeant Major Michael Read, vice Day, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

47th "Frontenac" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 2 Company, Inverary.

To be Captain, acting till further orders

Lieutenant George Campbell, vice Day, whose resignation is hereby accepted.