

We have been permitted to make the following extracts from the letter of a Militia Staff Officer now with the expeditionary force, to a friend in this city. It speaks volumes for the provident care of the Militia Department, and the energy of the Director of Stores, Lieut.-Col. Wily:

PRINCE ARTHUR LANDING, THUNDER BAY, }
17th June, 1870. }

MY DEAR C.—I arrived here on the 14th inst., late in the evening, and disembarked early next morning. We brought on all stores that were at Collingwood, and some few horses from the Sault Ste. Marie. The *Arctic*, the steamer I was in, returned this morning to the Sault, and brings up Col. Boulton and all men and stores from there. Two Companies of the 60th are on the road between this and Shebandowan Lake at work, and boats and stores are being daily pushed forward, but I do not think that the troops will move from this (that is to say the headquarters) for ten days or a fortnight.

As far as I can see the provisions are right good; the bread we have is as good as any I have ever eaten, beautifully white, and the pork is excellent, though rather too fat for me. Our rations are all on the most liberal scale, and I can find nothing to grumble at. The camps are nicely situated, facing Thunder Cape; the headquarters are (at which I am) about a quarter of a mile from the 1st and 2nd Battalions, are close together—a small stream, over which a bridge has been laid divides them."

RIFLE MATCH AT BARRIE.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The annual shooting match for the prizes given by the County Council of Simcoe, took place in Barrie on Friday the 24th of June. Ranges, 200, 400, and 600 yards; five shots at each range. The following were the winners, all of whom belong to the 35th Battalion:

	Pts.
1st Prize and Silver Cup—Pte. Lang, No. 2 Company, Collingwood.	44
2nd Prize—Capt. Wigmore, No. 7 Company, Orillia.	43
3rd Prize—Sergt. Wainman, No. 7 Company, Orillia.	40
4th Prize—Pte. Whiten, No. 5 Company Barrie.	40
5th Prize—Corpl. Gilkison, No. 9 Company, Bondhead.	37

The Warden of the County presented the prizes in the evening after which the officers of the 35th messed together at the Barrie Hotel.

Alc. Workman, Esq., Board of Trade, Ottawa.

SIR:—It has been suggested that in order to promote the efficiency and extend the usefulness of the various Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, or other chartered bodies organized throughout the Dominion for commercial purposes, and to secure unity and harmony of action in reference to commercial usage, customs and laws, and especially that a united opinion should be obtained so as to secure a proper and careful consideration in Parliament of questions pertaining to the financial, commercial and industrial interests of the country at large,

and to all public work calculated to cheapen and lessen cost of transport between one part of the Dominion and another, a national Board of Trade should be formed for the objects above stated. Should your Board agree in the desirability of forming such an organization, to meet annually in the various cities of the Dominion, I shall be obliged by your informing me at your earliest convenience, and should the suggestion meet a general approval, arrangements will be made for a meeting here in September for the purpose of organization.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obed't. servant,

JOHN YOUNG,
President, Montreal Board of Trade.
Montreal, 9th June, 1870.

OFFICE, BOARD OF TRADE, }
OTTAWA, 20th June, 1870. }

Hon. J. Young, Board of Trade, Montreal.

SIR:—The President of this Board of Trade, Alex. Workman, Esq., has laid your letter of 9th June before the Council, and after a careful consideration they are of opinion that the organization of a Board of Trade for the Dominion of Canada is both desirable and necessary, but they also hold that such an organization, to be effective, must, as a matter of necessity, be in official communication with the Government, and for this purpose that it should meet during the session of Parliament at the capital. A plan previously proposed was to have the Dominion Board of Trade composed of two delegates chosen annually from the Council of each chartered or hereafter to be chartered Board of Trade in the Dominion, that immediately on their election the President of the Board to which they belonged should notify officially their names to that Department of Government to which the Dominion Board of Trade should be affiliated, that out of all the names so chosen the Minister of Finance should name one as President for the year and that the Government should provide and pay the Secretary. It appears to this Council that a mere peripatetic body would effect no possible good, nor would it have the weight in commercial and fiscal legislation which a body composed as they propose would have; and as the members thereof are directly accountable to their constituents every year as well as bound to be in accord with the Government no fear of undue influence exercised in any way need be entertained. I am directed by the Council to say they will have great pleasure in sustaining any movement on the foregoing basis which was proposed in 1865, but they would be obliged for the reasons given to decline taking part in any organization which they feel would not be effective; they look on it as a grievous omission in the formation of the Departments of Government under the Dominion that one was not allotted to the commerce of the country, having at its head either the Finance Minister or the Minister of Agriculture.

The plan I have the honor of proposing to you is designed, as far as possible, to supply the omission.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obed't. servant,

G. H. PERRY,
Member of Council,
Secretary pro tem.

WONDERFUL LETTER CARRIER.

The following extract describes the operation of a pneumatic tube between Glasgow and London. Probably few of our readers are aware of the existence of the process by which messages and packages are almost instantaneously transmitted between these two cities.

I had occasion to send a telegram to London the other day, and in a few minutes received a reply which led me to suppose that a serious error had been committed by my agents, involving many thousand pounds. I immediately went to the telegraph office, and asked to see my message. The clerk said, "We can't show it to you, as we have sent it to London." "But," I replied, "you must have my original paper here; I wish to see that." He again said, "No, we have not got it; it is at the post office in London." "What do you mean?" I asked. "Pray let me see the paper I left here half an hour ago." "Well," said he, "If you must see it we will get it back in a few minutes, but it is now in London." He rang a bell, and in five minutes produced my message rolled up in pasteboard.

It seems that for some months there has existed a pneumatic telegraph betwixt Glasgow and London, and betwixt London and the other principal cities of the Kingdom, which consists of an iron tube, into which the messages are thrown and sent to their destination. I inquired if I might see a message sent. "Oh, yes, come round here." He slipped a number of messages into the paste board scroll, popped it into the tube, and made a signal. I put my ear to the tube and heard a slight rumbling noise for seventeen seconds, when a bell rang beside me, indicating that the scroll had arrived at the general post office, four hundred miles off! It almost took my breath away to think of it. If I could only go to Boston with the same relative speed, you might count on my passing an evening every week at No. 124 Beacon street and returning home to sleep. Who knows but we may be conveyed in this marvellous manner before many years?

Perhaps you are aware that there has been a large tube between the general post office in London and the stations in Easton Square in operation for a number of years. The mail bags for the north are all sent by this conveyance, so that the post office receives letters up to a few moments before the train leaves, three miles off! The transit takes less than two seconds! Surely this is an age of wonders.—*Cor. Boston Transcript.*

REMITTANCES

Received on subscription to the **VOLUNTEER REVIEW** up to Saturday the 2nd inst.:—

EMBRU, Ont.—Capt. James Munroe, \$2.
ALMONTE, Ont.—Major Gemmell, \$2.
OTTAWA, Ont.—Capt. Stephens, \$6.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., was the anniversary of the great battle of Waterloo, the closing contest of the great continental war fought on the 18th June, 1815. Of those who took part in it few now remain.