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## THE VOLUNTEER BILL.

ON Tuesday last, Attorney General Macdonald introduced a Volunteer Bill in the Assembly, and accompanied it with explanatory remarks. The bill is nearly like the old one. Power is conferred on the Commander-in-Chief to increase the number of the Active Force to 35,000 men, to be clothed and equipped at the expense of the Province. Drill sheds are to be provided, in the principal cities, at a cost of \$20,000, and proper rifle ranges, in both cities and rural districts, where ball practice may be carried on with safety. Mr. Macdonald, in the course of his speech, presented the following figures as an exhibit of the present volunteer force of the Province. There were now altogether 268 volunteer companies in Upper Canada, comprising 14,780 non-commissioned officers and privates; and 185 in Lower Canada, with 10,230 on the rolls, being a total for Canada of 453 companies, and 25,000 men. Offers had been received of more companies, making an aggregate of nearly ten thousand men. An excellent spirit was manifested among the volunteers in forming themselves into battalions. Already 172 companies had been formed into 13 battalions of infantry, and 10 battalions of rifles, comprising about 9,500 men.

It is estimated that the increased cost for the additional 10,000 men provided for by the bill, would be about \$200,000, for accoutrements and clothing. Mr. Macdonald states that no army in the world was better clothed than the volunteer force of Canada. The whole expense of coat, pantaloons and shako, all made of the best materials, \$9 55 for each man. The government has also made arrangements by which officers were supplied with uniforms for cost, so that they obtained them 50 per cent. cheaper than they could have supplied themselves.—The Government had advanced \$32,000 for efficient uniforms, and up to the 7th Sept. \$14,000 had been received from officers in Canada who had purchased outfits through the Government.

The bill is likely to elicit much discussion, and we have thus given its prominent features, in order to a clear understanding of its merits or demerits.

## PROVINCIAL, COUNTY, AND TOWNSHIP EXHIBITIONS.

A busy time, in the way of exhibitions, is at hand. On Tuesday next, the Lower Canada Show will commence at Montreal, and in one week from that day, that of Upper Canada will be in full operation at Kingston. A number of County and Township

exhibitions occur during the latter part of this month, among which we may enumerate as follows:—County Peel, at Brampton, 15th and 16th inst.; McNab township, at Arnprior, 23rd inst.; Horton township, at Town Hall, the 25th; North Simcoe, at Barrie, the 16th; Admaston, at Town Hall, the 29th; and Oro, at Shanty Bay, the 30th.

The exhibition at Kingston, we believe, will compare favorably with any of its predecessors. The railways and steamboats offer good inducements to insure the attendance of visitors and exhibitors. On the Wednesday previous to the occasion, a reduction of fare will commence on the Grand Trunk, and tickets will hold good for fourteen days. Passengers and articles going to the exhibition will be charged one full fare going to Kingston, and the same be returned free. Those who have products for show should not delay in sending them forward, and it must be borne in mind that all articles except live stock must be on the grounds on Monday, the 21st, and the latter must be there by noon the next day. It is recommended that those exhibiting machinery, or other heavy articles, have them present as early certainly as Saturday, the 19th, to give them a suitable location.

We are not prepared to predict which department is likely to excel in this exhibition. We have hopes that the agricultural and horticultural branches will not be behind the exhibitions of former years, though it is pretty generally understood that the character of the season has been rather adverse to as excellent a representation of the great staple—wheat—as is desirable. We look for an advance in the mechanical and manufacturing departments.

Already some activity is manifested in the direction of locating the Provincial Exhibition for another year. The people of Guelph and Hamilton are putting forth their efforts and promises, and it is thought the contest lies between the two. Whatever place may be selected, we say of it, as we do of the exhibition near at hand, that we trust the farmers, mechanics, and manufacturers of Canada, independently of any local feeling, will use their joint exertions to make these industrial shows attractive and profitable.

## MATTERS PERSONAL.

Our paper of this week has a military aspect, albeit we are peacefully inclined, to the extremest verge of honor. We could not, however, omit engravings of the very successful Review at Brantford, a matter of general interest throughout the Province. The presentation of colors to the 13th Battalion seemed, likewise, to us to merit attention. The present number of the NEWS will be a valuable one to send to friends abroad.

On page 215 we have prepared a Weekly Summary of News, embracing the substance of what is transpiring in Canada, the States, and in European and other countries. We intend this department to be an epitome of the world's doings, a very necessary part of a thorough journal for the family. Improvements will be made in this respect with the enlargement of our sheet, and facilities for its printing, soon to ensue.

We are making arrangements to make an addition to our paper of four pages, to be printed in two forms, on new type, and with a superior press purchased especially for the printing of the NEWS, at a very early period—we trust next week. It is our intention to look well after matters connected with the forthcoming Provincial Exhibition. A faithful description of articles on exhibition, incidents of the Show, prizes awarded, with illustrations of prominent subjects, will be given, in the issue of September 26th. In our next number we hope to lay before our readers a large-sized engraving of the Hamilton Water Works, with carefully prepared

statistics and information in regard to the same. It will thus be seen that the ensuing numbers of the NEWS are likely to be of extreme value for preservation and reference. To us, the paper is a "fixed fact." It has met with much encouragement, and the experiment of furnishing a home Illustrated is an experiment no longer.

## LITERARY NOTICES.

NORTH BRITISH REVIEW, for August.—Published by Leonard Scott & Co., New York.

THE contents of this number are excellent, and are as follows: Roger Collard—Philosopher and Politician; Thomas DeQuincy—Grave and Gay; Henry St. John and the reign of Queen Anne; the Education and Management of the Imbecile; the West Highlands of Scotland; Pretensions of Spiritualism; Mormonism, Past and Present; the Cotton Famine and Lancashire Distress; the National Defences.

BRITISH AMERICAN MAGAZINE.—Devoted to Literature, Science, and Art. Published by Rollo & Adam, Toronto.

THE September number, the fifth which has been issued, has been received. Its contents are varied and interesting, and its pith of the "British Monthlies" excellently conceived. The leading paper is entitled, "Indications of Ancient Customs, suggested by certain Cranial Forms, by Daniel Wilson, LL. D." The editor furnishes an article on "The Cultivation of Flax and Hemp in Canada." "The Cited Curate," and "The Settler's Daughter," are continued tales, by Miss Murray and Mrs. Hollivell, and other matter is furnished by able contributors. In the October number is promised a second article on "A Plea for British Nationality," by the Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee. All those who would encourage a home magazine, and stimulate literary tastes and acquirements in the province, should take the "British American."

## SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR.

THE Estimates for Supplies, for 1863, have been laid on the table, and are as follows: Total expenditure, \$15,119,200; vote required for the year, \$3,918,500. The items are the same as Mr. Howland's Estimates, except the following: Prisons, &c., \$146,708; legislation, \$322,787; hospitals and charities, \$263,675; militia, &c., \$462,119; agricultural societies, \$108,000; public works and buildings, \$237,850; roads and bridges, \$69,500; miscellaneous, \$43,800; collection of customs, \$330,000; excise, \$35,000; territorial, \$160,000; colonization of roads, reduced to \$25,000 in each province; \$50,000 for the North-west communication not in this estimate; road across Caughnawaga reserve, \$1,500; Toronto gaol, from Upper Canada Building Fund, \$18,000.

## PERSONAL.

—Gerald Massey is soon to enter the lecture field.

—Mr. Sicotte has been appointed judge of the Superior Court, vice Bruneau.

—Mr. John Lovell, of Montreal is about to publish the "British American Almanac for 1864."

—Madame Anna Bishop, a lady of superior musical abilities, has been "starring" it in various Provincial towns.

—His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, will relinquish the Governorship of Nova Scotia, and depart for England about the 17th inst.

—It is rumored that His Excellency, Hon. Arthur Gordon, Governor of New Brunswick, will succeed to the Governorship of Nova Scotia.

—Rev. Thomas Raffles, D. D., L. L. D., and F. Z. Z., died in Liverpool, on the 17th ult. He was much esteemed as a preacher and a philanthropist.

—Rev. William Thornton, Editor of the English Wesleyan Magazine, has been appointed President of the Canada and Eastern British American Wesleyan Conferences.

—Lord Lyons left Quebec for Montreal on Thursday. He will remain a few days in that city, with Gen. Williams, and from thence proceed to New Brunswick.

—The public await with curiosity the forthcoming Life of Caesar, by Napoleon III. The Emperor is ambitious of distinction in Literature no less than in war and diplomacy.

## EDITOR'S TABLE TALK.

—Sir Walter Scott had anything but a favorable opinion of emigration to America. Distance did not certainly lend enchantment to his view at the time when he wrote the following lines on Heart-sick Exiles:

"I thought how sad would be the sound  
On Sasquehanna's swarthy ground,  
Kentucky's wood-cumbered brake,  
And wild Ontario's boundless lake,  
Where heart-sick exiles in the strain,  
Recall'd fair Scotland's hills again."

—The guilt of those who provoke wars by their selfishness, lack of virtue, or injustice, cannot be measured, and we would that all quarrel-makers might sensibly feel all that the philosophic Shakespeare has herein pictured:

"Take heed,  
How you awake the sleeping Sword of War:  
We charge you in the name of God, take heed,  
For never did two kingdoms yet contend  
Without much fall of blood; whose guiltless drops  
Are every one a woe, a sore complaint,  
'Gainst him, whose wrong gives edge unto the  
swords,  
That makes such waste in brief mortality."

—An eminent German physician, among many quaint aphorisms, has the following:—"Pleasant words like honey in an electuary, unite dissimilar things.—This is verified again and again. One jovial, pleasant companion, in a coach or a car, will bring together all the opposites of the lead; a kindly-spoken orator or lecturer can unite the contraries in an audience; and a husband or wife, an adept in pleasant phrases, will disarm all the domestic vials of wrath, and bring father, mother, children and servants, all in delightful unison. Try the honey, then, of pleasant words.

—We were amused at a colloquy which occurred upon the cars, while crossing Suspension Bridge recently. It was a cold evening, and as the train neared the Canada side, a Yankee broke the stillness of the inside, by shouting, with peculiar emphasis, to a traveling companion on the platform: "Come in here out of the draft!" He came in.

—Dirt and drink are allies. They are as congenial in their way, as cleanliness and contentment are in a happy manner. We wish it were a standing decree, zealously enforced, that people should "wash up," not only their persons, but their apparel and their houses, and that their habits, in all respects, were required to be stamped with that excellent title—cleanliness. Somewhere we have read of the logic of a Hotentot. He averred that white men were a people too filthy to be allowed to live, being obliged to change their clothes twice or thrice a week, whereas his more circumspect countrymen did not wash themselves oftener than once a moon, and never changed their garments. The Hotentot might have avoided his sweeping assertion as to white men; for there are enough of them who adopt his practice, if not his theory. We repeat our opening remark—Dirt and drink are allies.

A dirty man is too often a drinking man. It is but little matter whether it is the dirt or drink which he first adopts. They mutually play into each other's hands. And a dirty household is a standing temptation to the dram shop—a comfortless home points directly to outdoor negligence or excitement.

MAGIC MUSIC.—A player is sent out of the room, and the company think of a task to be performed by him. This may be:—to untie a ribbon, to sing a song, to say something complimentary to somebody, to displace all manner of articles of furniture—the more fantastic and out of the way, the better. When the company have agreed upon something, the player is called, and has to set to work to discover and perform the work allotted him. He is guided in his experiments by the sound of a piano or other musical instrument, (or in case there being none in the room, by the rapping against the tongs with a pair of snuffers,) played softly, or the reverse, in proportion to his success, or the want of it.

Those who have never played at this game, can have no idea of the interest attached to it. The task that may be divined and accomplished with no other clue than the threatening or encouraging tones of the music, would appear incredible. The complete bewilderment of the guesser, on first entering the room, as to what he is to do; his numerous experiments all wide of the mark, his first catching at a hint, and gradually following of it up, with various intervening discouragements, till he has fulfilled his mission, furnish quite an amusing entertainment.

Boys should be careful how they steer their life-barks if they would arrive without shipwreck at the Isle of Man.