

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

We are sorry to intimate that the New Hamburg Company have to lament the death of a highly respected member, Sergt. William Howell. The Company displayed a laudable *esprit des corps* in turning out at a very brief notice some thirty rank and file, under the command of Col. Goodman, to honour the *manes* of a departed comrade with a military funeral. This last tribute of respect necessitated a journey of eight miles to the place of interment, Shakespeare. It was satisfactory to observe that neither the cold nor depth of snow prevented the whole proceedings from being conducted in a soldier-like manner.

FROM PLEASANT HILL.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The anniversary of the Port Rowan and Walsingham Volunteer Rifle Companies was commemorated at Pleasant Hill on yesterday, 23rd January, both companies having completed their fifth year on the same day, having been gazetted on the 23rd January, 1863. At three o'clock, p.m., the two companies fell in for parade, and were afterwards inspected by Lieutenant and Adjutant Rapelgie, Battalion Instructor, who expressed himself highly pleased with the efficiency of the men and the cleanliness of their arms, accoutrements, and clothing. After a short drill, the men were dismissed to make the necessary preparations for evening; some to bring their wives, and others, might I say, their sweethearts, to participate with them in the pleasures they all anticipated, and they were not in the least disappointed, for the whole was a decided success, and the programme was carried out to the letter, giving universal pleasure and satisfaction.

A tea meeting on a grand scale, and such as only the people of Walsingham know how to get up, was provided at the Town Hall, and served at precisely seven o'clock, p.m. All were satisfied with the sumptuous fare, and on order being restored, Captain Morgan, the senior captain, took the chair. The speakers on the platform were P. Lawson, Esq., M.P.P., A. Walsh, Esq., M.P.P., Lieut. Col. Tisdale, Major Mabee, Captain Bachous, Captain Ryan, W. Wallace, Esq., W. H. Stephenson, Esq., H. J. Kilmaster, Esq., A. B. Hutchison, Esq., and the Reverend Messrs. Moodie and Deacon. From the array of known talent in the gentlemen on the platform, the audience expected another treat, and their expectations were more than realized. Opposite the speakers in the gallery, was the splendid band of the battalion, under their able leader, Mr. Williamson, who was too add to the pleasures of the evening by their soul-cheering music, and well did they perform their part: between the speakers they discoursed in beautiful strains, captivating to the ear. The speeches were all of the first order: the Volunteers

received a grand impetus in the interest manifested in them by all present, and if the Volunteers only receive at the hands of the government what they deserve, Canada will never have to draft a man, which would be *pro bono publico*.

FROM CHATHAM, ONT.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

On Thursday, 23rd January, the Brigade Major, Lieut. Col. Moffat, made an inspection of the head-quarter companies of the 24th Kent Battalion, at Chatham, consisting of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, under the command of their respective captains, S. M. Smith and R. Stephenson, M.P. The Brigade Major, accompanied by Lieut. Col. Smith and Major Baxter, proceeded to Tilbury at 9 a.m., where No. 7 Company, under the command of Captain Martin, assembled at 1 p.m. for inspection. Returning to Chatham at 7 p.m., the head-quarter companies assembled at 8 p.m., in the Town Hall, which, by the way, is fixed with immovable seats. We have no Drill Shed here: its want is very much felt by the officers and men at head-quarters, as it is impossible to have out-door drills, through the inclemency of the weather. A building suitable for that purpose cannot be had to rent in the town. There was a great falling off from the usual attendance of the two companies, particularly in No. 1. This corps, on three different occasions mustered for frontier duty and turned out to a man, 65 in all.

The Brigade Major expressed himself satisfied with the cleanliness of the arms, accoutrements, &c., of the men, as well as those in the armoury, but was sorry to see so few men to inspect. The cause, he thought, was the want of a Drill Shed.—He hoped when he made his next tour to see a good Drill Shed put up in this flourishing town. As he had seen Company Drill Sheds put up in very small villages, he could not understand why the loyal and go-ahead people of Chatham could not get one up for their Volunteer companies.—When it was built, he hoped to see them attend the weekly drills which the late general order called for, as without discipline there could be no good soldiers.

After the inspection, the Brigade Major was entertained at an oyster supper, given at the St. Nicholas. About fourteen Volunteer officers were present, and a few civilian friends. The chair was taken by Captain R. Stephenson, M.P., and Major Baxter occupied the vice-chair. After the good things were disposed of, the usual loyal toasts were given, and then came, "The health of Brigade Major Moffat," which was given from the chair, and was drunk with three times three. The gallant Major responded at some length, referring chiefly to the efficiency of the Volunteers, and the good prospects in store for our New Dominion. The healths of Lieut. Col. D. Smith and Major A. B. Baxter were next given in

succession, and responded to by both gentlemen in good speeches. Appropriate songs were sung at intervals during the evening by Adjutant Riehy and Mr. D. Walker. Next came, from the vice chair, "The healths of Captains S. M. Smith and R. Stephenson," which was done justice to by the company in full lumpers. The Captains responded in excellent speeches. Many Volunteer toasts were afterwards given, and the company separated, after singing the National Anthem, well satisfied with the evening's amusement. The following morning, the Brigade Major, accompanied by Major Baxter, proceeded to Blenheim and Morpeth, to inspect Companies Nos. 3 and 4.

FROM MONTREAL (POINT ST. CHARLES).

G. T. R. BRIGADE.

A Rifle Match took place at the rifle ranges, Point St. Charles, Montreal, on Saturday, the 25th instant, between twelve of Captain White's Company, Rifles, and the same number of from Captain Wilson's Battery of Artillery, for thirty dollars a side. Ranges.—two and four hundred yards: five shots at each range. The challenge having been given by the Artillery, was at once taken up by the Rifles, and after a well contested match the Rifles came off victorious, winning by three points. The day was very cold. The following is the score made at the two ranges.

12 Men of Captain White's Company of Rifles.

	Yds. 200.	400.
H. Glanfield.....	16	16
A. Chapman.....	15	14
T. Dado.....	14	15
J. Clune.....	17	10
G. Roden.....	14	14
W. Fowler.....	10	7
E. Snowden.....	13	13
D. Turnbull.....	17	16
T. Trihey.....	14	14
J. Lee.....	16	6
E. Holland.....	16	11
W. Dent.....	18	13
Total at each range.....	180	149
Average points, 27.5.		

12 Men of Captain Wilson's Battery of Artillery.

	Yds. 200.	400.
J. Ivonson.....	16	16
E. Gurney.....	14	2
H. Syms.....	7	12
J. Kerr.....	16	16
W. Michael.....	15	16
E. Clarke.....	13	15
C. Tymonds.....	14	10
J. R. Annet.....	14	10
J. Yarrow.....	16	12
J. Leeson.....	17	15
J. C. Wilson.....	15	13
C. Houtson.....	15	13
Total at each range.....	177	149
Average points, 27.2.		

General Sir John Burgoyne has retired from active service at the War office and is about to be created a Field-Marshal.