

The conductors of the different trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, took offence last week at some new regulation of the Company, accordingly struck, and attempted by force to stop the running of the trains. The Company procured the aid of the military, and after the exchange of a few shots, by which two of the conductors were severely wounded, and also one of the soldiers, the ringleaders were arrested and order restored.

A telegraph received from Halifax, states that the steamship *Lebanon*, from Woolwich, England, on Saturday evening, April 18, arrived at that port on Tuesday the 20th, with detachments of artillery for Nova Scotia and Canada. She left for Quebec on Wednesday.

ARREST OF COUNTERFEITERS AT BUFFALO.—We learn that Deputy Marshal Tyler of Buffalo, made a large haul of counterfeiters on Thursday evening, the 23d instant. He arrested two men and two women just as they were about to take the cars for Pittsburgh. An intimation of the character of the party led him to watch their movements. When they came to the depot to have their baggage checked, the officer seized the trunks and the owners. On examination of the baggage revealed a quantity of implements, both for making coin and counterfeiting bills. A quantity of genuine one dollar bills was found, which were, no doubt, designed for the process of alteration.

THE QUIET NOOK.

OTTAWA, 3rd May, 1857.

MR. EDITOR,—

The following, being purely a military affair, may perhaps be interesting to some of your readers:—

On the 1st instant the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of No. 2 Company—"Ottawa Rifles"—(French Canadians) following the custom of their ancestors in the Lower Canadian country, erected in honour of their Captain, J. B. Turgeon Esqr., and in front of his own residence, a splendid "May pole."

The Company assembled at the Canadian Institute, and, under the command of Lieut. Carrier, marched to their Captain's residence, preceded by their really pleasing band. It was a fine morning and quite early, a little after six, and the strains of martial music floating on the morning air, accompanied by the regular and solid tread of armed men—a new and pleasant variety in Ottawa life—disturbed my morning slumbers in rather an agreeable manner, and rushing to the window I could not help admiring the fine and soldier like bearing of the men, as they marched past, not with the "Light of Battle within them," but evidently very much pleased with themselves, and proud of their uniform, which certainly looked remarkably well. And I was not the only admirer, for ever and anon as they went on their way a door would be partly opened or a shutter thrown slightly back, and a timid glance from some fair maiden would greet the gallant host for war prepared, and others where there were no shutters would flatten their fair noses against the panes of glass to get one last lingering peep at this bold and dashing rifeman.

After reaching their destination the Company fired several rounds of blank cartridge in

honour of the flags of England and France which were proudly floating from the "May pole" top—the band playing an appropriate air between each volley. Then came a general salute, the band playing the national anthem in "Tip top" style. Lieut. Carrier, in a short, very short, but neat speech, then requested Captain Turgeon to accept the demonstration as a mark of good feeling and respect from the Company—to which the gallant Captain replied in right loyal manner, and invited his officers and men, and also Captain Patterson and Dr. Garvey of No. 1 Rifle Company, and Lieut. Forrest and Farley of the Royal Canadian Artillery, who had been invited to attend to partake of some refreshments, which—I should imagine—owing to early rising and the morning air and exercise, was by no means difficult or unpleasant to do, and thus, Mr. Editor, the affair ended. "Adios."

FRED. ELSLEY.

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PROVINCE OF CANADA.

By His Excellency Sir EDWARD WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Commander in Chief of the Province of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come—
GREETING:

WHEREAS the respect due to the August Person of Her Most Gracious Majesty the QUEEN suggests the propriety of observing the Anniversary of HER MAJESTY'S BIRTHDAY as a PUBLIC HOLIDAY; Now Know Ye, that I, Sir EDWARD WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of the Province of Canada, by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Executive Council for the said Province, do hereby fix, appoint and declare the day of the said Anniversary to be a PUBLIC HOLIDAY, to be observed as such throughout this Province; And whereas the said Anniversary will this year fall on a Sunday; Now Know Ye further, that I do hereby, by and with the advice aforesaid, by this my Proclamation fix and appoint MONDAY the TWENTY-FIFTH day of MAY instant, as the day on which such HOLIDAY shall be observed; And I do hereby call upon all Her Majesty's loving subjects throughout this Province to unite cheerfully in the celebration of the said Anniversary.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at TORONTO, this EIGHTH day of MAY, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and in the Twentieth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

EDMUND HEAD.

By Command,

T. LEE TERRILL,
Secretary.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE.

TORONTO, 5th May, 1857.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

The several Corps of the Active Militia Force of the Province will fire a *fusée de joie* on Monday, the 25th instant, in honor of Her Majesty's Birthday, in the manner laid down in page 58 of the Instructions for Drill of the Volunteer Militia, compiled by the Adjutant General as regards the Infantry.

At stations where either Field Batteries or Foot Companies of Artillery are organized, in addition to Cavalry and Infantry, the mode to be adopted will be as follows, viz:

Each of the three rounds of blank ammunition to be fired by the Infantry, will be preceded by seven rounds from the Artillery, the Artillery thus firing in all twenty-one rounds and the Infantry three rounds of blank cartridge. Officers Commanding will cause the *fusée de joie* to be fired either at 12 o'clock or at 1 o'clock, as may be most convenient to the men.

When the time arrives for giving three cheers, the Officer Commanding will direct the men to take off their hats or fur caps, as the case may be, and, taking the cue from the Officer Commanding, give three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief.

DE ROTTENBURG, Colonel,
Adj. Genl. Militia.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Toronto, 24th April, 1857.

MILITIA GENERAL ORDER.

His Excellency the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief is pleased to direct that, in pursuance of the provisions of the Militia Act, the Annual Muster of the Service Men not exempted by Law in the several Battalions of Secondary Militia in Upper Canada, shall take place on MONDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH of MAY next, and the attention of every Officer in Command of a Battalion is called to the powers vested in him by the 6th Clause of the Militia Act which authorizes the Commanding Officer to direct the Muster to take place within the limits of the respective Companies of each Battalion; and in cases where such a course may be deemed advisable in consequence of the distance of the Company limits from the Head Quarters of the Battalion, or from any other cause which may render the assembly of the Battalion by Companies impracticable to Battalion Muster, His Excellency recommends Commanding Officers of Battalions to order a Muster by Companies within their own limits.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General and Commander-in-Chief.

DE ROTTENBURG, Colonel,
Adj. Genl. Militia.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM addressed to General and Staff Officers, and Officers Commanding Infantry Regiments, Depot Battalions, and Depots, relative to Instruction of Musketry:—Horse Guards, March 26, 1857.—The General Commanding-in-Chief having reason to believe that rifle practice is impeded in consequence of soldiers not being sufficiently practised in the platoon exercise before being handed over to the Instructors of Musketry, finds it necessary to remind Commanding Officers and others that this as well as all other portions of the company drill, should be taught by the Adjutant and Sergeant Major; that the present system of platoon was promulgated so far back as June, 1854; consequently that every Reg. and Depot ought to have been long since proficient therein; and that General Officers will be expected to bring to notice every instance which they may observe of continued neglect in this particular, to which they will be pleased to give their especial attention at the ensuing inspections. Captains and Subalterns are requested to attend rifle practice with their companies, and to make themselves equally acquainted with the instruction of musketry, as well as battalion and company drill, of which, indeed, it is a component part. Field Officers should also render themselves conversant with the theory and practice of musketry, and it is more especially incumbent on Commanding Officers, who (and not the rifle instructors) are responsible for the efficiency of their men, to acquaint themselves with this most important part of the soldier's training, by careful study of the book of regulations, by giving their personal superintendence to the drill and practice of companies under the instructor, and by availing themselves of the assistance and information to be derived on the subject from the District Inspectors of Musketry at their periodical visits; and H.R.H. looks to General Officers of Districts, Division, and Brigades, to see that all do their duty on this as on every other head of service. All Sergeant-Majors of Infantry are to go through the course at the School of Musketry, and those at home are to be held in readiness to proceed to Hythe on the next relief of detachments. This Order is to be read to the assembled Officers of Infantry Regiments, Depot Battalions, and Depots.—By Command,
G. A. WYHAMMILL, A.-G.