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#### MEETING OF OFFICERS.

At a meeting held in a committee room of the Legislative Assembly, Ottawa, on Friday last, called by the commandant, that officer (Lieut.-Col. Wily) took the chair, and Lieut. H. R. Smith was appointed Secretary. The following officers were present:

**CIVIL SERVICE REGIMENT.**—Lieut.-Col. Wily, Major Anderson, Captains Meredith, White, Lindsay, Lieuts. Smith, Stewart, Braun, Cambie, Ensign Walsh, Adjutant Ross, and Dr. Wilson.

**PROV. BRIGADE ARTILLERY.**—Majors Forrest, Ross, Captains Perry, Adams, Parsons, Lieuts. Steele, Graham, Russell, Bedard, Clement.

**PROV. BATTALION RIFLES.**—Major Grant, Captains May, Mann, Lieuts. Mowat, McGillivray, Quartermaster Tallon.

**FIELD BATTERY.**—Capt. Forsythe, Lieuts. McNab, Clarke, Surgeon VanCortlandt.

**CARLETON BATTALION.**—Major Seale.

Moved by Major Forrest, seconded by Major Grant,

That the commandant, Lieut.-Col. Wily, be requested to present a memorial to the corporation of the city of Ottawa, on behalf of the Volunteer force, soliciting a grant for the erection of a suitable drill shed and armories, and that the following be appointed a committee to draft said memorial: Lieut.-Col. Wily, Majors Forrest and Grant, and Capts. Forsythe and Meredith; and that said committee be empowered to confer with the members of the corporation and communicate the result of the conference at a future meeting of the officers of the Volunteer force.—Carried.

Moved by Capt. White, seconded by Major Anderson,

That the following committee be appointed to select a suitable rifle range, viz., Majors Forrest, Grant and Anderson, and Lieuts. Russell and McNab, and to report at a future meeting of the Volunteer force.—Carried.

Moved by Capt. Meredith, seconded by Major Ross,

That the committee appointed to select a rifle range shall have the power to confer with the Adjutant-General, if necessary, previous to reporting to another meeting.—Carried.

Moved by Lieut. Smith, seconded by Lieut. McNab,

That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that encouragement should be given to any Canadian Volunteers desirous of competing at the great national rifle

match at Wimbledon this year, and that the following officers be a committee to confer with any similar committee on the subject, viz., Majors Forrest, Anderson and Grant; Captains Perry, Ross and Meredith; Lieuts. McNab, Stewart, Ross, McPherson and Russell, and Ensign Walsh.—Carried.

Moved by Major Anderson, seconded by Major Ross,

That the thanks of the meeting are hereby tendered to Lieut.-Col. Wily for his conduct in the chair, and to Lieut. Smith for his services as secretary.—Carried.

After some discussion, it was decided that the force of Ottawa should turn out for practice and go through the programme for the Queen's Birthday, on the 20th May, at half-past two three o'clock.

The meeting then adjourned.

**ROYAL ENGINEERS.**—Capt. A. R. Lempriere, at Aldershot, has been ordered to Canada. Capt. R. Home has left Canada for England on leave.

In the weight of her armament the Royal Alfred is at present only equalled by the Bellerophon in the navy of Great Britain, and stands first of all vessels forming the navies of Europe or America.

**BRITISH SHIPS.**—The number of foreign seamen employed in British ships in 1858, was 11,458; in 1859, 12,296; in 1860, 14,280; in 1862, 16,097; in 1863, 18,923; in 1864, 21,923; and in 1865, 20,820.

We understand that the 29th Regiment, under the command of Lt.-Col. Lindsay Farrington, an officer who has highly distinguished himself in India, will leave Malta shortly for Canada to relieve the 1st Battalion 25th Regiment.

We understand that a revised edition of the "Queen's Regulations," in which several important modifications will be made, will be promulgated about the 1st of May. A new "Field Exercise" will also appear about the same time.

**NEW SHAKO.**—The colour of the Shako worn by the Infantry is to be changed from blue to "Rifle Green." The officers of the 99th Lanarkshire Regiment will, in future, wear a dice-box border round the forage cap, instead of the present one of plain black silk.

**PERSONAL.**—Col. P. L. MACDOUGALL, Adjutant-General of Militia, arrived in Ottawa on Friday evening last, where he will hereafter reside permanently. The presence of the Adjutant-General at Headquarters will greatly facilitate the transaction of business connected with the Department, and the force generally will be glad to hear the exigencies of the service have at length permitted this step.

The 'United Service Gazette' states that a new pattern patrol jacket has been determined on for officers of the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers. It is similar in shape to that just taken into wear by Infantry of-

ficers. The material is of blue beaver, edged all round with braid about an inch broad, and with five rows of black lace across the breast. The one for the engineers is exactly the same as that of the Artillery, except that the former has blue velvet facings, while the latter is quite plain. A new patrol jacket for cavalry officers is also in contemplation.

**NEW DRILL SHED.**—The Prescott 'Messenger' says:—Our readers will remember that the liberal extra grant voted by the Town Council a few weeks since, towards the erection of the drill shed, enabled the committee to close the contract. The contractor—Mr. George Fraser—at once commenced providing the requisite material, and last week announced his readiness to begin the work as soon as the site was selected and marked out. The committee, after a careful survey of the ground, chose a plot north of a prolongation of Dibble street, in a north-easterly direction from Fort Wellington, and fronting on the St. Lawrence. On Tuesday last, 16th inst., Col. Atcherley, accompanied by the Mayor and Town Council, visited the ground, and gave a formal approval of the selection made. The interesting ceremony of "turning the first sod" then took place. Although not previously advertised or made generally public, a large number of townspeople were present, evincing no small interest in the proceedings. We noticed also present, besides the local Regular and Volunteer officers, Lt.-Col. Jackson, and Capt. Buell of Brockville. At the request of Col. Atcherley, the Mayor, Macneil Clark, Esq., undertook the conduct of the ceremonies. In a few appropriate remarks, he showed the importance of the work about to be commenced, and the benefits which would inevitably result from it to the town, apart from the advantages and comforts it would confer on the Volunteers. Then his Worship "turned the first sod," and three times three loud and hearty cheers greeted the opening of the work. Cheers were proposed for Her Majesty, and heartily responded to. The ceremonies being now closed, Col. Atcherley invited the Mayor and Council, together with many other friends present, to a lunch at Campbell's hotel.

The Yankee General, Meigs, is of opinion that the great use of Russian-America will be for the purpose of breeding "a race of hardy adventurers who will repeat on the Pacific the deeds of the old Norse sea kings on the Pacific." In other words, Meigs is hopeful that this new addition to the American Union may become a nest for sea robbers and pirates, who, under the shadow of the Stars and Stripes, will perform the same deeds that the Vikings of old performed under the Raven banner. We have no doubt that General Meigs has unwittingly divulged the reason why the American people are inclined to congratulate themselves upon the acquisition of the barren region of Russian-America. They must know that, commercially and agriculturally, it is worth hardly anything; but they imagine that it may be of some value as a base for filibustering expeditions against the British American possessions on the Pacific. The great design of the American people, if General Meigs is to be received as their exponent, "to become a nation of pirates."