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**THE SITUATION AT THE FRONT.**

THE severe work of the campaign is over, and all the troops are to come home immediately, with the exception of "A" and "B" Batteries, of the Canadian Regiment of Artillery, "C" Company of the Infantry School Corps, and the Quebec Cavalry School Corps, unless it should be deemed necessary to enrol from those who have volunteered a provisional militia force for temporary service. It is thought, however, that the regular troops, together with the Mounted Police, now recruited to a strength of over 1,000 men, will be sufficient to garrison strategical points, capture Big Bear, Wandering Spirit, and the other Indian murderers, and complete the pacification of the country. All of the prisoners held by Big Bear have now been released unharmed.

TORONTO, June 24, 4 p.m.

**OUR NEXT NUMBER**

will contain, among other illustrations, several portraits of special interest, including those of Colonel Williams, M.P., who led the Midland Battalion in their celebrated charge on the rifle pits, and several other distinguished officers; a view of the steamboat conveying the Grenadiers and 90th to Fort Pitt, and two other sketches, by Corporal Currie, of the Royal Grenadiers; White Cap's band captured by the Body Guard, and a view of the camp of the 35th Simcoe Foresters, from photographs by Sergt. A. C. Barrand, of No. 1 Company of the latter corps; some sketches by Mr. F. W. Curzon, our special artist with Gen. Middleton; a view of the guard-room at Regina where Riel is confined; e'tc., e'tc., etc.

**THE PROPOSED RECEPTIONS TO THE TROOPS.**

THE time seems now close at hand when definite news will be received of arrangements being made for the return of the troops who have done such good service for Canada in the suppression of the rebellion; and it is no wonder that the newspapers teem with suggestions as to how best to evince the general feeling of public gratitude. The various municipal bodies have been gravely discussing the same subject, and in many places steps are already being taken to give effect to the resolutions adopted. A very general feeling has been expressed in this city in favor of the holding of a grand review in Toronto, to be attended by as many of the corps as can be assembled on a stated occasion, with General Middleton present and in command.

There are, however, many grave objections urged against so comprehensive a project, and it is much to be feared that the troops themselves would feel anything but grateful for well-meant kindness and desire to show them honor, if the carrying out of the programme should involve one hour's delay in their release from a military service which they have willingly performed in fulfilment of a patriotic duty, but which they may be altogether disinclined to have prolonged in order that they may take part in a pageant for other people's satisfaction.

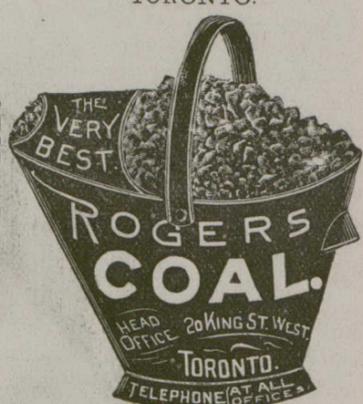
The suggestion that the troops are too ragged in the uniforms they have worn on service to be willing to appear in the same parade with their brethren in arms who have not been called upon to go to the front may be dismissed with scant consideration. It would not certainly do to parade our Canadian veterans actually sans culottes through the principal streets of the capital of Ontario; but every right feeling person would regard with special feelings of interest and pride the ragged uniforms which, as a result of faithful service in an arduous campaign, is in itself, like wounds, a creditable attribute of the soldier who can show them. No one would be likely to compare the Royal Grenadiers, wearing torn tunics and patched trousers, with the men of Sir John Falstaff's celebrated command when they marched through the streets of Coventry. Indeed, we have all read how General Middleton turned with pride to the contemplation of his rough and war-worn soldiers who had captured Batoche, after he had inspected the Mounted Police who, smart and clean, came out of their cordwood fort at Prince Albert to welcome his arrival.

The suggestion that new clothing should be applied for, in order that the returning veterans might look smarter on the proposed parade than their comrades who have remained at home, must have come from a soul who could not appreciate the poetry of the service-stained uniforms. In point of fact the suggestion was an unpractical one, as every one should know that new uniforms cannot be supplied so as to look well on the men without sufficient time being allowed for proper fitting to take place.

As all of the various corps will have to return by the Canadian Pacific route from Port Arthur, and will be anxious to reach their homes with the least possible delay, it would perhaps be well to let each corps proceed without unnecessary detention to its own headquarters, where, as the Americans say, it has to be "mustered out of" the service. A warm local welcome from their own relatives and friends will be more appreciated by the returning troops than formal receptions by municipal authorities who are utter strangers to them. There should be little speech-making, the idea of banquets should be given up, and, as the most eminently suitable form of reception, the celebrations

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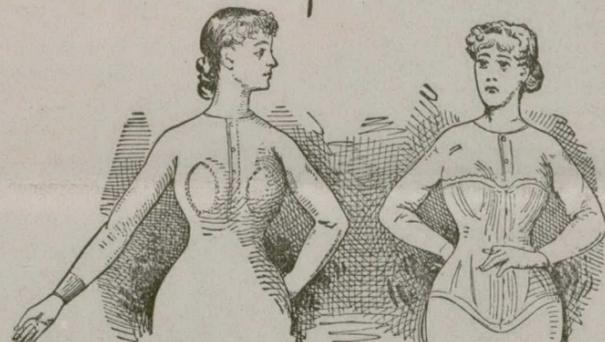
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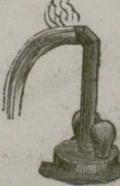
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