

CANADIAN ITEMS.

The Battalion Band Concert in Elora was a magnificent success. The Drill Shed was almost uncomfortably filled. The playing of the Band was capital, and the singing of Miss Fraser and the Misses Holden was received with unbounded enthusiasm. Mr. Martin presided at the piano, and sang one or two songs to the great delight of the audience.—*Fergus News Record*.

PICTURE OF LOWER CANADA.—*Le Journal de Ste. Hyacinthe* thus paints the portrait of his country and race:—"French Canada sleeps a deep sleep; taxes increase; industry withers; commerce declines; misery squats on her hearth, her children driven away by hunger, leave her by thousands. The people open their eyes, and ask why? The priest replies, all right, and the people go to sleep again."

69TH CONCERT AND READINGS.—The Sergeants and Band of the 69th Regiment gave their third Concert and Readings, in Ker's Music Hall, on the evening of the 16th inst. to a full house, and the audience, judging from their frequent applause, were highly appreciative of the efforts of the performers. The entertainment was for the benefit of the soldiers' widows at the Royal Cambridge Asylum, England—a most worthy object, and one in the pursuing of which our gallant soldiers deserve to meet with every success. The entertainment was under the patronage of Col. Mackirdy and officers, most of whom were present. The evening was a very pleasant one; and we hope to see the performers give a similar entertainment at an early day.—*Brantford Expositor*.

PROMENADE CONCERT OF THE 13TH BATT.—

The magnificent Hall of the Mechanics Institute presented one of the most marked features of the season. The Promenade Ball, the proceeds of which are to be devoted in aid of the Band of the 13th Battalion, V. M. I., was an outburst of handsome and attractive uniforms and feminine loveliness never excelled even at Almack's. Our citizen soldiers appeared to admirable advantage as they made the circuit of the *salon*. In manly bearing and stately *aplomb*, they might brave the criticism of even a Sergeant Major of the guards. The attendance of the fair sex, whose garments "rich and rare" were eclipsed by their wearer's beauty, very materially contributed their share of the *amor patriæ* on the above occasion. The amusements were sustained until a late hour without any flagging to mar the pleasures of the company, which for coloring and effect, neither poet nor painter could desire anything more beautiful. We hope to hear that the proceeds will prove sufficiently ample for the purpose—the patriotic one for which the Promenade Ball was held. The officers and noncommissioned officers, who by their courtesy and efficiency aided so much to render the amusement worthy of their corps, deserve the warmest commendation. We are sanguine that should occasion ever require it, the 13th Battalion, V. M. I. will not suffer their telling motto—"Semper Paratus"—to be even momentarily mislaid.—*Hamilton Times*.

MURDER OF A YOUNG CANADIAN IN CHICAGO.—The Chicago Post gives the following particulars of the mysterious murder of the lad named Charles Gordon, a native of Toronto:

—"At about ten minutes past one o'clock yesterday afternoon, a young lady book-keeper, employed by the firm of Adams, Blackman & Lyon, book-binders; having occasion to stop into the packing-room, discovered a lad in the employ of the firm, named Charles Gordon, aged, about 15 years, lying upon the floor in a dying condition. She immediately called upon some of the other employees, and a physician was sent for. Dr. Blane, upon examining the boy, discovered a hole in his left breast, in the region of the heart, which looks as if made by a pistol ball. The vest he wore was burned where the ball passed through. The boy expired soon after the Doctor's arrival without being able to speak a word. A thorough search of the room was instituted to find the weapon with which it was done, if he shot himself; but none could be found in the room or the alley underneath the window; and the surmise is that he was shot by some person unknown, who made his escape." The parents of the unfortunate lad reside in Toronto. The body was brought home in charge of a brother of the deceased. The Chicago Journal in speaking of Gordon says: "He is spoken of by his employers as a youth of much industry, good manners, quiet disposition, and as one who was respected by all who came in contact with him." He was one of the company of Canadians who returned home from the city at the time of the Fenian raid in 1866.

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.—We feel much regret in announcing the death of Captain Hector Munro, a gentleman who was honorably associated with the past history of Canada, and who was well known in this city. Captain Munro died yesterday morning at Galt, aged 71 years.

The deceased entered the army when only 16 years of age as an Ensign in the 49th Regiment of Infantry; he afterwards served in the Royal Canadian Rifles and in the 2nd or Queen's Royal Regiment. Captain Munro took part in the war of 1812-14, and was present at the battles of Plattsburg and Lundy's Lane and Queenstown Heights. Being almost close to the gallant Brock at the moment when he fell. For his distinguished services in defence of British honor and Canadian liberty, Captain Munro received a medal from the Imperial Government.

The deceased gentleman afterwards resided in Hamilton, where he had numerous friends, who will sincerely deplore his loss. While here he was President of the Highland Society. Some time since he was appointed Surveyor of Customs in Galt, in which town he resided at the time of his death. As a fine specimen of that good old stock which is now fast passing away, as one of that band of heroic men to whose intrepidity and devotion we owe those national blessings which we now enjoy, Captain Munro will be universally regretted; and we can only hope that the example which he, and such as he, have left behind, will not be forgotten, but may be cherished by the people of Canada in years yet to come.—*Spectator*.

"THE LAWYER'S CUP."—This prize, which was competed for at the 13th Battalion matches last fall, is at length manufactured and is at present exposed in Eastwood's window. The legal profession deserve very great credit indeed for the liberality they have displayed in instituting so handsome a trophy. The cup was competed for by one officer, one sergeant, one corporal and five

men from each company of the Battalion, and was won by No. 1 Company by thirty-four points. The design is particularly appropriate for a military prize. The bowl of the cup representing a section of a Minnie rifle ball, is mounted on the muzzles of the three rifles, held together where they cross one another by a circular wreath, the plate to which the butts of the rifles are attached being supported on an ebony base. On one side of the cup is the inscription:

Thirteenth Battalion, V. M. I.

Annual Rifle Matches,

"LAWYER'S CUP."

On another side are the words:

Won by No. 1 Co., Capt. Gibson.

1867.

The prize has to be won three years by the same company before it can be held permanently. It was manufactured by J. G. Josephs & Co., of Toronto, who are also manufacturing the "Officers' Cup," another prize given by the officers of the Battalion, and won by the same company. Prizes like these have a very beneficial effect in stirring up an honourable rivalry between the different companies, and the competition next year for these two cups will doubtless be close and exciting.—*Hamilton Times*.

THE CADET CORPS.—It is with considerable pride and satisfaction that we announce to our readers, that the idea of forming a Cadet Corps in this town was, on Tuesday evening last, thoroughly and satisfactorily carried out, when the Rev. Henry Webbe and Capt. Barber personally superintended the enrollment of the large number of boys that presented themselves. Captain Barber, after having completed this part of the proceedings, formed the members into squads, which were at once placed in charge of Sergeants Love and Gane, and private Wheeler, who immediately commenced initiating them in the rudiments of drill, preparatory, we presume, to learning the young idea how to shoot. One particularly pleasing feature was the presence of a considerable number of the youths of the town, of an age exceeding the regulations for admittance, who became so enthusiastic, that they desired to be formed into a squad by themselves, and solicited the kind services of Sergeant Love, who took them in hand. This little fact is a pleasing proof of the popularity of the institution, and we feel sure we need not add a word of recommendation in behalf of a plan so calculated to develop the physical, intellectual and moral character of the youth of our town. We understand that Mr. Webbe is organizing a fife and drum band, which he hopes to have in readiness to discourse sweet music while marching at the head of our gallant little regiment. Mr. Webbe and Captain Barber, the originators, deserve the thanks of the community at large for the organization of this youthful band of would-be soldiers, as it affords the boys of the village an opportunity of indulging in healthy and innocent exercise, and may at the same time keep them out of mischief which they might otherwise be tempted into.—*Halton Herald*.

A Gaspé correspondent of the Quebec Gazette gives the following distressing news:

—"We have the same cold weather yet; great distress among the inhabitants of the Gulf Shore; some of them have come a distance of forty miles to beg provisions to support their families. We have heard of several families that have no article of food whatever—those having the means are doing all in their power to assist those who are in