

THE ITALIAN ARMY.

A Military correspondent at Verona sends the *Pall Mall Gazette* the following observations on the present state of the Italian Army:—"If any one saw the Piedmontese troops before the campaign of 1859 compares them with the Italian troops of to-day, he will hardly be able to find words to express the full extent of the contrast between them. The tenacity, adaptability, discipline, and general efficiency which characterised the Army of Piedmont have nearly all disappeared now that it has become the Army of United Italy. The Italian is singularly pliant, and very intelligent, so that he is easily drilled; but in the Army as it now exists, though there are plenty of clever and well-instructed soldiers, that most important quality of a soldier, discipline, is almost entirely wanting. The men are unruly and disobedient, and the officers careless. I had an opportunity of watching the infantry at the great manoeuvres this autumn, and found their marching slow and irregular; the men appeared decidedly below the average in intelligence, and not held well in hand by their officers. The slightest effort seemed to throw them into disorder, and the number of stragglers was extraordinary. The Lombards used to pass for Austria's best soldiers, but, like the Venetians and Piedmontese, they have been dispersed over the entire Army, and, instead of improving the efficiency of the regiments into which they have been drafted, appear to have themselves deteriorated. The cavalry also leave much to be desired. Like the infantry, they are easily fatigued, though the nature of the Italian service renders long marches indispensable; they are bad riders, and they are badly mounted. As for the artillery, which is still composed mostly of Piedmontese, it is as excellent as ever."

The New York *Tribune* rejoices over the reorganization of the Cuban Junta in that city. Were its object other than that of aiding the revolt of Cuba it would not have the *Tribune's* approval. It is surprising how anxious that journal has been of late, to see Europe, Canada and Cuba, all in the throes of revolution together. It encourages alike all who raise, or attempt to raise the standard of revolt. This hardly comports with its denunciation of other countries for alleged sympathy with the South.

THE CANADIAN PAPAL ZOUAVES.—We learn from the French papers that the detachment of Zouaves that left Canada for Rome some time ago, on their way through France visited Rouen, the chief city of Normandy—the cradle of their race—on the 13th October last. They got a very handsome reception from the Cardinal-Archbishop of Rouen, who invited them to a grand dinner in the Seminary of the place, and entertained them in great style. It was noted that the Canadians retained many of the characteristics of their French ancestors in speech, &c.

LT.-COL. JARVIS.—It is reported around town that this gentleman is about to return from England and resume the duties of Deputy Adjutant General for this District. We trust, however, for the sake of the Volunteer force that the rumor is untrue. Col. Jarvis is evidently unpopular abroad as well as at home, and it is to be regretted that he should be again foisted upon us. Lt.-Col. McPherson, who is acting Deputy-Adjutant General in his, Jarvis', absence, is an able officer, and very popular with the force, and it will be a misfortune should he be removed from his present position. *Nous verrons, however.*—*Whig.*

MILITARY FUNERAL.—The funeral of the late Mr. R. J. Parnell was conducted yesterday with military honors, deceased having been a member of the Victoria Rifle Company. The band of the Royal Artillery attended, playing, as usual upon such solemn occasions, "The Dead March in Saul." At the grave,—after the remains had been lowered and the church services read—a firing party, taken from his late company, fired three volleys. The young volunteer was highly esteemed in the company, and left many friends behind who will mourn for some time the sudden and unexpected death of their comrade. Mr. Parnell was in his twenty-third year when he died.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

Major General Wool died at his residence in Troy, N. Y. He was, we believe, the oldest General in the American army, and leaves behind him a fair military record. During the late rebellion, when so much difficulty was experienced in finding men competent to command the armies, General Wool was, at the time, considered a likely man for the position. But, like his former comrade in arms, Gen. Scott, his great age told against him, and he had to give way to younger men. He was a soldier of the old school, and in his time "did the State some service."

There seems to be a probability of the early issue of the long-delayed medal for services in New Zealand. The riband has just been exhibited at the orderly-room of the 1st battalion 12th Regiment at Aldershot. The riband has blue fringe and a red stripe down the centre. The following regiments and corps are entitled to the medal:—1st battalion 12th Regiment, 2nd battalion 14th Regiment, 2nd battalion 18th Regiment, 40th, 43rd, 50th, 57th, 65th, 68th, 70th, and detachments of Royal Artillery, Commissariat Staff Corps, Royal Engineers, and Military Train.

The disturbances in Dalmatia originated from the following circumstances: It appears that the inhabitants claim exemption from military service in virtue of certain ancient privileges granted them while they were under the Venetian Republic. Finding that the troops had arrived in their district for the purpose of obtaining recruits, several thousands of them assembled in the plain of Grahovo, where they have been joined by a number of warlike Montenegrins from the neighboring hills on the other side of the frontier, and have hitherto successfully resisted all attempts of the troops to dislodge them.

A letter from Pera, dated October 21, in the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, says that the Viceroy of Egypt is more determined than ever in his resistance to the Sultan's demands, and that he has declared to the British Consul that he has decided, after mature consideration, to reject not only the demands relative to the Egyptian budget and the contracting of loans, but all the other demands as well. "The only way of dealing with the Porte," he said, "is either to attain your object by bribery or by showing your teeth. Formerly I acted according to the former method; I will now try the latter." The correspondent adds that it is rumored in Alexandria that the Viceroy intends, directly the Suez Canal is opened, to procure from his subjects, by means of a *plebiscitum*, a declaration of their desire to be made independent of the Sultan, and that he will probably have the secret support of France in this adventurous undertaking.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Ottawa, 19th November, 1869

GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 1.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

41st "Brockville" Battalion of Rifles.

No. 2 Company, Gananoque.

To be Ensign, provisionally:

Sergeant George Cunningham, vice Fleming, promoted.

48th "Lennox and Addington" Battalion of Infantry.

No 6 Company, Ernesttown.

To be Lieutenant:

Ensign George McLean, M. S., vice Aylsworth, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign:

James Mabee, gentleman, M. S., vice McLean, promoted.

The following Officers of the Kingston Field Battery have been granted First Class Certificates by a Board of Examiners, viz:

Major Thomas Drummond.

First Lieutenant Peter Graham.

Second Lieutenant Henry Wilmot.

Lieutenant Wallace Walton.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

The Provisional Battalion of Portneuf.

No. 3 Company Deschambault.

To be Lieutenant:

Trefflé St. Armand, gentleman, M.S., vice Hamelin, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign:

Célestin Proulx, Gentleman, M. S, vice Mayrand, resigned.

1st Infantry Company at Three Rivers.

The resignations of Captain A. Antrobus and Lieut. C. A. Larro, are hereby accepted.

The formation of the following Corps is hereby authorized. Officers provisional viz.

An Infantry Company at Drummondville.

County of Drummond

To be Captain:

W. Watts, Esquire.

To be Lieutenant:

N. F. G. Boisvert, Gentleman.

To be Ensign:

Charles Reid, Gentleman.