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THE MILITARY HOLIDAY AT MONTREAL.

In obedience to the proclamation of the Mayor, Montreal on Saturday, the 27th ult., donned her holiday attire. The occasion was one of no ordinary interest, and in keeping with its importance the whole-heartedness with which the citizens decided to celebrate the holiday displayed more enthusiasm than is usual in such cases. The civic holiday might be said to have a double significance: first, to enable the people of the city of Montreal to do honor to the brave volunteers who, during a hazardous campaign, had been a credit to Montreal, and had raised her name as a military city to the same pre-eminent dignity which she holds as the commercial metropolis of the Dominion. The second object was to show that, although the Garrison Artillery and the Mount Royal Rifles were the heroes of the day, there were other volunteers in Montreal ready to do and dare in the defence of their country either from insurrection within or from invasion without her borders. The weather—a most important factor in the success of all out-door demonstrations, was beautifully fine. At 3 o'clock the volunteers began to muster on the historic drill ground of the Champ de Mars. All being ready the brigade left the ground by the west gate in the following order:—

Montreal Troop of Cavalry.
St. John's Infantry School Corps (military police for the day).
St. John's Infantry School and brass band.
Lieut.-Col. Worsley, A.D.A.G., commanding brigade: Capt. Clapham, cavalry, and Lieut. Freer, 38th Regiment, A.D.C.'s.
Montreal Garrison Artillery and band.
Sixty-fifth Battalion and band.
Prince of Wales Rifles and drum band.
Montreal Engineers with fife and drum band.
Fifth Royal Scots with pipes and bugle band.
Sixth Fusiliers and band.
Victoria Rifles of Canada and band—

proceeding along St. James Street, Victoria Square, Beaver Hall Hill, through Phillips Square, Union Avenue, Sherbrooke Street, and Park Avenue, to Fletcher's field. The heat was most oppressive, telling upon the men, causing several to fall out *en route*. The reviewing officer having arrived, the

brigade was called to attention, being massed in line of contiguous columns at fifteen-pace intervals. Officers and colors were ordered to the front and the general salute was given, when the order to open out to thirty-pace intervals from the Engineers followed. After this movement the brigade marched past, each regiment being played past by its own band, and the Royal Scots by the pipes and drums. Each of the battalions as they marched past was greeted with cheers by the assembled thousands, the 65th and Garrison Artillery—who had just returned from the front—marching by amid deafening applause.

Dinner over, the fall-in was sounded, and the troops, headed by Lieut.-Col. Harwood and the staff, left the grounds, proceeding by way of St. Lawrence Main Street to Craig Street, the several regiments proceeding to their respective armories. It was intended to have the troops proceed to the Champ de Mars prior to being dismissed, but the men, after being for nearly six hours under a broiling sun and arms, were anxious to get home.

The display of fireworks on the brow of the mountain was hardly so fine as was expected; this was not owing, however, to an insufficient quantity of fireworks, but because they were let off too quickly, the display only lasting about fifteen minutes. Six stations were fitted up on various parts of the mountain. The signal to start was to have been a colored light burning in the central station, but some of the boys were too impatient and started off ahead of time, blazing away as if for dear life. The others soon caught on, and it appeared for some minutes as if a hostile army were bombarding the city from Mount Royal.

LIEUT. HALLIWELL, Col.-Sergt. Wrighton, Sergt. Christie, and Corporal Halliwell, of the Midland Battalion, all of whom were wounded at Batoche, were quartered at the Northerner, the first hotel in Port Arthur, until their corps arrived from Winnipeg. The Government in all cases boarded the wounded, irrespective of rank, at first-class hotels and gave them saloon passages on the steamers.

MEMBERS of the Queen's Own are loud in their praises of the conduct of the Ambulance Corps at Cut Knife Creek.

GEN. MIDDLETON and Lieut.-Governor Dewdney have gone to the Rockies after seeing Crowfoot.

THE Cavalry School Corps, under Col. Turnbull, having been ordered home from the North-West, are now on their way to headquarters in the City of Quebec.

THE citizens of Calgary have sent to Montreal for a diamond ring worth \$200 for Inspector Steele of the Mounted Police, who so distinguished himself in command of the scouts with Gen. Strange's brigade.

COL.-SERGEANT CUSACK, of the Royal Grenadiers, who was with Capt. Young when some of Riel's papers were found, expects to be subpoenaed to give evidence at the trial of Riel at Regina.

THE excitement over a gold find at the Big Bend of the Columbia River in British Columbia still continues. Gold is found on McCullough Creek, fifty miles above the second crossing of Columbia and near the famous field of 1859.

PRIVATE ALEX. ROSS, No. 4 Company, Royal Grenadiers, was married on Friday, the 24th ult. He was at Batoche, and will claim the stove promised to the first volunteer entering the matrimonial state after the return from the North-West.

ALL of the volunteer corps who returned to or passed through the city of Toronto, were liberally supplied with cigars by Mr. W. E. Dobson, who availed himself of this excellent method of introducing his new brands entitled "Brave Boys" and "General Middleton."

THE question of the alleged looting after the capture of Batoche is still being agitated, and an investigation by unofficial commissioners is being insisted on by *Le Manitoba*—a Conservative organ of the Metis. It is alleged that Mr. Bedson, chief of the transport service, personally appropriated Gabriel Dumont's billiard table and had it transported at the public expense to the Manitoba Penitentiary, of which he is the warden.

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