

Lieutenants and her Master mortally wounded, total 62 killed and wounded. The Wasp received a few shot in her hull, had her three lower masts wounded, and out of a crew of 138 men, 9 killed and 8 wounded. The Frolic was armed with 16 carronades 32 pounders, and two long 6 pounders. The Wasp mounted 18 carronades 32 pounders, and 2 long brass 12 pounders. The comparative force of the combatants was as follows:—

Frolic—Broadside guns,	9
Weight of Broadside,	262 lbs.
Crew, men only,	92
Tonnage,	384
Wasp—Broadside guns,	9
Weight of Broadside,	268 lbs.
Crew, men only,	138
Tonnage,	434

With his vessel in a tolerable state of efficiency Capt. Whinyate would have encountered a tolerably equal opponent, and judging from the results of the first ten minutes of the fight would probably have captured her, but the disabled state of the ship precluded the possibility of bringing the action to a successful conclusion, and the brig was sacrificed to save the convoy.

A few hours after the action the British 74 gun ship Poictiers, Capt. John Poer Beresford, hove in sight, captured the Wasp and recaptured the Frolic. Capt. Beresford with a just appreciation of the gallantry of Capt. Whinyate continued him in command of the Frolic. At the Court Martial subsequently held he was honorably acquitted for the loss of his ship, and his surviving officers and crew highly complimented for their gallant defence.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

THE VOLUNTEER BALL.—On Thursday evening last the Volunteer Ball given under the auspices of Lieut.-Col. Smith and officers of the 40th Battalion was held in Victoria Hall, and passed off with the greatest eclat. It is needless to mention from the great efforts that were made to insure its success, that the highest anticipations of all were even more than realized. On entering the room one was immediately struck with the martial appearance it presented, it being most tastefully and appropriately decorated with piles of rifles with bayonets fixed, placed around the room at short intervals from one another, and with stars of bayonets, which in the gas light had a most striking effect, placed on each side and above the stage. Immediately in front were placed the colors of the Battalion, mounted upon drums and guarded on all sides by fixed bayonets, their formidable companions through peace and war, adding very much to the martial and warlike appearance of the spacious room. The fine band of the "Queen's Own," under the baton of Mr. Robinson, furnished the music, and the dancing, which commenced a few minutes after nine, was kept up without intermission until an early hour on Friday morning.—*Cobourg Sentinel*.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT.—It affords us the utmost gratifications, as it will every member of the volunteer force in this district, at having learned that Col. Durie has been appointed, under the recent Act, to his old position. The Government could not have made a better selection, as Col. Durie is a thorough soldier, and takes great interest in the volunteer movement, and it is through such officers that the force becomes popular, and is able to retain its efficiency. We trust Col. Durie will long remain connected with our volunteer force.—*Brantford Courier*.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER TO CAPT. DAWES.—On the occasion of the enrolment of the Thamesford Infantry Company, under the new Militia Act, Capt. Dawes entertained the men at a splendid supper at Keys' Hotel. 50 members of the old company were enrolled—a fact which speaks highly for their loyalty, and the esteem in which the gallant Captain is held by them. The evening passed off to the utmost satisfaction of all present, and the men wishing to give the Captain a token of their regard, and to testify their high appreciation of his kindness and solicitude in their behalf, gave him a return supper at Keys' Hotel, on the 31st ult. Over seventy sat down, a large number of the Captain's friends having been kindly invited by the committee of management to be present. The tables were fairly loaded with "the good things." After the cloth was removed and the usual loyal and patriotic toasts duly honored, the Chairman E. Golding, Esq., in a neat speech, gave "The Health and Prosperity of our guest, Capt. Dawes," to which the Captain responded in his usual happy manner.—Several speeches and songs followed, until with singing "God save the Queen," the company broke up.—*Ingersoll Chronicle*.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.—The monthly drill of this capital Battalion came off last evening, in expectation of which we visited the Drill Shed, and having in England, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Lower Canada, and Toronto, visited various Drill Sheds; can truthfully give to Hamilton the preference in the matter. The Drill Shed is a well built structure; prettily adorned with mottoes. Each of the Provinces proudly displaying its name aloft: New Brunswick we are glad to see, surrounded with a blaze of light, and as we gazed upon the emblem, with the beautiful strains of the Band floating through the air, we thought of her volunteer battalion, better than which never wore the proud red uniform. The Toronto Drill Shed is, as a drill shed, perhaps the better of the two, but the one in Hamilton is fitted up with a gallery, wherein the ladies may enjoy the music, and the review, and we were pleased to see the crowd of fair faces which on this occasion graced the meeting. Having fallen in on the right of their coverers, the officers proceeded to prove their companies; the appearance of the men was excellent, and in most cases the proving was faultless, there were however exception to the rule. As soon as the companies were proved, the battalion was told off, then formed in fours, and headed by their splendid Band they marched out, somewhat disappointing the fair audience in the gallery, but delighting the general public who everywhere crowded the sidewalk, to give them greeting. In conclusion we can only say that the Thirteenth can compare favourable with any corps in Canada, and is a credit to Hamilton.—*Spectator*.

NO. 1 COMPANY.

On Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., No. 1 Company, 20th Battalion, met in accordance with the new Militia Act, to re-organize, and also to have the new Bill read and explained. There was a fine muster,—47, rank and file—a state of things which is at all times calculated to cheer both officers and men. The Company having been formed into a hollow square, Captain Chisholm proceeded to read and explain those clauses of the Militia Bill which it is both necessary and proper that every Volunteer should thoroughly understand, as should every other citizen of the Dominion as well, Captain Chisholm having elucidated the new Bill, in a manner which the Adjutant General himself could hardly have improved on, then proceeded to address a few words to the men thanking them in the name of the country for past services, pointing out to them that were it but for policy alone, it would be clearly to their advantage to re-enlist, thereby getting credit for their past term of service, and placing themselves on a sure footing for the future. He asked them to maintain that character which No. 1 has always merited,—of strength, efficiency and willingness at all times to do their duty as becomes soldiers and Canadians. The Captain's address was followed by loud applause from the men; and when finally it was requested that those men who desired to re-enlist for the term of three years should step to the front, the Company responded—as we hope will every man of the 20th—by all present, without a single exception, coming up to the scratch. Four new recruits at the same time stepped to the left: great enthusiasm prevailed. The roll was then headed by the Captain, followed by Lieut. Albertson, Ensign Shair and 47 others, rank and file; eleven of the old members who were not present, have since expressed their desire to add their names. This is all very satisfactory, and is as it should be, nothing more, nothing less.—*Halton Herald*.

RESIGNATION.—We regret to learn that Captain Gamon, No. 8. Company 35th Battalion, has together with the other officers of his command sent in their resignations to the Adjutant General. The cause of Captain Gamon taking this step is, we believe owing to the little interest taken in the welfare of the company, by the people of Notawasaga, and the difficulty of getting men to join under the new law.

We are also informed that Lieut. Colonel Stephen, commanding the battalion has sent in his resignation as he finds it impossible to keep up the strength of his Regiment. Four out of the ten companies, have neglected to comply with the terms of the new Law.

Judging from what has taken place in Simcoe, we are inclined to think that the Government will have to fall back on the draft. As there will in all probability be found a very serious falling off in the force, when the returns come to be examined at Headquarters.—*Collingwood Enterprize*.

The Unionville Volunteer Company, on the 26th ult., presented Lieut. Stobo, of the Scarboro' Company, with a beautiful field glass, accompanied by a suitable address, which was very happily responded to.