

CANADIAN ITEMS.

Color-Sergeant William Tremble Small has been gazetted ensign in the 100th P.W. R. C. Regiment from the 27th Foot, vice Cockburn transferred to the 18th Royal Irish.

A MAN named Foley was arrested in Windsor last week as a deserter from the 20th Regiment of Infantry now stationed in England. He was clad in the Yankee uniform when arrested.

A CABLE despatch which was received a short time since, announcing the death of the King of Bavaria, was variously interpreted by different journals in Canada and the States. It now appears that it was not the reigning king who died, but his grandfather, Louis the First, who abdicated in 1848, and whose actual prime minister for several years was Lola Montez.

RIFLE SHOOTING.—The return match between the London Light Infantry and the Oxford Rifles—ten men a side—is fixed to come off at the range of the latter, near Woodstock, on Friday, the 10th of April. There is also a probability that another contest between five picked men of the 60th Rifles and 25 Volunteers will come off on the Cove Ranges here shortly after.—*Toronto Leader*.

RE-ENLISTED.—Over fifty honorably discharged Soldiers of the 30th Regiment, 60th Rifles and Royal Artillery have been—along with several recruits—sworn in by P. Doucet, Esq., Clerk of the Crown, during the past week, for another eleven years' term of service. This speaks volumes in regard to the estimation the British military service is held in by the rank and file of this regiment.—*Quebec Chronicle*.

VICTORIA RIFLE CLUB.—At the last meeting of the members of this Club, the entrance fee was reduced from four to two dollars, with the design of inducing new members to join. The ranges will shortly be placed in good order, several changes being in contemplation and the members of the Club are making active preparations for the opening of the season, in getting the rifles and sights in order.—*Hamilton Times*.

DOMINION HOLIDAYS.—According to the Interpretation Act passed at the last session of Parliament, Holidays shall include Sundays, New Year's Day, the Epiphany, the Annunciation, Good Friday, the Ascension, Corpus Christi, St. Peter and St. Paul's Day, All Saints Day, Conception Day, Easter Monday, Ash Wednesday, Christmas Day, the Birth Day of the reigning Sovereign, and any day appointed by Proclamation for a general Fast or Thanksgiving.

A history of the settlement of the Bay of Quinte, the result of a few years' careful labor and research on the part of Dr. Canniff, of Belleville, is in the hands of the printer. Those interested in the early history of this section of Canada (and very many they are) will find the new book a correct and invaluable historical record, useful not only to themselves, but also to their posterity. Canadians are not any too well acquainted with the history of their country, and frequently they know a deal more concerning other countries.

CANADIANS IN DETROIT.—A Canadian Society has been formed in Detroit, and they have got their constitution and bylaws. The motto of the society is "Benovolence," and the emblem is the Beaver and Maple Leaf of Canada. The object of the society is to assist Canadians who may find it necessary to reside in or visit Detroit: to give pecuniary assistance where necessary, and such information as may be required. Thomas R. Forsyth is president, and J. G. Wilson and D. Bethune, jr., vice-presidents.

The Army Estimates show that the sum of £741,155 is set down for military outlay in Canada for the present year—in round numbers, \$3,700,000. This is by far the largest sum appropriated for the purpose to any colony. The return specifies that Canada is among the dependencies that return nothing to the Imperial exchequer. The Strait's settlements pay £59,300 and Australia £52,90.

PRaiseworthy CONDUCT OF A SOLDIER.—When anything can be said against a soldier the public hears of it soon enough, and we think the following instance of honorable conduct should not pass unnoticed: On Tuesday last, two or three soldiers of the 100th Regiment ran after a lady and handed her gold watch which she had just dropt in the street, but had not missed until they handed it to her. They were hardly willing to accept a few shillings, though they might have pocketed the watch if so inclined. The lady takes this method of returning thanks to her unknown benefactors.—*Montreal Gazette*.

THE LATE PAY-SERGEANT FIFIELD.—At a quarter past ten o'clock on Monday morning, Edward Fifield, aged 29 years, Pay-Sergeant, 4th Brigade, Royal Artillery, committed suicide at Hochelaga by shooting himself with his carbine. On examination it was found that the carbine had been extra loaded, and it was evident he had placed the muzzle to his mouth and fired, as his brains were found scattered in all directions. Deceased had sent his wife for a glass of brandy, and during her absence he committed the dreadful act. He left a memorandum on the table stating, "My dear wife. . . Good bye, and God bless you all." Fifield was a native of Hampshire, England, and was married only twelve months ago in Toronto. A deficiency in his accounts is supposed to be the cause of the wretched man taking his own life. An inquest was held on the body at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, when a verdict was rendered in accordance with the facts.

THE CANADIAN ROUTE TO THE PACIFIC.—The London Times of the 6th informs us that the proposed new route by land and water from Canada to the Pacific was attracting some attention on change and among capitalists. As our readers are probably aware the suggestion is that it should start from Collingwood, or Georgian Bay, and consist of river and lake navigation for about 2,400 miles out of the entire 3,200 to Vancouver's Island. The Times remarks:—"The Canada Government, it is said, have agreed to open the portion between Lake Superior and Fort Garry, a distance of about 500 miles, of which 300 are navigable, and the Government of British Columbia are expected by grants of land to facilitate the work through their territory. It is affirmed that the expense would be comparatively light, and that the undertaking might be completed

in less than two years, when passengers would be enabled to make the transit in about 18 days. Mr. Alfred Waddington, Victoria, Vancouver Island, has been the most prominent advocate of the enterprise, and is to describe its features in detail, especially as regards the pass by the Rocky Mountains at the Geographical Society on Monday."

The Canadian Volunteers for the Papal army arrived in Rome on the 10th instant, and were received by the Pope in person, who expressed his sense of their devotion to his cause, and gave them his benediction.

RECIPROCAL.—Every Afternoon, the new evening paper published in New York, praises the tone of Sir John A. Macdonald's recent speech in the House of Commons, respecting the late Fenian raid into Canada, and adds; "The long border line of the two adjacent territories, as well as the many predisposing causes to national jealousies or local exasperation that unhappily subsist where two large jurisdictions are coterminous, make it in the highest degree important and desirable that official expressions, either at Washington or at Ottawa, should be temperate and decorous, and we have therefore observed with no little satisfaction the good sense and proper feeling of the Canadian Minister."

THE LATE COLONEL DUNN.—The following is an extract from a letter addressed by Captain Badgley, 83rd Regiment, to his brother in Toronto. It is dated Camp Senaef, Jan. 30th, and gives particulars of the lamented officer's death and burial which we have not seen elsewhere:—"On Finding himself shot, Dunn got up, desired the native to take his coat off and put it into the shade for him to lie upon, also to put something over his face after he lay down, which being done, he sent the man in to the camp for assistance. We were all horror-struck at the intelligence. Our Assistant surgeon having got a dooly with eighteen bearers, his instruments, bandages, brandy, &c., started off, with the Adjutant on horseback, the dooly following almost as quickly as they rode, to the scene of the accident, some six miles from here. Ball, the surgeon told me afterwards he could not believe that Colonel Dunn was dead; notwithstanding the want of action of both pulse and heart. Poor Dunn, he said, was lying just as though asleep, and having moved a little from where the accident happened; there was not much blood to be seen, his body still quite warm, and his limbs not even stiffened. But he was indeed dead, and Ball said that if half a dozen doctors had been with him at the time his life could not have been saved. He was buried the next day, Sunday, at 3 p. m. I saw his body just before the coffin was closed. His face looked so calm and peaceful, and still so handsome. It was a melancholly satisfaction to me to be able to do for him what he had often made me promise I would see to; that in the event of his death he should be buried in uniform, and by an English clergyman. Though a Roman Catholic, he always expressed a desire to be buried with the Church of England service. Of course every one who possibly could attend followed his body to the grave—indeed some officers rode in from an outpost eight miles off to be present at the funeral. In the regiment there was not a dry-eye, as we stood round the grave, he was so beloved by all. All of us feel that in him we have lost