

St. Albans. Before daylight on the morning of the 26th, the volunteers on Eccles Hill mustered under arms, prepared to repel an anticipated attack of the enemy; but none was made. With the exception of several persons arrested on suspicion of being Fenians, nothing further was seen of the enemy in the vicinity of Eccles Hill. Towards the close of the skirmish on the 25th, Lieutenant-Colonel Miller, with part of two companies of the 52nd Battalion, which was assembling at Dunham, on learning that the Fenians were on the lines, hurried forward, without waiting for orders, and arrived near Eccles Hill about 3 o'clock that afternoon. In accordance with his instructions from Col. Smith, Col. Miller returned to Frelighsburg, where his battalion concentrated that night, and mustered 250 men. They remained at the above place until the morning of the 27th, when they moved before daylight to Eccles Hill, where they remained under canvas until the end of the following week, when they were sent home. The 60th Battalion and the Company of Victoria Rifles, also a company of the 1st Battalion or Prince of Wales' corps, under Captain Rogers, with Lieutenant Stevenson and Ensign Scott, which arrived from St. Johns on the morning of the 27th, remained in camp at Eccles Hill until they were sent home with Captain Muir's troop. The Cookshire cavalry troop, under Lieutenant Taylor and Cornet French, arrived, and were stationed at Frelighsburg from the 28th May to 4th June.

The duties of the troops in camp were very harassing to the volunteers, and the rumors of threatened attacks by the Fenians kept them always on their guard.

On the 30th May, Lieutenant-General Lindsay and staff, accompanied by H.R.H. Prince Arthur, Colonel Lord Alexander Russell, Lieutenant-Colonel Thackwell, D.A.G., Lieutenant-Colonel McPherson, D.A.G. of Militia, and several officers of H.M. Regular Service and Militia, visited the volunteer camp at Eccles, and after inspecting the troops addressed them as follows:—

"Colonel Smith, officers and men of the force of the Militia now here,—I have come to-day to give myself the gratification of seeing you after your short service in the field. This short service was, however, of the very highest service to the country. A portion, not the whole of you, comprising a detachment of the 60th Battalion, and a portion of those who had formed themselves into a Home Guard, were the first to meet the Fenians, and were soon supported by every soldier sent to the front. The moment the men heard of the attack they came up. Capt. Muir's troop of cavalry, and a portion of the Victoria Rifles, also took part in the fighting of the day. All, by their good service, the energy and promptitude they have shown, have achieved as a result the utter defeat and demoralization of the Fenians. Now, with regard to the first portion of the attack, I congratulate Lieutenant-Colonel Chamberlin upon the success which so soon attended his taking up the present position, and to most of you now here the success is due. Colonel Cham-