

THE BRITISH FORCES.

The following is the full force of the British army at home, in India and in the colonies. The numbers of the Indian army and volunteer force are given below. It will be seen from the figures that although on a peace footing the "tight little island" could send a very respectable force into the field, and if necessary a well drilled and large force of volunteers could be called into active service on short notice:

Officers of the General Staff..... 190

	Officers.	Non-commissioned officers and Men	Rank and File.
Royal Horse Artillery.....	80	131	1,729
Life Guards and Horse Guards	99	192	1,029
Cavalry of the line.....	587	998	8,127
Royal Artillery.....	798	1,751	14,000
Riding Establishment.....	7	13	295
Royal Engineers.....	401	593	3,918
Military Train.....	93	181	1,521
Foot Guards.....	257	451	5,250
Infantry of the line.....	3,797	6,390	61,000
Army Hospital Corps.....	1	225	778
Commissariat Staff Corps.....	1	112	388
West India Regiments.....	196	272	3,000
Colonial Corps.....	159	389	3,804
	6,482	12,115	108,173

Depots of India Regiments:

Royal Horse Artillery.....	16	35	401
Cavalry.....	44	143	627
Royal Artillery.....	40	70	1,341
Infantry.....	312	728	6,120

Total..... 412 970 8,492

Recruiting, training schools and other establishments give..... 161 511 70

Recapitulation:

Total General Staff.....	100		
" Regiments.....	6,482	12,115	108,173
" India Reg. Depots.....	412	970	8,492
Recruiting, other School, &c.....	161	511	70
	7,165	13,602	116,741

Total troops at home and in Colonies..... 137,508

Total British troops in India..... 64,486

Indian Native troops..... 121,000

Total Regular Soldiers..... 323,074

If necessary the Militia which is drilled for 21 days every year could be called out numbering..... 127,071

Yeomanry Cavalry..... 14,839

Volunteer force, including artillery, cavalry and infantry..... 173,681

Total British strength..... 614,965

This number of men, with the vast population to fall back upon for recruits, would be quite enough to keep the prestige of the Empire safe.

INSPECTION OF THE SARNIA GARRISON ARTILLERY.—This company was inspected last Thursday night at their armory. In the absence of Lt. Col. Davis, who was suddenly called away to Toronto on business, the inspection was performed by Adjutant Fisher of the Battalion. Capt. Seager and Lieut. Wood being both absent, Lieut. Adams paraded the company which mustered in good force, considering that ten of their number are now in the Red River contingent. The vacancies caused in this manner are being rapidly filled up, we understand. It was decided to have a weekly parade for the purpose of keeping up their efficiency in drill as well as to practice on the "big gun" on the Market square. We believe the Company is entitled to a new uniform, which is expected to arrive shortly; this and the weekly parades will have a tendency to bring up the company to its former strength and efficiency as number one of the Battalion. —*Sarnia Canadian*, July 20.

RIFLE MATCH.

On Thursday afternoon a friendly match came off at the Rideau Range, between a team of the Ottawa Rifles and the Civil Service Rifles. The match was fired between six men a side, five rounds each at 200 yards and 400 yards. It terminated in favour of the Civil Service corps for 169 points, being 22 points more than was scored by the Ottawa Rifles, who made 147 points. The following is the score:—

CIVIL SERVICE.

	200	400.
Capt. White.....	03222	34443-27
Sergt. Walsh.....	23333	43343-31
" Blackmore.....	22333	32443-29
Corp. Yeomans.....	33322	04222-25
Priv. Delesjourniers.....	33332	43343-31
" De Boucherville.....	33322	33333-28
Total.....		169

OTTAWA RIFLES.

	200	400.
Capt. Mowatt.....	33332	33223-27
Lieut. Hoy.....	04223	24243-26
Sergt. R. Stewart.....	33334	23333-36
Priv. Caldwell.....	00333	00400-13
" Mathe.....	23234	30402-22
" Pierson.....	23334	42242-29
Total.....		149

It will be seen that the Rifles were ahead at the 200 yards range, but the Civil Service pulled up well in the latter part of the match. A return match is already in contemplation. —*Citizen*.

A number of weekly papers are making the statement that the great bulk of the British army is in India. This is simply bosh. At present there are not less than 95,000 British troops in British Garrisons in the United Kingdom, and in a short time that number will be further increased by troops from Canada and other colonies. It is the policy of the Gladstone administration to concentrate the British army at home, and it is this policy that has made the Quaker Government of Britain so obnoxious to the Colonies.

Our country contemporaries in making the statement referred to above, will do well to remember that the native troops of India alone, amount to over one hundred and sixty thousand men. There is no doubt a large number of British troops in India, but not nearly in force sufficient to constitute the bulk of the British army. —*Evening Mail*.

NO MORE NATIONAL LEANINGS.—Sir George made a speech on Friday night at St. John Baptiste, in which he said that the time had arrived when each particular nationality in Canada, Englishmen, Irishmen, and his own countrymen, ought to sink their respective national leanings, and unite together in forming a purely Canadian society, just as we united together the other day to expel the Fenian hordes on our border.

Sir George E. Cartier passed Kingston yesterday per steamer. At the wharf Sir George was met by a large number of the prominent citizens of Kingston.

It is rumoured that the British Government are willing to guarantee a loan for the construction of a railway from Montreal to Esquemaunt, British Columbia.

The gunboat *Prince Alfred* has arrived at Goderich. The crew will be paid off, and the vessel laid up for the present, as there is nothing for her to do.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR.—Can you inform me where the new regulations for the Militia can be obtained. I thought a copy was to have been sent to each officer. I for one, have not received one, but am most anxious to do so. I cannot make out how it is some officers have received their commissions, whilst others (senior to them) have not. Perhaps you can enlighten me. I have no doubt many of your readers will feel interested on this point.

Yours, &c.,

B. SHWICKER.

REMITTANCES

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MILITARY The names of no less than eight officers are given in the list of deaths in the *Army and Navy Gazette*, with the sad little obituary remark, supposed to be lost at sea in the "City of Boston," or died on board the "Newcastle" and "Bohar." These are: Capt. E. P. R. Hamilton, 21st Foot; Lieut. E. Marshall, Royal Artillery; Lieut. H. H. Baker, Royal Engineers; Lieut. W. A. W. Orange, Royal Engineers; Lieut. A. H. Kildahl, Royal Engineers; Lieut. F. P. Ryland, 45th Foot; Lieut. D. A. Broughton, 69th Foot; and Ensign N. P. Dunne, 21st Foot.

We are glad to be able to state that Sir John A. Macdonald is rapidly improving in health, and that in the course of three weeks he will be able to resume his duties at the head of the Government.

The Lachine regatta is advertised for the 13th of August. The prizes offered are, as usual, very liberal, and should induce competition from all parts of the Dominion.

PROGRESSING.—The band of the Artillery is making great progress, and is now a first-rate picnic band. They have mustered a good collection of dance music arranged for fifteen instruments, and will soon be as efficient as any corps in the city. —*Citizen*.

The Ninth Battery of Volunteers left this morning, Wednesday the 20th inst., for the Parish of St. Michael, for the purpose of undergoing the annual 16 days drill.