Major Tunner's-memorandum, in reply to he Inquiry, Why Ottawa should be milhtarily, the Capital of Canada. This ts a verse able and, conclusive elucidation or the. Wase are
submitted to a competent judge. Wo. submitted to a competent jude. diecument.
sorry we cannot give the entire dol sorry we cannot give the end moiety of the
The following is the second whole:-
"The claim of Ottawa to be: the permanont Seat of. Government rests, militarily, on its central situation, arcess on which it natural: strengin of ifficulty of the country
stands, and the stands, and the through, wh
attack There are now, in summer, two routes by which Oitawa is accessible ; by the river from Montrea, and from thilway from and the St. Lawrence, by rall rady practiPrescott. Therc is also a good ioad, which, cable for all arms, from crestrated, was
before the tailway was constructe belode by the stage-coaches. The counitry
used usedween the St. Laurence and the city of Ot betweenking the line of the railway; or: the old road, is a very difficnit one, being in many places heavily timbery in marching dense swamps. An enim the whole of his supplies, for none are to be obtained cin route, in many places, for miles, not even water, except the filthy water of the water, e
swamps:

The city of Ottawa is also accessible from Kingston, via the Rideau Canal, constructed by the inperial Government, ansport: of $£ 1,200,000$ purposely for the stans. The locks on this canal, which is 126 miles long, are 47 in inumber, 134 jeet long, 33 feet wide with 5 depth of water on the sills: :So long as the communication between Ottawa lond the sea is not cut off, at to below Montreal; military supplics can be taken safely to Kingston by this route.
The Ottawa terminus of the Rideau canal is in a deep ravine; which divides the city into two parts, and canal opens into a large
bay, protected on either flank by lofty and bay, protected on eisher of which is about 120 feet above the: level of the river, and almostperpendicular; these hills have much the appearance of those on that bank of the Rhine on which the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein stands, and if it were even either possible or probable that Ottawa could be ap-,
proached byatotilla of hostilo gun-boats, so nearly perpendicular is the natural scarp of the river banks, that the guas would require despression carriages, as.in someparts of the works at Gibraltat. The water inithis bay is yery deep, and were it ever required to repair gun-boats or steamers, or aven to duck yard. The plan and memorandum prepared under the writer's direction, by Cappared under Gorrest, of the Ottawa Field Battery, shows how the river frout of the city is guarded by lofty headlands, which, if provided with heavy Mariello towers, or even well made earth-work redouts, could pour such a cross fire, as utterly to preclude the possibility of a successtul attactr in that direction, an inspection of the plan of the ground will show more than twenty pages of written description.

Even upon the supposition that a hostile army conld march upon Oltawa on the Lower Canadian bank of the river, it could not cross the Suspension Bridge, below the Chaudere Falls, even supposing that the Bridye were allowed 10 remain in sith, so terrible could be the fire ponred across overbridge from the heights immediately overhanging it, which command ge to the Lower Canada bank
'To the eastward, the city of Ottawa is covered by the River Rideau, achss, which are bridges, one of them that of the Othawa and
prescott Railwry : but the bank of this river, Prescott Railwry: but the bank of this iriver, on the city side, for the most part.consists of
a range of tofty sand hills, shown in the a range of llofty sand hills, showns erecplan, of such a character, that worss erected on the most prominent and salient
points would completely cover the approuches to these bridges, aud all of them conid be be destroyed by powder in an hour or two. There would be nooccasion for têtes-de-pont on the bridge heads on the opposite bank, which is a ilat, so completely it is commanded by the sand, hills.
Towards the south and west, Ottawa is covered to a great extent by swamps and
forest, and in this direction the Rideau caforest, and in this direction the Rideau cafence. There is, howeyer, yery little- dan-
ger of hostile approach iu this quarter, the country being impracticable for the march of troops in foree and absolutely, so for artillery of such calibre as would enable it to conend with the artillery of the place, All along this front there are elevated points on which field works could beithrown up; but the whole of jit is is wept. within' 32 pounder range, byy the guns of the proposection of Ot owa, then Byown, were prepared by: the Royal Engineers, and at the time that His Excellency Lord Dalhousie was Governor General of Canada, and, if the writer is correctly isformed; by the direct order of H. papers will probably be found iu the office of the Inspector General of Fortifieations, in London. It was then. intended to construct a large citadel on the highest point, the Barrack Hill, which, since the transfer of the Ordnance lands to the Provinicial Government, is understood still to be retained
for military purposes. This: Barrack Hill is for military purposes. This: Barrack Hill is
in. the cen re of the city, and is the :highest in the cen re of the eity, and is the highe point marked in the sectional plan. built,
this period two streets have been the which directly cross the glacis of the great works then proposed.
'It is writer's impression that no great citadelis necessary; and that Ottara would
be best fortified by a series of detachen, but supporting works, on all the salient and commanding points. When some years ago writing on the defence of Montreal; the present writer drew attention to the advantages to be gained by the adoption of the Martello tower, as in tho great series of them constructed by the Austrians at Lii tz! These towers are cheap in construction, cannot be carried by assanlt; and deliver a most 'powerful:fire, added to which - they can always in case of emergency be connec ted in one continuous line, by earth work
entrenthments, of which they should form entrenchmen
the salients the salients.
The material for the erection of towers, block-houses, palisades, or constriution of gabions and fascines, exists around Otiawa nany quantity that may be needed
Furthermore, it may be stated as a most important point, that there is always on the Ottawa a a floating popalation of from twenty to thirty thousand men, engaged in lumbering eperations ; that the conduct of these coperations requires that provisions -sayffour, jork, tea; for a twelvemouth-shall-be always on hand ; that horses to the amount of from two cr three thousand, are constantly employed; and' several 'handred draught oxen: The men engaged iii this limber trade are he hardest and most ath letic men in Canata ; in the pursuit of their decupation :hey constraty encounter perits of as give a character as any that can be encountered in the course or a campaign. with a single blanket they constantly sleep In the open eir ; they can bake their own bread, cook their own cond; as a genera rule they have been accustondle the are as from childhood ; they can handle the axe as no other men can: the coustruction of a block-house, of palisades, stockades, gabions, fascines, platforms, would se merely child, 5 play to men used dail to deal whey the gild make foating bridges from their own material ; construct rafis, and ranage canves material ; construct rafts,and ranage men, scows, barges, or pont, of strong frame, and inough rough in aspect, rude in speech, are in rudect children to deal with, by men vhom perfect child and trust-
It is stated by the writer, without fear of contradiction by any man who knows this section of the country, that if Cinada were soction of the country, twenty thousaud of these men can be collected in Otawa in one fortnight, aad two thousand strong and one fortnightses. Those horses would bring back from the shanties in the woods the provisions there stored, and the oxen could be furned into beef for their further maintenance. It is fearlessiy a sserted hallied round any other Canadian city. The horses are any other Canadian city, $\begin{aligned} & \text { strong, hardy animals; others would be }\end{aligned}$ of use in lumbering operations, and are quite capable for the draught of batteries of position, or heavy vehicles for baggage and provisions.
The city of Cttawa is spoken of only as it 15 ; it may be further said that the day is not far of when, Whontreal bems, the first
point, Ottava must be the second, and 'the central one an the -great highway to"thio

West; another grear city will rise at the Bay, on Lake Huron and these places beirg conected by ware wio the upper lacation direct fon an and ses; unapproachaiders of a thousand tons whien steam propenvy:
It is essential to way safety of Canada that she have a strons =hold in her very heart, at a distance from the frontior, but yet accessible to friends diffecult for the enemy; a plice will being safety ; a place where the vince will being safecy, aphean betestagreat arsenal of the country can bel of nabished. andiory warfare can be distributed val and milinary w.
It appears to the writer that Ottawa fulfils allithese cöditions, in a simply military her he has to do with no
herpolitical or commercial-
Kajor, Commandĩg Ottavá Field .Batteriv.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS AT JEDDAH.
(Froin the Times' correspondent.)
Alexandria, July 6.-Before the presani letter can reach England the telegraph will aiready have placed you in possession of ent leading facts connected with the recent fanaticism has enacted'another tragedy, and anaticism has' enacted another tragedy, and has given the woride re.
Her: Majesty's steaner Cyclops, lately sent to the Red Sea by the British Government for the purpose of taking as series of ment for the purpose o
deep water soundings, had been lying for a week water soundings, had hatdat, whither, sho had conveyed, as passengers from Suex, the English acting consul and his French colleague. Nothing whatever has occurred to ghow thow that the people of the place were animated by any extraordinary sentiment of hostility tovards:the! Chisistian inhiabitants. The officers of the steamer had made excursions in the vicinity of the town, and never once met with the sightest molesiation or insult, and even on the very evoining of tho outbreak several had beeit walking about in the bazaars until near sunset without tho leagt apparent symptom of the approaching seagt apparent symptome This was on the 15th whe? In the evening a few persons-Greek residents in the town-camo swimming off to the ship, and stated that disturbance had arisen and that they fearod a con spiracy had been entered into against the Christiat inhabitants. Everything liorever, continued in appest ance perfecty quiet ; not a shot nor a ery ance perfecty quat the savaice vork hat even then already comnenced; but the assassins had taken the preciution to use coli steel aloné.
The Erighish Consulato was the firnt point of attack, and Mr. Page the acting Cousul, must have fallen under the blows of the crowd of ruffians, who followod up, he mur der by sacking the house and tenring down the flag. The unfortunate man's body is said to h
Machened with excitement the mob ap pears next to hare potared down upoa the Here, howe of the town, made some fecblo attempt to interpose; the force at his disposal amouatel to only 80 men , and, whatever eflorts they may have used, they did not succeed ith sia Ving the life of either the Consn or of his wite. Both were murterod, and theurh ungher alone-a young lady who poses ed: ho years of age, appears tas rescued from the hands of the assassins, and coveral with an drab cloak she was carried to the house of the Kaimakan. Her face was laid open with a gash from a sabre cnt across the cheek, but beforo being dragged forth she had aven'red the miuder of her fathe by the death of the assiassin.

Directions have been issued from the Admirally: for egglit of the mortar boats buil for carrying on the war with Russia to be sent from Sheerness to Chatham Dockyard, for preservation, in case their service
shond be again required: Two of them, Nos 5 and $17_{j}^{\prime}$ have arrired at Chatham.

