

I have heard considerable talk about the slowness of the department in paying the government allowance, that has not been so in our case, neither would it be so in any case, if care were taken that the instructions so carefully laid down for our guidance were strictly attended to. I am happy to add that much of the success of the re-enrolment of the Grey battalion is due to our able and highly respected officer Lieut. Col. Pollard, who is much esteemed by the officers non commissioned officers and men under his command, it would be well for the volunteer force if every battalion had such an officer; we consider ourselves equally fortunate in having for our district commander and brigade major such superior men as Lt. Col. Durie, and Lt. Col. Dennis, kind and courteous in their manner, and ever ready to impart information when wanted and to attend with promptitude to the wants of the force under their command.

Clarksburg, 2nd March, 1869. C. S.

FROM BROCKVILLE.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The heavy snow storms have caused almost a suspension of business here. The mails are much more irregular than in olden times when they were conveyed by sleigh. Lt. Colonel Jackson's inspections in the county of Russell, owing to the impassable condition of the roads, had to be postponed for one week.

The G. T. Railway has not been able to move any freight from here for about two weeks, consequently the shipment of tent pins has ceased until the road is clear.

With the exception of the B. and O. Railway Artillery, the volunteers here have not drilled since they performed their annual drill in the summer. Would it not be well for the authorities to reserve a few days from the annual course, to be performed at home? by which means, I think, the men could be much better kept together.

The enrolment of the Reserve Militia has not yet commenced in this Regimental Division, but I hear that preparations are being made to commence at an early day.

The return match between the Burns Curling Club of Ogdensburg and the Brockville Club, was played at Ogdensburg on Friday last, after three and a half hours play of the keenest kind, Brockville was declared the winners by three points. As at the former match, one rink of iron and one of stone were played.

The Burns Club entertained the Brockville players to a most sumptuous dinner at the Seymour House. Mr. Averal, the President, being absent in New Orleans, the vice President, Mr. Congleton, (the champion curler of New York state), occupied the chair, and on which occasion Queen Victoria was the first toast proposed.

The return match between the Ottawa and Ogdensburg clubs is now on the tapis.

FROM TORONTO.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

In accordance with the provisions of the Militia Act the enrolment of the Militia commenced on Monday last. As Toronto has more than supplied her quota by volunteering there will be no "draft." Toronto City is composed of two Regimental Divisions which have been placed under the following authority.

EASTERN DIVISION. Lt. Col. Hon. G. W. Allan, and Majors A. M. Smith, and Henry Skinner.

WESTERN DIVISION. Lt. Col. R. L. Donison, and Majors Sir J. L. Robinson and Hon. Wm. Cayley.

Of course these gentlemen are merely employed by Government to secure a faithful enrolment and, for active service or drill purposes, passed cadets and those who have obtained certificates from Boards of Officers as well as officers on the retired list would be selected.

A certain Dr. O'Brennan has been holding forth on the "Wrongs of Ireland." The character of his audience will be quite apparent when I state that a certain gentleman who, in accordance with the invitation for a discussion, expressed his desire to make a few remarks on the wrongs of England, was immediately hissed down and retired on exhibition of Irish muscle. As Canada has nothing whatever to do with Ireland's grievances, meetings of this kind can assist nothing but Fenianism and excite party feeling. His lecture last night on "O'Connell" was not by any means well attended.

The New England Society celebrated their Sixth Anniversary by an assembly in the Rossin House, on Monday night. The President Mr. Thurston, the American Consul, made a few remarks during the course of the evening explaining that the object of the association was for the relief of distressed countrymen and expressed his desire that nothing should interfere with the harmony and good will existing between Canada and the United States. The Mayor, President of St. George's Society and other prominent city officials were present. Conspicuous over the main entrance were the "Union Jack" entwined with the "Stars and Stripes" encircling a portrait of George Washington; dancing was kept up till an early hour to the music of H. M. 29th Regiment Band.

Velocipedes are now manufactured in Toronto and a first attempt made yesterday with but partial success. As has been remarked, with a large stock of patience and a set of india rubber bones success is sure to follow close application.

The snow storm which has been playing such pranks down East has just given us a dose and still threatens another visitation.

Your esteemed Brockville Correspondent suggests to hand the fellow Langford round,

he might have added and the Dominion Rifle Association also. Where are the badges and the local appropriations? Several gentlemen, who are anxious to see the designs, have informed me they will give a dollar each towards a fund to procure them for those who are entitled to them. Who will second the motion?

FROM QUEBEC.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

Since my last, I am happy to say, the drill shed difficulty has been settled, and the 8th Battalion and Garrison Artillery are hard at work again. The 8th are likely to be stronger in numbers than they have been for some years; a very fine company composed principally of old members of one of the companies of the battalion which became disorganized a couple of years ago, has been raised by Quartermaster Morgan, and promises to add much to the appearance of the battalion, as well as to its shooting qualities.

The scheme of "Cadet" for the re-organization of the military schools, which appeared in a late number of the REVIEW, contains I think, a number of very valuable suggestions which should not be lost of if any change is made.

The schools have been very useful so far, but the system is susceptible of much improvement; the modes of instruction and enforcement of discipline by the different regiments through whose hands the school in this city has passed, have varied very much; this could be remedied by the framing of a strict code of rules for the guidance of all the Schools, and by appointing an efficient officer (one of experience in the army would be preferable) who would give his whole time to visiting the different schools and assimilating the course of studies in all.

Keeping the cadets in barracks seems so natural an idea in connection with their military education, that is surprising it was not adopted from the first. What could give a better notion of the duties of a soldier than living as he lives, and performing the same round of daily work? The substitution of Volunteer for Regular Adjutants would hardly, I think, be an improvement, not but what there are now among the passed cadets many quite able to fill the situation, but it is very unlikely that they would be appointed to offices which would be valuable for use as gifts to needy place hunters; fortunately the removal of the regular troops is not to be so wholesale as was at first rumoured, so that a change in the respect will not be necessary in any of the towns in which schools are established.

"Cadet" does not include in his estimate of costs the items of clothing and travelling expenses, which would probably amount to a considerable sum.

We have had a fearful quantity of snow lately; all the roads are blocked up, and