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We shall feel obliged to send forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that it may reach us in time for publication.

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"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1871.

On another page will be found the correspondence between Sir George E. Cartier, Bart, and the Reverend W. Morley Punshon, M.A., on the vexed question of the chaplaincy to the Red River Expeditionary Force. It is calculated to put it in an entirely different light to that in which the Rev. Dr. Ryerson detailed the transaction at the Methodist Conference. As it is evident no slight was intended, or attempt at disregarding the claims of the Methodist community to fair consideration. After the force was organized it passed under the control of General Lindsay, who objected to the employment of *non-combatants* as a useless incumbrance, which was actually the fact. The correspondence shows distinctly that no feeling but that of respect animated the principal parties, and does credit to the heads and hearts of both. The side issues raised are not sufficient to disturb the harmony which should exist, involving as they do ingratitude and treachery. But it is better not to re-open the controversy, as public men should rise above petty considerations, and sacrifice their private feelings for the good of their country. The correspondence shows that the controversy has brought out the kindest feelings and most disinterested self-abnegation on both sides,

and proves that if people will only take the trouble of ascertaining the precise reasons of the administration for public acts, they will be satisfied that at least an attempt has been made to advance the public interests without disregarding that of individuals or classes.

We publish to-day a portion of the Adjutant-General's "Report on the State of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada," and a more interesting document, or one with a greater wealth of valuable knowledge on the most important subjects to the people of this country has never yet appeared. It details the present state of our military organization, and the necessity for perfecting it by putting in force the system of ballot in order to insure a certain amount of organization and drill to the Reserve Force; and what result events have proved beyond doubt to be a first necessity, the power to enforce discipline when men of either the Volunteer force or Reserve are under arms; the enrollment of two batteries of artillery for permanent duty in the forts and garrisons of Quebec and Ontario—the men to be taken from existing brigades in proper proportion and to be engaged to serve for twelve months. By a judicious system it is calculated that 170 thoroughly well trained artillery men would be annually added to the available military strength of the country by this measure.

The annual inspection, with its distinctive features of *field brigades* and competition *target practice*, which the Adjutant General has done so much to organize and establish, is next described. Then follows a list of the strength of the Active Militia on the 31st of December, 1870, which consists of:

	MEN.
27 Troops of Cavalry and 5 companies of Mounted Infantry, numbering.....	1,666
10 Field Batteries of Artillery with 42 guns and 441 horses.....	750
70 Batteries of Garrison Artillery.....	4,108
4 Companies of Engineers.....	232
77 Battalions of Infantry, 8 Provisional Battalions, and 78 independent Companies.....	36,729
3 Marine Companies.....	174
2 Battalions for service at the North West.....	862

Total.....44,519

In all 758 companies of Infantry, making the above number of men, distributed in the several Provinces in the following proportion, viz:

Ontario.....	19,734
Quebec.....	14,064
New Brunswick.....	3,315
Nova Scotia.....	4,422
North West.....	862
Grand Trunk Railway.....	2,122

44,519

Of this force the number actually available on an emergency appears to be 2,469 officers and 33,682 men, exclusive of the Grand Trunk Brigade, of the garrison at