

terans was assembled in the City Council Chamber in the City of Toronto a few days ago. All the applicants resident in the County of York, were required to meet in the shire city to undergo an examination respecting their alleged claims. Nearly all of them easily succeeded in establishing their claims; a few doubtful cases were reserved for the consideration of the Minister of Militia.

The *Toronto Globe* thus speaks of this touching gathering, and describes the general condition of the assembled veterans:—

"Seated in comfortable arm-chairs occupied at other times by the City Fathers, they looked on the whole a hearty and vigorous lot of old fellows. A fair percentage had become deaf; others were blind, but they were wonderfully strong in mind and limb, and there was not a cough or wheeze heard amongst the whole of them. Here and there the failing memory made it difficult for the veteran to recall facts necessary to assist in his identification, but, as a rule, the answers were quick, and given with a military precision perchance revived by the old recollections associated with the occasion."

We know of some applicants from this Province, and in each instance within our knowledge the application has been successful and the money was paid some time since. We think, without reference to party considerations, we may be permitted with justice to record this generous consideration of deserving old soldiers as another act which reflects credit on the Reform Administration of Canada.—*Acadian Recorder*.

### Sham Fight.

The annual inspection of the Halifax Brigade of Militia took place yesterday afternoon. The weather was all that could be desired and the muster was unusually large, the different corps having almost their full strength in parade. At 2.30 the Brigade Major Lt-Col. Sawyer, closed his "parade state," and almost immediately after the Brigadier Col. J. Wimburn Laurie, D. A. G., rode up in front of the line of quarter columns in which the brigade was drawn, up and briefly explained the nature of the movements which were to be gone through. The object in view was to beat back an invading force, who was presumed to be advancing from the direction of Margaret's Bay for the purpose of carrying the fortification on Halifax harbor. With this in view, the Field Battery (6 guns) were ordered to take up a position on the Southward corner of the glacis, that would command the advancing columns of the enemy, the 63rd Rifles and 66th Infantry being detailed to support the Artillery. One brigade of Artillery with small arms were concealed among the Willows by the City Gardens, and the other took up position in open file to the north of Camp Hill Cemetery. Having thus disposed of his forces, the Brigadier with his staff took up a position on Citadel Hill, to watch the advancing foe. Presently the advance guard of the enemy began to appear, and a line of skirmishers from the 63rd were extended in line with the Battery to keep them in check. The invading columns soon after began to emerge into the open, and the Artillery opened fire upon them with telling effect. The assailants tried to deploy into line, but the movement was executed with difficulty, for the 63rd extended their line of skirmishers at once till it joined the right of the Garrison Artillery, and while the Garrison Artillery poured a well directed fire of musketry in his teeth the 63rd rein-

forced their skirmishers and advanced to try and turn his left flank. The invading General seeing the exposed and dangerous position in which he was placed, withdrew—under cover of a line of skirmishers—in the direction of the North-West Arm. The excavation for the new sewer across the common formed excellent cover for the rear guard of the enemy, and it was no easy matter to dislodge them. The 63rd had closed upon them and was waging a sort of guerilla war from the other side of the embankment, when the 66th, who had been in reserve, came dashing to the front, carried the bridge at the point of the bayonet, and dislodged the foe. The Field Artillery moved to the front and was placed in position under cover of the embankment. The 66th followed up their success, when the enemy, who had rallied his forces behind Camp Hill, attacked them from the heights, and they were fain to fall back for cover behind the sewer embankment. Both armies had a good stand up fight for some time, and it was doubtful how the fortunes of the day would turn, when the

"Bugle sang truce for the night  
Cloud had lowered  
And the sentinel star  
Set his watch in the sky."

After the sham fight the Brigade formed in line, when the D. A. G. rode down the ranks to inspect the men. Then the whole passed in column, returned in quarter column, took up position on the original alignment and advanced in review order. This concluded the performances and the Brigade marched off to its quarters. The whole display was a grand success, both officers and men acting throughout with intelligence and promptness. The marching was good, and the clothing, arms, and accoutrements were all in good order.—The D. A. G. feels proud of the City Brigade and after yesterday he has just cause to be so.—*Halifax Acadian Recorder Oct 9th*.

### An Incident of the Rebellion.

During the payment of the veterans of 1812 15 at Woodstock, an incident occurred that we think should not be lost. A man named John Smith 89 years of age, presented himself for payment. He told a straight story, but as his name did not appear on the script or pay roll, it was necessary for some other veteran to identify him. Col. McPherson asked if any one present recollected John Smith.

"Yes," responded Sim Papp, "I was once on guard with him."

"Is this the man?" quired the Colonel.

"No," responded Sim, "I can't recollect any of the features."

Papp studied a moment, and then said, "Hold on Colonel; if he is John Smith I can identify him by asking one question."

"Proceed," said the Colonel.

"Well, now," says Papp, addressing Smith, "who stole the sheep at Crysler's farm when the men were starving?"

"Sim Papp," responded Smith, amid a roar of laughter.

Smith was paid. The evidence was conclusive.

A South Boston lady was recently interrogated by a Benedict as to why she did not get married. She replied: "I prefer to be an old maid." He said he did not believe it, as he felt sure she envied his wife. "Oh, no! that would be breaking the commandment—Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's ass."

### REVIEWS.

The *Pen and Plo* is a neat quarto publication, published monthly by J. Payne Lowe, New York, which is now offered for the extremely low price of 50 cents per year. It is neatly printed, ably edited, and the selections of the first quality. It is a good family paper. Those desirous of becoming subscribers to it can see a copy at our office.

The *Aldine*, for September, has just been received. The pictorial part is, as usual, superb—the literary articles are all of the first class—being of a high moral tone, displaying great ability of talent. Take it as a whole, it is equal to any of its predecessors, and well sustains the reputation it has earned for itself as a first class literary periodical.

We have received the *Dominion Monthly* for November. It has for its frontispiece a portrait of the celebrated Captain Matthew Webb, who accomplished the wonderful and unprecedented feat of swimming across the English Channel from Dover to Calis in twenty one hours and three quarters. The literary articles are pretty good—especially the poetic piece by John J. Procter, entitled "To Thee Shall all Flesh Come."

*Blackwood's Magazine* for October has been promptly republished by The Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay Street, N.Y. The Contents are as follows:—The London Police Courts; Wrecked off the Riff Coast; Subordination; Sundry Subjects—Money; The British Sea Fisheries; Michael Angelo; The Dilemma. This number is of more than usual interest, as it contains several articles having relation to subjects now attracting a good share of attention in this country. The periodicals reprinted by The Leonard Scott Publishing Co. (41 Barclay Street, N.Y.) are as follows: *The London Quarterly*, *Leeds, Westminister*, and *British Quarterly Reviews*, and *Blackwood's Magazine*. Price, \$4 a year for any one or only \$15 for all, and the Postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

During the competition at the Ranga last Saturday afternoon, Col. Maunsell and Capt. Powys, on entering the grounds on horseback, were both attacked by a very vicious mare. Numbers of the rifleman ran to the assistance of those gentlemen and drove off the animal after much exertion. We regret to say that Capt. Powys received an ugly kick on the knee cap, but not of such a nature as to lay him up. Col. Maunsell was uninjured. Both gentlemen displayed great coolness and courage. This was the first time our volunteers ever saw their Commander-in-Chief "attacked by cavalry," and those who witnessed the incident were greatly delighted at the coolness, presence of mind, and real courage displayed by their popular Adjutant General.—*N. B. Reporter, Oct. 13th*.

It is reported that S. R. Thomson, Esq., of St. John, has been appointed, together with Mr. Weatherbee of Halifax, and Mr. Droure of Quebec, to represent the Dominion at the forthcoming arbitration with the United States government on matters pertaining to the Fishery Commission under the Washington treaty. Our claims will amount, it is said, to \$7,000,000 per annum, and for once we shall have men capable of protecting our rights and enforcing our claims against crafty Brother Jonathan.—*N. B. Reporter, Oct. 13th*.