

FIVE men of the 100th Regiment deserted on Thursday night last from Ottawa. It is supposed that they have gone to the States.

MAJOR VAN STR. WBANZEE, of the 100th Regt., arrived in Ottawa last week, and at once assumed the duties of junior Major, vice Clery, sold out.

THE 14th Battalion (Kingston) Rifles was inspected by Lieut.-Col. Shaw, B. M., on Wednesday evening last. There was a large muster.

It is reported that two ships of war are to be despatched to Quebec on the opening of navigation, and that the 'Aurora' is to be ordered home.

NEW works are to be put up at the Old Fort, in Toronto, under the superintendence of the Royal Engineers' Department. The contract has been given to Mr. Rich. Dennis.

CROWDED OUT.—We are reluctantly obliged to hold over for another issue an interesting communication signed "A Western Volunteer," and a report of a lecturing tour on military matters by Capt. Bridgewater, of Mooretown, C. W.

THE trial of Lieut.-Col. Browne, the defaulting Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, commenced in the Queen's Bench, Montreal, on Saturday last. All the witnesses were in attendance. Mr. Carter, Q. C., defended the prisoner. A report of the trial will appear in our next.

THE Queen's Own, of Toronto, give a grand concert next Thursday, under the patronage of Gen. Stisted. Mrs. Beverly Robinson and other noted amateurs have consented to sing on the occasion; and by the kind permission of Col. McKinstry, the band of the 17th Regiment will be present.

DR. MUIR, C. B., the Chief of the Army Medical Staff in Canada, being about to proceed to England, his term of service having expired, will be succeeded by John Drope Mellbree, M. D., an able and highly distinguished officer. Dr. Muir will probably be appointed to the entire control of the medical organization of the army at Home.

THE ARMY.—The following promotions in Regiments serving in Canada are announced in the last 'London Gazette'.—7th Foot—Lieut. Arthur John Harrison to be Captain, by purchase, vice Gwynne Orton Lewis, who retires; Ensign George Bligh Stephens to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Harrison; Gentleman Cadet Lionel Albert Thomas McCudden, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Stephens. 60th Foot—Lieut. William Fitzwilliam De Barry to be Captain by purchase, vice Brevet Lt.-Col. Bernard E. Ward promoted; Ensign John Seymour Wynne Finch to be Lieutenant by purchase, vice Barry; John Henry Fitzherbert Jackson, gentleman, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Finch.

LARGE quantities of rifles, ammunition, &c., have been sent from Quebec to the West, and we understand that the following stores, for the use of the land and naval forces, are now on their way to Canada: 40 tons of navy provisions; 83 tons light accoutrements; 12 tons heavy travelling crane, 3 tons light travelling crane; 21 tons machinery, and 2 tons paint.

At the conversation of the "University College Literary Society," of Toronto, held on Friday week, a beautiful poem, "In Memory of our Fallen Members" who fell in the engagement at Lime Ridge, was read by Mr. John Taylor, who, on stepping upon the dias, was loudly cheered. Mr. Vandermissen, B. A., German Tutor, had previously offered a prize for the best poem on the subject, and Mr. Taylor's was selected as the best from a considerable number. We shall publish the poem next week.

DISTRIBUTION OF BREACH-LOADERS.—The work of serving out our soldier Volunteers with such of the new breach loaders as have been received goes bravely on. Already, we understand, nearly the whole of the city battalions, and a large number of the frontier companies, have been supplied, and are now regularly drilling two evenings in the week, for which they are paid at the rate of fifty cents per man for each night. The promptitude with which this matter has been attended to by the Militia Department is the best evidence of the importance which the Government attaches not only to placing our citizen soldiery on an equal footing with those of any other country in respect to arms, but to the subject of preparation at this particular juncture.

THE JAMAICA COMMITTEE.—The trial of Gov. Eyre, on the charge of murdering the rebel Gordon, has resulted, after a short and formal hearing before a bench of magistrates, in a dismissal of the case. This is in accordance with the general expectation; for whatever other offences Mr. Eyre may have been guilty of, his ordering the execution of the chief instigator of the rebellion cannot, under any circumstances, be considered as murder. It is, indeed, doubtful whether the Jamaica Committee itself had any strong hopes of securing a conviction; but having taken up the case, and thereby secured the favor of a host of "tea party philanthropists" in England, it determined upon pushing the matter to the utmost extent.

#### STAFF INSPECTIONS—13RD BATTALION.

Last week Sheriff Powell, Lieut.-Colonel of the 43rd (Carleton) Battalion, Volunteer Infantry, and Major Seale started on a tour of inspection throughout the Battalion, and during the week visited each of the seven companies comprising the same. The turnout in each case, all things considered, was most creditable, and the efficiency in drill, under the able instructorship of Mr. Nesbit,

(who accompanied the gentlemen above named), displayed by the men was such as to warrant the very high eulogiums bestowed upon them by the Lieut.-Colonel in his several addresses during the tour. Everywhere a feeling of determination prevailed amongst the Volunteers to hold themselves in constant readiness to obey their country's call to arms, should the Fenians again pollute our free soil by their unhallowed presence. The Carleton battalion is particularly fortunate in the possession of officers who knew their duties and perform them, and as a consequence, the companies are all in comparatively efficient "working order." In one or two instances, as will be observed from the subjoined report as to the attendance in each case, the muster was below the average, but on the whole the inspections were of a more than ordinarily satisfactory character. Capt. Garvin, (Goulbourn) turned out 45 "citizen soldiers," well up in the drill, and fine, stalwart fellows every one of them. Capt. Morgan (Metcalfe) came next with 40, equal in physique and efficiency to any company in the district. The Manotick Company has not yet had its arms distributed to it, but as they have arrived in the village, they will be speedily in the hands of men who will make good use of them should occasion arise. We are happy to learn that another company is about to be added to the battalion. It is being raised in the village of Wellington, and application will, we understand, shortly be made for its acceptance by the Government.

The following is a statement of the "turn out" at each place:—

METCALFE—(Capt. Morgan)—3 officers, 2 Sergeants, 1 bugler and 34 rank and file.

NORTH GOWER—(Capt. Johnson)—3 officers, 3 sergeants, 1 bugler and 32 rank and file.

RICHMOND—(Capt. Bryson)—3 officers, 2 sergeants, 1 bugler, and 26 rank and file.

GOULBOURN—(Capt. Garvin)—3 officers, 3 sergeants, 1 bugler and 38 rank and file.

HENTLEY—(Capt. Holmes)—3 officers, 2 sergeants, and 18 rank and file.

BELL'S CORNERS—(Capt. Corbett)—2 officers, 2 sergeants, 1 bugler and 18 rank and file.

MANOTICK—(Capt. Davidson)—3 officers, 2 sergeants and 30 rank and file.

#### MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

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After the 1st August next, the Commissions of all Volunteer Officers holding acting appointments will only be confirmed from the dates on which they shall severally qualify by obtaining the Certificates prescribed for their respective ranks. And all officers of the Force will, after the above date take precedence according to the date of their Commissions.