

representatives of the people, the patriotism of Mr. BRYDGE entitles him to their warmest acknowledgments.

### THE CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS AT WIMBLEDON.

"There seems to be some hope that the Canadian Volunteers will succeed in organizing a squad for the International Rifle Match this year. At least, a proposal to do so is made and advocated in a Canadian paper having similar objects to our own, and published at Ottawa. From this journal we have extracted to-day a letter and leading article on the subject. No Volunteers, we are sure, will be more welcome than our gallant Canadian friends."

We quote the above from the London (Eng.) 'Volunteer Service Gazette,' the official organ of the Volunteer force in Great Britain, in order to show the spirit in which a team of Canadian Volunteers would be received at the great annual trial of skill. The fact that as yet nothing practical has been done in the direction advocated in *THE REVIEW* a few weeks ago, is no argument that nothing will be done. It is just possible that no one has taken the initiative in the matter because they did not know exactly how to go about it, and at any rate preferred to await such an invitation as that at the head of this article. To our mind no greater incentive could be given to volunteering, nor a better means be adopted to induce the members of the force in this country to perfect themselves in the use of their weapons, than to afford twenty of the best shots the opportunity of an annual trip to England in order to compete for the international prizes at Wimbledon. The fact is, our countrymen in the old world know altogether too little about their kinsmen in this—as only too many of them suppose—frozen region of the north. From the manner in which the statesmen and press of England have spoken of our Confederation delegates, it is evident they were surprised in finding in them gentlemen of polished manners and statesmanlike qualities, keen in argument and eloquent in debate, and without possessed of that *SLAVEN* is none which distinguishes the educated man of the world in all civilized countries. And besides, instead of that Yankee swagger and exaggeration which our proximity to the great democracy led them to expect, they found the representatives of 'Canadian society to be so thoroughly British in habits and feelings, that in every respect they compared favorably with the best of the public men in the heart of the Empire. No one can over-estimate the good which the presence of the delegates from this country effected in a political sense; and we are certain that a similar good in a military sense would result from a visit to England of a squad of Volunteers to take part in the great national hold day. One objection to this is, that owing to the want of proper ranges, our Volunteers have not had the practice which their brother Volunteers have had in England, and it is more than probable the best shots

have not been brought out; but a beginning must be made somewhere, and if the commander of each battalion would select one or two of the best shots in his command, and the whole so selected should meet at a given place in order to determine upon twenty who would best uphold the honor of Canada, no fear need be entertained of the result. As to the expenses, we are sure the liberality of the public, if appealed to, would be quite sufficient to supplement the contributions of Volunteers themselves with a sum that would be ample for the purpose; and we are safe in saying that the Government would do all in its power to assist in so patriotic an enterprise. In a matter of this kind, there ought only to be a feeling of generous rivalry; and as the object would be best secured by prominent officers in the large and wealthy cities taking the initiative, we hope those holding high positions in the force in Toronto, Montreal and Quebec will not leave it to less pretentious places to make the first move in the matter. As the Wimbledon meeting takes place in July, immediate action will be necessary; and we feel assured that if a beginning is once made, no matter from what quarter it may come, it will meet with a hearty response from every battalion. We have already published the rules and regulations which will govern the Wimbledon matches, and will only be too glad to do anything in our power to aid those who may take the enterprise in hand to carry it to a successful issue. We go to great expense in sending our minerals, woods, manufactures and other produce to the exhibitions of the world at London, Dublin and Paris: we will surely not withhold the comparatively trifling sum necessary to prove to the same world the sterling stuff of which the defenders of our country in the hour of danger is composed. The Rifle Associations of either Toronto or Montreal, as being already organized, would be eminently qualified to take the project in hand, and by doing so they would not only give an evidence of their usefulness, but confer a favor on the Volunteers of the rural districts which would ensure lasting gratitude. A few circulars, pointing out the plan of action to be adopted, addressed to the commander of each battalion, would put the affair in motion in a week, and when the time to sail came, the money necessary would be forthcoming, and the men at their post.

### VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIAL TO THE MINISTER OF MILITIA.

SEVERAL prominent Volunteer officers have suggested the propriety of the force, of which the Hon. JOHN A. MACDONALD is the head, presenting that gentleman with a suitable testimonial as a mark of their appreciation, not only of his distinguished abilities in conducting to a successful issue the great project of British American Union, but also as an acknowledgment of his uni-

form attention and courtesy in his relations with the Volunteers of every rank, and his eloquent and manly defence of Canadian courage and loyalty while in England, as he has always done on all occasions. We are aware that a movement is on foot by which the whole people of Canada will have an opportunity of contributing towards a national memorial, and there cannot be a doubt that it will be one worthy of the new nation and of the man who has done so much to create it; but that is no reason why the military men of the country should not add their tribute, of a distinctive military character, to the Minister of Militia.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY BILL.—The debate on the passing of the bill in the House of Commons has considerable interest for Canadians; for although it was carried by an overwhelming majority, we ought not to conceal from ourselves the grounds upon which it received so strong a vote. So far as the present Government party in England is concerned, it was clear from the speech of Mr. ADDERLEY that the Conservatives who voted for the measure did so in order to furnish us with the means of defending ourselves, with the aid of England; and the same feeling, though not so clearly expressed, animated many of those who voted with Mr. GLAISTONE and the Government. Still we ought not to overlook the fact that some, even of those who voted for the guarantee did so as a reason for putting the whole question of defence upon our own shoulders. As to the beggarly 67 who followed Mr. LOWE in opposition to the bill, it is clear that in their eyes, both England and British America should humble themselves in the presence of the American Eagle, and that we should degrade ourselves by cringing to Yankee dictation in the formation of our Government. It is satisfactory, however, to know that only so small a number favored so craven a doctrine. In passing the bill Great Britain has given us the means of preparing for our own defence, and from the tone of the debate we may also rest assured that the assistance of her fleet, her credit and her influence will not fail us should danger threaten; but for so great a power her army is the smallest in Europe, and on us will rest the responsibility of providing the men for the defence of that heritage which she has bequeathed to us in no parsimonious spirit.

NO. 3 BATTERY, OTTAWA GARRISON ARTILLERY.—The men of this battery will soon have the benefit of a new drill-shed, thanks to the energetic action of the Reeve and Deputy Reeve of the township of Gloucester. The contract will be given in a few days for the erection of the building on Whalen's farm, Gloucester.

THE GOVERNMENT have served out to the Victoria Rifles, of Montreal, the Westley Richards breech-loading rifles. The issue took place on Monday night last.