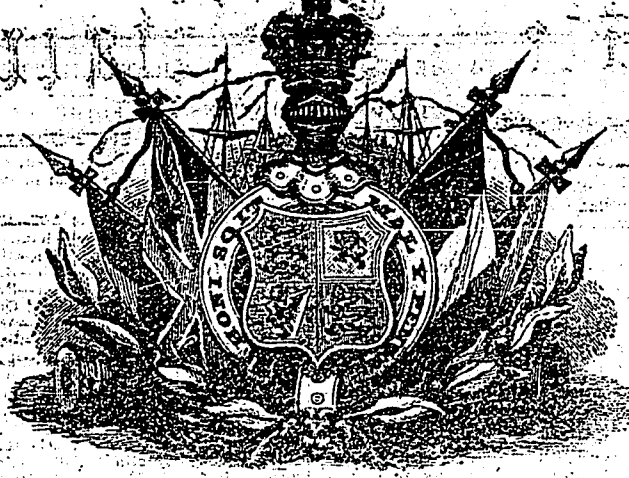


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Military Administration.

In our last issue we treated this subject, pointing out the necessity of having a Cabinet Minister for the department of the Military Affairs of Canada. We have since referred to the Memorial presented by thirty-two Colonels of Militia and Members of Parliament, to his Excellency the Governor and Captain General, published in the Military Gazette of the 16th May last, and are still more confirmed in the propriety of this arrangement.

The Militia. There are several who from their character, talents and experience, are well-fitted to do so. We need but mention Major Campbell, Lieut.-Col. Dunkin, Lieut.-Col. Notman, &c.

THE MORALITY OF THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM. The Constituency of Quebec numbers at the outside, 8,000 votes. Nevertheless 16,000 electors "in Buckram" recorded their votes "by Shrewsbury clock."

Notice to Subscribers. Subscribers are reminded that payment for the paper is in advance—and their subscriptions for the year 1858 are now due.

CHANGE OF JAPANESE POLICY.—It has already been intimated that the Government of Japan is disposed to relax from its exclusiveness and favor the intercourse and commerce of foreign nations.

His Excellency Count Poutiatine, in his communication with the Governor of Nangasaki, was informed by him that it was the intention of the Japanese Government to pursue an entirely different course regarding intercourse with foreigners; that their policy was to be the opposite of what it has heretofore been in everything relating to the above.

MONTHLY MILITARY OBITUARY. Generals—Sir G H F Berkeley, K.C.B., 35th Ft; Sir John Doveton, K.C.B., Madras Cavalry.

REDUCTION OF THE AUSTRIAN ARMY.—The Emperor ordered the reduction of the Army in an autograph letter, dated October 27; all the central Divisions of Infantry will be suppressed, and considerable reductions will be made in the Cavalry and Artillery.

LOSS OF LIFE BY INDIAN MUTINIES. The Calcutta Correspondent of the Nonconformist, in a letter received by the last mail, has arrived after much careful enquiry, at an estimate of the loss of life among the English and East Indian population, during the dreadful massacres of the rebellion.

PERSONAL. MILITIA MESS. The usual monthly Mess-Dinner took place at the Clarendon Hotel on Wednesday 23rd Dec. We are given to understand that the Mess will invariably dine together on the second Tuesday of each month, unless specially notified to the contrary.

COMPLIMENT TO CANADA. We are requested to state, in reference to an item which appeared in our paper of yesterday, that Mr. Charles Walker Robinson, son of the Chief Justice of Upper Canada, owes his appointment to an Ensigny in the Rifle Brigade to the circumstance, that his Royal Highness the Prince Consort, as President of the Patriotic Fund Committee, desired to evince his sense of the magnificent contribution made by Canada to that fund by nominating a young Canadian to a commission in the Rifle Brigade of which his Royal Highness is Colonel; and that this coincidence of his Royal Highness was rendered more gracious by the commission being conferred without solicitation, upon the first occasion of a vacancy, without examination!

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LATEST FROM INDIA.

From the Times, December, 12th.] We now learn that the military news brought by the extra steamer was perfectly correct. Sir Colin Campbell reached Cawnpore on the 3d or 4th of November.

THE TROOPS IN CHINA. We are indebted to a correspondent at Hong Kong for the following particulars of the state of the Military Force in China.

BANKING. What do people mean when they assert that there ought to be more bank-accommodation for our commerce? Almost invariably they mean, that when men are in want of money for the extension of their particular trade, they ought to have it; and as money is commonly procured from banks, they think that bankers ought to give it them.

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