

are yet amongst the survivors men, like ex-Judge Jarvis, of Cornwall, who have stood beside Buck on the heights of Queenstown on that memorable October morning, sixty one years ago, when the yeomen of Upper Canada clad in home-spun, asserted their right to the name of freemen to the bestowal of their allegiance and to the respect of their neighbors by repelling an unjust as well as uncalled for aggression, and vindicate the rights of British freemen to uphold British supremacy on this Continent, proving in the act that they did not need the assistance of trained soldiers to defend their altars and their homes.

In recognition of such services the Ministry have earned the thanks of all well wishers of their country. It was right and just that they should recognize even at the eleventh hour claims which should have been acknowledged by the Mother Country half a century ago. It is just, as well as magnanimous, and we believe the majority of the veterans are men who do not require much pecuniary aid to close memorable and useful lives in comfort. We would suggest that a distribution amongst them of some of those orders that have been created for the purpose (ostensibly) of rewarding Colonial valor and merit would be both fitting and appropriate testimonials on the part of the Mother Country to devotion and valor unequalled in her history. British economists may save a trifle at the expense of British justice and generosity, but at least the orders designed to reward Colonial Services should sparkle on the breasts that vindicated British honor. We can safely leave even this matter to a Government who has so generously and justly appreciated the services of the veterans of 1812.

We this week publish on our Second Advertising page, "The Leonard Scott Publishing Company's" Prospectus of the Reprints of the British Periodicals for 1875—to which we direct the special attention of our readers. These Periodicals ought to have a wide circulation in the Dominion of Canada, being the very best literary publications in the world.

The Bessemer saloon steamship was expected to leave Hull, in a complete state, so to be placed on the Channel service, probably as soon as the middle of September, in connection either with the London, Chatham, and Dover, or the South-Eastern line. Should she fulfil the expectations of her builders, it is thought her ultimate route will be from Newhaven to Dieppe or Southampton to Havre.

The slave trade is still rife on the coast of Zanzibar. H.B.M.'s ship *Thetis* has captured two dhows, one with 95 slaves on board, besides her crew and a number of Arab slave dealers, the latter having been all sent to prison. The second dhow had only eleven slaves on board, the boat of the *Thetis* having come upon her while in the act of embarking her cargo.

## MARRIED.

On Monday, the 12th October, at the residence of the bride's father, Chichester, P.Q., by the Rev. A. C. Nesbitt, M.A., Rector of Pembroke, Charles V. F. 19th, Esq., Secretary to the Minister of Customs, second son of the late Rev. Charles Buss of Ottawa, to Mary Letitia, youngest daughter of Major George H. Perry, Editor, VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

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## "IMPORTANT PIECE OF NEWS."

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—I was quite astonished on receipt of the last number of your paper, to read your article or editorial, offering Col. SEARTE thanks for an "important piece of news" (?)—regarding the discontinuance of the "Scarlet Jacket." Now I will inform you that on reference to the August Army List this "important piece of news" will be found amongst the Orders of H.R.H. the Field Marshal, Commanding in Chief, and that the officers of our regiment, at their meeting held here, on 29th September last (nearly a month ahead of your "important piece of news," appearing), were informed of this "important piece of news," but we decided to continue wearing them, more especially as our new officers have all obtained them, and it would put them to too much expense to change at present.

I will now really give you an "important piece of news," which I quote from the *Army and Navy Gazette* of 10th Oct. inst., and that is this (which perhaps no one in this country but the recipients of the paper are as yet aware of): "The Rifle Exercises and Musketry Instructions have been revised, and the new regulation will be issued immediately. At least so a General Order says. We wonders what the revision will consist? No official work stands more in need of revision perhaps, than the musketry regulations, but if any are hoping to find the work simplified we fear they will be sadly disappointed."

This I consider an "important piece of news," which, perhaps, our authorities are not yet aware of, and I trust that our forces will not be behind the age in having the "new regulations" served out to them, as soon as issued.

Can you inform us in what the revision will consist of?

Your obedient servant,  
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Montreal, October 24th, 1874.

P.S.—Do the "mounted officers" (adjutants included) know they are entitled to wear the "Sabretache" when mounted? Perhaps this is another "important piece of news" for some of our "Army." I would advise all mounted officers to obtain it, for it is handy on parade or in the field, as I have myself have found it.

## FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Montreal, 20th October, 1874.

A very large crowd of spectators were reminded of the old garrison days of the "Chimp de Mars" on Saturday last, the 24th instant, by the parade for inspection of that old and popular regiment the Prince of Wales V. Rifles, under the command of Lieut. Colonel F. Bond, Colonel Fletcher, C.M.G., the D. A. General of the District, accompanied by Lieut. Colonel Bacon, B. Major, and three officers of his staff, were received with the usual honors, and the inspecting officer then proceeded to make a most minute inspection of the corps, after which the march past was executed in a manner most creditable to their drill and discipline, the manual and firing exercises as well as several battalion movements were steadily performed, Colonel Bond proving himself quite up to his duty as commanding officer of this really crack rifle battalion, in which he is ably seconded by his officers and non commissioned officers. At the conclusion of the parade, Colonel Fletcher in a brief but expressive address conveyed to Colonel Bond and the officers his great satisfaction of the smart, soldierly, and fine appearance made on this occasion by the Prince of Wales' Rifles, reminding them that he had once the honour of being a member of the same and trusting that their motto, "*nullus secundus*" would ever be kept in view.

The Victoria Rifles, or as they are familiarly called the "Vics" are to be inspected on the 31st inst., and will doubtless keep up their old reputation, as a generous rivalry exists between them and the Prince of Wales Rifles, which is doubtless beneficial in many points of view. The 6th, the only red coated corps in the city with the exception of the Engineers, are to be inspected at an early date, as well as the Garrison Artillery and the Montreal Cavalry Troop. This latter corps is virtually under the command of Major Muir, though that officer's resignation has been sent in a long time past, but not yet officially gazetted, in the meantime Lieut. Tees is acting as Captain, attending all drills, without holding his long promised rank.

The Drill Shed is still unroofed, and there seems little chance of its being again available for our city corps, who in consequence suffer considerable inconvenience.

Mr. Marton, gunsmith, of this city, and a relative of the famous "Joe Marton," is taking out a patent for a new breech loading rifle which is highly spoken of.

The funeral of Major Robinson, formerly of the Prince of Wales Rifles, was attended by Colonel Dyde, and a number of his old brother officers and friends. His death was very sudden.

The French War Minister has just decided that Generals of Division may accord authorisation to marry to young men incriminated for service, but whose class has not been called "into activity."