

Notice.

The issue of this number of the *Military Review*, was delayed, in consequence of the Printing Office being moved from Quebec to Kingston, during the past month.

Sir A. T. Galt at the Canada Club Banquet.

Sir A. T. Galt was entertained at a banquet in the city of London by the Canada Club on the evening of Wednesday the 2nd of June. On that occasion, in response to the toast "The prosperity of the Dominion, the honourable gentleman in the course of his first speech in England in his new capacity, made the following weighty remarks—of the greatest significance at the present moment—which will be heartily appreciated by all loyal subjects of "Greater Britain"—

He said, I have been asked what particular object is to be gained in having an official like myself here. My mission is to alter that policy, to alter the feeling which permits a British subject to leave this country and wander west north and south. My business is to show that Canada offers special advantages to British emigrants. I desire that my influence may be such that we may secure as subjects of the Queen, those who from necessity or choice seek for a home across the Atlantic. I cannot help referring to this as

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by British statesmen. England spent in one hundred and fifty years countless thousands of lives and not less millions of money in creating the greatest colonial empire the world ever saw. With a degree of wisdom and sagacity never surpassed they have provided constitutional government in the different sections of the great empire. They raised self-governing communities in Canada, in Australia, in New Zealand and at the Cape of Good Hope. Yet strange to say, having completed their work to the point that it apparently ceases to be a burden to the country, the inventive genius of British statesmen fails. They say, "Let them go." Is not that a reproach? To conclude in one word: Let it be remembered that the whole world never can again offer an opportunity of creating such an Empire as owns the sway of Queen Victoria to-day. If we allow the present moment to pass, if the colonies flit away from the Mother Country, never again by any possibility can the present position come back where you are to-day. I trust that the able men who rule England, their sagacity and their abilities, will be employed in endeavoring to see whether the interests of this country, not by itself, but as a part of the British Empire, cannot be better served by bringing about a closer union of the colonies with the Mother Country than by looking upon it in a selfish interest, be it of Canada or of England.

Militia Items.

"A" and "B" Batteries, C. A., have exchanged stations, the former left Kingston on Monday, the 14th ult., by steamer *Magnet*, and arrived in Quebec, on Wednesday morning following, the latter embarked on the evening of the same day, and arrived at Kingston on the morning of Saturday the 19th ult., the *Magnet* having been delayed a considerable time whilst passing through the canals.

The Royal Scots, Montreal have been compelled to give up their contemplated trip to Toronto and Niagara Falls this summer on account of the ex., and are now preparing for their camp on St. Helen's Island.

—Three Batteries of the Quebec Garrison Artillery were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Strange, R. A., I. of A., in the drill shed, Quebec, on the evening of the 3rd ult. The brigade is commanded by Major Hamel, and although two of the batteries have only just been raised, the appearance of the men and the manner in which the evolutions were performed were highly creditable.

—On Saturday the 19th ult., the annual inspection of the Governor General's Body Guard, took place on the garrison common, Toronto. The men went through their field and parade movements in good form, and especially did themselves credit in marching past. They were highly complimented by Col. Durie, and after a march out, prizes were distributed to the smartest soldiers, Sergeant Rawbone of B troop taking the first and Trooper Bury the second. In sword exercise Corpl. McQuillan took the squadron prize, and Trooper McGregor and Sergt. Rawbone, those of their respective troops.

—The 12th Battalion of York Rangers went into camp at Aurora, on the 24th ult., where they put in their eight days' drill.

—Lt.-Col. Kerr commanding the 14th P. O. W. Rifles, (Kingston,) gave a supper to the battalion band, at the Windsor Hotel, on the evening of the 19th ult.—The repast was prepared with the intention of entertaining the musicians after having welcomed "B" Battery upon their arrival from Quebec, to take up their quarters at Kingston, but unfortunately the *Magnet* did not arrive at the time expected, so that the original programme was not carried out, however, Col. Kerr and his officers were not to be defrauded, by mere time, out of their kind and friendly intentions, and after spending a most agreeable and pleasant evening, met the steamer at the wharf and played in the battery, at the small hours of two in the morning. The extreme kindness of this act of camaraderie on the part of Col. Kerr, the officers and the band of the 14th is to be greatly applauded, and was highly appreciated by the officers and men of "B" Battery. This may be taken as a sample of the open heartedness of "Kingstonians."

—Ottawa Field Battery.—This fine field battery has been encamped during the past month at Tara Hall, near Ottawa, undergoing their annual course of training. The battery is commanded by Major Stewart, who has for his officers Lieutenants Coutlee and Evans, Surgeon Bentley and Veterinary Surgeon Harris. Major Stewart is determined to have his corps the best in the field. The gallant Major had the company out on Monday the 28th ult., for field drill and blank firing, all through the drenching rain. The men responded to their commander with true military zeal, and presented a fine martial appearance. On Wednesday the 30th, they had target and shell practice at Borthwick's springs (Mer Bleu); and made the magnificent score of 513 points; Lt. Cole, R.S.G., Umpire, Staff-Sergeant Howard, B.B., range duty. On Friday the 2nd inst., they were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Montzambert, "B" Battery, C. A., for Lt.-Col. Strange, I. of A., who expressed himself as very much pleased at what he had seen, and from the manner in which the drills and evolutions had been carried out, it not only spoke well of the efficiency of both officers and men, but likewise of the pains the former must, evidently, have taken in imparting such knowledge to those under their command. The Battery was also inspected by Lt.-Col. Jackson, D.A.G. Major Stewart and officers entertained at dinner, at their camp on the evening of the 29th ult., a large party of Ottawa gentlemen in a most hospitable manner. The militia is to be congratulated upon having such officers in its service.