

going through some preliminary exercises; the crowd rushes past us, brushing against our editorial coat, and treading upon our editorial corns and knocking off our editorial hat utterly regardless of any respect due to our editorial presence. There is an unusual flutter near the "grand stand." Plainly the important moment is near at hand. The brave old 60th, conscious of the important part they are going to take in the programme, march proudly past, take up position in line, and at command of their gallant Colonel—who appears in the full uniform pertaining to his rank, carrying on his breast his decoration as companion of St Michael and St. George, and wearing the magnificent gold mounted sword lately presented to him by the citizens of Ottawa—form three sides of a square. Every one is now on tip-toe of expectation and breathless excitement. Discerning the well developed figure, in his clerical robes, of our revered friend, the Rev. Geo. Slack, the highly esteemed incumbent of Bedford, who has been called on to officiate as chaplain, we plant ourselves immovably by him, knowing that we shall both see and hear all there is to be seen and heard. We have chosen our ground admirably. We are soon surrounded by all the notables of the county, and we draw out our note-book to take note of who those notables are. First, as occupying the foremost rank in public attention just now, are the County Council of Missisquoi, composed of the Hon. Thos. Wood, M. L. A., Warden, and Councillors Selby, Pattison, Gough, Yates, Smith, Bowker, Farrell and Krans, and scattered promiscuously about are G. B. Baker M. P. Lt. Col. Fletcher, C. M. G. Lt. Col. Miller, 52nd Battalion, Revd. Duvernet and Montgomery and other clergymen whose names we did not learn, Thos. Capsey, W. Dickinson, W. W. Smith, Dr. Brigham, M. P. P., (Surgeon of the 60th) W. W. Lynch F. G. Deslivieres, Dr. Meigs, Geo. Claves, Robert Macfie, Messrs Herick, Geo. D. Baker & Co. All being in readiness the chaplain proceeds with the regular

CONSECRATION SERVICE.

Placing himself beside the drum on which the colors rested he announced and the choir sung in a most creditable manner the following hymn:

When Israel's Chief in days of yore,
Thy banner, Lord, hung out,
Old Kishon's tide ran red with gore,
Dre was the Pagan rout.

And later, when the Roman's eye
Turned upward in despair,
The Cross, that flickered in the sky,
Made answer to his prayer.

So, Lord, to us, Thy suppliants now,
Bend Thou a gracious ear,
And mark, and register the vow
We make before Thee here.

Through fire and steel, 'mid woe or woe,
Unwavering and in faith,
Where'er these sacred banners go,
We'll follow to the death.

We'll follow, strengthened by the might
That comes of trust in Thee,
And if we conquer in the fight,
Thine shall the glory be;

Or if Thy wisdom wing the bail,
And life or limb be given,
The Cross we gaze on as we fall
Shall point the way to Heaven.

The chaplain then recited in a clear and audible voice, the Lord's prayer; the prayer asking the "Lord of Lords, and King of Kings" to grant his blessing to the colors, a prayer for the Queen, and finally the benediction.

This impressive service concluded, the beautiful colors were unfurled, the senior and junior ensigns advanced to the front, and received the colors kneeling from the hands of Mrs. Wood, the accomplished wife

of the Warden. The Warden then stepped forward and read and presented to Col. Chamberlin the following

ADDRESS.

To Lieut.-Col. Chamberlin, C. M. G., the Officers and Men of the 60th Battalion Missisquoi Volunteers:

The County Council having resolved to mark its appreciation of the gallant services rendered by you in repelling the late Fenian invasion, it becomes my duty as Warden of the county, to give expression to those sentiments of gratitude which we all feel for the brave and gallant manner in which, one year ago to-morrow, you drove back the ruthless horde, whose avowed aim was to carry the desolation and horrors of war into our peaceful fields and happy homes, and to overturn the authority of our Queen, whom we loyally respect and love. And I am commissioned to present to you, on behalf of the County Council, this Stand of Colors appropriately inscribed, as a token that your brave and loyal conduct is not unappreciated or forgotten by the people of this county.

The importance of the action of the 25th of May last must not be estimated by immediate results the number engaged, or the number of lives lost, but by the moral effect which it has produced; the proof it gave to the world that we are able and willing to defend our country whenever occasion requires.

Allow me to express the hope that, should another occasion arise, when you may again be called upon to defend your country, that the sight of these Colors waving over you, will so nerve your arms for the encounter, and infuse such a patriotic spirit into your hearts, that your foes will be powerless to stand before you, and will receive at your hands a reception as warm and effective as at Eccles Hill.

(Signed.) THOS. WOOD, Warden.
Bedford May 24th, 1871.

To which Col. Chamberlin, made the following

REPLY:

I pray you to accept, Mr. Warden, for yourself and the County Council of Missisquoi, the sincere thanks on the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 60th Battalion as well as my own, for the very handsome and appropriate gift you have just made to the citizen soldiers of the county, and the kind words with which you have accompanied the presentation. It adds something to the value of the gift that it comes to us on the birthday of the gracious Sovereign whom we all delight to serve.

Following a custom of the mother country when county magnates are wont to present colors to regiments raised within the limits of their shires and county name, you present us our first colors, which you are good enough to hold that we have earned by defence of the frontier.

You have said, Mr. Warden, that the engagement at Eccles Hill, last year, should be judged of rather by its effects than the numbers engaged or slain. The land pirates who assailed us were taught that their experience of 1866 could not be repeated, that they could not venture upon our soil in hostile guise for the shortest distance or briefest period and escape with impunity. There is some hope that the lesson will be remembered.

It was easy to fight against such men in such a cause, for our flag, our homes and all men hold dear. We fought beside comrades also, Mr. Warden, who, unwilling to under-

go the wholesome restraints of discipline or useful drudgery of drill with us, were yet eager to defend their homes and knew how to use their rifles with effect. With so good a cause and such comrades it was hardly possible to fail, Providence granted us an easy victory. Had our task been arduous, or our perils greater you manifest a willingness to believe we should have shrunk from neither.

Judging like yourselves of the affair, the commander in chief of the militia has permitted the battalion to inscribe the words, Eccles Hill on its colors for ever, and Her Majesty has sought to honor the battalion and the loyal and sturdy yeomen of Missisquoi by conferring a decoration on him, who, however unworthily at the time, commanded the one and represented the other in parliament.

Such recognition of services as these and that which the county council have awarded to the 60th will tend to make service in it and other corps of our Canadian militia most honorable in the eyes of all.

It will stimulate our youth to greater zeal in the discharge of this paramount duty to wards their Queen and country, and be assured, Mr. Warden, that whether it falls to the lot of these who now form the battalion, or those who succeed them, to defend these emblems of military honor, and our fellow countrymen's esteem, the Missisquoi volunteers will never basely surrender them. Our legend bids us "Watch the Front—Watch Well." It will be our pride to plant and to maintain these colors there.

THE COLORS.

We have already given a description of the colors in these columns. We repeat that description here:

The colors are of heavy silk, attached with silver mixed cords and tassels to staffs of lances with silver spear heads. On the staff of the Regimental colors is affixed a silver shield on which is inscribed "Presented by the County Council of Missisquoi."

The Queen's Colors are a red, white and blue Ensign trimmed with a heavy fringe of red silk and silver thread. A crown is worked in the centre with white and colored silk and underneath is the numeral of the regiment in Roman characters in pure silver.

The Regimental colors are a blue field with rich blue silk and silver fringe, with a Union Jack in first corner, red centre surrounded with a rose and crown, with the words "Missisquoi Infantry" around the circle and the number of the Regiment, LX, in the centre in silver; the whole surrounded with a wreath of maple leaves beautifully worked with green silk. Above is inscribed in a semi circle with black silk on a white ground the words "Eccles' Hill," and below the motto of the Regiment "Watch the front, watch well." In the second, third and fourth corners appear a shamrock leaf worked with dark green silk.

They cost a little over \$200.

The presentation over, the Battalion band (which under the leadership of Prof. MacFarland, and through the exertions of Capt. Sigby, has attained a rare degree of efficiency as a volunteer band) struck up the national anthem, the regiment reformed into line, and the color party took up their position. Col. Chamberlin giving the word of command, the troops wheeled to the left and marched to another part of the ground, where a

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in honor of the day was fired, and other exercises gone through with, such as marching past in slow and quick-time, &c.