

CANADIAN MILITARY NEWS.

We understand the Volunteer picnic at Bayfield, on Tuesday last, was a grand success, and reflected great credit upon the Volunteers of Bayfield. The Clinton Company received a very kind invitation from their comrades to be present, but were not able to respond as a company.—*Clinton New Era*.

We clip the following from the *Whitby Gazette*:—At the celebration of the Birthday of the New Dominion, Major Button's Cavalry Troop, from Markham, was the first of the military gentlemen who made their appearance. They are as fine a looking body of men as the country can turn out, from one end of the Dominion to the other, and their soldiery bearing and gentlemanly conduct during the entire day, added much to their already good name. The Markham Cavalry added a charm to the whole affair; their charges on the squares elicited rounds of cheers from the spectators.

FENIAN EXPEDITION.—The *New York Tribune* says:—"The Fenian excitement is reviving in this city, and the authorities of the Brotherhood predict that within three months Canada's population will be increased by thirty thousand men, in green and gold, armed and equipped for the campaign. In the arsenal on Fourth st there are 15,000 uniforms, and twice that number of rifles, with fixed ammunition. The name of the leader that is to be has not yet been spoken in public, but hints are thrown out about an officer of high rank in the Federal Army, who has handled large and small bodies of troops skilfully during the late war; but a rumor also exists that unless an organized army of 30,000 men, well equipped and officered, is prepared for him, he will not accept the commanding generalship. In the West, and in the New England States, everything is reported ready for strife, and Manhattan is only delinquent to the extent of raising her quota of 5,000 men."

THE TROOPS FOR CANADA.—The Malta correspondent of the *Times*, writing on the 23rd ult., says:—"Her Majesty's screw iron troopship 'Tamar,' Capt. F. W. Sullivan, C. B., arrived here at 8.30 a. m. on the 22nd inst., from Portsmouth in 14, and Queenstown in 10 days, having on board the 31st Regiment, commanded by Col. Eager, and consisting of 31 officers, 679 non-commissioned officers and soldiers, 77 women, and 68 children. She also had on board a few men of other corps. The troops disembarked in the forenoon in excellent order at the Hay wharf, in the Marsamuscetto harbour, and marched round to Pembroke barracks, at St. George's Bay. The 31st relieves the 29th, which will embark in the 'Tamar' about the last day of June or 1st day of July for Quebec. The 1st battalion 8th Regiment will then be transferred from Verdala barracks to St. Elmo, now occupied by the 29th, and the 31st will take the place of the 1st battalion 8th Regiment. The next to proceed from this garrison to Canada is a portion of the 3rd Brigade, Royal Artillery. These troops will be conveyed to their destination by the screw iron ship 'Simoon,' Capt. J. B. Lethbridge, which is expected here from Portsmouth in the course of the week for that purpose. The remainder of the Brigade and the 1st battalion 60th Rifles will follow in the autumn. The 60th will be relieved by the 14th Regiment."

EXPEDITION.—The London *Prototype* says:—"It is reported that the British Government are about to establish a permanent garrison at British Columbia. In consequence, three barrack sergeants from Canada are ordered *en route*, overland, to that station."

DEATH OF CAPT. W. D. SPEAR.—*Singular Dream.*—It is with unfeigned regret that we notice in our Mississippi exchanges the death of an officer well known to the citizens and garrison of Quebec. Capt. W. D. Spear passed the last winter among us, taking up his quarters with some friends in the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineer mess. He had formerly served in the Boothan campaign, in India; and being a gentleman of easy means, with much enterprise, was fond not only of travel but of the adventures often attached to exchange of scene, and which from time immemorial have always had especial attractions for Englishmen. This spring he made a long tour through the States and West Indies, with Major Leslie, R. A., returning only for a few days, to set out again on what has, alas! proved his last expedition. Strange to say, he stated to several gentlemen just before setting out that he had had a dream in which he distinctly saw a coffin with the name "W. D. Spear, died 17th June, 1867." on it; and in writing to a lady, about three weeks ago, he said in joke that one reason for addressing her was his own approaching end as foreshadowed by his dream. The date of his death is not known, but it must have been on the day he named or very near it. It appears that he was going to his cabin on board the Mississippi steamer, which was at anchor somewhere in the neighborhood of the Indian disturbances, when in the middle of the night he was shot dead by a sentry, who omitted to challenge him. Lieut. Terry, of the Rifle Brigade, whose property in England adjoins that of the deceased gentleman, has, we are told, started to investigate the circumstances connected with the lamentable and tragic end of his friend, and which, it need hardly be said, has thrown a gloom over many a social circle in our hospitable city.—*Quebec Mercury*.

WOLFE'S MONUMENT.—If the memory of Wolfe and Montcalm is worth preserving at all, it should be done decently, it should not be scandalized by that pile of disjointed stones, which disfigure the Governor's Garden. A more shameful object does not exist in any community. It is actually now on the verge of falling down, and a good gale would cause it to crumble to the earth.—Wolfe and Montcalm are worthy of being preserved, and we think there is public spirit enough in our citizens if not in our corporation, to cause this ruin to be removed and a proper monument erected in its stead. If it were not in such a state we would recommend the use of plaster, but it has gone beyond that, it is bent and burst in such a way that its falling is imminent. Our public monuments should be dear treasures to us, for they bind us to that worship of virtue of heroism in others, which not only tends to elevate our manhood, but is in every sense calculated to make us better citizens. Those who do not appreciate the lessons which monuments teach would do well to look into that volume of the British essayist which was written by the late Sir Archibald Allison, and in an essay which he has devoted to monuments they will learn, that they greatly influence

the manner of a people. These "tongues of stone" are not so mute as people think, and those who are forgotten to the memories of the virtuous, and the brave are unworthy themselves to be remembered. We hope that some action will be taken for the erection of a suitable monument in the garden, for the delapidated stone pile now standing there, will very shortly crumble upon the gravel walks which irradiate from its base.—*Quebec Daily News*.

PRESENTATION TO MAJOR CROFT.—On Tuesday evening, 9th instant, the officers of the "Queen's Own" met for dinner at the "Ter-rapin." The table was spread with all the delicacies of the season served up in Mr. Carlisle's best style. Captain Edwards occupied the chair, and was supported on his right by Lieut.-Col. Gillmor, Major Croft, Surgeon Thorburn and Captain and Paymaster Harris, and on the left Majors Dixon and Brown, Assistant Surgeon May, Captain and Quartermaster Jackson, and Captain and Adjutant Otter. The remaining officers of the regiment were seated around the tables. The band of the regiment was present and furnished appropriate music. After justice had been done to the substantial the chairman in fitting terms, proposed the usual loyal and patriotic toasts. The chairman on behalf of the officers then presented to Major Croft (who has just retired with promotion after five years service as Captain of the University Rifles) a handsome camp basket, of imitation wicker work, in silver, containing requisites for daily use while under canvas. Captain Edwards in making the presentation, spoke briefly as follows:—"Major Croft, we have invited you to be with us this evening that we might have an opportunity of expressing to you our sincere regret at being compelled by unavoidable circumstances to lose from our 'Duty Roster' the name of a gentleman whose presence on parade has always been felt as a compliment to the force with which you have so long been connected. Your efforts in promoting and maintaining the efficiency of the 9th company and your continued exertions for our welfare as a regiment, will be remembered as worthy of emulation by each of us. We, whom you leave to copy your patriotic example, beg permission to inscribe your name on our honorary roll and request that as often as possible you will encourage us with your esteemed presence on parade and at our customary rifle contests. Though regretting to lose your name from our service roll we are pleased to know that your past services have been recognized by well earned promotion. On behalf of the officers I beg you to accept of this camp basket. We offer it hoping that for many years to come it may be looked upon by you as a pleasing reminder of the intimate relations that have so long and cordially existed between us as officers of the Queen's Own Rifles." Major Croft, in returning thanks for the honor conferred on him by the reception, and by the entirely unexpected and handsome memorial, begged to assure the company, that if the proudest, it was certainly not the happiest moment for him, as he found great difficulty in replying to the very flattering expressions which had fallen from Capt. Edwards. The occasion, also, was not a happy one to him, as if inaugurated, as it were, his severance from the battalion with which he had been so long connected, and in which he had taken so much interest. It was also the severance between himself and those gentlemen with whom he had been so long acquainted, and to whom he was indebted for constant kindness and consideration. In deprecating the