

LIEUT.-COL. OUMET, Q.C., M.P.

COLONEL OUMET having been the subject of so much discussion and speculation by the daily newspapers during the present week, his portrait will be contemplated just now with unusual interest. He is descended from one of the oldest families in the district of Montreal; was born May 20, 1848, educated at the Seminary of St. Therese de Blainville, and graduated as L.L.B. at Victoria College, Cobourg, 1869. He was married in 1874 to Theresa, daughter to Mons. Alf. L. Rocque, of Montreal. Col. Oumet was called to the bar of Lower Canada in 1870, and received his silk gown in 1880. He is a member of the firm of Desnoyers, Oumet, and Oumet, of Montreal, and is a director of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank. He was first returned to Parliament for Levis in 1873, and was re-elected by acclamation at the general elections in 1874 and 1878; also at the last general election. He is a Liberal-Conservative in politics, pronounces strongly in favor of continued British connection and the carrying out of the principles of confederation. He is also a supporter of the National Policy.

THE HON. A. P. CARON.

THE portrait of the Minister of Militia represents him in the official costume of a Cabinet Minister, commonly called the "Windsor" uniform, which is of dark-blue cloth with gold lace ornamentation. It is, of course, only worn on State occasions. The subject of the portrait is, as we learn from the *Parliamentary Companion*, the eldest surviving son of the late Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec. He was born in the Ancient Capital in 1843, educated at the Seminary of Quebec, at Laval and McGill Universities, at which latter institution he graduated at B.C.L. He married the only daughter of the late Hon. Francois Baby. He is a member of the law firm of Andrews, Caron & Andrews, Quebec, and was appointed a Q.C. in 1879. He represents the County of Quebec in Parliament, and was sworn of the Privy Council and appointed Minister of Militia in 1880. He is a Liberal-Conservative in politics and a warm personal friend of Sir John Macdonald. Since the portfolio of Militia and Defence was entrusted to him, he has shown both zeal and ability, and even his political opponents will not be disposed to deny him a due share of the credit which attaches to the head of a Department that has borne the recent unusual strain with a higher degree of efficiency than might have been expected.

LIEUT. J. D. HAY, ROYAL GRENADIERS.

LIEUT. HAY, who is a son of Mr. Robert Hay, M.P., received his appointment as second lieutenant on the 4th of January last, and is now in hopes of winning his spurs as a member of Col. Otter's brigade approaching Battleford. The likeness is a good one.

CAPT. WALTER TODD, G.G.F.G.

It being impossible to spare the civil services of many members of the 1st Battalion Governor-General's Foot Guards during the session of Parliament, the patriotism of Capt. Todd in offering the services of a company of chosen marksmen, belonging to that corps, was too praiseworthy to meet with non-acceptance. Capt. Todd is Assistant Librarian of the Parliamentary Library, and a nephew of the late Librarian, who was so highly esteemed as an authority on all details of parliamentary practice. He is a thorough soldier and a crack rifle shot. We have received an admirable photograph of the company as paraded on the platform of the C. P. R. station, Winnipeg, which will appear in our next issue.

CAPT. P. D. HUGHES, Q.O.R.

THOUGH one of the junior captains of his corps, having only been gazetted to his company since he left for the front, the subject of our illustration is one of the most able and enthusiastic officers of a favorite Toronto battalion. We regret that in the mechanical act of "transferring" this particular picture, the lithographer should have done injustice to our artist by showing Capt. Hughes wearing his cross belt over the wrong shoulder. "Accidents will happen in the best regulated families," and, ours not having at present been thoroughly "licked into shape," miscarriages like this are inevitable. All who know Capt. Hughes, however, recognize him as an officer with the hawk's eye of an adjutant for military details, though characterized withal by social qualities that have established him as a general favorite among all ranks of his comrades. Capt. Hughes is a son of Mr. Patrick Hughes, senior member of the well-known firm of Hughes Bros., dry goods merchants, Yonge-street.

TRIAL PRACTICE WITH THE GAT-LINGS.

AMONGST the most important and valuable inventions in firearms of which the present century has been prolific there is none (unless, perhaps, the Gardner, used by the British troops in Egypt) so well adapted to cope with a numerous enemy at close quarters as the Gatling. Our illustration shows Lieutenant Howard, of the National Guard of Connecticut, demonstrating, for the instruction of the artillerymen of B Battery, the destructive purpose to which this engine of warfare can be applied. A flock of wild geese enjoying the luxury of a bath in one of the numerous lakelets on the prairie in the vicinity of Swift Current were the sufferers by the experiment, which successfully furnished variety of fare at many a camp fire that evening. Though the sketch brings the feathered "enemy" rather close to the group in the foreground, we have not ventured to question the integrity of the representation, knowing the surprising degree of "misplaced confidence" occasionally exhibited by wild fowl in the North-West Territories. Though we hope, when in possession of fuller information, to publish a more detailed description of the Gatling gun and the method of charging it, a brief explanation of the manner in which it is worked is now opportune. A leather strap which passes under the socket of the yoke is slung over the shoulders of the gunner, allowing him to depress or lower the muzzle by stooping or raising his body, while, as his body fits into the yoke itself, any desired lateral motion can easily be communicated. Either of these motions can be checked by mechanical appliances, when the proper range has been got. The gun is supplied from feed cases, containing forty cartridges each, which fit into a hopper communicating with the chambers of the ten barrels; as soon as one case is emptied another takes its place, and thus continuous firing is kept up at the rate of over 1,000 shots per minute. The several operations of loading, firing and extracting are carried on automatically at the will of the operator who handles the crank.

THE MIDLAND BATTALION,

WHICH had just pitched camp at Winnipeg, in front of Manitoba College, had no sooner made themselves comfortable than orders arrived to proceed to the front. Our illustration shows the march down Main-street to the railway station. This battalion is commanded by Lieut.-Col. A. T. H. Williams, M.P., one of the Conservative whips, and part of it has been detailed as the escort of the steamers leaving Swift Current with supplies for General Middleton's forces.

LIEUT. MORROW, ROYAL GRENADIERS.

We present this week a portrait of Lieut. Morrow, Royal Grenadiers, the officer who was accidentally shot at Camp Desolation. The circumstances were as follows:—Lieut. Morrow was sitting on the side of a bunk in the telegraph tent. On the opposite side of the tent were Lieut. Eliot and Surgeon Ryerson engaged in conversation with Mr. Fox, the special correspondent of the *Mail*. The latter was exhibiting a new revolver to Lieut. Eliot, and while explaining the action, the weapon, which was a self-cocking 38-calibre, was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the thigh of Lieut. Morrow about six inches above the knee. Mr. Fox was quite paralyzed by the unlooked-for occurrence. Lieut. Morrow, on the other hand, who was half asleep when struck by the bullet, took the matter very coolly, merely asking if anyone else was hit besides himself. Dr. Ryerson did all that was possible for the wounded man, and in the course of the day he was sent back to the C. P. R. hospital at Dog Lake, and thence to the General Hospital, Toronto, where, we are pleased to learn, he is progressing favorably. Since the issue of our last number we have been informed by Capt. Spencer that the hut in which the accident occurred is shown in the view of Desolation Camp that appeared on page 5 of the third number of the ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS, and we have his authority for saying that this sketch supplied by Mr. Curzon is very correct in its details, and that the scene will readily be recognized by anyone who witnessed it.

THE Intelligence Corps, fifty strong, principally surveyors who have worked in the North-West, have arrived at Swift Current, and will join General Middleton by boat. They are under the command of J. S. Dennis, jr., and are armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers, and are mounted on native ponies.



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