

CANADIAN ITEMS.

We are informed the Wellington Battalion Brass Band will give a concert in the Drill Shed, Flora, in a short time. A rare treat may be expected as the Band is said to be a tip top one.

PERSONAL.—We are glad to hear that Capt. Labranche, Adjutant of the Chasseur Canadiens, has been appointed Assistant-Adjutant and Interpreter to the Military School, this being the first appointment of the kind.

CAPTAIN POPE, Burry Infantry Company, Compton, was lately the recipient of a handsome sword, presented to him by the Company through the hands of Lieut. Col. King. This young officer is a very enthusiastic volunteer.

MILITARY FUNERAL.—On Tuesday afternoon the mortal remains of Gunner Clements, formerly of the Ottawa Field Battery, were conveyed to their last resting place followed by a large number of the members of his corps. The funeral proceeded from the residence of Sergeant Davis, on Rideau street, to the Cemetery at Sandy Hill, where the last tribute of military respect was paid by the Battery to the remains of their old companion in arms.

DEATH OF A VOLUNTEER.—Mr. Larrett Smith, formerly of No. 6 Company, 13th Battalion, died on Friday. The deceased suffered impaired health from hardship and exposure during the Fenian campaign of 1866, from which he never recovered, although having sought the recuperating influence of a warmer climate during the past year. The funeral will take place at Toronto to-morrow, and will be attended by a firing party of the 13th Battalion.—*Hamilton Times*.

The 14th Battalion, Kingston, has one of the best Volunteer Bands in the Dominion. It is under the direction of Mr. Hindmarsh, late of the Royal Canadian Rifles, who deserves great praise for the attention he has bestowed upon it and the high state of excellence it has attained under his direction. The officers of this Battalion have done themselves great credit in raising and maintaining this Band, and it speaks well for their spirit and enterprise.

VOLUNTEER BALL.—The Ball of No. 1 Company of the Ottawa Provisional Battalion of Rifles, which took place last night, at the St. Patrick's Hall, was a most brilliant success. The members of the corps, and their friends, civilian and military, were present in full force. The room was handsomely decorated with flags, evergreens, transparencies and military emblems, arranged in a style which spoke highly for the taste of those interested with the ornamentation of the room. The fair sex was present in large numbers, and their bright and floating dresses formed a graceful contrast to the sombre uniforms of their gallant partners. The indispensable Gowan furnished the sole stirring music, to which dancing was kept up for some hours after midnight,

when the company separated delighted with the evening they had spent. The supper was furnished by Mrs. Proderick, in the Institute Canadian, in capital and bountiful style. Among those present we noticed the Commandant, Lieutenant Colonel Wily, Major Grant, Ottawa Provisional Battalion, Major Senle, 43rd Carleton Battalion, Dr. Wilson, Civil Service Rifles, Captains May and McGillivray, Ottawa Provisional Battalion, Capt. and Adj. Ross, Civil Service Rifles, Lieutenant Mowat, Quartermaster Lang, and several other officers of the Garrison. We also noticed Mr. Alderman Hunter and several other gentlemen of the City. Nothing could exceed the pleasant way in which the whole affair passed off, and it will long be remembered with pleasure by the friends of the corps who enjoyed their hospitality on the occasion.—*Ottawa Citizen*.

MARBLETON VOLUNTEERS.—An inspection by Col. King of the arms and evolutions of the above company of Rifles took place on the 31st ult., in their Drill Shed, at the village of Marbleton. The Gallant Colonel after a scrutinizing examination of the arms and a somewhat protracted view of their military movements, highly complimented the men on their efficiency and soldierly appearance. We particularly noted this point in his address,—that they were men of fine stature and of the right age to meet the enemy. The athletic Captain of this company is H. G. Weyland Esq., and the Lieut. and Drill Instructor is W. Weyland Esq., whose untiring zeal and capability the efficiency of this Company is chiefly due.

The Colonel pledged himself to make honorable mention to the Militia Department of the merits of the Marbleton Company and their excellent Drill Instructor.

At the close three hearty cheers were given for Her Majesty, three for the gallant Col. and three for Capt. Pope of the Burry Company who was also present on the occasion.

Their new Drill Shed is completed, and is a credit to the enterprise of the place. This is the only one within the patriotic division of Richmond and Wolfe. None of the other places can afford to build a Drill Shed. Poor D—!s!—*Richmond Guardian*.

CANTATA ON CONFEDERATION.—This Canadian musical composition was last night produced for the first time, before a large, brilliant and appreciative audience, in the City Hall. The Hall was crowded to the utmost capacity, vast as that is, with the fairest of Canadian ladies, and the manliest men, many gay uniforms relieving the sombre dress of the majority of the audience. As for the ladies, the national song abundantly describes them; so we can only say—

“Vive la Canadienne
Et ses jolis yeau doux.”

At eight o'clock the Hon. Mr. Cartier was escorted into the Hall to the front of the platform by His Worship the Mayor and a brilliant staff, the vast audience rising and remained standing till the Hon. Mr. Cartier had taken his seat. A guard of honor from the Chasseurs Canadiens, under command of Captain Napoleon Beaudry, was stationed at the entrance, and presented arms as the Minister of Militia entered. Mrs. Cartier and Mrs. Starnes accompanied him.

Among the officers in attendance on Mr. Cartier, were Major General Russell, commanding Her Majesty's regular troops, Lieut. Col. Thackwell, D. A. G., Lieut. Col. Earle, Mil. Sec., and Sir Henry Havelock. The Volunteers were represented by Col. Dyde, Commandant, Lieut. Col. David, A. A. G. of cavalry, Lieut. Col. MacPherson, D. A. G. Mil., Lieut. Col. Bacon, Brigade Major, Lieut. Col. Tetu, Chasseurs Canadiens, Lieut. Col. Hill, P. of W. Rifles, Lieut. Col. Stevenson, Montreal Field Battery, Dr. Nelson, Brigade Surgeon, Major Belle, Brigade Paymaster, Major Nelson, Capt. Robinson, &c. &c.

A heartier ovation could not have been paid to any man, and the graceful and popular recognition of Mr. Cartier's services to his country and his nationality impressed all favorably. The political public is not altogether ungrateful.—*Montreal Gazette*.

THE MAN WHO SHOT AT QUEEN VICTORIA.

The *British Medical Journal* says:—After twenty seven years of confinement in a criminal lunatic asylum, during which his conduct has been exemplary, and no traces have appeared of mental aberration, Oxford, the bootboy, who shot at her Majesty in St. James' Park; has been liberated. During this time many appeals have been made in his behalf by influential persons who have had the opportunity of watching his demeanor and gauging his character. His own story has always been, and was so consistently from the first, that the pistol which he fired was not loaded. It will be remembered that no bullet was ever found. He attributes the criminal act which he has expiated by long immurement and which, under a less merciful government, must have cost his life, inordinate vanity, fostered by a variety of trivial circumstances in his domestic life, and training on which we need not dwell, and which led to a senseless desire to attain notoriety by some means; and this foolish and criminal impulse led to his lamentable crime. He has occupied his time in a certain amount of self education, of which the means have been granted to him at Broadmoor, and in the asylum in which he was formerly confined, and has become a tolerable linguist. He has also taught himself, and practiced graining, which he does sufficiently well to make a living. He has also been mercifully released, but has been very properly prohibited from remaining in or visiting England. Whether directly insane at the time of his offence, or led by a miserable love of notoriety, it is very right that the person of the Sovereign should be protected from the vanity of a man who, at however distant a period, could commit the cowardly outrage of which he was the perpetrator.”

A SCREECH FROM THE BIRD OF FREEDOM.

From the *N. Y. Herald Journal*.

Let freedom awake and let tyrants quiver! We are aware that the words we have written will be instantly forwarded by the contemptible British cable to the stagnation courts of swaddled Europe, to show the despots that their schemes are unmarked. We know that the Lords of the Exchequer and