

MILITARY DINNER AT L'ORIGINAL.

On Thursday evening, the 21st inst., the Officers of the 18th Battalion (Hawkesbury) Volunteer Infantry, entertained Lt.-Colonel, the Hon John Hamilton, at a dinner at L'Original, County of Prescott. The entertainment was gotten up as a mark of respect to Colonel Hamilton on his retirement from the Lieutenant Colonelcy of the Battalion, and was in every way a most successful affair. "Mine host" L'Original more than distinguished himself on the occasion in his manner of providing the substantial. The table was loaded with the best of everything in the shape of edibles, and the room being handsomely and appropriately decorated with flags, evergreens and mottoes, presented a very beautiful appearance. The wines were profusely supplied, and were of the best quality, so that nothing was permitted to mar the harmony or interfere with the enjoyment of the large company of gentlemen present.

The duties of chairman were ably discharged by Major Shields, and those of the vice-chair by Major Grant. On the right of the chairman was seated the guest of the evening. Among the others present were Judge Daniell, Mr. Higginson, M.P.P.; Rev. Mr. Armstrong, Rev. Mr. Ferguson, Rev. Mr. Brunet, Mr. P. O'Brien, Mr. E. T. Deane, County Attorney; Dr. Roberts, Dr. Harkin, Mr. Boyd, Warden of the County; Mr. George Moss, of "The Volunteer Review"; Capt. Urquhart, Capt. E. A. Johnson, Capt. Jas. Higginson, Capt. Miller, Capt. G. W. Johnson, Capt. McIntosh, Adj. Robertson, Capt. Ogden, Lieut. S. M. Johnson, Lieut. W. C. Wells, Lieut. Vankleek, Lieut. J. W. Higginson, Lieut. Grout, Ensg. C. T. Higginson, Ensg. McPhee, Ensg. Leroy, Ensg. Marston and others—in all about 40.

After the viands had been satisfactorily discussed, the CHAIRMAN rose and gave, with appropriate introductory remarks, "The Queen," which was duly honored. Then came "The Administrator of the Government," and after that, by the Vice-Chairman, "The Army and Navy," which was introduced in a short and happy speech.

SONG—"Red, White and Blue"—by Major Grant.

The CHAIRMAN then said he had much pleasure in rising to propose the toast of the evening, (cheers). It was with regret, he knew, that the 18th Battalion parted with their Colonel. He was sorry and yet pleased to give the toast he was about to name; sorry to part with one whom they all looked up to and esteemed highly as an officer and a gentleman, and pleased to join with others around him to do honor to their late commander (cheers). He concluded by hoping that under the new Lieutenant Colonel the battalion would continue to be as efficient and as ready to defend our common country as it had been under the worthy gentleman to do honor to whom they had met around the board.

Hon. Mr. HAMILTON on rising was received with loud and prolonged applause. He said he had never risen to return thanks for a toast with more heartfelt pleasure than on the present occasion. The compliment paid him was a great one. He had come totally unprepared to find so magnificent a banquet as that at which the gentlemen around him had on that night entertained him. He hoped that while holding the position of Lieutenant Colonel of the 18th Battalion he discharged his duties alike to his country and his command with fairness and satisfaction (cheers). He felt proud of the 18th Battalion, and would always in after years revert with pleasure to his connection with the Volunteer movement of the country, and espe-

cially to the fact of his having held the honorable post of commander of the Hawkesbury Battalion, whose conduct, when on frontier duty, was as exemplary as was their response enthusiastic when they were called upon to take up arms in defence of their country, hearths and homes (cheers). Although he no longer belonged to the battalion, he assured those before him that his heart was in it, and that to the end he hoped it would go on and prosper. He referred to the fact, so frequently urged, that by the present military system, the "willing horse is ridden to death, and felt sure that under Confederation a remedy would be applied to this apparent and incongruous evil. He resumed his seat amid cheers.

Mr. THOS. HIGGINSON, M. P. P., then rose and observed that the duty of proposing the next toast had fallen upon him. It was one which, he felt confident would commend itself to every truly loyal and patriotic heart. He gave them "The Volunteers of Canada." He remarked that all present remembered the Trent difficulty. Then it was that the Volunteer system had its great impulse, and the country had reason to feel proud of the patriotic result which had followed the development of the organization (cheers). The result was seen in the alacrity with which the gallant 18th rushed to the front in March last, and also in June, when on that fine Sunday morning, as quiet paterfamilias were preparing for church, the whistle of the steamer "Queen Victoria" sounded at the L'Original wharf, and in a few hours five companies of as brave and determined men as ever shouldered a musket were on their way to the post of danger as well as of honor and bravery. (Cheers.) It was seen, too, in the assemblage before him who had come together to do honor to one who had been the main instrument in carrying it out in so far as the Counties of Prescott and Russell were concerned. To the Volunteers of Canada the country certainly owed a debt of gratitude. He therefore begged of them to fill their glasses in honor of the Force.

The toast was enthusiastically received.

Major Shields and Grant replied in short and appropriate speeches.

SONG—"Jolly Dogs"—by Capt. E. A. Johnson.

Col. HAMILTON gave "The British Canadian Delegates in London." He had the pleasure of knowing most of them, and he was sure they deserved well of their country for developing and bringing to a successful issue the great measure of Confederation. (Applause.)

Mr. JAMES BOYD replied in a speech of some length.

SONG—"Katie Mavourneen," by Capt. G. W. Johnson.

The Chairman then gave "The Counties Council of Prescott and Russell," remarking that they had remembered the Volunteers kindly and appropriately by their vote of last summer.

Mr. BOYD replied.

SONG—"Parson Mac," by Mr. P. O'Brien.

The Chairman gave in a short speech the health of "The Press."

Mr. MOSS acknowledged the toast.

Col. HAMILTON again rose, and observed that a free press was certainly a good thing, and so was an honest judiciary. He begged to propose the health of Judge Daniell.

Judge DANIELL responded in well-chosen words, in the course of which he paid a high tribute to the sterling qualities both of mind and heart of the honorable gentlemen their guest.

Capt. E. A. JOHNSON gave "The health of the new commanding officer of the Battalion—Lt.-Col. Higginson." He regretted the absence of the subject of the toast. He (Capt. Johnson) had served at the front with him, and knew him to be a worthy successor of the esteemed gentleman who had retired from the position. He then referred to the fact that Col. Higginson was now in England, and observed that as Confederation seemed just new to be all the rage, he had no doubt his bachelor friend, Col. Hig-

ginson, would return to Canada united to some blooming daughter from "far across the sea." (Cheers.) Capt. Johnson concluded by hoping they would drink bumpers to the toast.

Capt. JAS. HIGGINSON acknowledged the toast on behalf of his brother.

Mr. BOYD gave "The two Houses of Parliament," coupling with it the name of Mr. Thomas Higginson, member for Prescott. The toast was duly replied to.

Capt. JOHNSON gave "The Clergy."

Rev. Mr. ARMSTRONG happily replied, referring in feeling terms to the prompt response of the battalion when danger threatened in June last.

The Vice-Chairman gave "The Ladies." The toast was acknowledged by Adjutant Robertson and Ensign Marston.

Capt. URQUHART gave "The Bar," in a short speech, to which Mr. DARTNELL replied.

The "Medical Profession" was responded to by Dr. Harkin; and after the toast of "The Adjutant of the Battalion," the party separated at an early hour, all singing "God save the Queen."

A CURIOUS MEMORIAL.

The following curious memorial and note, taken from the Quebec 'Gazette' of 1817, will no doubt, interest many of our readers. It is but one instance of many, in which the weaker sex have served their country undauntedly; gone through scenes which would have broken down a great number of the "lords of creation":—

TO THE RIGHT HONORABLE SECRETARY AT WAR, &c.—

The memorial of Elizabeth Hopkins, wife of Jeremiah Hopkins, Sergeant of the 104th New Brunswick Regiment of Foot—

MOST HUMBLY SWEETH—

That she was born of British parents at Philadelphia, in the year 1741; has her husband, six sons and a son-in-law, viz: Jeremiah Hopkins, (husband), Samuel Woodward, Timothy Woodward, Robert Woodward, Nathaniel Woodward, Archibald Woodward, Nicholas Hopkins, (sons), James McDonough, (son-in-law), serving His Majesty in the 104th, and during the course of her life, for her attachment to her King and country she has encountered more hardships than commonly fall to the lot of her sex.

In the year 1776, being with her first husband—John Jasper—a sergeant of Marines on board the brig Stanley, tender to the Roebuck, she was wounded in her left leg in an engagement with three French vessels, when she was actually working at the guns. The Marines having landed at Cape May, in America, her husband was taken prisoner by a Capt. Plunkett, of the army, near Mud Fort Need (?) and sentenced to suffer death; and by her means she was enabled to escape, with twenty-two American deserters, to whom she served arms and ammunition, and on their way to join the army the party was attacked by the enemy's light cavalry, she was fired at, and wounded in her left arm, but undismayed, took a loaded firelock, shot the rebel, and brought his horse to Philadelphia (the head-quarters of the army), which she was permitted to sell to one of Gen. Sir William Howe's aides-de-camp.

That after many fatigues and campaigns her husband died, and she married Samuel Woodward, a soldier in Colonel Chamber's corps; was with the troops under Gen. Campbell, at the taking of Pensacola, having, however, during the siege, served at the guns and tore off her clothes and used them for wadding.

Having been exchanged at the peace of 1783 from attachment to the loyal cause, she embarked on board a transport with a party of Delancy's and Chamber's corps, but was shipwrecked on Seal Island, in the Bay of Fundy, when near three hundred men and numbers of women and children were lost; that she suffered unparalleled distress, being pregnant, with a child