

pany which he had inspected that day were no disgrace to the Battalion to which they belonged, but were in every respect a credit to it. (Applause.) He then referred to the establishment a short time ago of an organ, exclusively devoted to the interests of the Volunteer force of British North America. He was pleased to observe that the promoter of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW—Mr. Moss—was present. He trusted the journal would meet with the success it deserved, as it was in every way worthy of the confidence and patronage of the force. Col. Jackson Jackson resumed his seat amid cheers.

Capt. Smythe was then introduced, and was received with cheers. He did not anticipate being called upon to speak when he received the kind invitation of Capt. Morgan to attend. It was, too, the duty of a soldier to act not to speak. (Applause.) Col. Jackson had truly stated that he (Capt. Smythe) was the first person in Canada to raise a Volunteer company. He reverted with pride to the fact that they were a fine Company. To it he attributed in a great measure, his position in the regular service. He left Canada in 1858, and had since served his country in a foreign land. Referring to the Metcalfe Volunteer Company, he said he would be proud to fight side by side with them on the battle field. (Cheers.) Volunteering in Canada had made great advancement since he left this country, and he endorsed the opinion of Col. Jackson, that it was a force of which any country might feel justly proud.

Mr. ORME, of Ottawa, then sang in excellent voice "The Volunteers of Canada."

Major SEALE was the next speaker. He was gratified at the sight of so many scarlet coats. It was a color which the gallant sons of England had carried proudly through all parts of the world. (Cheers.) He was also delighted to see so many ladies present: for when the ladies took an interest in the Volunteer movement, he considered the country safe (laughter) and then besides what was the use of a scarlet coat if the ladies did not look at it and admire its wearer. He then went on to speak of the readiness of the Volunteers to respond to the call of their country in June last, and was proud to know that the Carleton Battalion was not behind their brethren in any part of the Province. He denied the statement of the American press that the Irish in Canada were disaffected and anxious to cast off British rule. He was an Irishman himself and proud to own it—(cheers)—and if all his countrymen felt as he did about the matter there was no great fear of the result. He would be glad at no distant day to see the whole Battalion together to show themselves. He trusted a Battalion review would take place in the early spring. When about to resume his seat the audience called loudly for a song, and he had to sing one for them. He gave in good style "The noble old Irish Gentleman," and was rewarded with deafening applause.

The CHAIRMAN next called upon Captain Shepherd, of Burrill's Rapids, to address them. The gallant Captain had seen service and smelt powder in his time, and he was prepared to do so again should occasion require. He trusted the Government would treat the Volunteers better than they had done, as the citizen soldiery of Canada were as only hope.

Mr. BELL, M. P. P., on rising to reply to his health was loudly applauded. He said this was not his first visit to Metcalfe, and he had never before met so many of the gallant sons and daughters of Russell with greater pleasure. All seemed well pleased, and why not as their representative. He

assured them that if they were as well satisfied with him as he was proud of them and to be their representative their relations would be of a long and pleasing character. (Cheers.) He spoke of the excellent music and the satisfactory arrangements throughout, all of which fully sustained the character of Metcalfe for getting up capital sources and in fact, entertainments of all kinds. He was glad to see present officers of the regular army, joining with our Volunteers in such happy reunions. Every man whose heart was in the right place, who desired to protect our country, must feel a deep interest in our Volunteers. When he some years ago voted for the Militia Bill some people blamed him, but he now had the satisfaction of knowing that he did right. (Cheers.) Canada must keep up her Volunteer force at all hazards. He concluded by thanking them for their attention and complimenting Capt. Morgan and the officers for the great success of the affair.

Lieut. HANNI sang "We all Wear Cloaks," and was encored.

Capt. Bryson, of Richmond, followed in a few happy remarks.

Capt. Smythe then proposed thanks to Capt. Morgan, which were tendered to him by the chairman, and the entertainment was brought to a close by the whole audience rising and singing "God Save the Queen."

After the concert Capt. Morgan invited the officers and several other gentlemen present to partake of an oyster supper at Morgan's hotel. The bivalves were served up in capital style, and song and toast came after till the short hours arrived. To the toast of "The Officers of the 100th Regiment," Capt. Smythe very happily and appropriately responded.

THE ARMY.

The following promotions in regiments serving in Canada are announced in the London 'Gazette' of the 19th ult.:

25th Foot.—Ensign Henry H. Preston Powell to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice James Murray Grant, who retires; Gentleman Cadet Charles Ludwell Melliar Dampier, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign by purchase, vice Powell.

60th Foot.—Ensign Henry Blackwood MacCall to be Lieutenant by purchase, vice Ashley Henry Woodgate, who retires; Gentleman Cadet James Skinner, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign, by purchase, vice MacCall; Staff Surgeon William Wilson Mills to be Surgeon, vice Richard Cooper Todd, appointed to the Staff.

Rifle Brigade—Lieutenant Ernest Henry Buller to be Captain, by purchase, vice Fitzharding Kingscote, who retires; Ensign Algernon Heneage Drummond to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Buller; Arthur Montgomery Harrington, gent., to be Ensign by purchase, vice Drummond.

THE SNIDER ENFIELD.

The 'Army and Navy Gazette' says that the trial of the newly converted Enfield rifles to breech-loaders (Snider pattern) shows many defects, either in the arms or ammunition. In firing for accuracy at 500 and 700 yards, by 20 of the best shots, the figure of merit obtained was not nearly as good as with the Enfield rifle before conversion to a breech-loader, and, in some instances, some of the men failed to hit the target out of five rounds. Another great fault found was that almost in every instance in which the men did not oversight their rifles, it was

ascertained that the bullet dropped short of the distance. In firing for rapidity, the time taken to fire ten rounds was as near as possible to 1 min 40 sec., but in this practice the figure of merit obtained was very low. In a great many instances the men, after firing, experienced considerable difficulty in removing the case which contained the powder and bullet from the breech. A large number of the cartridges burst; therefore, the effects of the fire was lost, and besides, in some instances, it was found impossible to ignite them. The ball-cartridge used on this occasion is different to what was first issued, and much better. The difficulty found in extracting the ammunition case from the breech, the bursting and non-explosion of some of the cartridges, is considered attributable to the imperfect construction of the arms.

49th (HASTINGS) BATTALION.—On Tuesday last, 12th instant, Lieut.-Col. Shaw, Brigade Major, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Brown and Major Bowell, inspected the companies belonging to the 49th Battalion, at their various headquarters. The Garrison Artillery Company under the command of Capt. Day, Trenton, presented a fine appearance, and gives good promise of an efficient corps. The infantry company of Sidney, Captain Vandervoort, not yet having been uniformed, though furnished with rifles and accoutrements, did not present so imposing an appearance; but notwithstanding this drawback, the company is well up in company movements, and has a good knowledge of the use of the rifle. Captain Boulter's company is a model of cleanliness and proficiency considering the length of time they have been under the instruction of Adjutant Fidler. The Madoc Company, under the command of Captain Rowe, has not yet received its uniform: but it is composed of the material out of which a good and efficient company can be made. The Tyndinaga and Belleville Companies had not been inspected when we go to press. Of their state of efficiency we shall speak in our next.—[Intelligencer.

15th (HASTINGS) BATTALION.—Lieut.-Col. Shaw, Brigade Major of this District, inspected the 15th on Wednesday night in the drillshed. After receiving Col. Shaw with a general salute, the battalion was put through the manual and platoon exercise by Major Sutherland. A number of battalion movements followed, which were very creditably performed. "Square, two deep," being then formed, the men were faced inwards, and the inspecting officer proceeded to address them. He alluded to the pleasure he felt in being once more among them. He never had been better pleased, but he regretted to see so few present. The arms were in an exceptionally good condition, and he was happy to inform them that at no very distant date they would receive either the Peabody or Snider rifle in exchange. He hoped the next time he came to inspect them he would see a larger muster. Col. Campbell followed with a short speech, in the course of which he said it was necessary for officers as well as men to attend to their drill, or there would never be efficiency. During the inspection, the band played several quicksteps; and considering that they have only been formed a few weeks, their progress is remarkable, and reflects the highest credit on Mr. Crozier.—[Ibid.