

## FROM TORONTO.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

I am glad you have so promptly discovered and corrected my error respecting the Grand Trunk Brigade of Artillery in this city, I accepted the statement from the daily papers where it remained uncorrected as 250 in place of 408 the actual return. As our population is entirely English we are blessed with the re-appointment of our exemplary Staff Officers, than whom we do not desire any better.

On Sunday last the "Queen's Own," paraded in full force to attend the funeral of Ensign Fred. W. Otter, No. 4 Company, who was a great favorite with the men. Many were the expressions of sympathy for his brother, the Adjutant who is their most popular officer in the regiment. The remains of this young (19 years) officer were buried with appropriate military honors, the coffin which was borne on a Gun Carriage with an Artillery escort, was draped with a British Ensign, on which were the accoutrements of the deceased, and a firing party preceded the remains which were followed by the "Queen's Own" and a large number of both officers and men of the other City Battalions as well as numerous civilian friends on foot and in carriages.

The prorogation of Parliament last Saturday was a rather tame affair; not more than about 30 members were present and by no means as many of our fair representatives who were not (un) adorned as at the opening; the only improvement was the swell uniform—all gold in front of His Excellency and the clear manner he replied to the address. Col. Gillmor as Clerk of the House proclaimed His Excellency's assent, in the name of Her Majesty, to each one of the long list of bills. It is believed here that the Government intend dismissing all or nearly all of the employees who were transferred here with the Crown Land Department from Ottawa. Experience or efficiency will not be regarded, as new blood (patronage) they say is required.

The good people at Toronto are delighted at getting rid of that scoundrel Whelan so quickly, we had rather have him under the clutches of Sheriff Powell and at the place originally appointed for his hanging.

At a meeting of the late No. 10 or Highland Company of "Q. O. R." on Burns' Anniversary, attended by all the old members, some even coming from a distance, and the officers, Capt. Ramsay, Lieut. Gibson and Ensign Scott, the former gentlemen explained that as the Government had discontinued the allowance to pay for their appropriate costume, the corps had withdrawn and formed themselves into a benevolent society where the Highland garb was the distinctive ornament and they would thus continue to be joined by the bonds of fellowship and would be prepared as a body to offer their service should occasion arise.

Penny readings in Toronto and vicinity take place almost nightly and are invariably crowded. As this is an easy way of imparting instruction to all classes and raising the wind for any good cause this system might be advantageously adopted in every community. Instrumental and vocal music are an additional charm. No Snow. The streets have to be watered daily.

## FROM MONTREAL.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

In Volunteer matters, things are very quiet, and the monotony is only relieved by an occasional communication to one of the local papers, in condemnation of "C's" underhand, insinuating and untruthful letter, in fact "C" is regularly "tabooed" and is nowhere.

Col. Ermatinger's funeral on Saturday was attended by a great number of Volunteer Officers, and great respect was paid to the remains of the gallant deceased Officer.

I hear from good authority that the roll of the Chasseurs Canadiens, has not yet been sent to headquarters. How is this? I believe there are some 300 men enrolled, and according to the Act, the roll not being sent in by the 1st inst, they will not be received as a body.

You, Mr. Editor, waxed so wrathful at me for a little insight into the *arriere pensie*, that I fear to open the matter again by further insinuations. I will watch carefully, read, mark, learn, and communicate.

I regret Mr. Editor that a change in my business arrangements will prevent me in future being a regular contributor, as I will be the most part of my time out of town, but you may be sure that when opportunity offers I shall take the pen and give your many readers news from this quarter.

## FROM QUEBEC.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

As your Toronto and Montreal Correspondents have been giving statistics of the strength of the Volunteer Force in those cities, I suppose I might give your readers some idea of the state of things in Quebec, though I cannot pretend to give particulars of the numbers re-enrolled in each corps as they have done. The total efficient force in the city is probably in the neighbourhood of 60 officers and 900 men of all branches of the service, all of them. I might add sadly in want of winter clothing. None of the corps are drilling yet, with the exception of the 8th Battalion, whose officers seem determined to keep it up to the mark; they drill once a week and are commencing to muster pretty fairly.

The Provincial Parliament was opened on Tuesday last with all the usual ceremony, with the exception of the Artillery salute, which was omitted.

His Excellency (as every body seems determined to call him, the Duke of Buck-

ingham to the contrary notwithstanding.) drove down to the Parliament House escorted by a detachment of the Quebec Cavalry (Canadian Hussars), and was received at the door by a guard of honor and band from the 53rd Regiment. Very little business has yet been done by the Legislature; the Lieut. Governor's speech has been considered and replied to, and that is about all. The House only sits for a short time in the afternoon, and not at all in the evening. Several wooden railway projects are on hand; and a number of companies are to apply for incorporation this session, indeed there seems to be quite a mania for this description of enterprise in the Province.

A terrible accident occurred last week at Riviere du Loup, Marchand's Hotel at the Railway Station was burned down during Friday night, and Mr. Wallace, a Quebec Surveyor who was there on business connected with the Intercolonial Railway, together with three children of the proprietor of the hotel, perished in the flames.

The Officers of the 53rd are in continual hot water with the civilians here, they have been behaving in a rather unpleasant way lately in connection with a quarrel between one of their number and a volunteer officer, which created considerable excitement some time ago; they are foolish enough to keep the matter alive instead of letting it drop, and their stay in Quebec is not likely to be very pleasant to them in consequence.

How about that grand illustrated history of the Laprairie Rifle Match, which was to have been published for the edification of those who had the good fortune not to be there? Can you give any information on the subject.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR,—Is not our country to be represented this year at the great national contest at Wimbledon? and, if so, why is not something done at once? Why put off until the last minute and then find that there is no time to make the necessary arrangements?

There are but four months more in which to choose the men and ascertain from England what inducements can be offered us for the expense and trouble of crossing the Atlantic.

As the majority of our marksmen cannot afford to pay their own passage and expenses a subscription would have to be raised, which I am sure could easily be done, and the Government, if it were properly represented to them, might aid in some way.

Hoping that some interest may be taken in this matter by others, and that they will come forward and give some suggestions on the subject,

I remain,  
AN OLD VOLUNTEER.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—I am sure that a very large majority of the Volunteer Force in the 3rd Military District will rejoice at the appointment of Lieut.-Colonel Jarvis, as Deputy Adjutant General. Here in Kingston, where he is