

OUR COAL SUPPLY.

As the coal question has, during part of this year, excited considerable attention and many complaints, we have been led to make a careful examination of the subject, in order to ascertain, if possible, how the supply of this necessary of life can be regulated to meet all demands. We find the following to be the known coal-bearing territory of the world:

Square miles of Coal Land.

United States.....	639,867
British North America.....	7,530
Great Britain.....	5,400
France.....	934
Prussia.....	960
Belgium.....	510
Bohemia.....	400
Westphalia.....	380
Spain.....	200
Russia.....	100
Saxony.....	30
China and Japan.....	not reported.

The product per annum of the principal countries is:

	Tons.
United States.....	28,000,000
Great Britain.....	112,000,000
British North America.....	600,000
Russia.....	1,500,000
France.....	9,000,000
Prussia.....	13,000,000
Spain.....	300,000

It will be observed that, although the United States possesses one hundred and nineteen times the coal territory of Great Britain, she produces only about one-fourth the amount of coal.

38TH BRANT BATTALION INSPECTION.

On Monday evening last, according to announcement, the three Brantford companies of the 38th Brant Battalion were inspected in the Drill Shed of this town by Lieut.-Col. Villiers, Brigade Major, accompanied by Lt. Col. Patton. The turn out of companies 2 and 3 was not as large as it might have been, but Company No. 5, commanded by Capt. Lemmon, made a very large muster, there being between forty and fifty men present. The companies were formed into line with open ranks, and received the Colonel in the usual manner, by presenting arms, after which he passed up and down the lines, carefully inspecting the clothing, arms and accoutrements of the men with which he expressed much satisfaction. The line was then put through the manual and platoon exercises by Major Dickie, after which it was broken into column of companies and exercised in a few movements of battalion drill by the same officer, and considering the men were somewhat rusty, not having any drill since they were in camp last fall, they performed the different evolutions very well. At the close Col. Villiers addressed a few words to the men, thanking them for their attendance. He remarked that he would have liked to have seen a larger turn out of companies 2 and 3; but he said Capt. Lemmon and his men deserved great credit for the large muster they had made. He said it was a fine company and they were a fine body of men, and reflected great credit on their captain and officers. At the close of his remarks he asked the whole of the companies, if their services were required at the Red River in the Spring, would they volunteer, when a universal shout of "Yes, Colonel," from the

men, passed down the ranks. The arms and accoutrements in the several armories were afterwards inspected, and were found in excellent order, which speaks well for the caretaker Mr. Walker.

The next morning the Colonel proceeded to Paris and Drumbo, to inspect the companies at those places.

Lieut.-Col. Villiers is a pains-taking officer, is much respected, and is exceedingly popular with the officers and men of the Volunteer force in his district.—*Brantford Courier.*

COLLINGWOOD BATTALION BAND AT DUNTRON.

On Tuesday evening, 22nd inst., the inhabitants of Duntroon were favored with a musical treat from the Battalion Band. It is rarely that Duntroonites have the monotony of every day life so agreeably disturbed by sweet musical strains. Those present that evening in the Drill Shed, where the Band performed during the volunteer drill, seemed to enjoy very much the performances, and the universal impression was, that the Band did uncommonly well for their practice, and that the members must have had the musical bump very large. After leaving the Drill Shed, the members of the Band were entertained at an excellent supper in the orderly and well kept hotel of Mr. H. Watson, who deserves credit for his liberal and gentlemanly attention on all such occasions.

The members of the Band elicited the warmest praise not only for the real excellency of their performance but for their gentlemanly and courteous behaviour.

The thanks of the community are due to Capt. McMillan and Lieut. Howson, whose liberality and enterprise were conspicuous on this occasion, and always are so whenever they can contribute to the comforts and success of the volunteers.—*Collingwood Enterprise.*

Some dissatisfaction has been expressed that American riflemen have been invited to compete with English volunteers in this years contest at Wimbledon, and that Canadians have not received any notice. We agree with the complainants that this preference is unjust and impolitic. It is unjust to ignore the skill of Canadians and deprive them of the opportunity of acquiring a more practical experience with English systems; and it is impolitic to refuse to our volunteers the incitement to improve their skill which a visit to Wimbledon, and all the antecedent preparations for it would be certain to create. Any invitation or encouragement which would render volunteering and rifle shooting more popular in Canada, is certainly more politic than an inducement of a similar kind to Americans. There is yet time to extend the invitation to us.—*Collingwood Enterprise.*

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FROM BROCKVILLE.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Volunteer matters have been so quiet here for the past few months that I have been unable to gather sufficient matter for a letter. However, for several weeks past

Capt. Cook, No. 1 Co., 41st Battalion, has been instructing his officers and non-commissioned officers regularly once a week. The instruction is not confined to drill alone but embraces posting of sentries and general duties required in camp. The attendance is very good and the instruction thus imparted will be of vast service during the next annual drill.

The Brockville and Ottawa Railway Battery Garrison Artillery have added another improvement to their already unequalled armoury, viz, a cast iron block on which to hang the shoulder and waist bolts. The block is on the same arc of a circle as a man's shoulder is with a slight flang on the outside to prevent the bolts from slipping off, and is secured to the rack with two screws, the object being to prevent that ugly bend which invariably gets in the bolts by hanging on pegs or small hooks. J. Green, caretaker, (an old soldier) is the inventor, and would doubtless be glad to supply captains of companies, to whom I can strongly recommend the article.

The Volunteers here think that as the Review is the organ to which they look for accurate information regarding all matters relating to the force, that a more full account of the meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association should have been given. In England the resolutions and speeches of those meetings are, as a rule, given in the recognized organ, and so long as the Review receives an allowance from the Association, and the meetings are held in Ottawa, it would perhaps be as well to be particular about those reports.

In your comments on the "Adjutant General's Report," in your last issue, you state that it recommends that the services of "five district paymasters" might be dispensed with. If you will again refer to the Report I think you will find this to be a mistake.

Some of the officers of the 41st battalion have already commenced fitting up beds, camp stools, &c., for the next encampment, which they expect will take place about the end of June.

[Our Correspondent is mistaken in supposing that the VOLUNTEER REVIEW receives any allowance from the Dominion Rifle Association; but it would be happy to give the speeches and proceedings of the meetings if duly advertised of the same. At page 3 of the Adjutant General's Report the eighth paragraph in the official copy reads as follows: "At present there are actually eight storekeepers, one of whom can be dispensed with, and five District Quartermasters whose services under the present system are quite unnecessary," so that the "paymasters" is a mistake. It is to be hoped, however, that the admirable report reviewed in the last number will be given to the public more fully in detail than any mere synopsis by newspaper or magazine.—*Ed. Vol. Rev.*]