

promptly and cheerfully granted, and the following letter from the Secretary of State for Canada gave full assurance that the appearance of an American regiment on Canadian soil would be received with marked favor:

OTTAWA, 10th JULY, 1878.

SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th June, requesting that permission may be granted to the regiment under your command to visit Montreal on the Queen's birthday, 24th May next. I have much pleasure in conveying to you the assurance that your proposition meets with the approval of the Government of Canada. Though I have not had any communication on the subject with the military authorities in Montreal, I have no hesitation in saying that the volunteers of that city will cordially welcome your regiment in its proposed visit.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

R. W. SCOTT,

Secretary of State for Canada.

Colonel DAVID E. AUSTEN,

*Commanding 13th Regiment Infantry,
Brooklyn, N. Y.*

A correspondence with Lt.-Col. A. A. Stevenson, commanding the Montreal Artillery Brigade, also disclosed the fact that the regiment would receive a most cordial welcome, and at a subsequent visit in December of that public spirited gentleman to Brooklyn, when he was informally entertained by some of the officers of the Thirteenth, he predicted that if our regiment came, the celebration at Montreal would be one of the largest and most enthusiastic demonstrations ever made in the Dominion.

In February of this year, a sub-committee from the General Committee, Colonel Austen and Captain Dillont, visited Montreal and completed the arrangements for the comfort of the regiment during its stay. They were hospitably entertained by Colonel Stevenson and other volunteer officers, and by Mr. Southgate, proprietor of the Windsor House. It was decided to quarter the command in the Skating Rink, immediately in the rear of the hotel just mentioned, from which rations were to be served.

During the fall and winter, and up to the departure of the regiment, much enthusiasm was manifested in the attendance upon drills, which were more frequent than ever before known in the history of the regiment since its service in the field in 1861, '62 and '63. The very large number of recruits rendered these drills