

**MUNICIPAL GRANT TO THE MILITIA.**

WITH regard to the query in a footnote to "Friction Tube's" letter appearing in the April 15th issue of THE GAZETTE, Lieut.-Col. Telford, of the 31st Owen Sound, sends a statement of the amount subscribed by the people in the county of Grey towards the up-keep of the 31st Battalion. During 30 years the total grants amounted to over \$22,580, made up as follows :

Grant to Owen Sound and Meaford companies stationed at Sarnia for three months during Fenian raid .....	\$ 3,000
Excursion (1867) to Meaford .....	100
Aid to county drill sheds .....	2,000
Grants to Battalion for 16 camps, average per drill, \$1,000 .....	16,000
Grant to camps, 1876-77 .....	450
" helmets, 1879 .....	780
Town Council of Owen Sound gave 1½ acres for drill site.	
Town Council, in aid of drill shed and helmets.	250

In addition to the above the town of Owen Sound gave \$150 to the 31st Rifle Association and \$225 towards the erection of the drill shed. The county also gives an annual grant to the association.

It gives THE GAZETTE much pleasure to publish such statements. It shows the loyal spirit of the people of Grey county, as well

as the interest they take in their battalion. This example could be well followed by many other counties. The interest Grey takes in her military representatives accounts for the very excellent regiment she sends to the district camp. Can any other counties show a cleaner record?

**CLOTHING CONTRACTS.**

The new contracts for military clothing have been distributed among five firms. H. Shorey & Co., Montreal, got the artillery and rifle serge trousers and great coats for dismounted service, attached capes. The Sanford Mfg. Co. get the tunics, jackets and pantaloons. Doull & Gibson, Montreal, get the infantry serge trousers at a very low price, and, it is said, that as another contractor controls the cloth out of which these must be made, the firm will have a difficulty in filling orders. The Auburn Woolen Co., Peterboro', take the great coats, mounted pattern, attached capes; Boisseau & Co., Toronto, great coats, detached capes, dismounted patterns; Gillespie, Ansley & Dixon, forage caps.

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