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**TO OUR PATRONS.**

In presenting the current issue as a double number, we venture to claim credit for the successful performance of an enterprise, altogether exceptional in illustrated journalism. With a view to the production of pictures that should accurately represent scenes in which the public take so great an interest, one of our own artists, Mr. J. D. Kelly, went to Winnipeg to obtain material, while the editor proceeded as far as Port Arthur on a similar mission.

The first of the sketches for the present number was only placed in the hands of the Toronto Lithographing Company on Wednesday, and those in respect of Winnipeg and the reception of Toronto corps on Thursday evening, but, by keeping their staff employed day and night, they have, by an effort for which they deserve infinite credit, enabled us to fulfil our somewhat ambitious undertaking.

If any dissatisfaction should be felt by our regular patrons, in consequence of delay attending the publication of this number, we trust that they will find compensation for such in the fact that it contains illustrations of current events, from genuine sketches taken of the scenes depicted.

As we have by no means exhausted the sketch-book of our representatives, and have other material of value on hand besides, we venture to promise an unusually good number for our next.

**A HEARTY WELCOME.**

It is no exaggeration to say that the returning troops have met with a hearty and spontaneous welcome along the entire route which they have had to traverse. The complimentary demonstrations have in no case been circumscribed by mean considerations of locality, origin, or creed. All minor differences have very properly been sunk, in consideration of the troops having been called into service on behalf of a common cause, which is dear to every good citizen—the preservation of law and order.

The value, in a national sense, of the placing together in the field, shoulder to shoulder, of militia corps raised in different provinces, has been shown in the development of a genuine camaraderie, that will surely be revived whenever, hereafter, the services of the troops may again be required. The attainment of this result, which may be regarded as a condition essential to the vigorous growth of a nation, is in some degree a compensation for the loss of time, blood, and money, which must be reckoned up in connection with the suppression of this rebellion.

Toronto has well done her part in the way of manifesting her appreciation of the militia who have rendered such good service; and that her hospitality has been extended to corps belonging to the Maritime Provinces and Quebec is much to the credit of the Queen City of the West. All, whose eyes are not blinded by political passion, will feel gratified to the Mayor and the Committee who have assisted him, for the success and eclat by which the proceedings have been uniformly characterized.

We have no sympathy with the cavillers, who have endeavored to cast contumely on the chief magistrate of the city for the prominent part he has taken in the proceedings of the past week. Whatever personal credit, or gratification of personal ambition, may accrue from the performance of functions properly appertaining to his office he has fairly earned. It should always be remembered that, had he failed to assume the responsibility which devolved upon him as the first citizen of Toronto, disparaging attacks would have been directed upon him from the very same quarter that has all along censured him, by implication, for the active part he and the aldermen have taken in arrangements which have been crowned with complete success.

The only objectionable feature in the procession on Thursday was the introduction of a dummy Gatling drawn by members of the Royal Grenadiers and preceded by Lieut. Howard in uniform, and mounted. How the officer commanding such a distinguished corps could, for a moment, have permitted his men to participate in a show which was obviously nothing else than a vulgar attempt to obtain a conspicuous free advertisement, we are at a loss to imagine. Abundant evidence is available to show that the Canadian public have been grossly imposed upon by alleged-correspondents in the field as to the work accomplished by Howard and his Gatling; and there is every reason to believe that, though the former is undoubtedly brave and cool in action, his machine was an utter failure in so far as "making a bag" was concerned. Major Hughes, of the Midland Battalion, and other officers, who know whereof they speak, declare that the Gatling did not kill a single individual, for all the puffing Howard has contrived to get. Had he himself, alone, appeared in the procession he would have been well received. We begin to fear that the American newspapers have sized up this gentleman correctly.

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