

Alexander McLachlan, John Bull on his travels, by Evan McColl, "In Memory," by Carroll Ryan, "A Parling" and "Sans Toi," by Miss Mofver of this City. Of prose articles we have "Statesmanship and Letters," by Mr. J. G. Bourinot, a writer of great skill and attainments, "Sporting sketches in Main and New Brunswick," by an old angler. "Unsuccessful Men" by Lælius, "Modern Democracy," by Rev. M. Narvey, "Pen Photographs" by Daniel Clark, M. D., a continuation of sketches of English Literature by Professor Lyall, "Gaillard de Bearn," by Jas. Woodrow, and "Recollections of Deeside." Altogether the number is an excellent one and is a credit to the literary men of Canada. There is a so a long and highly favorable critique of Carroll Ryan's poems, commencing as follows:—

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The child of a mother's hopes and fears,
In a hundred fathoms deep
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THE brilliant career of Reiffenstein has in all probability come to a close in Canada, as he took the opportunity of bail to "fold his tent, like the Arabs, and silently steal away." This is certainly not the conclusion we desired to see arrived at in this affair, but we take the opportunity of congratulating Uncle Sam upon the addition to his floating population of rogues. Justice has been evaded,

but we hope his absence will not prevent a searching inquiry into the frauds, that a repetition of them will be impossible in the future. We may, however, be doing him an injustice; the amount of bail is very large and it is within the region of possibility that he will return at the time of trial.

—As will be observed by the minutes of a meeting of the Stadacona Rifle Association published on page 472 of our last issue, the Prize meeting is postponed until the 10th August next. In answer to a letter from the Secretary we beg to call his attention to the page mentioned.

—THE Rifle Match between the G. T. Battalion and Stadacona Rifles which was postponed some time ago, was to have taken place last Saturday. A close contest was expected; we have not yet received the particulars.

Rear Admiral Wollesley, who is to succeed Admiral Mundy as commander of the fleet on this station, will arrive in Halifax about the end of the month in H. M. S. "Revenge."

PRIZE MEETINGS.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—It was with great pleasure that I read your remarks on the mismanagement of large Rifle matches in your number of yesterday. Since I last wrote you, Capt. Northey of the 60th Rifles has been appointed umpire and I presume will be required to settle all disputed points at the September matches. Now while this is a move in the right direction, the appointment is a very unsatisfactory one for the simple reason that Captain Northey knows nothing whatsoever about small bore shooting or the definitions of any position. Captain Northey as President of a mess or Captain of a cricket eleven would be in his element, and unsurpassable, but his only qualification to being made umpire in the Dominion matches consists in being a relative of the worthy Vice-President for Ontario. It is now nine years since Capt. Northey got his captaincy and of course gave up his position as instructor of musketry to the 60th. At that time no doubt he would have been a most excellent authority on Hythe position, but he practically knows nothing about anything else. It is extremely doubtful whether he ever was at Wimbledon in his life, and I am quite certain that if he was there he never was on the executive. His only experience in Canada was at Montreal in 1863, when rifle shooting was in its infancy. Now, while Capt. Northey is quite capable of taking command of the regulars doing duty on the ranges, I maintain that he is unfit to hold the responsible post of umpire. For the post of umpire a man is required who is not only a crack shot but who has made match law his special study, and who has also had years of ex-

perience in rifle matches on both sides of the Atlantic. A good umpire should be able to give an immediate and decisive answer to any question raised, and his decision should in all cases be supported by the council, and be final. The only man in Canada who is fit for the post is Captain P. M. Worsley of the 60th Rifles, now Adjutant of the Military School in Montreal. I do not think any shooting man in Canada will question his fitness for the office. Of course should he be on the executive he would not shoot in any match (except the affiliated association) and would be an entirely disinterested judge. While in Quebec, last year, he had a great deal to do with the management of the matches of the Stadacona Rifle Association, which was a great success, and here in Montreal he is one of the council of the Montreal Rifle Club. If he and Captain Northey were jointly appointed as executive officers and each were to take that part of the work for which they were fitted in all probability things would be vastly improved. The Council of the Dominion Association cannot do better than follow the example of the National Rifle Association of England who, though composed of some of the first authorities on Rifle shooting in the world, find it absolutely necessary to employ an executive officer, (Captain Costin) from whom every order emanated and who by dint of skill, and the power of using experience already acquired, has succeeded in bringing his work to such a degree of system that on the 5th inst., (the opening day of the Wimbledon meeting this year) by 9.30 a. m., everything was working as it was the third or fourth day of the meeting, and the Prince of Wales' prize was decided on the afternoon of the first day. The great difficulty in Canada is what is called the "Lt. Col. farce" a number of men are put on the Council merely on account of their Volunteer rank and with a total disregard of their qualifications. I don't for an instant say that some of the gallant Lt.-Col.s are not fit for their work, but I will say that some of them are literally ignorant of the merest trifle appertaining to shooting. Again, each member of the Council thinks himself slighted unless he has something to do with the management, and "too many cooks spoil the broth." It is like a limited liability concern every one blames his neighbour. I trust Captain Northey will not feel annoyed at my criticising his appointment so freely, and will believe that I am not actuated by any personal feeling although I was ruled out of the All Comers Match in 1863 when he was one of the Council; but as the ruling out was from ignorance I bear no malice. By the way I wish "Your own Correspondent" from Montreal would not put words in the mouth of the Montreal Rifle Club and say "they are so much dissatisfied with their defeats by the Victoria Rifle Club of Hamilton." The Montreal Rifle Club are not such children