

## CANADIAN MILITARY NEWS.

The town council of Cobourg have voted \$1,000 to pay rents for buildings to accommodate four hundred of her Majesty's troops.

The motion to secure the admission of Irishmen to the Guards has been successful. The order against the enlistment of Irishmen and Catholics has been withdrawn.

**THE DRILL SHED.**—A portion of the framework of the new drill shed was elevated on the 3d instant. The building will be in the form of an arch, resembling the Union Railway Station at Toronto, by which means great strength and stability is secured, while the architectural appearance of the structure will be much more pleasing to the eye than was the old shed.—*St. Catharine's Constitutional*.

**SHOOTING MATCH.**—A few days ago a shooting match took place between some Germans, at Beck's old brewery, in the western part of the city. The arm used was the Prussian needle gun, and the excellent shooting made by those taking part, would indicate their thorough acquaintance with the weapon. A large number of valuable prizes were competed for, and a good afternoon's sport enjoyed.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

The *Journal de Paris* is of opinion that it would be wrong to despise the forces of which the Abyssinian King disposes: "His army includes 2,000 Europeans, deserters and banditti from all countries, all energetic people, who have drilled and exercised Theodore's soldiers, all pretty well equipped and armed with muskets. It is said even that Theodore has a small park of field artillery."

**THE CHALLENGE CUP.**—The competition for the silver medal sent out by the National Rifle Association of England, and for the challenge cup of the 6th, formerly the 7th, Military District, will take place at the ranges of the Victoria Rifle Club of this city on Friday afternoon, the 11th instant. Entries will be received by Mr. Mason, Secretary of the Rifle Association of this District, up to the day of competition.—*Hamilton Times*.

**GOVERNOR GENERAL.**—The *British Whig* has complained of Lord Monck's not visiting Upper Canada. The reason has been explained to us. His absence from the West is owing to the illness of his second daughter, the Honorable Louisa Monck. This lady arrived from England a few weeks ago, and by order of physicians had immediately to return to England. It is therefore quite natural that her father should be anxious to see her off.

**RETURN OF THE INDIANS.**—Mr. Johnson returned by the *Hibernian*, with the eighteen Iroquois braves, whom he had hoped would draw large audiences, and as a consequence large profits, by their public exhibitions in various English cities, of Canada's national game, but John Bull's nonchalance was not to be overcome even by the chance of seeing veritable red men in feathers and paint, so the expedition returns a commercial failure; while the eighteen braves vow that no temptation will ever again seduce them from Caughnawaga to suffer the penalties that attend a passage across the Atlantic.—*Montreal Daily News*.

**CAPT. BRIDGEWATER'S LECTURE.**—This gentleman delivered a most able and interesting lecture in our town hall on Thursday evening last, Capt. Baird occupying the chair. The Volunteers were present in uniform, and listened most attentively to the Captain's remarks, which contained most valuable suggestions and sound practical advice. Everyone present were highly pleased not only with the matter of the lecture, but likewise with its delivery. Capt. Bridgewater is earning for himself a wide reputation as a speaker and as an enthusiast in military matters.—*Paris Star*.

We regret to learn that information has reached this city of the death by drowning at Chatham, of Lieutenant James Robertson, Royal Engineers. The gallant officer had, it appears, gone out in a boat with two companions, and whether it was accidentally upset or run into, all three were immersed in the river. A relief went off, and succeeded in saving two of the officers, but Mr. Robertson declined assistance, being an excellent swimmer. It is supposed that he attempted to take off his shell jacket, while endeavoring to keep himself afloat, and that in so doing he deprived himself of the power of locomotion, and consequently sank. The unfortunate officer was well known in Montreal, having been stationed here for some years, mixing a good deal in society, where he was greatly esteemed.—*Daily News*.

In reference to the 13th Battalion the *Hamilton Times* says:

The new Sniders have been served out to the Captains of Companies, and we understand the new drill is to be commenced at once. Short rifles and swords have been provided for the sergeants of the different companies, and new bayonet scabbards for the whole. A large quantity of clothing is also in store and will be served out to those in need of it. It is to be hoped the Volunteers will muster in stronger numbers than they have been in the habit of doing during the summer months. Surely there are plenty of young men in the city whose time could not be better spent than by devoting one evening a week to the acquisition of a knowledge of the art of using a Snider. It will be a disgrace if balloting must be resorted to for the maintenance of a single battalion in a city like Hamilton.

**A CHIEF IN COSTUME.**—After a grand review yesterday, inspected by General Stisted, of all the military forces of this garrison, the 13th Hussars, headed by their fine band, and followed by the two batteries, marched westward through King street to their quarters. The music gave notice of the approach of the troops, and citizens, strangers, and the promiscuous groups of sight seers daily visiting the city were gratified with a view of a good cavalry and artillery force. At the front of the march, and the observed of all, riding by the side of the commanding officer was Mr. Johnson, otherwise, "Onwanousyshon," Chief of the Six Nations, attired in the picturesque costume of his people. The chief received marked attention from the officers, and seemed to be perfectly at home under the keen glances of hundreds who wondered who the distinguished visitor was. The chief, with his cocked hat and huge bunch of feathers, his erect, manly bearing, looked a good field officer. It was very handsome of our military authorities thus to recognize the chief, on whose breast

dangled a medal of 1812, commemorating the valor of his father and his people. The act was graceful, honorable, poetic.—*Globe*, 28th.

**BARRACK ACCOMMODATION.**—There is a very general feeling in the city that it would be advisable for the Council to take steps towards providing good permanent and substantial barrack accommodation for the use of her Majesty's troops. It is well known that the Crystal Palace is not by any means suited for the purpose, besides which it is liable from time to time to be required for other purposes, and under these circumstances it is felt that inasmuch as it is very much to the advantage of the city in every way that at least one regiment of troops should at all times be quartered here, it would be well if a suitable building, capable of accommodating a full regiment of infantry, should be erected on the outskirts of the city. We believe that the government are ready to contribute their share towards the purpose, and we would suggest to the Council the propriety of appointing a committee to take the question under consideration, and to have plans and estimates prepared so that they may be enabled to report to the Council what would be the cost of the building and then the Government might be conferred with on the subject. Every one is desirous that Hamilton should remain a garrison town, but this can only be insured by providing the necessary accommodation for troops, and the sooner this is done the better.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

**RIFEMEN'S MUTUAL AID SOCIETY.**—The second annual dinner of the "Rifemen's Hand-in-hand Mutual Aid Society" took place last evening, at Mr. Dan Black's Club House, James street, and was attended by about eighty late members of the Rifle Brigade stationed in this city. Mr. Robert Lanaway, President of the society, occupied the chair, and performed his duties throughout the evening in a highly creditable manner. After ample justice had been done to the resources of Mr. Black's admirable cuisine, the customary loyal toasts were proposed and responded to, not only most suitably to the sentiment expressed, but in a spirit of that true loyalty which ever finds a resting place in the bosom of those who once wore the uniform of her Majesty's service. The evening was spent in the most jovial and felicitous manner, and the members of the society, with their guests, separated highly pleased with the happy re-union and many impressions of "happy to meet, sorry to part, and happy to meet again." Without "trenching" upon the private affairs of the society, we are permitted to state that its embryo was formed but two years ago, by not more than nineteen honorably discharged riflemen, and that in that short space of time there is at present a balance of over \$330 placed to the treasurer's credit.—*Hamilton Times*.

**THE RIFLE MATCH.**—Yesterday we had the pleasure of inspecting several of the prizes offered for the coming tournament, several of which are very handsome and creditable both to the generosity and good taste of the donors. Of the four cups presented, we should say the most elegant in design is that given by Mr. George Moss, proprietor of the *Volunteer Review*. It is a heavily plated vase, about ten inches in height, in the form of a Grecian urn. The bowl is elaborately engraved and the handles are