

dressess of the ladies, presented a beautiful contrast, and gave the ball-room a very gay appearance.—The Non-Commissioned Officers and men who gave the Ball must feel delighted, and justly so, at this their first attempt at catering to the precarious and changing public taste. A number of gentlemen and ladies were expected from Barrie, and Toronto, and in many instances had prepared themselves to be present, and would not come at the last moment, on account of the Railway authorities refusing to issue half fare tickets. The Ball-room was, however, well filled, and everything passed off in the most pleasing manner.

The rooms were most tastefully decorated with the arms and side arms of the Company, and the walls fastooned with flags, evergreens, and Red, White, and Blue merinos. At one end being a star of bayonets, with the Crown in the centre and a beaver on the top of the circle, on each side of the star being portraits of Her Majesty and Her late Consort.

Along the side of the wall on red ground was the motto, in evergreens, "Ever ready to defend our Queen and New Dominion." The whole having a very fine effect.

The supper was served up in Mr. Kyley's best style, and met with the approbation of every one partaking thereof.

Among those present we noticed, His Worship the Mayor and Miss Watson, Lt.-Col Stephenson and lady, Captain Gamon and lady, Captain Bligh and lady, Captain Wolfe, Captain J. Paterson, 10th Royals, Lieut. McMillan, 35th Battalion, &c.—*Colingwood Sentinel*.

MILITARY CONCERT AT CHATSWORTH.

On the evening of the 31st ult., a grand Military Concert was held in the Town Hall, Chatsworth. The weather in the evening was all that could be desired, notwithstanding the severity of the forepart of the day. The moon seemed to show her approval of the proceedings by promiscuously shedding her silvery light on the merry hearts and fair faces that were joyously wending their way towards the Concert room amid the jingling of horsebells, and creaking of sleighs while gliding over the frosty snow. Over two hundred were present, and tried to make themselves as comfortable as possible, but the seats rather than sustain such an enormous load of humanity, gave way, and many of those who depended upon them for support were precipitated—only on the floor. When these had regained their equilibrium, the Own Sound Brass Band favoured the audience with a polka, which was responded to by the usual signs of applause. Next came some excellent pieces by the Club, one of which, "Come where my love lies dreaming," seemed to tickle the under-eighteen female portion of the community to perfection. Mr. Henderson, who, though not gifted with a very strong voice, seems to be a man who thoroughly understands music. Recitations by Messrs. Creighton and Strang were well received. Mr. Whiteman sang "I am an Englishman," which was received with great applause. Several other pieces were sung, the band played the national Anthem, and all separated, got into their sleighs drove home, and were soon in the arms of Morpheus, dreaming of short wives and tall wives, of old Pompey breaking his skull on a hemlock knot, and above all thinking that a first class entertainment had been given under the auspices of the Chatsworth Volunteers.—*Own Sound Advertiser*.

HOW ELEPHANTS WERE SHIPPED TO ABYSSINIA.

PART of the outfit of the English expedition to Abyssinia was a herd of twenty elephants—unwieldy animals at best, but uncommonly troublesome as passengers on shipboard. A Bombay paper describes the shipment:

"The hoisting tackle required was of immense strength, and the hoist was formed in this way; The main yard was supported from the lower mast-head by stay-tackles; from the topmast-head there was a strengthening tackle, and from the lower mast-head to the yard there were preventers. From the foremast head there was a tackle for hauling the hoist forward. The elephants were brought from the place where they were picketed, one by one, and on reaching the *Compta's* side were fettered and placed in slings, consisting of the stoutest canvas, secured by thick lashings. The height to which the animals had to be hoisted before they were lowered away into the hold was some twenty or thirty feet, and a small regiment of kallas was employed in working the lifting tackle. The operation was really an extraordinary sight, well worth witnessing, and it was curious to observe the different moods in which the unwieldy beasts submitted to it. Some, when they found themselves suspended in mid-air, shed tears copiously, and were effected in a remarkable manner; others became vicious, and roared and plunged about most alarmingly.

"In the days of Queen Elizabeth some rather remarkable ideas were entertained in England as to the anatomy of elephants, and Shakespeare says: "The elephant hath joints, but none for courting; his legs are for necessity, not for flexure." Now nobody in these days, we suppose, holds such an opinion; but if he does, he would have had a convincing proof of his error had he witnessed the surprising agility of some of the elephants hoisted into the hold of the *Compta* for they bent their legs about, and pawed and kicked with tremendous violence, and one or two managed to throw he *Compta* behind them so as to get a footing on the combing of the hatchway. Fortunately, no difficulty was experienced in dislodging their feet, and they were safely got down below by about five o'clock p. m. nineteen had been embarked, but the twentieth one was so vicious and 'musty' that it was determined not to take him; for he would not submit to be slung, and he seemed very much inclined to do as he pleased. It was said that in an unamiable mood on Friday he killed one of his unfortunate attendants."

CANADIAN ITEMS.

A DESERTER GIVES HIMSELF UP.—A middle-aged man giving his name as William Walsh, who arrived in the city a few days ago from the regions of Uncle Sam, surrendered himself to the military authorities yesterday as a deserter from H. M. 45th Regiment of Foot, at present en route for Abyssinia.—Walsh states that about five years ago, he deserted from the regiment at Curragh Camp, previous to its proceeding to the East Indies. He then went to his home in Dublin, and managed for two years to elude the authorities. At the expiration of this time he was detected, arrested, and made to serve a year in prison. Last March he again deserted the depot, Chatham, and came to America. His appearance and dress would suggest that he had served in

the American army also, although he denied this. He appears exceedingly anxious to join the 29th Regiment quartered here, and after taking the necessary oath before the Police Magistrate, was sent before Lieutenant-Colonel Larrington.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

THE VOLUNTEER FIELD BATTERY assembled for their usual weekly drill at the Gun Shed last evening. The attendance, considering the stormy character of the night, was very fair. (Quite a number of recruits have been lately added to the Battery, and have already attained a proficiency in their duties under the instructions of the second Lieut. (Mr. Daville) and Sergeant Major Brown, which does credit to the instructors and recruits for their intelligence and perseverance. The Battery is making very marked progress under Captain Smith, and we trust will continue to do so. If that officer's abilities are equal to his zeal, we shall have the pleasure of chronicling still further the progress and efficiency of the corps under his command.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

VICE REGAL BENEVOLENCE.—The Halifax Reporter says that a few days ago General Doyle, while riding through the streets of Halifax, came upon certain household effects that had been distrained for rent. On the owner's circumstances being explained to him, and being satisfied that the case was a deserving one, His Excellency turned to the bailiff, told him to stay proceedings, put back the things, and send to him in the morning and he would pay the bill for which the articles were being distrained and all the costs. He afterwards supplemented this kind act by sending a supply of provisions to the family. It is by such acts, says the Reporter, that General Doyle wins golden opinions from all classes.

INSPECTION AND SUPPER.—On Wednesday evening last, Brigade Major Patterson inspected the Volunteer Companies No. 1, Captain Graveley, and No. 2, Captain Elliott, at their respective armories in Victoria Hall. Major Patterson complimented Captain Elliott's company upon its efficiency, in drill and in numbers (it numbered 51 men), and made some very flattering and well deserved complimentary allusions to Captain Elliott himself. Capt. Graveley and his company were also complimented, although Captain Graveley has been at the head of his company but a short time. After the inspection, the officers of No. 2 company entertained the men to an excellent Oyster Supper in the Pauwel's House, to which they doubtless done ample justice; but as the press had no representative there, so far as we know, of course it cannot be expected that we could give particulars.—*Cobourg Sentinel*.

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