

THE readers of the *VOLUNTEER REVIEW* will find in this issue two admirable original papers written by officers of the Canadian Army—alike remarkable for their literary acquirements and professional knowledge.

The "Invasion of Canada," is an essay on tactics and strategy which would do credit to a veteran officer, and "Our National Policy," is worthy the pen of our ablest statesman.

Both were written with the express intention of provoking criticism, and in each case the object is to lead the public mind to a consideration of the actual position in which this country is placed.

It is evident the motive is both far seeing and patriotic, for it is perfectly certain that while the Whig-radicals hold power in Great Britain the interests of Canada are not safe, and it is therefore the duty of every man interested in its welfare to take his position boldly in public affairs.

That our rulers have done their duty nobly and well for the best interests of the country is too self-evident to need comment; there is probably no country in the world enjoying so much prosperity on a sure, and stable basis, and this state of affairs has been the work of Canadian statesmen in a period not exceeding seven years.

But there is much yet to be done, party virulence has to be overcome, and the folly of the political economist eradicated; the practical results of the latter so ably depicted in one essay, and the political wisdom of the other, will go a long way towards neutralizing the poison which unscrupulous Journalists have sought to instill into the public mind.

With the elements of mischief so rife in European politics and the unsettled relations existing between Great Britain and the United States, complications leading to a fearful contest may at any time arise. It behoves us therefore to set our house in order, for in the event of hostilities that *Secret Treaty*, between gabbling Gladstone and slippery Fish won't save us from (the at least of) being gobbled by our neighbours if they can, but as our people have very decided objections to any such process, the warnings conveyed in those able articles will have their intended effect.

REVIEWS.

Blackwood for February and March has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Company. The February number has its special interest centered in "the Maid of Sker, part VII" in which is the best pen and ink portrait ever drawn of England's greatest seaman, the immortal Nelson, the greatest master of seamanship the world has ever seen.

The March number has been re-published very early reflecting great credit on the energy and enterprise of the publisher, although unusually attractive its principal

interest to us is to be found in an article on the Life of the late Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the Confederacy of the Southern States, truly a great man as well as a great soldier. There is also a good article from Cornelius O'Dowd on the "American Revolt," in which that shrewd and clever writer hits off the present position of England and the United States by a story of a game at whist which a *cute Yankee* wins by a revoke, the point being that it was not discovered till too late to remedy the mischief, and that he had calculated on that result.

Stewart's Quarterly for January has also been received, it is full of interesting articles.

The *New Dominion Monthly* for April is a good Number.

The *Phreological Journal* has been received.

To Lt.-Col. Patton of the 38th Battalion Hamilton, are we indebted for a copy of the *Neilsen Examiner*, New Zealand, of the 20th January last, from which we make the following extract:—

COMPETITIVE FIRING.—The preliminary competitive firing by the City Rifles came off on the 28th ultimo. The target used was 6ft. x 4ft. We append the scores:—

	200 yds	300 yds	Total
Barnett, A.....	13	18	31
Moore, J. A.....	14	14	28
Guy, D.....	15	13	28
Smith, J.....	11	16	27
Watts, L.....	9	17	26
Otterson, A.....	14	10	24
Clouston, W.....	13	9	22
Firney, E.....	10	11	21

The four highest will shoot off against the four highest of the Waima Volunteers, and the one who then makes the highest score will represent the province at Christchurch in the competition for the General Government prizes

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The 21st of March will be remembered in London for a severe snow storm, it deferred the intended journey of Her Majesty to visit the Princess Imperial of Germany till the 24th, on which day she left England for Cherbourg.

Earl Granville has addressed a second note to the United States Minister in which he states distinctly that England will not allow the claims for indirect losses to be submitted, suggesting at the same time what looks like a very dishonorable compromise that such claims should be submitted on both sides but not adjudicated upon. No act of baseness of the Whig radicals would surprise the world.

Another of those Naval nondescripts known as *armor plated rams*, has been launched, it is called the *Thunderer*, is a turret vessel designed to carry four thirty-ton guns.

It is reported if the negotiations now pending for the withdrawal of German troops from

France are successful the Assembly will be dissolved. The debate of the independence of the Pope was terminated at the instance of M. Thiers, Bishop Dupanloup declaring that he could reconcile his feelings as a Churchman with those of a Frenchman. It is pretty evident that the restoration will take the direction of the Legitimists, the *drapeau blanc* and golden lilies may yet wave over a resuscitated France. A revision of Commercial Policy does not appear to be giving unmixed satisfaction to other foreign powers.

It is stated that Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, during a recent visit, was present at a review of the Italian Army, examined its system of organization and discipline, and advised that it be reorganized on the Prussian plan doubtless with a view to future complications.

The Prince and Princess of Wales arrived at Rome, had an interview with the Pope in which the latter expressed his warmest gratitude for the sympathy of the Queen, and praised the piety of the English people. His Great Minister Cardinal Antonelli has resigned.

The Spanish Government anticipates serious trouble with the elections for Cortes, two more war vessels have been sent to Cuba.

President Grant and party are desirous of placing Mexico under a *Yankee protectorate* as it would give stability to their institutions and recover the country out of the hands of the revolutionists. It would be "out of the frying pan into the fire" with the unlucky Greasers if they came to be governed by *Yankee carpet baggers*; their own brigands are bad enough but not at all up to the business-like habits of the more scientific and practised members of the "Tammany ring." In case those worthies are let loose in Mexico that unlucky country will have realised the force of the prophet's description of utter desolation, "what the locust has spared the palmer worm hath eaten."

Brigham Young and his followers of the Mormon Hierarchy have been removed from the gaol at Salt Lake City and sent to Camp Douglas for safe keeping, ostensible cause, a free and easy life at the former institution in honour of the suffering saints.

Severe snow storms have been doing considerable damage to the railway property.

It would appear as if the interest in the complications out of the Washington Treaty had nearly died out, the mass of the people know the demands are unjust and also that they are powerless to enforce them.

Throughout the Dominion we have been plagued by a succession of snow storms which have blocked up the railways, it has been particularly heavy in the Maritime Provinces.

Signs of activity are every where evident, the members of the House of Commons for Manitoba and British Columbia have arrived at the Capital to attend the opening of Parliament.