

"To day" (October 26th), writes a correspondent at Alexandria, "I can give you not much news except that the Viceroxy of Egypt has this week despatched 10,000 soldiers to Massowah and Souvakin, 6,000 of whom have lately returned from Candia. The last batch of these 10,000 men passed through Cairo last night on their way to Suoz. It is said here that the Viceroy has used every means to become an ally of England in this expedition to Abyssinia, and that these soldiers are now sent to the Red Sea with the hope that he may still succeed in getting his services accepted in case of necessity on the part of our Government."

VOLUNTEERS FOR ABYSSINIA.—The senior major of the Tower Hamlets Rifles writes to a contemporary to state that the whole of his corps, officers and men, have volunteered to take part in the Abyssinian expedition and that he has guaranteed to the Secretary for War a force of 800 rank and file for this purpose. It is much to be regretted that the senior major, who states that he is in command of the corps, did not use his influence to prevent so ludicrous a step from being taken at all. It was at any rate, hardly necessary either to take up the time of the Secretary for War or the space of the *Standard* with the announcement of this piece of cheap patriotism.—*Volunteer Gazette*.

SUBSCRIPTION OF MONEY AND RIFLES IN LONDON FOR THE POPE'S ARMY.—On Saturday, a movement was commenced among the leading Roman Catholics of London, the Earl of Denbigh taking the lead, for the purpose of raising a fund to supply the Pope's army with Minnie rifles, breech-loaders, and revolvers. In the brief space of two hours one thousand guineas were raised, and it is expected before Wednesday or Thursday ten times that amount will be forthcoming. An order has been given to an eminent firm of rifle manufacturers for a large number of the best they can supply, and before the end of the week the first consignment will be en route to his Holiness.

VERY IMPORTANT IF TRUE.—The *Cracow Gas* says that on the 8th inst. Herr Von Schlozer, the Prussian Charge d' Affairs at Rome, communicated to Cardinal Antonelli a copy of a secret treaty between Italy and France. The treaty provides that Italy shall co-operate with France in her next war against Prussia, either direct or by helping Austria or Turkey, to keep Russia in check. In return for this promise France permits Italy to occupy the Papal territory, Rome alone excepted; the latter to be declared a free town under the Sovereignty of the Pope, and to remain so till the death of Pio IX. The treaty—on this point the paper does not speak with certainty—seems to have been concluded before the Salzburg conference, and to be valid only for a limited period. If this intolligence is correct, all the world has been imposed upon by the play of diplomacy.

A BANKRUPT BARONET.—The case of Sir Henry Chudleigh Oxenden, Bart., was before the London Bankruptcy Court on Thursday. The Bankrupt, who petitioned the court on the 7th instant, in consequence, as he alleges, of insufficiency of income, is described as of Sheperdswell, near Dover, pro-

viously of 2 Marino Place, and other addresses at Dover, in no occupation. The creditors are very numerous, and comprizo tailors, bootmakers, hosiers, shirt makers, wine merchants, gun makers, a whiskey merchant, and tradesmen of various descriptions. The debts unsecured are returned at £22, and the bankrupt has executed a bill of sale over his furniture at Sheperds well, of the estimated value of £200, in favour of Mr. Ling, surgeon, of Barham, near Canterbury, as security for his debt of £270. This was the first sitting, but no assignee was appointed, and the 18th of December was fixed for the final hearing.

KING THEODORE AND AMERICAN LETTERS OF MARQUE.—The *Cosmopolitan* learns from good authority that a minister of King Theodore, charged with plenary power to represent the Government of his English-hating Majesty, has gone to New York for the purpose of issuing letters of marque to prey on British commerce, and that a whole fleet of American Alabamas will soon be let loose upon the ocean. The feeling in the United States, it says, is ripe for this sort of retaliatory enterprise, and it is a very significant fact that Mr. Seward has recently stopped the sale of Government war vessels. If, it adds, Abyssinia is a recognised Government under a belligerent power, the Abyssinian king is competent by the laws of nations, to grant letters of marque. The United States, smarting under their losses from confederate privateers, made and fitted out, as they assert, in England, are only too eager to play the tit for tat game, and insurance at Lloyd's upon English bottoms, it is inclined to think, will advance considerably within the next six days.

CANADIAN MILITARY NEWS.

MILITARY SOIREE.—The Virgil Infantry Company will give a grand military Soiree at Virgil, on the evening of the 28th instant. This spirited company deserves, and we hope will receive, a generous support from the public; the soiree being for the benefit of the company.—*Niagara Mail*.

A complimentary dinner was given by the members of No. 5 battery, G. T. R., Brigade, to their officers, Capt. Hardman and Lieutenants Parkinson and Hardman. The dinner was served at the Rossin House Saloon, and was all that could be desired. The chair was occupied by Corporal Green, and the vice chair by Gunner Adams. A number of volunteer officers were present and the fine band of the brigade added much to the pleasures of the company. The proceedings were of the usual character, and we regret that we have not space for a full report.—*Toronto Telegraph*.

OPENING OF THE PALERMO DRILL SHED.—On Friday evening the 22nd ult., a musical and literary entertainment under the direction of Mr. C. Beckett of this city, was given in the Drill Shed at Palermo, recently erected for the use of the Volunteers of the township of Trafalgar. The attendance was large, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Bredin of Oakville. Mr Beckett was assisted by several amateurs from Hamilton, including Mr J B Smith, who gave several readings, and his young pupils of Palermo. The entertainment was succeeded by a ball, music being furnished by Jennings Band of this city.—*Hamilton Times*.

FUNERAL OF COLONEL ROBERT LIND.—The funeral obsequies of this most esteemed veteran took place on the 24th ult., A large number of the friends of the deceased followed the body from the house to Christ Church, where the Volunteers of the city, together with the Mayor and civic authorities, and a large representation of the Masonic fraternity had assembled. The body was taken into the church, and part of the funeral service was read, after which a procession was formed and proceeded to the Cemetery, preceded by the band of the 13th Battalion, where the body was deposited in the family vault. The Church of England services were read by the Rev. J G Geddes, the Masonic service being read by R W Brother Richard Bull P D D G M. In addition to the public bodies mentioned above, a very large number of private citizens joined in the procession, and thus bore testimony to the great respect in which the deceased gentleman was held by all classes of the community with which he has been so long identified.—*Ibid*.

RIFLE MATCH.

On Thursday the 1st ult. the members of No. 6 Company—Capt. Swinton's—of the 39th Battalion, Norfolk Rifles, held a Rifle match, on the grounds of John B. Carpenter, Esq., which that gentleman has kindly granted the volunteers for a rifle range. Five prizes were offered for competition; but only three were shot for on the occasion, as it was found that time would not admit of two more ranges being fired. The first prize was a silver medal, worth \$18; the second was a silver cup, presented by the ladies, and the third was also a silver cup, presented by Lieut.-Col. Tisdale. The day was not favorable, owing to a strong wind prevailing. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were present; many of whom took a lively interest in the competition. The officers of the company, with their accustomed liberality, had prepared substantial lunches for volunteers and victors. They fired with the new breech-loaders, of the good qualities of which we have heard many of the volunteers speak in the highest terms. Below we give the scores of the contestants; as will be seen by it, Mr. Hanford Macdonald was the "crack shot," and consequently carried off the medal. Mr. Spencer Sobring, being second best, won the ladies' cup. Messrs. A. Roberts and H. Shepherd, having scored thirty-two points each., and they being the third highest, it became necessary that they should "shoot the tie off," which they did in the forenoon of Friday, three rounds each being allowed—when Mr. Roberts won the Colonel's cup by one point. We understand another match will come off shortly, when several sums of money will be awarded in prizes. We cannot close this, perhaps, too brief notice, without expressing our admiration of the appearances and efficiency of No. 6 Company:—

	Yards—200	250	300	T'l.
A. Roberts	33032	24022	32204	—32
H Macdonald	03433	22303	33342	—39
J S. Sobring	23330	33003	23224	—33
H. Shepherd	34332	33033	20030	—32

The scores of H. Shepherd and A. Roberts being equal, it became necessary that they should "break the tie." Three rounds were fired by them with the following result:—

H. Shepherd	400—4
A. Roberts	023—5