

Taken all in all, there was never a more happy meeting, nor one that will be remembered by the participants with more pleasure, as an occasion for the interchange and outpouring of the noblest sentiments of the heart. May there be many more such festivals.

I hardly suppose you would have room for a report of the speeches if I should send you one. That they were good and were appreciated you may know from the fact that so large a company remained in the hall to listen to them for an hour and a half. Their spirit was that of the most cordial, friendly feeling on all sides, individually and nationally. Whether the toast was "England" or "America," the Queen" or the "President," the applause was equally loud and hearty. The Englishman's "hear, hear," and the Frenchman's "bravo," were quite as often heard in response to laudation of the States as of Canada; and the fervent invocation, "God bless our Mother Country," from an American speaker was sure to find a response from every American present.

After breaking up at the Hall, the Montreal Rifles were escorted to their quarters by the Portland Battalion.

Last evening Mayor Jewett gave a levee in honor of the officers of the Rifle Battalion and other prominent military gentlemen of Montreal. This was a most brilliant and successful affair. The elegant mansion of the Mayor, on Spring street, was thronged with "fair women and brave men," and they were entertained with the utmost hospitality. In one drawing-room there was dancing, in another there was animated and merry conversation; in the conservatory were bevyes of guests admiring the Mayor's grapes; in the garden, with its graded walks and vine-covered arbors, and lighted up as it was with numerous gas jets variously disposed, they who desired might seek cooling breezes and the fragrance of flowers, and interesting tete-a-tetes might be had free from interruption. At the proper time refreshments were served in sumptuous style, after which the dance, and such other pleasant occupation of the hours as suited each person, was resumed, and the night passed quickly and happily.

To-day a grand excursion down the harbor is to take place. The programme includes chowder and cold collations, and it is intended by the managers that there shall be good time. The boat will return in time for the Montrealers to leave for home to-night.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PORTLAND, Aug. 19.—The Montreal and Portland military visited the Islands to-day, and at half-past seven this evening the Montreal Company started for home.