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81 ON Passage of the Terms

Our Exclusive Ottawa Dispatch on  
nounces the passage of the Terms of  
Confederation through the Senate on  
the 5th by a majority of 17. Presuming  
that the Terms came up on Monday, as  
it is intended, the debate lasted three  
days and the smallness of the majority  
would seem to indicate a harder strug-  
gle in the Lower than in the Upper  
Chamber. It is understood a  
majority of the members of the Senate  
are in favor of the Terms, but the  
debate was very short and the result  
is not known.

Thus, with 39,000 men of the First and  
Second Reserves, 14,000 Yeomanry and  
30,000 Pensioners, there will be an armed  
and trained force of 300,000 men, exclusive  
of 170,000 Volunteers. Three hundred thou-  
sand trained and equipped men for home  
defence and a garrison of one hundred thousand  
men to send to the continent to assist an  
ally or defend a right, and power taken to  
compel enlistment in case of need—such are  
the practical results of the measure, purchased  
at an annual cost to the nation of about  
sixteen million sterling. One year's mil-  
itary service in the country camps, remarks  
Colonel Carden, in reviewing Mr. Carden's  
mission, would do more to bind to the  
army of our population, double its capacity  
for civil organization and release Eng-  
land for ever from undignified garrisons. Take  
the organization of the navy under  
Colonel Carden and the reorganization of the army  
under Colonel Tilly, and the British lion bids fair  
to be in a condition somewhat less favorable to  
naughty boys poking fun at it—but better  
suited to inspiring that respect and fear which  
is the true source of the strength sought to  
increase, thinkfulness on the part of  
British Columbia, indicating, as they un-  
doubtedly do, the goodness of the Terms we  
have accepted. Terms the full import and  
value of which but few in this company  
adequately understand. The dispatch tends still  
further to confirm what we have all been  
prepared to expect viz.—that Hon. S. L.  
Tilly, C. B., is to be the first Lieutenant  
Governor of the Pacific Province. British  
Columbia may consider herself particularly  
fortunate in getting such a man as Mr. Tilly.  
It only now remains for Her Majesty's Gov-  
ernment to implement the action of the two  
provinces and Confederation will be an  
accomplished fact.

### Reorganization of the British Army.

Mr. Gladstone's measure for the com-  
plete reorganization of the British Army  
has been laid before the House of Com-  
mons and it has been received with an  
amount of favor which must have been  
surpassed. The Commons received  
it with unanimous ac-  
ceptance and the Press praises  
it and thinks it will add materially  
to the strength of Gladstone's Ministry.

At a moment when it stood in some need  
of strengthening, let us see what  
this scheme which has been received  
with so much favor is. A fundamental  
principle in it is the abolition of the old  
and pernicious purchase system. Com-  
missions are to be thrown open to the  
whole people. Every man who enters the  
service may aspire to command a regi-  
ment. Efficiency instead of cast-off  
old soldiers and recruits will be  
the chief element of the army.

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