

PARLIAMENTARY.

The debate on address still continues. Nothing of interest to the volunteers has transpired except that every member who addressed the House acknowledged or urged the necessity of a new and comprehensive Militia Law. So that we may confidently expect that a great and beneficial change in our military system will be inaugurated before the close of the next session.

SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

Lieut. Col. Jackson, Brigade Major, No. 1 District, will inspect the Volunteer Companies at the following stations, during the present week, viz:—

Almonte—Monday, 18th Nov. at 8. P.M.
 Fitzroy—Tuesday 19th " " 2.30 "
 Pakonham— " " " 7. "
 Carleton Place—Wed. 20th " 2. "
 Smith's Falls— " " " 7.30. "
 Millar's Corners Sat. " 23rd 10 A.M.

THIR FIRST FRUITS

"Bank of Montreal,

"MONTREAL, 12 Nov. 1867

"To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW,
 "Ottawa.

"Please send no more Nos. of your paper to me.

"Yours,

"SAMUEL GREEN."

The above was received by us on Wednesday last. It speaks for itself we admire Mr. Green's brevity, but deplore his truculence.

The following from the *Volunteer Service Gazette* (Eng.) will apply equally well to some Canadian Rifle Matches.—"A short time ago the *Morning Star*, in its *Volunteer Week*, had some excellent remarks on the foolish so-called "sensationalism" which is creeping into prize shooting. There cannot be too much fun, but we protest against rifle shooting being made an excuse for childish folly, either on the part of prize donors or winners. A bottle or pickles and a black draught, a goose and a gridiron, are combinations of gifts which committees should have the strength of mind to refuse. We observe, also, a report of a match "on the principle of a donkey race," in which it would appear that the rifles were shuffled before being issued to the competitors. Such proceedings are neither dignified nor profitable."

OBITUARY.—We regret to have to record the death of Gunner Ford, of No. 1 Battery of the Ottawa Provisional Brigade of Garrison Artillery. Gunner Ford was an active member of this Battery since 1862, and his death is the result of a long and painful illness contracted on frontier service last year. We regret to learn that he leaves behind him a wife and three children, without means of support. His remains were interred with military honors by the Brigade, in which he was long known and esteemed, on Friday last, and were followed to the grave by a large number of his fellow citizens.

CIVIL SERVICE RIFLE TOURNAMENT.

On Saturday week the ceremony of presenting the prizes to the successful competitors in the recent Rifle Tournament of the Civil Service Regiment, took place above the steps before the main entrance to the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa. His Excellency Lord Monck having agreed to be present at the ceremony, and Lady Monck having consented to distribute the prize, a *marquee* for the accommodation of the Vice-Regal party was erected on the raised terrace at the west end of the square in front of the central tower of the main building. In front and a little to the left of the *marquee* was placed a table on which the various prizes were displayed, many of which were very handsome and were greatly admired by those who had an opportunity of inspecting them. A considerable portion about the *marquee* had been railed in for the accommodation of those who had been favored with cards of invitation to be present at the ceremony, and within which we noticed several members of both Houses of the Legislature and a number of the leading citizens of Ottawa and their families. The hour of distribution was announced for half-past two, and shortly before that time a guard of honor, furnished by the Rifle Brigade and headed by the fine band of the regiment, arrived on the ground and took up their position in the rear of the enclosure. The various companies of the Civil Service Rifle Regiment had meanwhile been assembled at their respective parade grounds and afterwards formed up in three sides of a hollow square on the lower ground in front of the terrace. Precisely at the hour announced the Vice Regal party entered the grounds and approached the *marquee* by the central platform, the steps from which and the dais, had been carpeted for the occasion.

His Excellency the Governor General was accompanied by Lady Monck, the Hon. Miss Monck, Lt.-Col. Irvine, A. D. C., Lt.-Col. Duchesney, P. A. D. C. Col. Monck, Milit'y. Sec., and Lt.-Col. Bernard, and were met on the platform by Lady Macdonald and Lady Hay, the Minister of Militia, the Adjutant General, His Honor Judge Armstrong, Brigade Major Jackson, Lt.-Col. Wily, Major Howell, M. P. Bellville, Col. Crawford, Brockville, Capt. Smythe, 109th Regt. and others. The party was received by the troops with presented arms, the band playing God Save the Queen.

The regiment having been called to attention, the prizes were distributed to the winners by Lady Monck, in person, each recipient being in turn called from the ranks to receive his rewards from her ladyship's hands.

The ceremony being concluded, the Governor General and party retired from the ground, the band playing the National Anthem and the troops saluting as on his arrival, and the remainder of the spectators rapidly dispersed.

OFFICERS' MATCH.

1st prize—Silver, plated Silver Cup, Desbarats.
 2nd do do, plated dessert knives & forks, Lt. Walsh.
 3rd do A rifleman's telescope, Mat. Anderson.
 4th do A pair of green & gold china vases, Capt. White.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' MATCH.

1st prizes—Silver-plated Coffee Urn, Sergeant Harvey.
 2nd do A Meerschaum Pipe and stem, Sergeant Parant.
 3rd do Crystal & silver Sardine Case, Lt. Corp'l Morgan.
 4th do Silver Penholder & gold pen Lt. Corp'l Stevenson.
 5th do Bread Knife and Platter, Sergt. Pellant.
 6th do A cut glass inkstand, Sergt. Powell.

BUGLER'S MATCH.

1st prize—A Dressing Case, Bugler Lane.
 2nd do A Writing Desk, do Begg.

PRIVATES' MATCH.

1st prize—Patent lever silver Watch, Pvt. Bough.
 2nd do silver-plated Inkstand, do Yeomans.
 3rd do Meerschaum Pipe and stem, do Deslauriers.
 4th do Turquoise and gold Pin, do Ernst.
 5th do Plated Beer Mug, do Larose.
 6th do A sporting Knife, do Lyons.
 7th do Plated Cruet Stand, do Cross.
 8th do A drinking Flask, do Bureau.

COMPANY MATCH.

1st prize—A silver Cup, No. 6 Co., Capt. White.
 2nd do A plated Ice Pitcher, do do

REGIMENTAL MATCH.

1st prize—Her Majesty's Minister's prize, Lt. XIV. Clock, Mat. Anderson.
 2nd do The Minister of Militia's prize—a French Clock, Capt. White.
 3rd do The Field Officers' prize—Cypsy Camp Kettle, Sergt. Powell.
 4th do The Bdy. Adjt. General's prize—Dressing Case, Sergt. Harvey.
 5th do Quartermaster's prize—Two elegant Berks-shires, Pvt. Cross.
 6th do Lieut. Walsh's prize—Howard breech loading Rifle, Lieut. Hay.
 7th do Mr. Leslie's prize—an Ivory Opera Glass, Pvt. Berry.
 8th do Capt. White's prize—A Gold Penholder, Lieut. Walsh.
 9th do Mr. Wither's prize—Tegometer's Poetry Book, Pvt. Killaly.
 10th do Sergt. Wolfe's prize—Gold Charan, Pvt. Deslauriers.
 Lady Macdonald's prize—Silver Salt Cellars, Captain White.

CONSOLATION MATCH.

For highest score in any one match, not a winner—a Palmer Rifle, Col. Sergt. Benjamin.
 For highest aggregate score in whole match—a revolver, Major Anderson.
 For the highest number of individual points, steady firing; and without a miss; Capt. Bough's prize—a compass, Sergt. Pellant.

THE SEPTEMBER CONVENTION.

It may be interesting at this juncture of affairs in Italy, now that France insists on the fulfilment of this celebrated Convention and Victor Emmanuel appeal to his subjects to fulfil it, that its provisions should be recalled. They are as follows:

Art. 1. Italy binds herself not to attack the actual territory of the Holy Father, and to prevent even by force every attack coming from the interior against the said territory.

Art. 2. France will withdraw her troops from the Pontifical States by degrees, and in proportion as the army of the Holy Father shall be organized. The evacuation shall nevertheless be complete within the period of two years.

Art. 3. The Italian government will make no complaint against the organization of a Papal army composed even of foreign [Roman] Catholic volunteers, sufficient to maintain the authority of the Holy Father and tranquility both in the interior and on the frontier of the States, provided that this force shall not become a means of attack against the Italian government.

Art. 4. Italy declares herself ready to enter into an arrangement to charge herself with a proportionate part of the debt of the former States of the Church.