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## 100TH OR PRINCE OF WALES ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT.

The *March* of this Regiment, composed by C. Sabatier, for the piano, patronized by the *Officers*, and DEDICATED to HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the PRINCE of WALES; will be published in a coming number of the *Military Gazette*. *Gratis* to subscribers, or to nonsubscribers, price 20 cents (forwarded by post free on receipt of 4 letter stamps,) and at the following stores.

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## THE MILITIA ESTIMATES.

The supply for the Militia Force of the Province has been voted, after less discussion than usual. It was natural that this year there should be some objections, but if anything we think there was more on the Ministerial side than on that of the opposition. The reduction of five days' pay for the drill of the Artillery—a petty saving of some £1400, might well have been dispensed with. But we are convinced the Volunteer Force will still shew its patriotic zeal, by exhibiting the same alacrity at turning out for drill, notwithstanding the reduction. *Volunteers* in fact should not accustom themselves to look for pay for such services. So long as their actual extraordinary expenses are met, they should be satisfied. And we believe that such is the feeling generally. It is in fact a disputed point in the Force whether it would not be better to discontinue anything in the shape of pay to the Volunteer Militia. Many Captains are of opinion that it would be better for the Province to provide clothing and Equipments of every kind for the Men, without the issue of pay. Good Uniforms of excellent quality could be furnished, at the rate of £4 per man, for the sum of £12,000 per annum, that is admitting that the Uniform lasted two years, which with the most ordinary care it would do. There would thus be a considerable saving on the Estimates, which could be applied to a very essential purpose, that of relieving the individual on whom the greatest trouble, responsibility and expense falls—to wit, the Captain of the Company—Under this system he ought to be given a Contingent Allowance, varying according to the average number of his men throughout the year, say of two dollars per man—on a certificate signed by himself and Inspecting Field Officer, that the drill of the Company had been attended to, and their knowledge of military movements, and of the use of their arms warranted the claim. We think that, under this arrangement, what is called *Class B* could be done away with—and that would be a great object gained, for the existence of such a class, we take to be a serious defect in the Militia organization, causing a great deal of needless jealousy and hearthurning. There are those who prefer the present plan of issuing pay to the men. It has its advantages undoubtedly, one of which is that it ensures a certain amount of drill. And there are those who believe that many men are induced to serve with the prospect of this advantage, trifling as it is.

We are lovers of simplicity—a man must be either a *Volunteer* or a pressed

man.—There is an old saying that one of the former is worth any two of the latter—but this applies to those who are really heart and soul willing. A volunteer who serves for the miserable advantage held out by the ten days' pay, is a mongrel, who is not worth much, and whose services could well be dispensed with. Still we could not make the change compulsory. We would leave it to the Companies themselves to decide, and we think that if they understood their own interests, simply in a pecuniary sense, they would gladly accept such a proposition from the Government. They would not suffer—and we are convinced that the service generally would gain universally by such an arrangement as that above proposed. The appearance of the Force would be improved—and both Men and Officers would be relieved of a great deal of trouble.

In short, it is a simple and intelligible arrangement. The Uniforms and Equipments would be the permanent property of the Company, and if a man chose to leave his duties he would be compelled to leave behind him what would equip another to take his place.

We would be glad to see the arrangement submitted to the Companies generally. With those which concurred it could be acted on at once. A great deal of trouble, of useless internal discussion, and of petty demands on the individuals of each Company would be obviated; and the experiment would not be very long in force before all would see the benefit of such a system.

We trust these remarks may be the means of eliciting the opinions of Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and the men on this subject, we shall gladly devote a portion of our space to its discussion—and from their more intimate acquaintance with the details, further light will be thrown on it. We feel pretty sure however that discussion will all go to establish the benefit of the change suggested.

## THE VOLUNTEER PIC-NIC.

We take from the *Mercury* a portion of its account of this Military *Fete*, regretting that our space will not allow us to give it in full. The addresses to Sergeant Gracey and Colonel Sewell we defer to our next number.

Meantime we add our testimony to the very agreeable character of the day's proceedings. The appearance of the Force, as a Military body, was excellent. On future occasions however of a like kind we think they might as well dispense with the Arms; we cannot see what possible use they are on such occasions, with the exception of the Artillery for salutes. The *Mercury* has omitted to mention that the Artillery Force was inspected by Lieutenant Colonel Thorndyke in the morning prior to departure on their pleasure trip. We have heard that this gallant officer is spoken of as a candidate for the vacant appointment of Inspecting Field Officer for Lower Canada.

## PICNIC OF THE QUEBEC ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS.

In company with several prominent citizens, and several brethren of the press, we broke from the moibonous duties of the city on Tuesday, to accept the invitation of the officers of the Active Force, and to join the citizen soldiery in their first combined celebration of an annual festive day.

The turn out for the day made a force of two hundred and fifty,—composed as follows, two companies only being unrepresented:

The artillery BAND, (under M. Belleau.)  
CAVALRY.

Lt-Col. commanding, Alex. D. Bell;  
First Troop.—Captain and Adj. T. F. Kelly; Cornet W. W. Scott.

Lieut. J. Anderson (acting Brigade Major.)

## ARTILLERY.

MOUNTED FIELD BATTERY, (with 2 guns.)  
Captain, E. Lamontagne; Lieut. E. Valiere; 2d Lieut. C. Panet.

## FOOT BATTERY.

Major John Boomer, Commanding;  
Adjutant, Lieut.; J. W. Barrow.  
1st Company.—Captain, John Lindsay, Lieut. R. Winfield, and Lieut. J. Shaw.  
2nd Company.—Capt. W. McKay, Lieut. D. Morgan, Lt. McGreevy, Lt. W. Power.

## RIFLE REGIMENT.

Lieut. Col. John Sewell, (commandant of the Quebec Active Force) Commanding.  
No. 1 Company.—Captain C. Corneil; Lieut. S. Corneil, Ensign Jas Courtney.  
No. 2 Company.—Captain Thos. Burns, Lieut. Meagher.  
No. 5 Company.—Captain T. J. Murphy, Lieut. Murphy.

At the wharf, an immense concourse of people had assembled to witness the embarkation. The Grant Trunk Railway ferry steamer, was the finest boat on the river for the accommodation of so large a party. She was decked with flags from end to end, and was liberally adorned with trees, to increase the shade and add to the general effect. At five minutes past ten. The Boat left by uncovering the Battery, with their field pieces in the bow, now thundered out a parting salute on the city.

At ten minutes to eleven, the troops landed, and then the guests, in all a party of over five hundred, as we now discovered. Civilians as well as military, proceeded *ensemble* for a few acres along the nicely gravelled road, till an open plateau was reached fronting the river and the city. Here the force halted and underwent the form of inspection by Colonel Thorndyke, R. A., commanding the Active Volunteer Artillery in Canada East. This gentleman, who had come down from Montreal, expressly to be present, is a son of Colonel Thorndyke, R. A., well known to our citizens during his sojourn in the garrison some years back: the present officer has retired from the regular army, and chosen Canada for his future abode, having purchased property at Chambly. Colonel Thorndyke was, after the inspection, saluted by the battery with the honor due to his rank.

The inspection over, the troops marched off the main road, guided by flags that floated from the most prominent trees, until they came to a charming glen, at the further side of which, tables fully laid for a large party, were the first objects to meet the eye, an indication of the mindfulness and promptness with which the managing Committee had worked before the host of guests arrived. The men piled arms on the highest part of the rendezvous ground, and all were now free to stroll and ramble whether they chose. Some followed the paths that led into the woods all around, for the field was skirted on three sides with a grassy carpeted forest and trees of all heights, sizes and kinds, from hazle bush to hawthorn, and from trembling poplars to waving pines. Some steered for the bluffs along the river's edge, and others took to the main road; to look at, and make the acquaintance of, the *habitants*; while the greater portion altered themselves over the pretty plain where the chief movements of the day were to be carried on. And, let us add, with the great choice to be made in this district, no sweeter spot could have been chosen for a *rele Champetre*.

In a short while, symptoms of rain appearing, up went a dozen military tents on all sides of the field, and last though not least a marquee in the centre, with a floor for dancing. The weather, however, continued dry and pleasant, and Quadrilles proceeded in open air enlivened by the choicest music of the band, which attracted many lookers on. Cricketers too, had planted their wickets on the plateau, near the river, for a "scratch march," the player scoring the greatest number to carry off the ball,—and a tightly contested game of two hours' duration,—"Military against Civilians?"—resulting in J. Peacock of the Foot Artillery, winning the ball, by 36.

The dejeuner, or dinner, was announced to be ready at half-past one. Colonel Bell of the Cavalry occupied the head of the table, Colonel Thorndyke, R. A., of Montreal, and the Commandant, Colonel Sewell, being

the chief guests on his right, and also A. C. Buchanan, Esq., T. C. Lee, Esq., J. W. Henry, Esq., Professor Andrew, J. Dunbar, Esq., Capt. Kirk, and other professional gentlemen and merchants with their lady friends.

The Committee of Arrangements, it is but justice to mention, were Lieut. Anderson of the Cavalry, Captain Corneil of the Rifle, Lieut. Panet of the Field Artillery, and Lieut. Power of the Foot Artillery.

Colonel Bell had been invited to take the command for the day, as well as to preside at the board on the occasion; but he delicately gave way in the former respect to his senior, Colonel Sewell.

(At this stage of the proceedings a Watch was presented to Sergeant Gracey by Capt. Lindsay's Company of Foot Artillery, and an address to Lieut. Col. Sewell.)

At half-past five, the gaily decked steamer, have in sight on her return to convey the party home, and in an hour after, the gallant volunteers, having fully earned the many warm compliments bestowed on them by their guests for their bounteous hospitality, again embarked with their numerous friends. All found the jaunt as agreeable as it had been in the morning, and after a fraternizing talk and more music, then a final salvo of heavy guns, the disembarkation took place before seven o'clock, every one returning home with the most favorable impressions of the VOLUNTEERS' FIRST PIC-NIC.

## TESTIMONIALS TO MAJOR FLETCHER.

This afternoon, at 4 o'clock, Major Fletcher, who for so many years has resided in Montreal, takes final leave of his friends, to assume his command in the 100th Regiment, and the wing still in this country sails for England in the *Nova Scotian* on Saturday next. Last evening, at the Mechanics' Hall, the Caledonian Society, of which he was President, presented him with a silver goblet, having an appropriate inscription, and a purse containing \$60. Major Fletcher made an appropriate reply. Soon after its conclusion a similar transaction took place at the City Concert Hall. Chief Engineer Bertram presented Major Fletcher with a purse of about \$300, from the Fire Department of this city. An appropriate and feeling reply was made by the Major, and short addresses were delivered by Messrs. Lyman, Spiers, &c. The Artillery Band was present, and discoursed sweet music. We cordially wish Major Fletcher success in his new profession, and we are sure he carries with him the good wishes of a large number of our citizens. (*Pilot*.)

TARGET PRACTICE.—The *Gazette* says yesterday afternoon, at Logan's Farm, the Highland Rifle Company contested for a splendid medal, presented by their Captain, which was won by Sergeant Stonehouse. They were accompanied by the Rifle Band. After returning from Logan's Farm, they marched through town, and in the evening dined at Bonsecours Hall.

The 100th Regiment.—We are informed that the left wing of the 100th Regiment or Prince of Wales' Own, consisting of 435 non-commissioned officers and rank and file, will embark to-day, between one and two o'clock on board the steamship *Nova Scotian*, which sails to-morrow morning for Liverpool. The officers accompanying this division are Lieut.-Colonel Gordon, 17th foot; Lt. Fogs, 22nd foot; Capt. R. C. Price, and Lieutenants Casault, Fletcher, and Ryckert.

## COLONEL JOHNSTONE

Lord Bannure, asked what had been the result of the investigation made in India into the alleged misconduct of Colonel Johnstone, of the 87th Regiment, during and after the mutiny of the sepoy at the station where he was in command? He understood the inquiry had fully cleared Colonel Johnstone of all the charges made against him.—Lord Hardinge confirmed the statement that the inquiry had completely acquitted that officer of all blame.

We have seen at Mr. Wallace's establishment a very massive and elaborately embossed silver Tankard, which bears the following inscription: "Presented to Robert Smyth, Esquire leaving the 17th Regiment by his friends—*Limerick Chronicle*."