

## CANADIAN ITEMS.

**DEATH OF AN OLD SALT.**—An old French sailor, named Legas, who fought against the British Admiral Cook in the West Indies, and was taken prisoner there, died recently at Les Eboulemens. The old man wore the decoration of the St. Helena medal.

**THE 100TH AMATEURS.**—The amateur corps of the 100th P. W. Regiment gave an entertainment at the Theatre Royal in Montreal, on the 25th ultimo. The popularity which the corps have gained for themselves by their former performances in Montreal was evinced by the fulness of the house, and the hearty round of cheering which followed the raising of the curtain. In the opening piece, "The Ladye of Lambytho," Mr. G. W. D. Gordon and Mr. H. C. Boydell specially distinguished themselves, the former as Javalin Belleisle, the Norman Free Lance, and the latter as John the Jester. Mr. Marsland, as the Hunchback, contributed greatly to the success of the piece. If we were disposed to be critical, it would be easy to notice the slips incidental to such amateur performances, but we should not do justice to the talent of the corps if we did not pronounce the acting far superior to what is generally done on such occasions. At the close of the piece, Mr. J. Robertson performed some very difficult gymnastic tricks, which were well received. The after piece, "Going to the Derby," was gone through with infinite humour. The orchestral performances were very creditable, a solo by Mr. R. Quinn being specially worthy of notice.—*Montreal Herald.*

**THE LATE W. L. MACKENZIE.**—In the Ontario Legislature, on the 13th ult., Mr. McKellar presented a petition from the widow of the late William Lyon Mackenzie, asking payment of an amount due to her husband by the Government of Upper Canada. The petition was referred to a committee to report upon the facts of the case, the Government not pledging itself to anything more than a willingness to hear the facts which might be reported. The sum asked for is £500 voted in 1835 to Mr. Mackenzie by the Legislative Assembly, to defray expenses incurred by him in going to England with petitions for changes in the administration, where he had remained a year and a half at his own charge. Although the sum mentioned was granted to him, it was never paid over, and the object of the present petition by his widow is to recover the amount. Whatever may have been the faults of Mr. Mackenzie, he passed through a long political career without once attempting to enrich himself at the expense of the people, as is too often the case with politicians; the consequence being that he died in comparative poverty; and it is nothing more than simple justice that the Province should now pay to his widow the sum actually voted to him, which we hope there will be no hesitation in doing as soon as the committee reports.

**IS CANADA DEFENCELESS?**—The Adjutant General of Militia lately delivered a lecture before the Militia Officers' Association, of Montreal, in the course of which he handled the principles and applicability of two of the great axioms of warfare with more than usual research and ability, in that careful, painstaking manner which have already given him such an enviable position among

the military writers of the empire.—And although not avowedly designed to point out the strength of our position on the left bank of the St. Lawrence, Colonel Macdougall's remarks incidentally alluded to what we may truly call the impregnable position of this city, for he conclusively shows that by means of a line of forts, or rather an intrenched camp, covering what we will suppose to be Longueuil, St. Lamberts and Laprairie, our means of defence can only be measured by the extent of our endurance—that fifty thousand men, in fact in such a position, such a camp, would be a match for all the available force our neighbours could bring against it. This was also the opinion of Colonel Jervoise, and tested by the well-tried principles which Macdougall applied throughout his lecture, it fully establishes the pretence that, defenceless as Canada appears to be, it could yet be successfully defended against all the odds which might be brought against it. The knowledge of this fact cannot be to extensively circulated. It is calculated to give healthy tone to our new nationality; to make it feel respectable and self-reliant, and for this reason we are glad to see that in this it has the weight attachable to the experience and science of such a well-versed military man as Colonel Macdougall.—*Montreal Gazette.*

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