

regardless of the interests of its country, foully belies her honor, and would make the world believe her prestige is as great a sham as the patriotism of the *Times*. *Distance lends enchantment to the view*, and this is the whole philosophy of the Whig admirers of Yankee institutions, but the Canadian people live too near the foul abortion to be in love with it.

Perfectly satisfied with their position as British subjects, thoroughly aware that when they cease to be such the day of Britain's glory has passed away, they can despise the philosophy whose leading maxim is peace at any price, and treat with contempt misrepresentations regardless alike of truth or national honor.

We have much pleasure in giving insertion to the address presented by the Cadets of the School of Gunnery in Montreal to Lieut. Saunders of the Royal Artillery, who kindly volunteered gratuitous Lectures on Gunnery, projectiles and branches connected with ordnance and artillery &c., &c. Lieut. Saunders is a young officer of high acquirements and a qualified instructor from Shoburness and it would be of great advantage to the School of Gunnery if his valuable services and knowledge could be secured to the School as Adjutant.

SCHOOL OF GUNNERY,
Montreal, March 8th, 1869.

LIEUT. J. M. SAUNDERS,
Royal Artillery.

SIR,—As our course of training is now about to terminate, we, the Cadets forming the present squad wish, before leaving this School, to thank you most cordially and sincerely for the instruction we have received at your hands, and for the untiring pains you have taken to impart it to us. That zeal and love for a noble profession which prompted the voluntary surrender of your time and talents for our benefit will, we fervently hope, ensure your deserved advancement and distinction in the service.

Accept then our hearty thanks for your kindness, and our best wishes for your constant welfare, wherever duty may call you, and believe us each and all your very grateful pupils.

A. G. Irvine, Major 55th Batt. V. M.
Arthur W. Bell, Ensign 55th Batt. V. M.
George H. Scougall, Cadet.
George Johnstone, Cadet.
Henry J. Ware, Cadet.
M. T. Hunter, Cadet.
E. P. Bulger, Cadet.
W. H. Robinson, Ensign 52nd Batt. V. M.
Arthur Charland, Capt. V. M.
C. Lalime, Ensign V. M.
D. McFee, Cadet.
C. Pearson, V. A.
John Vipond, Cadet.

THE attention of the Adjutant General's Department is earnestly requested to the abuse complained of by the correspondent of the *VOLUNTEER REVIEW* "Cadet," under the heading of "Officers Outfit"—it belongs peculiarly to the Brigade Major's duty, but for obvious reasons those officers occupy a position unfavorable to the strict exercise of their functions where individual interests are concerned, and it would look too much like degrading them to the rank of detectives, but a simple order from the Department would set all right.

METROPOLITAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR YEAR 1868.

We have received from the Secretary, Capt. C. E. Perry, a copy of the report of the Metropolitan Rifle Association for the year 1868.

It is very neatly compiled and will afford matter of interest to all marksmen as it contains the scores and firing in detail with average shooting, &c. We are pleased to find our Rifle Association (the first we believe in presenting a report of their doings to the general public) in such a flourishing condition, thanks to the kind liberality of our citizens, and we trust to see a prize list at the annual meeting this year that will induce marksmen from all parts of the Dominion to compete. Rifle Associations are really public matters, as the President of the Metropolitan, Col. Powell, in his address justly remarks:—"In a country that must, in the event of invasion be defended under the disadvantage of marked numerical inferiority, it is all important that familiarity with the rifle and skill in its use may as far as possible be made to supplement valour and courage, and help to equalize the odds that are incident to the situation."

The Metropolitan Rifle Association in its meetings have steadily kept in view these principles, and given to the common weapon of defence the first place in its late match. In conclusion, we heartily endorse the words of the respected President, that "whether measured by the number of competitors, the value of the prizes, the average of the firing, the freedom from accidents, or the regularity of the proceedings throughout, the late Rifle Match of the M. R. A., will compare not unfavorably with any that have taken place within the limits of our new Dominion."

May the Association have much success in the future.

REMITTANCES

Received on Subscription to THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW during the week ending Saturday the 27th inst:—

OTTAWA.—Major I., 55th Batt., \$2; Lieut. D. M., \$2.
BRANTFORD.—R. R. W., \$3.
BURRITT'S RAPIDS.—Major G. S., \$2.

CORRESPONDENCE.

OFFICERS OUTFIT.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR,—I do not often trespass on the space of the REVIEW, but when I do so, it is with the view of offering suggestions for the benefit of the Volunteer Force generally, or, in an endeavour to correct any abuses, and that I now avail myself of its columns. The matter to which I wish to draw attention to, is, the practice of many Volunteer Officers supplying themselves with an outfit from the clothing issued by the Government for the men; when an issue of clothing is received for the men of a company, these Officers select a tunic and pants for themselves; this is decidedly wrong and unfair to these officers who provide their own uniform, and parties who have been guilty of this should be made to pay for what they have taken from the Government. If an officer will not procure a Regulation uniform for himself he should be compelled to resign or be dismissed. A General Order should be issued that no person be recommended for a commission hereafter who will not promise to get an officer's uniform (and not a private's)—failing to do so, after a reasonable time, the appointment cancelled. Look also to the effect it has on the private when his captain or other superior officer comes on parade dressed in a private's uniform and a common cloth cap—if officers parade thus can it be expected the men will do better. Another matter in this connection I would like to see an improvement that is the more uniformity of uniforms of officers. A short time ago I was present at an inspection of a Battalion of Infantry, 6 companies, and the following is about the result of officers' uniforms:—

The Battalion in Line at open order receiving the Inspecting Officer with the general salute.

First Company.
Captain—Officer's Tunic, Pants and Shako.
Lieut.—Blue Frock, Pants and Forage Cap.
Ensign—Officer's Tunic, Pants and Shako.
2nd Company.
Captain—Priv. Tunic, Mil. Sch'l Pants, Forage Cap.
Lieut.—Mil. Sch'l Serge Frock, do. Pants, do.
Ensign—Blue Frock, M. S. Pants, M. S. Cap.
3rd Company.
Captain—Blue Frock, Officer's pants, Forage cap.
Lieut.—Officer's Tunic, do. Pants, Forage Cap.
Ensign—Blue Frock, Pants, and Forage Cap.
4th Company.
Captain—Officer's Tunic, Pants, and Shako.
Lieut.—Military School Frock, Pants, Forage Cap.
Ensign—Mil. School Frock, Pants, Forage Cap.
5th Company.
Captain—Officer's Tunic, Pants and Forage Cap.
Lieut.—Officer's Tunic, Pants and Shako.
Ensign—Officer's Tunic, Pants and Forage Cap.
6th Company.
Captain—Private's Tunic, do. Pants, Cloth Cap.
Lieut.—Officer's Tunic, Pants and Shako.
Ensign—Private's Tunic, Priv. Pants, Priv. Shako.

Here we have only five officers properly uniformed for dress parade out of eighteen, and not one company whose officers were all in dress uniform.

CADET.

CANADIAN DEFENSIVE STRATEGY.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR,—The impropriety of a Canadian Volunteer in touching upon technical military matters has been sufficiently demonstrated by the crusade against the author of "Modern Cavalry," but the "London Review," *et hoc genus omne* notwithstanding. I, a Canadian and a Volunteer, venture to offer a few crude remarks upon the subject which heads my letter. In his book, Lt. Col. Denison fully