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We shall feel obliged to such to forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that it may reach us in time for publication.

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To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, MAY 15, 1871.

NOTICE TO OLD SUBSCRIBES.

As a great number of our early subscribers in the Volunteer Force must have been promoted since they became subscribers, they will kindly favor us by sending in their present rank and proper address.

THE attention of our readers is directed to the General Orders in the present issue. Like everything issuing from the Adjutant General's department, they are models of comprehensiveness and adaptability. This season's drill promises to be most interesting and instructive. The wishes of the Volunteer officers have been gratified by the additional eight days drill, and the rank and file liberally dealt with in the matter of pay and allowance. As we have always maintained, the Militia Department will be found abreast of the times if the House of Commons will only be liberal.

THE Manitoba *News Letter* of the 5th of April contains an article on the recent disgraceful conduct of the Volunteers at Fort Garry, in which it is hard to tell what to admire most, the cool impudence or reckless distortion of facts. The managers of that sheet are probably new to the business—in charity that must be supposed, because, with one or two prominent exceptions, the

press of Canada are careful not to excite the evil passions of any class to the detriment of public interests. With respect to the conduct of the Volunteers the *News Letter* forgets that it sang an *To Pen* of triumph on the occasion of the *emcute*, in which the prominent features were *insubordination to their officers*, and the discomfiture of Mr. Attorney General. We are quite willing to extend our feelings of charity a little further, and suppose the conductors of the *News Letter* ignorant of the consequences of abetting mutiny and disorder amongst military men; the crime for it is nothing less, of which that journal has been guilty, is punishable by law, and in England the chastisement would be speedy as well as sharp. We do not think the *News Letter* so lost to all sense of duty as to persist in a course which must be disastrous to the interests of the country, and has already cost the Volunteers, whose cause it so eagerly espouses, pretty dearly. In this evil course it has played third fiddle to the music of the *Globe* and *Le Nouveau Monde*, and it has been asserted that the outbreak was due to its suggestions. Our strictures thereon were governed entirely by military considerations. With the political affinities or aspects we have nothing to do, and cared nothing for. The party of the *News Letter* would be our party if legally constituted—the opposition is the party occupying that position and therefore commands our allegiance. Soldiers should know no politics but that of constituted authority, and those journals who incite them to resistance to such authority, even when it has overstepped legal bounds, are guilty of treason and sedition. The *News Letter* and its confreres in this bad cause have seriously injured the Volunteer force, and done their party no good.

WE understand that aid for the band of the Ottawa Garrison Artillery will be sought from the City Council to night. As they have always acted liberally to the force, and as the citizens generally enjoy all the advantages derived from the very efficient band organized by Major Ross, it is to be hoped the required assistance will be accorded. Nothing can be more desirable than having a good military band in Ottawa, and it is too much to expect that its support should involve on individuals—the city fathers had better be liberal.

REVIEWS.

Blackwood for April has been received: as usual, it is full of instructive matter.

The *Dominion Monthly* for May is a most interesting number.

The *British Quarterly* for April has been received, and contains a series of interesting articles.

The *Haltion Herald* comes to us in a new dress and with a new prospectus, in which its position is defined as *Independent* in poli