

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NEW MILITIA BILL.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR:—There are a couple of paragraphs in your editorial of May 31st introducing the Volunteer Memorial to the Minister of Militia, upon the first of which I would beg leave to make a remark, upon the other ask for a little information.

You say "that although Sir George's Militia Act might be modified with advantage to the Volunteers &c., &c., it is upon the whole erected upon a principle well nigh unassailable."

Will you, sir, be kind enough to tell the force, for which you profess to be the spokesman, viz the Volunteers

1st. Has Sir George E. Cartier had sufficient experience of the organization of the Militia of the Dominion, of the material of which it is composed, to be competent to frame a Bill for its administration and Government?

If your answer is a. the affirmative, please to say when and where he acquired such knowledge, if in the negative by what officer or officers he was assisted in preparing the Bill which you say is almost unassailable.

2nd. Will you tell the Volunteers in what form or manner the Reserve Militia are more available under the New Bill, although enrolled in Company Divisions, with Captains, Lieutenants, and Ensigns, than they were when under the old law and under the name of Sedentary Militia they were yearly entered in the assessment roll of their respective townships.

3rd. When the men, of the Reserve are needed for active service will you not have *draft* or *give bounty* under the New Law the same as under the old?

4th When the men of the Reserve are drafted, or enrolled, what is or will be the status of their officers, or is their rank in the meanwhile *nominal* or *substantive*?

For instance, what would be the position of the Captain of a Volunteer Company if by chance he came upon a parade or drill ground with his men under arms where there was the Major or Lt.-Col. of a Reserve Battalion?

You say too, "the necessity of the establishment of a small *regular* force has not occurred to the memorialists,"—allow me to correct you, *it did occur*, and one of the principle objects of the memorial was to remove the shadow of an excuse for any such proposal, and if the alteration and bounty asked for in the memorial are granted there will be no more need for a regular force of Canadians than there is for a bench of Archbishops. But I confess, Mr. Editor, I look for no such concessions, for I believe there will be no Military Law in Canada, either efficient or satisfactory till there is a Parliament in the country independent enough to insist, that politics shall be kept out of

the Militia, and that the Militia laws of the Dominion shall be framed, but by a committee or commission, with enough men of practical experience upon it, to make first the present force efficient, next the supports and reserves in such a shape that the whole available force of the country would be almost always ready for marching orders.

I am your obedient.

June, 1st, 1869.

L. C.

RIFLE MATCHES AT GUELPH.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

Score at match between Guelph Rifle Association and No. 6 Company (Eramosa Rifles) 30th Wellington Batt., being the third match, leaving the Volunteers the victors for second time. Military target regulations, no wind but showery.

NO. 6 COMPANY.

	200 yds.	300 yds.	Total.
Lieut. Kennedy....	33424	42200	24
Ensign Swinford....	44322	04343	29
Pvt. A. Johnson....	22002	40302	15
" D. McDonald....	03324	20044	22
Sergt. Copeland....	02220	02003	11
Pvt. Simpson.....	23333	43442	31
" Wishart.....	24433	43432	32
Corp. A. S. Day....	33424	22330	26
Pvt. Robinson....	02032	22324	20
" Swales.....	33042	33000	18
" Rafferty.....	00002	40032	11
Corp. Moore....	44334	30303	27
Pvt. Smith.....	32343	23032	25
" Grieve.....	30033	34043	23

GUELPH ASSOCIATION.

G. Elliott.....	22220	20000	10
J. Hazleton.....	24334	22342	29
W. Sunley.....	00202	30003	10
C. Heath.....	34344	22232	29
J. Stewart.....	20230	20244	19
G. Balkwill.....	23033	33002	19
A. Strawzer.....	33343	33322	28
J. T. Nicholls.....	32233	22323	25
A. McKenzie.....	24223	24303	25
E. Newton.....	42423	23020	22
H. L. Walker.....	32323	22232	24
M. Deady.....	33432	42332	29
A. H. McDonald....	24422	00020	16
A. McDonald....	42422	20222	22

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Majority for No 6, Eramosa Rifles, 7 pts.

LADIES CHALLENGE CUP.

Competed annually for by members of the 30th Battalion of Rifles on the Queen's Birthday. Score of this year.

NO. 1 COMPANY.

Corporal Halliday....	24402	12
" Barry.....	00020	2
Private Heath.....	30403	10

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NO. 2 COMPANY.

Lieut. Hooper.....	34233	15
L. Corp. Marsh.....	02422	10
Private Hadden.....	40203	9

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NO. 6 COMPANY.

Corporal Moose.....	03020	5
Pvt. McDonald.....	30020	5
" A. Johnson.....	02434	13

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Lieut. Hooper thus became the holder for this year and will become his property if he wins it next year.

Range 300 yards. Military targets and regulations.

STADACONA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—Would you kindly mention, for the information of intending competitors, that the Annual Prize Match of the Stadacona Rifle Association will take place on the Beauport Flats on Wednesday the 21st July next and following days. So soon as our prize list is prepared I will give you full information, as we mean this match to be a good one and we should be glad that the Volunteers generally and others who take an interest in rifle shooting be notified in time; and I know no better way of reaching them than through the columns of your valuable paper.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obdt. servt.,

W. H. FORREST, Capt.,

Sec'y-Treasurer.

Quebec. 2nd June, 1869.

S. R. A.

[The above announcement arrived too late for insertion in the proper column.]

TONY VECK IN NOVA SCOTIA.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—Perhaps a word from the country of the Blue Noses would be acceptable to some of the Review readers. So the great Match is to be held in Halifax; how many Kanucks may we expect? In any case I would strongly advise all who can to come; they will be well repaid in sight seeing. Halifax itself is rather a dirty town, but, as the Range is some 6 miles off in the Bay, *Shootists* will not be troubled with mud or dust. The Bedford Range is, without doubt, the finest in the Dominion, and well supplied with all requisites. Marksmen must, however, look out for a different atmosphere here to what they are accustomed to in Canada. I am glad to see that Lieut. Russell's work on shooting bids fair to supply a long felt want, and from the well known ability of the compiler we may confidently expect a really valuable and useful assistant to marksmen.

The Volunteers in Nova Scotia, as far as I have seen them, are superior in drill to those of Canada, this can be accounted for only from the fact of Nova Scotia possessing a really efficient Militia, well drilled, armed, and clothed, from whose ranks the Volunteers are taken. The ordinary Militia drill equally as well as the generality of Canadian Volunteers, and for physique are certainly hard to beat. The old Militia law appears to have worked well, and under the present it is to be hoped that the Force will not lose any of its former *prestige*. The Antis and Rebs or Annexationists are very few in this locality although there are some