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THE BORDEN CLUB
 Tonight the bell will ring for the start of the membership race in connection with adding one thousand, or more, to the membership of the Borden Club.

There will be nothing like it in the Marathon line since the Greek soldier, in 490 B. C. ran to the place so named to tell the news of the defeat of the Persian army. He dropped dead just as he had done so, but the Borden Club will be still more alive as the result of this contest.

The many advantages offered by the club include—

1. Roomy quarters.
2. Social intercourse.
3. Billiards, pool, carpetball and other diversions.
4. Musical evenings during the winter.
5. The privilege of upholding the Conservative principles which have meant, and are still meaning, so much for Canada.

One dollar admits to all.

The contesting sides are known as the white and the red tickets, and they are under the captaincy of the President and the Vice-President.

There will be individual prizes given by Mr. Cocksbutt, M.P., and Mr. Brewster, M.P.P., for the highest scores, and a supper tendered at the close of the hustle, by the association to all the workers.

If you want to join, hand in your name at the meeting this evening.

Go to it.

HYDRO ELECTRIC BOARD
 The election of a Hydro Electric Board of Commissioners in connection with this city will very soon have to be faced.

One method talked of is to elect two men and to have the Mayor for the time being, the other member.

If such a plan is followed here, this paper would like to see the board on a non-political basis. Hydro Electric is for Conservatives and Liberals alike and right from the first it has been the course of Hon. Adam Beck to most emphatically keep the project out of the contentious party arena.

That was the proper course in the minds of most reasonable men although in this city there was an effort to knock the project for purely party reasons.

However let that pass.

It is not of course for the Courier to attempt to dictate, but if a Liberal should be on the Board, the name of Mr. George Wedlake has been most favorably mentioned. He would certainly make a splendid man for such position if he could be induced to accept for he possesses the confidence of everyone.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
 "Lest we forget" this is to remind readers that the Borden Club has started a campaign to add one thousand more members.

That man Diaz didn't know enough to stay away and now he has been the victim of a stabbing affair, and on top of that has been clapped into prison.

The latest word from Ottawa is to the effect that all that Premier Borden is suffering from is a carbuncle. That will be bad news for the ghoul's Globe.

It is rumored that the people of Hamilton who are on strike over the price of lactical fluid there, are making arrangements to tap the milky way.

APPOINTMENTS MADE.
TORONTO, Nov. 6.—The following appointments have been gazetted by the Ontario Government His Honor, L. B. C. Livingstone, of Welland, to be judge of the surrogate court of the County of Welland. His Honor, J. N. Vance, senior judge of the county of Simcoe, to be surrogate judge for the same county in the place of Judge Ardagh, resigned.

V. V.'s Eyes

A man wrote a novel named "Queed," a volume most charming, indeed; it was witty and sweet, and a hard one to beat, a book that all people might read. And the people, they say gladly upris, and purchased that volume of his, till the publishers smiled o'er the money they piled, and the booksellers murmured "Gee whiz!" Then the author, he said, through his hat: "I will write something better than that! A book that's profound, with a moral so sound it will jar up the vile plutocrat!" So he wrote, about Vivian's Eyes, a book that's supposed to be wise; but it fills me with woe, for it's dreary and slow, and flat as our boarding house pie. I grumble and groan as I read, surprised that the author of "Queed,"—a book that's a peach—should rear up and preach, when humor's the stuff that we need. And here is a man who can make you laugh till your innards will ache; he sidetracks his gift in order to drift around in the muck with his rake. He should be arrested and fined for using his wonderful mind to turn out a book, or a sermon, gadzook, that any old has-been could grind. Get back to your base, gifted man! Pursue your original plan! Help people to smile and get rid of their bile, and cheer up the world while you can!

LITERATURE.

The history of nations, in the sense of which I use the word, is often best studied in works not professedly historical. Wherever literature consoles sorrow or assuages pain, wherever it brings gladness to eyes which fall with wakefulness and tears and ache for the dark house and the long sleep, there is exhibited in its noblest form the immortal influence of Athens.—Macaulay.

GOLDEN WEATHER.

Of the whole year, I think, I love The best that time we use to call
 The little summer of all saints,
 About the middle of the fall,
 Because there fell the golden days
 Of that gold year beside the sea
 When first I had you at heart's will
 And you had your whole will of me
 It is the being's afternoon,
 The second summer of the soul,
 When spirits find a way to reach
 Beyond the sense and its control.
 Then come the formant days,
 The underseason of the year,
 When God himself, being well content,
 Takes time to whisper in our ear.
 Sweetheart, once more by every sign
 Of blade and shadow it must be
 The little summer of all saints
 In the red autumn by the sea.
 —Bliss Carman.

ELECTION OF JUDGES.

It has been my official duty to look into the judiciary of each state in my search for candidates to be appointed to federal judgeships, and I affirm without hesitation that in states where many of the elected judges in the past have had high rank the introduction of nomination by direct primary has distinctly injured the character of the bench for learning, courage and ability. The nomination and election of a judge are now to be the result of his own activity and of fortuitous circumstances. Newspaper prominence plays a most important part, though founded on circumstances quite irrelevant, in considering judicial qualities. The result of the present tendency is seen in the disgraceful exhibitions of men campaigning for the place of state supreme judge and asking votes on the ground that their decisions will have a particular class favor.—Ex-President Taft.

THE FLAG.

It may be naught but a bit of cloth
 And a splash of color upon a staff—
 A thing for the idle cynic's sneer
 And the cosmopolitan's laugh.
 But once in a foreign land, where
 all
 Was wonderful, strange and new
 and fair,
 I looked and saw, with a quick surprise,
 The old flag floating there.
 And into my heart there came a thrill,
 And a mist of tears came over my eye,
 And I understood as never before
 Why men are willing to die.
 —J. R. Taylor.

Reminiscences of Brant
 By An "Old Timer"

Military history in Brant County begins with the famous Chief, Capt. Jos. Brant, whose name we proudly bear, and whose prowess in the service of the British flag dates back as far as 1755. This, however, was before Brantford itself was thought of.

To the early settlers of Burford Township belongs the distinction of organizing the first military company in the county. This was at the time of the war of 1812, when Canada's position as a dependency upon Great Britain exposed the Dominion to an invasion by Americans.

The British armies were for the most part engaged in a great European war, and Canada had to be largely defended by Canadians and a force of volunteers was raised in Burford to aid General Brock's advance on Detroit, but that city had surrendered before the Burford men could reach Brock's headquarters.

Other skirmishes took place during the many irregular operations which characterized this war, and on a farm a couple of miles west of Burford village, bullets and soldier buttons in later years were dug up.

In 1828 there was a regular volunteer company fully organized under the command of General G. W. Whitehead.

During the revolt of 1837, headed by William Lyon Mackenzie, Brant County residents again played a part. The leader of the revolutionists in this regard was a Dr. Duncombe of Burford, a well known medical practitioner, who became imbued with the principles of Mr. Mackenzie's cause, and mustered a little company who were willing to march to his aid. The movement was promptly put down however by the arrival in the country of Sir Allan McNab, who, with a regiment was quartered at Mt. Vernon, and the report of whose approach led to abandonment by Dr. Duncombe's forces.

In 1853 a military event of some note took place in Brantford, when its citizens turned out to celebrate the Crimean victory.

September 28th of that year was proclaimed a public holiday in the town, and flags were hoisted and bands played merrily.

Headed by a band, the citizens adjourned to the Court House where the Mayor presided, and the leading address was given by Mr. Merritt, member of the County of Lincoln.

Brantford's Highlanders
 On November 26th, 1861, a meeting was held for the purpose of raising and organizing a volunteer militia company. There were a large number of townspeople present at the meeting, which was a most enthusiastic one, and organization was at once proceeded with the election of officers resulting as follows:
 Captain—William Grant.
 Lieutenant—J. J. Inglis.
 Ensign—M. X. Carr.

At a subsequent meeting, held on December 3, the by-laws of the company were approved of, and afterwards sanctioned by the Department of Militia. At this meeting the non-commissioned officers were appointed, the captain appointing the first sergeant and the company the others as follows:
 First Sergeant—John McHaffie.
 Second Sergeant—Wm. O'Brien.
 First Corporal—Robert Russell.
 Second Corporal—Peter McIntyre.

At organization the name of "The Highland Rifle Company" was taken, and the men set about fitting themselves out in a proper manner, although through some misunderstanding, the military authorities did not recognize the company for some ten months after. For this purpose they raised no less than \$1,800 among themselves. The company drilled first in the building which was formerly a part of Buck's Stove Foundry, afterwards removing to a hall over a building on Colborne street. Sergeant Peet was the first drill instructor, and on the first roll there were eighty-one names. Early in the spring of the following year the Highland Rifles were called out to repel an expected Fenian invasion. The alarm, however, proved to be an illusory one, yet the company was kept on duty several weeks, and was called out upon a similar duty later on in the same spring and again remained under arms several weeks before the scare subsided.

The raid on St. Albans in 1864 by a company of Southerners, and their escape into Canada with \$250,000 booty, was a proceeding which called for immediate action by the Canadian Government, and the Highland Rifles and other companies were distributed along the frontier to prevent any further breaches of the neutrality laws. The Brantford company was stationed at Sarnia, and were joined by the York Rifles of Haldimand, Captain Wm. Grant having command of the detachment. The companies remained on duty for four months. There was great rejoicing upon their return here, and a public banquet was held in honor of the event.

The Fenian Raid
 The Rifles enjoyed peace and quietness for nearly a year, but early in the spring of 1866 a threatened Fenian invasion aroused the country, and the company was again called out, remaining on duty until the last of May, when orders were received to disband. This, it appears, was a mistake, for on the same night the com-

pany was again called out, together with Captain Dickie's company, for immediate service. The company were ordered to remain at Brantford and were drawn up in the drill room at the Kerby House fully equipped. On the following morning the Fenians made their long-threatened raid and the whole country was in the most intense throes of excitement.

On June 2nd, Capt. Grant was applied to by Sheriff Smith for a guard for the jail, as a number of Fenian prisoners were to be sent here for safe-keeping. Fifty-nine of the invaders arrived, and were kept here for two weeks, during which time the Rifle company furnished the guard. The prisoners were then sent under a strong guard of the same company to Toronto. On Monday, June 18th, 1866, No. 1 Company Brantford Rifles were ordered to march to Niagara, but when they reached Fort Erie the order was countermanded, and all the troops, much crestfallen, returned home.

Captain Grant is still alive, a resident of Vancouver.

Brantford Visited by Regulars
 After all the immediate trouble with the Fenians was at an end, it became known that a regiment of regulars would be stationed at Brantford, and movements were at once put on foot for a reception of the troops and to provide them with quarters. The town council rented the Kerby House and buildings belonging to it, which were repaired and quickly put in order. The large brick stable at the back of the house was transformed into a comfortable barracks, capable of holding about two hundred men.

On September 29th, 1866, the volunteers who had been encamped at Thorold returned home and on the same day about sixty men of the 7th Royal Fusiliers arrived. The main body of the same regiment came here on the 7th of October, and the remaining portion next day. They were accompanied by their band of thirty-eight pieces.

The Seventh Fusiliers left Brantford on March 24th, 1867, after a pleasant sojourn of several months, and on the same day, the left wing of the Seventeenth Regiment, consisting of five companies, in all about 300 men, took up their quarters in the city. They remained until September when they were replaced by the 70th Regiment, which was fresh from Ireland. This regiment favored the people with their presence for some time and since their departure, no other regulars have been quartered in the city.

Of those who left the regulars, took up their residence here and are still in the city the list includes: Sergt. J. Tattersall, Corp. G. Lambden, E. James and R. Quillie, bandsmen, and R. Windle, Bugler.

The Dufferin Rifles.
 Although Brantford until the troublous times of 1866, had been only equipped with three military companies it was decided to form a battalion, and by general orders issued September 28th, 1866, the formation of the 38th Brant Battalion of Infantry took place. The regiment was authorized with headquarters at Brantford, and was composed of the following independent companies:
 No. 1 Rifle Company, gazetted June 26th, 1866, with headquarters at Paris; Andrew H. Baird, captain.
 No. 2 Rifle Company, gazetted December 13th, 1861, formerly No. 1 Rifle Company, with headquarters at Brantford; David Curtis, captain.
 No. 3 Rifle Company, gazetted July 3rd, 1862, formerly No. 2 Rifle Company of Highlanders, with headquarters at Brantford; John J. Inglis, captain.
 No. 4 Infantry Company, gazetted January 30th, 1863, with headquarters at Mt. Pleasant; Crossly Heaton, Captain.
 No. 5 Infantry Company, gazetted June 1st, 1866, with headquarters at Brantford; Henry Lummon, captain.
 No. 6 Infantry Company, gazetted August 12th, 1866, with headquarters at Brantford; Edmund Yeigh, captain.
 No. 7 Company, gazetted June 30, 1863, with headquarters at Drumbo, John Laidlaw, captain.

The field officers and staff appointed were:
 Lieutenant-Colonel: Captain Wm. Pattou from No. 1 company, appointed October 12th, 1866.
 Major: Captain Hiram Dickie from No. 2 Company, appointed November 30th, 1866.
 Assistant Adjutant at Drill Instruction: Ensign David Spence from No. 3 Company, appointed April 19th, 1867.
 Paymaster: Capt. Wm. Grant from No. 3 Company, appointed November 30th, 1866.
 Quartermaster: Sergt. B. Felmingham, appointed November 30th, 1866.
 Surgeon: Edwin Theodore Bown M.D., appointed January 25th, 1867.
 Assistant Surgeon: Duncan Marquis, M.D., appointed December 13th, 1867.

The battalion as then formed with the addition of a company from Dundas, now a company of the 77th Battalion, formed part of the volunteer brigade at the camp of instruction at Thorold, under command of Col. Wolseley, in September of 1866.

The Mt. Pleasant company having been removed from the list of the

Volunteers' Militia, the remaining companies of the regiment were on the 5th of January, 1871, renumbered as follows: No. 1 Company, Paris; No. 2 Company, Brantford; No. 3 Company, Brantford; No. 4 Company, Brantford; No. 5 Company, Burford; No. 6 Company, Drumbo.

On the 24th of March, 1871, by general order, the regiment was changed from infantry to rifles.

By general order of July 3rd, 1874, and by special permission of His Lordship, the Earl of Dufferin, then Governor-General of Canada, the regiment was permitted to assume the additional design of the "Dufferin Rifles," which name it has since borne so proudly and so worthily.

The following have been commanding officers since formation:
 Lieut.-Col. Wm. Pattou, from October 12th, 1866 to Sept. 3rd, 1875.
 Lieut.-Col. Hiram Dickie, from Feb. 11th, 1876 to January 28th, 1888.
 Lieut.-Col. Charles S. Jones, from June 3rd, 1881 to May 11th, 1887, and again from January 13th, 1888 to September 29th, 1894.
 Lieut.-Col. J. Ballachey, from the 17th of May, 1887 to January 13th, 1888.
 Lieut.-Col. D. Spence from Sept. 29th 1894 to April, 1896.

The officers in command since the latter date have been Lt.-Col. Walter Wilkes, Major Leonard, the late Lt.-Col. Cameron, Lt.-Col. Ashton and Lt.-Col. Howard at present, in command.

In the earlier days of the regiment when the drill hall (a frame structure), used to be located on the present site of Alexandra Park, it used to be a somewhat difficult matter to secure officers. The consequence was that some of them before they got used to military matters made some amusing mistakes. At one inspection a new officer in handling his company, had them headed for the side of the building and couldn't think of the words, "right about turn," so he promptly yelled "back up." At another inspection a captain left his front rank standing and ordered the second rank to kneel and fire a volley. Of course mistakes like that never occur these days.

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Military Notes
 Musketry classes have been arranged for the officers, non-coms and men of the 25th Brant Dragoons. The class will be limited, there being only 45 vacancies to be filled. These were commenced on Feb. 3rd and will continue, two nights a week, for a period of 20 weeks, and two Saturday afternoons on the ranges.

Much sympathy is expressed in local military circles with Major-Gen. Lessard in the death of his eldest daughter, which occurred in Montreal on Friday morning. The funeral will take place in Quebec City.

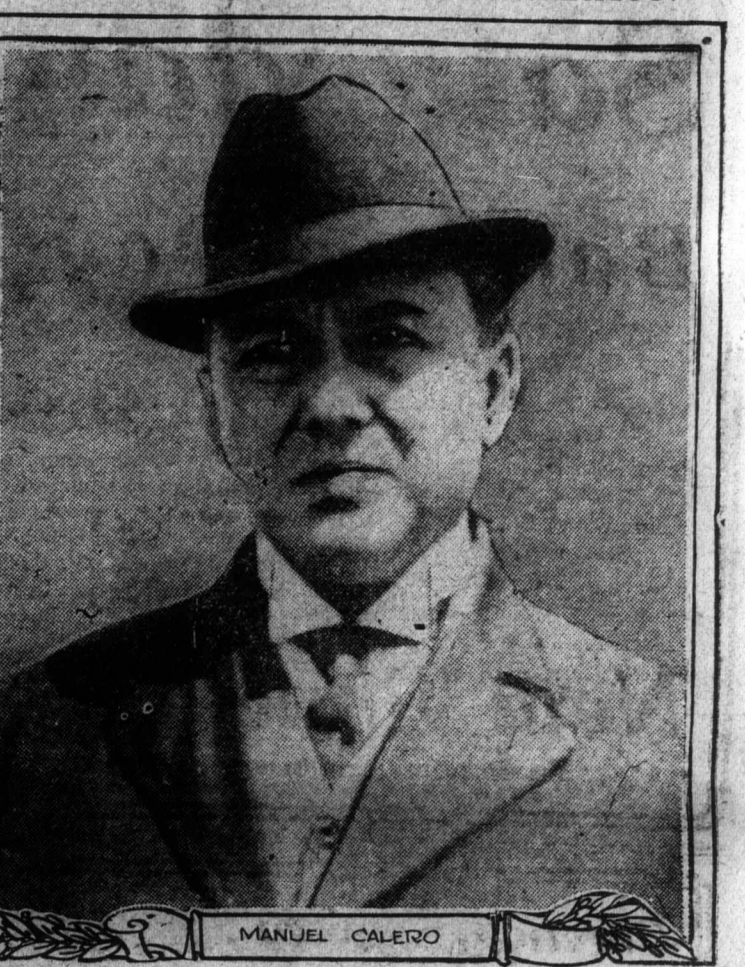
Major Muir was in Toronto yesterday on Dragoon business. It has been decided that no allowance will be made this year, as was formerly done, for the washing of the men's clothes and other equipment. This step was taken as a result of the fact that most material is new.

Major M. F. Muir and officers of the 25th Brant Dragoons have received an invitation from Lieut.-Colonel Wm. Lawrence of the 28th Regiment, Stratford, to present at their ball, which will be held in the Stratford Armories on Thursday, November 27.

Sergt. Instr. Victor Spaulding, R. C. D., has arrived in the city from Toronto to assist in the signalling classes now being held at the 38th Armories.

City Hall Plans.
 On Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the heads of the civic departments will meet in Taylor and Bodley's office, the architects drawing plans for the new city hall, and furnish the firm data.

MANUEL CALERO LEAVES MEXICO.



Manuel Calero, the nominee of the liberal party in the recent Presidential elections in Mexico, was a passenger on board the steamship Corcovado to Havana.

Mr. Calero will proceed to Washington. He was closely watched by detectives until the steamship left Vera Cruz.

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Tutela Branch Women's Inst

The regular meeting of the Tutela Branch of Women's Institute, held on Tuesday last at the home Mrs. Moyle, Mohawk Road. In absence of the President, the Vice-President, Mrs. R. Henry, presided over the meeting.

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last meeting, Clump of Paris, addressed the ladies on "Equivalent" proving by her thought out comparisons that she was mistress of her subject.

Clump, Mohawk Road, then demonstrated the making of cocoa, which Mrs. Secord, Brantford, dressed the ladies on "Women regard to municipal affairs." subject proved of deep interest.

"What did he say?"

Let us know he said. prizes. See the contents of the "Courier" Saturday (Nov. 8) you all about

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