

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## FROM MONTREAL.

## ANNUAL RIFLE MATCH G. T. R. B.

The first annual match of the Grand Trunk Railway Brigade came off on Wednesday and Thursday last the 10th and 11th inst., at their range, Point St. Charles. There were eight prizes in the programme. The scores we are obliged to defer until next week. Too much praise cannot be given to the Committee of Management for their successful efforts to make the tournament one to be remembered; and if our Railway Volunteers improve in the future as they have during the few months since their organization, some of the older Volunteers must look after their shooting.

There are some 70 companies altogether of Grand Trunk men, divided into five battalions, two of which are artillery and the remainder rifles, with the exception of a company of Engineers. These companies extend from one extremity of the road to the other, and the fact that men from Rivière du Loup might be firing in the same squad and at the same time as men from Sarnia, very naturally gives greater interest to the proceedings than would be taken in a simple company match. Altogether the shooting was excellent, and quite up to the standard of our Volunteer shooting in general.

The Running Man was quite a new feature. It may be simply described as a piece of boiler plate cut so as to represent a man six feet high, and made to run on a tramway twenty-five feet long. A board screen was placed at each end of the tramway, and on the bugle sounding the "man" emerged from behind one and seemed to make all haste to take cover behind the other. Out of some 150 shots fired at him he was only struck about 20 times. The champion Challenge Cup presented by Mrs. Brydges was won by private Bedford, of Toronto. The Toronto men, also, made the best volley firing.

Lieut.-Col. Brydges commanding the Brigade, Lieut.-Col. Bailey, 2nd Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Gallwey, Brigade Major, Lieut. and Adjut. J. Stevenson, 2nd Battalion, and Lieut. Lloyd, Engineers, deserve every praise for the manner in which they worked to make every thing go off well.

We will give the principal scores next week—prize winners, names, &c.

## FROM TORONTO.

Toronto, July 11th 1866.—Last Tuesday evening the officers of the Queen's Own dined together at the Terrapin, on which occasion Major Croft was presented with a handsome camp basket.

On Wednesday evening No. 3 or C company of the 10th Royals entertained their officers, Capt. Paterson, Lieut. Barrett, and Ensign Boswell, at the Terrapin, to a sum-

ptuous supper, gotten up in Carlyle's best style. A most pleasant time was spent; toasts and songs being the order of the evening. The Queen and Royal Family; the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, Army and Navy; the Officers of No. 3; the Staff of the Regiment; the 30th Peel Battalion, coupled with the name of Capt. Nesbitt; the Ladies; Press and several Volunteer toasts were proposed and duly responded to. The party broke up about 12 o'clock, having spent a most pleasant evening. A number of the companies are to be paid off for the month of June to night (Thursday).

## FROM HAMILTON.

DOMINION DAY.—The Volunteer force of this city paraded, the 13th Battalion at their drill shed and the Field Battery at their gunsheds at the hour of 10.45 a.m., and marched to the grounds back of the Crystal Palace, in the West end of the city, where the 15th Regiment were already drawn up in line. The Volunteers marched on to the grounds set apart for the military amid the cheers of several thousand people, who had gathered on the adjoining hills. Precisely at 12 o'clock the entire brigade, including the 1st Battalion of Her Majesty's 46th Regiment, under Col. Peacocke, the Hamilton Field Battery of Artillery, under command of Captain McCabe, and the 13th Battalion Volunteers, under command of Lieut. Col. Skinner, were drawn up in line: the Artillery fired a Royal Salute, but the infantry were unable to fire a *feu de joie* in consequence of the fact, that there was no blank ammunition for either the Snider or the Spencer rifles.

After the firing of the Royal Salute the Brigade, was formed into quarter-garrison column and marched past in quick and also in double-quick time, after which various other brigade movements were performed, the force directing its attention to a supposed enemy in the west which was its original rear. The enemy were severely cannonaded by the field battery after which the infantry did their fair share. But as it was supposed that the men wished to take part in celebrating the day in other respects they were not kept very long, and a little after 1 o'clock the different commands marched toward their respective quarters headed by their bands.

On reaching their drill sheds the 13th Battalion received an appropriate address from Lieut.-Col. Skinner, and was relieved from the semi-weekly drill in which it had been engaged for some three months past, and by which it has been much improved. Three cheers were then given for the Queen, three cheers for the Dominion and three cheers for the Colonel. After being dismissed from parade the members of the Battalion partook of some refreshments which had been provided by the officers of the Battalion, and then the men separated well pleased with that portion of day.

The Dundas and Watertown companies

(Nos. 7 and 8 of the 13th Battalion) did not parade with the Battalion, but fired the *feu de joie* in their own localities.

## FROM NORFOLK.

NEW DOMINION DAY.—The first of July being the birthday of Confederation, the County of Norfolk gave the day such a welcome and celebration as will cause "New Dominion Day," as it is called here, long to be looked back to and remembered with feelings of pleasure by the loyal sons and daughters of Canada, who turned out en masse on the occasion in true British style; and hailed the Infant Dominion, daughter of Britain—a new nation. The people of Norfolk showed their enthusiasm in numerous ways, amongst the most pleasurable of which was the invitation to the Norfolk Battalion of Rifles, and the crew of the gunboat *Britomart* to join the Port Dover people in a grand celebration of our new national holiday with military honors. Both invitations were heartily responded to. The Norfolk Battalion although scattered all over the county turned out almost to a man, answering the general order to assemble on that day and fire a *feu de joie* as good loyal sons of the New Dominion should. The Battalion assembled on the Market Square at Port Dover at 11 a.m. although later than had been anticipated, the delay having been caused by the steamboat which was conveying Nos. 3 and 4 companies from Port Rowan running aground from being so heavily laden with visitors, besides the volunteers, on board anxious to see a volunteer field day in their own county on such an occasion. The muster of the Battalion was as follows: Lieut.-Col. Tisdale, commanding 30th Battalion Norfolk Rifles; commandant Allingdon, commanding Gunboat *Britomart*; Senior Major Mabey; Junior Major Matheson; Paymaster McLaren and Assistant Surgeon Covertson, all mounted; twenty other officers belonging to the Battalion; Sergeant Major, two Staff Sergeants, 24 Sergeants, 6 Buglers, Drum Major, the Norfolk Battalion Band, under the able leadership of Bandmaster Williamson, 16 string, and 250 men exclusive of the gallant tars and marines of the *Britomart*, armed with short rifles and cutlasses, who acted as an additional company of the Battalion. Lieut. Colonel William M. Wilson, senior officer in command of Sedentary Militia of the county, was present on the staff by invitation on the occasion, and gave his hearty co-operation in the proceeding of the day.

The Battalion formed in open column, right in front with the *Britomart* on the left, and after being inspected by Lieut. Colonel Tisdale, and blank cartridge issued to them by the Quartermaster. They were then wheeled into line, formed fours left, and headed by the splendid brass band which would be a credit to any Battalion. Marched to a large field in the suburbs of the town which had been appropriated for the occasion