

mit to anything so absurd, and very soon there will be none left, for there is also a nuisance—the cap nuisance. We are expected to wear forage caps that would not have been tolerated in the dark ages—and scores of men turned away in disgust when they saw what they would have to wear or buy something more suitable. I trust, Mr. Editor, I won't have to write again on this subject; but that the proper authorities will at once take the matter up and save the country the services of what is left of a good regiment.

Yours, &c.,

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MONTREAL.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The Grand Trunk Militia Brigade in the Montreal District, on Tuesday, commenced their 14 days annual drill. The above corps take part in the funeral of Sir George Cartier on Friday. There were parades of several of the city volunteer militia corps at their respective headquarters on the 9th.

The musters were very unsatisfactory, in many cases there being more officers than men.

The eighteen Quebec volunteers for Militia service in Manitoba passed through Montreal en route for the North West, as well as fifty five from Nova Scotia,

His Excellency the Governor General and Lady Dufferin, with their family and attendants, arrived from Prescott by the *Corinthian* at 7 o'clock last Tuesday evening. Their Excellencies were greeted at the gangway, by Judge Coursol, who had the honor of escorting her ladyship from the *Corinthian* to the *Montreal*, on which steamer the vice Regal party took passage to the ancient capital. Although a considerable number of persons congregated on the wharves, apparently few knew of the affair, the attraction evidently being the expected arrival of the *Druid*. His Excellency looked well.

The preparations for the funeral of the deceased baronet Sir George Cartier, which promise to be very expensive and elaborate. The *Druid* after anchoring off Vercheres all night arrived at Montreal about 10 o'clock on Wednesday. About 5,000 persons were assembled on the wharves, amongst whom were a number of staff and militia officers. The *Witness* says:

After having the *Druid* securely moored alongside the ferry boat, a gang way was hastily laid, while the military guard on board, of the B. Battery, filed on shore and formed a hollow square around the hearse. The seamen of the *Druid* entered the *chappelle ardente*, and a few minutes afterwards they appeared bringing all that was mortal of Sir George Cartier. They slowly paced over the deck, crossed the gangway to the

ferry boat, and then all took off their hats, the band struck up the "Dead March in Saul" and the seamen bore the coffin, a splendid one, but evidently of unusual weight, to the hearse. The guard in command of Colonel Strange reversed arms, and the procession was immediately formed. First as mourners came C. Cartier Esq. brother of the deceased baronet, M. Guvillier, Esq., the latter brother in law; H. Fabre, Esq., another brother-in-law; Messrs J. Desrosier, H. Desrosier and J. Cartier, nephews, and H. Hubert, a cousin. Following, there were the City Councillors, headed by Acting Mayor Brunet; Hon. H. Langlois, Minister of Public Works; Adjutant General R. Ross, M. P. Ryan M. P. the judges, the high court officials a number of military officers, followed by a great number of gentlemen. The road from the wharf up to the square was none of the best, and the line of the procession was somewhat broken, but once on the Ballard pavement it closed up and presented a very fine spectacle. The entire window room abutting on the square was occupied by sightseers; all room in the street was appropriated while in front of the Court House the space was packed full.

Its reception at the court house. The procession halted opposite the main entrance to the Court House. As the coffin was taken from the hearse the escort detachment of the B Battery saluted, and, reversing arms, they followed, in "dead march" procession, the coffin as it was borne up stairs. At the entrance door Sheriff Leblanc received the cortege, and the next minute the coffin was carried up the intricate stairway, along the corridors, into the Advocates' Room, and placed on the *catafalque*. The latter was surrounded with all the altar paraphernalia incidental to special services. The clergy thereafter conducted the church services appropriate to the occasion. An oppressive odor of incense, combined with the densely crowded state of the Hall, rendered breathing in the *chappelle* anything but pleasant. As soon as the coffin, upon which were *immortelles*, &c., had been ceremoniously deposited to lie in state, the immense throng seeking admission at the doors of the buildings was allowed to enter, and a tide of sightseers forthwith filed through the western door, approached the coffin its ornaments blithering in the pale gas light, viewed the solemn scene, and then departed by the eastern doors at 11½. The doors were closed until 1 p.m. while the Sisters make some necessary arrangements; after the hour, sightseers will be admitted when all will have an opportunity of viewing the remains of the deceased.

Companies 4 and 5, 97 Royal Artillery, in command of Major Hardy, with No. 6 Company, G. T. R. Brigade, were ranged in open file along the route of the procession to the Court House, their bands being in attendance. Several buildings in Jacques Cartier Square were hung in black.

On Wednesday evening the relatives and friends of the deceased baronet were present in the *chappelle ardente* at the opening of the coffin. The remains were found to be in a state of preservation as perfect as could be expected, though the face is slightly disfigured. On the whole it was not thought desirable to exhibit the remains to the public and consequently in deference to the feelings and wishes of the relatives, the coffin was closed for the last time.

This morning (Thursday), at 9 a.m., an impatient crowd of sightseers blocked up the entrance to the vestibule of the Court House, and since that time a large number of persons, among them many strangers from the country and neighbouring towns, have passed through the *chappelle*. Opportunity will be afforded to view the lying in state until 6 o'clock this evening. The Grand Marshal, Mr. Davernay and assistants are extremely busy in making arrangements for the funeral.

Crowds visited the Court House all afternoon. In addition to a number of *immortelles* and wreaths on and around the coffin, another, in the form of a cross, has been added. The air was unusually close, and the guard within avowed they had never before been so oppressed, sweat rolled down their bronzed visages, as they ordered the multitude to pass on, while in the hall a stifling dust added to the discomfort. About 15,000 people have visited and seen the coffin; among the number being congregations of nuns, members of Roman Catholic Charitable Institutions, students of the Jesuit College, inmates of the Deaf and Dumb schools, and other schools, seminaries of the Roman Catholic Church, all of whom paraded before the remains.

Cabinet Ministers, members of Parliament, Mayors and corporations of cities, etc. are arriving in Montreal. Among them are the Mayor of Toronto, Col. Gilmour, of the Queen's Own; Mayor Martineau and Alderman Bangs, Pratt, Langford and Roque of Ottawa. Hon. H. M. Chelmsford and family. Hon. Dr. Robetille, Solicitor General Chapleau and Sir Narcisse F. Belleau from Quebec; Mayor Aymot, J. Filson, T.D. Harrington, Esqs. Civil Service Ottawa; and amongst others also expected this evening at Lawrence Hall are Hon. P. Mitchell, Fisheries and Marine, Dr. Tache, Col. Fletcher, E. J. Langevin, Esq. M. P. Mr. Dormer, M. P. and others. The Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald, and other members of the Government, will also arrive this evening (Thursday) and room at the Doneganon Hotel.

The S. S. *Druid* left for Quebec at 6.30 on Thursday; quite a number of persons visited her during yesterday. She is a trim little craft, and everything on-board seemed to be in good order.

Weather very warm.

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We are reliably informed that the salmon fishery in the Gaspé and Bay Chaleur districts this season far exceeds anything of the kind known for forty years past. Our informant states that salmon fishing began about the 26th of May, being unusually early; and that the nets were taking sometimes fifty each at a single tide. He adds: "Never has salmon been so plentiful, and never have the owners of stamks seen such a season. Some nets takes \$60 worth of salmon every day. This happy result is ascribed by everybody to the few seasons of protection under the fishery laws which our salmon fisheries have enjoyed."—*Ottawa Times*.