

Lieut.-Col. Samuel P. Jarvis with Major G. Wainwright, from the 40th Volunteer Battalion, as Major; the second Volunteer Battalion is commanded by Lieut.-Col. Cassault, Deputy Adjutant General of the 7th Military District, with Major Irvine as his second in command. The list of the officers of the Volunteer Brigade will be found in Militia General Orders on another page and will shew that great care has been exercised in the selection, as was to be expected from an officer of the Adjutant-General's (Colonel P. Robertson-Ross) great experience and well-known administrative ability.

The efficiency of the Staff of the Militia Department may be illustrated by the fact that Lt.-Col. Wily received orders on the 21st March last to procure the necessary supplies for this expedition and on the 1st of May he had concentrated at Collingwood ready for shipment, one year's provisions, forage and supplies with all the animals necessary for land transport, teamsters and the requisite number of hands for this peculiar service. If any person wishes to make a calculation of the quantity of provisions required they have only to allow 3 lbs. of all kinds per man, per diem, to arrive at a rough calculation of the weight of that item alone, and they will have also some idea of the severe and onerous duties performed so quietly by the gallant Colonel. It is within our own knowledge that in the purchase of pork and flour the matter was managed so prudently that no excitement was created by having a government agent in the market, and that the sales were effected without raising market prices.

This expedition shows the necessity for a Quartermaster General's department before the Militia Staff is complete, and we hope to see that office filled by a man who has well earned it—and that is Colonel Wily.

It is rumoured that an addition of 100 men is to be made to the regular force, and there is a probability that this will be the case. The people of Canada can rest assured that the Militia authorities have done all in their power to make the expedition a success.

The Contingent Committee of the Senate have appointed Alpheus Todd, Esq., the learned, able, and gentlemanly Librarian of the Commons, to the same office for the Senate, with Mr. Lajoie as assistant. It is much to be regretted that this was not done by "Act of Parliament," because it would be but a graceful recognition of Mr. Todd's valuable services, and that is of some consequence in a country which has little else to bestow, from the fact that the increase of salary could in no way be looked on as a remuneration for a gentleman of the Librarian's ability, knowledge of Parliamentary and constitutional law and usage. In Great Britain Sir Charles Dilke got a title and seat in the House of Commons for writing an epitome of his own sensations under the title of a "Greater Britain," the author of

"Todd's Parliamentary Government in England" is still simply Librarian to the Senate and Commons of Canada. We should beg Mr. Todd's pardon for the contrasts, but it was only to show how very unequally the rewards of this world are distributed, and not by any means as comparisons of the literary productions of both men. To the numerous class who have benefitted by Mr. Todd's knowledge, urbanity and courtesy in the discharge of the onerous duties of his office the addition to his salary will afford much gratification, but they can hardly look upon it as a promotion, he having for many years performed the duties without emolument, and his friends will be justified in looking to the country to reward in some more substantial manner the author of the only digest of Parliamentary law and practice in existence, especially as titular honors are not in the gift of the Colonial authorities and yet Mr. Todd's great services are as valuable to the Empire as to any of the outlying dependencies, while the Order of the Bath, or Sts. Michael and George could not be bestowed on a more distinguished literary man, nor one who has a better claim to distinction for services rendered.

—On Thursday, the 12th inst., at 4 o'clock p.m., His Excellency the Governor General proceeded in state to the Senate chamber, and the Commons being summoned to the bar, prorogued the third session of the First Parliament of Canada. Owing to the illness of Sir J. A. Macdonald the usual salutes and ceremonies were dispensed with.

—We regret to be obliged to announce the serious and dangerous illness of the Hon. Sir J. A. Macdonald, K.C.B., Minister of Justice. The Hon. gentleman was prostrated by a sudden attack of biliary calculus on Friday afternoon, 5th inst., and lies since in a very precarious condition at his office in the Eastern Departmental buildings. He has been attended throughout by Dr. Grant, M.P., and by Dr. Bown, M.P.; those gentlemen have called in Dr. Campbell of Montreal; everything has been done within the power of science to prolong a life so valuable to the interests of the country.

It need hardly be said that this circumstance casts a gloom over public affairs as at this precise juncture Canada cannot afford to have her leading statesman in danger. We trust that our next issue will convey the gratifying intelligence of his recovery.

#### REMITTANCES

Received on subscription to the VOLUNTEER REVIEW up to Saturday the 14th inst.:—  
WELLAND, Ont.—Capt. David Bald, \$3.50.  
HUNTINGDON, Que.—(per agent), Qur. Master, \$2.00.  
St. Johns, Que.—(per agent), Lt. Colonel Fletcher, \$2.00.  
ATHLETSTON, Que.—(per agent), Capt. Bredner, \$3.00.  
MUNSTER, Ont.—Capt. Wm. Girvin, \$2.00.

STORREN.—A telegram from Collingwood, yesterday (Friday) evening says it is reported here that the steamer Chicora has been stopped in the canal by the American authorities and that her cargo will have to be transhipped.

#### REVIEWS.

The 27th No. of the *Canadian Illustrated News* contains some splendid leggotypes; one especially of the church of Notre Dame. Montreal is beautifully clear, as also two of Drs. Schultz and Lynch. This journal is a credit to the country and we trust it will meet with deserved success.

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DEFEATED BUT NOT CONQUERED.—Major J. Venner Thurgar, on behalf of the left wing 62nd St. John Volunteer Battalion, has challenged Major McShane of the right wing (20 from each wing) for a rifle match at 200, 300 and 400 yards, to take place on the Queen's Birthday. The Battalion will be inspected on the morning of that day on the Barrack Square by the Brigade Major.—*Globe*.

RED RIVER TRANSPORT CORPS.—The organization of a Transport Corps for the Red River Expedition is being rapidly proceeded with. The boats are to be fixed in cradles mounted on wheels, and drawn by oxen. During the march they will be used as store waggons for the stowing of ammunition, stores, and other supplies. The cradles will greatly facilitate the transport of the boats which, from their size, would prove very cumbersome to portage for any distance. The Corps will probably be organized on the same principal as the Land Transport Corps which did such effectual service in the Crimea. Tenders have already been called for a large number of oxen to be shipped to Thunder Bay to assist in the transport.—*Montreal Daily News*.

RETURN OF NO. 1 CAVALRY.—At about half-past three o'clock yesterday afternoon Captain Muir's No. 1 Troop of Cavalry arrived in town and paraded for inspection on the parade ground. Lieut.-Colonel Osborne Smith, D. A. G., arrived on the ground shortly afterwards and inspected the men and horses very minutely. They afterwards marched past, and went through the sword exercise in splendid style under directions of their instructor, Col. Lovelace. At its conclusion they formed a hollow square and were addressed by Col. Smith, who complimented them upon their appearance, their proficiency in drill and the management of their horses, and the readiness with which they had turned out. The Troop never looked better than on this occasion which, considering that they were just after a 25 miles' ride, shews that both horses and men are of right good mettle.—*Montreal Daily News*, May 4th.