

provided with nine boilers, and one having exploded, with the other eight she could proceed to sea with the greatest ease, provided they are perfectly safe. It will cost not less than £20,000 or £30,000 to replace the ninth boiler. The reason is because it will be necessary to open the ship up to get the new one into its place, and being decked with iron plates this will entail great labour; the immense turrets must be unshipped, with the 38 ton guns and all the costly hydraulic loading gear, and the whole super structure will have to be removed. It will thus at once be perceived what a very expensive work it will be to put a new boiler into the ship. It is believed that she will be allowed to serve at least one commission without the ninth boiler, and when she next requires a thorough repair it can then be placed on board.

The jury assembled at Gosport yesterday (Tuesday) morning, and proceeded to Haslar Hospital to view the eight other bodies of those who have expired since the opening of the inquest. The thirty coffins filled the ward in which they were placed. Since Saturday lilies and other flowers have been placed on the lids of the coffins. The jury then went to the *Thunderer* and inspected the scene of the disaster. The stokehole presented a fearful wreck. The whole front of the fore starboard boiler in the after stokehole had been blown out. The fracture was about twelve feet long by about four feet high. The iron plating was half an inch thick. Huge iron smoke box doors lay in various parts of the stokehole. Fragments of clothing were picked up in various parts. Iron supports were bent into every conceivable shape, and foot plates torn up were met with in all directions. The jury required many explanations, and these were readily afforded by the engineers. Admiral Elliott, who was present on behalf of the Admiralty, expressed their desire to facilitate the inquiry by every means in their power. The force of the explosion had carried all before it. Many poor fellows appear to have been dashed into the engine room adjoining, and been brought into collision with the revolving machinery.

On the return of the jury to Haslar the inquiry was adjourned before any evidence was taken until Thursday week.

Another of the sufferers, Robert Littleford, a stoker, died yesterday.

### The Ocean Yacht Race.

#### DEFEAT OF THE COUNTESS OF DUFFERIN.

New York, Aug. 11.—The yacht *Madeline* started at 11:16, and the *Countess of Dufferin* at 11:17. When last seen the *Madeline* was gradually getting way from the *Countess*. At 1:46 the yacht *Countess of Dufferin* rounded the buoy off Sandy Hook, nine minutes behind the *Madeline*. The *Madeline* rounded the lights at 2:52½, and the *Countess of Dufferin* at 2:59½. Both yachts then made for the southwest spit, off Sandy Hook, and the *Madeline* rounded the southwest spit buoy at 3:51½. The *Countess of Dufferin* following at 4:51½. From here to the starting point was the last stretch home, and the interest in the race became more intense. The *Madeline* continued in the lead, and reached the starting point, off the New York Yacht Club house, at Stapleton, Staten Island, passing the line at 5:54 o'clock, amidst the firing of cannon, the screeching of hundreds of steam whistles, and the cheers of the spectators. The *Countess of Dufferin* came home at 6:01, and was also heartily cheered. The distance sailed was about 40 miles, and the *Madeline* won by 6 minutes and 15 seconds.

## DOMINION OF CANADA.



### MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

#### HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 11th August, 1876.

#### GENERAL ORDERS (15)

##### No. 1.

#### *Provisional Battalion on Service, Manitoba.*

The strength of the Battalion having been reduced, the following Officers were relieved from service from the dates opposite their respective names, retaining rank on retirement :

Captain W. M. Herchmer from 1st August 1876.

Captain J. E. M. Taschereau 1st July, 1876.

Lieutenant W. H. Nash 1st July, 1876.

Lieutenant H. Martineau 1st July, 1876.

Surgeon Alfred Codd 1st July, 1876.

Quarter Master A. P. Stuart—with rank of Lieutenant, 1st July, 1876.

The following will compose the officers attached for duty with the Battalion with ranks under :—

Captain—Lieutenant Colonel Allan McDonald.

Lieutenant—Bt. Major Hayter Reed.

Lieutenant (Artillery)—Bt. Captain J. Cotton.

Ensign—Ensign G. Street.

supernumerary Ensign—Ensign C. de Cazes.

The services of Paymaster Morice have been dispensed with from the 20th March, 1875.

##### No. 2.

#### PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

*Garrison Battery, Toronto.*

To be Lieutenant, provisionally :

Mathew Scott Vankoughnet, Gentleman, vice Green transferred to Field Battery.

#### *Wellington Field Battery, Guelph.*

To be Surgeon :

Assistant Surgeon Albert Angus MacDonald.

2nd "Queen's Own," Battalion Rifles, Toronto.

To be Lieutenant :

Lieutenant James Pearson, M. S., from 56th Batt. vice Hamilton promoted.

28th "Perth" Battalion of Infantry, Stratford.

To be Adjutant :

Captain Albert Wm. Dodd, M. S., from No. 2 Company, vice Scott, promoted.

No. 2 Company, Stratford.

To be Captain :

John Robert Hamilton, Gentleman, M. S., vice Dodd, appointed adjutant.

No. 4 Company, Listowell.

The Head Quarters of this Company is transferred from Listowell to St. Mary's.

41st "Brockville" Battalion of Rifles.

No. 1 Company, Brockville.

To be Ensign, provisionally :

Sergt. Major William B. Thomson, vice Sheffield, promoted.

56th "Grenville" Battalion "Lisgar" Rifles, Prescott.

No. 5 Company, Ottawa.

Lieutenant James Pearson is transferred to the 2nd Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto.

#### BREVET.

To be Lieutenant Colonel :

Major James Armstrong, 33rd Wellington Battalion, from 29th June, 1876.

#### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

76th Battalion of Infantry or "Voligeurs de Chateauguay."

To be Paymaster :

Lieutenant François Xavier Roy from No. 2 Company.