

## THE INCONVENIENCE OF A LOYAL POPULATION.

General Wyndham lately had occasion to send a number of the Engineer Corps to Dundas, in the neighborhood of Cornwall, in order to obtain a survey of districts which troops might have occasion to occupy, should the Fenians attempt to unfurl their "sunburst" in that quarter of the Dominion. His duties prove to be more unpleasant than expected, for no sooner had he commenced his examination of the country than the rumor spread among the sturdy yeoman that a "chief was among them takin' notes" for no loyal purpose. The engineer, ignorant of the suspicions that had been cast upon him, sought shelter, after a hard day's work, in one of the village inns; but had barely congratulated himself on the probability of enjoying a long night's rest, when his musings were rudely disturbed by the appearance of an excited deputation, which required that he should at once "move on," as the district was anything but disposed to encourage Fenian visitors. The unfortunate soldier protested, threatened and cajoled in turns, but all to no purpose. His persecutors would not be satisfied with an armistice of any kind, and he forthwith had to leave for more unsuspecting quarters. The next day found him again among the Philistines. The law, with stern hand, fell upon him, and forthwith he was brought before a country magistrate, and charged a second time with being a Fenian. Explanations proved satisfactory on this occasion, and the persecuted Engineer was permitted to go on his way without further detention. Along roads and over fields he travelled, note-book in hand, and intent upon a careful performance of the duty assigned to him. It seemed fated, however, that he should not go unmolested, for a grim Scotch farmer, while standing upon his door step, spied the solitary figure crossing from a belt of distant woodland, and at once became fired with the idea that the man was a skirmisher thrown forward from a body of the enemy that lay under cover behind. Shouting lustily for his old Brown bess, he hurriedly drove a charge home, and drawing a line upon the supposed marauder, sent a bullet whistling in unpleasant proximity to his head. After no little trouble the stiff-backed Gaul was convinced that he had luckily escaped the committal of a cold-blooded murder upon one of her Majesty's liege servants. We have not heard what other adventures befel the persecuted engineer, or whether he reported at once to headquarters that no military anxiety need be felt about the locality in which the inhabitants showed themselves to be so fully on the alert, and so ready to carry on their own campaigning.

The Troop of Volunteer Cavalry, St. Johns, Capt. J. F. M. DesRivieres, was inspected by Lt. Col. Osborne Smith, D.A.A.G. Out of thirteen men the troop mustered twenty-five, besides the Captain and Lieut. MacDonald. The men were fairly mounted, and executed several movements with commendable precision. Their sword exercise on horseback was particularly good. At the conclusion of the inspection, Col. Smith addressed the troop in complimentary terms, telling them they had made much improvement during the past year. The troop has just completed its annual sixteen days drill.—*St. Johns News*.

## 40TH BATTALION RIFLE MATCH.

The semi-annual rifle match of the 40th Battalion took place at Colborne. We copy the following account of it from the *Colborne Express*:

The weather was all that could be desired or expected, and the attendance of volunteers and visitors large and enthusiastic. A large number of ladies honored the meeting by their presence, thereby adding gayety to the scene.

All the companies except Nos. 1 and 3 were represented. The number of entries was 67, and, as will be seen below, Private D. Bull, of No. 9 won the much coveted prize given by the ladies of Colborne. The greatest anxiety prevailed as to who the fortunate might be, and, though disappointment was visible on the countenances of many, the happy winner was warmly congratulated upon his success.

The second prize (15)—that of the citizens of Colborne and which was not announced in the published list—became the subject of much conjecture and keen speculation. It was got up at a late day by Mr. J. G. Webb, whose persuasive powers while prosecuting the work were not, we are pleased to learn, taxed in the slightest degree—a fact which gives further evidence of the earnest desire of the inhabitants to compliment the volunteers generally. This prize, it will also be seen, was won by Lieut. Dean, of No. 4.

The time arrived at on the conclusion of the second range firing made it imperative to dispense with the third, and the fourth was terminated about half-past seven o'clock; after which the interesting ceremony of presenting the prizes commenced.—Mrs. J. M. Grover officiating in the matter of the ladies, a duty which she performed in a few fitting remarks and in a manner which is so peculiar to her genial disposition. Private Bull accepted the reward of his unerring aim in graceful style.

There not being time to finish the match, it was postponed till the 26th ult., when it will be completed. We understand that on that occasion Mr. Keeler will give four consolation prizes: others are also expected. The following is the official return of the names of the successful competitors:

- 1st prize, Private D. Bull, No. 9 Co., 36 points, \$25.
- 2nd, Lieut. Dean, No. 4, 31 pts., \$15.
- 3rd, Private Bradley, No. 6, 29 pts., \$12.
- 4th, Private Clark, No. 9, 28 pts., \$10.
- 5th, Capt. Webb, No. 4, 27 pts., \$8.
- 6th, Private Stewart, No. 5, 27 pts., \$6.
- 7th, Gunner Little, G. B., 26 pts., \$4.
- 8th, Private Delaney, No. 2, 26 pts., \$2.
- 9th, Corporal Hickey, 26 pts., \$1.

**A NEW FLAG.**—Our eastern newspapers are very clamorous just now about a new flag for the Dominion, and the *Toronto Telegraph* in a characteristic article in reply speaks to them in the following fitting terms:—"A flag floats over us to-day that is our pride and glory, and that was the pride and glory of our fathers in centuries gone by. We want no other. The old Union Jack is the only banner the people of this Dominion desire to see above them. If, however, for purposes of trade, any addition should be required let the design be prepared under authority, be properly adopted and its use sanctioned. No private individual has a right to say that this or that shall be added, and our eastern contemporaries are therefore only waisting time in discussion.

## AN IRON CLAD "BOWL."

We have all heard of the seven wise men of Gotham, who, according to Washington Irving, went to sea in a bowl, and sailors from time immemorial have been in the habit of speaking of a ship which is a bad sailer as a "tub." A ship to be built in the shape of a bowl or tub is, however, the latest novelty in the science of naval architecture. Mr. Elder, a Scottish engineer of eminence, read a paper on the subject at a recent meeting of the United Service Institution, which has attracted very considerable attention in scientific and nautical circles. To make Mr. Elder's plan intelligible, we may say that the hull of one of Mr. Elder's ships would be in the shape of a saucer with a flat covering. Such a vessel would draw very little water, and as was proved by actual experiment, would require no more power to propel it than one of ordinary build. One great advantage of such a vessel would be, that every one of its guns could be brought to bear upon one object. For instance, supposing an Iron-clad of this description carrying 26 guns, each throwing a 600 lb shot, and revolving once a minute, a steady and uninterrupted fire could be maintained upon the vessel or fort with which she was engaged. The only difficulty is in the mode of steering, the plan proposed appearing rather complicated. A centrifugal pump or terpine is made to revolve by means of a rack and pinion, the shaft upon which the pinion is placed having another pinion at the other end driving another rack which is connected with a revolving pilot house. Whenever the pilot-house turns, the turbine also moves, and the water jet is consequently similarly influenced in its direction. The ship is to be propelled by hydraulic machinery similar to that now in operation on board Her Majesty's iron corvette *Waterwitch*.

A shooting match took place in Buffalo, on Thursday, in which there was no less than sixty entries. Great interest was manifested in the result, there being present famous shots from all parts of the country. Canada was represented by Mr. James Word who is known as one of the best shots in the country. He well sustained his reputation by taking the foremost place and winning the first prize. He shot splendidly, killing all of his birds and defeating easily the best shots in the United States. Other matches are going on, and no doubt Mr. Ward will win more victories before he has done with the Americans.

**LIBERALITY TO VOLUNTEERS.**—The Peel County Council, at its recent sitting in Brampton, unanimously passed a resolution appropriating \$1,175 to pay for the billeting of the Volunteers during their eight days drill. The council also voted \$200 for the band of the Peel Battalion. With equal liberality the County Council of Norfolk have passed a resolution, supplementing the pay of all married volunteers in their battalion with an extra 37½ cents per day, when called out on actual service.

**FENIANS.**—The latest Fenian rumor is that Gen. O'Neil has decamped with a large amount of money belonging to the brotherhood. This, whether true or not, would be a more sensible course for him to pursue than his promised raid into Canada.—*Prescott Telegraph*.