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Next morning we proceeded across the bridge into Canada, and were made aware that we were in another country by the formulas of the custom houses, which were very courteously and civilly performed by the officers. Some two hours and a half brought us to Hamilton, which has been as signed as the head quarters of the bat-talion of the Rifle Brigade assigned for duty in the province. A pig pen and a house in cut stone, from which floated the Union Jack—the first I have set my eyes on for many a long month—flanks the en-trance from the railway station to the long straggling town, but which for that token might be taken to be the United States. Indeed the influence of the republic came some way into the dominions of Her Majesty. The people in the carriages were reading the patty pictorial papers which do so much to deprave the taste of the Ameri-cans and to unsettle their notions in per-spective and in material forms, or were deep in the pirated editions of English works, which constitute the staple trade of the mass of "enterprising publishers." The New York journals are the only papers hawked about for sale in the train. The sides of the carriages were covered with New York and Boston advertisements. Not a smack of Canada in book, or print, or journal, or trade, could be detected, but in conversation was widely different, and all the gentlemen with whom I conversed had but one view in reference to the recent breach of amicable understanding between Great Britain and the United States. At the Hotel in Hamilton we found a number of officers engaged in preparing for the de- partment of the Rifle brigade, just expected. The Canadian winter dress is becoming, and not unbecomable—a round fur cap of gray Astracan, with flat top; a long overcoat, brigaded, and faced on collar and cuffs with gray lamb's wool of the same sort as the cap; long boots to the knee. The soldiers wear long boots, thick warm coats, fur caps, and gloves, it was delightful to find that there was no grumbling at the arrangements for the voyage and the transit across New Brun-swick were admitted to be excellent. At Hamilton there was some little difficulty in obtaining quarters for the men who were coming up by rail, and it was feared they would arrive before their beds were ready. The major of the brigade, Captain McDonald, was basily engaged with Dr. Innes (one of the "men of Delhi") in getting ready rooms for them, assisted by Lieutenant Stevenson of Her Majesty's 30th. Major General Russell has gone on to London attended by some other officers, to look after the arrange- ments for wintering the troops in that town and altogether it looks as if the men would be very comfortable, notwithstanding some small difficulties at first in obtaining adequate accommodation for them. There is no power to ballot troops in Canada. The large houses are not adapted for barracks, and the owners ask absurd sums for their quarters when they hear they are required by the Crown. At five o'clock we reached Toron- to. Here Her Majesty's 30th are in gar- rison, but the defenses of the place are in a most unsatisfactory condition, although much improved, or, indeed, created, since the recent American Complication.

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LANARK COUNCIL.

REPORT OF THE RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

To the Warden and Council of the United Counties.

1st. Your Committee on Railroad matters beg most respectfully to report that they have had under their consideration certain documents relating to the present state of the Company's affairs; and more especially have their attention been called to the minutes of the proceedings of the gentlemen in London, (England), who are endeavoring to establish a new Company for the purpose of raising funds to complete the B. & O. Rail- way; and from the high character of the persons, who, in conjunction with Sir F. B. Head, compose the present Board, we en- tertain a hope that their efforts will be suc- cessful, more especially as they will be back- ed by the land to be allotted to the B. & O. Road by the Canadian Parliament.

2nd. And we further beg leave to state that any hostile action on the part of the Council against the present Company in Can- ada would be most injurious to our interests as it might have the effect of totally destroy- ing the fair prospects of this new Company about being established.

3rd. We therefore recommend the Council to appoint a Committee of five persons to take legal advice and such steps against the present Company as may best insure the in- terests of these Municipalities, so soon as they ascertain that the London Board of Directors have been unsuccessful in their efforts.

4th. We also recommend that a Commit- tee be appointed to draft an address to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that no further action be taken against these Municipalities during the present year, for the interest due to the Government; and we further suggest that in the event of the Gov- ernment refusing to give an extension of time for the payment of the interest due, that the Warden and Treasurer be author- ized to negotiate a loan until the amount due to the Government can be collected from the various Municipalities, thus saving further costs.

5th. We also further recommend that the Committee appointed to take steps against the Company be also empowered to watch over and protect our interests against any encroachment by the Bill intended to be in- troduced at the next meeting of Parliament by the B. & O. R. R. Company.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Under protest) JOHN HAGGART, Chairman.
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FELIX DEYNE,
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONTINGENCIES.

To the Warden and Council of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew in council assembled.

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee on Con- tingencies, appointed by your Council, beg leave to submit their first Report:

1st. Your Committee had before them a Petition from Richard White and others of the County of Renfrew, praying this Council to appoint an assistant Inspector of Weights and Measures more particularly for the County of Renfrew, and also to appoint an Inspector as prayed for; and should there be any cost attending the said appointment, your Committee recommend that the County of Renfrew pay the same.

2nd. Your Committee had also before them several documents and letters, viz.: from the Warden of the County of Simcoe, from the Warden of the Counties of Huron & Bruce; and from the County Clerk of Lambton, relative to the assessing and col- lecting of Taxes on incorporated and unincor- porated lands in different Counties in Upper Canada, and asking this Council to cooperate with them in petitioning Parliament to legal- ize the assessment and imposition of Taxes on said lands.

3rd. Your Committee having carefully exam- ined the said letters, would recommend this Council to co-operate in the matter and adopt a memorial similar to the one submit- ted to your Committee by the Council from the Counties of Huron & Bruce, and that the same be presented to the Provincial Par- liament at its next session.

4th. Your Committee had also before them a letter from Joseph Hinton and the Treasurer of these United Counties to the Clerk of the Municipality of Ross, relative to Taxes collected on unpatented lands in the said Municipality. Your Committee are of opinion that the matter rests entirely with the corporation of Ross and Mr. Hinton and therefore cannot recommend this Council to take any action in the same at present.

5th. Your Committee had also submitted to them a letter from the Warden of the County of Simcoe, with a Report adopted by the County Council of the said Council, relative to the forming of a Georgian Bay Ship Canal Committee by this Council to co-operate with other Committees.

Your Committee cannot recommend this Council to take any action in the matter.

6th. Your Committee had also before them a petition from S. Ferland and others of the Town of Perth, praying this Council to amend the By-law relative to the granting of Licenses to Auctioneers in the said town of Perth.

Your Committee are of opinion that it would be more best that the Town gener- ally, if the amount paid for said Licenses was reduced. Would therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that the By-law be amended for that purpose.

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