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We shall feel obliged to such to forward all information of this kind as early as possible, so that may reach us in time for publication.

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## The Volunteer Review,

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
Toward the Monarch, fence the law."

OTTAWA, MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1869.

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## FORTHCOMING PRIZE MEETINGS, RIFLE

MAT. RES. &c.

The annual R. A. Match of Peterboro, will be held on the 31st August. The prize list will be published as early as possible.

Dominion of Canada Rifle Association Prize Meeting commences at Toronto, Ont., on Tuesday 6th of September.

District of Bedford Rifle Association, second annual prize meeting commences at St. Armand Station, Que., on Tuesday, August 31st. Over 60 prizes are offered.

County of Ontario Rifle Association Prize meeting commences at Oshawa, Ont., on the 31st inst.

—A prominent Fenian from the other side of the lake, has been paying a visit to Belleville lately.

—PRESOTT, Ont., now enjoys the benefit of having a pretty large garrison, which is likely to continue for some time—perhaps to the end of the season.

—On the 23rd of next month the camp at Cobourg, Ont., is to be formed. The brigade will consist of the battalions from Peterborough, East Durham, Cobourg, and the Northumberland and Durham Squadrons of Cavalry. The Adjutant-General will visit this camp as well as the one at Niagara.

—9TH BATTALION.—We received information a few days ago to the effect that this regiment of "Home Spuns" were about going into camp at the parish of St. Michel, at what an appropriate spot had been selected for that purpose. Since then no further information reached us upon the subject until yesterday, when an occasional correspondent stated that over 100 young men of the battalion are now engaged working on a railway in the United States.

The above extraordinary item appears in the Quebec *Chronicle* of the 21st inst. We do not know what to make of it, but suppose that their working on a railway in the United States can have no connection with their volunteer duties. Will a gallant member of the 9th, from whom we have heard before enlighten us upon the subject.

LAST week we referred to the general effects and great public utility of rifle shooting, and we take great pleasure on the present occasion in drawing attention to a letter from one of our oldest and most valued correspondents in reference to the same subject. The facts which he cites in his communication, which will be found elsewhere in the present issue, are so well established that they need no comment, and the proposition which he makes is one we cordially endorse and hope the idea will be taken up and acted upon by the various associations. For the purpose of encouraging rifle shooting amongst those of the Volunteers who are not in the habit of winning prizes, it would be a good idea to introduce into the programmes of matches forthcoming prizes for men who have never won a prize. This would stimulate the unsuccessful by giving them a chance to work up to the enviable position of marksmen, and its effect would be to call into the field a large number of persons who now stand aloof solely because they believe they have no chance in competing with crack shots, who, as general rule, carry off all prizes worth the winning. The object of rifle meetings should be to

make the men of the country proficient in the use of arms, therefore encouragement should be extended to all. The writer of the letter to which we refer is a member of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association, and we think there is yet ample time to arrange a match at the September meeting like what he advocates. We would call the attention of the managers of coming meetings to the remarks of our correspondent and hope they will act upon them, as they cannot but have a beneficial result upon the attendance and spirit of approaching gatherings.

THE great Gettysburg gathering was a complete fizzle. It is strange that our organs cannot see the wisdom of smoothing down as much as possible the asperities occasioned by their late disastrous war. They should strive to lay the ghost of their "rebellion" instead of calling it up on all possible occasions. It is, however, worthy of note that no officer of real distinction took part in the proceedings. The Chicago army reunion culminated in a drunken row, the Potomac Army Association was a failure, and the Gettysburg gathering a fizzle. All this clearly indicates that the keener minds in the higher ranks of American public men are wiser than those who would assemble, like kites on the field after battle, to gorge themselves on the slain. The battle has been fought—lost and won—and the victors in the contest should choose the other place whereon to get drunk and make led speeches.

THE great success which has attended the reviews of large bodies of Volunteers in England leads us to suppose that similar gatherings would meet with proportionate success in Canada. The camps which from time to time have been established for the instruction of battalions in the more important duties of active service have been highly successful, although upon a limited scale, and we have no doubt were the Adjutant General to call a large number of Volunteers together for a grand review at some central point, similar to the English reviews at Dover and Portsmouth, the meeting would not only be successful but would be attended with the most gratifying results. It would give both officers and men an idea of field movements on an extensive scale, and show them what they have, as yet, had no chance of learning, the realities of active service, thereby preparing them to undertake the duties of real soldiering whenever occasion might demand.

AN old idea, often advocated in these pages, has been recently recuscitated by a member of Parliament, which is, the granting of land from the public domain to Volunteers who have completed a certain term of service. It is a standing reproach to our country that its once magnificent Volunteer army has been allowed to dwindle down to