

TRUE-HEARTED BEN,

Ben Bobstay, a Tar of the jolly old sort,
Could keep his hand a mainbrace and his hard-a-port;
And Ben he was smiled on by Sae, Meg, and
Moll,
But all over the world he was faithful to Poll.

Wherever he sailed he was faithful to Poll.

"'Twas just past six bells when the ship sprang a
leak,
Nor west o' the point of the Great Mosambique,
Young Ben swam ashore, dried his clothes by
Old Sol,
And cried to his messmates, "I'm faithful to
Poll."

Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!
He let 'em all drown, to be faithful to Poll.

He met a Princess, of the tribe Kikaroo,
She ogled and eyed him. Says Ben "How d'y'e
do?"
Says she, "Marry me; on a throne you shall lole,"
Says Ben, "You'll excuse me; I'm faithful to
Poll."

Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!
Says Ben, with a bow, "Miss I'm faithful to
Poll."

Says she, "If you don't you'll be hung up and
kilted,"
Says Ben, "You fair creatures are all so self-
willed."
So he gave her his hand to avoid *sus. per coll.*
But still in his heart he was faithful to Poll.

Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!
He married her, saying, "I'm faithful to Poll."

Another Princess, all gold rings and 'tatoos,
Saw Ben, and was jealous of Miss Kikaroo,
Says Ben, "Fight it out, while I sit on a knoll;
If 'other kills both, still I'm faithful to Poll."
Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!

"Whichever kills with r. I'm faithful to Poll."

Their battle surpasses my figures of speech;
They each whacked the other and 'other
whacked each;
Then both lay down stiff as a jointed wood doll,
And Ben sings aloud, "Ain't I faithful to Poll?"
Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!

Ben capers while singing "I'm faithful to Poll."

They both then revived, and jumped wildly on
him
But Ben saw a ship, so he jumped off to swim
The Captain calls out, "Your brave deed I extol.
In England I'll tell 'em you're faithful to Poll."
Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!

"Good-bye," says the Captain, "Be faithful to
Poll."

He breasted the waves, and he fought with the
breeze,
Till, exhausted, he landed at Stockton-on-Tees,
And thence, for a change, he walked on to Bris-
tol,
Where he clearly explained he'd been faithful to
Poll.

Faithful to Poll,
Tol do rol lol!
He married, and always was faithful to Poll.

—Punch.

THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN SIR
GERGE F. CARTIER AND THE REV.
W. MORLEY PUNSHON.

The following are the copies of the letters
which passed between the Minister of Militia
and the President of the Wesleyan Metho-
dist Church, marked "confidential," but
which the respective writers of them con-
sented to being published, and therefore
they were laid before Parliament a few days
since, which we give in full, as this question
has occupied a good deal of attention ever
since the sitting of the Conference last June.
The letters are well worth perusal:

SIR GEO. F. CARTIER TO THE REV. W. MORLEY
PUNSHON.

MONTREAL, 6th Oct., 1870.

"DEAR REVEREND SIR,—I hope you will
pardon me if I take the liberty of disturbing
you to-day by writing to you to explain some
of the circumstances which have accompan-

ied the appointment of the chaplains to the
two Canadian Battalions for the Red River
Expedition. I would have addressed you
sooner on this delicate subject, but I did not
like so doing so long as it was a matter of
discussion in the newspapers. It has been
a constant practice with me whenever criti-
cized or attacked as a member of the Gov-
ernment, not to resort to the Press, but to
wait till an opportunity is given me during
the sitting of Parliament to explain or justi-
fy anything done by me in the discharge of
my Ministerial or executive duties.

"It was by an order of His Excellency in
Council of the 15th of April last, that the
two battalions for Red River were authorized
to be raised in the Provinces of Ontario and
Quebec. The number of men as well as the
number of combatant and non-combatant
officers were fixed by that order, as part of
the number of the non-combatant officers,
two chaplains at the usual rate of pay were
to be appointed. The two Battalions, as
soon as raised and officered, were to be hand-
ed over to the control of the Lieutenant-
General commanding. Several applications
in writing, and some by reverend ministers
themselves have been made in relation to
the appointment of chaplains. Amongst the
applications in writing was that dated
from Toronto, on 23rd April last, trans-
mitted by yourself, as Chairman of Commit-
tee, and by Rev. Mr. Wood and Rev. Mr.
Taylor, as general secretaries, urging the
appointment of a Wesleyan minister as chap-
lain to that portion of the military expedi-
tion professedly attached to the doctrines
and ordinances of your church, on such
terms as should be agreed upon, affecting
personal rights and military obligations and
duties. The receipt of this last application
was acknowledged to yourself, as President,
on the 29th of April last. Subsequently His
Excellency, under the advice of the Privy
Council, was pleased to appoint two chap-
lains for the two Battalions authorised by
the order in council of the 16th of April
last. A Protestant chaplain and a Catholic
one were appointed; and the selection of
the Protestant chaplain fell on the Rev. S.
Patterson, a minister of the Church of Eng-
land. You may rest assured that when the
appointment of chaplain took place, all the
applications made in writing or verbally, re-
ceived due consideration.

All the Militia appointments appear in the
Canada Gazette, and according to the prevail-
ing and regular rule, the appointment of the
two chaplains was made known through the
Canada Gazette.

"Applicants with regard to any appoint-
ment relating to the Militia service, are ex-
pected to look to the *Canada Gazette* to
ascertain if their applications have been suc-
cessful. It would not be regular to make
known any appointment concerning the
Militia service through any other channel
than the *Canada Gazette*; therefore, the rule
of the "Department" is not to notify any
applicant by any personal or special commu-
nication to acquaint him if his application
has been successful or unsuccessful, and the
usual rule was followed up with regard to
the applications relating to the appointment
of the Chaplains to the two Red River Bat-
talions. All the applicants were treated
alike—none of them received any special or
personal intimation to let him know if his
application had been successful or unsuc-
cessful. The application for appointments
in the "Militia Service" are duly registered,
and their receipt is acknowledged; but if
any appointment has to be made in conse-
quence of any application, the result or de-
cision is made known only through the
Canada Gazette.

"I beg you will pardon me for entering
into so many details relating to the notifica-
tion of the Militia appointments. My excuse
for doing so is that they will assist to explain
to you why, after the acknowledgment of
the receipt of the application transmitted
by you and your two reverend brother min-
isters, a further personal communication,
was not sent to you to apprise you of the
final result respecting the appointment of
the chaplains for the Red River Battalions.

"I avail myself of this opportunity to offer
you my thanks for the letter you sent to the
Toronto Globe of the 16th of June last, to
correct the inaccurate statement previously
made in that paper, that in the communica-
tion from the Militia Department to your-
self as President of the Wesleyan confer-
ence, there was a refusal of "Ministerial
recognition," and that the prefix "Rev," to
which you are so worthily entitled, had been
omitted. Allow me to say that it was in-
deed very kind and very gentlemanly on
your part to have so hastened to correct the
inaccurate statement, and I must add that I
feel the more thankful to you because you
have had the goodness to do it spontaneous-
ly and so quickly. I remark, however, in
your letter to the *Globe*, you complain that
your application had been refused consider-
ation, and that from oversight or design you
received no communication from the Gov-
ernment after the 29th of April last, the
date of the acknowledgment of the receipt
of your application. I beg now to reiterate
what I have stated before, that your applica-
tion as well as all the other applications
received due consideration at the time of
the appointment of the two chaplains, and I
beg to reiterate also that if after the 29th of
April last, no subsequent communication
was sent to you it was because the rule of
the Militia Department, being to notify and
make known all appointments connected
with the *Militia Service*, through the *Canada
Gazette*, no further communication is ever
sent to any applicant, after the acknowledg-
ment of the receipt of his application, to let
him know that his application has been suc-
cessful or unsuccessful. I have no hesitation
to give you, and I beg of you to accept the
assurance that no "discourtesy, nor over-
sight, or design," were meant or intended
by the circumstance, that no subsequent
communication was sent to you after the
29th of April last. I wish that you should
bear in mind that the appointment of the
chaplains for the two battalions, did not and
could not proceed from myself alone, in my
departmental capacity as Minister of Militia,
and also that after handing over of the two
battalions to the command of the Lieut-
General Commanding, they became abso-
lutely under the sole control of the General,
and no one but him could allow any party
to accompany the battalions on their march
to Red River.

"I can assure you in all the sincerity of
my heart, that no one respects more than
myself the reverend ministers, and the
members of your church. I duly appreciate
their importance, their virtues and their
patriotism. I can say, that outside their
religious order, they have no warmer friend
than myself. I have the happiness and
pleasure to reckon a great number of friends
amongst the Wesleyan Methodists. I may
assert that it could not even enter into my
mind to think of doing anything as a minis-
ter of the Crown, or as a private individual,
which might give offence or cause injustice
to the great body of the Wesleyan Metho-
dists or any member of that venerable
church. It has been with me a constant
rule through life to respect the church of
every one. With me the appreciation of