

Col. James Brown and Major Bowell of the 49th battalion being respectively his Lieutenant and Ensign. On the 24th May, 1862, while on duty with his company, celebrating the Queen's birthday, he was wounded in the left foot by the accidental discharge of a rifle, the ball (an Enfield) shattering the heel and the bones of the metatarsus. This wound never thoroughly healed; but notwithstanding the lameness it induced, he went with his company to Amherstburgh to guard the frontier after the St. Albans' raid, and again led it to Aultsville during the Fenian excitement. After his return he retired from the service, retaining his rank.

His death was occasioned by a fresh outburst of the wound in his foot, and mortification having set in unobserved, until too late.

Lieut. Col. Jarvis, Assistant Adjutant General, and Captain Phillip, District Quartermaster from Kingston, were here on Monday, in consultation with the Town Council, with a view to obtaining accommodation for one of the regiments just arrived in Canada. I understand that arrangements have been made, and the necessary buildings secured, and Belleville will in all probability be classed among the Garrison.

#### FROM WELLAND.

The first annual review and military picnic of the Volunteer Corps of the Niagara Peninsula, took place at Bugar's Grove, in the village of Welland, on Friday last, under very favorable circumstances. There was a large muster of the Volunteers of the counties of Lincoln and Monck, which, together with those of our own county, made quite a respectable force, upwards of 300 being under arms. In addition to this force of Infantry, there were present the St. Catharines and the Grimsby troops of Cavalry, mustering nearly sixty, under the command of Captain Gregory, of the former, and Lieut. Spillet, Adjutant of the 19th Battalion (Lincoln) Infantry. The whole force was under the command of Lieut. Colonel Barnett, the respected Commander of the 44th (Welland) Battalion, Infantry, with Captain Kirkpatrick, of Chippewa, as Brigade Major, and Lieutenant Binley Benson, of St. Catharines, and Lieut. Minns, of the Welland Canal Field Battery, as his aide-de-camp. Lieut. Colonel Villiers, Brigade Major of this district, was expected to have had command, but was unable to attend in consequence of his absence from home.

The weather was exceedingly favorable, a pleasant breeze moderating the heat, although in the morning showers had descended at intervals, and the gloomy appearance of the clouds caused serious apprehension as to whether the afternoon would be more favorable. However, towards noon the clouds cleared away, and the sun shone forth in all its resplendent glory, making the ground all that could be desired.

Welland looked gay with various banners, decorations, and inscriptions of welcome to the citizen soldiers of the old Niagara Peninsula. Their entrance and their march through the town, of the various corps, attracted numerous spectators, with whom the streets and windows were crowded, and most of the shops were closed for the greater portion of the day.

The arrangements were excellent and reflect great credit on the Committee, at the head of whom was the worthy Sheriff of the County, — Hobson, Esq., whose con-

stant attention to the wants of every one present, merited for him universal praise. The spectators were numerous, upwards of two thousand being on the ground, a large proportion being of the fair sex, who, by their presence on this and similar occasions, testify the appreciation in which they hold their Volunteer defenders. The threatening aspect of the morning, no doubt, had prevented many intended spectators from being present, yet on the ground were observed the *élite* of the county, and never, perhaps has there been assembled a gayer or more fashionable assemblage of the fair belles of Welland than on this occasion.

The line was formed punctually at twelve o'clock, the cavalry being on the right. After opening into column, the whole force marched past, first at the quick, then at the double, and the steadiness and regularity with which this was done, was really excellent, considering that this was the first time that many of them had taken part in battalion drill. After various movements had been executed in good style, the Infantry were formed into quarter distant column, and the cavalry thrown out as skirmishers, in admirable order, with the object of repelling a supposed enemy. After advancing a considerable distance, they were ordered to cease firing and retire in rear of the two companies of infantry who were sent to relieve them, and who kept up a pretty brisk fire on the still advancing enemy. The cavalry then made a splendid charge on the right flank of the supposed enemy, and on returning one of the troopers was slightly wounded in the leg by a blank shot. He is, however, progressing favorably, as fortunately the wound was not a serious one. After forming rallying squares, closing on supports, etc., they were marched up in review order to the pleasant grove, where refreshments were provided for them. Here they were formed in quarter distance column and told off to the various tables, which were presided over by the ladies of the village, by whose hospitality the good things were provided. The officers were entertained to a rather superior spread, in a very romantic and shady part of the grove. The chair was taken by Lieutenant Colonel Barnett, and the vice was occupied by — Hobson, Esq. After full justice had been done to the various edibles and drinkables, Lieutenant Colonel Barnett returned thanks, on behalf of his command, to the ladies of Welland, by whose liberal hospitality they had been entertained that day. And he hoped that now the idea of military pic-nics had been so successfully started on that day, that many more would follow in due course. Lieutenant Binley Benson, in an exceedingly neat and witty speech, also returned thanks on behalf of the Volunteers of Lincoln. After ample justice had been done by all to the good things provided for them, three cheers were given for the Queen, three for the New Dominion, and three for the ladies of Welland. Led by Sheriff Hobson, Esq., three cheers were given for the gallant Colonel who had commanded them that day, Lieutenant Colonel Barnett. The men were then ordered to "fall in," and headed by their various bands, marched off the grounds *en route* to their respective homes, one and all agreeing that they had spent one of the pleasantest days of their lives. All persons present seemed to lament the absence of the Welland Canal Field Battery, under the gallant Captain King, who lost a leg at Fort Erie during the Fenian raid of last year. They could not possibly be present in consequence of not having received their new uniforms. The gallant Captain, we are glad

to say, is sufficiently recovered to be able to walk out occasionally. His son, Lieut. F. King, was on the ground in uniform.

The Force on the ground was composed as follows: Beamsville, Capt. Konkle, Lieut. Kerr; St. Ann's, Lieut. McPherson; Clifton, Lieut. Russell, Ensign Benton; Chippewa, Lieut. Maclear, Ensign Thomas; Fort Erie, Lieut. Treble; Welland, Ensign Norwood; St. Catharines and Grimsby Cavalry, Capt. Gregory, Lieut. Spillet.

#### "QUEEN'S OWN" RIFLE MATCH.

(From our own Correspondent.)

I send you a programme of the Regimental rifle match of the "Queen's Own" rifles in this city. Being the first to take place in Canada with the Snider rifle, it will be of special interest to the Volunteers as well as Regulars. Although the practice was made nominally by the best six of each company, still, considering the weather, which on the first day (Tuesday) was very windy, with a shower towards evening, it must be admitted the scoring was better than could have been made with the muzzle loader. The trajectory is lower, and many of the good shots anticipated great results from it. Better firing would, I fancy, have been made had the men had an opportunity of a little more practice, some of them using the breech loader for the first time, and none of them having handled it more than thrice. It was perfectly delightful to see how easily the firing was gone through. It was no more trouble for them to do the whole loading than it formerly was to cap, so that all danger was prevented by each one loading after coming to the front. The Queen's Own are a fine lot of fellows. General Stisted seems determined to be popular. He joined in the sport yesterday for a short time. A feature worthy of remark was the simultaneous system adopted in this match. It enables more ground to be got over in a day, besides inducing good shooting. It is somewhat thus: Say, nine of a company (3 sergeants, 3 corporals and 3 men) enter the lists; and first of all in the firing, from 200 to 600 yards, their firing will be taken as a whole for a company match; secondly, the three sergeants are firing for the company sergeant's prize, and the corporals and men for their respective ranks. Then there is the highest individual sergeant's corporal's and men's prize, and again the highest individual scores at each separate range, irrespective of rank: and finally, the highest score throughout. By this means the best efforts are put forth, for each one is firing for his company, his rank, individual score at each range, and individual score throughout. The prizes are to be distributed by General Stisted, on Thursday, at the Horticultural Gardens.

If the Government clerks who have come up here, do not catch the scarlet fever, it will not be due to the absence of local attraction, for immediately on their right is the drill shed, to the north the military school cadets drill ground, to the west, on Government square, the Engineers still are squatters, guarded by a sentry, and alongside the 17th come almost daily for Adjutant's and setting up drill, and fronting the buildings out in the bay is a gunboat. In fact, the very rooms they now occupy, have only recently been vacated by the sogers.

More anon,

"AVERTURE SIGHT."

P. S.—We omit the scores this week for want of room.