

thanks to the apparent improvement among the Grand Trunk officials, soon carried us to River Beaudette. At this place, boats had been provided, and were in waiting to convey the excursionists across Lake St. Francis to Port Lewis. The morning was cool and delightful, but the absence of a favourable wind necessitated the furling of the sails and compelled the party to take to the oars. However Port Lewis was reached about noon after some hard pulling. Here also, thanks to the excellent management of Lt.-Colonel Stevenson teams were in waiting to convey the gallant sons of Mars to Huntingdon, which was soon reached. After partaking of refreshments, the excursionists proceeded to the residence of Mr. William Arthur, Trout River, a distance of about six miles. The party here alighted, and were warmly welcomed by Mr. Arthur, who experienced great pleasure and astonishment at the visit. During the late Fenian raid at Trout River, while the troops were on the march, they were the recipients of great kindness and attention from the resident farmers along the way, but to Mr. William Arthur the Field Battery were especially obligated; he having supplied them most bountifully with water, milk and provisions. On their return from the Front, it was resolved that some suitable acknowledgment of Mr. Arthur's liberality should be made resulting in the presentation of a splendid photographic portrait, beautifully framed, of H. R. H. Prince Arthur to that gentleman, with His Royal Highness' autograph, and the seal of the Battery attached. Lt.-Colonel Stevenson, in presenting the picture to Mr. Arthur, adverted to his extraordinary generosity, and in the name of the Battery thanked him, concluding with the hope that he and his family might be long spared to look upon the picture of his royal name sake. Mr. Arthur, in replying, said that what he had done was nothing, and this beautiful present was altogether undeserved, but he had been taken so completely by surprise he was not able to make a suitable reply. During the presentation a large number of Mr. Arthur's neighbours and friends were present. After partaking once more of Mr. Arthur's hospitality, the party proceeded to the "old camp ground," visiting many friends on the way. The day being far advanced the excursionists returned to Huntingdon, arriving about ten o'clock, every one being delighted with the days amusement. On the following morning the party returned to Fort Lewis, from thence across the lake to River Beaudette, arriving in Montreal before noon on Saturday. The weather was all that could be desired, being delightfully cool. The arrangements were perfect, and the entire party returned to the city delighted with their trip to Trout River.

Subjoined is a copy of the letter addressed to Lt.-Col. Elphinstone by Lt.-Col. Stevenson, commanding the Montreal Field Battery of Artillery, and the reply:—

MONTRÉAL, 6th June, 1870.

Col. Elphinstone, C.B.V.C.,  
&c., &c., Montreal.

Dear Sir,—During the march of the Montreal Field Battery of Artillery from Huntingdon to Hendersonville (Trout River), on Friday, the 27th ult., we halted for a few minutes to rest the horses, opposite the farm of Mr. William Arthur, who immediately brought and sent from his house, a most bountiful supply of milk, water, bread, cakes, &c. After all had partaken of his good cheer, he insisted upon filling every haversack, at the same time declining to accept of any compensation whatever. The members of the Battery feel that some slight ac-

knowledge of that gentleman's generosity should be made, and the similarity of name, has suggested the idea of presenting loyal William Arthur with a photographic portrait of Royal Arthur William. The value of the gift would be infinitely enhanced if the autograph of His Royal Highness could be appended thereto. I have therefore ventured to inquire whether under the circumstances His Royal Highness would be graciously pleased to append his signature to the photograph sent herewith. Such an act of condescension would be accepted by every member of the Battery as a Royal favour conferred upon the corps, whilst it would undoubtedly awaken livelier feelings of loyalty and patriotism in the breast of that old hospitable frontier farmer, in whose household it would be cherished with a sort of sacred veneration.

I have the honour to remain,

• Yours most faithfully,  
A. A. STEVENSON,  
Lt.-Col. M.F.B. of A.

MONTRÉAL, 6th June, 1870.

Dear Sir,—His Royal Highness desires me to say that he has very great pleasures, indeed, in according to the request of yourself and the Officers of your Field Battery, by signing the accompanying photograph.

A man who behaved so loyally and liberally deserves every possible recognition; and His Royal Highness desires that you will mention to Mr. William Arthur, that the Prince will not fail to mention his liberality when in England.

I am likewise desired to send herewith for your own acceptance, a photograph of His Royal Highness

Believe me,

Yours faithfully,  
H. C. ELPHINSTONE.

Lt. Col. A. A. STEVENSON, Com'g }  
Montreal Field Batt. of Vol. }  
Artillery Montreal.

VOLUNTEERS AT WATERLOO.

The citizens of Waterloo entertained the Shefford Volunteers at a public dinner on Dominion Day. The Hon. L.S. Huntington, M. P. for the County of Shefford, occupied the chair, assisted by Mr. Charles Allen, as Vice, having on his right hand Captain Fourdrinier and Lieut. Codd, and on his left Revds Messrs. Lindsay, Colville and Kenny. The members of the Waterloo band were also invited guests, and the spacious hall of the Foster House was filled with the volunteers and the enthusiastic citizens who entertained them. The dinner was served in Hall's best style, and, after the good things had been amply discussed, the Chairman proposed the usual loyal toasts with appropriate remarks and amidst great enthusiasm. In proposing "The Army and Navy and Volunteers of Canada," the Chairman bade a touching farewell to the British troops, which after a sojourn of 100 years were being suddenly withdrawn from us, and pronounced a warm eulogy upon the volunteers, whose bravery and patriotism had so roused the admiration of the country, and who would themselves, he predicted, prove worthy successors of their elder brethren in arms. He said the mad raids of the Fenians had been worth a dozen times their cost in rousing a spirit of self-reliance through the country, and he declared that the Stated need not tremble for her future if all her citizens would faithfully fulfill their duties like our noble volunteers. Capt. Fourdrinier responded. He alluded in feeling terms to the sympathy and support which the citizens had always afforded the volunteers. He

thanked them heartily for that magnificent demonstration, and sat down amidst vociferous cheers. The entertainment continued for three hours, and was in every respect a complete success. A number of toasts and eloquent speeches followed, which for want of space we are reluctantly compelled to pass over. All, however, were animated by one spirit of enthusiastic pride in the volunteers. Our Shefford friends have turned out some capital companies, and they always know how to keep up the spirits of "the boys." We congratulate our Shefford friends upon the good example they have afforded the country, not forgetting to make honourable mention of the cold water principles which prevailed throughout the entertainment.

THE INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

There can be no further doubt as to the existence of a "League" for the purpose of carrying out the independence of Canada; and that it is promoted mainly by avowed and well-known annexationists.

The Hon. John Young of Montreal is President, and Hon. Mr. Huntington, M.P. for Shefford, is Secretary of the League. Both of these gentlemen profess to be opposed to annexation, but they are in the minority on the council, the other section led by Mr. Lafamme being in a large majority, and able to command the necessary funds, of which a good deal will be needed. The names of this precious phalanx of sneaking rebels are given in the city papers, and the first thought that will occur in connection with some of them is that the funds of the league will be very handy to them. The whole plot has been imprudently divulged by a fellow conspirator connected with the *New York Herald*. Of course, Sir A. T. Galt figures as a member of this new patent combination.

The scheme is shown up with its nicest minutiae of detail—all disguise being thrown off; and as none of these worthies have denied the statements put forth we believe them to be true. The programme is elaborate enough, and by it we are enabled to understand the purport of certain proceedings in which the prominent members of the League have figured during a year past. Money has been subscribed, newspapers subsidized, public men in England and the United States have been consulted, aid and sympathy from Washington has been promised, and offices appropriated to all the leading statesmen of Canada who are likely to prove obstructives in carrying out this precious scheme—including a chief-justice-ship for Sir John A. and an Ambassadorship for Sir George. The elections of 1872 are to be carried by producing all sorts of complications in the rural constituencies and money is to be used to corrupt others. We do not find that Sir Alexander is to be provided for; but no one needs to be greatly exercised on his account in view of that gallant knight's well-proven ability to look after himself. It is scarcely likely to be a seat in Congress for Sherbrooke.

We shan't reason with these men—argument on such a subject is only a milder form of treason. When political reformers attempt to forestal a nation's conversion to their opinions by secretly plotting with its enemies to overthrow its liberties it is either straight jackets or the treadmill that they want.—*Richmond Guardian*.