

lance and stretcher work, thus taking their place among their working brother officers, instead of being, as is the case in many regiments, merely ornamental appendages. In several metropolitan and provincial Volunteer regiments, the bearers are intelligent, well instructed, and well drilled, and considering their few opportunities for practical work they are wonderfully efficient, and in all cases are zealous in their duties. We look upon this military ambulance work as a great advance, and we trust that the medical officers of our Volunteer army will not neglect their opportunity."—*Med. Times* (Lond.)

We are glad to see that this important department of the military service is beginning to receive here also some of the attention which it so much deserves. The 6th Fusiliers (Surgeon Jas. Bell) have recently added an ambulance corps and a full complement of regulation stretchers to their otherwise very efficient regiment. The members of the ambulance staff have been already fairly drilled under the immediate supervision of the Surgeon in charge. On two recent occasions they were called upon to do service for men who fell out from heat-stroke. Their promptitude and efficiency has been well spoken of. It would be well that this matter should be taken up by the medical officers of all our Canadian Volunteer regiments.

The utter want of adaptation of clothing to climate, as regards the uniform of our citizen-soldiers, was well shown on one of the occasions above alluded to. On the day of inspection the weather happened to be unusually warm, with that closeness of the air which often precedes a thunderstorm. The men marched in full uniform only from their armory to the parade-ground—about 20 minutes. In as many more minutes, ten men were carried off on stretchers, suffering from faintness, weakness, and dizziness; as many more felt ill, but managed to keep in the ranks. Of what value would men so equipped be for a march of any distance on a summer's day? The defects in dress and accoutrements are pretty well understood. Who will move for reform?