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FROM MONTREAL.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

Last summer during the elections here a portion of the volunteer force was called out for civil service, on the requisition of two justices of the peace Messrs. Lighthall and Bellevue. The accounts were subsequently sent in to the corporation for payment, but payment was refused, and by advice of the city lawyers, on the plea that it was unauthorized by the proper authorities, there being no occasion or need for such services, that Messrs. Lighthall and Bellevue acting as they did without sanction of the Mayor did so unwarrantably and should pay the piper themselves. Legal proceedings were then instituted by the commanding officers, Col. Mackay, Col. Bethune and Major Muir, against the city for the recovery of the amount, but pending proceeding Col. Smith, D. A. G., the principal witness in the case left the city, being removed to Manitoba, and the officers were thus prevented from prosecuting their claim. Last week they memorialized the corporation suggesting that some means be devised whereby these claims might be satisfied without interfering with the suit instituted to test the legal questions involved, in order that the council might have a judicial decision in the future.

At a meeting of the city council on Monday, a very long discussion ensued,—when it was resolved to pay the amount, under conditions that if the pending suit was decided in favour of the corporation it should be refunded.

Col. Martin, commanding 6th Batt. volunteer militia entertained his officers on Monday, to a supper at his residence. Col. Bacon acting D. A. G. of the district honored them by his presence. A very pleasant time was spent, the usual toasts were responded to in the most enthusiastic manner. Speeches were made by Col. Bacon, Dr. David, Col. Isaacson and others, expressing the utmost

confidence in the present state of military affairs and expressive of their devotion to their Queen and country.

The cost of repairing the roof of the drill shed will not fall far short of \$50,000

The members of the Sergeant's Mess of this Corps, including the band, were invited to supper at their Colonel's residence, St. Catharino street, last evening. At about half past 8 they met at the armory, and, preceded by their fifes and drums, went up to the Colonel's. Before entering, the band executed several pieces of music and sang two or three good choruses; they then discussed the splendid supper that had been prepared, which was followed by speech making, breaking up at an early hour.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The excitement consequent on the presentation of the United States claim against Great Britain appears to be subsiding, and it is even rumoured that Gladstone will be content to retract his bellicose utterances, and that a way out of the difficulty will be found to suit all parties, in other words the Whig radicals will abandon all the Yankees desire, and we hope the Geneva Arbitrators will see their way to awarding them the full amount sought, as it would squeeze the purses of the cotton spinners dry, or lead at once to what the whole affair will eventually be decided by—the arbitrament of the sword.

Trouble of the gravest character is anticipated in India on the 5th inst., the Governor General the Earl of Mayo was stabbed by a Mahomedan convict at the Andaman Islands in the Bay of Bengal, and died almost immediately. This crime has caused the greatest excitement in India and grave apprehensions in England.

An expedition has been sent in search of Dr. Livingstone.

The health of the Prince of Wales still continues to improve.

In consequence of the unsettled state of diplomatic relations, United States securities have declined in value in the English stock market.

The French Provisional Government are

busily engaged in searching for concealed arms in Paris by domiciliary visits. The Washington Treaty mutille is condemned by the leading statesmen, as every court in Europe has a thorough contempt, for Gladstone's ability, any contra temps arising from the action of his administration causes no surprise.

In Spain the radicals appears to be giving an unlimited amount of trouble, their latest manœuvre being a decision to refrain from voting at the election for the Cortes their object being to make all Government impossible.

Victor Emmanuel has been allotted a portion of the Quirinal Palace as an official residence at Rouen. The Pope is about to publish an encyclical letter on National education.

The United States minister at Berlin has placed the case of that country respecting the San-Juan difficulty before the Emperor. The German press generally condemns the claims of the United States for indirect losses.

Revolution is the order of the day in Mexico, Republicanism means nothing but lawlessness and it is fully exemplified in that unlucky country.

At Sutton, County of Brome, a dinner was given to Judge Dunkin by his late constituents (he was recently minister of agriculture), and Sir George Cartiers speech thereat will be found in another page.

If the British statesmen would look to Ottawa instead of Washington for the means of keeping the peace of the world they would arrive at the solution of all their difficult diplomatic problems speedily.

Canadians have but one opinion on the Washington Treaty, and that is its abrogation would be the most pleasant news they ever heard in connection with it.

Advices from Manitoba and British Columbia show that everything is going on prosperously. A report is current that Mr. McNab and thirty men belonging to one of the parties employed on the Pacific Railway survey have been lost on Lake Superior.

Our affairs in the Dominion are still prospering, and the utterances of our statesmen put to shame the imbecility of English political leaders.