

we can talk or write of nothing as politically stable, and already symptoms have appeared of a desire to undo a portion of the great work in which his life was worn out, and to unloose the great chain-cable with which his wisdom bound the adverse and diverse bundle of faggots which comprise the Dominion into one solid coherent body. His great and crowning act, the creation of the Canadian army, only required his policy of culture and development to be an invaluable agent in the training of our population in habits of law, order, industry and self respect; in the hands of others careless of the principles on which it was founded, it will not be the unmixed blessing so confidently promised by the political economist, and as the symptoms foreshadowed are in the direction of change it will make the country wiser for.

"The touch of a vanished hand,
"And the sound of a voice that is still."

A French Canadian by birth and lineage, it is the great glory of the deceased statesman's far grasping wisdom that he endeavoured to realise the amalgamation of the races into a common nationality having similar interests and aims, hence his most conspicuous trait was that intense loyalty to British institutions, which led him to describe himself and countrymen as "Englishmen speaking the French language." No statesman has accomplished so much in smoothing the asperities of race and religion, and reconciling the differences arising from both.

SATURDAY, the 24th of May, being the anniversary of the birth-day of our beloved Sovereign was celebrated in the City of Ottawa by a Review of the Governor General's Foot Guards, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel THOS. ROSS by His Excellency the Earl of DUFFERIN.

At half-past eleven o'clock, a.m., the regiment, headed by its splendid band marched to the Review ground at Cartier Square, and immediately afterwards the Adjutant General rode up, accompanied by the following members of the Staff: Lieutenant Colonel POWELL, Deputy Adjutant General; Lieutenant Colonel Macpherson, Lieutenant Colonel WILEY, Lieutenant Colonel BRUNEL, Lieutenant Colonel ARMOND and Captain G. H. PERRY, &c.

The Guards were drawn up in line inspected and put through some parade movements previous to the arrival of His Excellency, the Governor General, which event occurred at a few minutes after noon; he was attended by His Military Secretary, Lieutenant Colonel FLETCHER, of the Scot's Fusilier Guards; Lieutenant HAMILTON, Aide-Camp, and accompanied by his eldest daughter the Lady HELEN BLACKWOOD, a second carriage contained Lady HARRIET FLETCHER, and two of His Excellency's children. Miss BLAKE occupied a seat in this

carriage. His Excellency was received by the Adjutant General and Staff, and by a general salute from the Guards. A *feu de joie* in honor of the day was given and three rousing cheers for the Queen, after which the regiment took open order and was reviewed by the Governor General, attended by the Adjutant General and Staff. After a minute inspection, satisfactory in every respect, the Guards closed up, formed quarter column and marched past with a steadiness which astonished those who knew what a short period has elapsed since they were embodied. They were afterwards advanced and retired in line and column, practised in volley firing and finally formed in hollow square, when His Excellency the Governor General addressed them as follows:

Lieutenant Colonel Ross, Officers and Men of the Governor General's Foot Guards, I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing to you all, the extreme satisfaction with which I have witnessed your parade, and those evolutions through which Colonel Ross has subsequently put you. Even to my inexperienced eyes it is quite evident that only a great amount of attention and zeal could have produced anything so satisfactory as this display has been to-day. The regiment does infinite credit, both in its appearance and the manner in which it has been manoeuvred by its commanding officers, to those who have the honor of belonging to it. I am also very sensible of the loyal feeling towards Her Majesty which has induced you of your own accord to volunteer this demonstration, and to devote a great portion of your holiday to the discharge of your military duties. I am aware that the formation of the regiment originated in a patriotic desire to provide the representative of Her Majesty and the Parliament of the Dominion with troops, who should on state occasions add to the dignity and solemnity of the circumstances of the day. There can be no doubt that from that point of view, it is a very great advantage that so fine a regiment should always be at the disposal of the Governor General and Parliament. In time of peace, therefore, you will be called upon to perform in this country those ceremonial duties which are discharged at home by Her Majesty's household troops; but I trust you will remember that in occupying that position, you have undertaken what are very great responsibilities, for incessantly and instinctively the spectator will compare your operations and general conduct, both in the field and when off duty, with those famous and distinguished regiments whose history is bound up with everything that is most glorious in the annals of Great Britain. I trust, therefore, that this thought will be constantly present to your mind, and that you will remember that it is only by the strictest discipline and the utmost zeal that you may reasonably hope to attain to that position and prestige which your fellow coun-

trymen will be only too glad to grant to you, if by your conduct and discipline you acquire the reputation of a pattern regiment.

I have been commissioned by Her Excellency the Countess of DUFFERIN to state that it is her intention to present colors to the Governor General's Foot Guards.

Three cheers were given for His Excellency and three more for Her Excellency the Countess of DUFFERIN, after which the vice-regal party drove off the ground amidst the respectful salutations of the spectators.

The Regimental Staff on the ground consisted of Lieutenant Colonel ROSS, commanding; Major WHITE, Paymaster WICKSTEAD, Captain and Adjutant WALSH, and Surgeon MALLOK. The parade state shows that five captains, nine lieutenants and ensigns, seven staff sergeants, 173 rank and file, and 47 bandmen or a total of 246 officers and men were present.

All the manoeuvres were most creditably performed and bear evidence to the care with which this fine regiment has been trained. The opportune and appropriate address of His Excellency will tend to impress a principle of great zeal and a desire to achieve the noble task before the regiment.

We cannot sufficiently condemn the pitiful economy that confined the celebration on this grand occasion, to the self-denial and and generosity of the officers and men of the Foot Guards.

The *Globe* cannot be accused of lack of energy or the persistence necessary to support its assertions; its correspondents are generally tinged with the same amiable qualities, which mainly consist in asserting an improbability and ending in believing it to be a fact.

Its issue of the 23rd has the stereotyped heading of *The Militia Frauds* over the communication of *Volunteer*, whatever genius may elect to shelter his falsehoods and impertinence under that *nom de plume*. The gist of this person's communication appears to be objections to the statements made by the Adjutant General relative to reported false musters, and the manliness of a certain individual in replying to that statement. It is hard to account for taste, fashion, or even the peculiar ideas of the *Globe's* correspondent; but in this case it is extremely difficult to assign a motive to the attempt to whitewash a reputation that stands in need of that reinvigorating process.

The Adjutant General stated a fact as notorious as the reputed *Wimbledon frauds* of which the *Globe's* correspondent has doubtless heard through the columns of one of the most respectable journals in the Province of Ontario, and over the signature of no *nom de plume*, but over the bona fide signature of a well known gallant and distinguished officer of the Canadian army, but of which the Adjutant General could take no cognizance because it did not come before him officially.