

others the wife of a young Virginian volunteer who, after the defeat of Braddock, was sent to take command of this post which was valuable for many reasons. Gifted with many noble qualities he possessed a firm courage and thoughtfulness beyond his years, and was endeared to those under his command by many amiable qualities. It was in the darkest of the hours of night, that which precedes the dawn, when the night watch becomes most weary and irksome and the longing eye of the sentinel turns to catch the first glimmerings of day, that the long expected attack was made. Three times the savages were repulsed from the stockades of the lonely fort, and each time the fierce red men left some of their tribe biting the dust under the deadly fire of the brave Virginians. At length the savages, finding that it would be impossible to take the place by storm, called to their aid an ally which they well knew how to employ and which seldom failed to achieve their purpose. From the neighboring forests they collected great heaps of brushwood and piling it up about the wooden defences of the fort set the whole on fire. Many of the savages engaged in this work were shot down and consumed in the flames which spread with a rapidity that left the little garrison small hope of maintaining their position. Hidden behind the convenient screen of the woods the Indians awaited the time when they could rush in and complete their work. Nor had they long to wait, for many of the garrison unable any longer to endure the torture of the flames that surrounded them, rushed into the opening and were shot down and scalped by the lurking savages. The Virginian commander seeing all hope of holding his position was gone, determined upon making his way to the river where he had several boats, and if possible make his escape with the remnant of his force. They succeeded in reaching the river, but found to their dismay that their means of escape was cut off, the Indians having carried away their boats. In the meantime the savages took possession of the burning fort, and finding it empty followed the fugitives to the river where a short and desperate encounter quickly decided their fate. About a dozen captives, all that was left of the unfortunate garrison, for the Indians remorselessly dispatched all who were wounded and unable to travel, were bound and led away to the French post of Du Quesne. Here, according to the custom they had established, the French purchased the captives from the Indians. The Virginian officer and his wife were bought by the Commandant of the fort, a vulgar wretch who had risen to his present position by means anything but creditable. Having got the unfortunates in his power other thoughts than cupidity filled his mind and he determined to make the lady his wife, but to do so it was first necessary to make away with her husband. So on some quibbling pretence he refused to ratify his bargain with the Indians for the purchase of the Virginian,

who was consequently delivered up to the torture. Upon hearing this dreadful news his young and delicate wife became insane, and breaking from the place where she was confined rushed among the savages in the midst of their horrible game just as her husband was in the last agonies of death; flinging herself upon his body she gave vent to the most piercing cries until a young warrior with friendly hand buried his tomahawk in her brow and released her soul to bear company with his whom she loved so well on earth.

BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM PETERBORO.

[By some unaccountable blunder in the Post-office, the following did not come to hand until too late for insertion in our last.]

As the quantity of ammunition to be expended by the Volunteers in target practice this season, is but small, Lieutenant Colonel Poole, of the 57th Battalion, ordered the first practice to be held on the 9th ultimo, as a Rifle Match, when the following prizes should be competed for, viz :

1st prize—A Gold Medal, value \$50, presented to the Volunteers of Peterboro, Ashburnham and Lakefield, by a number of young men of Peterboro, resident in the city of New York, as a token of their appreciation of the manner in which they turned out at the time of the Fenian raid. To this was added \$2 in cash, by Lieutenant T. B. Clementi, of No. 1 Company.

2d prize—A Repeating Pistol, value \$10, presented by Lieutenant Colonel Poole.

3d prize—A Silver Flask, value \$5, presented by Lieutenant John Burnham, of No. 4 Company.

4th prize—A Pistol, value \$5, presented by Surgeon Kincaid.

5th prize—\$4, presented by Paymaster by J. H. Dummett.

6th prize—A Gold Pencil, value \$3, presented by Adjutant Kennedy.

7th Prize—\$3, presented by Lieutenant T. B. Clementi, of No. 1 Company.

8th prize—An Album, value \$3, presented by Captain J. H. Kennedy, of No. 3 Company.

9th prize—A Book, value \$2, presented by Captain Green, of No. 5 Company.

The firing was at 200 and 400 yards: 5 rounds at each range. 68 members competed. The day was very unfavorable, as the rain commenced when the firing was about half over at the 200 yards range, and continued until night. The match was carried on notwithstanding to its completion, but the rain and cold had a very damaging effect on the score.

The following are the names of the winners and the number of points obtained by each :

Sergt. G. Brown, No. 4 Company,	20	points
Corporal McIntyre, 3	23	"
Captain J. L. Rogers, 4	23	"

Private Gow,	4	"	21	"
" John Green,	1	"	21	"
Bugler E. Green,	1	"	20	"
Private Ring	4	"	19	"
Private Carlisle	5	"	19	"
Capt. J. H. Kennedy,	3	"	18	"

There were four ties, which, on being decided, resulted as above. No. 1 Company has a gold medal, value \$30, and a silver one, value \$10, which are to be fired for every three months, by the members of that Company. It was arranged that this match should decide who should be the winners or them for the next three months Private Green won the gold one and Bugler Green the silver one.

The non-commissioned officers and men of the three Companies in town, got up a picnic party in the town hall, for the same night, and the prizes were then presented by Lieutenant Colonel Poole, who made a few appropriate remarks to each of the prizemen.

The band of the 57th Battalion, under their highly esteemed band-master, Mr. Rackett, enlivened the proceedings very much by playing several pieces of music in good style. A number of comic songs were sung, and a very pleasant night was spent. Dancing was kept up until the "ree sma' hours" warned all present to retire, which they did, highly delighted and wishing that the Volunteers would often get up such pleasant parties.

It is in contemplation to have a rifle match on a larger scale some time in the next month, when it is intended to have a number of prizes to offer, the result of which will be sent to the REVIEW in due time.

Yours,

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FROM ORANGEVILLE. O.

On Tuesday last the Inauguration of the New Drill Shed, erected for the use of the Volunteer Company, was celebrated in Orangeville, by a Parade and Review in the forenoon of the Whittington Rifle Company, and three Companies of the 36th Battalion viz., Alton, Mon Mills, and Orangeville Infantry Companies; and in the evening by a Grand Concert under the patronage of the Officers. The splendid Band of the 10th Royal Regt. from Toronto was in attendance, and by their dashing appearance and spirit-stirring music created quite a *fièvre* among the numbers of gaily dressed ladies who honored the Volunteers by their presence on such an auspicious occasion.

We were glad to perceive that not only was the muster of the several companies present, good, but that the different manoeuvres were executed with much steadiness and precision bringing encomiums from several Regulars present. The marching was particularly good. The Parade was under the command of Captain Allan, Hutton Battalion. After various movements consisting of a retreat before, and a final and successful attack upon an imaginary enemy the men