

observations. He remarked that he had been solicited by some unmarried officers to change the conditions upon which the prize was open for competition, but his reply to them was that they had better change their own condition. The sentiment was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering, in which the ladies manifested a disposition to participate.

The Telescope, presented by Lieut. Colonel Charles Stewart, 1st Cumberland Militia, and valued at \$20, was also handed to the winner, Lieut. Jacob Walton, 1st Kings, by Col. Laurie. Upon presenting this prize the Col. remarked that it was a very appropriate offering, as it was necessary to see the enemy before shooting him. At the close of the presentation ceremony, Vice Admiral Hope rose and made a brief speech, but owing to the bustle occasioned by the pressing forward of the crowd, it was impossible to hear all that he said. In course of his observations he asked the competitors and spectators to join him in thanking his Excellency the Lieut. Governor for presiding on this important and highly interesting occasion. In closing, he proposed three cheers for the Governor and Admiral Palmer, remarking at the same time that the last named was the first United States Admiral that had ever honored Halifax with a visit. Three rousing cheers were given by the hundreds which were assembled. The Governor rose and briefly addressed the assemblage, remarking that he might, and might not, be present at the next annual distribution of prizes, but if absent, his heart would be there. This remark elicited cheer upon cheer. Three cheers were then proposed and given for Vice Admiral Hope, and three for Major General Doyle. Admiral Palmer then rose and spoke about two minutes. He expressed a hope that the friendly relations which happily now existed between his Government and that of Great Britain would be long maintained. A war between these two powers would be a sad national calamity, and he trusted that they might long remain at peace. He felt assured that the Government of the United States entertained none other than the most friendly feeling toward the British American Colonies, and hoped nothing would occur to disturb the present amicable relations.

At the close of the Admiral's remarks he was greeted with rounds of hearty applause. Three cheers were proposed and given for President Johnson, a like number for the Queen, for the officers of the Provincial Rifle Association, and others.

The ceremony having closed, the Volunteer Band struck up the tune of "Old Lang Syne," and the battalion marched off the ground. The striking of tents was then commenced, and at 4 p. m. nearly all had been razed to the ground. The volunteer battalion, competitors, and spectators, took the special train which left Bedford at 4.45 p. m., and returned to the city, apparently well pleased with the day's proceedings.