

prove excessive. Camp accommodation is, we observe, intended to be provided for them, and a grand illumination, to take place in their honor. To judge, however, by the accounts received from Belgium, the matter which most interests our brave allies is, as it should be, the nature of the rifle-shooting in which they will be able to participate. This is a department which lies chiefly within the province of the National Rifle Association, and it was with great pleasure that we reported last week the unmitigable terms in which H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge has pledged the Council to render the reception of the Belgians on their return-visit as satisfactory as was the cordial reception of the English Volunteers in Belgium last year. "Nothing," said he, "could be more gratifying or advantageous than these visits. They had a tendency to strengthen the position of the National Rifle Association, and in an international point of view were of great advantage." We trust that we may infer from these expressions an intention on the part of the Council to make ample provision for the shooting of our allies, so as to enable them, if possible, not only to compete, as last year, in exclusive matches among themselves, but, as they evidently desire, to measure their strength against the long-range shots of Great Britain.

THE WHITWORTH GUN.—The London 'Engineer' affirms that the Whitworth gun surpasses all others in use. It says:—"It is time that the results of the Armstrong and Whitworth competition were well understood and acted upon. We have now the knowledge that, with thousands of costly guns in the service, there is one every way superior which we have not got—superior in range and accuracy, and in respect of the cheapness of its projectiles. As an instrument for propelling shot to great distances, and with the certainty of hitting their mark, the Whitworth rifled cannon is superior to any other ordnance ever known. This superiority is of course, one of degree only; but it is very often by a moderate amount of advantage, and not seldom but even nice shades of difference, that actions and the fate of nations are decided. Mr. Whitworth, by his hexagonal bore and shot of corresponding form can rifle a gun with a quicker twist than is practicable upon any other plan."

SUCCESS OF THE CHALMERS TARGET.—It is three years since the public first heard of the Chalmers target, and though many famous targets since then have crumbled to pieces before the guns of Shoebury, this seems, like Tom Sayers, to come up smiling at every round. The iron plate committee's original programme (before which the Warrior, Fairbairn, and other targets bit the dust,) did but little damage to the target fired at on Friday, and since that programme it stood no less than six rounds from the 300-pounder gun, and a dozen more of heavy ordnance fired at the request of the Italian Government; still, it was on Friday morning selected as the best protection against the destructive Palliser projectiles. After our own experiments were concluded, and before the target was lent to the Italian Government, the iron plate committee deemed it desirable that the front armour plates should be removed, and, on the target being stripped, it was found that the 3½ in. plates were much less distorted than the 4½ in. armour plates on the Warrior target, and that the damage to the rear of the plates was much less than might have been expected from their thickness; the armour plates were forced back upon the edges of the horizontal plates in the backing by the blow of the projectiles, were furrowed by the contact in the immediate seat of the blow, and indented to a considerable distance on each side, but were unbroken, and, except in one or two instances, uncracked. The backing proved much more substantial than the backing of wood, without the interposition of the iron plates,

which seem to prevent the crushing of the wood and the spreading of the fracture to the contiguous portions of the backing. The summing up of the committee's report was that "no other target designed for naval purposes has resisted a similar weight of shot with so little injury."—[Army and Navy Gazette.

MILITARY ITEMS.

THE 100TH REGIMENT is being instructed in the new musketry drill.

It is stated that the Scottish Volunteer Review and Sham Fight for 1867, will take place in the month of July or August, at Fallburns, near Thankerton Station, Lanarkshire.

THE 'RECORD' says that the money voted some time since by the County Council of Essex—amounting, if we recollect right, to 15 cts. per day per man while on service—has been paid to the Volunteers.

THE FIFESHIRE (SCOTLAND) VOLUNTEERS, to the number of four hundred, have responded to the call of their Colonel, Sir Thomas Erskine, to serve in any part of the United Kingdom or in Ireland, if the Fenian rising should assume any importance.

A DESERTER RETURNED.—A soldier of the 100th who deserted from that regiment while it was stationed in Malta, was met by an old comrade near Niagara the other day. Though much changed he recognized the deserter at once, and threatened to "peach" on him at once and have him arrested. The other spared him the trouble by coming to Ottawa a day or two since and re-enlisting in the regiment.

13TH BATTALION.—Nos. 1 and 6 companies turned out in strong muster yesterday for target practice, and the weather being exceedingly fine, the firing was excellent. The average shooting of No. 1 Company was higher than that of any other companies that have yet been out. The highest score made in ten rounds was 34 points, by Private Keetz, of No. 1 Company. The Spencer rifles work very satisfactorily, and at the short ranges, at all events, seem to afford precision equal to the Enfields. —[Hamilton Times.

COLLINGWOOD GARRISON BATTERY.—This fine body of men are now performing their annual drill as required by law, and are making great progress. They were inspected last Tuesday evening by Lieut.-Col. Cumberland, A. D. C. The gallant Colonel complimented the men on their fine soldier-like appearance and proficiency in drill. The Colonel was loudly cheered on his leaving the parade. The Battery was also inspected by Lieut.-Col. Stephen, on Wednesday afternoon, being their first appearance on parade with arms. —[Enterprise.

On last Monday evening Mr. Hopkins, School Master of the 100th Regiment, delivered a lecture in St. Patrick's Hall, Ottawa, on "English Military History." A large assemblage of soldiers and civilians were present. The lecturer did ample justice to the subject, and the audience testified their appreciation by the closest attention. He first gave a brief sketch of Military History during the Grecian and Roman periods. The Roman, Saxon, Danish and Norman invasions followed. He gave an excellent description of Martial Law in the days of Richard I, and his immediate successors to the coronation of Edward the Third. That portion of the lecture was particularly interesting, which described the formation of the standing army of England, and the anecdotes connected with the origin of the different regiments. He compared the present position of the British soldier with that of former days, and showed the vast improvement which has taken place in the army during the present reign.

MILITARY CONCERT.—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, which was the most disagreeable of any part of the fall, winter or spring, the elite of our town turned out in their great loyal zeal last Friday evening, the 12th, at the drill room, to do honor to the occasion of hearing a concert for the purpose of raising funds to provide colors for the Grey Battalion. The amateur performers, generally, did credit to themselves and gave satisfaction to the assemblage, as evinced by frequent encores. The programme, as laid down, was carried out, but not to seem invidious, we will not individualize any of the performers, when all did so well. Upwards of \$100 was realized from the sale of tickets of admission. —[Owen Sound Comet.

ROYAL CANADIAN RIFLES.—Dr. Vivian Wearne, who has been the Surgeon in charge of the detachment of the Royal Canadian Rifles since they were stationed at Fort Wellington, has returned home, to take the position of assistant professor of anatomy at Nettley Hospital, near Southampton, and his place has been filled by the appointment of Allan H. Fraser, M. D., to the position. Dr. Fraser has seen considerable service before Kars, in the Crimean War and in the recent American struggle. He also had charge of the Volunteers here last year, when on service, and we are now glad to congratulate him upon this more permanent appointment. He recently passed a successful examination before the Royal College of Surgeons, Kingston; about the fourth medical examination he has been subjected to. —[Prescott Messenger.

VOLUNTEERS.—Capt. Chambers, we see, from a notice he sends us, is in want of a few more Volunteers. During the winter the company has been a good deal put about for want of a place to drill in, and the men deserve much credit for the patience and perseverance they have shown under the disagreeable circumstances in which they have been placed. A drill shed is not so much wanted in summer, and we believe that before another winter comes round one will be erected and many of the inconveniences experienced in the past, removed. In the meantime a few more men are wanted. It may be that the company will be called away for a short time, and it is very desirable that it should be up to its full strength. The chances of any trouble with the Fenians seem to be getting less and the call to the front will be more in the shape of a pleasure excursion than anything else. —[Walkerton (Bruce) Herald.

INSPECTION.—On Friday evening, the 9th Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Panet, underwent the annual inspection. Fully 250 officers and men mustered on the occasion, and had the two recently-formed companies of Capt. Amyot and Capt. Garneau, been able to fall in, from which they were prevented by want of arms, the strength of the battalion would have been at least 350. The inspection of the men was made by Col. Sewall, Commandant, who was attended by the Staff of the Local Volunteer Force, that of the arms and accoutrements being performed by Lt.-Col. Lamontagne, Brigade Major. The corps was afterwards put through the manual exercise and the usual battalion movements, by Lieut.-Col. Panet, Major Gingras and the different Company Commanders. The battalion presented a fine, soldierly appearance, executing the various movements in a really creditable manner. The arms and accoutrements were found in excellent order. The Commandant subsequently addressed the battalion in most flattering terms, complimenting them highly on their efficient bearing, proficiency in drill and patriotic spirit, adding he had never witnessed a spectacle that gave him more satisfaction. The officers of the 9th have reason to be proud of their corps. The excellent band of their battalion played during the inspection. —[Quebec Chronicle.