

The bands having ceased playing, Mr. McDonald, the piper attached to the Highland Company, struck up a brisk and lively air. He had, during the former part of the day, attracted attention to the company, though there had been already so much to admire in their picturesque military attire, their discipline and bearing; but now all eyes were directed towards the Highlanders, and all ears were pleased as one by one from the pipes, escaped some of the choicest national tunes of Scotland. Now there would come a strathspey, then a reel, and not unfrequently a war melody would rush from the instrument reminding the listener of the days when—

"The slogan rose,
Savage and shrill."

Music having ceased, the Portland volunteers retired to the one side, and the Canadian Militia prepared for their parade. Major Gen. Smith, Col. Dyde, and other staff officers were present, besides a large number of ladies, gentlemen, and citizens of Portland generally. Your Militia were reviewed by Colonel Wily, and behaved admirably. They performed, with accuracy a number of complex military evolutions: they wheeled, formed square, broke into column, and marched with the greatest military precision, and this too, though unacquainted with the nature of the ground. Their firing, in particular, was the theme of general observation. Volley after volley was discharged with a simultaneous alacrity, that astonished and delighted the spectators; and the file firing displayed all the regularity which is supposed to belong to troops of the line. The discipline of the men as manifested in the execution of this part of the military duties, reflects the highest credit on themselves and officers.

During the review some laughter was created by the poles bearing the English and American flags being thrown; the circumstance was believed to be occasioned by one of the horses of the staff which, shying at the fire of the rifles, ran up against a post. Both poles were re-erected, but before the review was over the American flag again fell to the ground while the British continued to wave as usual.

The review having terminated to the satisfaction of all parties, Major Gen. Smith complimented the officers and men of the Volunteers upon the efficiency of the corps, and the high measure of discipline to which they had attained.

After the review had passed over, the Portland companies formed and marched off the ground; they were followed by the Canadian Companies. Both proceeded to the Lancaster House, where a magnificent banquet awaited them. Colonel Stodder occupied the chair, and in a few appropriate observations welcomed the guests of the day.