

To be Ensign provisionally:

Flare Chenells Belisle, Gentlemen, vice
Louis Picard, left limits.

BREVET.

To be Lieutenant Colonel:

Major John Martin, V. B., 6th Battalion,
from 30th November, 1871.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Leave of absence is hereby granted to
Captain George S. Codd, No. 3 Company,
52nd Battalion: for six months from 1st in-
stant, to proceed abroad on private affairs;
and to Brevet Major and Captain James F.
Turnbull, 2nd Troop, Quebec Squadron, for
six months, from 1st instant, to proceed to
England with the view of being attached to
the Cavalry Brigade at Aldershot, for in-
struction in the new Cavalry drill.

CERTIFICATES, BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

ERRATUM.—In G. O., (20) No. 4, of 13th
September, 1871, under the heading, Pro-
vince of Quebec, at Laprairie Camp, second
Class Certificates, read "Lieutenant, D. D.
Denis, No. 4 Company, St. Hyacinthe Pro-
visional Battalion," instead of "D. D. Denis,
Gentleman, 64th Battalion.

Memo.—Lieutenant D. D. Denis, is con-
firmed in his rank from 11th July, 1871.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artil-
lery.

ERRATUM.—In G. O. (23) 7th December,
1871, read "vice Major James Mount, who is
hereby permitted to retire retaining rank"
instead of "John Mount."

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

72nd or "Second Annapolis" Battalion of
Infantry.

No 1 Company, Wilmot.

To be Ensign:

Sergeant John Hawkins, M. S., vice Samuel
L. Tilley, left limits.

No. 4 Company, Middleton.

To be Lieutenant:

Ensign John Slocum Parker, M. S., vice
J. Y. McCormick, left limits.

To be Ensign:

Color Sergeant Guilford Moise, M. S., vice
Parker, promoted.

No. 5 Company, Farmington.

To be Ensign:

Sergeant Reubin Roberts, M. S., vice
David McGregor, who has failed to at-
tend muster or to provide uniform.

By Command of His Excellency the
Governor General.

P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel,
Adjutant-General of Militia,
Canada.

LETTER FROM THE QUEEN.

Friday's *London Gazette* contains the fol-
lowing:—

The Secretary of State for the House De-
partment, has received Her Majesty the
Queen's command to make public the fol-
lowing letter:—

"WINDSOR CASTLE, December 26, 1871.

"The Queen is very anxious to express
her deep sense of the touching sympathy of
the whole nation on the occasion of the
alarming illness of her dear son the Prince
of Wales. The universal feeling shown by
her people during those painful terrible
days, and the sympathy evinced by them
with herself and her beloved daughter, the
Princess of Wales, as well as the general joy
at the improvement in the Prince of Wales'
state, have made a deep and lasting im-
pression on her heart, which can never be
effaced.

"It was, indeed, nothing new to her, for
the Queen had met with the same sympathy
when, just ten years ago, a similar illness re-
moved from her side the mainstay of her life—the best, wisest, and kindest of hus-
bands.

The Queen wishes to express at the same
time, on the part of the Princess of Wales,
her feeling of heartfelt gratitude, for she has
been as deeply touched as the Queen by the
great and universal manifestation of loyalty
and sympathy.

"The Queen cannot conclude without ex-
pressing her hope that her faithful subjects
will continue their prayers to God for the
complete recovery of her dear son to health
and strength."

DEEPENING OF DOMINION CANALS.

The Rideau Canal is to be improved. The
Government have already given directions
for the erection of a dam a long distance
above Buttermilk Falls, by which the reten-
tion of water 6½ feet deep, and twenty-five
square miles of surface in dry seasons will
be permanently secured, providing that the
dam receives proper care, and this of
course must be seen to. This dam has al-
ready been built under the superintendence
of one deeply interested in the trade of the
canal.—Having secured this, Mr. George
Morton has been the means of establishing a
connection through the Rome, Watertown,
and Ogdensburgh Railroad, and the entire
network of its connections, by means of
which the entire produce of sawed lumber
from Ottawa City and intermediate points
to Kingston, can be distributed at competing
rates with any other route, which will effect-
ually divert this vast trade from all points
to Troy, Albany and southward. The only
difficulty now in the way is the lack of suf-
ficient canal tonnage to carry this property to
Cape Vincent, where the railway will take
care of it. A million feet of timber per day
during the navigable season will be under
the capacity of Ottawa City alone to produce.
—*Kingston Whig*.

The New York Times thinks that "social
demoralization" was in some sense a neces-
sary attendant of political corruption, ex-
presses the hope that reform in the latter
respect will be followed by a corresponding
improvement in the former. A return to
more reasonable hours is suggested: "The
practice of dancing all night, or at least far
into the morning hours, is not only extreme-
ly hurtful to health, but destructive of the
very pleasure at which it aims. A step in
the right direction has been taken by people
of established position, and the custom is

gaining ground of noting on cards of invi-
tation the hours when the entertainment is
to begin and end, these being in all cases at
least three hours earlier than has hitherto
been usual. What are called 'afternoon
germans'—a custom imported, we believe,
from Washington, beginning at 5 p. m. and
lasting until 10—at once becoming popular."

NOTES AND QUERIES.

BY G. W. G.

It is worthy of notice that although our
own system of organization and payment of
our Militia Force is in every way of a more
military tendency than and superior to the
capitation allowance plan adopted (as ex-
plained in an interesting article in the Vol-
unteer Review of the 5th instant) in New
Zealand, yet that flourishing dependency
not only maintains a force which must bear
a very large proportion to her population,
but, at least as far as money goes, spends a
larger sum than we do on the individual ef-
fective rifleman. The capitation allowance
of £2. 10s. equals \$12.15 (all money is ster-
ling in the British possessions of the South-
ern Hemisphere) whilst we only pay our
gallant fellows \$8.00 for their sixteen days.

The election for West Northumberland to
the Legislature of Ontario in the conserva-
tive interest, of Brevet Major and Captain
Charles Gifford of the 40th Battalion, will be
a source of lively satisfaction to his brother
officers of that Regiment, and the riding
may be congratulated on having secured a
representative of the most sterling upright-
ness and independence of character, and of
a standing and capacity suited to the posi-
tion he has been called upon to fill. Major
Gifford is a gentleman of ample means, and
is the owner of the well known yacht
Gorilla.

The appointment of Major Smith, late
Adjutant of the 40th Battalion, to the Bri-
gade-Majorship vacant by the lamented
death of Col. Patterson, will also afford sin-
cere pleasure not only throughout his own
county, where he is so well known as an
able and most conscientious officer, but
wherever he is known at all in other coun-
ties within the District. It would have
been impossible to select a better man.—
Communicated.

REMITTANCES Received on Subscription to
THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW up to Saturday,
the 27th inst:—

BELLVILLE.—Lieut. Alex. Robertson, \$2.50.
CASTLETON.—Capt. Wm. Duncan, \$1.00.
(Per R. Hunter, Esq., St. John, N.B., Agent.)
ST. JOHN, N.B.—Col. J. V. Thurgar, \$2; Lt.-Col.
Foster, \$2; Lt.-Col. C. R. Bay, \$2; Lt.-Col. D.
R. Jago, D.A.G., \$2; Capt. A. W. Lovett, \$2. Ens.
H. D. Likely, \$2; Capt. W. F. Hatheway, \$2;
Maj. R. Farmer, \$1; Lt.-Col. J. H. McShane, \$2.
WOODSTOCK, N.B.—Lt.-Col. Wm. T. Baird, \$2.
BATHURST.—Capt. K. F. Burns, \$2.
PORTLAND, N.B.—Capt. John A. Kane, \$2.
CHATHAM, N.B.—Sergt.-Maj. Thos. A. Fauntain,
\$2; Major A. D. Shireff, \$2.
SACKVILLE, N.B.—Hon. Col. Botsford, \$2.
NEWCASTLE.—Capt. R. R. Call, \$2.
JACKSONVILLE, N.B.—Capt. H. Emery, \$2.
LESLIE, N.B.—Lieut. Jas. R. Brown, \$2.
MILLTOWN, ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—Charles Blactin,
Esq., \$2; Major A. McAdam, \$2.
ST. STEPHEN, N.B.—Capt. John H. Rose, \$2.
HALIFAX, N.S.—Ensign J. M. Mumford, \$2.
RIVER HERBERT, N.S.—Lieut. Wm. Moffat, \$2.