

heavy ordnance as we were six years ago. The experiments at Shoeburyness have only taught us that it—which Heaven avert—the British and American iron-clads should ever go into action against each other, we should be blown out of the water before we had knocked a single hole in our enemy's hulls.

TROOPS FOR CANADA.—As stated in the telegraphic dispatches, a regiment of British regulars has been despatched from Ireland to Canada in the *Scrapis*. This vessel is one of the new steamers built for the Indian transport service, and after taking the Belgians home she was to have proceeded at once to her station in the Red Sea. From the fact of being detained and sent here with troops it would appear as though the Imperial authorities thought that their presence was immediately required.

VOLUNTEER PROMOTION.—We understand that Ensign Thompson, of Capt. Macdonald's Company is promoted to be Captain, to take the place of Capt. Macdonald, who has been promoted to be Major of the 19th Battalion. Ensign Thompson is well worthy the honor; he holds a first class certificate from the Military School.—*St. Catharines Post*.

A Paris paper exultingly points out that from the first of April to the end of July not less than fifty-eight sovereigns and princes paid their respects at the Tuilleries. Such an amount of royal homage to a man who but a few years since was styled, or rather who styled himself, a *parvenu*, is unquestionably the greatest wonder that Paris has witnessed this summer. It is true that it cannot do much to cover up Napoleon's defeat by Bismarck, nor his pitiful failure in Mexico. But while ministering to his personal glorification, it has also served to distract the public mind temporarily from the contemplation of the unhappy incidents, and has moreover given the Emperor opportunity to survey and regulate the situation before suffering himself to be plunged into difficulties concerning any of the questions which are awaiting the solution of the sword.

Parson Beecher is writing a five act drama for Edwin Booth. It will be ready for production as soon as Mr. Booth's new theatre in Twenty-third street is finished—toward Christmas. The plot turns upon some incidents of the recent civil war, and one of the heroes, I am told, is old John Brown, whose soul is supposed to be "marching on." (Wonder what Beecher will try his hand on next?) Meanwhile he has given permission to Mr. Augustus Daly, of the *Express*, to dramatize his *Ledger* story, "Norwood," or Borewood, as the wags call it. The parson had better go on the stage, at once, himself, and be done with it.

The College Barracks in Montreal have been re-taken, after being stripped of all their military fittings, and are to be immediately put in order for the reception of a wing of the first battalion of the Rifle Brigade (P. C. O.), the headquarters of which will be at Ottawa.

It is understood that, on the departure of the Rifle Brigade, the 78th will move into the Victoria Barracks, Montreal.

SECOND CLASS.

Lieut. George A. Boomer, 10th Batt. Royal Toronto Volunteers.
Ensign Charles Allen, 2nd Batt. Queen's Own Rifles.
Sergeant Major Robert Gunn, 19th Lincoln Batt. of Infantry.
Sergeant John Erskine, 2nd Batt. Queen's Own Rifles.

Thompson, Gentleman.

Win. Adamson,

The undermentioned Officers having received the necessary certificates of qualification are now confirmed in their respective ranks, viz:

Lt.-Colonel D. Tisdale, 39th Norfolk Batt. of Rifles.

Major John Brown, 2nd Batt. Queen's Own Rifles.

Captain John Boyd, 31st Grey Batt. of Infantry.

Ensign Charles Allen, 2nd Batt. Queen's Own Rifles.

Erratum.—In the General Order of the 16th instant, for Captain Geo. Parker "35th Peel Battalion of Infantry," read "36th."

By Command of His Excellency the Right Honorable the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief.

P. L. MACDOUGALL, Colonel,
Adjutant General of Militia,
Canada.

ARMSTRONG TRIUMPHANT.

The New York *Tribune* admits the failure of the American Rodman gun and the triumph of the Armstrong weapon in the late trial at Shoeburyness. The *Tribune* says: A cable despatch informed us, ten days ago, that experiments performed under the direction of the British Government had shown that no iron or steel armor yet invented was capable of resisting the American 15-inch Rodman gun. We have now by fact exactly the reverse of the statement of the telegraphic correspondent. The Rodman gun has proved a signal failure.

These experiments leave little doubt that the Rodman 15-inch, weighing 19½ tons, is far inferior to the 9 inch, which weighs only 12 tons. And it is not only in its penetrative power that we are disappointed, but its "racking" effect, which is claimed as its special merit, appears to have been greatly overrated, and not comparable to that of the English gun.

The Rodman is the heaviest ordnance made by our Government for general use on shipboard, and constitutes the armament of the formidable vessels of the Miantonomah class. It is pretty clear now that with iron shot, and at 70 yards range, it could not hurt the best of the British iron-clads, and that even with steel shot (which are not part of its equipment) there are some vessels which would successfully resist it. On the other hand there are English guns, it is said, which will do as much execution at 200 yards *with shell* as the Rodman can do at 100 yards with solid steel projectiles. So after all our outlay and all our experiments we are apparently as far from a solution of the question what is the best

CANADA



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 23th August, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

No. 1.

Referring to the approaching issue to the Volunteer Militia of the Snider Enfield Rifles, the following instructions are published for general guidance:

"The 50 round pouches in possession of Regiments can be altered to contain 50 rounds of the new "Central Fire Cartridges," by the removing the tin partitions, with the exception of that between the 20 and 30 pounds.

If the pouches are of the old altered 40 pounds pattern, it will be necessary to remove the whole of the partitions.

Officers Commanding Regiments will be pleased to order that the men are *always* to parade *without their muzzle stoppers* whenever ammunition either blank or ball is to be used.

The new muzzle stoppers will be provided with a "Sight protector" to fit with or without the bayonet.

Snap Caps in possession can be made to fit over the piston "by removing the small piece of brass, inserted in this latest pattern, or by scooping out a little more of the leather."

No. 2.

10th Battalion "Royal Regiment of Toronto Volunteers."

The Lieutenant appointed by the General Order No. 1 of the 9th instant, is "George A. Boomer," and not "George Browne," as was therein stated.

The undermentioned Officers and Candidates for appointment having appeared before a Board of Officers at Toronto, have received certificates as follows, viz:

FIRST CLASS.

Lt.-Colonel D. Tisdale, 39th Norfolk Batt. of Rifles.

Major Jno. Brown, 2nd Batt. Queen's Own Rifles.

Capt. W. A. Stollery, 10th Batt. Royal Toronto Volunteers.

"Jno. Boyd, 31st Grey, Batt. of Infantry.
Ensign R. Y. Ellis, 2nd Batt. Queen's Own Rifles.

Sergeant Major Robert Taylor,

"Jno. Brennan, 44th Welland Batt. of Infantry.

"Pat. Anderson, 4th Batt. G. T. Ry. Brigade.

D. McMillan, Gentleman.