

occasion to which we refer. Too much publicity cannot be given to it:—

"A most amusing *on dit* has been going the rounds of the military circles in this city, which we think too good to be kept from our readers. It is said that, on a recent field day, Colonel T—r, of the —th, was putting his regiment through certain manoeuvres, when one of the soldiers, in taking off his cap, let fall, to the horror and consternation of the martinet commander, a pipe! The regiment was immediately ordered to form in line, and, accompanied by an orderly, the gallant colonel inspected every cap, in each of which, with scarcely an exception, a similar article was found. The smoked and dried offenders against the colonel's ideas of military propriety, were ordered to be immediately destroyed; and, worse still, the heels of the owners were required to execute instant extinction on their cherished favorites. Many a grim visage, that would have been lighted up with pleasure if its owner were selected to form a forlorn hope, looked pitifully sad when each fondly loved *dooden* was elivered, as the Yankees say, into "everlasting smash"; and many a murmur—not loud but deep—rose against the fiat ordering their destruction.

Indeed, when we remember that in Old Rome a difference of opinion relative to the domestic merits of certain matrons led to the overthrow of a dynasty of kings, and the establishment of a republic; when we recollect that a single ordinance against the press led to a French revolution; when we ponder on the sanguinary Swiss war, caused by an offensive allusion to the Bears of Berne; and when we think on the popular outbreak caused by the raising of the tyrant Gesler's cap; we are absolutely astonished that a mutiny did not instantly break out, to be called in after ages "the mutiny of the *doodeens*."

On the next insteption or drill day, as the story goes, Lord W—m P—t, Colonel of the —th, was inspecting his regiment in the same locality. He is a fine, dashing fellow, universally beloved by the men he commands, and had heard—as what military man had not?—of the stretch of authority exercised by his br'er colonel.

Lord W—m rode along the line, a laughing devil in his eyes, telling of the spirit of fun within. Suddenly reining in his steed, he gave the word of command,

"Stand at ease."

He was obeyed.

"Each man remove his cap."

With wondering looks, they did so.

"Each man produce his pipe."

The order was quickly attended to.

"Now, smoke away, boys," added this facetious satirist, as he rode away enjoying his caustic joke.

On being told the story, Colonel T—r may be truly said to have looked unutterable things. —*Halifax (N.S.) Packet*.

### CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION.

We have already stated that a change in the Administration will take place in the Ministry soon after Lord Elgin arrives in the country, and our readers may rely that what we now advance will be found to be not far from the truth. We have reason to know that a strong feeling prevails in regard to Messrs. Draper, Daly, and Smith, who will be required to resign those offices they have hitherto filled with so much dissatisfaction to the country; and that the following gentlemen will, as nearly as possible, be the new Administration with which his Lordship will meet his first Canadian Parliament. The only doubt is in regard to Mr. Lafontaine, whose interest, however, we conceive it will be to join such a Cabinet, if he would prevent that step to which his continued impracticability must otherwise render indispensable,—namely, a Federal Union of the Provinces:—

Sir Allan Macnab, President of the Council.  
Mr. Lafontaine, . Provincial Secretary.  
Mr. Morris, . . Receiver General.  
Mr. Cayley, . . Inspector General.  
Mr. Macdonell  
(Kingston), Com. Crown Lands.  
Mr. Black, . . . Attorney General C.F.  
Mr. Sherwood, . Attorney General C.W.  
NOT IN THE CABINET.  
Mr. Chabot, . . Solicitor General C.E.  
Mr. Cameron, . . Solicitor General C.W.

It is moreover intended, according to the information we have been able to gather on the subject, that Mr. Morin shall be nominated to the Speaker's chair; and that if these several changes do take place, the present Assistant Secretaries of the province will be replaced: the one, by a party taken from the majority of the Legislature from Upper Canada; the other by one from that in Lower Canada. With such a Government, we have no hesitation in saying that Lord Elgin will be eminently successful in his mission, which he seems to be cautiously studying, before venturing to embark in it.

### THE BALL ROOM.

A portion of our remarks of last week, on the subject of the *fete Ste. Catherine*, (we entreat Donegana to give us an early opportunity of again exercising our powers of criticism,) is so completely borne out by the following, that we hesitate not to transcribe the extract from a contemporary. The reader has merely to substitute for the despised younger son, the merchant or the clerk who may obtain a partner among the less pretending of the women—the really interesting, the beautiful, and the amiable—but certainly not among what, in Canada, are called the *bon ton* of society, while there is a scarlet bait to be caught at. Such is the rage for this particular color with the Canadian women, that even the neat Rifle costume sinks literally and comparatively into the shade, before the basilisk-like red. Will any philosopher tell us on what principle of ethics or physics is founded that mania of the weak-minded among women for gaudy colors?

"EVENING PARTIES.—By half-past eleven the proceedings of the evening are in full play, and the various motives and attributes which characterise an evening party pervade every portion of its constituent features. It is not all mere amusement; indeed, there is often much discontent prevailing. The old ladies have not received sufficient attention; the young ones have been eclipsed; the men have lost at cards, and other like vexations. Allow a quadrille to pass by without dancing; sit quietly in a recess of the window, half enshrouded by the curtains; make a fair use of your eyes, and you will find much to entertain. You will see the young men shuffling away when they suspect the hostess wishes to introduce them to some odd-looking partner; and the young ladies saying they think they shall not dance this time, until the favored one asks them, when they stand up immediately. You will see the "speculative mammas," all eyes and Irish poplin, telling their daughters who are flirting with younger sons on the landing that they will catch cold, and desiring them to come into the room: and you will not fail to observe the attention which the hostess pays to the great people

of her acquaintance, how anxious she is for their comfort, although they are generally the queerest objects in the room, and what ingenuity she displays in getting partners for the unmeaning girls they have brought with them. And finally, you will confess your inability to imagine what on earth the gentleman with the long hair, who is carefully balancing himself on one leg against the flowerpot-stand, and the pretty girl with the bouquet, can find to talk about so long, and so earnestly.—*Physiology of Evening Parties*.

### THE REV. MR. MATHIESON.

We thank the *Herald* for having copied our remarks, of last week, on the letter addressed to us by the Rev. Mr. Mathieson, in its columns. We could have asked no more, and had not expected so much from our contemporary. It was a source of some uneasiness and concern to us, lest the members of the church over which Mr. Mathieson presides, should have incorrectly surmised, from our article, that we in the slightest degree intended any thing like disrespect or offence to that highly intelligent body of the community; and the declaration set forth in the preamble of our remarks, disclaiming all such intention, could not be more appropriately disseminated than by the journal which had published what might seem to convey an impression we were by no means solicitous should exist.

Had we been aware of the intention of the *Herald* to republish our article, we should have corrected one or two inaccuracies (and these, we regret to say, abounded in the last number of the *Expositor*), which occur in the course of our remarks, and which are chargeable on the want of proper attention in those to whom the corrected proof-sheets were finally entrusted.

### THE LONGUEUIL FERRY.

A gentleman filling a high and responsible public office in this city, has written to us a strong letter in which he complains bitterly of the manner in which this ferry—supposed to be devoted to one exclusive object, the accommodation of the travelling public—is conducted. It appears that he left Montreal for St. Hyacinthe, and embarked on board the Longueuil boat, which on his arrival started immediately for her usual destination. Much to the astonishment and dismay of our correspondent, however, when the boat had got about half way over she suddenly put about, made for the Montreal shore, where her conductor or captain (a boy of some fifteen years of age) very coolly, and in despite of all expostulation, made her fast to a large raft, which she took in tow, thereby occasioning the most serious loss of time to our correspondent, who had taken on board with him the cab in which he had driven down to her from Montreal. Thus, through the improper management of suffering a boy of this age to superintend a public ferry of the kind, was much serious inconvenience sustained. Surely this is most infamous. If this sort of thing occurs once, it may occur in a hundred instances. If the ferry bo-