

cluded by returning thanks on behalf of the President, to whom he paid a high compliment. (Loud applause.)

THE "ARMY, NAVY AND VOLUNTEERS."

was proposed by Dr. Campbell. He spoke highly of the Canadian volunteers in particular, drawing a lively picture of the different occasions when our men were called out. They were not merely feather-bed soldiers.

The toast was honored with three times three.

Dr. NELSON, of B Battery, thanked the assembly most heartily for the manner in which they had received the toast. He said a good word for the medical officers. Wherever the army and navy had won distinction these had also earned their laurels in their quiet way.

Dr. STRANGE, M.P., also responded, and in doing so said Canadians were true, sterling British subjects. Their sentiment was essentially British. The Canadian army, though a small one, was doing good work. He eulogized the work of the military schools in training our young men in all the minutes of regular daily drill.

Dr. THORBURN, Toronto, was loudly called on to reply. The Canadian idea was to retain her territory and not encroach, unless our friends to the south gave provocation, when we would perhaps annex them.

THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

Dr. GRANT (Ottawa) in proposing the toast of "The British Association," said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—It affords me great pleasure on this reunion of members of the medical profession of the Old and New World to take part in the proceedings, and more especially from the toast you have so considerably placed in my hands. The present more than any previous occasion in the history of the continent draws us together as one people. This is certainly a progressive age, an age stimulated and enlightened in every department of the wide domain of science by the united efforts of able and zealous workers such as we have the pleasure of joining with us this evening. The visit of the British Association to Canada in this important stage of our development is most opportune, and in order to convey some adequate idea of our growth during the past five years in population, finance, accumulation of production and interchange of commodities, a few facts may not be uninteresting. We have received more settlers during the past five years from the Old World than

at any previous equal period during our history. (Applause.) In that time also we have retained a large number of our own people in Canada, and attracted an increased number of our American neighbors to settle in this country. Ontario statistics give us during the five years from 1879 to 1883 an increase in immigration in that province alone of 43,260 settlers more than during the five years from 1874 to 1879. For the first time Canada has effected a new loan at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the most favorable terms. (Applause.) The taxation from customs and excise has been reduced by nearly two million dollars annually during the past five years. The Canadian Pacific Railway has been pushed forward with great vigor, binding together the various provinces, and thus promoting a reciprocity of trade alike beneficial to all parts of our Dominion. To have constructed thus far this great work, without actually increasing our taxation, but with reduction of two million annually, is an undoubted evidence of the activity of our public men, of the resources of our country, and of the future which those who desire to make Canada their home have before them. (Loud applause.) What better proof of prosperity could we possibly have, as a source of encouragement of the working classes of all grades, than to learn that during the past five years the deposits in the savings banks and building societies increased at the rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  millions annually, and that a marked decrease in our imports in favor of home manufactures, shows an evident desire on the part of our people to encourage into our prospering country skilled artisans, educated agriculturists, and capitalists generally, as we possess resources yet undeveloped which cannot fail to make us in time a great people. What better proof could we possibly give of the expansion in trade and commerce during the past five years than the fact that the total imports and exports were, in round numbers, 45 millions of dollars more than in the five years previous? (Applause.) Our railway system and sea-going tonnage alike give evidence of remarkable expansion in trade and commerce. Our mines are rapidly opening up and being developed on the most scientific principles, and in the article of phosphate of lime, from the Ottawa country, not less than ten thousand tons were mined and disposed of last year, chiefly from the River aux Lievres. Fully half a million of dollars have recently been invested in the purchase of phosphate mines, chiefly by American capitalists. From