

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A new Nova Scotia road traverses the scene of "Evangeline," and the locomotives are to be named "Gabriel," "Gaspereau," "Evangeline," "Hiwatha," and "Minnehaha."

General Sir William J. Codrington, G. C. B., has been deputed to attend the forthcoming reviews of the Prussian army in Pomerania and Eastern Prussia. Besides General Codrington, several other British officers will be present.

A Member of the House of Lords, in advocating the immediate passage of a certain bill, said: "It is all well for the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland to request the postponement of this subject, but the convenience of gentlemen in Ireland who are being murdered so frequently ought to be considered."

CENSURE ON TWO METROPOLITAN VOLUNTEER CORPS.—Two Volunteer Metropolitan Corps—4th Middlesex and 7th Surrey—were censured by the reviewing officers at the inspection lately. Colonel Danebrey complained of the manner in which the officers of the 7th Surrey acquitted themselves, and also of the small number of men present.

THE FRENCH EMPEROR AND HIS GENERAL.—While the Senate were gravely listening to the Consultum, the Emperor, says the *Echo's* Paris correspondent, was performing one of those little acts which become a monarch better than his Crown. His Majesty ordered his trap at three o'clock, and drove down to Versailles to see his friend General Cann. After some preliminary conversation about the rifle experiments which the General has under hand, His Majesty said, "I am glad to announce to you that I this morning signed a decree appointing you General of Division. As an old friend, I was desirous of being the first to congratulate you on your well-merited appointment." A hearty shake of the hand closed the interview, and the Emperor drove back to St. Cloud.

The Lords of the Admiralty have determined on appropriating some of the largest vessels of war attached to the reserve in the Medway to a better use than rotting out a useless existence in what is aptly termed "Rotten-row," several of the largest of the wooden steamers and other vessels of war having been selected from the reserve and fitted up as training ships for outcast boys at the several out-ports. The *Mars*, a fine unarmoured two-decker, of 2,570 tons, and of 400 horse-power, has had her engines taken out and the necessary alterations made, and has just been despatched to the Clyde, where she will in future be employed as a receiving and training ship for outcast boys wishing to enter the Royal Navy or the Mercantile Marine.

A RUSSIAN TRAGEDY.—It is not a pretty story, nor of good augury for the future of our particular "friend and ally," Russia, which comes to us concerning the Cesarewitch and a German officer of his Imperial Highness's staff. The prince, in discussing a financial proposition, permitted himself to say:—"When one deals with Germans one is sure to be cheated." The officer, Col. Hunnius, a German by birth, quietly replied, "If your highness means that observation to apply to me, I must beg you to withdraw it as both offensive and unjust." To this the prince made answer by slapping the colonel's face. So gross an insult could neither be avenged upon the heir to the throne, nor endured by an honorable man. The Colonel, after stating the facts to the Emperor, sat down and wrote to the grand duke:—

"Your Imperial Highness has offered me a mortal insult. When you read this I shall have ceased to live;" and, having written this, he deliberately blew out his brains. It is only just to the Emperor Alexander II. to say that he was profoundly shocked by this sad affair. He gave orders that the colonel be buried with the greatest pomp, and the grand duke, having attempted to prevent these orders from being executed, the Emperor further commanded his brutal son to attend in person the funeral of his victim.

HEALTH OF THE QUEEN.—The public will have seen with satisfaction that her Majesty has been able of late to take a greater share in public ceremonial than has been her wont since the lamented Prince Consort's decease. We are not revealing medical secrets, but simply stating what is well known to all her Majesty's inner circle, that the presence of a crowd or the succession of persons who are presented at Court produces on her nervous system the giddiness and other symptoms common to landmen at sea. Considering her Majesty's habits of punctuality, and the hard labour and anxiety she has undergone during her happily protracted reign, it is certainly a matter of surprise that the nervous system should become fatigued.—*Medical Times and Gazette.*

A TELEGRAPH IN THE WILDERNESS.—We were not far from St. Peter's Bay, with the shores of the Bras d'Or Lake on the other hand; and in less than half an hour, close by the edge of a pine wood, we came to a solitary hut. Entering, we saw a woman busy at some needlework; a table, with a couple telegraphic hammers, a clock, some writing materials, and a fire, where a pot was, no doubt, cooking a little humble food. "Can we send a message to Sydney?" "Certainly," she replied; "will you write it there?" She read my request to the captain of the ship not to sail till the next evening: and to my surprise, turning round, said—"You need not be at the trouble to send this; the Tuscaloosa will not have finished coaling till to-morrow night, and will sail the next day for Newfoundland." "How could you know it?" "I knew, it because the captain telegraphed this morning to the naval officer at Halifax to tell him so. This is a check station on the line, and as I sit at work I listen to the click, click of the needle, and understand all it says." Marvelous power and advance of science! Here was a woman at needle-work, in a hovel in the backwoods, understanding, by a noise which might be mistaken for the scratching of a mouse in the cupboard, the thoughts of men distant hundreds of miles from each other.—*Lost Amid the Fogs. By Lieut.-Col. McCrea.*

There died recently at Paris, a man who had a certain amount of celebrity under the empire for his devotion to Napoleon the First. He was called La Chaise, and had been a page of the Emperor. They tell a very singular anecdote of something which happened during his youth. The page, though but fifteen, was shaped like the Emperor and his motions were very similar. On account of this resemblance, his comrades called him "the Emperor," whose gestures and walk he often amused himself by imitating, to the great pleasure of his companions. One day, during Napoleon's absence, he took his clothes, put them on, went to the pages chamber and gave them so perfect a representation that they were enraptured. But suddenly the mock Emperor felt some one pulling his ear sharply. He turned round with all the fury of majesty and it was the Emperor himself, who told him in his sternest voice to pack up, and

rejoin the Second Regiment of the line, in which he was a Second Lieutenant. "There it is gentlemen," said he, "that you must imitate me." The page departed, and the Emperor laughed out rageously and declared that the young fellow imitated him so well that he had to feel himself, as Amphitruon did, to make sure that he really was himself.

DOMINION OF CANADA.

RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

LIST OF PRIZES

TO BE COMPETED FOR AT THE ANNUAL MATCH TO TAKE PLACE NEAR THE CITY OF TORONTO, ONT.,

On 6th SEPTEMBER, 1869, and following days.

ALL COMERS' (ENFIELD) MATCH.

Open to all Members of this Association, whether by direct contribution or through affiliated Associations.

1st Prize	.....	\$100
2nd "	.....	6
3rd "	.....	40
4th "	.....	30
5 Prizes at \$20.	.....	100
20 " 10.	.....	200
20 " 5	.....	100
		\$630

To be shot for in two Stages.

Enfield, or Snider-Enfield Rifle.

Ranges—1st Stage, 200 and 500 yards.

2nd Stage, 700 yards.

Rounds—1st Stage, 5 rounds at each range.

2nd Stage, 7 rounds.

In the 1st Stage 5 highest scores to receive \$20 each.

20 second highest " 10 "

20 third " 5 "

The 2nd Stage to be fired for by the 60 competitors making the highest scores in the 1st Stage.

Entrance Fee—1st Stage, 50c.

2nd " \$1.00.

Position—Shoulder at 200 yards and any position at the other ranges.

DOMINION OF CANADA MATCH.

Open to all Certified Efficient Members of Embodied Corps of Volunteer Militia or Militia, and to members of the Staff in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, who are also Members of the Association.

[Efficiency to be understood as having been a *bona fide* member of the Corps to which the Competitor belongs previous to the 1st July, 1869, and as having during the twelve months preceding that day performed the number of Drills authorised by any General Order in that behalf.]

And in Nova Scotia open to all members of Volunteer Corps or Militiamen (and members of the Staff) being members of the Association, who may be certified by the respective Brigade-Majors as being qualified by their services since May 1st, 1867, to compete for prizes offered by the Provincial Rifle Association of Nova Scotia. Certificate to be signed by the Officer Commanding the Corps to which the competitor belongs.

1st Prize	.....	\$200
2nd "	.....	100
3rd "	.....	50
30 Prizes at \$20.	.....	600
30 " 10.	.....	300
30 " 5.	.....	150
		\$1,400

To be competed for in two Stages.

1st Stage,—

Five shots each at 300 and 500 yards.

The 30 competitors making the highest score

to receive each \$20 and a First Class Badge.

The next 30 highest to receive \$10 each and a

Second Class Badge.

The next 30 highest to receive \$5 each.

2nd Stage,—

Five shots each at 600 and 700 yards; to be fired

for by the first 60 winners in 1st Stage.

Competitors making the highest score to receive

\$20 and a Special Badge.

The second highest, \$10; and the third highest

\$5.

Government Snider-Enfield R'fle.

Position—From the shoulder, at 300 yards; any

position after.

Entrance Fee—1st Stage, 50c.

2nd " \$1.00.

PROVINCIAL MATCH.

To be shot for by 15 Competitors from each Province, to be selected by the Provincial Association or its duly accredited Agent. Where there is no Association the selection to be certified by the Senior Staff Officer in the Province to which they belong.