

## 31ST BATTALION, GREY.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR:—Allow me to inform you that the 31st regiment of Grey send their compliments for past kindness and for the never ceasing perseverance which you have shown and taken towards the prosperity of the force in general. They also wish to state that they are still alive and kicking and claim to be second to none in the service. They have got their new uniform and great coats in the bargain, showing that Colonel Durie can appreciate fighting chaps. Their grumbling is, therefore, reduced to the single fact that they are spoiling for a fight. Can you tell us what the Government intend to do with the active force next meeting of Parliament? Can it be possible that we have men representing us who could be so stupid as not to notice the great and mighty changes which have lately taken place? Can they for one moment take upon themselves the great responsibilities which have hitherto bounded them? Petrified fossils! penny wise pound foolish, with the never ceasing cry of economy! economy! Poor imbeciles who flatter themselves the guardian angels of the country—a country too noble and progressive, whose future bright and glorious prospects may be forever blighted through the instrumentality of party prejudice by stupid basswood fogies.

But how is it with these same fellows whose everlasting cry is economy? Is it philanthropy? do they sacrifice their time without pay? Not a cent of it, nor mileage in the bargain, long measure at that, which they hang on to with the tenacity of a fungus to a dead beech.

In looking over the columns of your issue of 28th November, I have noticed that your attention is called to the science and practice of rifle shooting, I will, therefore, take the liberty of suggesting the following:—

Supposing a rifle fired at the 900 yards range along a level surface at the bull's eye of the target at the same height from the ground as the muzzle of the rifle. Query—What will be the height of the ball above the line from the muzzle to the bull's eye at the end of each 100 yards of the range; also, what is the time taken by the ball to traverse the 900 yards, and what distance will it traverse in each second, measured on the horizontal line, and, also, what height above the target would the direction of the line of colimation be when sighted for the 900 yard range?

Yours respectfully,  
VOLUNTEER.

Meaford, 1st Dec., 1870.

[WE are glad to hear of the gallant 31st and of the spirit which animates that corps. If "Volunteer" has read President Grant's Message he will see there is a possibility of indulging the 31st; in the meantime let them take care that the men they select, by the exercise of the Franchise in their civil

capacity, are of the same opinion as themselves, for it is with their representatives the future of Canada must rest. "Volunteer" has propounded a nice little problem which we hope will be answered by some of our correspondents well versed in the law of projectiles; we must decline the task for want of time to devote to such an enquiry. — Ed. VOL. REV.]

The war is affecting the tobacco trade of this country adversely, France and Germany being the largest consumers of Europe, and with England requiring, during the year ended June 30, 1870, 188,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco, 3,064,000 cigars, and 20,181 pounds of snuff.

## DOMINION OF CANADA.



## MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

## HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 9th December, 1870.

GENERAL ORDERS, (35.)

No. 1.

## ACTIVE MILITIA.

## SCHOOLS OF MILITARY INSTRUCTION.

1. Until further orders six Schools for practical Military Instruction, in both Infantry and Artillery Exercises, in accordance with the system heretofore in existence, are authorized to be maintained in the Dominion, such Schools to be kept open during six months of the financial year only, viz., from 1st December to 31st May, inclusive, unless it be found desirable to keep open any particular School or Schools for a longer period.

2. The maximum number of Cadets to be authorized for admission to such Schools of Instruction for such a period of Six Months is limited to Five hundred, with an addition of fifty to the proportion for the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, until the number of trained Cadets in those Provinces equals, proportionally according to the strength of the Militia in the respective Districts, the number of Cadets already trained in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

3. Cadets are to be selected from applicants *bona fide* resident in the several Brigade Divisions, in proportion to the strength of the Militia in such Brigade Divisions as shown by the periodical enrollments from time to time; the maximum number to be admitted into any School not to exceed 65, at any one time.

4. The proportion of the total number of 500 Cadets, with 50 added for Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, which may be admit-

ted from each of the several Brigade Divisions, is, according to the enrollment of 1869 as follows:

BRIGADE DIVISION.	No. OF CADETS.	TOTAL.
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.	1st. ....	41
	2nd. ....	40
	3rd. ....	33
	4th. ....	36
	5th. ....	7
	6th. ....	22
	7th. ....	22
	8th. ....	37
		238
PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.	1st. ....	16
	2nd. ....	16
	3rd. ....	11
	4th. ....	26
	5th. ....	15
	6th. ....	20
	7th. ....	34
	8th. ....	21
		159
PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.	1st. ....	23
	2nd. ....	24
	3rd. ....	23
		70
PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.	1st. ....	37
	2nd. ....	30
	3rd. ....	16
		83
TOTAL.		550

But should any Brigade Division fail to supply its regulated quota of Cadets, such deficiency may be made up from other Brigade Divisions on special application to the Adjutant General at Head Quarters.

5. The Schools now in operation at St. John, N. B., Halifax, and Quebec, in connection with the Regiments of Her Majesty's regular Army, to be continued as now organized until further orders, subject to the foregoing regulations, and three additional Schools to be opened, viz. One at Toronto, (whenever suitable accommodation is provided for the same,) one at Kingston, and one at Montreal, so soon as twenty approved Candidates present themselves for admission.

6. Until suitable accommodation is available at Toronto, the Cadets from Military Districts Numbers One and Two may be admitted to the Kingston School.

7. There being no longer any Regular Troops at Toronto, Kingston and Montreal the duties hitherto performed by officers of Her Majesty's army in connection with Schools of Military Instruction, to be undertaken by officers of the Militia Staff stationed at these places. A Deputy Adjutant General acting as Commandant, and a Brigade Major as Adjutant for each School.

8. Competent non-commissioned officers will be attached to each School to act as Drill Sergeants and Instructors.

9. Any men who may be required, in addition to the cadets themselves, for Drill purposes, to be taken from Corps of the Active Militia residing in the vicinity of the respective Schools, and also will receive twenty-five cents per man, each time they are so required.

10. Artillery Cadets will be examined for certificate as regards qualification by the