

indeed the policy of the Home Government we, of course cannot coerce Her Majesty's advisers into retaining us as component parts of the Empire, but we are of the opinion, which we are certain is backed by the majority of the English people, that it is not the wish or desire of the Motherland to cut the Colonies adrift. It is all well enough to talk about separation, but we apprehend it would be a very different thing were the attempt to curtail the colonial proportions of the Empire made, in defiance, not only of the Colonies but of the vast majority of the British people. The folly and danger of this movement cannot be too severely condemned, for we may fairly and squarely put the question: What would Great Britain be without her Colonies? "Alliance" is the term used by Sir John Young. Have we not always been allied to Great Britain? These agitators would have us set up for ourselves. We are willing to wait, and, in waiting neither Britain nor the Colonies have anything to lose.

—We understand that Mr. John E. Pearson, bookbinder, stationer, etc., intends removing from Toronto to Barrie, and from his thorough knowledge of his business and strict attention to the same, we have no doubt of his giving general satisfaction. Mr. Pearson has been known to us for several years and we can confidently recommend him to the patronage of the good people of Barrie.

In answer to our correspondent "Volunteer" who wishes to know "Whether Captains of companies can compel Volunteers to turn out for battalion drill, when they (the Volunteers) have not taken the oath on re-enrolment, and who never had the oath tendered to them?" We may state that clause 19 of the Militia Act declares that "Every militiaman shall sign a service roll in which the conditions of his service shall be stated; and every officer of the militia, on appointment, and every non-commissioned officer and man, on enrolment, shall take the oath." Although the officer who made the roll would be guilty of a serious dereliction of duty by not administering the oath, yet when the men signed the service roll they morally bound themselves to the conditions of service therein set down, as the oath is merely one of allegiance. Under these circumstances the officer can, we believe, compel the men to turn out.

REVIEWS, &c.

PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY, S. L. Peters, Publisher New York. The September number of this popular and excellent musical publication supplies a rich treat. Besides the songs, hymns and instrumental pieces, there are several pages of interesting and choice reading matter, while the low price at which it is fixed places it within the reach of all. We would draw the attention of those

who wish to possess themselves of this valuable publication to the advertisement which will be found elsewhere. The contents of the present number are:—"Jessie." "Down in the valley where the green grass groweth." "At Home thou art remembered still." "The flower of marblehead." "Drum and Fife." "Congenial hearts." "Morning glory Mazurka." "Holy! Holy! is God our Lord." "A mother's group (a row of little faces by the bed)." "Take me home." "Come thou fount of every blessing." "This world is poor from shore to shore." "Oh! where shall rest be found." To lovers of music this number will be a welcome visitor, as it contains selections to suit all tastes.

TABLES OF TRADE AND NAVIGATION of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868.

We have received the above in the form of a bulky volume. Mr. Bouchette explains the late data of the returns by saying that it is "the unavoidable result of the different systems both in theory and practice followed in the several Provinces in reference to the management of Customs matters and the preparations of Returns. The assimilation of these systems, the adaption of forms to suit the altered circumstances of the country in reference to its Departmental administration, and the delays necessarily created in communicating with ports so remote from the Seat of Government as are those in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, have rendered it impossible, notwithstanding the greatest zeal and diligence on the part of the Statistical Clerks of the Department, to prepare the volume now laid before you, earlier." The tables appear to be very accurate and complete, and embrace a large quantity of valuable information respecting the trade of the Dominion. They show that the total value of Imports and Exports for the year amounted to over \$13,000,000. The Customs returns embrace the larger part of the volume, which contains also the returns of the Inland Revenue Department. The total quantity of spirits manufactured appears to have been 4,080,047 gallons, and of malt liquors 7,433,685, yielding a duty of \$2,425,689 89. This is a very large increase upon the returns of the previous year, the greater part of the increase being in Ontario.

MILITIA BRIGADE OFFICE.

8TH BRIGADE, 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT, }
Brockville, 9th Sept., 1869. }

BRIGADE ORDERS.

By the direction of the Deputy Adjutant General commanding the District, and in accordance with Circular from Head Quarters, dated 25th June, 1869, the under-mentioned Corps of Volunteer Militia, in the 8th Brigade Division, will assemble in camp to perform the annual drill for the year ending on 30th June, 1869-70, in the following order, viz:—

At Bell's Corners, on Monday, 27th instant, the 43rd Carleton Battalion, Lieut-Colonel W. F. Powell.

At Prescott, on Thursday, 23rd inst., the

56th Grenville Battalion, Lieut-Colonel J. D. Jessup.

At Brockville, on Friday, 24th inst., the 41st Battalion Rifles, Lieut-Colonel J. Cranford; and the 42nd Battalion Infantry, Lieut-Colonel J. D. Buell.

At Cornwall, the 59th Stormont and Glen garry Battalion, Lieut-Colonel D. Bergin, Monday 4th October proximo.

At Vankleekhill, on Thursday, the 7th October proximo, the 18th Prescott Battalion, Lieut. Colonel Wm. Higginson.

Six clear days to be spent in camp, during which period drill of six hours each day to be rigidly exacted: such six days to be exclusive of any Sunday that may intervene.

The non-commissioned officers and men who shall have fulfilled the above conditions, will receive \$6.50 each, and the officers will receive \$13 each.

Twenty-five cents in lieu of transport for going, and twenty-five cents for returning, will be allowed for each non-commissioned officer and man of Infantry Corps, which are located at a greater distance than 15 miles from the Battalion Head Quarters; and five cents for every distance of not less than five miles additional, on the certificate of the Commanding Officer of the Battalion. Officers will receive double the above proportion of transport allowance. No allowance to be granted for distances under 15 miles, nor for Officers or men drawing horse allowance.

Rural Companies, not in Battalion, and City Corps, to perform the thirteen days' drill at their several local Head Quarters under the ordinary Regulations, i. e. at whatever time may be most convenient to themselves.

All Mounted Officers of Infantry and all Officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Mounted Corps, will receive \$9.75 for one Horse each, provided that such Horse has been actually and necessarily present at parade, during the whole period of drill.

With the view of preventing any inconvenience to the Volunteers, in cases when the District Paymaster may not be at the camp, an advance, not exceeding two thirds of the pay of the Company, will be made to each Captain by the District Paymaster or receiving a Requisition—vide Form on the Acquittance Roll—the balance to be paid on the production of the Acquittance Roll duly completed as above.

Tents and one Blanket for each officer and man, will be furnished by the Department, but all expenses for Rations, or for any other service while in camp, or on the march, must be borne by the Volunteers out of their Drill pay in the usual manner.

Damages and deficiencies of camp equipment will be assessed on each company separately and deducted from the men's pay, in accordance with the circular of the 5th Jan last.

The various Companies will proceed from their headquarters in sufficient time to enable them to reach their respective camps on the morning of the day ordered to assemble.

The corps to be fully equipped for service with knapsacks, or great coats straps, great coats, haversacks, water bottles, and rounds ball, and 10 rounds blank ammunition per man.

Commanding Officers and Captains of Companies will see that the Volunteers of their respective Corps are provided with cooked rations required for the day of proceeding to camp. They will also have to provide their own cooking utensils, together with one spade, and one axe, per company; and one bucket for every ten men, in lieu of which \$6 per company will be allowed.

The Quartermaster of the Battalion will