

It is rumored in England that the 4th Dragoon Guards will soon be sent to Canada.

The Montreal 'News' understands that Capt. Carr, 2nd Battalion 23rd Fusiliers, is about to exchange to the 1st Battalion in India.

PRINCIPAL Purveyor Minney, lately at Aldershot Camp, has been appointed Chief Purveyor in Canada.

It is expected that the next English Volunteer Review will take place at Dover early this summer.

An order was issued on Thursday, 4th inst., to the effect that the cadets in the Military schools will in future appear in summer uniform.

NEW GREAT COATS.—Captain Wonham's Company of Ingersoll Volunteers, one of the oldest and best in the Province, have received new great coats.

It is stated in the 'Army and Navy Gazette' that tenders for the construction of ten new gunboats will shortly be required from the principal shipbuilders of the United Kingdom who happen to be on the Admiralty list. It is not improbable that these gunboats may be intended for the Canadian lakes.

THE UNIFORM OF THE FRENCH ARMY.—The picturesque but inconvenient uniform of the French army is to be done away with, and to the great comfort of the troops, they are to be given their old dress, which (the 'Epoque' observes) appears to have been changed simply because it was due to the Orleans Princes.

At a Volunteer dinner at Lennoxville last week, the officers discussed the programme for celebrating the Queen's Birthday, and thought it desirable that steps should be taken to bring the Melbourne and Sherbrooke Battalions together, if practicable, either at Lennoxville, Sherbrooke, or in a pic-nic at Windsor.—[Richmond Guardian.

INSPECTION.—On Tuesday evening, April 2nd, the Quebec Garrison Artillery were inspected by Major Lamontagne, B. M., in the Armory. There was a fine turn out of this excellent corps, whose appearance and movements were of a most soldierly character. We understand that a gold medal will be fired for by the battalion in a few days, and also some money prizes.—Chronicle.

The French squadron is about to have its artillery completely changed. Sixty enormous breech-loaders, on improved carriages, are now ready, and are to be substituted for the guns at present in use. "As soon as this change is effected," says the 'Gazette du Midi,' "the French fleet will be able to contend with impunity against all the monitors, past, present and future."

DESERTED.—The Kingston 'Whig' says: It was reported in the city that one of the guards of the Provincial Penitentiary had suddenly left his post, carrying with him to the States, it is said, his arms, and also plans of the institution and impressions of the keys. We should be happy, for the sake of the good name the officers of the prison hold at the present time, to contradict the report, and remove public suspicion if it be groundless.

THE COLLINGWOOD BATTERY.—By the following notice, dated April 4th, it will be seen that the Collingwood Battery of Garrison artillery have commenced their eight days' drill: "Members of the Battery are hereby notified to attend muster at two o'clock, sharp, to-morrow, (Friday) in order to commence the eight days' drill required by law. Every member must be in his place. The men will wear their overcoats. Members not having their uniforms will call at once and get them.—JOHN HOES, Captain Commanding.

The 'Army and Navy Gazette' states that Lord Strathnairn received the most implicit instructions for his guidance in dealing with the Fenian rising, and that the troops would have had no doubt as to the mode in which they were to deal with any men with arms in their hands engaged in rebellion. This was done in consequence of Lord Strathnairn's feeling some doubt after the course taken against the Jamaica authorities, as to his own position. This will in some measure account for the news a few days ago of the troops firing upon three men fully armed, and killing one.

By COMMAND of Her Majesty the Queen, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales on behalf of Her Majesty, held a levee at St. James' Palace, on the 22nd ult. The following were among the presentations:—Major-General G. T. C. Napier, C. B., on promotion, and return from Canada, by H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge; Lieut. H. S. Brownrigg, "The Prince Consort's Own" Bifle Brigade, on promotion, by Colonel Studholme Brownrigg, C. B.; Ensign Hon. Jeffrey Amherst, Rifle Brigade, by Earl Amherst; Major Kenny, Nova Scotia Militia Artillery, by the Duke of Buckingham, Colonial Secretary.

SWORD PRESENTATION.—A deputation of the inhabitants of Fort Erie waited upon Captain King, of the Welland Canal Field Battery, on Wednesday, and presented him with a sword of superb workmanship, accompanied with an address. On one side of the blade of the sword are the words—"Presented to Captain Richard S. King, by the inhabitants of Fort Erie, for gallant conduct at that place, on the 2nd of June, 1866." On the opposite side is the captain's crest and motto, and the initials of his name. The deputation from Fort Erie consisted of the Reeve, Charles Treble, and Messrs. Douglas, Forsyth, Fitch and Rainsford.—[Hamilton Times.

PERTH RIFLE COMPANY.—A meeting of the Perth Rifle Company was held in the Town Hall, on Saturday evening, 30th ult., for the purpose of filling up the vacancies caused by the resignation of a number of the officers and men formerly connected with the organization, and to take steps towards having regular drill in the future. Another meeting was held on Monday evening, at which we understand a large number joined the ranks. Under the command of Captain Moffatt, we have no doubt the full quota will speedily be obtained, and that ere long this favorite company will be established on a firm and satisfactory footing.—[Courier.

ACTIVE SERVICE FOR VOLUNTEER.—A request has been made to the Government by the Ninth Battalion to place them on occasional active service, on the same footing as a portion of the Montreal Volunteers occupy at present. The Militia Department supplied the Victorias and Chasseurs of that city with the Snider Rifle, on the condition that each battalion should muster fully 250 men and be placed under active service for two days in each week. From the fact that the paymaster of the Ninth Battalion in Quebec has received from headquarters blank sheets for the payment of the men, it is probable the Government contemplate extending the same advantages to that portion of the force here. The battalion has been lately increased by two new companies.—[Quebec Chronicle.

The following promotions in regiments serving in Canada are announced in the 'London Gazette' of the 22nd ult:—16th Foot—Gentleman Cadet, Philip Henry Drayton, from the Royal Military College to be Ensign without purchase, vice Charles Follitt Baugh transferred to the 109th Foot; Gentleman Cadet, Pierce Creagh, from the Royal Military College, to be Ensign without purchase, vice Richard Francis Percy, promoted. 17th Foot—Lieut.

Duncan Malcolm Irvine to be Captain, by purchase, vice John Moore Clarke Travers, who retires; Ensign Arthur Henry Wentworth Mansergh to be Lieutenant, by purchase, vice Irvine. Reginald James Courtenay, gentleman, to be ensign by purchase, vice Mansergh. 25th Foot—Staff-Surgeon, Edward Touch, M. D., to be Surgeon, vice W. Y. Ieeves appointed to the Royal Artillery.

THE LATE FRENCH ARMY VISITORS.—It appears that M. le Marquis de Gallifet, whose flying visit with that of his brother officers to Quebec was noticed a few days ago, is a Lieutenant-Colonel of the staff and A.D.C. to the Emperor Napoleon. The Marquis, at the siege of Puebla, was severely wounded in the abdomen by the bursting of a shell, after which he returned to France and employed himself in writing a charming book, "Les Bivouacs du Mexique," which attracted the attention of all Paris. M. le Comte d'Espenille and M. Clary are both Captains of the staff. The latter is attached to the staff of Marshal Bazaine, and is grandson of that Dlle. Clary de Marseilles who married General Bernadotte, afterwards raised to the throne of Sweden. The Vicomte de St. Saviour is a Sous-lieutenant in the 3rd Zouaves, with which he went through a campaign at Oajacca. This regiment belongs to the same brigade in which Capt. Faucher, a Canadian from Saint Maurice, served. M. le Vicomte is the descendant of a nephew of Montcalm, and had gone to Mexico as a mere Corporal of Zouaves.

VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY GUN PRACTICE.—On Wednesday afternoon, April 3rd, Companies Nos. 1 and 2, Volunteer Garrison Artillery, commenced their annual big gun practice. Major N. H. Bowen was in command of the party. The firing took place from the Commissioners' Wharf at a target on the river St. Charles, distant 1000 yards. Among the officers present were Quarter-master Hollwell, Capt. Shaw, Lieut. White and Lieut. Fraser. Twenty-two rounds of shell were fired, the practice being very good. Lieut. Fraser in the first round shattered the target by a bulls-eye. The worst shot did not hit sixty yards wide of the target, which is considered excellent practice, as there was a strong westerly wind blowing the whole afternoon, and it was difficult to get the accurate range. This afternoon companies Nos. 3 and 4 will take their exercise at the guns, and for the following four days the firing will be made from the citadel, the companies taking their practice each alternate day. The officers of the brigade, with that liberality for which they are distinguished, have subscribed a sufficient sum to divide into three prizes, to be given to the three best marksmen at the completion of the annual big gun practice. The first prize is to consist of a gold medal, and the two others of purses containing sums of money.—[Quebec Daily News.

OFFICERS' MESS OF THE 13TH BATTALION.—The officers of the 13th Battalion, with a large company of invited guests, assembled at one of their periodical entertainments, in the Officers' Room of the drill shed, on the evening of the 4th inst. The commissary department was found to be rather more abundantly and choicely supplied than on the morning of the memorable advance on Ridgeway, and the dainties of the larder were served in unexceptionable style. The usual loyal toasts succeeded the feast, after which Major Gregg, of the Oxford Battalion, proposed the health of Col. Skinner and the 13th Battalion. The Major, in his remarks, strongly condemned the principle which had developed itself in some quarters to discourage the Volunteer system. It was not, perhaps, to be attributed to a lack of patriotism, but a shortsightedness on the part of some of those who had the largest business interests at stake,