

Loss of the Vicksburg.

New York, June 10.—The steamer *State of Georgia*, arrived at this city this morning. The Captain states they discovered a ship's boat with sails set on the port bow, which proved to be the boat No. 1 of the steamer *Vicksburg*, of Liverpool, belonging to the Dominion Line. There were 5 men in the boat in an exhausted state; they were taken on board and put under surgical treatment. Their names are James Crowley of London, T. O'Brien of Liverpool, P. Grogan of Liverpool, John Williams of Liverpool and James Wilkinson of Liverpool. They stated that the *Vicksburg* left Quebec, May 27th, with 60 of a crew, 8 saloon passengers and 20 steerage; May 31st they struck heavy ice and a hole was knocked in the vessel; she made water fast and on the Tuesday following they were forced to abandon her. They were then 120 miles from St. Johns, N.E. Boat No. 1 containing the rescued ones, was launched first with only five men in it; boat No. 2 next, with the chief officer and 30 others. She got clear and pulled to windward, the vessel soon went down, and the Captain and several others could be seen floating around on the wreckage; the second officer's boat was safely launched. Boat No. 1 kept in sight of the other boats about two hours, and then lost sight of them. The men think over forty individuals must have been lost when the vessel went down. They saw no holes in the other boats, although there were a number of them on board.

THE INSPECTOR OF ARTILLERY—Lieutenant Colonel Strange, has issued a circular making an appeal which we hope will meet with a hearty response. Napoleon said that modern battles were won by artillery—a dictum which has been universally accepted—and it is therefore important, if we engage in military training at all, that we should attend to its most important branch. It is therefore proposed to establish a Dominion Artillery Association, on a somewhat similar basis to the Dominion Rifle Association, and with a somewhat similar object for artillery to that so successfully accomplished for the infantry, i.e., the development of gunnery skill and the dissemination of artillery knowledge throughout the Dominion of Canada. The Governor General and the Lieutenant Governors, with the Minister of Militia and others, are to be patrons. The hope is expressed that, as in the Dominion Rifle Association, the sympathy and support of many of our countrymen who are not in the militia service will be freely accorded. We trust Colonel Strange will meet with a hearty response.—*Toronto Globe*.

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THE MARTINI-HENRI RIFLE.—Private Bowler, of the First 60th Royal Rifles, has proved himself the best shot for 1874 with the Martini-Henri rifles. It is very probable that he will be presented with a silver medal and a gratuity of \$10 sterling, by order of his royal Highness the Field Marshal Commander-in-Chief.

REVIEWS.

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By command, **J. JOHNSON,**
Commissioner of Customs.

May 20, 1875. 21-3



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W. POWELL, Colonel,
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Ottawa, April 23th, 1875. 18

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