

CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM TORONTO.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The military have been making another raid on our fair citizens; last week Captain Sandham, R.A., led to the Hymenian altar Miss Czowski, daughter of the President of the Provincial Rifle Association. There was a large attendance of the elite at St. James', including General Stisted, C.B., Col. Anderson, C.B., Col. Hassard, Col. Jenyns, &c.

The last review and inspection of the troops, as well as the last mounted parade of the 13th Hussars, took place yesterday before General Stisted, C.B., the inspecting officer, who expressed his great pleasure at the result of his inspection. As but few regulars may participate in the Queen's Birthday Review, the volunteers are getting into trim. The Queen's Own are to have three field turnouts before the 24th. Rifle practice is now carried on vigorously by both regulars and volunteers; the Toronto Rifle Club's opening day was yesterday, when several new members put in appearance. Some excellent scores were made. By the by, our Volunteer range is stuck again, although a few dollars would finish it.

A soldier was recently sentenced to 40 days hard labour for striking Sergt. Major Hastings of the city police.

Last Monday seven of the 29th Regiment stole civilian suits of clothes and a revolver from their officers and sloped for the land of "liberty." Although their disappearance was shortly noticed, and telegraphs and boats dispatched, the pursuit thus far has proved unsuccessful.

Riflemen here are pleased at the reported state of the Dominion Association funds, but trust that, like the National Association of England, the Council will not hesitate to produce a printed statement. There is great improvement in the prospects for the present year, by electing able and honorable like men Cols. Jackson and Forrest, and Lieut. Mason, a few more of this stamp, such as Col. Grant and Capt. Esdaile, of Montreal, are desirable. We anxiously await the next number of the REVIEW for particulars.

FROM BROCKVILLE.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

The council of the Brockville Rifle Association have decided to hold their annual match, (including the adjourned meeting from last fall) on the 8th of June and following days, about \$250 will be offered as prizes. Programmes will be issued in a few days. Captain McDonald, Paymaster, 41st Battalion is the Secretary, who will be glad to impart any further information on application.

The Rifle Club held their first practice for the year, on the 1st May, with a fair attendance. The weather was wet, cold and

windy; but notwithstanding this, average scores were made. As several of the Montreal and Toronto marksmen have been importing superior long range Rifles, it behoves our boys to attend sharply to practice, otherwise their laurels may be wrested from them during the summer campaign.

It is rumored here that, the Perth people are making an effort to concentrate a large number of Volunteer companies at that town on the Queen's Birthday; but as yet, I have not heard that either the Colonels of Battalions or the officer commanding the district have been consulted on the subject.

So far we have had a most delightful spring. Gardeners have, for the past two weeks been busy sowing and planting.

Green lettuce has been offered for sale by the Green-grocers for several weeks.—A few flocks of pigeons have been seen flying about the country and town, but as yet, sportsmen have bagged but few.—Perch fishing in the St. Lawrence is now in season, and boats may be seen daily, returning from "Uncle Sam's" side of the river well laden with these delicious fish. I forgot to state that on the day of Rifle Club practice, Capt. Bell brought down a woodcock the first shot, at a distance of about 75 yards.

Militia Brigade Office, 8th Brigade Division, Ontario.

BRIGADE ORDERS.

No. 1.—By the direction of the Deputy Adjutant General, the usual semi-annual inspection of the several Volunteer Companies, in this Division, will be commenced about the 17th instant, and completed on or about the 30th June, proximo, consequently officers commanding Battalions or Companies will make all necessary preparation; and as this inspection will be under the New Militia Act, Captains will be held responsible for the appearance of their respective companies.

No. 2.—The attention of Officers is called to the General Order, No. 3, of 21st August, 1868, making it imperative to use Rangoon Oil on the Rifles, which reads as follows:—"Officers claiming the annual allowance for care of arms will hereafter be required to certify that Rangoon Oil is used in oiling the arms, for the care of which such allowance is claimed." A supply of this oil can be purchased from the District Quartermaster at Prescott, price \$2.25 per gallon, or sixty cents per quart, money to be transmitted with order, including sufficient to purchase a can.

By order,

W. H. JACKSON,

Lieut. Colonel, Brigade Major, 8th Brigade Division, Ont.

P. S.—The arms and accoutrements are to be placed in the armory immediately where they will be under the supervision of the Captains.

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38TH OR BRANT BATTALION.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

On the 19th ult., Lt. Col. Villiers, Brigade Major of this district accompanied by Lieut. Col. Patton of the 38th Battalion, commenced his Spring Inspection and proceeded to

Drumbo where he inspected Captain Laidlaw's Company, at noon in a field adjoining the village. The turn out was good being 2 officers and 38 men, the drill was fair, considering that some recruits were in the ranks, found the Government property in good condition, and their arms neat and clean, this is not to be wondered at for the Drumbo Company pride themselves on being the Crack Marksmen of the Regiment "there is a good deal of truth in the matter," for I believe they made as a company the best score when out last June at Brantford, and they have had a match or two with some of the Companies of the Oxford Rifles and came off best. The inspecting officers next proceeded to Paris and inspected the Paris Rifle Company. In the evening the turn out here was not so large on account of the Spring freshet on the Grand River, there were 2 officers and 21 men. This Company maintains its reputation, and the arms and accoutrements were in excellent condition indeed, Colonel Villiers stated he had seldom seen a more orderly or better arranged armory even amongst the regulars.

Next forenoon the Burford Infantry Company was inspected, mustering 3 officers and 39 men, drill very fair, having some recruits amongst them, arms in good order and clean, but the inspecting officer said he could not compliment them either on the nice arrangement of their armory or its cleanliness.

The 3 companies at Head-quarters were inspected at the Battalion drill shed in the Town of Brantford. In the evening, these Companies mustered largely by 30, 35 and 40 each with officers. After a careful inspection of arms and appointments, these companies were put through Battalion movements by the Adjutant, the different Company armories were then inspected and found neat and clean these Brantford Companies' rolls are all full, the same may be said of the others with the exception of some 4 or 5 men short at Paris, Drumbo, and Beresford.

Col. Villiers expressed himself pleased with the turn out of all the companies of the Battalion, and with their neat and clean appearance, he was also glad to be able to say he had not found a dirty Rifle amongst them, and added also that in so far as his inspections had gone he found not only had Volunteering not fallen off, but that all or very nearly all companies had the full complement of members on their rolls.

"Success to Tyendenaga Volunteers."

Brant, 1st May, 1869.

FROM QUEBEC.

6th May, 1869.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

A Rifle match took place on Tuesday 27th April between 10 privates of No. 1 company and 10 of No. 2 company 8th Battalion, which resulted in a victory for No. 1, the score being:

Range 200 and 400 yards, 5 rounds at each.