

## CANADIAN MILITARY ITEMS.

**THE 16TH TO LEAVE HAMILTON.**—It is reported that H. M. 16th Regiment are under orders to leave for Quebec, very shortly. It is not yet known publicly what corps is to replace them in that garrison.

A SILLY drama, entitled *British Neutrality*, is just now being played in New York with some success. It is admitted to be a very nonsensical piece, but it is exceedingly insulting to Great Britain, and, for that reason, is warmly welcomed. In one of the scenes the wreck of a "British iron-clad" (which has been steered upon a rock by a treacherous Yankee sailor), is welcomed with loud outbursts of applause.

**MILITARY EXCURSION AND PIC-NIC.**—We understand that the arrangements for the proposed military excursion and pic-nic are proceeding most satisfactorily. An invitation has been extended to Captain Wardell's Infantry Company of Dundas, Capt. Glasgow's of Waterdown, and Capt. McCabe's Volunteer Artillery, to co-operate in the matter, which will be responded to by a goodly turn out from each of the commands named. The trip will take place on Monday or Tuesday, and will probably be to the town of Niagara or Queenstown Heights. The steamer *Huron* is chartered for the occasion, and a grand time is in anticipation by our military friends. We hope that their most sanguine wishes in this respect may be realized. Mr. Corey, clerk in the Gore Bank, is Secretary of the Committee.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

**VOLUNTEER DINNER.**—After the military exercises of Confederation Day had been completed, the men of Capt. Wilson's Battery of Artillery were agreeably surprised at finding an excellent dinner prepared for them in Brownlee's Hall by the officers. After full justice had been done to the good things, the following toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm:—"The Queen," "The Governor-General, and Hon. J. A. Macdonald," "The Memory of the late Captain Geo. Stoker," "The Officers of the Battery," "Quartermaster-Sergeant Bradley," "Mr. Shelltoe," and "Our Host, Mr. T. R. Brownlee." After singing the National Anthem, the Battery dispersed. We may here mention that the strength of the Battery is three officers, two trumpeters and 48 men, and is rated as an A No. 1 organization in the Volunteer Force.—*St. Catharines Post*.

**THE 1ST AT SARNIA.**—Seven companies (mustering nearly full strength) assembled on the parade ground, at the appointed hour, and went through the various evolutions, as laid down in the programme, with great credit. We were glad to see so good a muster of the rural companies from Moore, each company numbering some 49 men. After all that has been said and written about the Mooretown Company it is pleasing to be able to announce that they acquitted themselves with great credit, and are certainly up to the average of other rural companies. The exactness with which the Artillery company went through the different movements was generally remarked upon. The Widder Company arrived too late to participate in the Review, they are a fine body of men and mustered in full strength. After the various evolutions, as per programme, had been performed, the Battalion was formed into line to fire a *feu de joie*, after which three rousing cheers were given for the Queen and three for the New Dominion.—*Orndatam*.

**DOMINION DAY.**—A correspondent informs us that on Dominion Day, the Sidney Company of Volunteers, Capt. Vandervoort, turned out about forty strong, at the Town Hall, and went through a variety of evolutions in a very credible manner, including the firing of a *feu de joie*. A large number of people were present, who took considerable interest in their movements. At Melrose, No. 6 Company of the same Battalion, turned out thirty-seven, including officers.—They fired a *feu de joie* at noon, and went through different movements in a very successful manner. In doing honor to the day the Volunteers were joined by a large number of the inhabitants of the surrounding country.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

**DOMINION DAY IN ELORA AND SALEM.**—The natal day of the new Dominion was duly celebrated in the above villages. A general cessation from business was observed, stores and shops being closed. The Elora Rifle Company, under command of Capt. Leitch, and the Hollin Company, under command of Capt. Thompson, paraded the streets, they then marched to Salem where Mr. Doerbecker with his usual liberality regaled them with copious draughts of his choice beer. In the afternoon there was a match between the two companies at target practice. There seemed to be general rejoicing throughout the community; every one looked happy and evidently felt the importance of being a member of the new Dominion of Canada.—*Wynford Times*.

In our notice of the doings of the military on Monday last (1st inst.) we omitted to mention that a little skirmishing was indulged, in which the men acquitted themselves very creditably. They managed however, to do considerable damage to the fence in rear of the Academy. Col. Clerk's fences suffering from the military ardor of the combatants, who were pushing and driving at an invisible enemy. Capt. Macdonald's Company turned out 47 men, including officers; the Artillery Company, Capt. Upper, 43 men. On the whole the military deserve credit for the display made, especially when the adverse circumstances under which they labored are taken into considerations. The St. Anns Company were entertained at dinner by our men.—*St. Catharines Journal*.

**DOMINION DAY IN LINCOLN.**—At 11 a.m., the steamer *Sprague*, from Port Rowan, entered the harbor,—she was crowded with passengers, over 300 being on board, among whom were the Port Rowan and Walsingham Rifle Companies. They were welcomed with cheers by the multitude on the wharf. At 11½ o'clock the companies composing the 39th Battalion mustered on the market square, where they performed company drill. Besides Lieut.-Col. Tisdale and his staff, Com. Allington and Col. W. M. Wilson were present. The battalion band played at intervals during the day, winning golden opinions. The battalion then formed fours, and headed by the jolly tars, preceded by the band, marched to the parade ground, where they wheeled into line and fired a *feu de joie*; they then presented arms and gave three cheers for the Queen and three for the New Dominion! They were then put through battalion drill, skirmishing, etc., acquitting themselves honorably. The cutlass exercise of the sailors and the bayonet exercise of the marines, attracted much attention, and were highly applauded. The men were then marched to the capacious warehouse of

Robert Helleyr, Esq., where lunch awaited them. The spread was highly creditable to the liberality of the people of Port Dover. The men fell in with alacrity, and it is almost unnecessary to state that ample justice was done to the good things that were so bountifully, tastefully and temptingly spread before them. P. Lawson, Esq., occupied the chair.—*B. Canadian*.

**SPEAKING OF DOMINION DAY** the *Colborne Express* says:—About 9 o'clock things presented a military air—the gallant members of No. 7 presenting themselves at every corner in their usual cleanly appearance. Our brass band immediately struck up lively tunes, and the villagers turned out in countless groups. At 9 or a little after many—indeed all—were delighted to hear the strains of martial music and the rattling of waggon wheels "up the Castleton road." Instantly was observed dense clouds of dust, in which the Castleton Volunteers (Capt. Duncan's) headed by their band were enveloped. They came in at a rapid pace and halted at Leith's Hotel. A few minutes later the Warkworth Company (Capt. Hurlbut's) drove in in the same style, stopping at Mrs. McDonald's Hotel; their arrival, together with the large number of visitors already present, swelled the crowd to huge dimensions. In the meantime the Colborne men "formed company," under command of their old drill instructor, who came expressly from Belleville to take part in the day's rejoicings. At eleven the three companies were put in position, and marched—under command of Major Wainwright—to the grounds south of the Grand Trunk Station, which for the time being formed the great centre of attraction. Here some preliminary drill was gone through till the hour of twelve arrived, when a *feu de joie* was fired, three cheers given for the Dominion, and three for our gracious Queen—all, we need hardly say, with a will. After some further manœuvring the Volunteers returned to the village, and took dinner at, we are sorry to say, their own expense. This species of hospitality is unworthy of Colborne, and we would not allude it were the fact not generally noticed. All things considered, this locality is much indebted and thankful to Captains Duncan and Hurlbut for their presence and that of their commands—mustering each some 40 men. But we must not dwell upon an unpleasant theme.

**THE 1ST AT CHATHAM.**—The whole of the 24th Battalion Kent Volunteers celebrated Dominion day at Chatham in splendid style. We learn from the *Planet*, that the following forces and companies took part: Lt-Col. D. Smith, Major A. B. Baxter, Paymaster, J. J. Thompson, Surgeon, Dr. Askin, Qr. Major, J. G. Sherriff, Adjutant Rielly, Sergt.-Maj. H. Mercer, Qr. M. Sergt D. Smith, Jr., Paymaster's Clerk, F. Clerk, Qr. S. Clk Wier, H. Sgt. Williams. No. 1 Co., Chatham, 43 men—Capt. S. M. Smith, Lieut. J. W. Lewis, Ensign J. G. Wier. No. 2 Co., Chatham, 42 men—Capt. Rufus, Stephenson, Lieut. Henry Reid, Ensign James Richardson. No. 3 Co., Blenheim, 34 men Captain John McMichael, Lieut. J. K. Morris. No. 4 Co., Morpeth, 48 men—Capt. H. Morris, Lieut. Wm. J. Graham. No. 5 Co., Florence, 48 men—Capt. N. C. Kirby, Lieut. J. Smith. No. 7. C., Pilbury East, 52 men—Capt. M. Martin, Jr., Lieut. D. Smith, Ensign J. McGregor. No. 8, Co. Bothwell, 41 men—Capt. John Walker, Lt. R. Chambers, Ensign Lowden. Total on parade, 387, officers and men.