

the prizes paid; yet no statement has ever been obtained of the amounts received and disbursed, although Lt.-Col. Lewis has been frequently asked for the same; and he well knows that his withholding the same has given rise to questions regarding his honesty in the matter.

Fourth.—That at the Ontario Rifle Match at Toronto, in July last, he permitted persons to pass themselves off as Volunteers, falsely certifying that they belonged to his Battalion in order to allow them to compete for prizes in matches that were open to "Volunteers only," when such persons never belonged either to Lt.-Col. Lewis' Battalion or any other corps of Volunteers; the names of two of such persons being——*

Fifth.—That at the same match, by allowing such persons to appear as Volunteers he brought great discredit on the Battalion, as one of the parties was turned off the grounds for being improperly dressed, appearing in such a style that he was a laughing stock to all present, and caused very uncomplimentary remarks to be passed against the whole corps.

Sixth.—That at the quarterly meeting of the officers of the Battalion in July last, he was guilty of *deliberate falsehood*, in denying that he had made use of certain expressions regarding an officer of the Battalion with which that officer charged him, and which expressions he afterwards admitted he had used.

Seventh.—That about three weeks since he spoke in a manner disrespectful of his superior officer, by stating in the presence of several officers of the Battalion that Lt.-Col. Taylor (referring to the Deputy A. General of Militia) had acted in the matter of the recent difficulties in the Battalion anything but the part of a gentleman.

Eighth.—That he has been guilty of falsehood and dishonesty in matters connected with the economy of the Battalion, and of uniform discourtesy to his officers, and that his conduct generally has been unbecoming that of an officer and a gentleman.

And I request that a court of enquiry may be convened for the purpose of investigating the foregoing charges.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. BENNETT,

Lieut. 7th Batt.

To Lt.-Col. Robt. Lewis, Commanding 7th Batt., V. M.

Mr. Bennett, on 25th Oct., wrote to the Minister of Militia, asking if any action was to be taken on these charges, and received the following reply:

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE, }
OTTAWA, November 15th, 1869. }

SIR,—

In reply to your letter of the 25th ult., I am directed by the Honorable the Minister of Militia and Defence, to inform you that after due enquiry he has learned that the Adjutant General of Militia, just before his inspection of the 7th Batt^y on in September last, was notified that you and several other officers of the 7th Battalion had become disaffected towards your commanding officer (Lt.-Col. Lewis), and were conducting yourselves in a manner subver-

* These names are omitted from this copy, as the parties are in no way connected with this controversy