

and Private Omand. The total score of the 15 was about five hundred and thirty points, being an increase of nearly one hundred points over the score of the first match.—Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards—five shots at each range.

The match with the 22nd Oxford Battalion is now arranged for the 30th inst., and will come off at Woodstock. Ten men from each Battalion.—Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards. The return match to be shot off at Hamilton.

An interesting match is arranged to come off on Friday the 22nd, at the Victoria Club Ranges, between ten men from Nos. 1, 2 and 6 Companies of the 13th. All these matches, of course, are fired with the Snider Rifle. The Thirteenth, I believe are open to challenges from any Volunteer Regiment in the Dominion, and certainly contains some crack shots. Private Omand, above referred to, carries the gold Battalion cross-guns.

The annual Picnic and Rifle Matches of the Battalion are shortly to come off.

SEMPER PARATUS.

FROM TORONTO.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

As the city and adjacent county battalions have finished their 16 days drill, there is not much excitement in military circles. Whatever lurking remnant of Fenianism there may be in our midst, must have been rather surprised at the immense turn out of Orangemen on the 13th. There were about 1,800 in regalia, and when fairly under way there were between three and four thousand in procession. Some of them had come in all the way from Simcoe county to exhibit their party feeling, for I can call it nothing else, and all such processions ought to be discouraged as much as possible. It is quite sufficient for national societies to observe their famous days in such a manner. It speaks well for them to have to state that everything passed off in a remarkable quiet manner, the only cases being several sun-strokes from the intensely hot weather (92° in the shade). The various unique and brilliant costumes, reminded one strongly of the "Calithumpians."

"One of the Tenth" has rather ungenerously accused some of Queen's Own of collecting for "Volunteers," and retaining the collections for the Queen's Own only. The Colonel has very properly promptly informed the public that such is not the impression either with himself or the officers of the regiment.

The Toronto Rifle Club have challenged the Victoria Club of Hamilton, who reply that they will be happy to compete with them on the Hamilton Range on the 8th August, 10 men with small bores on each side at 300, 500, 600 and 700 yards. This contest will, weather favourable, show some magnificent scores as these are the crack clubs of Ontario.

The Toronto Rowing Club have advertised

a series of races to come off next month.

The Rifle Club and others await the programme of the Dominion Tournament at Laprairie before affiliation is decided on.

The weather here for the past fortnight exceeds even the aspirations of the most ambitious after sunshine, several fatal cases of sunstroke have occurred, and at 4 p.m. to-day (Wednesday) in my desk, the thermometer is attempting 93°.

### THE "HUNTINGDON BORDERERS."

The Huntingdon *Journal* of the 3rd July, says: "The four companies of the Battalion, which underwent the drill last week, were inspected by Lt. Col. Smith, A.A.G.M., on Saturday last. The muster was good, and the men reflected greater credit on themselves and officers, not only on account of their neat and soldier-like appearance, but by the manner in which they went through the new system of drill, under Col. McEachren. After inspection Col. Smith, in addressing the men, said that he did not appear in his uniform, so he could only term this a flying visit, he had so many inspections to make in different parts of the Province. He was glad to hear of the manner in which the men had learned the new system of drill, and now to be an eye witness of the fact. He congratulated the officers and men upon their appearance, and advised them all to cherish that friendly feeling, the one towards the other, which had been the means of making the "Borderers" a superior battalion. He hoped that they would be attentive to their drill instructions, and maintain the hitherto deserved reputation of the battalion. After three hearty cheers were given for Col. Smith, he left the ground, and in the afternoon proceeded on his way to Hemmingford, for the purpose of inspecting the battalion there under command of Col. Rogers. These four companies were dismissed by Col. McEachren on Monday, and were replaced by the Athelstone, Hinchinbrook and Rockburn companies on Tuesday. Before dismissing them, Col. McEachren, in addressing them, said: 'That he considered the money which the Government had spent in their eight days drill was money well spent, as officers and men had learned a great deal of the new system of drill, that it was a source of gratification to him that no complaint had been made to him against any of the men; that he had not seen one of them the worse of liquor, and that none were put in confinement; that every man seemed more willing than another to do his duty, whether as picket, guard, or otherwise; and that the men by their conduct were a credit to themselves and to their officers. He thanked the officers and men for the good feeling which had prevailed, as also the villagers, who so kindly received them into their houses, and attended to their comforts in a substantial manner, as expressed to him by the men. After three hearty cheers for the colonel, and three more for Major Whyte, the men left for their respective homes in the same orderly manner which characterised their short stay amongst us.'

John M. Treble, a merchant of Windsor, has distinguished himself by dismissing a clerk, in consequence of the youth belonging to the volunteer.—*Montreal Gazette*.

PORT HOPE CAVALRY.—On Sunday last Lt. Col. Smart's Cavalry Troop, acting upon instructions received from Headquarters, went to Cobourg for their eight days drill. They marched out of town in fine order, and nearly in full force. They are already a very efficient corps, and this together with their late drill here, will go far towards making them one of the best troops in the Dominion. In connection with the above, we have much pleasure in announcing that two more of this Troop have passed the Cavalry School in Toronto, with the usual credit of the East Durham Troopers. Yesterday Messrs. Varcoe and Hill passed a searching examination before Col. Jenyns, of the 13th Hussars, and were awarded *extra* First Class Certificates. Colonel Smart's troop has in its ranks, we have no hesitation in saying, the most perfectly drilled Volunteer Cavalry-men in the Dominion.—*P. H. Guide*.

GRAND TRUNK BATTALION.—The *Globe* says: "We understand that arrangements have been made to place the whole of this fine battalion under instruction in gun drill. The officers are now perfecting themselves in both—infantry tactics and big gun exercise, in order to become proficient in the branch of the service for which they are specially intended—manning guns in forts, and foot artillery manoeuvres. The men, to the number of 20 from each company, are to be instructed in turns at big gun drill and other evolutions peculiar to the service; and within a limited time we expect to see them not only proficient in the ordinary movements of infantry, but in the more intricate and trying exercises with fort guns. The order requiring the men to drill has just been issued, and will be acted on immediately. The men will be instructed by a drill sergeant, under the command of James Stephenson, Esq., major commanding."

The *Kingston News* says:—"Sir John and Lady Macdonald will return to this city upon Friday next, on a short visit to Sir John's relatives. A number of his friends intend embracing the opportunity of Lady Macdonald's visit to present her with a token of their warm attachment to Sir John and esteem for herself. A magnificent piano and stool have been purchased which will be presented at the City Hall on Saturday next. It was originally intended to make the presentation at the St. George's Hall, but the committee yielding to the desire of numerous friends who considered it too small, have agreed to have the presentation made in the City Hall."

A KIND ACT.—The managers of the Young Men's Christian Association offered the free use of their rooms to the Volunteers of the 28th Battalion while in Stratford, providing them with writing materials, books, newspapers, &c. The privilege was largely availed of, and our citizen soldiers were exceedingly grateful at this act of kindness.—*Stratford Beacon*.

We believe that when the official returns of the attendance of the Volunteer Militia at the current course of annual drills are made up, the company averages will show an effective "present" strength of from 45 to 47 men. The nominal strength of the force in Ontario and Quebec is about 35,000 men, so that the above average leads to the belief that by the time the present course of drill is completed, from 27,000 to 30,000 men will have been under arms.—*Montreal Gazette*.