

I represent both the Queen and the Governor-General, and I use also the words his Highness Prince Arthur might use, that they and the people of England, as well as Canada, thank you for the manner in which you have acted. The Prince serves in the Rifle Brigade, and when it was deemed necessary to send it to the front, he was ready to go forward, but their services were not required. It may be well to state a few facts to you in support of what I have said. The President of the United States issued a proclamation, but it was of no use to you; it did not appear until it was too late, and you and your comrades at Missisquoi had to do the work yourselves. United States troops were sent to St. Albans, Malone, and I believe a few to the frontier, but they were of no use to you. They did not prevent the Fenians entering your country, and the gallantry of our Militia alone did the work. I expect the Militia of Canada to improve in drill and in confidence in each other and their officers."

General Lindsay then proceeded to instance the great advantage of being good shots from the recent events, and said he hoped to see the time when there would be a Rifle Association in every locality, particularly along the frontier, and every man be trained, whether he belonged to the Militia or not, to be a good marksman. He concluded by thanking the Home Guards, the Scouts, and all who had aided in the late encounter for their services.

The officers of the local battalions were then called to the front, when they were introduced severally to the Prince, who warmly shook hands with each. Among the Home Guards also he shook hands with Mr. Shank, Mr. Delaney, and Mr. A. P. Cunningham, and among the Scouts with Mr. Robert Hyndman and Mr. Patenaude. While the Prince was thus engaged the Montreal Volunteers left the ground, and took up their march to Donohoe's wharf, about a mile and a half west of Port Lewis, where the "Corinthian" was waiting to receive them. Owing to the delay on parade, no time was left for the men to get lunch before starting, and it was not till they got on board the "Corinthian" at half-past four o'clock, that they obtained anything to eat, and that only in very limited quantity.

Shortly after the Montreal volunteers had left, the presentation to the Borderers of the new set of colors, which had been imported from England for them, took place. After the men had been assigned their positions, and the Rev. Alexander Wallace* had offered a short prayer, Mrs. McEachern came forward, followed by a train of ladies, and handed the colors to the Prince, who in turn handed them to the Ensigns, first the Union Jack to Ensign Montgomery, and second, the Battalion colors to Ensign Wright, who dropped on their right knees as they received them. The Prince then, in a clear and distinct voice, said :—

"Colonel McEachern, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 50th Battalion,—It gives me great satisfaction to be present on

* Since killed by the fall of burning timbers at a fire.