

In the evening the firing party were all invited by Capt. Hambly to an Oyster Supper at the Anglo American. There were also present Col. Brown, M. P., and Major Bowell, M. P., of the 49th Battalion. Colonel Sutherland, Lieutenant Crowther, No. 8 Company, 3rd Battalion G. T. R. B., and Wm. Sutherland, Esq. The tables were laid in first class style, and the catering was worthy of the reputation of Mr. Palmer, who, as usual, was particularly attentive to the guests. After justice had been done to the inner man, and the cloth was removed, the Chairman, Captain Nunn, gave "The Queen," which was received with all honor.

"The Prince of Wales and Royal Family," and "The Army, Navy, and Canadian Volunteers" came next, and in response to the latter, Col. SUTHERLAND rose and said as there was a gentleman in the room in volunteer uniform with three medals on his breast, he thought it would be more appropriate had he been called upon to reply. Private BARKER, of the Grand Trunk Company, the man alluded to, then responded briefly.

The CHAIRMAN then gave "The Governor General and the New Dominion of Canada." Song, "Fine old Irish gentleman." Responded to by Major Bowell, M. P.

The next toast was "The Senate and House of Commons of Canada," replied to by Col. Brown, M. P., and Major Bowell, M. P.

The toast of the evening came next.—CAPT. NUNN, in presenting the prize to No. 1 of the 49th, said he felt proud to do it to such an honorable and gallant Comp'y. A few weeks ago he had been asked by his men if he could not get up a rifle match with some of the Companies in their own Brigade.—Finding it difficult to do so, he was asked to challenge the Belleville Rifles. He did so, and met with a prompt reply. His men said, "Well, if they beat us we will give them a hard struggle for it," and considering that in their practices they had averaged centres, he thought there would be a pretty tough fight. He was proud, however, to hand the prize over to such a Company as the one that had won it, and he had no doubt that when that ornament should grace the festive board of No. 1 Company, 49th Batt., they would point to it with pleasure. He was sure no match had taken place under such difficulties and with such little difficulties. The weather had been exceptionally severe, but everything had gone off smoothly, showing that the same spirit animated all those in the match. The duty of Volunteers was to become familiar with the weapon in their hands, and to be able to pick off their men at 400 and 500, yds, even 1,000 yards. (Cheers) It had always been a pleasure, when circumstances permitted to get his men to target practice. He hoped, and had no doubt it would happen, that this was only the commencement of a series of rifle matches. Target practice was the great thing needed, and it was not the man that could form fours, &c., who was on that account the best, it was the man that knew his weapon and could use it well. (Loud cheers.)

CAPT. HAMBLY on behalf of his Company and himself, said it was utterly impossible for him to express his feelings. He had prepared a speech, but it was in expectation of a very different result. He said Capt. Nunn had asked him some time ago if it would be convenient for him to accept a challenge for his Company, and he had said of course.—He did it with some diffidence, however, as he knew it was very inconven-

ient for his men to get together for practice some of them living considerable distance off. At all events they all came and attended, and they had worked hard for the prize. He could not find words to express the feelings he entertained towards Capt. Nunn and his men, who had come forward in the way they did and challenged a Company formed almost as many years as they were months. A few days ago he had been speaking with one of the sergeants of Capt Nunn's Company, and mentioned that perhaps it would be well to have the prize left for the winner of two out of three matches, but he was met with the reply. "No, if you win that we'll give you another to fire for in six months."

(Applause) Again referring to the courtesy he and his men had met with from the Grand Trunk Company, Capt. Hambly proposed the health of "Capt. Nunn, the Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and men of No. 7 Company, 3d Batt. G. T. R. B."

CAPT. NUNN responded, and gave "Capt. Hambly and the officers and men of No. 1 Company, 49th Battalion." Ensign Carruthers replied.

Col. BROWN proposed "The 15th Battalion, coupled with the name of Col. Sutherland" Responded to by Col. Sutherland.

Wm. SUTHERLAND, Esq., then proposed a toast to the memory of the late Major Le Vesconte which was drunk in solemn silence.

Major BOWELL begged to propose "Captain Murphy, the officers and men of No. 8 Company, 3rd Battalion G. T. R. B." Replied to by Lieut. Crowther.

"The Ladies" were toasted by Col. Sutherland.

CAPT. HAMBLY then gave "Our Host," which was well received. The proceedings then concluded by Sergeant Bland singing "God Save the Queen" and the company separated, all pleased with the evening's entertainment.—*Belleville Intelligencer*.

CANADIAN MILITARY NEWS.

SUICIDE OF A VOLUNTEER.—The *Colborne Express* says a man named Andrew Gallagher committed suicide in the village of Warkworth on Thursday, 12th Dec., by discharging the contents of a loaded Enfield rifle in his bowels. He was a member of Capt. 1 Hurlbut's company; was about 50 years of age and unmarried, a shoemaker by trade. He lived some two or three hours after committing the act of self-destruction, conversing with those in attendance upon him, but refusing to give any reason whatever for shooting himself.

BATTALION DINNER.—On the 21st ult. the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the 55th Battalion, Megantic Infantry, met at the Village of Halifax, for the purpose of dining together and inaugurating a regular mess. The chair was ably filled by Lieut. Col. Barwis, who, after full justice had been done to the good things provided, proposed the toast, "The Queen," which was drunk with the usual honors. Numerous other toasts were proposed and responded to, conspicuous among which were, "The Army, Navy and Volunteers"; "Our Guests"; "Col. Barwis"; "Major Irvine," and "Old No. 1 Company," associated with it the name of its present Captain (Parkin), &c. After dinner the tables were removed and dancing became the order of the day, and the late hour at which the assembly broke up was a substantial proof that the "Brave and Fair" had thoroughly enjoyed themselves. *Quebec Chronicle*.

VOLUNTEER FIELD BATTERY.—The usual weekly muster of the Hamilton Battery at the gun sheds, on Thursday night, was well attended. The overcoats for the men has arrived and will be issued to them on the next meeting night. They are of a better pattern than those at present worn. Capt. Smith, at the request of some of the members, will not require the members of the battery to parade on next Thursday, being the day after New Years, consequently the next meeting will be the 9th of January, when a full muster it anticipated for various reasons.—*Spectator*.

Even the New York *Tribune* is reluctantly compelled, by the force of public opinion, to give up its countenance to Fenignism. It says, "when the Fenians made their foolish attempts at insurrection in Canada and Ireland, it was impossible not to feel some respect for their patriotism and their gravity, however much we might condemn their rashness. But when they lower themselves to the blowing up of houses and sending explosive letters through the mail, they extinguish every spark of respect and sympathy which the rest of the world might feel for them. It is a poor cause which has no better weapon than the dirk of the assassin or the lantern of the incendiary. Blowing up a post-office and hurling innocent men to destruction, or introducing torpedoes into the domestic circle, is not much more honorable, to our humble thinking, than setting fire to hotels, or importing yellow fever rags."

ONE HUNDRED SHOTS PER MINUTE.—The *St. Catharines Journal* says:—"Lieut. Colonel Sydney Barnett, of the 44th Welland Batt., has recently invented a gun which will give the Fenians, should they ever attempt to molest us again, a most warm reception. During the last Fenian raid Colonel Barnett, then Captain, was detailed with his company to watch and protect the Suspension Bridge. This he thought both a difficult and dangerous task, his men being scattered at considerable distances, involving a delay of two or three hours. The thought occurred to him that a machine could be invented which would make it possible to protect the Bridge with three or four men against the assaults of hundreds. As soon as the excitement was over Col. Barnett commenced thinking and experimenting, and the result is, that in connection with Mr. Master, of Chippawa, he has succeeded in producing a machine which will fire one hundred shots per minute. The machine consists of ten barrels, all of which are loaded and discharged with one motion for each. The machine weighs about 300 lbs., and is mounted on a light gun carriage, which can be moved easily by hand. We do not feel at liberty to describe the machine more minutely at present. The gun has been tried, and has been found to be all that its inventor anticipated. We hope that it is, and more too."

England has another barbarian war in prospect. Bishop Crother, of Sierra Leone, went on a visitation up the Nile, was taken prisoner, and, in the course of effecting his release by force of arms, the Vice Consul, Mr. Felt, was killed.