

Our advance was but leisurely, as we had to make frequent halts; we were thus enabled to see a good deal of what was going forward at the other side of the Park. The cavalry brigade passed almost before we were aware of it, but we looked curiously and anxiously at the different infantry columns as they neared the royal carriage. The Honorable Artillery Company came first, marching splendidly, and, with their bearskin hats and Guards' uniform, looking so like those privileged regiments, that one could not help feeling curious to know whether a spice of jealousy existed, or whether the grenadiers held the opinion that imitation is the truest flattery. The new Six-foot Guards came next, and their already towering height was increased by helmets somewhat after the Russian pattern. It must have been these which exercised such an imposing effect on the imagination of the correspondent of a French journal, as to make him write that no one but a nobleman was admitted into that corps.

An awkward joggle on my left awakened me to the danger of suffering my eyes to wander into forbidden paths. From that moment, if my spinal marrow had been frozen, I could not have exhibited less deviation from the perpendicular. The approving voices of the spectators soon convinced us that we had passed the trying ordeal with eclat; and they burst out again with increased cordiality when we wheeled to the left by successive companies to resume our position at the other side of the Park. We had now been for a considerable period under arms; we had nearly exhausted the details of the official programme; we had not unsuccessfully discharged the functions allotted to us; and all at once the true British craving for sandwiches burst out with violence. As we had not been told to bring ammunition, the cartouche-boxes, it was held, might very pardonably contain some 'ammunition-bread.' Flasks, not of powder, made their appearance, while cartridge paper in sheets, and, spite of our sepoy experiences, greased into the bargain, soon covered the ground. Just as all but the slowest men had produced their edibles, and we were allowing ourselves ten minutes for refreshment, a horrid sound of 'Forward' fell upon our ears. Then was to be witnessed the unaccustomed sight of troops with rifles in one hand and sandwiches in the other; numbers hastily trying to stow theirs away in boxes, whose straps were flapping about in most unmilitary disorder. Several volunteers, in their eagerness to escape rebuke, thrust their lunches inside their tunics, to be recovered at a more favorable opportunity. This was at length afforded by the delay consequent on the march of other corps, numbers of whom had still to pass before the Queen. Short pipes, also, began to emerge from surreptitious hiding-places; but this was an irregularity that could be only winked at, and was indulged at some risk: one of my neighbors had his pipe jerked from between his teeth by a sudden order of 'Three paces—right close.' At the expiration of nearly two hours, the marching past had concluded; and we once more found ourselves drawn up in a line extending across the Park for about a mile, with ranks in many instances fifteen deep. A sharp ringing blast by the trumpeter to the Duke of Cambridge gave the signal for the whole line to advance some hundred yards—a movement which must have looked remarkably well from the opposite side. A royal salute by all under arms completed the programme contemplated by the Horse-guards. But the occasion was not to end thus tamely. By one of those sympathetic

impulses, vivid and irresistible as the electric current, which dart through masses assembled with a common object, the sentiments of the entire body found vent spontaneously in a cheer, expressive at once of their loyalty, devotion, and new-born spirit of self-confidence. This outburst of dormant feeling, exhibiting the strong personal affection which has been created and matured by the good government of the last twenty-three years, is said to have powerfully affected Her Majesty; and the Duke of Cambridge not only sent an aide-de-camp to stop the cheering, which was in defiance of express orders, but waved his sword to enforce the command. It was not easy, however, to quell the tumult; the cheers were again and again repeated, and caps and even rifles kept time overhead, and were whirled round and round like leaves in a tornado. On the side of the spectators, the cheering was no less enthusiastic; and the departure of Her Majesty was marked by all the characteristics of an ovation. It afforded me unmeasured gratification to learn that the French nobleman, to whom I before alluded, was profoundly impressed by the scene. I heard from a staff-officer, who stood close by his side, that, although he made the utmost efforts to preserve a calm exterior, when the cheering broke out, his color came and went repeatedly; and his face betrayed the feeling that there would be more to be done than he had bargained for, should circumstances lead to his return.

With banner, brand, and bow,
As leader seeks his deadly foe.

His Royal Highness the commander-in-chief having expressed to the officers in charge of the several brigades his admiration and astonishment at the highly creditable manner in which the various regiments had acquitted themselves, we prepared to leave the Park, which was completely deserted in an hour and a half afterwards. On the route homewards, more even than on our way to the review, I was struck with the thoroughly popular character of the volunteer movement. Everywhere we were recognized as of the people, and way was made for us, not only with good-humor, but with an evident pride in our appearance, as if the spectators felt that some portion of the credit we had earned was reflected on themselves. If the English character were not so widely different from the French, I am convinced there would have been instances of fraternization in the streets. But very slight signs of fatigue were exhibited by the volunteers; whenever temporary stoppages occurred, many were to be seen rather dancing than 'marking time' in the places where they stood, to the lively airs played by the bands.

Taken as a whole, the volunteer review of the 22nd June, 1860 must be regarded as an event which not only does honor to the spirit and patriotism of the British race, but is without a parallel in ancient or modern history. The light in which soldiering was regarded in early centuries prohibits the supposition that it would be taken up, half as a precautionary measure, by men engaged in other pursuits. In later periods, Spanish treasure and French conscription equally failed to produce an array to which the same prestige could attach. Turning from the contemplation of the past to the prospects of the future, the volunteering movement should be lauded and encouraged, for the beneficial influences that it will exercise on our English youth, and for the moral effect which it must produce on the minds of continental statesmen. Instead of those disgraceful panics which the rumours of a pos-

sible invasion periodically occasioned, England may henceforth feel confident that she is once more in a position to interfere with success abroad, and to keep her own in security at home.

MILITARY ITEMS.

John Clerk, a private in the 2nd Highlanders, was killed on the 10th by falling over the rocks at Edinburgh Castle.

Sir H. Storks has been appointed to the newly-established post of Director-General of Supplies at the War Department.

Col. Cooper, Capt. Daubeny, and Lieut. Graydon Smith, of the 7th Fusiliers, have left Brantford on a visit to Chicago, the "Queen City" of the West.

Leave of absence from the 4th proximo is granted to Quartermaster J. Williams, 4th Brigade, Royal Artillery, to proceed to England, pending retirement on half pay.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint Col. Frederic Edward Chapman, R. E., K. C. B., to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bermudas or Somers' Islands.—[London Gazette, April 8th.

It is currently stated in naval circles that Rear-Admiral Sir J. C. Dalrymple Hay declined to be made a K. C. B., simply because he was of opinion that other officers had prior claims.—[Army and Navy Gazette.

Notification having been received that a fresh description of Snider ammunition, Nos. 2 and 3, is about to be shipped to this command, the annual rifle practice will be suspended until it is received; when it will at once be issued and practice commenced.

The dog "Snob," a Crimean hero, who was present at no less than four battles during the campaign, has died at an advanced age at Chatham. The animal was of Russian breed, and was well known to all frequenters of the headquarters of the Royal Engineers, decorated as he was with a blue ribbon and medal.—[United Service Gazette.

This (Monday) is the grand field-day of all the regulars and volunteers in garrison at Toronto. The idea was first mooted by General Stisted, who will be present to inspect them. The 13th Hussars, the two batteries of Artillery Volunteer Cavalry, the Grand Trunk Battalion, 17th Regt., Queen's Own and 10th Royals will certainly be a most imposing military spectacle.

Sir Henry Havelock, A.Q.M.G. in Canada, has written a book entitled "The Three Main Military Questions of the Day," which has been very favorably commented upon by the London press. The object of the author is to point out as forcibly as possible the actual position which England occupies among nations in a military point of view; to consider how far her present resources are available in order to maintain her prestige, and to suggest the most desirable means of improving her position. The book is described as of an eminently practical character, and likely to attract more than ordinary attention; the questions raised being of the highest national importance.