

of the sword and spurs, with which you have now presented me, will ever awaken reminiscences of pleasant days spent with men, in whom the utmost confidence can be placed,—who are ever ready to do their duty—and whom it is an honor for any officer to command.

Allow me to congratulate the Company on having for its present officers gentlemen so well qualified for the position, and under whose command I have no doubt No. 1 will always sustain its reputation as one of the best Infantry Companies in the Province.

I thank you for your kind wishes for my welfare, and trust that nothing in my future life will give you cause to lessen the good opinion you have been pleased to express of me.

Yours respectfully,

M. BOWELL

Belleville, May 17th, 1867.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Volunteer Review.

Quebec, 17th May, 1867.

SIR,—In the last few numbers of the Review you have devoted a good deal of your space to the insertion of correspondence on the subject of the proposal to send some of our Canadian Volunteers to England to take part in the approaching Wimbledon contest, and I trust you will find room to insert a few remarks which I propose making *pro contra*.

In the first place, though I approve of the idea itself, I think it is too late for this year to think of choosing the men to compete from among the marksmen of the whole province, and there is not enough time for a thorough course of practice, particularly at the long ranges, without which they could not hope to compete with any chance of success. Another consideration would be the heavy expense. Suppose ten men were selected; their travelling expenses and allowance for a fortnight in England, with the greatest economy, could not be less than £50 each—say £500 sterling—exclusive of railroad fare and entrance fees, which might be put down at £10 more, in all about \$3,000, in return for which, I am afraid, we would have very little to show.

I would propose that instead of sending a few men to the Wimbledon meeting this year, an intercolonial match should be organized on a grand scale, to be held in Montreal in the month of July or August, and prizes given, which would be a sufficient inducement to bring Volunteers from all parts of the new Dominion, this would give a new impetus to rifle practice, and we would be better able to judge from the result of the match who would be the best men to select for the Wimbledon meeting of the following summer. If the District Rifle Association would take the matter up with energy, a match might be organized which would be a credit to the Province and a source of satisfaction to all concerned in it. I have no doubt arrangements might be made with the Grand Trunk Railway and the Quebec and Gulf Ports S. S. Company to carry Volunteers at reduced rates, so that a great number might be able to attend without much expense to themselves.

It would be a very desirable thing to have Canada represented at Wimbledon; but before this could be done creditably greater inducements should be offered, both by the Government and the Branch Rifle Associations to rifle practice, and if this year were devoted to that purpose, I am sure, by next year, we might get ten Canadians who would cause the English Volunteers to look pretty sharply after their laurels.

Hoping these suggestions may meet with your approval,

I am, Sir, your obed't serv't,

A VOLUNTEER.

P. S.—One of your correspondents remarks that no Canadian uniform has yet been seen at Wimbledon. I know of one instance in which he is mistaken, as a member of the Quebec Victorias, who happened to be in England in 1865, fired in the match of that year, and made some pretty good scoring.

Battalion Correspondence.

[We shall be obliged if an officer in each Battalion will give us a report, as briefly as consistent with the facts, of any events of interest which take place in his corps, and beg to tender our thanks for favors received.]

FROM GUELPH.

At the last meeting of the Wellington County Council, after the information conveyed on the formation of the Band by Lieut.-Col. Higginbotham and the Rev. W. S. Bell, the eloquent chaplain, a unanimous vote of \$300 was made towards the expenses of raising a Band for the 30th Battalion of Rifles. This grant, together with one made last year of \$4,000 for the support of families whose representatives were away at the front on and after the Fenian raid; and also a grant of \$300 in January last to every municipality in the County that would supplement a similar sum towards building a Drill Shed in each township, are faithful evidences of the loyalty and liberal spirit of the Council of Wellington, and afford every encouragement to the youth of the county to step forward and do their duty as citizens of this rising country. There is no doubt that if every municipality will respond in a similar manner to its responsibilities, but that the country may be taught how best to defend itself without in-trenching too much on the daily avocations of the people.

FROM HAMILTON.

13TH BATTALION.—Nothing of interest has occurred during the past week. There were the two usual parades on Tuesday evening and Friday afternoon.

An order has been received from the Assistant Adjutant General's Office, to the effect that no Volunteer shall receive pay for the evening's weekly drill who does not attend the afternoon parade as well. This will have a good effect, as it has been the custom for some few men to attend in the evening and not during the day. The 13th has been supplied with forage caps throughout at a cost of 51 cents per man. They are a great improvement on the shako, which will henceforth be discarded except for extraordinary occasions. Target practice was resumed on Saturday, May 18.

The following promotions have been made; To be Band-Sergeant, Robert Kilgour; to be Band-Corporals, James Kilgour and A. Grossman.

ARTILLERY.—The usual parade of the Vol. Field Battery took place on Thursday, May 18. The men were exercised in foot and in gun-drill. They are to go out for Target practice on Monday 20.

FROM WELLINGTON.

Lieut.-Col. Taylor, D. A. A. G. for the Western District, inspected the Eramosa and Erin Companies (Nos. 6 and 7), on Wednesday last, and the Whittington Company (No. 8) on the 8th inst. The attendance was extremely good, particularly when it is remembered that the men are at present in the midst of their spring work. At Eramosa there were present 42 men and 3 officers—and a finer lot of young men it would be difficult to muster. After a close inspection, the Colonel complimented the compa-

ny or their steadiness and good appearance, and remarked that where such proficiency is attained, the officers were entitled to special credit, as much depended on them. He also complimented Adjutant Armstrong on his success as drill instructor to the company, and Lieut.-Col. Higginbotham on having so creditable a company under his command. At Erin the attendance was not quite so numerous, owing to the parade having been called for 6 p.m., the hour at which the inspection commenced. About 36 men and 2 officers however were present, and passed a very satisfactory inspection. The Whittington Company was inspected nearly an hour before the time named, the muster being so large that Col. Taylor would not detain them. This Company comprises a fine stalwart lot of men, who look like work, should there be anything to be done. This first inspection of the recently raised companies of the 30th Battalion is highly satisfactory, and reflects credit on all concerned. The Hollin Company (No. 9) will be inspected in a few weeks.

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

At the banquet of the Royal Academy on Saturday last, Sir Francis Grant, the President, in proposing the toast of "The Army, Navy and Volunteers," coupled the last-named service with the name of Lord Elcho, whose untiring zeal he said had so greatly tended to maintain the efficiency of that now most important national institution. Sir Francis went on to say that as Lord Elcho was not present, perhaps some other Volunteer would respond to the toast; whereupon the Prince of Wales, who was present as a guest, promptly said, amid loud cheering, "I am a Volunteer, Sir Francis. I will return thanks for the Volunteers."

When the Duke of Cambridge and Mr. Corry had spoken for the Army and Navy respectively.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales rose and said:

"I have great pleasure in replying to the toast for the Volunteers. As honorary colonel of several Volunteer regiments, I have been connected with the movement for a considerable period. No person takes more interest in it than I do—(cheers)—and I think we must all acknowledge the zeal displayed by the Volunteers, which, so they came forward, has never, in the slightest degree, diminished. (Cheers.) I hope their services will not be required even defensively; but it is pleasing to know that their ranks are very little thinned, and that they are always ready to do their duty whenever it may be demanded of them. (Cheers.) We have seen not only our own countrymen approve the service, but we were peculiarly gratified by the notice taken of them last year by the King of the Belgians. (Cheers.) I am sure I need not add that if the Belgian Volunteers pay us a return visit this summer, we shall give them a not less cordial reception. (Cheers.) I return you, on the part of the Volunteers, our best thanks for the toast." [Loud cheers.]—[Vol. Service Gazette, May 11.]

CAPT. KING.—The health of this gallant officer, who so nobly distinguished himself at Fort Erie, at the time of the raid, while in command of the Welland Field Battery, is, we are pleased to hear, satisfactorily improving.

MILITARY.—We must express our gratification in learning that Lieut. Thomas R. Jackson, of the Bayfield Volunteer Company, has just received a first-class certificate after a very creditable examination lately held in London, C.W. Since his connection with the Clinton Volunteer Company as their instructor he has won many friends, not only from his energy and knowledge of drill but general urbanity of manner.—[Clinton New Era.]