

tested by extraordinary precautions from cock-and-bull dangers like these. What next? Why not fortify London against the street boys and rampaging capmen? All that a wise Ministry need do is to remain quiescent and watchful—not to make a mountain out of a mole-hill by exaggerating a national danger; and if the law is resolutely allowed to take its course against Fenians as it does against any other class of criminals we shall very soon hear the last of them.—*Post*.

RIFLE MATCHES.

RIFLE MATCH—No. 8 COMPANY, COLUMBUS.
—The quarterly Match of this company for the East Whitby Medal, took place at the rifle range, near Columbus, on Saturday last. The Medal was won a second time by Sergeant Wm. Hutchinson. Several small prizes presented by the officers of the company and by passed M. S. Cadet, Mr. John McKenzie, were shot for, with the following result:—

1st prize, Private Gibson Greenwell; second, Corporal Porteous; 3rd, Corporal Porteous; 4th, Pto. John Greenwell. This is the second match with Snider Rifles, and not one of the cartridges missed fire. The men are delighted with the facility for loading possessed by these and the absence of any recoil from firing.

The inspection of the Company by the Adjutant Captain Jones, takes place on the 6th February.—*Oshawa Vindicator*.

THE NEW BREECH LOADERS.

No. 9 Company of Volunteers, Rednersville, commenced their annual drill on Monday, last week. The new clothing and new breech loading rifles were served out for the first time. On Friday, the company had target practice, each man firing five rounds in succession, and each man timed. Below we give the result—the number of points made and the time in loading and firing the five rounds each, which we consider very satisfactory for the first practice.

Names.	Points.	Time.
Corpl. R. 'Ilison.....	2	1m 05s
Private R. Babcock.....	12	0 47
" A. Werden.....	9	0 45
" J. E. Crouter.....	2	1 02
" W. S. Bush.....	11	0 49
" P. E. Crouter.....	0	1 00
" R. Brickman.....	1	1 02
" W. S. Herman.....	3	0 57
" G. W. Wilson.....	10	0 59
" John Rose.....	2	0 59
" John Blake.....	12	0 51
" J. Westerfelt.....	3	0 51
" James Crouter.....	6	1 03
" Wellington Russell.....	12	1 03
Corporal Hy Black.....	7	0 56
Private William Braden.....	6	1 13
" George Bush.....	6	0 45
" H. Weese.....	11	1 01
" Elmir Mix.....	15	1 20
" S. Cotter.....	4	0 50
" William Russell.....	15	0 48
Sergeant J. Weese.....	11	0 50
Private S. Johnson.....	14	0 59
" G. B. Russell.....	14	0 49
" A. J. Rose.....	0	1 05
" George Rose.....	12	1 14
" J. Smith.....	15	1 14
" A. Alley.....	13	1 07
" John Way.....	10	0 53
" J. W. Rose.....	6	1 08
" Albert Rose.....	2	1 07
" Austin Anderson.....	14	0 40
" D. Vanwort.....	9	0 51
" D. Moon.....	0	2 00
Sergeant Babbitt.....	6	1 04

Sergeant Ashton.....	3	1 15
Captain Anderson.....	7	1 06
Lieutenant Dempsey.....	11	1 11
Ensign Anderson.....	7	0 47
Lieutenant Colonel Bog.....	6	0 34

We have not heard of any similar trial of skill yet having been made by Canadian Volunteers, and we consider no small credit due to Lieutenant-Colonel Bog, the energetic and popular Drill Instructor of the battalion, for originating the idea. What-over tends to interest and encourage our worthy Volunteers deserves to be commended, and especially is that a praiseworthy movement which not only excites a feeling of interest and generous rivalry in the minds of our citizen soldiers, but also renders them much more efficient defenders of our land. Fenian invaders will stand a poor chance of success in front of red jacketed battalions, each man of which is armed with a "Brown Bess" speaking her mind about ten times a minutes.—*New Nation*.

SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEW.

During the past six days those Companies of the 40th Battalion lying east of Cobourg, have undergone their half yearly inspection by Lt. Colonel Patterson, Brigade Major of the 3rd Division, in the following order:

No. 3, CAMPBELLFORD.

This company indeed made a very good turnout, considering that there are only about 30 names on the roll. The men, however, are sadly in want of drill, having had none worth mentioning since their return from Thorold Camp sixteen months ago. This is not as it should be, but the blame rests on the Government rather than on the Company. A force constituted as ours is ought not so long to be left to itself. Drill should occasionally at least be ordered, insisted upon, and, of course, paid for.

No. 9, WARKWORTH.

Better material than that contained in the Percy company, is not in the Province. A permanent, and really efficient Instructor has been secured for it in the person of Mr. O'Neil, of Campbellford lately Gazetted its Lieutenant—so that on that score there is nothing to complain of—Capt Hurlbut is not lacking in a desire to further the interests of his "command," is quite popular; and it is indeed surprising that his efforts and those of his active junior do not meet with a greater appreciation on the part of their men. Surely an extra effort might have been made to attend this important parade.

No. 8, CASTLETON.

The Cramahe boys mustered exceedingly well under their gallant Captain Duncan. Stalwart and hardy, this company would after a little sharp continuous drill, give a good account of any enemy, and we do trust that in future not only at inspection, but also at the ordinary weekly meetings, roll call will be responded to as fully as possible. The want of a suitable Instructor can no longer be pleaded as an excuse for absence, the company is now in the hands of our own Sergeant Cumming, than whom few second-class certificate men are so competent. Our digression will be pardoned when we say that Serg. Cumming is still quite young; but should he steadily pursue the path which he has entered upon; he will at no distant day occupy with credit a prominent position in the active militia of his native land.

On the afternoon of the inspection this Company was entertained at dinner by the Township Council, Mr. Dorland being the prime mover in the matter; and we be-

lieve that each member of the Council pledged himself to the erection of a drill shed. This is a move in the right direction and we trust that if followed up, it will be promptly seconded by the ratepayers. Do, gentlemen, show your approval of Capt. Duncan's, and his men's public spirit, by providing them with a fit room for exercise.

No. 7, COLBORNE.

For us to bestow more praise on this our Village Company than has been accorded to its neighbours might not come with a good grace—what we should say might seem exaggerated, we will therefore permit the parade state and Colonel Patterson's words suffice in this case. After the examination of arms and the execution of the few movements permitted by the limited area of the room, the Brigade Major said:—"Capt. Vars and men, I need scarcely repeat my expressions of the very high opinion which I have always entertained of you as a Volunteer Company. I have now been on an inspecting tour three weeks, and yours is the best muster I have seen during that time; in drill you are by no means second to any, your arms and accoutrements are in excellent order, and, so far as appears, there is nothing that can reasonably be desired."

To what is this favourable state of things due? We answer, in the first place, it is to the Captain's well known zeal and energy, and in the second to the company's extreme good fortune in having continually a good instructor. Lieutenant Crozier laid a good foundation while he acted as "Drill," and his work has been well followed up by Sergeant Cumming, with an occasional "sharpener" coming, from the Adjutant. Our company is a credit to the place, but what would it not be with a drill shed?

No. 4, BRIGHTON.

Captain Webb has the reputation of not only being a first-class M.S., but also a first-class officer. The opinion held of him by his seniors is deservedly high. His arms and appointments constantly in apple-pie order, his returns promptly made, in short, everything he can control of the best, it does seem a pity that his military worth should be wasted among those who *will not* in any way assist to make avail of his services. Colborne is wretchedly circumstanced as regards drill room accommodation: Brighton makes not the slightest pretension in that line; consequently, during the winter months, drilling there is entirely abandoned, the rank and file become dissatisfied and a parade of sixteen men at the half-yearly inspection is the result. How long things are to go on in this way rests with the Government to decide.

No. 6, GRAFTON.

The muster of this company was fair, taking into account its enrolled strength—about 40; but little more than this can be said. The apathy of subalterns throws a great deal of work on the captain. Nevertheless, with even this difficulty, it is believed that a decided improvement could easily be obtained. Let us hope that the drill shed just completed will at once be made proper use of; good results must speedily follow.

On the whole, the companies mentioned will, we believe, compare favourably with the district at large; but this should not be satisfactory to either officers or men: the members of the 40th, individually and collectively, should constantly aim at perfection and constantly strive to be not only A., No. 1, but far ahead of every other corps in the Dominion. Such a thing is possible; it rests with the battalion to say that it shall be probable.—*Colborne Express*.