

being freely stated that some of them, at least, had been raised to the commissioned rank since arriving at Chicago.

There arrived in this city last week a man whose name drives terror into the hearts of evil doers in Spain, and who is revered among his fellow citizens as the bravest general and most brilliant journalist of his country. General Frederico Jaques y Aguado is his name.

The general, when asked his opinion as to the armies of the world, their efficiency, drill and capacity for destruction, placed the German army first, the English second, the Spanish third, the Austrian fourth, the Italian fifth, the French sixth, the Russian seventh, the Japanese eighth, the Chinese ninth, and the American nowhere. "The Americans have no army," he said. "They don't know the first thing about how to conduct the affairs of war. I saw their exhibitions of throwing up breastworks and other fortifications; all bosh. They act like children. Their officers are simply ignorant of the first principles of war, and their men could take lessons from the Chinese in discipline. I would match 1,000 English, German or Spanish troops against 10,000 such Americans as I saw. They are not willing to learn, either. When the English military tournament men were in Chicago the Americans ridiculed them, thus displaying their ignorance."

### QUEBEC.

Large numbers of spectators on the morning of September 7th lined the lower town wharves, the terrace, and other localities where a good view of the river could be had, to witness the departure of H. M. S. Blake for sea. The stately man-of-war left port at twenty-five minutes past eleven, and while passing out the band on board played Canadian national airs.

The Admiral and officers of the Blake gave a reception on the afternoon of the 5th on board the vessel, to which the ship's boats conveyed the guests from the Queen's wharf. Dancing took place in the after portion, which was covered with flags, and no pains were spared by the officers to make the visit an exceedingly pleasant one.

L'Evenement, a newspaper that never misses an opportunity of creating bad blood between the two races in Quebec, made itself ridiculous the other night by endeavoring to make a national insult out of the action of some British sailors belonging to the Blake in pulling down a French flag that was floating in Paul street. Its article was highly sensational, and headed, in large letters, "The French Flag Insulted." It pretended that the matter would be brought to the attention of the French Consul, and appeared to think that it might concern him. L'Evenement declared that there was a great sensation here on the subject, and that the insult was resented by the French population. If this be true the incident in which the foreign flag figured excites some of our own people much more

than a studied insult to their own Canadian flag would.

The Telegraph says: The following are officers of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery:

Lt.-Col. commanding, Lt.-Col. D. T. Irwin

Kingston. "A" Battery—

Major—C W Drury.

Lt and Bt Capt—J G A Hudon.

Lt. and Bt. Capt—F M Gaudet.

Lieut—J H Burstall.

Lieut—W E Cook.

Acting-Adjutant—Lt Gaudet.

Surgeon—Surgeon Major J H L Neilson.

Veterinary Surgeon, J Massie.

Commandant—Lt-Col C E Montizambert.

"B" Battery.

Lt and Bt Capt—O C C Pelletier.

No. 1 Company.

Major and Bt Lt-Col—J F Wilson, commanding.

Lt and Bt Capt—R W Rutherford.

Lt and Bt Capt—V B Rivers.

Lt and Bt Capt—J Ogilvie.

Vacancies—One captain and lieutenant.

No. 2 Company—

Lt and Bt Capt—A A Farley, commanding.

Lt and Bt Capt—Thos Benson.

Lt and Bt Capt—J A Fages.

Vacancies—One major and one captain.

Surgeon—Surgeon-Major C C Sewell.

Quarter-Master—Capt W E Imlah.

Acting Adjutant—Lt and Bt Capt R W Rutherford.

The establishment is, for Kingston, 8 officers, 14 sergeants, 102 rank and file. Total, all ranks, 124 men and 33 horses.

For Quebec—Fifteen officers, 26 sergeants, 261 rank and file. Total of all ranks, 302 men and 12 horses.

Each officer is allowed forage for one horse, to be always available for military duties. The force at Quebec is at present about 70 below strength.

The captains of the infantry companies have been promoted to the rank of major.

The matches of the Levis Rifle Association commenced at eight o'clock on Wednesday morning, Sept. 6, at the camp of the Royal Engineers, The Hon. Mr. Tailon, patron of the association, and several other distinguished members were present. The first prizes in the three open matches were won by Messrs. I. N. Belleau, G. Beaulieu, and B. Bourassa respectively.

### HALIFAX.

The troopship Himalaya will arrive here next month with a new crew comprising 274 officers and men for H. M. S. Melpomene on the Pacific station. The men will leave here in a special C. P. R. train for Vancouver.

The military authorities have received word to the effect that two regiments will be stationed here next spring. It is

stated that the 8th King's will leave here in May, to be relieved by the two regiments.

The Magicienne was commissioned on the 29th August by Captain A. C. Clarke, who was in command of the Espiegle when that ship conveyed to England, from South America, Balmaceda's treasure. The following is a list of the officers appointed to her:

Captain—A. C. Clarke.

First Lieutenant—Arthur F. Holmes.

Lieutenants—W. S. Bowman, (N).

" Charles R. Curtis.

" T. Jackson, (G).

Staff-Paymaster—J. W. Chaster.

Staff Surgeon—George W. Bell.

Gunner—J. Cook.

Clerk—Henry E. O'Dowd.

The following appointments to vessels in the Atlantic and Pacific squadrons have been made.

Sub-Lieutenants—N. L. Stanley to the Partridge.

Sub-Lieutenants—W. F. Thorp to the Cleopatra.

Midshipmen—H. S. Curry and J. A. L. Hay to the Canada, and G. F. S. Bowls to the Tourmaline.

Naval Cadets—W. Kittlewell to the Tourmaline, and E. L. Frewen to the Cleopatra.

Surgeon—J. Sugrue, M. D. to the Buzzard.

The first camp of the Halifax Church Lads Brigade was held at McNab's Island from Monday, August 28th, to Saturday, September 2nd. Through the kindness of General Montgomery Moore, who is one of the vice-presidents of the brigade, and chairman of the executive committee for Canada, the boys were supplied with 10 tents, which were pitched at Ives Point by a squad of the "King's" men, kindly furnished by Captain Elliot. Great kindness also was shown to the brigade by Colonel Leach, R. E., Colonel Lee, and, indeed, all the military authorities. About 52 boys altogether, attended the camp, which, with the chaplain, 3 officers, the instructor, cook and bugler, made a total of 59 in camp. Each day the camp was aroused at 5 a. m. by the reveille; church parade at 7, in front of the chaplain's tent, where the boys sang a hymn; the shortened form of morning prayer was said, the boys all joining in heartily, and a two or three minutes' address was given by the chaplain. Breakfast at 7.30; inspection of tents, quarter to 9; bathing parade at 9 o'clock; physical drill, 10 to 11; dinner at 12.30; full dress parade for drill at 4.30; tea at 6.30, and lights out at 9.30. Besides these daily duties there were different fatigues, such as the ration party to go and get the rations, which were brought down by the Lily every morning at 6.30; cook's fatigue to get water, wood, and generally assist the cook; picket duty, orderly work, etc., in all of which the boys were duly instructed. Corporal Crowhurst, R. E., the drill instructor, was the life of the whole camp, not only drilling the boys, but looking after their rations, discipline, and even their amusement. Nothing could exceed