

DOMINION DAY AT BURRITTS RAPIDS AND PRESENTATION FLAGS TO THE VOLUNTEERS.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR,—Our good friends of the Volunteers of Burritys Rapids and vicinity gave a splendid picnic to Major Shepherd, Capt. Campbell, officers, non. com. officers and men of No. 3 Company, 56th Battalion, Grenville Volunteers, and also invited their old companions in arms the officers, non-com. officers and men of the Merrickville Company, 41st Battalion, Brockville, to meet and enjoy themselves together; they arrived about eleven o'clock, when Major Shepherd put them through two hour skirmishing drill, firing twenty rounds blank cartridge per man, when they returned to their drill shed. Nine tables were laid out waiting them in first rate style, and the spread was four times repeated for their friends.

With our guests was our old friend Col. H. Burritt, volunteer of 1812, Lt.-Col. Stephen Hurd, H. D. Smith, Esq., M.P., North Grenville, Henry Merrick, Esq., Warden of United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Henry McGee, Esq., Wm. Kidd, Esq., H. D. Burritt, Esq., and W. Bush, Esq., with all our friends, including Volunteers, about one thousand dined in the drill shed. After all were made comfortable the flags were presented by Mrs. Wm. Kidd, on behalf of the ladies, to Major Sheppard for Capt. Campbell, officers, non. com. officers and men of No. 3 Company, 50th Battalion, Grenville Volunteers.

Speeches were delivered by several of the above named gentlemen on the occasion; when three cheers were given for the Queen and Royal Family; three for the ladies of Burritys Rapids and vicinity; three for the gentlemen of the committee; three for the Major, and three for the Captain, when all dispersed to their homes, well satisfied with their day's pleasure.

The following is the address and reply:—

ADDRESS.

To Major Shepherd, Captain Campbell, Officers, Non-commissioned Officers and Men of No. 3 Company, 56th Battalion, Volunteer Militia, County of Grenville, Ont.

It affords us much pleasure in tendering at this late hour a sincere and hearty welcome home from the Front; although the welcome has been necessarily delayed still it is no less sincere than if it had been rendered the first evening after your arrival. When the news first arrived that hordes of ruffians were again congregating upon our frontier for the purpose of robbing and murdering the peaceful and unoffending inhabitants of our Dominion, the Burritys Rapids Company of Volunteers (although greatly scattered through the country following their legitimate callings), were ready, as on previous occasions, in an unprecedented short space of time, to march to the front, there to join their companions in arms, no less patriotic Volunteers, from other parts, for the purpose of hurling back, or what would be better still, of giving a quietus to any of the ruffianly horde who would dare to pollute our soil with their unhallowed tread. As long as our Volunteers are actuated by the

same spirit of loyalty and patriotism, as that exhibited on the present occasion, we have no fear from Fenian invasion,—apart from the fear that we might lose some of the brave fellows that are called upon to oppose them. Burritys Rapids is proud of her citizen soldiers, and as a proof that the feeling is general among all classes, we present you with two flags, a gift of the ladies of Burritys Rapids and vicinity. Knowing that this token of the fair ones to you will possess a superior value in the estimation of every member of the Company.

Major Shepherd replied as follows:—

Ladies of Burritys Rapids and Vicinity.

It affords me sincere gratification this day to receive from you those two splendid flags you have been pleased to present through me to Capt. Campbell, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of No. 3 Company, 56th Battalion, Grenville Volunteer Militia; one for use of flag staff at company drill shed, the other (a handsome Union Jack, a true emblem of the land of our nativity,) with No. 3 Company, 56th Battalion inscribed on it, to be used on such occasions as the Captain of the company may think proper at Company headquarters. I experience great difficulty in finding fitting words to respond to your kind remarks on the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the company, I had the pleasure to command on frontier service during the Fenian excitement of 1866, at Prescott, which causes me to feel no doubt or difficulty in assuring you both officers and men will always be ready to protect those flags against any foe no matter from what quarter they may approach us. And on all occasions whenever the company was inspected by officers of rank in her Majesty's service, General Lindsay the present commander-in-chief of her Majesty's forces and militia in Canada, our late Adjutant General McDougal, our present Deputy Adjutant General, Lieut. Col. Atcherly, and Brigade Major Lieut. Col. Jackson when on duty at Prescott, they have spoken with flattering prospects of their soldierlike appearance under arms and their attention to their duty. I now with confidence and pleasure hand over these flags to the safe keeping of Capt. Campbell, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of my former company, whom I am well aware will never forget the honor the ladies of Burritys Rapids and its vicinity have this day conferred on them for the performance of their duty to our beloved Queen and country. God save the Queen.

GEO. SHEPHERD, Major,
56th Batt. Grenville V. M.
Burritys Rapids, 1st July, 1870.

CHEAP WASH FOR BUILDINGS.

Take a clean, water tight cask, and put into it half a bushel of lime. Slack it by pouring over it a sufficient quantity to cover it five inches deep, and stir it briskly till thoroughly slackened. When the lime has been slackened, dissolve it in water, and add 2 lbs. sulphate of zinc and 1 lb of common salt. These will cause the wash to harden, and prevent its cracking, which gives an unseemly appearance to the work.

A beautiful cream color may be given to the wash by adding 3 lbs of yellow ochre; or a good pearl or lead color by the addition of a lump of iron black. For stone color add two pounds lamp black.—When applied to the outside of houses or fences, it is rendered more durable by adding a pint of sweet milk to a gallon of wash.—Scientific American.

We propose to devote a portion of our next and successive issues to extracts from Colonel Hamley's "Art of War," in order to bring within reach of the Canadian officer and soldier the practical lessons taught by the movements of troops, and such portions of defensive warfare as may be applicable to the movements of bodies of men and material in this country, and also to point out the proper mode of constructing field works necessary in the present state of military science, and to neutralize the advantage possessed by superior numbers with weapons of precision.

REVIEWS.

We have received the first number of the second volume of the *Canadian Illustrated News*, and congratulate the spirited and enterprising publisher on the success hitherto achieved in producing a first-class journal so beautifully and profusely illustrated, and this success is the more remarkable when it is considered what a small proportion journals of this class bear to the mass of newspaper literature in older and more wealthy countries. Canada may well feel proud of its illustrated news, and we hope the success, in a pecuniary point of view, is commensurate with what has been attained in the literary and artistic line.

The *New Dominion Monthly* has been received; it contains portraits of Asa Westover, Esq., commander of the Home Guards at Eccles Hill; Lieut. Gen. Lindsay, and the celebrated D'Israeli. It is, as usual, full of interesting matter.

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- BRIGHTON.—Capt. A. C. Webb, \$2.

A Montreal paper states that forty dead Fenians have been discovered by American farmers near Hemmingford.