

ble of supplying the world with timber for a century to come. Canada offered an extremely valuable field for emigrants such as agriculturists, artisans, and laborers. He referred to the extreme rapidity with which towns sprang up, and by means of some beautiful limelight views—60 in number—illustrated the route of the Canada Pacific Railway. A section of the Canadian people—happily a minority—were in favor of annexation to the United States, and to his mind a great mistake was made in the withdrawal of British garrisons, as these and the presence of a British gunboat in such a river as the St. Lawrence were calculated to stimulate patriotism in Canada for the mother country. Annexation to the United States, however, was certain, unless steps were taken to keep Canada in touch with these islands.

### JACK LOFTUS OF "OURS;" OR ST. VALENTIEN'S DAY.

(My friend Jack Loftus, of the — Fusiliers, having "left the Service," there is no longer any impediment to the publication of the following incident in his life, which may not be uninteresting to the votaries of that popular character.—Saint Valentine.)

"So you don't know Jack Loftus!—

Well, then, let me say,  
That the best of good comrades  
He is, in his way.  
If he draws out your fun,  
He n'er takes a man in;  
He's a capital "shot,"  
And has "no end" of "tin."  
The right sort of fellow,  
Is Jack, you must know—  
To his friend firm and fast,  
Ever fair towards a foe;  
Whilst his sly roughish glance,  
Which attracts every maid,  
Makes the regiment laugh  
When he comes on parade.

Jack had joined us at drill,  
On Saint Valentine's Day,  
With his hand full of letters,  
And laughing away:—  
"Come, I say, you 'Old Buffer,'  
"Come just look'ee here;  
"I'm in love, to the tune  
"Of nine hundred a year!"  
Well, nine hundred a year  
Is not bad, Jack, said I;  
Such an income has pleasures,  
I cannot deny—

(Shoulder Arms!)—for myself,  
To the wish I incline,  
That all "Subs." has as much  
Who go into the Line!  
"Very true, my dear fellow!—  
"You see she invites  
"Me to meet her, and then  
"She'll explain what she writes."  
(Present Arms!)—"so to-night,  
"About seven, you know,  
"To wait this adorable  
"Creature we go."

"It's most lucky, old 'chappie,'  
"That this is Leap Year,  
"When the girls may propose,  
"And have nothing to fear  
"From papas or mammas,  
"For the custom, you see"—  
"Is to pay, sir, respect  
"And obedience to me!"

"Oh, confound the old Colonel!  
"How loud he does bawl!—  
"We must go there to-night,  
"Or we can't go at all!"—  
"Mr. Loftus, I've hitherto  
"Spoken in vain;  
"Have the goodness to go  
"Through 'The Manual' again!"

When at mess in the evening,  
The wine had gone round,  
And "First Post" of Tattoo  
With our great-coats around us,

We made for the door,  
And bowled off like two shots  
From a "bang twenty-four."  
What took place at this meeting  
I do not intend  
To divulge to my sister,  
Or "intimate friend;"  
But I know, from that time  
Jack determined that life  
He could no more enjoy  
If he had not a wife!

At the barracks, one morning,  
Parade had been formed,  
And the Colonel, as usual,  
Swore, fretted, and stormed;  
When a window flew open,  
And what should he hear,  
But the laugh of the girl  
With nine hundred a year!  
"Who is that?"—roared the Colonel—  
"Who dares laugh at me?"  
"Some one laugh'd in the ranks, there—  
"Can none of you see?"—  
"Sir, that was Mrs. Loftus,"  
The Adjutant cried—  
"Oh, hang Mrs. Loftus!"  
The Colonel replied.  
"And now pray, Mr. Loftus,  
"What meaning has this?"  
"For, by Jingo, I fancy,  
"There's something amiss!"  
"Why, no—not quite exactly, sir,  
"It will appear,  
"Since the lady possesses  
"Nine hundred a year!"  
"What!—a nine hundred a year!  
"You don't say so!—bless me!  
"Why now, how very fortunate  
"You seem to be!  
"We must all drink your health, Jack,  
"And—eh, by the by,  
"For your step of promotion  
"At once I'll apply!"

Major A. ST. JOHN SEALY.

### DEATH OF COL. BARON DE ROTTENBURG.

Was beginning to sound,  
Col. Baron George de Rottenburg, C.B., Military Knight of Windsor, died somewhat unexpectedly at his residence in the Lower Ward, Windsor Castle, on Sunday morning. He was born in 1807, and entered the Army in 1825, when he joined the 81st Regiment, becoming Colonel 29 years later. He also served in the 60th Rifles and the 49th Regiment, and retired from the Army in 1861. Baron de Rottenburg was for a considerable time in Canada, acting as assistant adjutant, assistant quartermaster-general, and adjutant-general, and during the rebellion in 1837 commanded the Militia and Volunteers in several districts. He was a Commissioner for the defence of the Province, and assisted in drawing up a Militia Bill.

### THE NATIONAL RIFLE AS- SOCIATION.

On Wednesday the 34th annual report of the National Rifle Association—the fourth since the prize meeting has been held at Bisley—was issued by the council. The total receipts of the year were £22,032, and the expenditure £21,407; the difference, with a balance of £1,075 from the previous year, enabling the council to pay off £1,000 of the debt (incurred through the removal from Wimbledon). The amount of indebtedness now standing at £7,500; the total amount given in prizes, medals, pools, &c., (£11,474) was £411 more than in 1892. The experiment tried last July of increasing the number of prizes in the Queen's series to 600 by adding 200 prizes of £1 each (the last hundred being reserved for tyros) gave encouragement to young shots, 108 of the

tyros winning prizes in the general list, in addition to those taking the reserve hundred. The receipts from corps hiring ranges for ordinary practice do not show the increase for which the council had hoped; though the receipts for admission to the Bisley ground show a slight falling off.

### PRIZES FOR RIFLE COMPE- TITION.

The Military Gazette is and always has been supported principally by shooting men, whose organ it has always been, and whose interests it is always ready and eager to champion. Wishing to do something on its accord to help the riflemen, the owners of this paper have decided to offer a handsome prize for competition to any regiment or company in Canada. In doing this they are not trying to pose as philanthropists; they have a selfish object as well as the promotion of rifle shooting in view. This object is to increase the usefulness of the paper and enlarge its field by increasing its circulation. The more subscribers we have the better our paper will be.

The conditions then on which we will present these prizes are: 1st. Eight names are to be sent to us, of members of your regiment, who are not at present subscribers to our paper, and who want to receive it; 2nd. Sixteen dollars, the amount of the eight subscriptions for one year must accompany the names and these will receive the Gazette for one year.

The prize will then be forwarded, all charges prepaid, to any address in Canada, to be competed for by the regiment thus qualified, all conditions of shooting, etc., to be settled by the committee of its rifle association, and the result and full detail of the match to be forwarded for publication to this paper.

You will be astonished to find how many of your officers and shooting men, who would be much interested by our paper, and to whom it would be of much practical use, do not subscribe for it. The following is a list of the prizes from which you may make a selection:

The Roll Call, by Lady Butler, size of frame 30 by 42 inches; Quatre Bras, by Lady Butler, size of frame 30 by 42 inches; Balaclava, by Lady Butler, size of frame 30 by 42 inches; Pour La Patrie, by L. Royer, size of frame 27 by 36 inches, or the pair; Trompette de Dragon, Detaille, size of frame 22 by 28 inches; Chasseur a Cheval, de Neuville, size of frame 22 by 28 inches. The pair are beautifully colored engravings, while the other pictures are in black and white, and all are the work of Messrs. Boussod, Valadon & Cie., Paris, successors to the world renowned house of Goupil, of the Fine Art Society of England.

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