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**The Volunteer Review,**

AND MILITARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE.

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw,  
To guard the Monarch, fence the law."

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**PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND THE FENIANS.**

The struggle of parties for political power at present raging in the United States has again brought into prominence all the disreputable shifts of electioneering, and shows strangely enough the changes that have taken place in public opinion since the close of the war.

Our country is so situated and our relations with our powerful neighbor so manifold and important, that anything which agitates society south of the Lakes must necessarily affect us, and that in no light or evanescent manner; and it should be the duty of both to cultivate a friendly feeling and remove as far as possible anything which might be calculated, however remotely, to disturb amicable relations.

It is therefore with deep concern that we watch the tide of events in the United States, that we may be prepared to guard against whatever eventualities may arise.

The policy of the Americans, as they do light to be called, is of such an overbearing and all-absorbing kind that it has become a necessity on the part of Canadians to be ever on the alert, to preserve their nationality, not knowing how soon it may be threatened by the reckless and unprincipled filibusters who think, and with good reason, that the Stars and Stripes are a convenient and safe refuge and cloak for all kinds of political iniquity.

For some time past strange rumors have been afloat concerning the doings of the Fenians in the United States, and the very peculiar action taken by the President in connection with them.

The recent elections in some parts of the Union have shown how completely the tide of popular feeling is changing, but though we hail this as a healthy and gratifying sign of a return to reason and responsibility, we cannot but note how it has again made the mythical I. R. a power in the land.

We cannot accord to President Johnson any great amount of admiration either as a man or a politician, on the contrary there is something contemptible in the frantic efforts he is making to retain a power which he was never calculated to wield. At the same time we regard his opponents with that distrust and dislike which all lovers of good government must feel for extremists. The Fenian vote, which has more than once been made available, both by Congress and President, is again courted by the latter and in a way which shows not only how reckless he has become, but with what little faith he regards international law, and how regardless he is of the duties of his station.

Some time ago we were informed by a gentleman from Ogdenburgh that several car loads of arms had been sent to prominent Fenians on the American frontier, that these were arms seized by the United States Authorities in June 1866, and that they were surrendered again to the Fenians by order of the President, but we were not inclined to put much faith in the report. Circumstances, however, have lately transpired which place beyond a doubt the fact that Andrew Johnson has taken the Irish Republic under his wing, or the wing of his goose, and the ugly omen will doubtless hatch into a beautiful bird, which will bear, in all probability, a striking and peculiarly endearing likeness to its parent—the immortal Republican Eagle.

A short time ago two notorious members of the F. B. paid a visit to Washington, and upon their return to Buffalo got restored to them the arms, munitions, &c., which were seized on the occasion of the last raid on Canada. The following which we clip from an exchange is an additional proof of the President's sudden affection for the Fenians.

President Johnson finds his position to be so precarious and the opposition to him so strong, that he evidently considers it necessary to endeavor to secure the support of any man or set of men he can. He has

therefore been obliged to make another bid for Fenian support. The United States soldiers who disgraced the uniform of the American Republic by wearing it while participating in a Fenian demonstration at Buffalo, have had their sentences commuted from imprisonment to a small fine. It is to be hoped that the Fenians will appreciate this act of clemency on the part of Mr. Johnson. It will not however be calculated to improve the discipline of the American regular army, which is already sufficiently low."

In view of these circumstances, and the notable vitality of the Circles, the secrecy observable in their movements and deliberations is somewhat more consistent with action than their former bluster. They seem to have got over the "sound and fury," and are working a deeper plan.

We feel certain that Mr. Johnson will find he is playing a game of terrible hazard and one which in all probability will result in worse than discomfiture for himself and humiliation to his country. Political sin will ever entail their own punishment, and he who would use such tools as have become familiar in the history of Fenianism will only prepare for himself certain and overwhelming retribution. Regarding the ominous warning given by these events, it behooves us to be prepared in time. And this brings to recollection the memorable words of St. John Michel on his departure from Canada "Make your militia real." To do this effectually the principle must be adopted that every man owes a duty to the laws which supports him. Therefore to make the militia serviceable, it must be made compulsory upon all. It is a well known fact that at the time of the last Fenian raid, when the elite of our young men rushed to the front in the Volunteer ranks, and numbers whose families depended upon them for support obeyed the call of their country, when many whose business relations were such that their absence was seriously detrimental to the interest of the community, a host of drones and idlers remained behind whose proper place should have been in the ranks of the militia, rendering that service which is incumbent upon every man who enjoys the blessings of liberty and independence.

If President Johnson will persist in the insane course he has adopted in connection with Fenianism, it is not at all unlikely but we may have still further trouble. But this thing cannot long exist without coming to a climax, or degenerating into silliness. We know that these people are possessed by a devil sufficiently outrageous to drive them to any extreme; but we also know how we must be prepared to meet and punish all such who may invade our liberties.

**SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTION.**

Lieut. Colonel Jackson, Brigade Major, will inspect the following companies during the present week, viz: On Friday, 1st November, at Aultsville, Captain Adams, at 9.30 A.M.; at Lunenburg, Captain Wood, at 3.30 P.M.