

opinion to be obliged to resort to the worst features of sensationalism to fill its columns.

The Adjutant General has been now three years in command of the Canadian Army and whatever of discipline or organization it has attained is due to his zeal, skill and experience.

On the resignation of Major General Macdougall in 1869, Colonel Robertson Ross, commanding a Battalion in the Camp at Colchester (England) was appointed with the concurrence of the Secretary of State for War and the approval of His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief to succeed that skillful and gallant officer; his record here is marked by the unvarying success attending all the measures in which he has been engaged, and fully justifies the discernment of the high authorities by whom he was appointed virtual Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Army.

The claims of Colonel Robertson Ross for the appointment were numerous; although in the prime of life he has served in the army for twenty-four years and with one exception gained all his steps in promotion for actual service in the field, and let it be recollected that there are few officers in the British Army of which so much can be said.

The General orders of the different Generals under whom he has served bears ample testimony to his merits as a soldier, and the decorations gained in the Kaffir war at the battles of Alma and Inkermann and the siege of Sevastopol show that he has been trained in the best of all military schools viz: in the presence of the enemy in the field.

The following official record of the Military services of this distinguished soldier shows how very fortunate the Canadian Army have been by being placed under his command. Col. Patrick Robertson-Ross entered the British Army as Ensign, 7 April, 1848, attained the rank of Lt.-Col. by seniority, 3 August 1863, and was promoted full Colonel 2 June, 1870. Appt. Adj. Genl. of Militia and Colonel in the Canadian Militia, 5 May, 1869. We append a copy of his official record:—"Colonel Robertson Ross served as an Ensign in the Cape Mounted Rifles during the Kaffir war of 1850-51 (medal); was appointed to the local rank of Captain when in command of a corps of irregular cavalry called "Armstrong's Horse," in which capacity he was engaged in many successful affairs against the enemy, including the action against Seylô's Tribe, 16 April, 1851, where he had his horse killed under him; and more particularly in the combined attack on the Amatas, 28 June, 1851, where he commanded a detached body of cavalry; was six times thanked in General Orders, with twice special mention in the despatches of the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. Sir Harry Smith, G. C. B. was promoted to a lieutenantancy in the 4th King's Own Regt.; served throughout the Eastern campaign of 1854-55-56 with the 4th Regt. and on the Staff, including

the battle of Alma, affair of Bulganac, Mo Kenzie's Farm, capture of Balaklava, battle of Inkerman, siege and fall of Sevastopol; specially mentioned in the despatches of Lord Raglan for having, when in command of a detachment of the 4th Regt. in the advanced trench before Sevastopol, repulsed two attacks of the Russians on the night of the 22nd Nov., 1854; and again thanked in Lord Raglan's despatch for his conduct at the attack and occupation of the Cemetery, 18 June, 1855, on which occasion he was Aide de Camp to Lt. Genl. Sir Wm. Eyre, K. C. B. (medal with three clasps; Kaffir war medal; Brevet of Major; Knight of the Legion of Honor of France; Knight of the Order of Medjidie of Turkey, and, Turkish war medal).—

In the year 1856-57-58 Colonel Robertson-Ross served on the staff in Canada being stationed chiefly in Montreal and at Toronto, and again in 1864 and 65 during the greater portion of which he commanded the 25th Regiment.

Since his appointment as Adjutant General he has devoted himself entirely to his duties, the success attending his efforts are matters of historical record and will be remembered by a grateful country when his assailants will only be known by the evil notoriety achieved in the effort to malign him.

In the attempt to awaken an evil feeling in the minds of the members of the Volunteer Force the scribbler in the *Telegraph* endeavours to make the Adjutant General accountable for Colonel Wolsley's mistake in the distribution of the distinctions awarded for the Expedition to Fort Garry in 1870; it is well known that the Adjutant-General was not consulted, that Colonel Wolsley recommended the individuals for the decorative marks of the Sovereign's favor and in doing so with trifling exceptions ignored the Volunteer Force altogether, although it was the principal portion of the Expedition.

In addition to the falsehoods and misrepresentations, the *Telegraph* shows its zeal for the volunteers in the animus by which it is guided, by carefully ignoring the far more successful expedition of 1871 which as *Loyal Canadians* are fighting for an exclusive principle seems to be a bit of a mistake.

In reality the success of all measures connected with the Volunteer organization is so well known to the people of Canada that the *Telegraph* is compelled to manufacture canards to suit the purpose; the person abusing its editorial privilege had in view and which he dares not avow over his own signature.

We are certain the people of Canada will not thank that would-be exponent of the principles of a great party for the villainous attempt to use the military force of the country as a political engine, and to sow dissension between our brethren of the Regular Army and the Canadian Militia soldiers.

At three o'clock, p.m., on Thursday, the 11th inst., the Governor General Lord Lisgar, arrived under a salute from the Ottawa Field Battery; a guard of honor under Major Ross of the Ottawa Brigade of Garrison Artillery was drawn up at the main entrance of the Parliament Buildings; he was received by the Adjutant-General Colonel Robertson Ross and the Headquarters Staff, consisting of:

Lieut.-Colonel Powell, D.A.C., at Headquarters; Lieut.-Col. Jackson, A.D.A.C., 4th Military District; Lieut.-Col. Bernard, A.D.C.; Lieut.-Colonel Cumberland, A.D.C.; Lieut.-Colonel Macpherson, Lieut. Colonels Wiloy, Chamberlain, Brunel, Aumond, Major White, Captain Parry, Lieutenants Weatherly, and Walsh; and Captain Madden, (late of the 8th Regiment) of the Monaghan (Irish) Militia, and Surg. Major VanCortland.

His Excellency was accompanied by Col MacNeil, Military Secretary, Lieutenant Ponsonby, A.D.C., and Mr. Turville.

The Commons having been summoned to the Senate Chamber, His Excellency read the Speech from the Throne.

Referring to the thanksgiving for the recovery of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and hoping a similar ceremony would be carried out on Monday (15). The reasons for deferring the meeting of the House was given. The invasion of Manitoba alluded to the Expedition thereto duly praised, and a promise made to lay the Treaty of Washington before Parliament. The question of Immigration referred to and recommended to be dealt with generously. The necessity for commencing the building of the Pacific Railway urged. Canal extension advocated and the cheering announcement made that the revenue for the past and current year is considerably in excess of the estimates so that those works can be commenced without embarrassing the people.

The Senate Chamber was filled with the fashion of Ottawa, to hear one of the most splendid programmes ever laid down in an address from the Throne.

The many friends of Lieut.-Colonel Hewitt Bernard, A.D.C., will be pleased to learn that he has received the Spanish decoration of Isabella, he has been appointed a Knight Commander of that order, and we join in the regret of an evening contemporary that he did not receive the C.M.G. While congratulating the gallant Colonel, our duty to our Sovereign prevents an expression of something more than regret at the way the public men of Canada have been treated by the British Government in this and kindred matters.

REMITTANCES Received on Subscription to THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW up to Saturday, the 13th inst:—

INGERSOLL, Ont.—Capt. R. Y. Ellis, \$2.00.
COMPTON, Que.—Lieut. Walter Geo. Murray, \$2.00.
KINGSTON, Ont.—Lieut. J. F. Wilson, \$2.00; Col. Jarvis, D.A.C., \$2.00.
MONTREAL, Que.—Major Muir, \$2.00.
MONTREAL, Ont.—Capt. Peter Davidson, \$1.50.