

BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM SAULT STE. MARIE.

The numerous friends of Captain Joseph Wilson, of Sault Ste. Marie, (whose untiring kindness, for very many years to all around him, is so well known to every one,) felt desirous by some slight testimonial, to give expression to their warm feelings of friendship for that gentleman, and to show how fully they recognise their debt of gratitude towards him. A subscription list being opened, the requisite money was soon obtained for the purchase of a handsome and very substantial gold hunting watch and chain with a suitable inscription; and on August the 5th, many of the contributors being assembled in the Court House, Col. the Hon. John Prince, Judge of the District of Algoma, &c., presented the testimonial to Captain Wilson, and, in an eloquent address, dwelt at considerable length on Capt. Wilson's merits as one of the earliest settlers at Sault Ste. Marie, some twenty-four years ago, adding that he was an example of genuine liberality and kindness, and had been of the utmost service, in a variety of ways, to the neighborhood far and near, not least of all for his most assiduous attention to the sick during the absence of any professional man, and indeed under all circumstances. The Colonel also spoke of Captain Wilson's efficiency as a magistrate, of his hospitality, &c., complimenting him upon his loyalty and on having been the person who raised the first corps of Volunteers in the District of Algoma. At the conclusion of Colonel Prince's address, all around fully concurred in the just eulogies pronounced by him.

Captain Wilson, in reply said, Colonel Prince and Gentlemen,—“I thank you and “the absent contributors for this most unexpected testimonial; and believe me, “handsome as the present is, still, I prize it “most as being the expression of the kindly “feeling towards me of those amongst whom “I live, and that kindly feeling, you may “be assured, I do indeed value. Colonel “Prince and Gentlemen I again thank you “all most kindly.”

PETER BROWN,
Sec'y and Treas.

FROM CLINTON.

MILITARY LECTURE.—Captain Bridgewater, who has earned a wide reputation as a lecturer, visited our town last week, and on Friday evening lectured to a large audience. Our Volunteer officers and men turned out in uniform. Capt. Murray being called to the chair stated that Capt. Bridgewater had been strongly recommended to his notice by the Colonel of the Battalion, and he felt sure the lecture they were about to listen to would be very interesting and entertaining. The Lecturer (as the heat was excessive) spoke for nearly two hours, and was after loudly applauded, the volunteers paying

particular attention throughout. His remarks at the close of the lecture cannot fail to create a military enthusiasm in the force. There is an earnestness in the manner of the Lecturer peculiarly his own—he is likewise an eloquent and fluent speaker, with a fine clear voice; his sentiments are thoroughly British, and complimentary to our Military Authorities.

After the lecture the Captain was entertained by our townspeople at the Clinton House, when some twenty of our leading men sat down to a most excellent and substantial supper. The chairman proposed as the first toast “Our Guest,” coupled with a most suitable and complimentary speech. The toast was drunk with all the honors. Song, “For he's a jolly good fellow.”

Capt. Bridgewater in reply stated that as he had in his first attempts at lecturing undergone a considerable amount of buffeting he was pleased to say his lecture was now being well received, and he sincerely trusted some good would result to the volunteers of the new Dominion from his efforts. He had met with great kindness at the hands of his brother officers in many places, but in none had he received more genuine tangible proofs of appreciation than in Clinton. The Clinton men were true types of what to him was most pleasing, viz., they were thoroughly British. The Captain of the Volunteer Company was a gentleman he should ever remember with a great degree of pleasure. A most agreeable evening was spent, and the Captain leaves many a warm friend and well wisher in Clinton who will at any time accord him a hearty welcome to their town.

We hear that at Seaforth a handsome gold ring was presented to Captain Bridgewater by the officers, as a proof of the esteem and respect in which he is held by those connected with the Volunteer force.

THE NEW DOMINION.

In addition to the unequalled water highway which we possess in our great lakes and rivers, the Dominion has no less than 2437 miles of railways already opened, the construction of which cost \$133,360,409. The following table is derived from official sources:

Railways.	Miles.
Great Western	345
Grand Trunk	1377
London & Port Stanley	24½
Welland	25½
Northern	97
Port Hope, Lindsay, & Beaverton	43
Cobourg & Peterboro.	27
Port Hope & Peterboro.	14
Brockville & Ottawa	86½
Prescott & Ottawa	54
Carillon & Grenville	13
Stanstead, Shefford & Chambly	44
St. Lawrence & Industrio.	12
European & North American	108
New Brunswick & Canada	88
Windsor & Halifax	93
Total	2437½
Costing a total of	\$133,360,409
To this will soon be added the Intercolonial, the Wellington, Grey & Bruce, and other railways.	

CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,
Ottawa, 16th Aug 1st, 1867.

VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

The Commander in Chief has been pleased to accept the resignation of the post of Brigade Major of Militia by Lieut.-Colonel Masson.

The undermentioned Officers having appeared before Boards of Officers at Toronto and London, for the purpose of having their qualifications tested, have received Certificates, as follows, viz:

TORONTO.

FIRST CLASS CAVALRY.

William Walter Sutherland, Gentleman.
LONDON.

FIRST CLASS INFANTRY.

Major R. Campbell, 27th Lambton Batt. of Infantry.

“ T. Patterson, 5th Batt. G. R. Ry. Brigade.

“ T. C. Scoble, 37th Haldimand Batt. of Rifles.

Capt. C. Seager, 27th Lambton Batt. of Infantry.

Major Thos. A. McMillan, 30th Wellington Batt. of Rifles.

Sergt.-Major Smith, 5th Batt. G. T. Ry. Brigade.

Capt. Jno. Walker, 24th Kent Batt. of Infantry.

Henry Walford, Gentleman.

James H. Rielly, “

SECOND CLASS.

John F. Pritchard, Gentleman.

Capt. S. Day, 25th Elgin Batt. of Infantry.

“ Edmond Yeigh, 38th Brant do

“ Neil Matheson, 22nd Oxford Rifles.

Lieut. Richard Chambers, 24th Kent Batt. of Infantry.

The undermentioned Officers having obtained the necessary certificates of qualification are now confirmed in their respective ranks, viz:

Major Thomas Patterson, 5th Batt. G. T. Ry. Brigade.

“ Robert Campbell, 27th Lambton Batt. of Infantry.

“ Thos. A. McMillan, 30th Wellington Battalion of Rifles.

“ Thos. C. Scoble, 37th Haldimand Batt. of Rifles.

Captain Neil Matheson, 22nd Oxford Batt. of Rifles.

“ Jno. Walker, 24th Kent Batt. of Infantry.

“ Samuel Day, 25th Elgin, “

“ Edmond Yeigh, 38th Brant, “

Lieut. Rich. Chambers, 24th Kent, “

The undermentioned Officers having received Second Class Military School Certifi-