

it is not in one battle that such a struggle can be ended. Here is no unprepared foe for Prussia; no bankrupt enemy, with her hands tied by other opponents. The undivided energies of France will be given to the task of securing for herself the first place in Europe, and, if successful, it is not with the return of Saarouis and Landau that she will rest content, but we may be assured, that, in such an event she will press on to the realisation of the dream of the Gallic race, the restoration of her Rhine frontier."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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FROM MONTREAL.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

A perfect howl of indignation and fury went up from this city on Monday when the telegram was received stating that amnesty had been granted to the blood stained rebels at Red River. Such an apparent glaring failure of justice seemed incredible, and many doubted the authenticity of the report, they could not suppose that the Government, they said, would dare to go to such an extreme, and outrage the popular feeling in such a manner. However every one is glad that it was unofficial, and a fervent hope is expressed that full justice will be meted out to the murderers of poor Scott, whose worse faults were that he was loyal, outspoken, and brave. Many of the Volunteers were indignant at the proposed amnesty, and threatened to resign if it should be granted.

A further detachment comprising thirty Canadian Zouaves, is now on its return to this city, from Rome, and may be expected next week.

The Prince of Wales' Rifles passed a very creditable inspection by Col. Smith, at St. Johns, previous to breaking up their camp there. They have evidently profited by the steady course of instruction they had been subjected to, and the best proof of their earnestness in their work is shewn in the popularity of their officers, and Major Bond has every reason to be satisfied with the result of the camping out of the Battalion at St. Johns. As usual, the inhabitants of that place were attentive and kind.

With regard to the Martini Henry Rifle the reports are most favorable, now that springs of proper strength have been put into the lock. The cost of the new arm is a very little more than that of the Snider, to which it is decidedly superior. In a very few days the report will be laid before Parliament.

Two Prussian vessels are and have been at anchor in the river near Montreal for the past few days, undetermined whether to go on or not. Their discretion would seem to be the result of their very wholesome fear of French cruisers. The feeling in Montreal is decidedly French in the Continental war, and any success of the French is received with considerable satisfaction. There is

talk of raising a full regiment here to go to the aid of His Holiness the Pope, now that the French have forsaken him; but, I fear, with the decided prospect of having to fight it would take considerable time and money to get so many together.

No. 1 Troop of Cavalry under the command of Capt. Muir, with Col. Lovelace as drill instructor, are at present encamped at Selby Grange, a spot about two miles from the city. The routine and discipline of camp life on active service is strictly adhered to the whole day, with the exception of certain intervals of rest and leisure, being devoted to drill and riding. Altogether the men take their several lessons in drill instruction with thorough earnestness, and seem particularly anxious to acquire a complete mastery of it, together with the routine of camp life. The members of the Troop almost to a man have turned out, and the *esprit de corps* infused amongst them is such as I should like to see as much of in others. They are a very creditable branch of the service, and should be encouraged in every manner possible. Religious services were held in the camp on Sunday last, and a *fete champetre* was held there on Monday, concluding with a ball, in which many Volunteer officers of this city participated.

Last week the officers and men of No. 1 Company, 2nd Battalion of G. T. Rifles, presented their drill instructor, Sergeant-Major Dickson, with a handsome pocket book containing a sum of money, as an acknowledgment of his attentive performance of the duties of company instructor.

It is said that the Imperial Government is desirous of testifying its appreciation of the conduct of our Volunteers during the late raid by selecting the most meritorious officer to receive, as a distinguished mark of favor, the Order of Saints Michael and George.

I am sure that I endorse the sentiments of all the Volunteers when I say that no more fitting selection could be made for the distinction than Col. Osborne Smith, a gentleman whose connection with the Volunteer force has been of very long duration and of great value to it. His untiring efforts in all matters tending to the welfare and efficiency of the force are well known, and although perhaps his somewhat eccentricities of character and manner may have in a measure repelled friendship and intimacy on the part of many, none will admit but that he is a sterling officer and one thoroughly posted in his duty.

As an old army officer he is acquainted with military tactics and discipline and which so well fitted him for the front and exposed position he held during the recent Fenian raid. General Lindsay praised the gallant Colonel for the manner in which he had conducted the defence of the frontier and referred to his services as being valuable, thanking him in the name of the Queen and the Governor General. No man more deserves the distinction proposed; it would

be no more than Col. Smith deserves and his selection would be immensely popular among the Volunteers.

"That Sword" is on its way here at last and Col. Chamberlin must consider himself a very lucky man when he gets it, not that he does not deserve it, but it was his chance and which might just as well have been another's.

Sergt. Sims of the Victoria Rifles has handed me a small book containing the By laws and Regulations of the Victoria Volunteer Rifle Association, an association only lately formed. It is governed by a President, (Major Bethune), Vice President and six of a committee, and its object is the encouragement of rifle shooting in the Victoria Volunteer Rifles. The field regulations state that there shall be two club days in each week on which days from the hours of five to eight a.m., and from two to six p.m., members can rely on finding a marker at the butt. The object of this association is praiseworthy and will, no doubt, be the means of considerably improving the shooting of the corps and must prove a boon to many who are anxious to become more proficient in this very important branch of the service. I may have more to say about this in a future number. B.

QUEBEC PROV'L RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MONTREAL, 4th August.—On Tuesday the second annual meeting of the Quebec Rifle Association commenced. The day was very favorable for shooting, the ranges were in excellent order and everything had been done that could be to facilitate good shooting. The Executive Committee had spared neither time nor money to make the second meeting a success. The attendance of Volunteers was large, probably between 3 and 400. Firing commenced at 9 o'clock in the morning and ceased at 6 in the evening, with an hour of intermission in the middle of the day for dinner. The match was opened by Col. Dyde, firing the first shot, which scored a bull's eye. The maiden stakes with 149 entries were completed by 4 o'clock. The Snider championship competition had not concluded when the closing gun fired at 6 o'clock.

COMPETITION 1—OPENING MATCH.

Open to all members of P. R. A. of Q., whether by direct contribution, or through affiliated Associations.

1st Prize.....	\$30 00
2nd ".....	25 00
3rd ".....	20 00
4th ".....	15 00
5th ".....	10 00
15 Prizes, \$5 each.....	75 00

In all, 20 Prizes..... \$175 00

Snider Rifle, Government issue.

Range, 200 yards.

Number of rounds, seven.

Entrance, 50 cents.

Number of entries, 259.