

ROYAL GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, AUGUST 5, 1840.

Central Bank of New Brunswick.

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SAMUEL W. BABBIT, Cashier.
Discount Days.....Tuesdays and Fridays.
Director this week.....T. R. ROBERTSON.
Bills or Notes offered for discount must be left at the Bank, enclosed and directed to the Cashier before two o'clock on Mondays and Thursdays.

Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.

FREDERICTON BRANCH.
ARCHIBALD SCOTT, Cashier.
Discount Days.....Mondays and Thursdays.
Hours of business from 10 to 3.
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Discount Days.....Wednesdays, and Saturdays.
Director this week.....JAMES TAYLOR.
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F. E. BECKWITH and W. A. McLEAN.

Alms House and Work House.

Commissioner for the week commencing to-morrow.
WM. J. BEDELL.

Those alone who have experienced War, with its thousand horrors, can fully appreciate the manifold advantages we derive from living in a state of peace. How few in this happy Province—where domestic felicity alike prevails at the hearth of the busy citizen or amid the tranquil scenes of rural life—how few there are who could picture to their uncorrupted imaginations the sufferings of a people exposed to hostile invasion. Let them read the page of Southey or Napier—let them study the history of any country which has been the theatre of war, and what misery is presented to their view;—the ransacked mansion, the burning cottage, the despoiled granaries and gardens; the goods of the merchant wantonly destroyed, whole families driven before a merciless host to perish among the beasts of the forest, like a herd of deer before a pack of ravening wolves,—independent of the many acts of brutal barbarity which there will ever be found human beings base enough to commit.

It should therefore be the pride of every Briton, and of every true British Colonist, to see our splendid troops in such high order and such perfect discipline. As long as they remain so the speculator may invest his capital in public improvements, and the farmer may improve his lands, without dreading that at the loud cry of war the whole may be snatched from their possession for ever.

Amongst the different qualifications of good soldiers there is one most essential one, that of being good marksmen; and there is no regiment in Her Majesty's service in which greater trouble is taken on this most important point than in the 36th, in which an admirable system is carried on by Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell. A gold medal is contended for, we believe, either yearly or half yearly, while a silver medal is worn by the best shot in each Company.

On Thursday last the contest for the gold medal took place in this Town; the Regiment was drawn up on the Flats facing the River; the firing party, which was composed of the eighteen best shots, with three rounds of ball cartridge per man, was posted under two magnificent elm trees, whose luxuriant branches served also to shade from a sun, powerful as that of Barbadoes, its gallant Lieutenant Colonel.

The Target, upon which was humorously represented a mustachioed hero, was at the distance of 120 yards.
Much interest was excited amongst the bystanders by the second contest which took place, between Sergeant Jarmin, of the Light Company, and a very young soldier, who had each put their three balls through the centre of the target. Nerve and collectedness however carried the day, as the youth, although he appeared no tory in this branch of soldier-craft, was naturally a little agitated under the eyes of so many strangers.

The gold medal having been adjudged to Sergeant Jarmin, Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell proceeded to decorate him, as well as the winners of the silver medals, which he did in due form, tacking the ribbons to their breasts *a la Napoleon*, and addressing them on the occasion in a short but brilliant harangue, one of those impressive speeches for which he is so famous, and which never fail to take deep root in the hearts of the soldiery.

This ceremony concluded, Sergeant Jarmin and the competitors for the medal took post at the head of the Regiment, which was marched off the field.

We have now to notice another most imposing spectacle which took place on Friday morning in the Barrack square,—we allude to the decoration of a veteran Non-Commissioned Officer, the present Town Sergeant of Fredericton and late Color Sergeant in the 36th Regiment, with a medal for long, good and faithful services in the Army. The ceremony took place immediately after muster, and all the men off duty being on parade, they were drawn up forming three sides of a square, with the detachment of Royal Artillery on the right.

On a concerted signal, Sergeant Breese (who was not dressed in military uniform,) was escorted up to Lieutenant Colonel Maxwell by the Sergeant Major and six of the oldest Sergeants present, the band playing the Regimental quick step.

Upon their halting, the Lieutenant Colonel read aloud in a distinct voice a record of the

services of Sergeant Breese, who had served with the Corps in different quarters of the globe for twenty three years, with honor and credit, and he then dismounted from his horse to complete the ceremony by attaching the honorable badge to his breast; the moment he did so the Regiment presented arms by order of Major Cairnes, its oldest officer, the band playing the National Anthem. The Lieutenant Colonel then addressed the Regiment as follows, in an audible voice:—

36th Regiment! you have just witnessed the most gratifying ceremony of beholding an old Soldier rewarded, in presence of his comrades, for good and faithful services.

How delightful this part of a Commanding Officer's duty is; and I only hope, I may live long enough in command of you to have again to repeat this pleasing task to many others I now see around me. How different this is from the obligation equally binding on me, as your Commanding Officer, to punish crime, (here the Colonel getting much excited exclaimed) but I thank my God, and I feel pride and exultation in declaring, that crime does not exist in this Regiment, nor in this Garrison. (Here he turned towards the Artillery and continued.)

For although I have been for a long period its Commandant; there never has been a Non-Commissioned Officer, nor Soldier, of the Gallant Corps now standing on our right, ever brought before me, this says much for its distinguished Regiment, as well as much for its immediate Commanding Officer, to whom I return my best thanks, and whom I regret to think we are about so soon to lose. Let me however rejoice, that he and his Gallant Corps were present to witness and assist at this ceremony, for I must ever feel a deep and lively interest in Her Majesty's Royal Artillery, having had the honor of serving in it for nearly five and twenty years!! (The Gallant Colonel again turned to his Regiment, and to its Recruits, and said.) This announcement in itself makes me out a pretty old Soldier, therefore I expect the young ones will listen to me with respect and attention; and alas! most that now stand around me are comparatively young, for our long period of service in a pestilential clime, where death and disease made sad havoc amongst us, and thinned our ranks of most of our old Soldiers. I therefore now call upon the young ones and advise them to attend to their respective duties, to be subordinate and respectful to their superiors, and to avoid by every means in their power, that besetting sin, that great stumbling block of the British Army, Drunk! so that they may retire from the service with the sweet consolation of having done their duty to their Sovereign and their Country, and meet with a similar reward to that just bestowed on *now* Town Sergeant JOHN BREESE.

During this moving harangue, a few eyes were filled with tears; and we have no doubt the scene will leave a lasting impression upon the minds of every man present.
In the evening the Sergeants of the Regiment gave an entertainment in honor of Sergeant BREESE, to which the Non-Commissioned Officers of the Royal Artillery were invited, and where there was no end to toasting and speechifying.

DEPARTURE

OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

On Saturday last, about 4 P. M., His Excellency, the Right Hon. C. P. Thomson, Governor General of British North America, arrived in town on his return from his visit to Fredericton, the seat of Government of this Province. The commodious and elegant steamer "New Brunswick" was chartered expressly for the conveyance of His Excellency and Suite. His Excellency was accompanied from Fredericton by His Excellency the Lieut. Governor Sir John Harvey, and Suite; and upon their landing at Indian Town, their Excellencies rode on horseback from thence to the city, escorted by the officers of their respective suites also on horseback, and a large number of gentlemen in carriages. Their Excellencies were received by a Guard of Honor and the Band of the 69th Regt. at the top of the steps in Prince William Street, from whence they immediately went on board the ferry steamer *Victoria*, to be conveyed to the steamer *Nova Scotia*, which was lying in readiness, in the harbour, to convey His Excellency the Governor General to Windsor, en route to Halifax. The Mayor and Corporation, a number of the Military Officers, and a few other individuals, escorted their Excellencies to the "Nova Scotia." On the ferry steamer leaving the shore, the assembled multitude bid farewell to the Governor General in a hearty and unanimous shout, which His Excellency acknowledged by repeated bows; and on leaving the *Victoria* for the "Nova Scotia," His Excellency most kindly shook hands with and bid farewell to, every individual of the party escorting him; who, in return, as the two steamers were separating, greeted His Excellency with a hearty farewell "hurrah."—His Excellency expressed himself highly delighted with the enthusiastic and splendid manner in which he had been received in this Province, and especially in St. John; which, he said, not only exceeded all his expectations, but surpassed any thing he had witnessed in any of the Provinces. His Excellency was also exceedingly struck with the beauty of our magnificent River, and the striking tokens of commercial enterprise and importance, which our City so prominently displays; and from the great interest His Excellency evidently took in all our affairs, during his short stay amongst us, and his indefatigable business habits, in acquiring and recording information, we feel persuaded, that this brief visit of His Excellency, will hereafter prove eminently beneficial to our Province. The affable and courteous manners of the Governor General have left a very gratifying impression, on all who had the honor of experiencing their influence. His Excellency Sir JOHN HARVEY and Suite returned to Fredericton by the *New Brunswick*, immediately after the departure of the Governor General.—*Saint John Observer.*

The first result of the visit of His Excellency the GOVERNOR GENERAL to the shores of New Brunswick has, we understand, been made public in his engagement to forward the great object of having complete surveys made

of the various routes for a Canal to connect the waters of the St. Lawrence with those of the Bay of Fundy, His Excellency having stated to our worthy Lieutenant Governor that Canada will be ready in the Spring, by whom the survey can be begun, to grant £1000 in aid of the New Brunswick grant, towards the expense; and that he will use his influence with the other Provinces to induce them to join in this great undertaking. And also that he will do all in his power to carry out the views of the Merchants of Saint John on the subjects of rates of Postage and a daily Mail to Halifax.—These are proceedings worthy of the talents and station of His Excellency, and will deservedly add to his fame—and they are doubly gratifying by being so promptly done.—14.

Among the passengers in the packet ship *Toronto* arrived at N. York from London, were Deputy Commissary General HAWITSON, Son, and two Daughters, who arrived in this city last evening in the steamer *North America* from Boston, and will proceed in the same steamer for Windsor, this evening, on their way to Halifax.—16.

[From the Saint John Courier.]

Lieutenant Colonel MONKINS, of the 69th Regiment, who came out in the steamer *Britannia*, arrived in town on Sunday evening last, in the *Nova Scotia* from Windsor, and has since assumed the command of the Troops in this City, as Commandant of the Garrison. Major BROOKES, who has commanded the Regiment since his arrival in this Province, being about to return to the *Depot*, an opportunity was thus afforded for testifying the respect in which that distinguished Officer is held in this community. Two Addresses, expressive of public feeling on the occasion, have accordingly been prepared: the one which we subjoin was presented to the gallant Major on Tuesday last; and we feel warranted in saying, that on no similar occasions have such tributes of esteem from our citizens been more justly deserved.

ST. JOHN, N. B., July 27, 1840.

Sir,—We the Commanding Officers Field and other Officers, of the Militia of the City and County of St. John, having been informed, that it is your intention to leave this Province, in a short time, for Great Britain, avail ourselves of the opportunity to address you previously to your departure, in order that we may express the feelings of high consideration and esteem, which we unanimously entertain towards you.

The recollection of the very kind and flattering manner, in which upon all occasions, you have evinced your disposition to encourage and harmonize, and a cordial understanding between, Her Majesty's Troops, and the Militia Forces, and of the many instances in which you have afforded highly useful instruction and assistance to the Militia, cannot fail of being cherished by us, with the liveliest gratitude.

Your arrival among us with the distinguished Regiment under your command, was a time of great anxiety—when two of our sister Colonies were in open rebellion and a powerful foreign neighbour State, was bearing a threatening attitude upon our Frontier; at that time there being but one Regiment of Her Majesty's troops in the Province, and the Militia Forces of New Brunswick being in a most undisciplined state, we hailed your landing with peculiar interest and satisfaction. The threatened troubles are now happily at an end, and our fears, have in a great measure subsided, under the pleasing anticipation, that all difficulties will be satisfactorily settled, without recourse to the desperate alternative of War.

Should circumstances, however, render a resort to arms, for the honour of the Crown, and defence of our soil, necessary, we have much gratification, Sir, in declaring to you, that we shall hail with great satisfaction your return, as that of an Officer, the records of whose Country bear abundant testimony to his brave and noble bearing as a soldier; and of whom our own observation conveys unutterable feelings of the warmest regard for his private worth as a man, and his experience and ability as a Commanding Officer.

We most sincerely assure you, that in leaving New Brunswick, you will bear with you our best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity; and we shall rejoice at all times to hear of your advancement; feeling confident that our Sovereign's favours cannot be more deservedly bestowed, than in conferring a marked approval of the highly creditable and distinguished conduct of yourself, and the gallant sixty-ninth, under your command, during the time you have continued in this Garrison.

We have the honor to subscribe ourselves,

Sir,
With sentiments of the highest respect,
Your most obedient
And very humble Servants.

BENJAMIN L. PETERS, Lieut. Col. commanding Regiment of Saint John City Militia.
GEORGE ANDERSON, Lieut. Col. commanding 1st Bat. Saint John County Militia.
CHARLES WARD, Lieut. Col. commanding Rifle Battalion City Militia.
ALLEN ORTY, Lieut. Col. commanding Sea Fencibles.

ALEXANDER WEDDERBURN, Major 1st Battalion Saint John County Militia.
GEORGE D. ROBINSON, Major 1st Battalion Saint John City Militia.

And 116 Captains, Staff and Subaltern Officers, belonging to the different Corps of Militia in the City and County of Saint John.

To Major ROBERT BROOKES, commanding Her Majesty's Sixty-Ninth Regiment, Commandant of the Garrison of Saint John, &c. &c. &c.

ST. JOHN, N. B., 28th July, 1840.

LT. COLONEL PETERS AND GENTLEMEN—

I beg you to accept and to return for me to the Officers of the Militia of the City and County of Saint John, my warmest acknowledgments and heartfelt thanks for the very flattering Address which they have done me the honor through you to present to me. No language of mine could adequately convey to you the pleasurable feelings with which I receive it;—it is, indeed, a proud occasion which offers to me one of the most gratifying testimonials a Soldier can receive—the honorable test

of the approbation and esteem of a body of gentlemen, distinguished for devoted loyalty to our Sovereign, and, as I had occasion to observe, possessed of strong Military feelings; and permit me to assure you, I shall ever cherish in my remembrance this valued tribute of your kindly sentiments and good opinion.

Desirous as I have certainly been of encouraging an harmonious and cordial understanding between Her Majesty's Troops and Militia forces, and of aiding to promote their efficiency, I cannot but feel that, in your partial kindness you have overrated my humble exertions in those respects; but I will venture to express the hope that if the sphere of my utility had been commensurate with my wishes to be of service, I might have established a stronger claim to that esteem which you profess for me.

You have adverted, Gentlemen, to the period of my arrival among you, with the Regiment which I have had the honor to command, when the political horizon of this Province wore a threatening aspect, and indicated approaching troubles on your Frontier;—these have been happily averted, but had it been otherwise, and circumstances had called forth our active and combined services, I should have felt pride and confidence in acting in concert with the Militia of New Brunswick, (knowing the material they are composed of,) and entertaining the full persuasion that one feeling only would have animated us; that of vying with each other in doing our duty to our common country.

For the confidence and regard you have been pleased so handsomely to bestow on me, I feel deeply grateful; and I trust, that should occasion hereafter arise, (but God forbid it should be on your own soil,) I may justify the former, and evince to you, that I am not altogether unworthy of the latter.

It now only remains for me, Gentlemen, to offer you the sincere assurance that I fully reciprocate all your kind wishes, and in bidding you farewell, I leave with you my fervent ones for your individual welfare and happiness; and while I indulge the hope that we may again meet, I am anxious that you should believe that wherever fate or the chances of the service may hereafter call me, I shall never cease to reflect with the highest