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Personal.

The continuous criticism, by ill-informed writers, of General Sir Fred. Middleton in connection with the disappearance of Bremner's furs from the Government storehouse at Battleford, has occasioned the appearance in a number of leading dailies of a lengthy and well written letter, clearly explaining the slight extent of the General's interference in the matter, and showing from the evidence how little blameworthy he is. Unfortunately pressure on our space prohibits a reproduction of the letter. We trust it will serve the intended purpose of removing from the popular mind the mistaken impression created by mischievous newspaper reports. No one who has read the evidence can pretend for a moment that the General acted in any way dishonourably, and it is cowardly to attempt, by baseless insinuations, to cast a slur on his good name.

The *Volunteer Record* thus notices the honour conferred upon Col. Gzowski:—"An erstwhile representative of our Canadian comrades has been remembered, in the person of Sir Stanislaus Gzowski, who has been created a K.C.M.G. The new Knight served in the Russian army in his earlier days. Migrating to Canada, he entered the public service there in connection with railways. He has long taken a keen interest in the Volunteer movement, and for 15 years was president of the Dominion Rifle Association, in which capacity he has more than once taken a leading part in the gatherings on Wimbledon Common, where he will be remembered as Col. Gzowski. He has also since 1879 held the position of Aide-de-Camp to the Queen in Canada."

Lt.-Gen. R. G. A. Luard, C.B., who has been unemployed for five years, having vacated the appointment of Brigadier-General, Aldershot, on April 30, 1885, has been consequently placed on the Retired List, although with regard to age he might have remained until July 1894. Lt.-Gen. Luard has held various Staff appointments, the principal of which have been D.A.A.G., Crimea, Brigade Major at Dublin and in China, Assistant Inspector of Volunteers, Assistant Military Secretary, Nova Scotia, the command of the Militia in Canada, and the command of a brigade at Aldershot.

The *United Service Gazette* notes that "Captain H. Merritt, adjutant of the Governor-General's Body Guard, Canada, has been ordered to join the course of instruction for the Auxiliary Cavalry, commencing at Aldershot on the 2nd June." It will be remembered that Capt. Merritt sailed for England several weeks ago, in company with Lieuts. Denison and Evans, of the Infantry School Corps, whose intention it was to take a course of musketry instruction at Hythe. Lt.-Col. Geo. T. Denison, who accompanied the party, making the trip for the benefit of his health, is now on his way home.

Capt. H. E. Wise, who lately completed five years' service in Canada as aide-de-camp to General Middleton, and then rejoined his regiment in India, has received an appointment upon the staff of Lord Lansdowne, Viceroy. The preferment of this gallant young Canadian officer will be learned with pleasure by his many friends here.

Lt.-Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson, of the 13th Battalion, was defeated in Hamilton on Thursday last at the provincial general election. As he is one of the ablest members of the Ontario ministry, another seat will of course be found for him.

Sir Francis de Winton, with his aides-de-camp, Capt. Williams and Capt. E. A. Smith, and accompanied by Sir John Willoughby, has left London for Yombassa, to assume his duties as Governor of East Africa.

Regimental and Other News.

Surgeon Arthur Watters, of the 9th Battalion, Quebec, met with a serious accident whilst riding last week, and is in a very low condition.

It is not considered probable that Lieut. Stairs will visit Halifax this year, owing to the difficulty of obtaining long leave. Lieut. Stairs has been appointed Adjutant to the Engineers at Aldershot, a post hitherto not held by anyone under the rank of Major.

Patrick Walker, of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, Halifax, has been summoned at the instance of Capt. Chipman to appear before Stipendiary Griffin on two charges, viz., neglecting to attend drill on the evenings of the 13th and 16th of May last. Walker has employed counsel. Another man charged with a similar offence is to be summoned.

The *Quebec Chronicle* gives the following report of the inspection of the 9th Battalion "Voltigeurs de Quebec," on the 5th of June: The 9th Battalion underwent their annual inspection at the hands of the D. A. G., Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, on the Plains yesterday afternoon. About three o'clock the regiment marched out from the drill hall, eight companies strong. The battalion, which by the way is still steadily improving both in point of physique and in efficiency in drill, made a very favourable impression. Some thousands of persons witnessed the affair, a large proportion being ladies. The march past in quick and double time was very fine as were also the manual and firing exercises. The echelon movements left nothing to be desired. The marching was all very steady, and the field movements were next to perfect. The review wound up with a fine display of skirmishing. Colonel Duchesnay expressed himself as much pleased with all he saw, and remarked a great improvement from last year. After returning to the drill hall the men were entertained by their officers. Lt.-Col. Roy was in command of the battalion.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ESSEX FUSILIERS.

The 71st birthday of Her Majesty was appropriately celebrated in the town of Leamington on Monday, the 26th May, by an excellent programme, witnessed by between nine and ten thousand people from all parts of the county of Essex, and many from the city of Detroit.

The event of the day was the parade and sham battle of the 21st Essex Fusiliers. The regiment was under the command of Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, assisted by the following members of the staff: Capt. Fox, Adjutant; Surgeon Casgrain, Capt. Meloche, Paymaster; Capt. Reeves, Quartermaster, and Sergt. Major Leighton.

The following company officers were present: No. 1 Co., Capt. Cheyne and Lieut. Jackson; No. 2 Co., Capt. Ley and Lieut. Alderton; No. 3 Co., Capt. Jones and Lieut. Russell; No. 4 Co., Capt. Botsford; No. 5 Co., Capt. Dewsen and Lieuts. Bartlett and Ponting. The rank and file were 200 strong. The band numbered 23 men under Bandmaster A. Ruthven, who has the band in fine condition. Major Guillot, through important business, was unable to be present. The regiment looked fine on parade, and were very steady, considering the very soft state of the ground from the incessant rains of the past week or two. Frequent cheers greeted the Fusiliers as the several movements were executed.

The following programme of movements was fully carried out: The usual feu de joie and royal salute; march past in column and quarter column, and in column in double time; advance and retire in line, advance in direct echelon from the right; change direction to the left, and form line on No. 5; column to the right, and wheel in quarter column; and, in the sham battle, the attack with the usual supports and reserve. After being reformed in column on markers, the regiment deployed to the left, advanced, and fired three volleys by companies from right to left; again advanced, halted and fired five battalion volleys, fixed bayonets and charged. The enemy in a line of rifle pits were put to flight. The enemy were represented by a number of old volunteers and citizens, who kept up a continuous fusillade until routed by the bayonet. After the manoeuvres, the regiment sat down to an excel-