

FROM ST. JOHN'S, ONT.

[BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The annual match of the St. John's, or No 8 Company, 7th Battalion London Light Infantry, took place on the Company Ranges, on Monday, Sept. 28th, for a medal presented by the ladies of St. Johns, to be given to the person winning it three times. It was won the first year by Sergt. Wm. Elliot; second, Lieut. Willson; third Priv. O'Brien; fourth Ensign Wood, and this year again by Ensign Wood. The shooting was remarkably good, being altogether the highest score made at any previous match, and shows that it only requires practice to make marksmen. A number of other prizes were competed for, which were given to those making highest score. The following is a copy:—

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Capt. Elliot.....	15	7	18.....	40
Lieut. Willson.....	15	20	13.....	48
Ensign Wood.....	20	19	11.....	50
Sergeant Smith.....	19	14	14.....	47
" Wm. Elliot.....	20	10	11.....	41
Corporal Bailey.....	19	14	6.....	39
Private English.....	16	19	6.....	41
" Collins.....	12	6	16.....	34
" Lyson.....	11	8	10.....	29
" Hebblethwaite.....	17	7	14.....	38
" Knox.....	13	12	9.....	34
" Leslie.....	16	13	8.....	37
Average 39 5-6.				

VOLUNTEER EQUIPMENT.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR.—I pen these few lines on the subject of Volunteer Equipment, or rather—Garrison Artillery equipment, to which I will confine myself at present, in the hope that they may lead to further notice of the subject by the Review, and otherwise.

In the "Existing" condition of this branch of the force the term Garrison Artillery, as applied to it, would be laughable in the extreme, were not their state so deplorable. The Batteries have no guns, the men are armed with long Enfields, and have just been supplied with large 60 round pouches and crossbelts. Fancy Artillery, if you can, in this guise! The G. T. R. Artillery have the slung pouch already, and I have no doubt will receive the short Enfield or perhaps even the carbine, long before the rest of the force, even if the latter ever receive it at all.

Now, why is this? The reason doubtless is that Col. Bridges, has sufficient influence—and exerts it—to obtain the proper accoutrements—The inference is obvious—there is no one who takes sufficient interest in this arm of the service to obtain what is necessary, for if there were surely a little energy would accomplish the object. I would here add that an experienced Cavalry and Artillery Officer of the Regular Army, at the head of each of these branches respectively, would be of great benefit.

I trust that, after the first of October, a great change for the better may take place,

in the material of the Force as regards its effective strength, drill and discipline, and that in time all may be properly equipped. No one but a volunteer can thoroughly understand the effect which equipment has upon a volunteer—if Artillery have no guns, and are armed as Infantry, the "Esprit de corps" which it is so important to preserve is almost entirely lost.

My motto is "Hope on, hope ever," so I still remain a Volunteer in the expectation that time, which works wonders, may not only improve, but render as nearly perfect as possible, Canada's only reliable defence, her Militia Force—to which no one is more attached than.

ESSEX.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—The French, usually first in military improvement, have already discarded the cumbersome and unwieldy pouch, as from the reduced size of the present cartridge, a larger number than the pouch could contain may be safely and more accessibly carried about the person, in pockets attached to the tunic, made of prepared material impervious to damp, thus relieving the soldier from an unsightly and most awkwardly placed burden which impeded and retarded any continued quickness of movement on his part.

Why then does not our government introduced a similar style of equipment, adding the permanently attached bayonet. Seeing that the adoption of both will necessarily be only a question of time and tape.

The bayonet, resting in a groove along the barrel, could be advanced and returned with the same facility that the blade of a pocket knife is used. A moderate government prize would very soon produce the desired model, and would do away with the belt and scabbard, and most likely would cause more lightness without any loss of strength to the combined arm. The present bayonet being by many considered uselessly heavy in comparison with the portion of the barrel to which it is affixed

VETERAN.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITIA AND DEFENCE,

Ottawa, 1st October, 1868.

The undersigned respectfully recommends that under the authority of the 12th section of the "Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada," Canada to be divided into nine Military Districts, viz: one to comprise the Province of Nova Scotia, one to comprise the Province of New Brunswick, three in the Province of Quebec, and four in the Province of Ontario; and that they be numbered from West to East viz: the four Districts in the Province of Ontario shall be numbered from number "One" to number "Four," and shall be called and known as Military Districts numbers "One," "Two," "Three" and "Four" respectively: the three Districts in the Province of Quebec shall be numbered from number "five" to number "seven," and shall be called and known as Military

Districts numbers "five" "six" and "seven" respectively; the Province of New Brunswick shall be numbered number "eight," and shall be called and known as "Military District number eight," and the Province of Nova Scotia shall be numbered "nine," and shall be called and known as "Military District number nine," and that under the authority of the 13th section of that Act, the Territorial Divisions which shall form each of the three Military Districts of Quebec, and each of the four Military Districts of Ontario, be as follows, viz:

The Counties of Essex, Kent, Bothwell, Elgin (East and West Ridings), Oxford (North, West and East Ridings), Lambton, Huron (North and South Ridings), Perth (North and South Ridings), Waterloo (North and South Ridings), Wellington (North Centre and South Ridings), Bruce (North and South Ridings), and the City of London, shall form "Military District number one."

The Counties of Norfolk, (North and South Ridings), Brant (North and South), Haldimand, Monck, Welland, Lincoln, Wentworth, (North and South Ridings), Halton, Peel, Cardwell, Grey, (North and South Ridings), Simcoe, (North and South Ridings), York, (East, West and North Ridings), Ontario, (North and South Ridings), the Cities of Toronto and Hamilton and the Provisional Judicial District of Algoma shall form "Military District Number Two."

The Counties of Durham, (East and West Ridings), Victoria, (North and South Ridings), Peterborough, (East and West Ridings), Northumberland, (East and West Ridings), Hastings, (East, West and North Ridings), Prince Edward, Lennox, Addington and Frontenac, and the City of Kingston shall form "Military District Number Three."

The Counties of Leeds, (North and South Ridings), Grenville, (North and South Ridings), Dundas, Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott, Russell, Carleton, Lanark, (North and South Ridings), and Renfrew, (North and South Ridings), and the City of Ottawa, shall form "Military District Number Four."

The Counties of Pontiac, Ottawa, Argen-teuil, Huntington, Napierville, St. John's, Iberville, Missisquoi, Brome, Stanstead, Compton, Richmond, Drummond, Shefford, and the Town of Sherbrooke, and the parts of the City of Montreal known as Montreal West, and the Centre and Westwards and those parts of the County of Chateauguay not included in Military District Number Six, shall form "Military District Number Five."

The Counties of Two Mountains, Terrebonne, L'Assomption, Montcalm, Joliette, Berthier, Maskinonge, St. Maurice, Nicolet, Arthabaska, Wolfe, Yamaska, Bagot, Richelieu, St. Hyacinthe, Rouville, Vercheres, Chambly, Laprairie, Beauharnois, Vaudreuil, Soulanges, Laval, Hochelaga and Jacques Cartier, and the City of Three Rivers, and the parts of the City of Montreal, known as Montreal East, and the East ward, and the parts of the County of Chateauguay consisting of the parishes of Ste. Philomene, Chateauguay, Ste. Martine and St. Urbain shall form "Military District Number Six."

The Counties of Lotbiniere, Megantic, Beauce, Dorchester, Levis, Bellechasse, Montmagny, L'Islet, Kamouraska, Temiscouata, Rimouski, Bonaventure, Gaspé, Saguenay, Chicoutimi, Charlevoix, Montmorency, Quebec, Portneuf and Champlain and the City of Quebec shall form "Military District Number Seven."

(Signed), GEO. ET. CARTIER,
Minister of Militia.