

instructive value. The next week witnessed an even greater failure. An encampment at Princetown for one division, and at Merrit for another, was ordered. The latter was successful; the former camping ground on the open ridge was abandoned in favor of an enclosed patch of cultivated ground, adjacent to the convict prisons. This ground was entirely unassailable, and the first night happening to be very rainy and windy, succeeded a day on which there was a sudden fog, the evolutions were cut short. The First Division took fright, and a speedy return to the old quarters on Ringmoor was ordered. The day for this crab-like evolution was gloriously fine but it was spent in the unprofitable occupation of shifting camp. The next day, when the Merrit camp returned, was also fine. It had been planned to have a grand sham fight next day, but that turned out wet, and so the scheme collapsed; and the next day, which was cheerful and bright, was spent in drying clothes. Thus, with three or four exceptions, on no day appointed for *bona fide* manœuvring of one division against another has the programme been adhered to, and although the weather was responsible for some of the lost time, vacillation is responsible for much more. The weather has been malinged with intensity, and to Dartmoor has been attributed a chronic monopoly of rainfall and fog. The fact really is that Dartmoor has during the past fortnight been little worse off than any other part of the south west of England, and so far from being weather characteristic of the moor at this time of the year, old inhabitants fail to remember so unusual a visitation, for during August hot and bright and salubrious weather is the rule thereabouts. This fourth week has been devoted to preparations for return, but yesterday was to have seen the best arranged and profitable evolutions of the whole campaign, but when the fight was being waged at its very hottest, having been in progress less than an hour, when a grand charge of artillery, cavalry, and infantry, had swept one brigade of the enemy from a commanding eminence, and the troops had been reformed in line, preparatory to another charge which should have forced another strong position beyond, suddenly the bugle sounded "cease firing" and "bolt," and after a long delay and consultation, if not disputation between the umpires, the battle was declared to be over, and the still fresh, but disappointed troops had to return home after a forty minutes' fight, and a drawn battle was declared."

Wednesday was a day of preparation for the spectacle of the march past, which came off on *Thursday* under more favourable conditions of weather than any event during the manœuvres. On *Wednesday* evening the *Victoria and Albert* yacht, bringing the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Edinburgh, was signalled off the Land's End: so far all was propitious for the morrow.

[To be concluded in our next.]

The Gatling gun is earnestly recommended in England as the most serviceable weapon that could be used in the Ashantee war. None of these guns have been sent to Cape Coast Castle, and the military journals of England advocate their immediate use, and seriously commend the same to the attention of the authorities.

The Artillery Commission have definitively decided on the adoption of a breech-loading gun for the Austrian navy.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 26th September, 1873

GENERAL ORDERS (23).

No. 1.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

Battery of Artillery on Service in Manitoba.

To be 2nd Lieutenant :

1st Lieutenant John Weir Anderson, G.S.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

2nd Regiment of Cavalry.

No. 5 Troop, Burford.

To be Captain :

Lieutenant William Marshal, C. S., vice Bingham left limits.

To be Lieutenant :

Cornet Thomas Lloyd Jones, C. S., vice Marshal, promoted.

To be Cornet :—

Troop Sergeant, Major Charles Weir, C.S., vice Jones, promoted.

46th "East Durham" Battalion of Infantry

No. 4 Company, Millbrook.

To be Ensign provisionally :

Sergeant William Guy Hetherington, vice Wallace, promoted.

BREVET.

To be Major :

Captain Michael O'Donovan, V.B., No. 1 Company, 34th Battalion, from 12th June, 1873.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Fox River Company.

To be Lieutenant :

Joseph Smith, Gentleman, M.S., vice Narcisse Bernier, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign :

James Whalen, Gentleman, M. S., vice Charles Parent, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

73rd "Northumberland, N. B." Battalion of Infantry.

Newcastle Company.

No. 1 Company, (Newcastle) having be-

come non-effective is hereby removed from the list of Corps of the Active Militia, and the following Officers thereof are also hereby removed from the list of Officers of the Active Militia; Capt. R. Alexander Ramsay, Lieutenant Harvey Phinney and Ensign Charles Crammond.

No. 1 Buctouche.

A Company of Infantry is hereby authorized at Buctouche, in the County of Northumberland, N.B., to be No. 1 Company, 73rd Battalion, to replace the former No. 1 Company at Newcastle.

To be Captain :

William Hutchinson, Esq., M.S.

To be Lieutenant :

James Fatts, Gentleman, M.S.

To be Ensign provisionally,

Adams McLellan, Gentleman.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

2nd Halifax Brigade of Garrison Artillery

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph S. Belcher, and Major Robert Taylor, are hereby permitted to retire retaining their respective ranks.

68th "Kings County" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 2 Company, Canard.

To be Ensign provisionally from 1st September, 1873.

C. R. H. Starr, Gentleman, vice Harris, promoted.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut. Col.

Acting Adjt. General of Militia,
Canada

Sultan, and *Devastation*.—The prince and Duke of Edinburgh inspected the lighthouse and after signing their names in the visitors' book, left, and re-embarked in the royal yacht, which left Holyhead Harbour Tuesday night, (19th August), and steamed for Plymouth, where their royal highnesses landed and proceeded to Dartmoor to witness the march past of the troops engaged in the autumn manœuvres. At noon on Wednesday the ironclad squadron also weighed anchor, and steamed southward, on their way to Plymouth, the *Agincourt*, the flagship of Rear-Admiral Hornby, C.B., leading; the *Hercules*, the *Northumberland*, and the *Sultan* followed, and the rear was brought up by the *Devastation*. The whole squadron was soon lost sight of in a thick mist which came up from the southward, driving rain. A part of the squadron is under orders for the Spanish waters—*Broad Arrow*, 23rd August.

REMITTANCES Received on Subscription to THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW up to Saturday the 27th inst.

GLOUCESTER, Ont.—Capt. Robert Cummings, (to August, 1873).. \$4.00

QUEBEC.—Lt. Jas. G. Scott, (to Oct., 1873)... 1.00

INDIANTOWN, N. B.—Major Wm. Cunard (to Dec, 1873) 2.00