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GENERAL satisfaction should be experienced over the settlement of the long-pending litigation between the officers of the Sixty-fifth Battalion and Mr. E. E. Sheppard, late proprietor of the *Toronto News*. It has been the means of stirring up a great deal of ill feeling between the people of the two provinces, Mr. Sheppard's friends in Toronto looking upon his prosecution as in reality a persecution; and the friends of the Sixty-fifth ascribing causes similarly unworthy as bringing about the repeated refusals of Toronto magistrates to give the necessary endorsement to Montreal warrants for Sheppard's arrest. Matters had at last reached such a state that Sheppard had either to surrender himself, or leave the country, and choosing to follow the former course he proceeded to Montreal and gave himself up to the prosecutors. To their credit be it said, they have taken no unworthy advantage of him, but upon his making a public apology and consenting to pay the costs to date the officers of the Sixty-fifth have agreed to abandon any further prosecution. The bill of costs to be paid amounts to about \$2,500, but this is only a small portion of Sheppard's loss in connection with the affair, as according to his statement in Montreal the trouble, worry and expense since the institution of the proceedings have broken down his health and cost him his newspaper property. The articles which have since been admitted to be libellous were published in connection with the departure of the Sixty-fifth Battalion to aid in the suppression of the Northwest Rebellion, in 1885.

IN Quebec city the disturbances over the parades of the Salvation Army are becoming so serious as to make it likely that the military will have to be called out to aid the civil power in the maintenance of peace. The Salvation Army certainly makes itself a bit of a nuisance, but on the other hand it accomplishes no small amount of good amongst a class of the population whom many other and more pretentious salvation organizations are too "respectable" to reach. But the offences of the Army are not such as call for the application of mob law. If they have no legal right to parade the streets as they have been doing, then they can be held accountable before the courts. If they have legal right, then it behooves the authorities, civil and military, to see that they are not molested in the exercise of that right, and to have severely punished those persons who put the community to the expense and trouble of resorting to force for the preservation of the public peace.

"LINCH-PIN," our entertaining Toronto correspondent, makes a formidable arraignment of the new edition of the Regulations and Orders for the Militia. Many of the faulty passages quoted have, without doubt, been inadvertently allowed to remain in the book, and as we suppose they will be speedily corrected now that the defects have been indicated, it seems unfortunate that the discovery has been made immediately after the distribution of a new edition. And if this exposure serve the purpose of having another issue in less than four years, *Linch-pin* will be entitled to the thanks of all those members of the force who are ambitious to keep posted concerning the contents of the R. & O. A revised edition ought to be issued at least once a year. The edition of 1883, just superseded, had long been useless or worse, for the changes in the past four years had been so many that no ordinary individual could tell which parts were and which were not still in force, or unaltered, until the edition of 1887 appeared a few weeks ago. But the impetus which the new issue has given to the study of the Regulations has attracted attention to defects much more serious than errors of compilation. One of these, for instance, is the section governing pensions, with which our correspondent dealt last week, and which it is to be hoped will ere long be amended so as to be more just to all concerned.

A TABULAR summary of the scores of the Ottawa Rifle Club's spoon competitions for the season of 1887 appears in this issue. We publish this list—as we would that of any other club whose secretary would go to the trouble to prepare it—because the members are all anxious to have such a summary of the season's work. Now, it is not likely that they are constituted differently to the members of leading rifle associations in other places, and we have no doubt these would also like to have a similar statement of their meets published. To all such we would say, that we will be delighted to receive from their secretary a summary such as that which the secretary of the Ottawa Club has been kind enough to supply.

THE Behring's Sea dispute is thus referred to in a recent issue of the *U. S. Army and Navy Journal*: "It is the revival of a controversy which originated in 1821 over an ukase issued by the Emperor Alexander, prohibiting foreign vessels from approaching within less than one hundred Italian miles of Behring's sea, over which Russia then claimed exclusive jurisdiction. We have fallen heir to the claim on the part of Russia, which we then disputed, and which was discussed through the newspapers as well as by the diplomatic corps, the *Baltimore Chronicle* of May 10, 1823, declaring that:—

Old Neptune one morning was seen on the rocks,
Shedding tears by the pailful and tearing his locks;
He cried, a *Land Lubber* has stolen, on this day,
Full four thousand miles of my ocean away;
He swallows the *earth* (he exclaims with emotion),
And then to quench appetite, *slap* goes the ocean.

We acquired by a treaty which expired in 1834, the temporary right to fish and trade in the bays, creeks, harbours, etc., of Behring's sea, but the controversy as to its control was still alive when the Northwestern