

will not fail to do likewise. May her brave sons come ever forward and win fresh laurels. May the Old Countree re-echo with the shout of bravissimo to the loyal land of the Maple Leaf in 1896 as she has so gladly and proudly done in the year of '95. I am, sir,

Yours, etc., etc.,

UNION JACK.

It Speaks for Itself.

We cannot resist the temptation of reproducing a letter received from one of our subscribers, a colonel of one of the leading western battalions. It speaks for itself.

—, Sept., 1895.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

Please find inclosed \$2.00 P.O.O. to pay my year's subscription to your excellent paper, which I always receive with pleasure, and must congratulate you on the very excellent criticism contained therein. I feel that you are doing a good work for the Force, and trust you will continue to hammer away at the authorities till they come to appreciate the proper standing of the militia, as truthfully depicted by you.

Yours faithfully,

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The New Sword Exercise.

It is astonishing how few officers in Canada hitherto have paid any attention to the study of swordsmanship. The New Sword Exercise, just to hand, gives a very clear idea of the best principles of swordsmanship, and while its study will offer a most pleasant recreation for a winter's evening, we cannot do better, to illustrate the importance which the English military authorities lay on the necessity of officers acquiring a good knowledge of the use of the sword, than to reprint the preface by which Adjt.-Genl. Sir Redvers Buller introduces the work to the imperial forces:

"His Royal Highness, the commander-in-chief, having approved of the revised edition of 'The Infantry Sword Exercise,' directs its use in Her Majesty's service. The system of swordsmanship is that of Il Cavaliere Ferdinando Masiello, of Florence, and the following pages contain the essence of his teaching. The illustrations are designed to show not only the position of the body, but the action of the muscles and joints in the various exercises. In promulgating this edition His Royal Highness desires to impress upon all armed with the sword that it is their duty to acquire facility and skill in the use of that weapon. General and other officers commanding are held responsible that all so armed take steps to render themselves efficient as possible.

By command,

REDVERS BULLER, A.G.

This work can be obtained from T. C. Elliott, 430 Craig St., Montreal. Price 40c, post free.

Pte. Hayhurst, G. M., of the 13th Batt., Hamilton, winner of the Queen's prize, has received from Lord Dufferin an engraved silver medal, in recognition of his skill as a marksman. A letter of congratulation accompanied the medal.

News of the Service.

NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute to this department all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as not enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate, forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades. Address,

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Halifax N. S.

On Sunday 1st inst., the H. G. A. and the 66th G. L. F. held their annual church parade which was attended by 300 of the H. G. A. and about the same number of the 66th. The Protestants went to St. Georges, and the Roman Catholics to St. Patricks church where special services and sermons were kindly given by the pastors in charge. Both corps looked remarkably clean and smart, and their steadiness was favourably commented on by the large number of spectators, both military and civil, who were present. The infantry are taking it easy just now, but the artillery are pegging away for all they are worth, they are to be seen five evenings each week at gun drill all "as busy as nailers."

The 66th battalion, Princess Louise fusiliers, held their annual target practice on Bedford range on the 29th ult., and everything passed off most successfully. The shooting was good, and the men turned out very strong, there being nearly four hundred competitors for the prizes. This is the largest number that has ever been on the range in the battalion's history.

Besides the large number of men on the range, there were also many women and children, the wives and families of the men, who always accompany them and have a good day's outing.

The team from Capt. Chipman's company E. won the silver bugle and \$10, with a score of 616 points, and Capt. Davidson's company came next with 597 points in the company team competition. Private H. Boyce, of H company, won the general competition, with 69 points out of a possible 80.

The scores in the general competition are as follows:

GENERAL COMPETITION.

Prize.	Points.
\$8—Pte H Boyce, H Co.	69
7—Sgt Brown, B Co.	69
6—Bds Caldwell.....	69
5—Pte Hartland, A Co.	69
5—Pte G Rolfe, E Co.	68
5—Bds Kingswood.....	66
4—Pte Elliott, G Co.	66
4—Bds Coupe.....	66
4—Pte Mudge, G Co.	66
3—Corp Gabriel, B Co.	65
3—Pte Edmonds, H Co.	65
3—Sgt Hart, E Co.	65
3—Pte Lambe, E Co.	65
3—Pte J Smith, E Co.	64
2.50—Pte S Rutherford, E Co.	64
2.50—Corp Fitzgerald, D Co.	64
2.50—Pte Harvey, G Co.	64
2.50—Col Sgt Malcolm, B Co.	64
2.50—Lc Corp Wooley, C Co.	63

2—Corp Leahy, E Co.	63
2—Sgt Ridgeway, A Co.	63
2—Pte W Killen, D Co.	63
2—Sgt Graves, E Co.	63
2—Pte W McKinlay, E Co.	63
1.50—Sgt P McAvoy, E Co.	63
1.50—Corp Shefter, E Co.	63
1.50—Pte Evans, G Co.	63
1.50—Sgt Marsden, A Co.	63
1.50—Pte Johnson, B Co.	62
1.50—Pte Coltman, H Co.	62
1.50—Corp Howard, D Co.	62
1.50—Drummer Bliss.....	62
1.50—Pte Johnson, H Co.	62
1.50—Pte Fox, H Co.	62
1—Sgt Branch, G Co.	62
1—Corp Power, E Co.	61
1—Bds Meade.....	61
1—Sgt Williams, A Co.	61
1—Corp Asprey, H Co.	61
1—Corp H McGormack, E Co.	60
1—Pte Roberts, H Co.	60
1—Col Sgt McDowell, G Co.	60
1—Sgt Lowrie, G Co.	59
1—Pte Cox, E Co.	59
1—Bds Horton.....	59
1—Pte Bennison, E Co.	58
1—Pte Harrigan, E Co.	58
1—Bds House.....	58
1—Pte Taft, G Co.	58
1—Corp Adams, G Co.	57
1—Sgt Latter, H Co.	57
1—Pte Vincent, B Co.	57
1—Pte Cooley, G Co.	57
1—Pte Coles, F Co.	57
1—Pte S Hiltz, C Co.	57
1—Sgt Dean, A Co.	56
1—Pte Simpson, C Co.	56
1—Pte Wilson, H Co.	56
1—Sgt Harrison, H Co.	55
1—Pte Wagstaff, E Co.	55
1—Pte Fader, A Co.	55
1—Pte White, E Co.	55
1—Pte Newell, B Co.	55
1—Bds Doyle, B Co.	55
1—Pte Toole, H Co.	55
1—Bds Covey, B Co.	54
1—Pte Whiteway, C Co.	54
1—Pte Ogilvie, H Co.	53
1—Pvt Burgess, G Co.	54
1—Lc Corp B Co.	54
1—Sgt Payne, F Co.	53
1—Bds Rogers, B Co.	53
1—Corp Thompson, B Co.	52
1—Sgt McLennan, E Co.	52
1—Pte Kinsman, E Co.	52
1—Sgt J Ryder.....	52
1—Bds Taylor, B Co.	52
1—Pte Andrews, G Co.	51
1—Pte J Safford, G Co.	51
1—Bds J Kay, B Co.	51
1—Pte T Rowe, E Co.	51
1—Sgt R Tobey, G Co.	51
1—Drum Major D Taaffe.....	51
1—Pte Newell, C Co.	50

GRAVEL CRUSHER.

St. Johns, P.Q.

—Last year Surgeon Major Campbell, of Montreal, presented Private Etienne, of the R.R.C.I., St. Johns, with a handsome silver cup on which was the following inscription: "Presented by Surgeon Major Campbell to Private Louis Etienne, Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry Cricket Club for the highest number of runs, season of 1893." On Saturday last Surgeon Major Campbell gave Mr. Etienne choice of another silver cup (similar to that of last year) or a silver cricket stand and he chose the latter. This present was for average number of runs made this season. Mr. Etienne is one of the best cricket players of the Standard Drain Pipe Co. club and naturally is highly pleased with the handsome presents which he has earned.

—Sergeant Cotton of the Military School received from the Garrison Cricket Club a cricket ball for the best average bowling for years 1892, 1893 and 1894, three years in succession.—St. Johns News.