

**SMOKE
SEAL OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Plug Cut

MARBURG BROS. The American Tobacco Co. successor.

BALTIMORE, U.S.A.

The American Tobacco Company of Canada, Ltd., Montreal, manufacturers.

10c. per package



THE CANADIAN

**SMOKE
OLD GOLD**

Plug Cut

W. S. KIMBALL & CO.

The American Tobacco Co. successor
The American Tobacco Co. of Canada,
Ltd., Montreal, manufacturers.

10c. per package

MILITARY GAZETTE

SUCCESSOR TO THE CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE

Vol. XI. No. 23.

MONTREAL AND TORONTO, DECEMBER 1, 1896.

Subscription \$2.00 yearly.
Single copies 10 cents.

NEWS OF THE SERVICE.

Our readers are requested to contribute promptly to this department all important items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice.

Commanding officers and adjutants should see that full particulars are promptly sent of anything out of the ordinary that may be done in connection with their corps. All members of the force are invited to express their opinion on subjects under discussion or to make suggestions that may improve the efficiency of the service. If news items are not inserted—and this may frequently happen—it will be because other and perhaps more important matter has come in ahead of it, or the news may be stale. Lack of space usually prevents the publication of full scores at other than the larger matches.

Opinions expressed in correspondence are not necessarily the views of THE GAZETTE—in fact we often materially differ from our correspondents.

Address,
THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE,
Montreal.

MEETING THE MINISTER.

QUEBEC, Nov. 23.—The most important event here has been the meeting on Saturday last between Hon. Dr. Borden and Col. Panet and a number of officers of the garrison, including Lieut.-Col. Geo. Rolt White, Majors G. E. A. Jones and J. S. Dunbar, Capts. W. J. Ray, W. C. H. Wood, H. J. Lamb and W. H. Davidson, and Lieuts. E. R. Hale, R. J. Davidson, J. J. Sharples and A. E. Swift, of the 8th Royal Rifles; Lieut.-Col. T. A. H. Roy and Maj. L. F. Pinault, of the 9th Batt.; Maj. L. A. Hudon, Quebec G.A.; Lieut.-Col. L. G. Desjardins, 17th Batt.; Maj. L. N. Laurin and Capts. F. A. O'Farrell and O. de L. Panet, of the 87th Batt.; Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R.O., and others. The meeting was held in consequence of the invitation which Dr. Borden issued on the occasion of the recent garrison dinner.

THE first matter which came up was that of the brevet promotions; a full account of the discussion appears in another column. Having disposed of this question for the time being, other matters were taken up, such as the improvements required in the drill hall, being proper paving, more accommodation for officers and men, and the removal of some of the guns which at present occupy the space required to efficiently drill the infantry.

THE rifle ranges at St. Joseph de Levis were gone into, and it was pointed out that with an extreme range of but 600 yards shooting men in this district did not have a fair opportunity of competing with others who had the advantage of ranges up to 1,000 yards or more. Having two members of the Bisley Team in the 8th Battalion, it was desirable that the range should be increased with as little delay as possible.

THE camping ground also came in for discussion. In this respect it was pointed out that in the middle of the parade ground there is a very large hole, which necessitates the dividing of a brigade camp into two parts, as well as removing the chances of having a large piece of ground for parade purposes. Another

matter of much importance to those officers who cannot attend the School of Instruction at St. John's, was that of the institution of a school during the winter months in this city, the same as that in force last year.

THE Minister promised to consider all matters submitted to him, and from his remarks it is assumed that the school will be a matter of fact in the near future. With a permanent unit in Quebec no difficulty will be experienced in carrying this out as successfully as it was done last year. The meeting lasted for over an hour, and all present expressed themselves as much pleased with the results. This opportunity of meeting the officers and going into matters of importance to the force cannot be overlooked, and permits of the expression of views which could not otherwise be communicated, that is, if the ordinary channel of communication were followed.

YOUR Toronto correspondent has touched upon the equipment of the force. This is a most important subject and should be taken in hand at all points. We are very deficient in this respect, and as for this city, the two rifle battalions are unable to produce one equipment, and as for the rural corps, the sooner the ancient equipment is done away with the better.

THE Government, at the late session of Parliament, promised to consider this very important question, which they will doubtless do in the near future. Matters should be taken in hand in time to permit of a decision being arrived at in time to provide the equipment for the spring camps. The Lewis equipment, as illustrated in THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE, appears to meet with favor on all hands, from its general appearance, and those who have seen the same are loud in their praise of its being most thorough and up-to-date.

LARGE quantities of military stores have recently reached here from England and were transferred to the C.P.R. to be forwarded to Toronto and Kingston, consisting of Lee-Enfield rifles and .303 ammunition. Throughout the summer the Military Stores Department have been kept busy handling material of various kinds, and which was well looked after under the superintendence of Lieut.-Col. W. H. Forrest, district paymaster and superintendent of stores.

ON the 13th inst. the whole of the works and guns in the Citadel were manned, and the exercises gone through proved very interesting. The two garrison companies were under the command of Majors Farley and Rutherford. Depression range finders were used to ascertain the range. The two officers mentioned acted as battery commanders, the group commanders being represented by Majors Rivers, Fages and Benson, and Captains H. A. Panet and J. H. C. Ogilvy. Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montizambert was in command of the force as fire commander. The general idea was an attack upon