

A correspondent writes from Halifax: "Amongst the many amusing incidents that occurred during the Aldershot camp was one that I think is worth relating, and I can vouch for its accuracy. On Friday last when the troops were being reviewed by Gen. Middleton, the youngster acting in the capacity of bugler to the D.A.G. experienced considerable difficulty in keeping up with the movements of that ubiquitous official, when a brilliant idea struck him, and going up to the D.A.G., and coming to the salute he blandly remarked, 'Don't you think, sir, I had better have a horse.' No provision being made for such a case the gentleman in question informed him it was impossible to oblige him just then in this little matter. The review then went on. To the members of the Halifax city brigade it will be needless to remark that he belongs to the 63rd rifles.

The rifle ranges at Point St. Charles, the scene of so many happy provincial and local contests, are now a thing of the past. The P. Q. R. A. and the Montreal riflemen are homeless wanderers, as it were, and the prospects of their speedily acquiring a new habitation do not seem to be of the best. The *Star* says:—"Saturday's match will be the last fired upon the old historic Point St. Charles ranges. The dyke works are already close to the butts and in a few days these will have to be demolished to make way for the flood protection work. No decision has yet been arrived at as to new ranges and the government's delay threatens to deprive the Montreal force of a good half of next year's practice. The committee of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association has examined all available sites in the neighborhood and has expressed its preference of a site at Cote St. Paul. The proper representations have been made to Ottawa and surprise is expressed that the government has not taken some action in the matter. If a decision was given at once and the property secured, there is no reason why the butts could not be thrown up before winter sets in. If this is not done, the new ranges, if the volunteers get them at all, will be of little use next year, as the season will be far advanced before the targets will be in position.

The Target.

Ottawa.—After a cessation of six weeks on account of the Dominion and Provincial prize meetings, the weekly spoon competitions of the club were resumed on Saturday last, when the thirteenth of the season's series was held. The day was all that could be desired. The club tried the experiment suggested by their president, Major Perley, at the D. R. A. competitors' meeting, of going back to the old practice of allowing two sighting shots at each range. While the general results showed very little difference in the value of the first and last seven shots, Major Perley had the satisfaction in his own case of winning the first spoon with the highest score made in the club's Snider competitions this year. The following were the scores:—

Major Perley (spoon sr. class).....	31 25 29 85	Capt. Cox.....	24 27 18 69
Capt. Sherwood.....	30 28 22 80	J. H. Ellis.....	25 17 26 68
J. H. Fairweather (spoon jr. class).....	28 26 25 79	F. W. Smith.....	31 25 12 68
Dr. Hutchison.....	30 25 23 78	J. P. Nutting.....	29 24 14 67
E. D. Sutherland.....	31 24 21 76	R. H. Brown.....	27 22 17 66
N. Morrison.....	29 22 22 73	Major Anderson.....	29 18 18 65
W. A. Jamieson.....	29 29 15 73	T. McJanet.....	26 23 16 65
Capt. Wright.....	30 25 16 71	T. Carroll.....	27 22 16 65
Lieut. Gray.....	27 27 16 70		

The tie for the junior spoon on the 23rd of July, between J. P. Nutting and J. H. Ellis, was shot off, three rounds at 600 yards, resulting in the latter's favor by a score eight to five. Messrs. Elris and Fairweather having now each won two spoons in the junior class, they come into the senior class. The competition next Saturday will be with Martini's, and in addition to the two regular spoons there will be shot for a silver table spoon given by Mr. F. W. Smith.

On the same afternoon a match took place between teams of five men each from the Dominion Police and No. 3 Co. of the G. G. F. G., resulting in a victory for the police, by 35 points, the scores standing as follows:

<i>Dominion Police.</i>				<i>No. 3 Co., Guards.</i>			
Supt. Sherwood.....	30	31	21 82	Pte. Morrison.....	29	18	20 67
Sergt. Hughes.....	29	32	20 81	Pte. Lappi.....	24	21	18 63
P. C. Brown.....	27	22	17 66	Lieut. White.....	28	21	12 61
Sergt. Slade.....	27	15	11 53	Sergt. Cawdron.....	26	6	23 65
Ins. O'Leary.....	23	14	13 50	Pte. White.....	20	23	8 51
Totals.....	136	114	82 332	Totals.....	127	89	81 297

Montreal.—The eighth and last match of the series for the jubilee trophy (silver mounted ram's horns, valued at \$125) was fired at the Point St. Charles range on Saturday, the 5th Royal Scots winning the trophy. The following were the scores:

Fifth Royal Scots.....	2,031	Prince of Wales Rifles.....	1,921
Sixth Fusiliers.....	1,987	Montreal Garrison Artillery.....	1,834
Victoria Rifles.....	1,959		

Three other teams, the 85th battalion, Montreal Rifle Association and Province of Quebec Rifle Association, which had entered during the season, retired before the final competition.

ROYAL SCOTS COMPANY MATCHES.

The annual matches of "A" and "D" companies, Fifth Royal Scots, also took place on Saturday. The top scores were as follows:

<i>A Company.</i>	
Pte. McCowan.....	87
Color-Sgt. Allan.....	83
Sergt. Brown.....	81
Bandsman G Cooke.....	75
Corpl Lewis.....	74
Pioneer Kambery.....	72
Bandsman W. Cooke.....	69
Pipe-Major Mathieson.....	68
Pte. Nevin.....	67
Corpl. Curries.....	59

D Company.

Maiden stakes, 200 yards, 7 shots:	
Color-sergt Kearns.....	26
Pte. H. Kerr.....	23
Open to all, 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots.	
Pipe-sergt Clarke.....	82
Pte. H. Simms.....	64
Pte. Anderson.....	64
Pte. A Boyd.....	62
Pte. A. Boyd.....	23
Pte. J. Kelly.....	13
Pte. J. McKenzie.....	59
Corpl. S. Drabble.....	59
Pte. W. Kerr.....	56
Lieut. Jackson.....	54

A challenge match between A and D companies, 5th Royal Scots, also took place. The ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots at each range. The teams were fifteen men a side. Rack rifles were used, no man being allowed to use match rifles. The scores were:

A Company.....	953
B Company.....	708
Majority for A Company.....	245

Militia General Orders (No. 15) of 16th September, 1887.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1883.

Royal Schools of Military Instruction.

The "Regulations and Orders for the Militia, 1883," relating to certificates granted at schools of military instruction have been re-arranged to read as follows:—

Certificates.—554. Certificates obtained prior to the 17th December, 1883, at military schools or from boards of officers, by individuals who have failed prior to that date to join the active militia, will be considered as having lapsed. Paragraph 554, R. & O. '83.

552. The standard of military education and competency for which certificates are granted will be the same in all schools of the same arm of the service. Paragraph 552, R. & O., '83.

(2.) The certificates to be issued will be "Long," "Short" and "Special" Course. The "Long" and "Short" Course will be each of two "Grades:" "A" for officers, and "B" for non-commissioned officers and men; and each grade will be of two "classes:" 1st and 2nd. The "Special" course will be grade "A," restricted to officers, and divided into two "classes:" 1st and 2nd.

(3.) The commandant of the Royal Military College and the commandants of the several schools will certify to the result of the examination in the subjects taught at their respective schools. Para. 560, R. & O., '83.

(4.) Certificates are to be in duplicate, one copy for the person entitled to it, the other for file in the office of the adjutant-general. The names of the successful candidates will be published in General Orders. Para. 553, R. & O., '83.

(5.) Both grades of certificates for each course will be on the same general form, and will be applicable only for those branches of the service in which the qualifying number of marks have been obtained. Para. 558, R. & O., 1883.

(6.) Inspecting officers will be responsible that uniformity of system is carried out in the different schools of their respective branches. Para. 559, R. & O., 1883.

Short Course.—553. To obtain a "Short Course" certificate of either grade, the candidate will be required to pass the necessary examination after attendance of not less than three months at a school of military instruction.

(2.) 1st Class Short Course or Special Course Grade "A" certificates must be held by all field officers and adjutants in the cavalry, artillery, engineers, and infantry, who do not now hold 1st class certificates; and 2nd class short course or special course, grade "A," certificates by all other regimental officers, with the exception that the possession of a 1st class "Short Course" grade "B" certificate will qualify the holder for the rank of lieutenant.

Special Course.—561. "Special Course" certificates will be obtainable by officers only, on passing the required examination for short course certificate after not less than seven days' residence at one of the permanent schools of military instruction. Para. 561, R. & O., 1883.

Long Course.—555. "Long Course" certificates, except under very exceptional circumstances, will be required to be held by all officers, and by non-commissioned officers of artillery and engineers, recommended for staff employment, and must be obtained by all subaltern officers appointed to permanent corps before such appointments are confirmed. Para. 555, R. & O., 1883.

(2.) To obtain a "Long Course" certificate of either grade, the candidate will be required to be in possession of a short course certificate, which has been held by him not more than five years, obtained after three months attendance at a permanent military school, of his arm of the service, and to undergo a further period of instruction if belonging to the cavalry or infantry lasting six months, artillery nine months, all of which period—except the three months an officer holding a short course grade "A" certificate is under instruction at the Royal Military College—must be at the school he joins for a long course.

(3.) A "Long Course" grade "A" certificate will not be issued by the commandant of a school of military instruction until he has received the corresponding long course certificate for the officer, from the commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

Royal Military College Diploma and Certificate.—557. A diploma of graduation at the Royal Military College will be recognized as of equal value as a first class "Long Course" grade A certificate. Para. 557, R. & O., '83.

(2.) A certificate of "military qualification" only may be issued by the commandant of the Royal Military College of Canada to any gentleman cadet who has left the college with the permission of the commandant for reasons satisfactory to him, having completed not less than two years' service thereat, whose conduct has been good and who has qualified in all the *obligatory* portions, *theoretical and practical*, of the military subjects comprised in the first two years of the course of instruction at the college. Such certificate, a duplicate of which will be filed in the office of the adjutant-general of militia, will entitle the holder to the same substantive rank in the active militia as if in possession of a "1st class, short course, grade A certificate" of permanent school of military instruction. G. O., 3, 10, '84.

Pay—Regimental Messes.

Adverting to No. 2 of General Orders (22) 14th November, 1884, the following is added under the heading "pay" to sub-section (2) of paragraph 546. (In pamphlet of regulations for the royal schools of military instruction, June, 1887, page 6, the sub-section is given as (5) of paragraph 532):—

"And to this end the pay cheques of all attached officers will be transmitted to them through the commandant."

No. 2.—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA—Promotion Examinations.

The following changes have been approved by His Excellency the Governor-General in Council on 9th August, 1887:

In pamphlet of "General Regulations, Royal Military College, March, 1887"—Page 23, paragraph 96 (alternative) 4th line, relating to promotions from 2nd class to 1st class, read *50* as the percentage of total number of marks *instead of "55"*; and at page 26 of same regulations paragraph 103—III—(alternative) 3rd line, relating to qualification for diploma, read *"50"* as the *aggregate* of marks allotted to the final examination, *instead of "55."*

No. 3.—Accounts certified for payment.

Any staff or other officer sending accounts or payment by the department of Militia and Defence, must distinctly certify on every such account that no item therein has been previously certified by him for payment.

No. 4.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

2nd Regt. Cav.—No. 6 Troop.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Regt. Sergt.-Major Alex. Daniel Kerr Servos, vice Sheppard appointed quarter-master.

Toronto Battery of Gar. Art.—2nd Lieut. A. H. Malloch resigns.

Governor-General's Foot Guards.—The designation of the "1st Battalion Governor-General's Foot Guards" is changed to the "Governor-General's Foot Guards."