Canadian Military Rifle League. Patterson sharpshooters' trophy, presented by the Hon. J. C. Patterson, minister of militia and defence. This trophy is open only to those belonging to a battalion or association who have had a team or teams entered in the league of 1893, and is to be competed for at the Dominion Rifle association matches, 1893, under conditions to be named before matches commence; 110 entries.

Won the Cup.—

12th Batt., York Rangers - -	2,150

Individual.—

Lt. C. N. Mitchell, 90th Winnipeg - - - - - - -	229	Cup
Stf. Sgt. King, 45th Lindsay	228	$10
Lt. Elliott, 12th York - -	227	8
Stf. Sgt. Simpson, 12th York Rangers - - - - - -	226	0
Stf. Sgt. Perkins, 43rd - -	225	5
Capt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd - -	225	5
Capt. Milligan, Cobourg Rifle association - - - - - -	224	5
Pte. Bertram, 13th Hamilton -	223	4
Stf. Sgt. Davidson, 12th York	223	3
Lt. Curran, 12th York - -	223	3

The French Commander of the Siamese Fleet.

A Paris paper has obtained some information about the commander of the Siamese fleet, Commodore Armand du Plessis de Richelieu, a descendant of a Protestant branch of the great cardinal's family. It has been discovered that a Danish nobleman, Armand du Plessis de Richelieu—probably the same—kept a bar about six years ago at Bella Vista, a suburb of Corrientes, in Argentina, which was much patronized by Indians and cowboys of the Paraguay border. He lived in a humble hut with his wife, who appeared to be a lady much above her situation. A pair of dogs, called tigeros, accompanied them. Later on he became military instructor in Paraguay but he made enemies there and was expelled, the French residents in particular being most bitter against this descendant of the Huguenots. Wherever he went he carried a beautiful Renaissance inkstand and a brace of holster pistols, which he said belonged to the cardinal. Our French contemporaries rather savagely express the hope that if ever he is captured by the good sailors of France he may be hanged as a common pirate. Another journal says that he springs from a younger branch of the Du Plessis family, which remained Protestant when the senior branch—the ancestors of the cardinal—became Catholic. After the Edict of Nantes the younger branch emigrated to the Cape, where it is said still to exist.

A Nickle-Steel Cannon.

There is being built at the Washington gun foundry, located at the navy-yard here, a nickle-steel gun in which great interest is felt by experts in ordnance. The nickle-steel forgings are on hand, and as soon as the new patent furnace is constructed the work of assembling the gun will commence. This patent furnace will create a departure from present methods in assembling thod is more simple and economical than that now practised, besides being less hazardous. Under the new plan it is proposed to assemble the gun in a horizontal position, and by the simultaneous application of intense heat to the jacket and a stream of cold water to the tube, it is expected the operation will be attended by less of the uncertain elements of gun assembling than has been the case heretofore. When constructed the gun will be tested with different charges of powder to ascertain whether it will bear the strain better than guns known as all-steel. Many experts believe that the same advantages obtain by the use of nickle in armour plates will be extended to ordnance constructed of the same materials. After the capacity of the gun has been thoroughly tested by the ordnance men, it will be used for experimenting with powder. The tests will be watched with great interest by all persons interested in the development of heavy ordnance.—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Acrostic.

Victoria victorious ever shall be
In armiess by land and fleets on the sea;
Confounding her foes by reason and might;
The strength of her arms shall put them to flight.
On God ever leaning, continue shall she
Regnant with splendor and ever shall be
In honor and greatness the Empress Queen,
A monarch as good as ever was seen.

May 21, 1893. Canadian.

* * * *

The annual meeting of the Cobourg Rifle Association was held in the office of the County Clerk, an encouraging number of sharpshooters being present. The following officers were elected: President, Capt. D. McNaughton; vice president, Mr. W. Black; sec. treasurer, Lieut. Ed. A. Machnachtan; committee of management, Surgeon O'Gorman, Capt. Snelgrove, Capt. McCaughey, Dr. Kerr, Sergt. Major Archer Sergt. Lunn, Gunner Boswell and Gunner Diamond. Arrangements were made for rifle practice every Friday and Saturday afternoons at the expense of the Association. It was decided to enter a team in the Military League matches. Lieut. N. F. Macnachtan was appointed captain of the team and Mr. J. G. Hagerman, range officer. It was resolved that the thanks of the Association are due and hereby tendered to the Hon. the Minister of Militia for the recent generous reduction in the price of ammunition, thereby enabling and encouraging all interested in military rifle shooting to pursue, at so much less expense, their practice in markmanship throughout the Dominion. The thanks of the Association were also presented to Lt. Col. J. Vance Graveley, ex-president; Lt. W. H. Floyd, ex-treasurer, and Gunner J. E. Boswell, ex-secretary, for their zealous and efficient services as officers of the Association.

* * * *

The annual purchase of remounts by the N. W. M. Police will take place at Calgary shortly. The authorities wish to be definitely understood that they will not buy any horses this year unless they can get them thoroughly broken and free from vice. Horse breeders will save themselves unnecessary trouble by making a note of this decision.

* * * *

A big firm of caterers in the old country has written to the authorities of the D. R. A. asking to be permitted to supply rations to the Bisley team this year. In the past it has been the custom to allow the members of the team a per diem rate of six shillings, so that they could get their meals wherever they pleased, and it is not thought likely that a general mess would work well.

* * * *

Mr. George Merrill, of Belleville, Ont., who is seeking pensions for the veterans of 1837-38, says that the petitions sent to Queen Victoria were sent back to Ottawa, and were referred by the Governor General to the department of militia and defence. He adds—"Now I have received a notice from the military attache of that department, that the case has been closed at Ottawa, not to be reopened; and that I should look to the old provinces."

* * * *

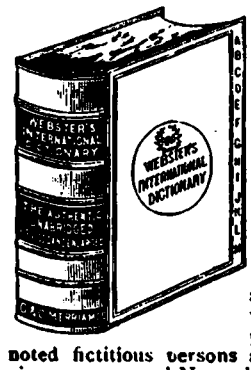
Mr. Webber, ex-bandmaster of the Enniskillen Dragoons, writes from England that he will be unable to go to Sarnia to take charge of the 27th Battalion Band.

Why They Enlisted.

Two soldiers lay under their blankets looking up at the stars. Says Jack: "What made you go into the army, Tom?" "Well," replied Tom, "I had no wife, and I loved war, Jack; so I went. What made you go?" "Well," returned Jack, "I had a wife, and I loved peace, Tom; so I went."

WEBSTER'S INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY

Entirely New. Abreast of the Times. A Grand Educator.



The successor of the **"Unabridged."**

Ten years were spent revising, 100 editors employed, and over $300,000 expended.

Everybody should own this Dictionary. It answers all questions concerning the history, spelling, pronunciation, and meaning of words.

A Library to Itself. It also gives the facts often wanted concerning eminent persons, ancient and modern; noted fictitious persons and places; the countries, cities, towns, and Natural features of the globe; translation of foreign quotations words, phrases, and proverbs; etc., etc., etc.

This Work is invaluable in the household and to the teacher, scholar, professional man, and self-educator.

THE GLOBE, TORONTO, says:

This new dictionary is the best book of its kind in the English language. For every family, the members of which have mastered the art of reading, its purchase will prove a profitable investment.

THE TIMES, HAMILTON, says

It may well be pronounced the best working dictionary and the cheapest book in the world, and should be in every school and family in Canada.

Have your Bookseller show it to you.

G. & C. MERRIAM CO.,
Publishers,
Springfield, Mass., U.S.A.

☞ Do not buy cheap photographic reprints of ancient editions
☞ Send for free prospectus containing specimen pages, illustrations, etc.

FOR SALE COLUMN.

RATES FOR CLASSIFIED ADS.

25 words or less, - - - 35c for one insertion
25 " " " - - 50c " two insertions
One cent. per extra word each insertion.

FOR SALE. Infantry Uniform, Lieutenant, first class in every particular, has only been in use a short time. Address,
W. R. PRINGLE, P.O. Box 542 Toronto.

FOR SALE. Infantry Tunic, Mess Jacket and Waistcoat, gold lace Trousers, and two pairs red striped Trousers, hardly worn, made by good London tailor. Apply
J. B., 39 St. Genevieve, The Cape, Quebec.