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## NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

**O**TTAWA, May 2.—Another Government job has been perpetrated. Some time ago, General Gascoigne advised a revival of the bridage majors, which appointments General Herbert discarded, and he repeated to the Minister of Militia his advice on the matter.

To the surprise of everyone in the Department, including the General, one of the appointments has been awarded to Major Black, of Halifax. We ask what is the object of having an Imperial commander in Canada, if he is to be treated in this manner.

Major Bliss, on his retirement from the command of the Ottawa Field Battery, was dined at the Russell House, on the 23rd inst. Capt. Eaton, who succeeds him, presided, and amongst others present, were Sir James Grant, M.P., Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Lieut.-Col. Aylmer, Majors Sherwood, Shannon, Coutlee, and Lieut. A. Bliss. Sir J. Grant proposed the health of Major Bliss, congratulating him on having made the Ottawa Battery the first in the Dominion. Major Bliss replied and expressed the great regret he felt in leaving the regiment, with which he had been connected for 18 years.

Capt. Eaton is in the Geological Department, and as he is away the whole summer, a deputation waited on the Militia Department on the 20th inst. to ask if he could be transferred to some other branch of the service. The deputation was told that if it could be arranged, Capt. Eaton should be transferred.

The G.G.F.G. have applied and been granted the request that Sergt.-Inst. Holmes,

of Toronto, should remain with the regiment till the 1st of June. We may add that Sergt. Holmes, while he has been at Ottawa, has given the greatest satisfaction to the regiment.

Mr. F. A. Magee has been appointed 2nd-lieutenant in the G.G.F.G.

The Guards have sent to England for their supply of service caps, and expect to have them by the 24th of May. Three teams have entered for the 1st series of the Rifle League.

Paymaster and Honorary Major J. E. Parker, of the 43rd, has resigned.

Capt. D. Gleason has been granted a first-class short course certificate.

Capt. Hutchison has enrolled for his company 37 men. Capt. Watters, who is not so fortunate as to have the O.A.C. at his back, has got 18. The new companies are drilling regularly and will parade with the battalion shortly, and in all probability will accompany the regiment to Pembroke on the Queen's birthday.

Major Sherwood has received an invitation to take the 43rd to Kingston on the 23rd inst., but owing to the arrangements being completed to go to Pembroke on that day was reluctantly obliged to decline.

The shooting season opened on Saturday, the 25th ult., and Ottawa Rifle Club had its first spoon competition. Lieut. T. C. Boville heading the list with a score of 96.

Lieut. T. C. Elliot, P.L.D.G., sails for England on the 23rd of May. He will, in all probability, be attached to the 2nd D. G. (Scots Greys), and will put in three months instruction at Aldershot.

Major Gourdeau, of the P.L.D.G., has been appointed Deputy Minister of Marine, succeeding Mr. Wm. Smith, who has been superannuated after 50 years' service in the Government. This appointment will be a popular one, especially to the militia force, as Mr. Smith was not what one would term a soldier, nor had he by any means much feeling for the force in general. The P.L.D.G. will lose an officer who has worked hard to bring that corps to the efficient state in

which it now stands. Major Gourdeau will be succeeded by Lieut. Brown, who is as good an officer as he is a rider across a country.

"Gen. Herbert did this or did that," is the excuse of some colonels and majors commanding regiments at the present time, and especially so when the G.O.C. is investigating various grievances which have occurred lately. These references must be galling to an officer whose record as a soldier is every bit as good, if not better, than his predecessor, and who has, since he has been in this country, done everything in his power to advance the militia, notwithstanding the innumerable difficulties that have hampered him.

Mr. J. H. Metcalfe, M.P., is doing his best to get the wardenship of Kingston penitentiary. It is hoped, however, that Major Drury, who is also an applicant, will be appointed. He is a first class soldier, and a man of excellent character. We hear from England that Col. Lake, since he has been in London, has been kept hard at work in Downing street and Pall Mall. Lord Wolseley has taken the greatest interest in Canadian military affairs, having been for seven years on the staff in this country, and also being commander of the Red River expedition.

After the many interviews that Lord Wolseley and Col. Lake have had, we quite expect when the Q.M.G. returns he will possess a fund of valuable information which must be of use to the Dominion. General Gascoigne is at present in correspondence with Col. Lake, and he is not expected back in this country till the middle or end of May.

On Saturday, the 10th ult., attacks were made in the House against the Government by various Opposition members with reference to the compulsory resignation of Col. Hamilton, of the Queen's Own Regiment, Toronto. The most violent tirade was spoken by a gentleman called Lister. His speech, which was only briefly reported in the daily papers, was solely directed against