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NOTE AND COMMENT.

UPON the question as to what should be the average size of the soldier, Archibald Forbes, in a recent article, says:—
“**Man for man, the moderate-sized sturdy recruit, perhaps even the sturdy little recruit, is likely to make a better all-round soldier than the big fellow. He has more endurance, he seems to carry his burden more easily, having less of himself to carry, and he is generally healthier. But your narrow-chested, ‘herring-bodied,’ undersized gutter weed is pure trash on campaign; you cannot make decent ‘cannon fodder’ of a creature of this sort and it is of creatures of this sort that the ranks of the British Army to-day are full.**”

THE *New York Herald* in a recent article on the best kind of shoes to wear, refers to a suggestion by M. Colin, a surgeon of the French Army, that rubber-heeled shoe might prove a great boon to soldiers on the march, and says: “In forced marches the feet of infantrymen suffer so much from soreness and fatigue that more or less straggling often becomes inevitable and the movements of whole army corps are often retarded. As there can be little doubt that troops shod with rubber-heeled shoes would, *ceteris paribus*, out-march troops otherwise shod and reach the battlefield much less fatigued, it would seem to be good policy to adopt M.

Colin's suggestions. An easy regulation shoe in the army might possibly do more to win great battles than any new gun that will ever be invented.”

THE *Broad Arrow* makes the following kind reference to our late Premier, “Sir John A. Macdonald was an Imperialist of Imperialists. He it was that conceived the idea of connecting the two wings of the Empire by means of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He was influenced as much by strategic as by commercial considerations. Sir John has not lived to see a British battalion carried that way to or from India, and it will probably be some years before this remarkable railway line is utilised as a military road to the East; many things will have to happen in Europe first, but as far as it stands as an alternative the route C.P.R. is there. Sir John Macdonald was essentially a statesman, notwithstanding the name which his reputed predilection for postponing unpleasant duties acquired for him of ‘Old To-morrow.’ He was a necessary force in Canada, and did more than his contemporaries to raise the dignity of the Dominion.”

A CONCESSION TO R. M. C. GRADUATES.

Instruction has been given to the Royal Military College ex-Cadet Club that the Law Society of Ontario has amended its rules by enacting as follows:

1. A cadet of the Royal Military College who has received his diploma of graduation shall be entitled to be admitted on the books of the society as a student-at-law or articled clerk, on and subject to the same terms and conditions as a graduate in the faculty of arts is, or shall for the time being be entitled to admission thereon.

2. Every such cadet shall be entitled to be called to the bar, and to be admitted and enrolled as a solicitor, after the like period of service and on and subject to the like terms and conditions as are or shall for the time being be applicable to a graduate in the faculty of arts.

3. The provisions of these rules shall apply retrospectively, so as to entitle any such cadet who has heretofore been admitted on the books of the society, and has not yet been called to the bar, or admitted and enrolled as a solicitor, to apply to be so admitted or enrolled after the like period of service, as is required in the case of graduates in the faculty of arts.

This concession entitles Military College graduates to a year in the ordinary law course, and places them on the same footing as university graduates. It is a question which the College Club has been agitating for the past three years, and the secretary, Lieut. F. W. White, has been one of the foremost in endeavouring to secure the privilege. The same concession will now be asked in the other provinces.