

great success, notwithstanding the fact that the committee were all new.

In future any man wishing to join the volunteer force must undergo a medical examination. They will not be put to such a strict test as if joining the regular army. The chief points in the examination will be that a candidate's vision is sufficiently good to enable him to see clearly with either eye at the required distance, that his hearing is good, that his chest is capacious and well formed, and that his heart and lungs are sound. By this means it is claimed that the volunteers will be brought up to a high state of efficiency.

An allowance of 4s. a day will be given volunteer officers attending infantry camps and marching columns.

OTTAWA NOTES.

MAJOR-GENERAL GASCOIGNE is greatly pleased with the permanent corps in Toronto and London, which he has just inspected for the first time. The barracks at London, he said, were the best he had seen in the country, and the arrangements were most excellent. He was greatly impressed with the state of efficiency of the Toronto corps, and with the care which seems to be taken by the commanding officers. He further stated that the tournament was remarkably good, and as one coming out straight from England and familiar with the tournaments which have been given at Islington for some years, the Toronto authorities have no reason to be ashamed of their efforts.

The Major-General will visit Kingston on the 23rd, to be present at the closing exercises of the Royal Military College, and at the same time will inspect the permanent corps there.

It is expected that one of the first things Parliament will be asked to do on re-assem-

bling will be to pass an interim appropriation to provide for the holding of the annual military camps. The Major-General says that he has every hope that the camps will be held this year as in previous years.

TORONTO NOTES.

Complaint is made on behalf of the attached officers at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, of the very shabby treatment they received during the recent visit of Major-General Gascoigne. It appears the permanent officers asked the Major-General to dine with them at the Barracks. They also invited a number of citizens. There was not room at the table for all, and "the attached were given to understand that they were not wanted, and they had to dine alone in their own rooms." The matter has created a good deal of feeling, especially as the attached were anxious to see more of the new general off parade. They wish to know "if he came here to meet citizens or militiamen, or was it that the officers were ashamed of the Country Johnnies, as they sometimes call us?"

GENERAL NOTES.

Lieut. Herbert Warcham, 1st Batt. Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, who received his first commission from the Royal Military College, Kingston, on the 19th October, 1892, has been posted on probation to the Army Service Corps. This makes the second Kingston graduate who has joined the Army Service Corps.

Lieut. A. G. Bremner, Royal Engineers, has been selected for duty as an assistant field engineer, with the Indian expeditionary force proceeding to Suakim.

The secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association has been notified that at the coming Bisley meeting there will be twenty matches in which either the Lee-Metford rifle or carbine may be used. These are extra matches, altogether supplementary to those in which the Canadian contingent take part as a team.

In order to give our Bisley men a chance to secure something in these Lee-Metford matches, rifles of this description are to be supplied to the team forthwith, the understanding being that they will themselves secure requisite .303 ammunition.

A meeting of the Executive Council of the Dominion Rifle Association was held at Ottawa last week. Lieut.-Col. Tilton presided. Lieut.-Col. Starke, Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Major Blaiklock, Major Delamere, Major Perley and Lieut.-Col. Bacon, secretary, were present. The Executive had under consideration the prize list for the matches, which commence on 31st August. There will be a few minor changes, but no very material alteration of last year's programme. The amount of prize-money will be about \$7,000.

The Liberal papers give THE MILITARY GAZETTE credit for nominating Mr. Mulock for Minister of Militia. This is not the case. We simply gave the gossip among politicians, because it was of much interest to military men. We gave an opinion of Mr. Mulock, because we all want to know what kind of a Minister he would make. THE GAZETTE is not supporting either party, and while it entertains a very high opinion of Mr. Mulock personally, it does not suggest for one moment that its readers should vote for him in preference to his opponent, Deputy Surgeon-General Strange, a militia officer of many years' experience. THE GAZETTE'S politics are to support the men who will do most for the militia, be they Liberals or Conservatives.

Officers and men of the militia will help THE MILITARY GAZETTE very much if they and their friends in making purchases will give the preference to those firms which advertise with us. They can help us still further by recommending the paper to any firms who sell goods that are used by military men in every part of Canada, either as military men or in their private capacity. tf.

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