

BEQUEST FOR CADETS.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 15.—Surgeon-Col. Oliver, A. M. S., has gone to England in the interests of his valise equipment, which is being tested by some Imperial troops at Aldershot.

Private Thomas Brown, Royal Berkshire Regiment, died on the 8th inst., from necrosis of the ear. He was buried with the usual military honors.

Major. W. J. Stewart, 1st C.A., chairman of the Board of School Commissioners, has organized two companies of cadets, taken chiefly from the academies, with some from the highest departments of the other schools. The companies are each 60 strong, with three officers to each company. They commenced drill on the 5th inst.; Sergt.-Major Gibbs, 1st C.A., was the instructor. The late Doctor Charles Cogswell, of this city, bequeathed in his will the handsome sum of one thousand pounds, the interest of which is to be devoted towards defraying the expenses of the youthful corps.

On the 4th inst. Nos. 1, 2 and 4 Companies 1st C.A. paraded for commanding officer's inspection. After a minute inspection they went for a route march. The turnout was fairly strong, and the men looked remarkably smart and neat.

On the 11th the four companies paraded for infantry drill. They will continue to drill on Monday evening until further orders.

The 66th P.L.F. paraded this week for commanding officer's inspection and route march. They wore the new pattern forage cap and looked very smart and soldier-like in them. The muster was up to the average.

The 63rd have not yet had a battalion parade. They are busy drilling the recruits on Wednesday and Friday evenings.

We are glad to see that justice has at last been done and the four days' pay clipped from last year drill allowed. I hear a communication has been received from the G.O.C. Canadian militia, ordering the discharge from the militia of all army reservists.

It is expected that the City Brigade of militia will have some military manoeuvres in connection with the summer carnival to be held here on the four last days in July next.

GRAVELCRUSHER.

TRURO RIFLE CLUB.

TRURO, May 15.—The butts at the range of the Truro Rifle Club have been greatly enlarged and improved, and in the place of only using two targets, as previously, now three are to be used, and in addition, a 12-foot target is arranged for, so that the 800 and 900-yard ranges may be used.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: W. D. Dimock, M.P.P.,

hon. pres.; H. T. Laurence, Esq., pres.; John Suckling, vice-pres.; B. F. Porter, sec'y.; E. E. McNutt, treas.; Archdeacon Kaulbach, chaplain.

Plans were made to shoot the spoon series as last year, with the addition of some standing matches at 200 yards, instead of the usual position; as also a special spoon competition of 200 yards standing, and 800 and 900 yards, any position. Two teams were entered for the League.

At the first competition last Saturday the spoons were won by J. Suckling, H. C. Blair and E. C. Cribb.

B.F.P.

LIVE NEWS FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

ST. JOHN, N.B., May 15.—The 62nd Fusiliers are now performing their annual drill, having commenced last week. Recruit and company drill are now in progress, and the first battalion drill and march-out will take place on the 20th.

Lieut. Hetherington, M.D., who has lately been appointed superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum here, has gone to England and the Continent for a three months' trip, studying the different institutions meanwhile.

It is probable that the 62nd will be represented in the next Canadian Parliament, as the popular C.O., Lieut.-Col. Tucker, is the Liberal candidate for the city and county at the coming election. St. John has long wanted a member who will look after the interests of the force here; we have a feeling that other corps in Ontario and Quebec can get nearly all they ask for, while here we get only the leavings, and meagre ones at that.

By the way, why is it that although General Gascoigne has been in Canada for over six months, he has not yet visited the Maritime Provinces? Our force is small, we know, but surely worth a visit; then there is No. 4 Company, of the R.R.C.I., which he has not yet seen, though Fredericton is no 24 hours' journey from Ottawa. It is hoped that when the General does visit St. John, he will allow the officers of the militia an opportunity of meeting him, and not do as other generals have done, rush in by one train and rush off by the next. We have formed a good opinion of the General, and wish to see something of him.

By all means let us have a C. O.'s Association. According to your remarks last issue, not only are many of the commanding officers unacquainted with one another, but the regiments never see each other, and are almost entirely ignorant of the existence of any particular corps, or know where they are situated. We all want to know more of our sister corps. It would do an immense amount of good if the Government would enable different corps to meet yearly for

even a day or two and form brigades, giving at least free transport to a few battalions.

I notice by a late English paper that the names of volunteers becoming entitled to the Long Service Decoration are to be handed in every three months, so careful is the Imperial Government that no one entitled to the reward shall be kept waiting, while in Canada there is not one person in authority who will set the machinery in motion to get a medal for the Canadian militia. Will no one move in this matter? If not, let THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE start it. The British Government thinks enough of the Canadians to grant a medal for the asking.

It is most extraordinary that in the allotment of the new guns to be purchased by the Government there are none for St. John, while inland cities are to be supplied. Surely the Department must know the defenceless state of this city. The only guns, except smooth bores, are at Fort Dufferin—converted 32-pounders—and they are out of date long ago. It is an insult to St. John and to the 3rd Garrison Artillery here to pass St. John over in this manner. We require the heaviest and most modern guns to defend our city and harbor.

Lieut.-Col. Domville has received a copy of the following cablegram with reference to the offer of the 8th Hussars for service in the Sudan:

Mr. Chamberlain to Lord Aberdeen:

April 30, 1896.

"Convey cordial thanks of Her Majesty's Government to New Brunswick Hussars, though unable to take advantage of the offer at present. Despatch follows by mail.

(Sgd.) CHAMBERLAIN.

St. John County Rifle Association has elected Capt. McRobbie president, and Col.-Sergt. Henderson secretary-treasurer, and J. T. Hartt captain of the League Team. The new council was instructed to look out for a new range. Three spoon matches will be held during the season. It was decided that any field officer of the militia staff in St. John and any officer commanding any regiment of artillery, battalion or independent company of infantry being a member, would be ex-officio a vice president of the association.

THOMAS ATKINS.

LIMESTONE CITY NEWS.

KINGSTON, May 16.—Eight soldiers of "A" Battery were tried before their commanding officer a few days ago, for drunkenness and insubordination. They were found guilty and were punished by confinement in the cells for periods ranging from seven to fourteen days. Two other men were held as having been the ringleaders of the trouble, and on Monday last they were tried by district court-martial. The sentence has been sent to Ottawa for approval.

Brevet-Major Pellatt, Capt. P. L. Mason and Lieut. Kirkpatrick, of the Queen's Own