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FIXTURES.

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C. M. R. League shoots.....	May 16, 30, July 11, 25, August 8
Inter-City Telegraphic Match.....	June 13
N. W. R. League shoots.....	May 16, 30, June 13, 22, July 11, 25, [Aug. 8, 22, Sept. 19]

NOTE AND COMMENT.

In consequence of the necessary postponement of the annual brigade camps, several field batteries have applied for and received permission to go into camp near local headquarters for the performance of their annual drill. The applications granted, and the dates fixed, are as follows:—1st Brigade, Guelph, 16th to 27th June; London Battery, 19th to 30th June; Winnipeg Battery, 20th June to 1st July; Ottawa and Gananoque, 23rd June to 4th July. The Welland Canal Battery has also made application, but no date has yet been fixed. In connection with these drills we would call attention to the regulations for Range Finding practice published in this issue, which provide for a considerable extension of the work of last year.

Those interested in the Royal School of Mounted Infantry at Winnipeg will learn with considerable satisfaction that a thorough re-organization of the staff is in progress,

with a view to putting an end to the irregularities so constantly reported. Investigation into the condition of the school has been made on more than one occasion, but it was found difficult to exactly locate the cause of trouble, which perhaps arose from an adverse combination rather than from any single cause. The recent death of the commandant, Lt.-Col. J. B. Taylor, afforded an unexpected opportunity which has been taken advantage of as above indicated. The next in command, Major Buchan, has been transferred to the Infantry School at Fredericton to replace Major Gordon, temporarily absent on brigade staff duty. Capt. Oswald was some time ago also removed to Fredericton; Lieut. Bremner has resigned. The first step toward filling the vacancies thus made at Winnipeg has been the transfer of Capt. Heward from the Royal School of Cavalry at Quebec, who will assume the command.

THE first Provincial Rifle Association programme for this season to come to hand is that of Nova Scotia, with which we have been favoured by Major B. A. Weston, the Secretary. The matches and prize list are much the same as last year. A special effort made by this association to induce young shots to come forward is made the subject of a circular letter accompanying the programme, and which reads as follows:—

“I have to call your attention to the fact that at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Rifle Association, it was resolved to give to each regiment in the Province, an affiliation membership of 15, on payment of the sum of \$10.00 to this Association. For this sum the 15 members will have the privilege of shooting in all the matches of the Association, including the Nursery and a Special Affiliated Match to be arranged before the Annual Prize Meeting. The 15 are to be *bona fide* members of the regiment affiliated, and *who have never won a prize at any competition of the Provincial Rifle Association*. Under this liberal offer it is hoped that 15 new members will attend the next matches from your regiment. I have to request you to bring this matter to the attention of the members of your regiment and company, and to correspond with me on the subject as soon as possible.”

THE simultaneous match held on the 13th inst., under the auspices of the Canadian Military Rifle League, between teams of 15 men each representing the several cities and towns of the Dominion, was well contested and excited general interest. Bowmanville won with the total of 1270 points, being an average of 84½ points per man. The other totals, as reported by telegraph, were: Toronto 1253, Ottawa 1243, Halifax 1240, Windsor Mills 1218, Montreal 1191, Hamilton 1177, St. John 1174, Kingston 1163, Quebec 1116, Fredericton 974, Amherst 926. Up to the date