

PRINCE ARTHUR

Prince Arthur's appointment to a Lieutenantancy in the Rifle Brigade, quartered in this city, may be found elsewhere. The *Times* of the 3rd inst., referring to a recent review of the Royal Artillery, at Woolwich, further says:

"After this a banquet was given the officers of the Royal Artillery, at which the Duke of Cambridge took part as Colonel of the regiment, in the mess room, at the Royal Artillery Barracks, to Prince Arthur, who terminated his duties with the Royal Artillery on that day, and will embark in a few days for Canada, where his Royal Highness is expected to remain about nine months, doing duty with the Rifle Brigade. He will then return to this country and be attached for a time to some other branch of the Army. Ultimately it is anticipated that his Royal Highness will take up a more permanent position with the Royal Artillery and remain with that branch of the service."

A RELIC OF WATERLOO.—A man who was years ago one of the notoriety of Europe has just died at Brussels. His name is Cantillon. He was a sergeant in the Old Guard of Napoleon, and fought through the campaign of Waterloo, quitting the army after the capture of Paris. After the execution of Ney and Labeledoyère, thirty or forty of the non-commissioned officers of the Old Guard conceived the idea of assassinating Wellington, whom they regarded as chief author of evils that had befallen France. About the end of December, 1715, a pistol-shot was fired at the duke in the streets of Paris, but missed him. Cantillon was suspected and tried, but the proof was not clear and he was acquitted. It was to this man that Napoleon left a legacy of £400, which paid in 1823.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—In your issue of the 16th inst. I observe an item which has been incorrectly reported, viz:—"The 8th Battalion of Volunteer Militia and the Quebec Volunteer Garrison Artillery, went into camp at the Island of Orleans on the 2nd inst., the camp equipage furnished for this purpose is said to have given general satisfaction."

The 8th Battalion did not go down on the occasion referred to, nor has it gone into camp since or has any idea of going.

The camp equipage did give general satisfaction as it is well adapted for the purpose but the treatment which the brigade experienced at the hands of the Militia authorities was not of a character to deserve any satisfaction whatever.

Every Volunteer officer will remember the difficulty with which the old and well trained rank and file were induced to sign the new roll last October, and the sanguine promises that were made repeatedly, the improvements that were to have been effected last session in the Militia Act. It is consequently rather disgusting that on the first drill pay day after the close of the session (in which so much was promised) the men should be informed that their already miserable pay of eight dollars a year was reduc-

ed to six and a-half, and that for the Sunday that naturally intervened in six days and a half (the half seems to have been put in for the express purpose of dragging in a Sunday) no pay or rations were allowed, and consequently on the day on which the camp was crowded with visitors no rations would have been issued had not the officers come forward to furnish them at their own private expense. The usual allowance for transport of rations, ammunition and fare of the men from Quebec to camp, had also been refused by the Militia Department.

In civil life when an agreement is entered into for a fixed term between two parties, both are generally consulted before a change can be effected, but under the glorious administration under which we live, the Government alter their side of the bargain without consulting the other party in the least, and diminish the wretched dole of \$3 a year to \$6.50, besides compelling corps to go into camp and pay for the privilege beside.

In conclusion I may say that "disgust" is the only word which can portray the feelings of the Quebec Garrison Artillery at present, and I should not feel at all astonished should a wholesale resignation take place before next session, as perhaps, heaven knows, then the officers will be compelled to pay the men and find their "beer" for the barren honor of holding commissions, or the men may be compelled to drill six and a half days and have no rations at all.

It is ludicrous to expect that men can be induced to remain in any corps after their time is up under the present policy which the government adopts toward Volunteers and the man who fancies he can procure recruits worth having should be well taken care of by his friends until there is a vacancy in the Beaufort Asylum.

Your obd't servant.

COIN.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—As the time for the first annual matches of the Quebec Rifle Association draws near, the ranges at Point St. Charles begin to change their appearance; Capt. MacPherson (the nice president of the Montreal Rifle Club) having kindly taken charge of all the ground arrangements, has made a most wonderful transformation of the ground; the back grounds of the targets have been increased to 30 feet in width (40 feet at the long range butts) the firing points have been raised, made 6½ feet square, dead level, and bound with plank. Flags are to be placed on top of each butt, to give competitors a chance of observing the wind. The marking is to be done by the pick of the trained markers of the 60th. The Military School is to be closed for the match week, and the registers to be kept by the drill instructors of the School. The markers go into camp on Monday and will be practiced in using the discs on Monday afternoon. Capt. Worsley has sole command of

the men employed in the butts and at the firing points. All disputes will be decided by the three senior members of the executive, Cols. Fletcher, Grant and McKay, none of whom are going to compete. The greatest credit is due to Capt. MacPherson for the pains he has taken and the manner in which he has made his arrangements. The matches are expected to be finished by Friday night at the latest. The band of the 60th Rifles is to play on Wednesday afternoon and the bands of the G. T. Brigade and the Garrison Artillery on Tuesday and Thursday. The Battalion Match causes some little speculation and is considered a very open match as six Battalions are very nearly alike.

Yours truly,

Montreal, 24th Aug.

ROYAL.

P. S.—I have letters from the Secretaries of the Hamilton and Toronto Rifle Clubs saying that the programme is most satisfactory and that they will each endeavour to send down some men.

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RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor of THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

SIR:—Now that so much money is being given both by the Government and citizens of the Dominion to encourage rifle shooting it behooves all who feel anxious that every Volunteer should be able to shoot, to take into consideration and devise such a distribution of the appropriations as to cause the greater number to compete, which as a matter of course will cause much practice at home. During the past nine years the writer has attended the greater number of rifle contests in the Province, and has been forcibly struck with the fact that the same few carried off the lion's share of the prizes. Now why should money be given to encourage such competitors as Sheppard, Thom, Murison, Disher, Freeborn, Nicholson, Russell, Thompson, Jackson, McClean, Cotton, Stewart, Barry, and I might name a score of similar ones, who as a rule, turn up at every match, and have carried off a great proportion of all the prizes thus far given, I think it now time to make an effort to bring out a new lot, and instead of as at present, having five or ten good shots in each battalion, let us have at least two hundred average marksmen, and this I think can best be accomplished by establishing regimental matches and offering prizes to be competed for by those who have never competed. But my object in writing on the subject now is, to bring it before the thinking portion of the force, who will I trust take up the subject and give us their views.

In a future letter I may undertake to show how large sums are squandered at our large rifle meetings, which would be saved for the benefit of the Volunteers if properly distributed over the Dominion and managed by local associations.

Yours, &c.,

MARKSMAN.