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## Comment and Criticism.

THE Wimbledon team will be glad to learn that the Corporation of London has again granted the sum of one hundred and fifty guineas for a special series of prizes, to be called the Corporation Prizes; to be competed for at Wimbledon by the Indian and Colonial Volunteers. We need scarcely say that this liberality on the part of the city of London will be highly appreciated; and tend, still further, to cement the bonds that unite the colonies to the mother country.

WHILE the Canadian militiamen have been backing and filling about an excursion to England to celebrate the Queen's jubilee, the Gate City Guard of Atlanta, Georgia, a U.S. military organization, have completed arrangements for a tour through Europe, under arms, including England, France, Belgium and Rome. Verily it takes the Americans for successful enterprize. It is needless to say that they have been promised a cordial reception everywhere, but it may be interesting to note that they propose taking cartridge belts without boxes, which are supposed not to be stylish enough for the troops of less go-ahead countries.

FIVE or six weeks ago we expressed regret that the garrison artillery corps had no facilities for practising with modern rifled guns; now we learn that Messrs. Gilbert & Son, have, after long delay, completed the conversion of ten 32-pr. smooth-bore guns into 64-pr. rifled guns, which are mounted on new standing garrison carriages. We hope that

these will be apportioned amongst the garrison batteries where they will do most good, and that to this extent the disadvantages under which that branch of the service is laboring may be removed without further delay. We doubt not that if the distribution is made promptly the artillerymen will show great progress in efficiency when the next annual report of the D. A. A. is published.

NOW that the camping season is approaching, the several battalions are overhauling their officers' rosters and getting into working trim; consequently we find another big batch of appointments following close upon that published last week. The Dufferin rifles in particular have made so many changes that they will scarcely recognize themselves at their next parade. The list altogether includes twenty promotions, twenty-nine new commissions, only one officer of the lot being qualified and one non-combatant, and thirty-seven losses, leaving a net loss of eight commissions. We are glad to notice that thirteen provisionally appointed officers are gazetted as having qualified, but these do not offset the twenty-seven newly appointed provisional officers.

OF changes affecting officers holding or promoted to field rank there are the following: In the Kingston field battery, Capt. Drennan having received a first-class R.S.A. certificate is promoted major from the date of his qualification; in the 31st battalion, Lieut.-Col. Boyd retires from the majority; in the Simcoe foresters, Dr. Morton attains the rank of surgeon-major on the completion in January last of twenty years service as surgeon; in the Dufferin rifles, Capt. T. H. Jones succeeds to the vacant majority; in the 13th, Major Bernard get his brevet step on the completion of ten years' service as captain; in the 65th, Capt. Prevost gets the majority, which has been vacant an unconscionably long time; in the 62nd, Adjutant Hartt attains his brevet majority after ten years' service as captain; and in the 91st, Capt. Bedson, from the unattached list, is brought in to fill the vacant majority.

OTHER points deserving of passing notice are the changing of the second cavalry from hussars to dragoons; the changing of the headquarters of No. 6 company, 43rd battalion, from a point sixty miles from headquarters to the new ward of Ottawa city, the battalion headquarters; the improvement in the status of the Algoma rifles, which has grown within a few weeks from a single company to a full-fledged and numbered regiment; and the removal from the list of two disorganized companies, a move always calculated to benefit the better equipped remnant.

CAPTAIN TWINING HARTT, commanding the St. John Rifle Co., has been selected as adjutant of this year's Wimbledon team, and a better selection could not have been made in Canada. Captain Hartt has been a rifle shot ever since he could hold a gun, and went to Wimbledon when he was only Bugler Hartt in 1878, and again in 1883 as captain. In 1882 he won the D. R. A. aggregate, and last year won