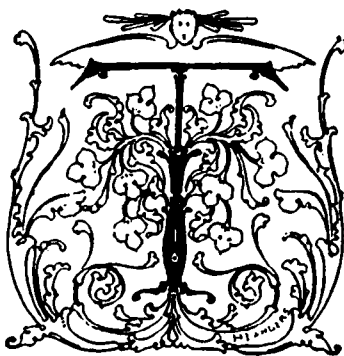


GENERAL NOTES.



THE report which appeared in several of the Canadian newspapers that Lieut. McLean, of Pennycross, and who was an officer in the 48th Highlanders before taking a commission in the Gordon Highlanders, had died of fever while with his regiment in India, is, we are happy to say, unfounded.

The trophy presented by ex-Capt. Ross, of No. 2 Co. 22nd Batt., for the company turning out the cleanest and most regular on parade during the camp of instruction at London was this year won by No. 6 Co., Woodstock, commanded by Capt. Anderson.

The 13th Batt., Hamilton, will be inspected Oct. 27th and Nov. 6th by half battalions.

It is expected that Mr. Peel, of Hamilton, will be appointed bandmaster of the Dufferin Rifles.

No 7 Co. of the 35th Batt., on their return to Orillia from Niagara camp, were entertained by the ladies of the town.

Lieut. John T. Robinson, of the Cannington Company of the 34th Batt., has purchased The Berlin Daily and Weekly News and has gone to live there.

Dundas has a young lady that promises to outdo some of our "cracks." With the Snider she recently got five out of six bulls at 400 yards. What will she do with a non-kicker?

Capt. Spearing, 53rd Batt., won the Ladies' Cup presented to the Sherbrooke Rifle Association at the annual meeting. Lieut. Whalen and Capt. Healy won the open matches.

General Carrington has ordered the open arrest of Col. Baden-Powell, of the 13th Hussars, now in South Africa, for having conformed to the carrying out of the death sentence on the Chief Nwini.

A German physician points out the danger of storing uniforms, and proves by experiment that they harbor the bacilli of consumption (tuberculosis) in the form of dust. This would point to disinfection of uniform before storage if it is to be reissued.

The shooting at Cornwall was greatly interfered with on account of the weather. On the last day of the meet marksmen had to aim six feet off the target. Many crack marksmen of the Dominion were present, including four of this year's Bisley Team.

It took 13,550½ lbs. of bread, 9,044 pounds of meat, 9,056 rations of groceries, 151 bushels of potatoes, 17¼ tons of hay, 6 cwt. of straw, 737 bushels of oats and 33 cords of wood to feed the volunteer corps and horse at the recent camp at Kingston.

Capt. George Brenton Laurie, 1st Batt., Royal Irish Rifles, has been selected for the adjutancy of the 4th Volunteer Batt. Devonshire Regiment, at Barnstaple, England; Capt. Laurie joined the Imperial service from the Royal Military College, Kingston, on the 2nd of September, 1885.

Captain George Dalbiac Luard, 2nd Batt., Scottish Rifles (Cameronians), has been appointed adjutant of the 3rd (Militia) Batt., at Hamilton, Scotland; Capt. Luard received his first commission in the Northumberland Fusiliers, 7th of October, 1885; from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada.

A unique distinction belongs to Sir Robert Rawlinson, K.C.B.—that of being the only soldier who has been knocked out of the saddle by a cannon-ball without being killed. The identical 42lb. shot is preserved by Lady Rawlinson as an interesting relic. At

the Crimea Sir Robert was riding with a group of artillery officers, when he announced his intention of turning back. At this moment a shot from the Russian lines came whizzing along in front of him, cutting the reins, the pommel of the saddle, and wedging a steel purse with terrific force against the rider's hip bone.

The following comes to us as an original story: At Bisley on Saturday last some inconvenience was caused at 800 yards by cattle straying into the line of sight. One man, who waited quite ten minutes before he got off his last shot, found the "magic circle," whereupon he exclaimed: "Great Scott! I waited for a 'cow,' and got a 'bull.'" If anybody has the temerity to think that there is a chestnut flavor about the foregoing, he would be ill-advised to disclose his identity to our contributor. As for ourselves, we prefer to keep an open mind in regard to the matter.

Conan Doyle writes this graphic description of Lord Cromer, the British Minister to Cairo: "A strong, florid face, with a close-cropped, soldierly, grey moustache; the expression good-humored and inscrutable. This is Lord Cromer, whom Egypt has changed from a major of gunners to a peer of the realm, while he in turn changed it from a province of the east to one of the west. One has but to look at him to read the secret of his success as a diplomatist. His clear head, his brave heart, his physical health, and his nerves of iron, are all impressed upon you in that momentary glance at his carriage."

The commissioned officers attached to the R.C.R.I. at Wolseley Barracks for instruction, who are entered for a short course, are as follows: Lieuts. A. B. Magee, 7th Batt.; George C. Lindsay, Middlesex Batt.; Royal Burritt, 28th Batt.; H. K. Betty, Essex Fusiliers; 2nd Lieut. W. L. Lindsay, Lambton Batt.; Lieut. A. L. Bell, Oxford Rifles. Those entered for special courses are Lieut. G. B. Hughes, West Durham Batt.; 2nd Lieuts. A. H. Whitehead and Phelps, 1st Batt.; A. H. Monteith, Bruce Batt.; George W. Sherman, West Durham Batt.

The new ranges at Dundas were opened on Friday week last. The 77th can now claim to have one of the finest-situated ranges in the country. They are constructed with all modern appliances for the protection and safety of the markers. The attendance of the companies from the various parts of the country was good. High scoring was made difficult by the tricky wind. The 77th expect to have a good team for the Canada Company Cup in 1897. Major Mason, 13th Batt., was range officer, assisted by Major Bertram and Lieut. Pirie, and the arrangements were successfully carried out. Surgeon-Major Ross, as secretary, had everything in good order. Col. Gwyn and Paymaster J. J. Grafton also lent a helping hand on the range.

A story that has recently come from Egypt is looked upon as distinctly precious. When the Nile expedition was waiting for steamers and supplies at Kosheh Camp there arrived at Cairo a corporal of the Connaught Rangers who had served with the Maxim detachment at the fight at Ferkeh, and afterwards had to come down with a sick convoy. He was asked by one of his officers why there was so much delay about moving on to Dongola, when the Dervishes had been so thoroughly beaten. "Well, sir," he replied, "it's just this way: We know there's hardly a soul in Dongola in the way of fighting men, and there would be neither honor nor glory in going on and taking the place just yet. So the Sirdar, he says, 'Boys, we'll wait here for a bit, and let the place fill up!'"

The battles that have taken place during the reign of Queen Victoria are: Afghan war, 1830-40; first China war, 1841; Sikh war, 1845-46; Kaffir war, 1846; second war with China, second Afghan war, 1849; second Sikh war, 1848-9; Burmese war, 1850;