

of the corps was held on the evening of the 30th ult., Lieut.-Colonel Armstrong, commanding, being in the chair. All officers were present. The regimental committee reported a good state of the finances, the receipts for the year having been \$1,287.50, and the expenditures \$896.23, leaving a balance of \$390.27. The band committee also reported that they were in funds, and the band in good condition. During the year the battalion held a public concert, a smoking concert for the men, and a ball, all of which passed off successfully. Besides the above, under special authority from headquarters, they fired a salute of one hundred guns on 4th May last, the centennial of the establishing of the first battery of the present corps. Surgeon Daniel, Capt. Jones and Lieut. White were elected as a regimental committee, and Capt. Crawford, Lieut. Foster and Lieut. McLeod on the band committee. Lieuts. Gordon and Scovil were appointed an audit committee. Letters of thanks for copies of the centennial photograph of the corps were read from the artillery corps throughout the Dominion, and also from the Inspector of Artillery and others.

An officer's class is being held to brush up before the beginning of the annual drill.

London.

The Rifle Committee of the 7th Fusiliers have decided upon entering two teams in the Military Rifle League of 1894, one team to use the Martini, and the other the Snider.

The London Field Battery are hard at work preparing for the annual camp. It is expected the battery will be stronger and better this year than ever before.

Sergt. Major Munroe, R. R. C. I., has returned from Windsor, where he had been holding a series of classes for the benefit of the officers and non-commissioned of the 21st Fusiliers. Before leaving he was presented with a handsome smoking set, and a purse of money, as a token of appreciation on the part of the donors.

As yet there has been no move made upon the part of the militia authorities to appoint a Colonel to the command of the 7th Fusiliers. The result is that this corp is locked up, and the arms in the possession of the authorities.

It is said that the command has been offered Major Beattie, and that he will neither accept, nor decline, and that there is no power to force him to do either. Why this should be, is not known.

The question among riflemen now is "Where will we shoot next year?" The range used by the Western District Rifle Association will only give 600 yards, and as it is hoped that the Martini-Metford will be the rifle next year, this range will be useless, besides unsafe. It is the opinion that the Government should do something in the way of providing a suitable range, that would be convenient to the city shots, and to the corps in camp.

As it is, the Government is paying \$125 per year for a range which is used about 25 days in the year, and where the 600 yard range is built in a small clearing, and not at all satisfactory. Now, if the W. D. R. A. and the Government could pick upon one of really some use and leave political favors out of the deal it would benefit all parties concerned, as it is well known the Government is paying \$75 too much for the range they now occupy.

The first consignment of the new converted Martini-Metford rifles for this District have arrived. No. 1 Co. R. R. C. I. will in future be armed with this rifle, and the Martini-Henry's formerly used are to be at once returned into stores for to be converted immediately.

Up to time of writing nothing has been heard concerning promotions to fill the vacancies in the Toronto staff. Will the department take as long in this matter as in appointing a commanding officer for the 7th?

The publication of the militia report of 1892, created quite a ripple of excitement in military circles here, as it scored the 7th, (it is thought) a great deal more than it deserved. But it is allowed that the 1892 report will be a good one, as against the 1894, if things do not soon alter. About the best thing the authorities can do to better the present state of affairs with this corp, is to disband it entirely, and give the command on reorganization to some one who will promote its interest. As it is now, Major Beattie, who is next for command, will neither "eat the hay nor let the horse eat it." Whether that state of affairs is owing to political wire-pulling or not, is not definitely known, but some think it is, and that the sooner politics are totally eliminated from this corp, the better for its welfare.

Ottawa.

The third meeting of the Ottawa Rifle Club was held on Saturday 5 May, when some fifty members turned out to shoot for the silver spoons. The wind was somewhat troublesome being from the front and changing at times from right to left, but in spite of that some good shooting was done. The rifle was the Martini, ranges 200, 500, 600 yards.

The features of the day were the specially fine scores of Mr. Ellis and the "possible" of secretary Scott at 500 yards, who with the sighting shot and eight consecutive "bulls" thus winning a dessert spoon. The following are the scores of those making 80 or over.

	200	500	600	Total
J. H. Ellis.....	32	34	33	99
C. S. Scott.....	31	25	31	97
L. G. Perkins.....	29	33	29	91
Lt. Col. Wright.....	30	29	29	88
T. P. Carroll.....	29	30	28	87
B. H. Bell.....	30	24	27	86
H. H. Gray.....	28	27	30	85
Lt. Col. Anderson.....	29	28	28	85
D. McMartin.....	22	30	32	84
J. P. Nutting.....	28	33	23	84
C. North.....	28	31	27	83
G. A. Mailleu.....	28	30	25	83
R. J. Taylor.....	30	28	25	83
F. G. Gray.....	25	32	25	82
J. P. Robinson.....	28	31	23	82
G. L. Blatch.....	28	24	29	81

The following won spoons:

J. H. Ellis	dessert spoon	1st class
C. S. Scott	"	" possible 500 yds
C. S. Scott	tea	" 1st class
D. McMartin	dessert	" 2nd class
J. P. Nutting	tea	"
L. G. Gray	tea	" 3rd "

OUR SERVICE CONTEMPORARIES.

The encampment of the Staffordshire Infantry Volunteer Brigade at Teddesley Park, on the confines of Cannock Chase, in the August Bank Holiday period of this year is likely, says the *Birmingham Daily Gazette*, to assume much greater proportion than usual. General Julian Hall, commanding the North-Western District, is anxious before the termination of his term of duty to assemble the bulk of the forces under his command at some central point, with the object of exercising the different branches of the service in combined manoeuvres. Of the auxiliary forces the Staffordshire Infantry Brigade is the most centralized, and around and about this body the General is attempting to secure the encampment in August next of as large a body of troops, both regular and auxiliary, as is possible. With this object in view, negotiations have been conducted between the manorial proprietors and the military authorities, which it is expected will result in the formation in the fourth and fifth weeks of July, and the first week of August, of a great assembly of the troops quartered in the district. Authority has already been obtained for the drafting of troops, and it is more than probable that about 15,000 men will be assembled on the Chase and in the vicinity in the first week of August. These will combine all the arms of the service, and it is certain that outside our great military stations no such concentration of forces as that contemplated will have taken place in this country since the great manoeuvres in Cannock Chase in 1873.

General Lord Roberts has accepted the honorary Colonelcy of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Volunteer Artillery, vice honorary Colonel J. R. Young. General Roberts now divides his favours as honorary Colonel between the 3rd (Militia) Battalion Derbyshire Regiment, the Tynemouth Artillery, and the 2nd London Rifles.

Prince Louis of Battenberg's invention is during the summer to be subjected to an exhaustive series of trials, a gunboat being set aside for the purpose. The invention is a signalling apparatus, consisting of a collapsible drum, which opens and shuts so as to represent the long and short dashes of the Morse code. The instrument has already been experimented upon in the Channel Squadron, and the points now to be ascertained are its simplicity of working and the distance at which the signals can be read.

The meeting of the present year has been fixed by the National Rifle Association to commence on Monday, July 9. The new Imperial competition, in which 150 prizes are offered to the troops of the Regular Army, the Navy, Marines, and Militia, the first prize being the Challenge Cup and £100, is to be shot for in the first week—the first stage on the Wednesday at 200, 500, and 600 yards, and the second