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NOTE AND COMMENT.

The topic overshadowing all others in Canada this week is the death of the illustrious Premier, the Right Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald. His name has become a household word throughout the Dominion he was so largely instrumental in confederating, and in the conduct of many campaigns and the discharge of his public duties his kind face and striking figure have become familiar to the people of every province. No other event has so profoundly stirred the Dominion, as have his sudden illness and brave but hopeless eight days' struggle against the inexorable fate which pinned him to his bed a helpless and scarce conscious victim. He was indeed a great commander, and his skill was never more conspicuously displayed than when in the general elections of March last he at the age of seventy-six years led his host to a signal victory, but at the tremendous cost of the loss of his own precious life. The North-West Mounted Police, the splendid semi-military organization built up and maintained under the direct personal care of Sir John Macdonald, should mourn his loss as that of their best friend.

A RESOLUTION is before Parliament providing for the issue of land or scrip, in reward for military service in suppression of the North-West Rebellion of 1885, to members of the Regina Volunteer Company; the Battleford Home Guards; and to eleven scouts named in the resolution. These not having been regularly enrolled military organizations did not share in the general grant made in 1886. In connection with that grant, the results of the scrip issue were not at all what was intended by the Government, for in the greater number of instances the scrip was sold at prices far below par by volunteers who desired to quickly realize on it, at immense profit to the purchasing brokers. The cost to the Government was just the same as if actual cash to the face value of the scrip had been paid to the volunteers, and we would suggest that cash be paid in place of any further scrip issue.

THE position of Brigade Major of the Third and Fourth Military Districts, vacated by the death of Lieut.-Col. Lewis, is not to be filled, the Department having determined to save the salary. Sir Adolphe Caron made this announcement in Parliament in answer to an inquiry, and he further stated an intention to make similar reductions in the District Staff whenever opportunity offered, as more value was obtained by the expenditure of the money on the rank and file. We think this course will meet with very general approval, as the usefulness of many of the District Staff Officers seems to have long since disappeared.

THE *Mercury*, a Halifax society paper, in its last issue contains an excellent portrait of the commandant of this year's Bisley team with this complimentary notice:—"Major Weston, who is a prominent member of the legal profession, is a man in the prime of life, and has been connected with the Halifax militia for the past quarter of a century. He joined the Nova Scotia militia in 1866, and afterwards served in the Scottish company of the 63rd Rifles, till 1873, when he became attached to the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers. The following year he was appointed a lieutenant, in 1879 was promoted to a captaincy, in 1885 became adjutant, and his appointment as major dates from 1887. He served in the Riel rebellion in the North-West as captain of Company C of the Halifax Provisional Battalion. He was a member of the Wimbledon teams of 1878, 1881 and 1889, and was appointed adjutant of the same team in 1883. The news of the appointment of Major Weston as commandant of the Bisley team of 1891 was received with pleasure by his numerous friends in Halifax, among whom he is a great