

ment is in every way a suitable one, and one that will please the whole force. There is probably no other officer in the Dominion so well acquainted with the Wimbledon range, and the team may congratulate themselves that the state of his wound permits his acceptance of the appointment.

It is probably scarcely necessary to assure the Wimbledon team that they will receive a cordial welcome during their five days' sojourn in Ottawa, as well as all possible assistance, from local shots. With the Rideau range they are already acquainted, having won their places on it last autumn, and it has that advantage over any other range that could have been selected. In many ways it is the best range for the purpose, being maintained by the Militia Department in an efficient state throughout the season, and having excellent long range butts, which can be used uninterruptedly, as well as a supply of trained markers, an accessory that cannot always be depended on at smaller ranges.

A leading article in a recent number of the *Canadian Gazette*, London, suggests the colonies, and especially Canada, as a favorable field for the operations of the newly-formed Naval and Military Officers' Association. There are nearly 80,000 British officers at present on half pay, and the association proposes to find openings which will occupy the leisure of those desiring fitting employment. As naval and military men have generally "seen more of the world" than their civilian contemporaries they should be peculiarly fitted to succeed under the conditions to be found in a new country like Canada, and it is suggested that in farming alone a large field is here opened to them, in which their regular, if small, incomes would be an invaluable aid during the first years of their new life. We should on this side warmly second such action on the part of the Officers' Association, and as militiamen heartily welcome any addition to the number of trained and experienced officers in the country. Even such thorough training as is now offered to our militia officers by the various schools of instruction will not equal such as most of the gentlemen in question have had, that of years of active service in the field with the best disciplined army in the world.

There passed away in Toronto on the third instant a well-known and respected militia officer, Lieut.-Col. Wm. S. Durie, retired list, who has gone to his rest at a ripe old age. He first served in the British army in the 94th Regiment of foot, and afterwards joined the Canadian militia at the inception of the volunteer movement, his commission as lieutenant-colonel dating back to 1856. He was the first commanding officer of the Queen's Own Rifles and afterwards held the appointment of Deputy Adjutant General for many years, up to his retirement in 1881. His funeral was attended by the ex-members of the Queen's Own in a body, headed by Lieut.-Col. Gilmor, a more lately retired commander.

Many of our readers will remember the kind and genial Captain Glover, for some years staff officer of pensioners of the Ottawa district, and who died in this city. In our present issue we have the pleasure and privilege of inserting an extract from a letter from his son who is a lieutenant in H. M. 35th South Staffordshire Regiment serving in the Soudan. Lieut. Glover is distinctly remembered as a school boy in Ottawa, where, in his early years, he gave evidence of his military aspirations as an enthusiastic member of the old "Ottawa Cadet corps."

Formal assent has been given to officers to wear shirt-collars with undress uniform. The collar must not, however, show more than one-eighth of an inch above the collar of the coat.—*Vol. Ser. Rev.*

THE WEEK'S DOINGS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

Since our last issue nothing authentic has been learned respecting the movements of the forces, except a confirmation of the reports respecting General Strange's and General Middleton's movements, and of the encounter between the former and Big Bear. The man reported killed in that fight was, however, only wounded.

For facility in following their movements we have prepared a statement in tabular form of the disposition of all the troops on active service, as corrected by the official information received in the Department of Militia and Defence up to Friday afternoon last, and for which we are indebted to the kindness of the Deputy Minister and Col. Bacon:—

Place.	Corps or Service.	Approximate number.	Commander.
Emerson	A local company.....		Capt. C. Whitman.
Winnipeg	Commissariat and Transport Headquarters		Lt.-Col. Jackson, D.A.G. Hon. Dr. Sullivan.
Birtle	A local company.....	40	Capt. Wood.
Yorkton	A local company.....		Capt. T. C. Watson.
Fort Qu'Appelle....	Winnipeg Cavalry.....	40	Capt. Knight.
Troy	Part of York and Simcoe Batt.		
Regina	Winnipeg Provisional Batt....	430	Lt.-Col. Thos. Scott.
	Montreal Garrison Artillery....		Lt.-Col. Oswald.
	A local company.....	40	Lt.-Col. D. L. Scott.
	Mounted Police.....	275	Supt. Deane.
Moosejaw	Hospital.....		Dep. Surg.-Gen. Roddick. Major Gen. Laurie.
Old Wives' Lake ..	Scouts	50	Capt. White.
Humboldt.....	Cavalry School Corps	40	Lt.-Col. Turnbull.
	G. G. Body Guard.....	80	Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison.
Clark's Crossing....	7th Fusiliers.....	350	Lt.-Col. W. Williams.
	G and H Co.'s Midland Batt....	90	Lt.-Col. Deacon.
Saskatoon	Hospital.....		Dr. Jas. Bell.
Prince Albert.....	Half of Winnipeg Field Battery	3)	
	Local infantry company.....		
" and District	Mounted Police.....	204	Lt.-Col. A. G. Irvine.
Battleford.....	Queen's Own Rifles.....	250	Lt.-Col. Miller.
	B Battery.....	100	Major Short.
	C School of Infantry.....	80	Lt.-Col. Otter.
	French's Scouts.....		Capt. Brittlebank.
	Half of Winnipeg Field Battery	30	Major Jarvis.
	Part of York and Simcoe Batt.		
	Ottawa Sharpshooters.....	57	Major Todd.
	A local company.....	40	Capt. Nash.
	Mounted Police.....	75	Supt. Herchmer.
Advancing on Ft. Pitt	Cavalry Scouts.....	60	Major Boulton.
under Gen. Mid-	A Battery.....	100	Lt.-Col. Montizambert.
dleton	10th Grenadiers.....	250	Lt.-Col. Grasset.
	Six companies of Midland Batt.	250	Lt.-Col. A. H. Williams.
	90th Batt.....	323	Lt.-Col. Mackeand.
	Intelligence Corps.....	50	Capt. J. S. Dennis.
	Mounted Police	50	Part of Herchmer's
Between Red Deer	Mounted Rangers.....	140	Major Gen. Strange.
River and Little	Winnipeg Provisional Batt....	336	Lt.-Col. W. Osborne Smith.
Red Deer River...	65th Batt.....	400	Major Hughes.
Victoria	Scouts		
	A local company.....		
	Mounted Police.....	50	Supts. Steele and Perry.
Fort Saskatchewan..	Mounted Police.....	20	Inspector Griesbach.
Edmonton	2 co's York and Simcoe Batt...		
	Scouts		
	Hospital		
Calgary.....	A local company.....		
	All but two co's of 9th Batt....	190	Lt.-Col. Amyot, M.P.
Fort McLeod.....	Two co's 9th Batt.....	90	
	Mounted Police.....	45	Capt. Cotton.
Ranging between			
Calgary and Medi-	Rangers	160 to 200	Capt. J. Stewart.
cine Hat.....	Halifax Battalion.....	381	Lt.-Col. Bremner.
Medicine Hat.....	Mounted Police.....	25	Supt. McIllree.
Maple Creek.....			

Indians are known to be gathered at Green Lake; on the east side of the Moose Hills, under Big Bear, against whom the present operations are being conducted; and in the Eagle Hills; while there is a congregation of half breeds at Birch Bark Lake.

According to the news received up to this (Monday) morning we have reason to believe that the two companies of the Midland battalion tabulated as being at Clark's Crossing have gone on to Battleford, that some troops have been left to garrison Fort Pitt, and that one company of the 9th is doing picquet duty between Calgary and Edmonton.

The last of the Nile Voyageurs, a detachment of 56 men, have returned to Canada and dispersed to their several homes.

The last number of the *New York Army and Navy Journal* contains a brief illustrated article on "British Fusiliers and Riflemen," giving succinctly the characteristics of those branches of the service.