

things "smiling," so that it is a pleasure to have a look around the quarters. This bears out the fact that none but regulars should be appointed to look after the armories. The difference is very easily observed, and, in cases where they are kept by a civilian, no matter how good a man he is, they lack that "something" which is so apparent where a regular has the looking after.

If any members of the old engineer corps happened to enter their late quarters they would be apt to look and wonder if they had struck the old place. The transformation has taken place through the quarters being now occupied by "A" troop, of D.C.R.C. Hussars. Everything here is bright and shining, and although the accoutrements bear the appearance of having been in use in the dim past, yet one cannot help admiring the polish on those relics of ancient days supplied by so "kind a Government." The troop, however, are looking forward with great eagerness to the new accoutrements that "are now under way." The new commander, Lieut. Whitley, is a most enthusiastic officer, and he should make this troop second to none in Canada.

A matter that is commencing to make "Tommy Atkins'" tongue swing is the want of a gymnasium. Various ideas are talked over anent this subject, but the most popular one seems to be that so ably put forward by Major Lydon: to have the gallery at the end of the drill hall levelled off so that the proper appliances for such an institution could be fixed. To do this would inconvenience no one. Certainly it would be the means of doing away with the sight-seers' accommodation, but it is claimed that there is plenty of room for them on the side galleries. It is to be hoped that the powers that be will take the matter up, for it is really a desirable movement and should be encouraged on all sides. A course of gymnasium training is a great benefit to those who follow a sedentary life, as without some such course they cannot be expected to bear up under any great strain should they be called upon to do so. The volunteers in the Old Country are far ahead of Canadians in this respect, and they gained their point by not a little "kicking" until their wants were granted. Why then, should not the various corps commence to kick too, and see that their request be granted? The only corps who appear to have taken this matter into their own hands are the Hussars. Although the space at their command is limited, yet good work is being done in this line in their armory.

The Royal Scots' first parade drew quite a number of sight-seers to the armory. This was no doubt due to the fact that the papers had been supplying the reading public with items of the resignation of various officers. No difference was observable. They mustered strong for a first night, and that rather a dirty one, so far as the weather was con-

cerned. Of the 252 which comprised the establishment 165 paraded. They made a good show and appear as if they were going to buckle down for a good season's work. This will be found to be in some measure due to the healthy rivalry that exists for the capturing of the liberal prizes offered to the companies and sections by the officers. Col. Strathy gives a cup for the most efficient company in the battalion, and Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock put forward a challenge cup for the right and left half respectively. A prize of \$20 to the first best section and \$10 to the second best section in the regiment will be given. This will be a great stimulus to the men, and should be the means of drawing record parades.

The Royal Military College Club's first local dinner, held in the offices of Victoria Rifles Armory, was a decided success.

The Montreal Amalgamated Rifle Association held their meeting in the 6th Fusiliers' Armory last week. Col. Burland occupied the chair. There was a good attendance of members present. The report as presented showed that the past year had been one of the most successful in the annals of the association. The attendance at the ranges had greatly increased, and it was shown that the cost per man during the past five years had decreased almost one half. The insufficient number of targets and the smallness of the ranges came under discussion, and Lieut.-Cols. Starke, Burland, and Hood were appointed to look into the question of better range accommodation. The subject of the young shots also received attention, and their interests will be better looked after than in the past. The financial report was considered satisfactory and passed. Lieut.-Col. Burland was unanimously appointed president; Major Ibbotson was also unanimously appointed vice-president, and Mr. Arthur Ware, sec.-treasurer. The following is a draft of the programme for the coming shooting season.

	Executive officer.
April 26—Ranges open	Lieut.-Col. Burland
May 2—Royal Scots, class firing	Lieut.-Col. Strathy
May 9—Victoria Rifles, class firing	Lieut.-Col. Starke
May 16—1st League Match	Lieut.-Col. Massey
May 23—6th Fusiliers, class firing	Lieut.-Col. Burland
May 30—2nd League Match	Maj. Ibbotson
June 6—6th Fusiliers, annual matches	Lieut.-Col. Burland
June 13—3rd League Match	Maj. Blaiklock
June 20—Royal Scots, annual matches	Maj. Lydon
June 27—4th League Match	Lieut.-Col. Massey
July 4—Open	Lieut.-Col. Hood
July 11—P. W. R., class firing	Lieut.-Col. Butler
July 18—Victoria Rifles, annual matches	Major Busted
July 25—2nd Regt. C. A., annual matches	Lieut. Cole
Aug. 1—P. W. R., annual matches	Capt. Porteous
Aug. 8—Open	Capt. Pope
Aug. 15—Grand Trunk, annual matches	Capt. Mitchell
Aug. 22—Open	Capt. d'Orsonnens
Aug. 29—Open	Capt. Wynne
Sept. 5—Open	Capt. Henderson
Sept. 12—63th, annual matches	Lieut.-Col. Prevost
Sept. 19—Montreal Rifle Association, annual matches	Major Ibbotson

The commanding officers held a meeting last week, at which the dates for annual

inspection were decided as follows: Victoria Rifles, 30th May; 6th Fusiliers, 13th June; Prince of Wales', 20th June; 5th Royal Scots, 27th June.

The Victoria Rifles Association held their annual meeting in the Armory the other night. The vice-president, Capt. Meakins, presided. A small balance on the right side was shown in the financial report. The report of the successes of the members was highly satisfactory. The two teams entered in the Rifle League had the honor of bringing to Montreal the first League Cup ever won by a Montreal battalion. Pte. Binmore, at the Cote St. Luc ranges, holds the record for that range by a score of 99 out of 105. The Association and the Sims Cups, the Corporation of Montreal Jubilee Trophy and \$250 were won by their team. The Walker Cup and \$325 was won between 20 members who attended the D. R. A. at Ottawa. Special interest was manifested in the winning of the Gzowski Cup by the young shots of the association for the first time, and also in Capt. Pope standing 17th in the Bisley team for 1896. The elected officers for the year are: Hon. president, Lieut.-Col. Starke; hon. patrons, Lieut.-Cols. McDougall, Crawford, Whitehead, Davidson and Henshaw; president, Major Busted; vice-president, Capt. Meakins; hon. sec.-treas., Pte. Wm. Mills; assistant sec.-treas., Sergt. McLennan. Committee—Capt. Pope, No. 1 Co.; Sergt.-Major Gorman, No. 2 Co.; Sergt. Binmore, No. 3 Co.; Capt. Rodden, No. 4 Co.; Sergt. Bailey, No. 5 Co., and Sergt. McGill, No. 6 Co. Team captains—Capt. Pope, 1st team; Pte. Mills, 2nd team. Delegates to the M.A.R.A.—Lieut.-Col. Starke, Major Busted, Capt. Pope, Sergt. Binmore, Pte. Mills, Pte. Matthews. Delegates to D. R.A. and P.Q.R.A., Lieut.-Col. Starke and Capt. Pope. Executive officer, Lieut.-Col. Starke. Auditor, Pte. Binmore.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, ENG., March 18.—Another donation has been added to the National Rifle Association prize-list for Colonial and Indian volunteers at the Bisley meetings. The Court of Common Council has placed at their disposal the sum of 100 guineas for prizes to be called "Corporation of the City of London Prizes."

Previous to her departure for the continent Her Majesty presented the Silver Challenge Trophy to a deputation of the 1st Battalion Munster Fusiliers at Windsor Castle. The trophy was won from the Lincolnshire Regiment with a score of 96.5 points out of possible of 105.

The War Authorities have come to the conclusion that the present boots as supplied to the infantry were unsatisfactory, and are testing several patterns now before them.

The question whether a medical officer, he happened to be senior in rank, had the