

ient of a bronze ink stand.—St. John Globe, July 7th.

It is rumored that Sussex is to become the head-quarters of No. 8 district and that plans are being prepared for barracks, stores and magazines. It is the intention to form a brigade school of instruction and musketry at Sussex, it being understood that the Royal infantry school at Fredericton will be transferred at Sussex (Lieut.-Col. Demville, it is said, will be appointed inspector of cavalry for the Dominion.—Moncton Times.

### Off Hand Rifle Shooting.

The following scores were made at the regular practice of the Guelph Off Hand Rifle Club, held on July 8:

	100 yds.	200 yds.	Total
L. Singular	87	66	153
A. Ritchie	85	49	134
M. H. Odell	86	47	133
John Smith	76	50	126
W. R. Watson	67	57	124

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### A CHINESE BIG GUN.

It will surprise some readers to learn that a fifty-ton gun built in a Chinese arsenal has been successfully tested at K'angnan near Shanghai. The trial took place on the 2nd instant, and was a complete success, demonstrating to what a high pitch of excellence the productions of the Arsenal have attained. Two charges were fired from the huge gun, which with the use of 300 lbs. of powder threw a shot weighing 700 lbs. with the velocity of 2,000 feet per second, striking a blow of 22,000 foot tons. The trial shots were fired at a target about 300 yards off, backed by a huge mound. The first charge completely obliterated the target, and the missile burying itself in the mound literally blew away an immense mass of earth, some of the latter being thrown about eighty feet in the air. The second shot was of an equally deadly character. Advantage was also taken of the occasion to exhibit one of the 12-centimetre quick firing guns lately made in the Arsenal, which was much admired by the many experts.

#### GENERAL HERBERT'S FAMILY NAME.

The derivation of our present General's family name should be interesting to Canadian militiamen.

The name Alric has had curious adventures. The real word, of course, is Alric, or something like it, a form exactly analogous to the Aethelrics, Godrics, Osrics, and Herics (or Herries) of early English history. Athel or athel in Low Dutch answers by the usual rule to adal or edel in High German. The full name is therefore no doubt Athalaric, Latinised in its earliest shape as Athalaricus, and then generally shortened to Alaricus or Alarie, though the longer form survives in our authorities.

The High German variant is Udalrich, similarly contracted for convenience into Ulrich. Hence we get in English three derivatives—Aethelric, Alarie (Watts), and Ulrich, the last being borrowed direct from the German saint, who was Archbishop

of Augsburg. The French have also Alarie, Ulric, and Olery—a truly native variant, Italian has Amlarico and Ulrico; but the Spaniards seem to have skipped it, as they have also done the cognate Athelbert, Ealbert, Albert, and Alberto, which reappear in High German as Adalbert and Albrecht. Charibert, too, is only explicable when we regard it as the strong Frankish form of Heribert, which softens in later English into Herbert. St. Haribert of Cologne bears the self same name in an intermediate shape which bridges over the difference, Genric of the Vandals, better known to us as Genserik, shows an intrusive vowel quite analogous to Alarie's.

### Handsome Oak Framed Engravings as Prizes for Rifle Competition.

The Military Gazette is and always has been supported principally by shooting men whose organ it has always been, and whose interest it is always ready and eager to champion. Wishing to do something on its own account to help the rifleman, the new owners of this paper have decided to offer a handsome prize for competition to any regiment or Company in Canada. In doing this they are not trying to pose as philanthropists; they have a selfish object, as well as the promotion of rifle shooting in view. This object is to increase the usefulness of the paper and enlarge its field, by increasing its circulation. The more subscribers we have the better our paper will be.

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The prize will be then be forwarded all charges prepaid to any address in Canada, to be competed for by the Regiment thus qualified, all conditions of shooting, etc., to be settled by the Committee of its rifle association, and the result and full details of the match to be forwarded for publication to this paper.

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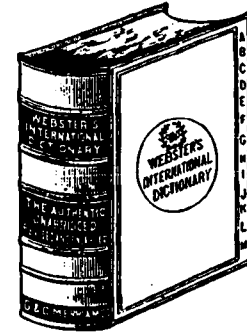
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