

that have to be passed are not of a very difficult nature, although at the same time a thorough ground work in drill is got by the working of them out. One of the regulations is that all men must appear in uniform. It would be a good thing if this same regulation were thoroughly enforced in the battalion parades, as sometimes there is a lack of uniformity in this respect. Another very good rule has also been brought forward, and that is, no promotion will be entertained unless the applicant can show a certificate of efficiency. The powers that be in the Scots are to be congratulated on this step, for in a great many cases promotion is got, not by merit, but by pull.

The turn-out of riflemen at Cote St. Luc was very good last Saturday. The chief event was the firing at the 900 yards in the M.R.A. matches. The prize-winners were J. Ward and J. Currie, 18 each, and J. A. Riddle, Jr., 17. Ward and Currie tied, but as the latter had two outers on his score, Ward got first place. The next long distance matches of the M. R. A. will take place on Saturday in conjunction with the annual meeting of the G. T. R. A. A large number of shots were out putting in practice for the P.Q.R.A. meet, and good scores were the order. Capt. Wm. M. Andrews discharged the duties of Executive officer.

The last militia general orders contain the following changes affecting the Montreal corps :

Second Regiment Artillery—Provisional 2nd Lieutenant Frederick William Winter is permitted to retire, 27th June, 1896. To be 2nd lieutenants, provisionally : Arthur Black Macfarlane, gentleman, vice Winter, retired, and George Victor Motherwell, gentleman, to complete establishment, 27th June, 1896.

Sixth Battalion Fusiliers—Provisional 2nd Lieut. John H. Wilson is permitted to retire, 22nd July, 1896. To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally : H. A. Futvoye, gentleman, vice Wilson, retired, 22nd July, 1896.

Lieuts. Oliver and Cameron, of the Royal Scots, who attended a course at the Stanley Barracks, Toronto, have been successful in securing second class certificates. Previous to going to Toronto they attended the classes here under Capt. Macdougall, acting brigade-major.

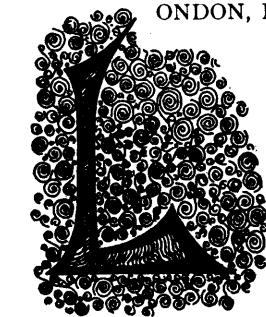
Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., has received a letter from the secretary of the Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, Conn., stating that that body will be in Montreal on the 9th September. It is expected that there will be about 250 in the company. A meeting of the officers will be held to make arrangements for their visit.

No word has yet been received at the brigade office here as to camps. Lieut.-Col. Houghton received replies from eight of the C.O.'s in his district anent the holding of them this fall. Four were in favor and four against, and the D.A.G. sent word to headquarters in favor of fall camps. He said that the best camps ever he took part in were held about the middle of September. More work could be done in five hours than in six when held earlier.

The tug-of-war team of the G.A. are practising hard just now for the coming "pull" with the police team. FORT GEORGE.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, Eng., July 31—In military circles a good deal of speculation is indulged in as to who will have charge of the extensive operations in the Soudan, which are contemplated this fall. Opinion is pretty evenly divided between Sir Redvers Buller and Sir Evelyn Wood. Both of these officers are well qualified to take charge. Sir Herbert Kitchener's operations have been marked by success, but it is stated that, notwithstanding his skill and daring,



his youth and rank are against him being allowed to complete the

work which he has, so well begun. His rank in the British army is only that of a colonel, and this, it is claimed, would preclude him from getting the command of the forces there in the autumn.

The Egyptian soldiers so far have stood the test well, and shown remarkable staying powers. This, it is claimed, is a result of the confidence which Sir Herbert Kitchener inspires in his officers, who are some of the best in the British army.

General Sir E. G. Bulwer, who has just voluntarily retired on a pension of £1,000 per annum, has anticipated his compulsory retirement by a few months only, as under ordinary circumstances he would have been retired from age in December next. During his long service of 47 years he has filled several appointments on the staff, the most important being those of inspector-general of recruiting, deputy-adjutant-general, Horse Guards, and Governor of Guernsey. He served in the Crimean and Indian Mutiny campaigns, receiving the medal with two clasps and Turkish medal for the former, and medal with clasp, C.B., and promoted lieutenant-colonel for the latter. The vacancy will be filled by the promotion of Lieut.-Gen. A. G. Montgomery-Moore, commanding the troops in Canada, Maj.-Gen. Sir B. C. Russell, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., commanding north-western district, Chester, and probably Col. (temporary major-general) C. Grove, C.B., military secretary. By the voluntary retirement of Gen. Bulwer a distinguished service reward of £100 per annum has fallen vacant.

Up to the end of June the health of the British troops in Egypt was good. Since then, however, the heat has begun to tell on them, and several deaths have occurred in the North Staffordshire regiment from cholera and enteritis.

Lieut.-General A. G. Montgomery Moore, at present in command of the troops in Canada, will succeed General Sir E. G. Bulwer, K.C.B. He passed his regimental service in the 7th Dragoon Guards and 4th Hussars. In addition to the position he now holds, he has filled some important posts on the staff, having been A.A.G. at Dublin, brigadier-general at Belfast and major-general at Dover. His promotion will not necessitate his giving up his present position, which he can hold for another two years.

An interesting ceremony took place at Bodmin, Eng., the other day, by Col. Knot, commanding the 32nd regimental district, presenting to a Cornishwoman gifts from the Queen. The woman enjoys the distinction of having seven sons serving under the Queen's colors. The Queen expressed her gratification at "so fine an example of good and honorable service to their sovereign and country from the sons of a single Cornish home." The gift consisted of an autograph portrait of Her Majesty, framed in gold gilt, and bearing the inscription "Presented to Mrs. Carveth by Her Majesty the Queen, July, 1896." A purse containing £10 was also presented. Besides the seven sons in the army, two of the daughters, imbued with a desire to keep up the military record of the family, have married soldiers.

It would appear as if the Admiralty intended at last to take up the training of carrier pigeons for carrying messages at sea. Hitherto trials made at Devonport were carried on at the expense of the officers. The work, therefore, could only be carried out under certain disadvantages; but, nevertheless, there are at present at that station about 60 birds. The longest distance yet traveled by them is 75 miles, and the results are most encouraging. Now it is stated that the Admiralty intend taking over the establishment, and it is proposed to devote a torpedo boat to the training of the pigeons. France and America have been before Great Britain in this respect, but it is expected that when once proper recognition is given the project Britain will soon make up for lost time.

The idea of sending a number of officers to join the Sirdar's expedition in Egypt is a good one. As there will be no large military manœuvres in England this year the officers attached will