

Old England would appear to be returning to her first love in the matter of the scarlet uniform, if the article quoted by a correspondent in another place in this issue is an indication of the popular feeling. However one may inveigh against it as uncomfortable and unserviceable, there is no disputing the fact that the showy scarlet uniform is intensely popular with the wearers.

Lord Wolseley has written a letter to Capt. Macaulay, of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, relative to his organization of the High School Cadets, in which the Adjutant-General of the Imperial forces thus treats of the cadet movement: "To my mind the country which neglects the physical training of the boys and girls, and attends only to the development of their brains, neglects the most elementary, and at the same time the most important part of a people's education. In continental nations, where every man is obliged to serve some short time in the army, this physical training is amply provided for; but in our empire, where all recruits for the army and auxiliary forces are obtained by voluntary enlistment, it behoves us to invent some system which will secure to our young men the benefit which compulsory military service confers elsewhere. Now, in my opinion, the establishment of a cadet corps in connection with schools is one of the simple methods we can usefully employ for this most essential end. Indeed, I hope to see the day when every school of every degree, public and private, will have a drill instructor and gymnasium attached to it."

#### N. R. A. Regulations for 1890.

The Regulations for the Prize Meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley Common, to commence on the 14th July next, a week later than usual, have just been issued. They contain some changes worthy of attention. The principal alteration of importance is the reduction of the diameters of the inner and magpie of the third class target from 24 and 36 inches respectively to 16 and 24 inches. The third class target will, in fact, be the same in 1890 as it was from 1880 to 1882 inclusive. In 1883 the diameter of the inner was increased to 24 inches, and that of the magpie to 36, in consequence, probably, of the prohibition of any but standing or kneeling positions in military competitions at 200 yards.

In military competitions "any position" is now to be allowed at 600 yards as well as at the first class ranges. In the Running Deer and Man competitions a "magpie" will be introduced, the scoring being: bulls-eye 4, inner 3, magpie 2, outer 1. Sporting rifles must not be of smaller bore than .36 (a reduction of .04 from the minimum of last year) unless they take the new service ammunition, in which case they may be .3. The minimum charge of powder for sporting rifles is 50 grains. Only one platinum line is allowed on the back sight of these.

One sighting shot is to be allowed at each range for a payment of sixpence. If Government ammunition is used, a cartridge will be issued at the firing point.

Slings may be used, but must not be longer than the longest rifle sling issued by Government. What this length is appears as yet to be unascertained.

"Undue delay" in firing in individual competitions after their commencement, is to be interpreted as any time in excess of one minute.

A wise change has been made in the wording of sect 2, sub-sec. 2c, by which a competitor is subjected to serious penalties if found with a loaded rifle elsewhere than "upon the ranges." For these last words, "at the firing point" are now substituted.

In volley firing and analogous competitions some slight changes are made with respect to the method of deducting points and settling ties. In the conditions for settling ties in team competitions and competitions where speed is combined with accuracy the words "in order of distances commencing with the lowest," are substituted for "in inverse order."

Revolvers must have a bore of at least .44, and a minimum pull of 4 lbs. Government ammunition must be used with revolvers issued by the Association, and competitors bringing their own weapons must use ammunition not lighter than the lightest kind issued by the Government.

The manufacture of smokeless powder has been stopped in the Italian arsenals, by order of the Minister of War, as it is found to be deteriorated by cold and damp.

#### Regimental and other News.

The Halifax *Mail* of the 10th inst. says: "Major Garrison, of the Halifax Garrison Artillery, received word yesterday that Capt. Hood, of the Royal Scots, Montreal, and Private Pringle of the Queen's Own, Toronto, will arrive in this city to-night to take part in a friendly shooting match on Saturday afternoon at the Bedford range. Private Pringle started the telegraph match last year, and he is the promoter of the rifle league. Both of the gentlemen in question are excellent shots and well known in this city."

#### Kingston.

On the 7th inst. the officers of the 14th P. W. O. Rifles and a few guests met in the British American Hotel at nine o'clock and entertained Capt. Murray to a farewell dinner previous to his departure for Montreal. In the absence of Col. Smith, who was unavoidably absent in Ottawa, the chair was taken by Major Power, who was supported on the right by the guest of the evening, Capt. Murray, and on the left by His Worship the Mayor, Major Drennan, of the K. F. B. Grace having been said by the Rev. W. B. Carey, chaplain, the company made sad havoc of the excellent viands, the clatter of knives and forks being accompanied by the more harmonious music of the regimental band.

This agreeable duty was followed by the drinking of toasts, including "The Queen," "The Princess of Wales, our Patroness," "The Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces," "The Mayor and Corporation," "The Learned Professions," "The Press" and "The Ladies." But the most important toast was, of course, "Our Guest," proposed in fitting terms by the chairman, who voiced the heartfelt regrets of all his brother officers at the severance of the tie which bound Capt. Murray to the 14th P. W. O. Rifles, and their best wishes for his success in all his future undertakings. In fact, all the speeches were tinged with the same strains of regret at parting with Capt. Murray, eulogy of his many sterling qualities as a man and as an officer, and joy at his improved prospects in civil life.

Capt. Murray responded to the toast very feelingly, indulging in reminiscences of days gone by and expressing the affectionate regard which he would always entertain for the old Fourteenth.

During the evening songs were sung by Major Galloway and Capt. Shannon, and Strange, speeches were made by nearly every other officer present, and a good time generally was spent until shortly after midnight.

Capt. Murray takes with him not only the sincere regard of his brother officers, but also a more tangible memorial of them in the shape of a very handsome and well furnished valise of alligator leather, the presentation of which was the occasion of this gathering.

#### Hamilton.

The 13th Battalion held its monthly parade last Friday evening. There was a fairly good turnout, about 300 of all ranks being present. Headed by the brass and bugle bands, the regiment went for a march out and made a good appearance. Overcoats were left off for the occasion, the weather being rather warm for them. The regiment marched up James street to Maitland, and back by way of Macnab and James streets accompanied by an immense crowd of admirers. Major Moore was in command, Major MacLaren and the Adjutant, Captain Stuart, also being present. On returning to the hall Major MacLaren put the regiment through several movements which showed that the companies have profited considerably by the training they have received from the company officers.

The following orders were then read, and after Major Moore had briefly addressed the regiment the parade was dismissed:

Headquarters, Thirteenth Battalion, A. M.,

Hamilton, April 11th.

No. 12. The commanding officer has been pleased to make the following promotions, provisionally, from this date, namely; C Company, to be corporal, Pte. Robert E. Turnbull; D Company, to be sergeant, Pte. James Harvey, vice Reid, time expired; to be corporals, Pte. Bruce Harvey and Pte. Wm. Stewart.

No. 13. The next battalion parade will be on Friday, April 25th, at 7.45 p.m.

No. 14. After this date the use of winter uniform on parade will be discontinued.

No. 15. Fur caps will be returned into the company's stores at the next company parades, each man's name, number and company to be written on a card attached to the cap. Officers commanding companies will return into regimental stores before next battalion parade, all the fur caps which were issued to them, with card as above.

No. 16. The commanding officer will attend at the orderly-room, drill hall, on Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, for the transaction of regimental business—By order, J. J. Stuart, captain and adjutant.

I notice in an English paper of a recent date a paragraph headed "Fairplay for Volunteers," which I think would be equally applicable to Canada; it is this:—"Earl Percy gave expression to the feelings of the volunteers when he called attention in the House of Lords, on Monday, to the unfairness of expecting the various corps to provide any part of their equipment. If the volunteers give their services, he claimed that the Government was bound to supply what they needed as accoutrements. This view was endorsed by other speakers, and Earl Brownlow admitted that the whole question would have to be considered. If the