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Note and Comment.

The Deputy Minister of Militia in his report, dated Dec. 15th, prefacing the report on the state of militia, says that the militia report is up to the 30th June last, so that the whole report may be printed before the 1st of January. As a matter of fact it was not printed until four months after the 1st Jan'y, making the report 10 months old after the close of the year and 18 to 24 months after inspections of the corps referred to. This plan is a change for the worse. The old plan of closing the report on Jan. 1st should be reverted to. It is then up to date and not ancient history, as now, when published. In this connection the report of the General Officer Commanding does an injustice to a num-

ber of commanding officers who are reported as adversely. As some of these officers have since left the service, it is, to say the least of it, unkind to throw mud at men who have spent their time and money, with little consideration from Government, in at least maintaining some kind of a military organization. These adverse and severe strictures are made public only after officers have left the service and have had no opportunity to retrieve their laurels. We think, in the case of officers who have left the service, such criticisms should not be promulgated. They do no good, and as the officers effected are now out of the force, we may have a war of words in the newspapers from these officers against the officer making the report. Let all reports against existing C. O. be published, as they have the means to redeem themselves.

The dates for the brigade camps in the Province of Ontario is uncertain this year on account of the election of members to the Legislative Assembly coming off in June. This is very unfortunate, as June is, by long odds, the best month in the year for brigade camps in the Province of Ontario. We hope the writs will be issued as early as possible, so that there will not be much, if any, deviation in the date of this year's camps over those of other years.

It is simply disgraceful that the Militia Department have not yet issued the militia list corrected to Jan. 1st, 1894. We would like some M. P. to ask the Minister for an explanation as to the cause of delay. Surely with an Adjutant General, Quarter Master General, Assistant Adjutant General, Poets, Sculptors and Literary men galore in the Department, it

should not take four months to get the list out. And it is not in sight yet.

That reminds us that when a poet was a short time ago appointed to the Militia Dept., the Government press promised us all sorts of historical research into the early military history of Canada. None appears in the militia report, and we have heard nothing more about it.

By the number of errors in every general order, one should be led to believe that an artist or poet was editing them. If it is necessary for correctness to have them in rhyme or in pictures, for goodness sake let us have them that way—but let us have fewer corrections as the result of fewer errors.

There has been this year since Jan. 1, 1894, but three issues of general orders. At this season of the year it is not frequent enough. We know of would-be-officers who have had their names sent to Ottawa for commissions months ago. Their corps have been drilling for some time, indeed the spring drill is pretty well over before they are "Gazetted" and entitled to appear on parade. They thus lose a considerable part of the training and appear at the inspections at a great disadvantage. This is not right, and only requires the Militia Department to get a move on them.

The Dominion Rifle Association and the Dominion Artillery Association are not the only ones who suffer by the forgetfulness (!) of the Earl of Derby, late Governor-General of Canada, in forgetting (?) to provide what he promised. For the last three years the gold, silver and bronze medals, always given by other governors-gen-