

church. Given fine weather the occasion should be an imposing one.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Capt. J. Fred. Ramsay, of the 48th Highlanders, Toronto, was a visitor at the Guards' mess during the regimental parade last week.

Major Lessard, Royal Canadian Dragoons, was in the city last Thursday and Friday.

"Col." MacMillan, whose eloquent pressing of the claims of the volunteers of 1866 has caused some attention, is still at the Capital. There does not seem to be any brilliant chance of the Fenian expellers being rewarded in the immediate future.

Capt. Bate, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, has received a first-class field officer's certificate from the Guards' School of Instruction, Wellington Barracks, London, Eng.

The Royal Scots, of Montreal, were well represented at the league Rugby match here between Montreal and Ottawa. Lieut. Cameron played on the Ottawa team and Lieut. Armstrong with the Montrealers. It is needless to say that both were stars.

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WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, ENG., Oct. 4.—Much satisfaction is expressed in the service that four of the officers who took part in the Jamieson raid, and against whom no case could be proven at the trial, have been allowed to return to their regiments.

The manœuvres at Aldershot were in every respect a great success. The troops were well handled, and a special feature of the operations was the good marching, which was due, no doubt, to the graduated training to which they have been subjected. The troops were subjected to great hardships and fatigue owing to the bad weather.

The Indian Mint will prepare the new Indian war medal which has been sanctioned in commemoration of the services rendered in the recent campaign in Chitral. It is expected that all ranks will be in possession of them by the first of the year.

It is stated that ten medical officers, who have over 20 years' service, have asked to retire. The cause of this clearing out is the result of the long tours of foreign service, no leave and hard work. Some have even thrown up the promotion to brigade surgeon's rank to remain at home rather than face an Indian tour. There appears to be much discontent with the way that the Army Medical Department are being treated. It is said that really good students will not enter this service until Lord Lansdowne issues his promised warrant. Nearly every Gazette tells of a retirement in one rank or another.

By an arrangement come to between the India Office and War Office cadets of the Royal Military College, Canada, will have the benefit of one nomination annually for the Indian Staff Corps. The experiment is to be tried for five years.

The militia who were recently under training at Aldershot have been granted an allowance of 6d. per day for extra cleaning of arms, accoutrements and clothing caused by the inclement weather.

By an army order just issued, officers commanding infantry brigades who retire from the service on completion of not less than five years' service in that appointment, are allowed to wear the uniform of a brigadier-general on the retired list.

Lord Wolseley, the Commander-in Chief, has expressed himself as highly pleased with the manœuvres which have lately finished at Aldershot. The ground at the disposal of the troops was inadequate for the performing of many important movements, but, notwithstanding, the troops showed great improvement on former years.

The promotion of Sir Herbert Kitchener to the rank of major-general in Her Majesty's army, for distinguished service in the

field, is a well-deserved recognition of the brilliantly conducted campaign on the Middle Nile. The warmest praise has been suggested for the manner in which the Sirdar has transformed the Egyptian army into a well-disciplined and reliable body.

The greatest surprise has been expressed at the recent saddle-cutting by a detachment of the 4th Hussars, stationed at Waterford. The men claim that they have been subjected to the "most harsh forms of drill labor." However this may be, it is absurd to think that a certain class of men who, on the commanding officer not conforming to their wishes, they resort to the dastardly tactics of having their grievance drawn attention to by damaging Government property.

For senior colonels of the army the outlook for the next two or three years is not by any means bright, owing to so few vacancies that will occur in the generals' list. A number of voluntary retirements will, no doubt, take place, as the present regulations permit an officer to take full pension two years before he reaches the compulsory age. Considering the size of the colonels' list, it is a matter of impossibility for two out of every three to reach the rank of general.

The action of the Admiralty in training pigeons is a step that is highly approved of. It is to be hoped, now that a beginning has been made, a complete system will, ere long, be introduced. All the European countries have now a regular pigeon-messenger service. There is no doubt but what a properly trained service of carrier pigeons would be invaluable, both in the scheme for home defence and in many of our colonies.

LIEUT.-COL. WHITE TO BE A.A.G.

QUEBEC, October 13—The following gentlemen were recently extended the privileges of the Garrison Club: Col. Kingscote, R.A., Halifax; Lieut.-Col. Brown, R.A., England; Lieut.-Col. W. H. Cotton, Kingston, Ont.; Dr. F. W. Campbell, R.R.C.I., St. Johns, Que.; Major F. L. Lessard, R.C.D., Toronto; Capt. W. Forester, R.C.D., Toronto, and Major-General Gascoigne and Capt. MacLean, A.D.C.

The annual meeting of the Garrison Club took place on the 14th inst.

It was reported in one of the local papers that Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, of the 8th Royal Rifles, had been appointed Assistant Adjutant-General at Headquarters and had resigned the command of his regiment. This, however, was contradicted the following day, but, nevertheless, in such a manner as to leave the impression that such an appointment was not altogether an unlikely event for the near future.

The brigade camp, which was held at St. Joseph de Levis, is now a thing of the past. Owing to the number of days in which the weather was extremely bad, the benefit anticipated to those in camp cannot be viewed as having been fulfilled, as at least one-half of the time was such as to prevent any work being done of an advantageous nature. The camp was inspected by Major-General Gascoigne previous to its breaking up.

Capt. Lee, R.A., of the staff of the Royal Military College of Canada, delivered a lecture on "Mobilization," which was appreciated by all such as were enabled to be present.

The smartest battalion in camp was the 87th, and the company commanded by Capt. F. O'Farrell was admitted to be the best drilled and most efficient in the brigade.

The agitation which has been going on with regard to recognition of the services of the militia who were called out in connection with the Fenian raid of 1866 has brought up the question of recognition for those who were called out for active service on the 23rd of December, 1864, in connection with the St. Alban's raid, and who were out on the border for a period of some six months. It