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Topics of the Week.

A curious feature in connection with the Wimbledon team for this year is that the twenty who have accepted places upon it represent only two provinces, fifteen being from Ontario and five from Nova Scotia. It is but due to the other provinces to say, however, that among the six who declined the places to which they were entitled were two New Brunswickers and one Quebecker.

Now that the shooting season is again on we have to request secretaries of rifle associations, or others interested in seeing practice or prize scores published in the Militia Gazette, to lose no time in forwarding them to us.

Two letters on the subject of the complaints respecting last year's D. A. A. field artillery competitions are crowded out of this issue. They will appear next week.

There seems every prospect of a great military review at Montreal on the Queen's Birthday, Toronto and Ottawa corps talking of making Quebec's commercial metropolis the objective point of their annual excursions. Montreal possesses every facility for making pleasant the stay of visiting corps, who never fail to receive a cordial welcome.

Appropriation of \$10,000 each are asked in the supplementary estimates for next fiscal year, in aid of the drill halls of Belleville and Brantford. At both of these places the military spirit is so well developed that they have in the past been able to maintain highly efficient corps, despite the lack of drill hall accommodation.

As will be noticed in the report from Hansard condensed in this issue, the military members are at length making themselves heard in the Commons. A very interesting feature of last week's discussion was the announcement made by Sir Adolphe Caron that fatigue suits are not unlikely to be served out, with the idea of saving the more expensive uniforms from some of the hard usage to which they are now necessarily put.

The *United Service Gazette* laments that there is not now a single battery of Horse Artillery ready to take the field in England, and says: "When we find that Austria, who possessed no Horse Artillery a few years back, thinks it now necessary to reintroduce it, we ought surely to feel uneasy at seeing an arm, which it is admittedly impossible hastily to raise and equip when an emergency may occur, reduced to such a dangerously low standard. When the Germans, who have had more experience of modern war than anyone else, think it necessary and important to keep up a strong force of Horse Artillery—when Prince Kraft, their most able artillery general, and, perhaps, the greatest living authority on the subject, recommends that the whole Corps Artillery of an Army Corps should be composed solely of horse batteries, it is surely wilful blindness on our part to let so valuable an adjunct droop and wither in the way it is doing now before our eyes.

Regimental News.

Lieut.-Col. Aylmer, brigade major, was in Fergus recently transferring the armoury of No. 3 Co. from Capt. Beattie to Lieut. J. J. Craig, of No. 10 Co., who has been recommended for the captaincy of No. 3 in room and stead of Capt. Beattie, resigned.

Quartermaster A. J. Clark, of the 25th Battalion, has sent in his resignation, and it is expected the other officers will follow suit and the battalion will be disbanded.

Lt.-Col. Bond formally resigned his command of the 1st Battalion, Prince of Wales Rifles, into the hands of Lt.-Col. Butler last week. In the course of a farewell address to the regiment, he said: "Whether it was in the defence of the country or in aid of the civil power, it has always seemed to me that the more serious the occasion the more ready were you to answer to the call to fall in. I shall watch your future with an abiding faith in your loyalty to our sovereign and in your readiness to sustain the authority of the flag under which we live. It is a source of pleasure to me to feel that in handing over my command to Lt.-Col. Butler, I commit you to the care of an officer whose past zeal and ability in the discharge of his duties give proof of qualities which will be certain to add to the future efficiency and reputation of the regiment." Col. Butler then spoke, and said the memory of Col. and Mrs. Bond would always remain green in the hearts of officers and men. He exhorted the regiment to maintain a high state of efficiency.

A match game of cricket between H. M. S. Espiegle and C Battery, R. C. A. was played on Beacon Hill, Victoria, recently, and resulted in a great victory for the Battery. The score stood 257 to 54.

Toronto.

That the Queen's Own Rifles will go to Montreal to celebrate the Queen's Birthday is now an assured fact. The committee of officers, consisting of Major Delamere, Capt. Thompson and Lieut. Peuchen, who went to Montreal to make arrangements, returned on the 17th, bearing most satisfactory news. The Queen's Own will leave here on the night of Thursday, May 23, for Montreal, and will remain there till the Sunday night following. It will be exactly ten years since the Queen's Own visited Montreal, and this trip will be a big one, and the regiment will no doubt be well received.

The regiment had its weekly parade on the 17th with a strength of 478. Lt.-Col. Allan is still too ill to take command; Senior Major Hamilton is limping from the result of a recurrence of a leg trouble received a few years ago while playing lacrosse; and so Junior Major Delamere was in charge. The regiment marched to Clarence square, where they were put through the usual exercises. The brass and bugle bands were there in strong force and played their best. While the regiment was away four squads of recruits were put through the drill in the Armoury. A squad of 25 was passed last Monday night and many of these were in the ranks last night for the first time. It is expected that another squad of 25 will be passed next Monday night.

Among the orders read out were these: D Co.—To be sergeant, Pte A. G. Robertson, vice Burton, discharged. G Co.—To be corporal in ambulance corps, Pte. F. Dallas. H Co.—To be sergeant, Corporal C. A. Bogert, vice Baldwin, discharged; to be corporal, Pte. E. L. Morton, vice Bogert promoted. Capt. Sankey will act as major until further orders.

The officers and sergeants of the regiment will meet at St. Lawrence Hall on Monday evening, the 22nd, for lecture on drill and exercises by Captain Mutton.

THE GRENADIERS.

The Grenadiers turned out last Thursday night under Col. Dawson about 300 strong, and headed by both bands marched to the Alexandria Rink in King street west. The movements practised were the marching past and the general salute. Owing to the very bad state of the ground the movements were only fairly done. The playing of the band on the march was greatly admired and showed wonderful improvement.