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NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE first match of the Canadian Military Rifle League, fired on Saturday last, 16th May, resulted in the teams who led last year coming to the front again with scores that give promise of a keen contest for the high aggregates. The immense number of 104 teams entered. Unfortunately many were prevented from firing, through incomplete arrangements or unavoidable occurrences, such as at Halifax, where fog obscured the targets, and these have received permission to fire their first match on Saturday of this week. Until these are fired and the complete scores are received we prefer not to publish any, as to most of our readers the news has been conveyed in the daily press, and for the purposes of future reference the record preserved in these columns should be as perfect as possible. In connection with the suggestion made last week that the free ammunition should be allowed to those militiamen who necessarily had to enter in the name of civilian associations, we are pleased to learn that the Militia Department has generously decided to make the issue to all League teams without reservation.

THE annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, held on Wednesday, proved even less interesting than usual, the business transacted being absolutely nothing outside of the formal resolutions cut and dried and distributed round the room for presentation. The same will likely be the case at the Artillery meeting to-day. The affairs of both associations are in a very satisfactory condition, and hence the unanimity at the meetings. It seems a pity, however, in the case of the Rifle Association, to have the business meeting at a time when only a handful of members can attend, instead of during the week of the annual matches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE NEW PATTERN BUSBY.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Your correspondent "Stadacona," referring to the new regulation pattern Rifle busby worn by the 8th Royal Rifles on the 10th inst., is under the impression that this was the first occasion on which the new busby has been worn in Canada. The Dufferin Rifles of Brantford paraded with the new pattern busby at their outing in Toronto on 1st July last year.

BUSBY.

Toronto, May 18th, 1891.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

The largest church parade in the history of the Queen's Own Rifles took place Sunday afternoon to St. George's Church. The total muster of all ranks was 623 men. Owing to the large number of the University men engaged in examinations, "K" Company was not able to turn out more than half its strength. From the armoury the regiment marched by way of Front, Wellington, Bay, King, Simcoe, Queen and John streets to St. George's Church, the entire route being thronged with crowds of onlookers. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. A. A. Pitman and Rev. M. C. Dickenson, Rev. Mr. Pitman preaching a forcible sermon from Judges v., 23, "Curse ye, Meroz, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof." A special musical service was led by the choir, the crowded congregation joining most heartily in hymn and response. From the church the men returned by way of John, Queen, Yonge and King streets to the armoury. An unfortunate accident occurred just prior to the parade, in which Lieut. Crean, of "I" Company, met with a nasty fall, the effects of which are likely to confine him to the house for some days. Lieut. Peuchen was driving down Jarvis street to the drill shed in a Gladstone, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and Lieut. Crean, the latter occupying the rear seat. Turning the corner of King at a somewhat sharp angle, the Lieutenant was dislodged from his seat and struck with much force on his head on the car rails. He was quickly picked up and taken down to the shed, where it was found he had sustained a severe abrasion of the forehead and right temple, the ear, too, being deeply cut. Dr. Nattress examined the injuries and found there was a slight contusion of the brain, but after dressing the wounds the injured officer was able to be conveyed to his home in Deer Park.

The annual entertainment of the Queen's Own Rifles, which was given Friday night at the Grand Opera House, took the shape of a performance of Gilbert's comedy, "On Guard," by the Sheridan Club, an amateur organization of recent formation. The popularity of the regiment and the *personnel* of the club secured a large and fashionable audience.

THE 1866 VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

The members of the temporary organization of veterans of '66 met on Monday night in the prayer room of Upper Canada College. Col. Otter, the chairman, presided, and Capt. Wm. Fahey officiated as secretary. Amongst the large number of veterans present was Col. Gillmor, who commanded the Q. O. R. at Rideway. The report of the committee arranging details for the commemoration of Rideway on the 2nd of June was adopted. Invitations are to be sent to Major-General Herbert; Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia; the Lieutenant-Governor, Mayor and Corporation, the Public School Board, the various city corps, the Volunteer Monument Committee of '96, and to outside corps in Ontario who may desire to be