

character was by a small majority the choice of the bodies consulted.

Upon this decision the colonel put himself in communication with the municipal councils of the province and solicited assistance in every direction, and met with such success that he took steps for a selection of his team. A competition took place at London, at Hamilton, at Toronto, and at Kingston and ten men from each place met and competed at a final competition at Hamilton. I attended the London competition solely for the purpose of assisting a friendly shot, who was anxious to return to the old country, but by chance was one of the ten sent to the final contest at Hamilton. I was sixteenth, and of course had the offer of a place on the proposed team. The twenty chosen exerted themselves with energy and with success in securing funds for the promise was given them whatever their winnings and whatever balance of public money was left after expenses were paid, that balance would be equally divided amongst the members of the team. On that promise we took passage, and after spending a couple of weeks at the Alton ranges, we found ourselves on the Wimbledon common with horse blankets generously loaned for the occasion by Sir Peter Tait. Very few of the team possessed small bore rifles and our competition was in a measure limited to such matches as Col. Skinner choose to enter for and although our shooting was with the Snider Enfield it was quite as good as that of our successors. I was the winner of Sir Peter Tait's cup and £25; and the proud satisfaction exists that mine is the only name that will ever appear on the trophy.

The papers of 1871 had not a little to say in regard to the way the team was treated in the light in the engagement made by Col. Skinner; but as the Ontario Rifle Association pocketed a sum considerably in excess of 2,000, having refused to contribute a dollar to the enterprise, no regard was paid to the condition upon which the team, as citizens and shots engaged in the project.

From these few details you have the first of an important feature of our military economy originating with one of your own regiment; who owes, to dear old "Forty" Graham, matter for the inscription, that in the grand achievement of Private Hayhurst, of the 13th Batt., in securing for a member of the Canadian Militia the great honor of winning the Queen's prize—a close connection with the past and present making Hamilton conspicuous. I am very dear major.

Yours truly,

A. MCCLLENAGHAN.

Lieut. Col. Skinner, Hamilton, Ont.; Capt. McClenaghan, 22nd Batt., Woodstock, Ont.; Capt. Bell, Brockville; Capt. Gibson, Toronto; Lt. Little, 13th Hamilton; Lt. Harris, Ottawa; Lt. Warner, Kingston; Lt. Birtch, Stratford; Lt. McDonald, Guelph; Lt. Jennings, Toronto; Lt. McNachten, Coburg; Dr. Oranathe, Stratford; Sgt. Morrison, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Omond, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Sach, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Adams, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Wastie, 7th London; Sgt. McMullen, 10th Toronto.

They Appreciate the Military Gazette.

SUDBURY, October 19th, 1895.

The CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE, Montreal.

Dear sirs.—I know that I am considerably in arrears with my subscription and I have no excuse excepting my own carelessness. I also know that a paper cannot be supported and run successfully if it has many like myself. I enclose you P. O. order for three dollars and hope in a very short time to be ahead instead of behind. In my opinion you have done more for the militia than all the other papers put together, because you know what you are talking about whereas the others in most cases do not. More power to you.

Yours truly,

Capt. —

HALIFAX, N. S., October 21st, 1895.

Editor and Proprietor of the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE.

Dear sir.—Enclosed please find \$2.00 being for my subscription for current year to your excellent paper. I am always glad to see it and get posted in the doings of our brother militiamen in all parts of the Dominion.

Yours truly,

Major —

News of the Service.

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Ottawa.

Last week was one of unusual activity in local military circles. On Friday, the 18th Oct., Major General Gascoigne made his first official appearance as the Major General Commanding the Militia, when he made an informal inspection of the Governor General's Foot Guards and presented the regimental badges to the successful teams in the competitions for the Gzowski cup and British challenge shield. A very large number of invited guests were present and great interest was taken in the proceedings by the friends of the regiment. The regiment was under the command of Lt. Col. Hodgins and the parade state showed 248 of all ranks on parade. The regiment was drawn up in line at open order received the Major General with a general salute, after which column to the right was formed, and a minute inspection of companies was made. The Major General was accompanied by Col. Powell, Adj.-Gen.; Col. Lake, Qr. Mr. Gen.; Lt.-Col. Hon. Mr. Aylmer, A.A.G., commanding M. D. No. 4, and Lieut. A. McLean, A. D.C. After inspection the regiment formed a hollow square for the presentation of the regimental badges. Before proceeding to this part of the ceremony, Col Hodgins, commanding the regiment, addressed the Major General as follows. He said:

Major General Gascoigne:—Before proceeding to the pleasing duty which has brought us together this evening, I desire, with your permission, Sir, to take advantage of this, your first official appearance amongst us, to offer to you, on behalf of the Governor General's Foot Guards, our respectful congratulations on your appointment as the Major-General commanding the Militia of Canada, and to extend to yourself and Mrs. Gascoigne a very hearty welcome to Canada and to the city of Ottawa, which is to be your home during your period of command.

We trust that your stay in Canada may be not only most pleasant and agreeable to you, but of profit and advantage to the force whose welfare and interests have

been, in conjunction with the able Minister of Militia and Defence, committed to your care. That your stay will be pleasant and agreeable, we have your own personal assurance, and that it will be of profit and advantage to the Militia of Canada, we entertain not the slightest doubt. You come to us from the Mother Country, having been trained in the best school in the world—the British army—with its reputation, its history and its glorious traditions. Your services and long experience in the Imperial force, and your connection with the volunteers in England have given you that knowledge and experience which eminently fit you for the responsible position which you now occupy.

I have no hesitation in assuring you that your task in Canada in connection with the force will be rendered a comparatively easy one, for you will find, as time goes on, that you will have in the discharge of your duties not only the good will, but the assistance and hearty co-operation of every officer, N. C. officer and man of the Active Militia. The Active Militia of this country are composed of men, who, in spite of many disadvantages and drawbacks, are actuated and bound together by a love of country.

Their objects in serving her are the maintenance of law and order in our midst, the protection of our homes and firesides from invasion, the preservation of Canada as a colony of Great Britain, for British subjects we were born and British subjects we will die. Not only that, Sir, but the Canadian Militia are as ready to-day as they have been in the past to assist in the maintenance of that Empire on which it is our proud boast that the sun never sets, and of which we in Canada proudly feel that we form no small or insignificant part. Actuated by such motives you need have little fear but that the Militia with a little more encouragement, and led by you, will do everything in their power to meet your demands upon them and to make themselves as efficient as possible, so that when your time comes to go, you will feel regret at parting from us, and we in addition to a similar regret, feel that the force is immeasurably the better for your having commanded it.

THE GENERAL'S REPLY.

Major General Gascoigne acknowledged in kind words the words of welcome from the regiment. He remarked that this was only an informal and not an official inspection, but he would say that he was exceedingly well pleased with the appearance of the men, and their steadiness on parade. While he would know no particular city or district or regiment, as the Major General commanding, but would treat all alike, he looked upon Ottawa, being headquarters, as a city should be regarded as a model to all other Canadian cities in military matters, and he looked to the G.G.F.G. to be an example and model to the rest of the militia. He said he expected a higher standard of efficiency during his regime than they had ever attained under any former general, and he felt perfectly sure they would comply with his request. As for himself he would help them in every way possible to accomplish this end.

The badges were then presented by Major General Gascoigne. Among those who figured frequently as winners of the coveted trophies were: Staff S Sgt. Armstrong, Capt. Sutherland, Pte. R. Tink, Pte. W. Tink, Capt. H. H. Gray, Staff Sgt. Short, Staff Sgt. Nutting, Staff Sgt. Malleue, and Messrs. J. Deslauriers, J. Brown, Carroll, Cawdron, Morrison, Dawson, Newby and Reardon.

The regiment were afterwards dismissed, when the officers gave a reception to their friends. The guests were received by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hodgins and refreshments were served in the mess room. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were introduced to Major-General and Mrs. Gascoigne. The splen-