

torpedo-boats when the chance offers of getting up close to the enemy, whilst to submarine boats the exaggeration of its utility would be impossible.

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The final meeting of the Committee for the restoration of Burnham Thorpe Church in honour of Lord Nelson, was held on Monday Nov, 27th at the Marlborough Club, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha (the chairman) presiding. Sir Arthur Blomfield, the architect, made a report on the work that had been carried out, after which the accounts were submitted, examined, and passed, subject to their being audited by a properly qualified accountant. A surplus of £336 16s. 1d. (which includes subscriptions in addition to those previously acknowledged) was declared, and the Committee resolved to make over this amount to the Rev. J. L. Knight, the present rector, to be applied by him for the complete restoration of the tower of the church. Subsequently the Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha was presented with a photogravure of three notices in the parish books bearing Nelson's name. Copies of these documents will in due course be sent to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

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It is reported in Berlin that when the new ironclad Brandenburg is completed she will be commissioned by Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the Emperor, and that he will then be promoted to the rank of admiral. The Brandenburg is one of the new first class ironclads now nearing completion in the German Dockyards, and with her sister ship, the Waerth, will be a formidable addition to the fighting strength of the Empire. It is not probable that either of them will be commissioned before the beginning of the year, so that Prince Henry's appointment, and his step in rank, will come in, the guise of a New Year's gift from his brother. The Prince's naval career has extended over sixteen years, so that his promotion, for a member of the reigning family, has not been remarkably rapid. During that time he has had experience on almost every type of vessel in the German Navy, from the training brig and torpedo boat to the first class ironclad. It was on the Prince Albert that he circumnavigated the globe, his voyage occupying close upon two years.

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An order has been received at Devonport that the Admiralty intend the Bonaventure, cruiser, to relieve the Boadicea as flagship on the East Indies station. Instead of being sent to Australian station, as originally intended. Several weeks ago, when the Australian Government was informed that the Bonaventure would be sent on that station, the Australian representatives in England were instructed to protest against the Admiralty's de-

cision, as the size of the Bonaventure would not justify the Australian Government in accepting her as a flagship. It is understood that the Crescent, cruiser which is fitting out as a flagship at Portsmouth, and was intended to relieve the Boadicea, will be sent to Australia. The Crescent, which has a displacement of 7,700 tons, is not only twice the size of the Bonaventure, but is larger by 2,000 tons than the Orlando.

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It is announced from Cairo that the Council of Ministers has approved the extra grant of £54,000 for the budget of the Army of Occupation, demanded by Great Britain to cover the expense of increasing the number of British troops in Egypt in January last.

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In the house of Commons the other day Mr. Campbell Bannerman in answer to Mr. W. Allen, said the number of the regular Army stationed in Ireland was substantially the same as under the late Government—27,710. Except for temporary purposes, the disposition of troops depended very much upon the barrack accommodation available.

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Mr. Labouchere recently asked the Civil Lord of the Admiralty what is the cost of the powder used annually for salutes in the navy. Mr. E. Robertson replied that the annual cost of the powder used for saluting is £1,585.

### ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB.

Office of the secretary-treasurer, Quebec, 24th November, 1893. Official communication No. 3, 1893.

9 No. 1, Annual Meeting.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, the 24th of February, at the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, Ont.

No. 2, Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner will be held on the evening of the above date. Notification of place will be given at the annual meeting.

Members connected with the Army or Militia are requested to appear at the Dinner in the Mess uniform of their respective corps.

Members are requested to notify the Secretary if it is their intention of being present or not, in order that all arrangements may be completed.

By order.

ERNEST F. WURTELE.

Captain R. L. Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Royal Military College Club of Canada.

### THE VOLUNTEERS DECORATION.

In the Imperial House of Commons last week:—Viscount Wolmer asked the Secretary of State for War whether he was prepared to recommend to Her Majesty that officers of the Volunteer forces who had served in the ranks

should be allowed to count their full service as private or non-commissioned officers towards 20 years' service required to entitle them to receive the Volunteer decoration, seeing that the decoration which had already been granted to officers was now to be granted to non-commissioned officers also.

Mr. Campbell-Bannerman: The conditions under which non-commissioned officers shall count their service towards the proposed decoration have not yet been fully determined. But the decoration to be given to them will not necessarily be identical either in nature or conditions with the officers' decoration, and it does not appear to be desirable to make any alteration in the conditions under which the latter is earned.

### PRIZES FOR RIFLE COMPETITION.

The Military Gazette is and always has been supported principally by shooting men whose organ it has always been, and whose interest it is always ready and eager to champion. Wishing to do something on its own account to help the riflemen, the new owners of this paper have decided to offer a handsome piece for competition to any regiment or company in Canada. In doing this they are not trying to pose as philanthropists; they have a selfish object as well as the promotion of rifle shooting in view. This object is to increase the usefulness of the paper and enlarge its field, by increasing its circulation. The more subscribers we have the better our paper will be.

The conditions then on which we will present these prizes are: 1st Eight names are to be sent us, of members of your regiment, who are not at present subscribers to our paper, and who want to receive it 2ndly. Sixteen dollars, the amount of the eight subscriptions for one year must accompany the names and these will receive the Gazette for one year.

The prize will then be forwarded all charges prepaid to any address in Canada, to be competed for by the Regiment thus qualified, all conditions of shooting, etc., to be settled by the committee of its rifle association, and the result and full details of the match to be forwarded for publication to this paper.

You will be astonished to find how many of your officers and shooting men who would be much interested by our paper and to whom it would be of much practical use, do not subscribe for it. The following is a list of the prizes from which you make a selection:

The Roll Call, by Mrs Butler, size of frame 30 by 42 inches; Quatre Bras, by Mrs. Butler, size of frame 30 by 42 inches; Balaclava, by Mrs. Butler, size of frame 30 by 42 inches; Pour La Patrie, by L. Royer, size of frame 27 by 36 inches, or the pair; Trompette de