

health is fully restored. That his absence from the ranges may be of brief duration will be the wish of his friends the entire body of riflemen.

Toronto will shortly have the finest drill hall and military headquarters in the Dominion, as its erection is to be proceeded with just as soon as the title deeds to the site are placed in possession of the Government, and the civic authorities promise that the deeds will be forthcoming immediately. The building will be adapted for an all-the-year-round club house and recreation hall, as well as for purposes of drill, as provision will be made for athletic apparatus, bowling alleys, billiard rooms and other sources of amusement. Its erection will give deserved encouragement to a force that has flourished surprisingly despite the drawbacks long felt.

Personal.

Hon. C. R. W. Colville, Military Secretary to His Excellency the Governor-General, has been promoted to a Majority in his regiment, the Grenadier Guards.

Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, who arrived from England this week, was while in Montreal presented with an address from his fellow-members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers congratulating him upon the honour of knighthood recently conferred upon him.

Capt. Huskisson, R.E., has been appointed to the vacancy on the staff of the Royal Military College, Kingston, caused by the retirement of Capt. Stuart Davidson, Professor of Fortification, Military Engineering, etc. Capt. Huskisson will sail for Canada on October 2nd, and will commence his duties at Kingston about the middle of this month.

Judge Dugas, who is Lt.-Col. commanding the 65th Battalion, Montreal, has secured a verdict of \$250 and costs in a suit for libel brought against *Le Monde*. Referring to the part he took as a magistrate in the capture of Morrison, the Megantic outlaw, that paper held Col. Dugas up to ridicule, and in one article said he had "cast no more lustre upon his sword in this expedition than he had done in the Northwest." In endorsing the judgment above mentioned, Chief Justice Sir Francis Johnson said these words were clearly meant to convey the idea that the officer had acted like a coward in the first instance, and no one has a right to hold up to ridicule the bravery of a soldier or the chastity of a woman.

Correspondence.

(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.)

THAT UNCLAIMED PRIZE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Referring to Captain McMicking's letter dated 20th instant, published in your last issue, on the subject of a prize in the Revolver Match, which he says he did not win, I have only to say that I have the ticket on which the score is recorded, with the name written on it in Captain McMicking's own handwriting, and the figures of the score written in by the range officer in charge.

If Captain McMicking by carelessness or any other way let one of his tickets out of his possession, I don't see how the association can be held responsible therefor.

THOMAS BACON, Secretary D.R.A.

29th September, 1890.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—The GAZETTE of 25th inst. containing my letter, re Revolver prize, also editorial comments thereon, received and perused.

I must take objection to the last clause in your remarks, viz: "The net result of the association's efforts in this direction, being the discovery of a witness who says he knows Capt. McMicking and is positive that he watched that officer fire a score in the Revolver match."

Now, Sir, I wrote the letter in question over my own signature, and no living being saw me fire a single shot out of a revolver at Ottawa this year. The allegation is simply preposterous. I consider it quite unfair to withhold from me the (mistaken) witness's name, and making it a question of veracity in such a general way. *Fiat justitia ruat cælum.*

GEO. A. McMICKING, Captain,
Commanding No. 6 Co. 44th Bn.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 29th, 1890.

[The question can hardly be called one of veracity, for while the testimony is conflicting neither side has anything to gain by nor can be

suspected of wilful misrepresentation. The statement of the witness mentioned (a totally disinterested person) was not accepted or published as a solution of the matter, but simply as an incident of the inquiry. Certainly Capt. McMicking ought to be the best authority on the subject.—EDITOR.]

Garrison Artillery Competitive Gun Practice.

The annual meeting for the competitive gun practice of the Garrison Artillery, under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association was held this year on the ground previously used for the same purpose at the Island of Orleans, Quebec. The meeting was very numerously attended, detachments from the following Batteries performing their practice on the days specified, viz:—

Monday, 8th September—New Brunswick Brigade, 3 Batteries; No. 2 Levis.

Tuesday—Montreal Brigade, 5 Batteries.

Wednesday—Prince Edward Island Brigade, 3 Batteries; No. 2 Quebec.

Thursday—Halifax Brigade, 6 Batteries; Yarmouth Battery.

Friday—Halifax Brigade, 1 Battery.

Practice was stopped by easterly storm of wind and rain which continued until Saturday afternoon.

Monday, 15th—Cobourg Battery; No. 1 Levis.

Batteries Nos. 1 and 3 Quebec were again noticeable by their unexplained absence from this competition.

With few exceptions the detachments consisted of well-drilled and soldierly n.-c. officers and men, and their behaviour in camp was excellent. In some cases it was noticed that men were selected as layers who were very short-sighted, or who had not been previously trained in the careful adjustment of sights; but these instances were, happily, few and far between, and the scores made, considering the diminutive size of the targets and the length of ranges, 2,000 and 2,300 yards, show the shooting to have been very creditable.

The shifting ordnance competition was entered for by five detachments, one each from the Montreal and P. E. Island Brigades and three from the Halifax Brigade. The Montreal detachment competed on Wednesday forenoon, but owing to a mischance in the A shift apparently became disheartened and gave up the idea of performing the B or "go as you please" shift. Both A and B shifts were subsequently extremely well executed by the P. E. Island detachment, Lieut. Sterns acting as No. 1.

The Halifax Brigade being anxious to take advantage of the favourable weather for shooting which prevailed on Thursday, postponed their shifting competition until the following day; unfortunately the rain came down so heavily during the night as to render the ground very slippery and unfit for rapid work, and the storm continuing until Saturday noon these fine detachments were unable to take part in the competition at the Island.

The Cobourg and Levis (No. 1) Batteries remained in camp until Monday, 15th, and were rewarded for their perseverance by obtaining most favourable shooting weather, and making the highest scores of the meeting.

The general camping arrangements seemed to leave nothing to be desired, and, apart from the disastrous weather at its conclusion, the meeting may be said to have been the most successful on record. The following were the prize winners:—

40-pr. R. B. L. Guns.

1st team—\$20. No. 3 Battery Halifax Brigade.....	84
2nd " — 12. Yarmouth Battery.....	74
3rd " — 8. No. 1 Battery Halifax Brigade....	68

Individual Scores.

\$8 Sgt.-Maj. Case, No. 3 Halifax... 27	\$2 Sgt. Bartlett, No. 4 Halifax..... 22
8 Corp. Gelly, No. 1 Levis..... 27	2 Gr. J. McDonald, No. 5 Halifax... 22
5 Sergt. Roy, No. 2 Levis..... 25	2 Corp. Spence, No. 3 Halifax.... 22
4 Gr. Thomas, No. 4 Halifax..... 24	2 Gr. Coffin, No. 2 P.E.I..... 22
4 Corp. Pierce, No. 1 Halifax. 23	2 Gr. Alley, No. 3 P.E.I..... 21
4 Sgt. Frawley, No. 1 Halifax..... 23	

64-pr. M. L. R. Guns.

1st team—Cobourg Battery.....	\$ 25
2nd " —No. 2 Battery Halifax Brigade.....	15
3rd " —No. 2 Battery New Brunswick Brigade.....	10

Individual Scores.

\$10 Sgt. Mulrenin, Cobourg Bty.... 25	\$2 Sgt.-Maj Jones, No. 3 Montreal.. 20
8 Sgt. Byers, No. 2 Halifax..... 24	2 Sgt. Marshall, No. 6 Halifax.... 20
8 Sgt. Russell, Cobourg Bty..... 23	2 Gr. Wilson, Yarmouth B.y..... 20
6 Sgt.-Maj. Carroll, No. 2 Halifax.. 22	2 Corp. Bray, Cobourg Bty..... 20
6 Corp. Theakston, No. 5 Halifax.. 22	2 Br. Campbell, No. 7 Halifax ... 19
2 Sgt. Weatherby, No. 3 Halifax.. 21	