

Militia List.

Early in the new year we will have a militia list completed up to the 31st December, 1894. This will be a welcome addition to the "force" in general as the one at present in use is very incomplete, many changes having taken place since its issue. Major Bliss, of the Militia Department, has this work in hand, he having succeeded the late Major Wainwright in the Adjutant-General's office.

Yours very truly, "LANCE."

The military museum in the Drill Hall has just been enriched by three valuable souvenirs of the late Col. Dunn and of the 100th Royal Canadian Regiment, which have been received from England by Captain Brown-Wallis, who was one of the original officers when the regiment was raised in Canada in 1858. The first of these is the camp-stool which was used by Colonel (then Lieutenant) Dunn during the whole of the Crimean campaign. The stool, which is in an excellent state of preservation, but shows signs of long usage, bears the following inscription, which attests its genuineness :

**A MEMORIAL
OF A
GRAVE SON OF CANADA.
THIS CAMP STOOL
WAS THE PROPERTY OF
LIEUTENANT ALEXANDER ROBERTS DUNN,
V.C.,**

Of the 11th Hussars, afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel 100th Royal Canadians, a native of Toronto, and was used by him during the Crimean campaign, 1854-1855. It was afterwards given by him to his Sergeant-M. J. R. Geo. Loy-Smith, whose widow sends it to this Museum.

The initials A.D. were cut by Lieut. Dunn himself.

E. D. DAVIES,
Late 100th Royal Canadian Regiment.
Sydenham, S.E., 20th September, 1894.

Mr. Davies, who obtained the stool for Captain Wallis, was in the 100th at the time it was commanded by Col. Dunn, and is now publisher of the *Sydenham Gazette* and other papers. Capt. Wallis, who is writing a history of the 100 Regiment, informs me that the last time Col. Dunn visited Canada was in August, 1862, when, in company with Lieutenants Theodore Duchesnay and Brown-Wallis, both gentlemen being original officers of the 100th Regiment, he arrived in Quebec, per steamship "Bohemian," on leave of absence from Gibraltar. It will be remembered that the Hon. John Henry Dunn, Col. Dunn's father, married Miss Duchesnay, of Beauce, sister of the above-named officer, who is now Deputy Adjutant General at Quebec.

The second souvenir sent by Mr. Davies is an engraving from the oil painting by Chevalier Desanges, in the Victoria Cross gallery in the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, and shows Lieut. Dunn in the act of cutting down the Russian Lancers who were attacking Sergt.-Major Bentley, of the 11th Hussars, during the world renowned "Charge of the Light Brigade" at Balaclava on 25th October, 1854, for which act of bravery Lieut. Dunn was decorated personally with the Victoria Cross by Her Majesty the Queen, on the 26th June, 1857, in Hyde Park. The

third souvenir is of the regiment, and is an excellent water color sketch by Mr. Harry Payne, a well-known artist in military subjects, showing a sergeant of the 100th in the uniform worn in 1863. In a letter to Captain Wallis, Mr. Davies says: "As I am sending to the military museum, in Ottawa, the camp stool used by Lieutenant Alexander Roberts Dunn, V.C., in the Crimea, who afterwards commanded the Royal Canadian, I thought it would be nice to send over this pretty picture to brighten up the walls of the museum, and remind the youth of Canada that they have a heritage in one of the finest regiments in the British army, raised with extraordinary celerity at a time when Great Britain's power and prestige in the East were in such peril by the mutiny of 1858."—*Montreal Gazette*.

Quebec.

Since the departure of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry who were concentrated at St. Joseph de Levis, matters in a military way have been very quiet. The time for the annual training of the Local Militia Corps will soon be at hand and already some action is being taken in the way of preparation.

The 8th Royal Rifles and the 9th Battalion have issued orders calling in the rifles in the possession of their respective Corps.

Captain Ouellet, the Adjutant of the latter Corps will commence a class of instruction on the 1st prox., which will doubtless be well attended as it will serve to benefit those who will take advantage of the opportunity presented to them. Last year the 8th Royal Rifles were instructed in a similar manner under Captain Ed. Montizambert, their Adjutant, who having left this city, his services will be lost to that Corps.

At the opening of the Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament of this Province, which took place on the 20th Nov. His Honour the Lieut.-Governor, was attended by Major H. C. Sheppard and Mr. H. A. Panet, the latter of the Royal Canadian Artillery, his official secretaries. The escort was furnished by the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, under the command of Mr. Sutton. The Guard of Honour was supplied by the Royal Canadian Artillery under command of Lieut.-Colonel Wilson and Captain T. Benson and Mr. H. Cyril Thacker.

As expected the guard looked well. Among others on the staff were the following: Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A.G.; Lieut.-Col. Forest, D.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. F. Turnbull, R.C.D.; Major J. Secretan Dunbar, 8th R.R.; Major Laurin, 87th Battalion; Captains E. Trudel, J. Ouellet, 9th Battalion, Mr. Benyon, R.C.A., etc., etc.

Mr. Allard, of Levis, has succeeded in making a small twelve inch cannon out of aluminum and which he has tested satisfactorily. He is engaged upon making a gun three feet long to weigh about 6½ lbs. and when finished is prepared to

have the same tested by the Royal Canadian Artillery.

The writer having been favoured with a photo of Toronto's Drill Hall, cannot but congratulate the Corps which will have the use of the same, and from a description which was sent, it will doubtless prove satisfactory in every detail. Quebec is not so fortunate. Her drill hall is too small for the requirements of the Local Corps and when it is made use of as a gun shed as at present, the coming annual training of the two Rifle Regiments will not be as successful at it would be and should be. The placing of two pieces of heavy ordinance has completely blocked one end of the hall, and as the full length would barely suffice to take a six company Battalion drawn up in line, and when the eight Co. Battalion has to place two companies at right angles to the alignment or adopt some other formation inconsistent with the object in view, one can imagine the suitability of the hall for the present season. It would be well if the authorities would look into the matter and either construct a gun shed for Artillery purposes or increase the building now used as a riding school.

The condition of the floor of the hall is also in want of looking after. The unpleasantness which has been experienced in the past, due to the dust, is not desirable to be continued. It is to be hoped that energetic action will be taken immediately to remove the existing defects and place our active militia on a proper footing for doing good work.

PATROL.

Montreal.

On the evening of the 24th, the Royal Scots paraded for the distribution of prizes won at the annual rifle matches of the battalion.

A number of distinguished visitors were present among them being: Sir Donald A. Smith, Mrs. Strathy, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill and Mrs. Caverhill, Rev. J. Edgar Hill, the chaplain of the regiment; Mr. Richard White, Mrs. Major Ibbotson and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Paton. The five band of the regiment, under Bandmaster Cooke, played a number of selections.

Lieut.-Col. Strathy opened the proceedings by thanking the ladies and also Sir Donald A. Smith for being present.

After other remarks, Lt.-Col. Strathy, introduced Sir Donald Smith, who was greeted with hearty cheers and applause. He referred to the creditable career of the regiment, and the pride that the Scotch citizens all over the Dominion took in it. With such men in the volunteers Canada, which had no standing army, or very little, really did not need one. He referred to the old days, when he was in the Northwest in 1871, and made a few remarks eulogistic of Lord Wolseley, who was in that country then. But he did not know anything about soldiering. Once he was something—he was not sure what—either a corporal or a brigadier. This was during the trouble