

Strange was master, and Col. Montizambert and Capt. Short for many years respectively, secretary, treasurer, whip and huntsman, have been taken up by Lt.-Col. Irwin, Capt. Wilson and Peters, of "A" Battery, with the assistance of the inveterate sportsmen, Capt. Temple, Col. Turnbull, Major Stuart, and others. This is as it should be. The hunting field has ever been to the British officer a better training than the riding school. The immortal Duke kept fox hounds in the Peninsula, and said his hard riding officers were his best staff. More than once has the retreating enemy heard the keen "Halloo!" of the British fox-hunting officer as the old habit broke out in the grim moment of strife for life and death.

Military College.

Annual Athletic Exhibition—Distribution of Prizes to the Winners.

On the 22nd ult., the athletic sports (annually occurring) in connection with the Royal Military College commenced at 9 o'clock under favourable auspices. During the morning the attendance of outsiders was not very good, indeed the afternoon had been fixed upon by most of those not immediately identified with the college as the most opportune time for a visit, there being then an additional attraction in the presence of Major-General Luard and staff, who spent the early part of the day in a minute inspection of the armories of the 14th P. W. O. Rifles. Unfortunately shortly after noon the horizon became clouded and this circumstance was followed by a fall of rain, which caused the retirement of some who had already assembled on the ground and prevented the attendance of others. The disappointment must have been keenly felt. There was still, however, quite a gathering of military men and others and not a few ladies. The band of "B" Battery performed during the afternoon a choice selection of music. All the games were eagerly contested. The results in some cases were considered very remarkable. The judges were as follows:

The programme of the day's sports were as follows, the winners of prizes being marked with an asterisk:

Throwing cricket ball—*Rose 107 yds., Laidlaw 100 yds., Clarke 96 yds.

Kicking foot-ball—*Hodgins 138 ft., Stairs 136 ft., Ross 135 ft.

Running long jump—*Duff 17 ft. 11 in., Van Buskirk 17 ft. 11½ in., Ross 17 ft. 10½ in.

Putting 24 lb. shot—*Yates 28 ft. 6 in., Woller 27 ft. 9 in., Ogilvie 27 ft. 8½ in.

Running high jump—*Woodman, 4ft. 11in., Neyland and B. Carruthers a tie, 4 ft. 10 in.

Throwing 18 lb. hammer—Ogilvie 61 ft.; Lang 57 ft. 6½ in.; Andrews 57 ft. 4 in.

Heavy marching order race, 100 yards—*Joly 13½ sec.; Sears, Laurie.

100 yards race—*Duff 9½ sec., Joly.

One mile race—Kirby 5 min. 29½ sec.; *Daniels, *Skinner.

Obstacle race—*Hooper, Heskitt, Skinner. A second obstacle race took place to permit of the General seeing it—Hubbell and Straubenzie winners. The General will present a prize hereafter.

120 yards hurdle race—*Joly 18½ sec., A. Straubenzie, Hooper.

Jumping with pole—*Anderson, 8 ft. 10 in., Miller, Hubbell.

Steeplechase, half a mile—*Joly, 3 min. 2½ sec., *McKay, *Skinner.

Three-legged race—W. B. Straubenzie and Warner winners.

Strangers' race, open to cadets and ex-cadets, Royal Schools of Gunnery, and Queen's College, 440 yards—

*Lieut. Donison, 1st Staffordshire Regt.; Joly, Van Buskirk.

Consolation race, open to cadets only—*Hesket, Woller, Laurie.

Tug of war; Staff v. Cadets—Won by the latter.

The boat race did not fill and did not take place.

At 4:30 o'clock the proceedings came to a close, the contestants, judges and spectators adjourning to the gymnasium, where Major-General Luard presented the prizes to the winners, as their names were announced by Major Ridout. Each prizeman was applauded as he came forward, especially Cadet A. Joly (son of Hon. H. G. Joly) who won in the greatest number of competitions.

Subsequently General Luard addressed the young men. He alluded to the pleasure which he felt in distributing the prizes on this occasion, and also the pleasure which he had in seeing the way in which everything about the college was carried on. He was glad to note that some of the cadets had carried off the great prizes of four commissions in the army, offered to them by the Imperial Government. He was sorry these were the only prizes. He hoped ere long to hear of some means by which the cadets would receive employment under the Government and thus be kept in the country. He did not wish to be understood, however, as making any promises. He hoped the Imperial commission would make the cadets strive to emulate those who had obtained them. He noted the presence of a former cadet, now Lieut. S. A. Donison, of the First Staffordshire Regiment, who had entered into the competition and won a prize. The General was cheered as he retired. The audience dispersed with cheers for the Queen.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the CANADIAN MILITARY REVIEW.

SIR,—In the paragraph relating to our target practice (copied from the *Mail*), which appeared in the last issue of the REVIEW, one or two statements are made not quite in accordance with facts, and, therefore, I will feel obliged if you will have the goodness to insert this correction. At the recent practice, we experienced the utmost kindness from Lt.-Colonel Irwin and the officers of "A" Battery. They did all in their power to facilitate us, and rendered us every assistance which we could have expected or desired. In truth, they followed precisely the same course which Lt.-Col. Strange and the officers of "B" Battery have, for several years, so kindly taken when we visited Quebec for a similar purpose. To the two officers named above, as well as to the officers and members of both "A" and "B" Batteries, we are under great obligations for the courtesy and kindness shown us on these occasions. The reference to the score of the Toronto Field Battery purely imaginary; I had no knowledge whatever about until I saw it in the REVIEW.

I am, Sir,
Yours, faithfully,

A. A. STEVENSON,
Lieut.-Colonel,
Commanding M. F. B. of A.

Montreal, Oct. 23, 1880.

Defence of Great and Greater Britain

Colonies may be divided into three classes:—
1. Colonies proper—Agricultural, pastoral and mining such as Canada, Australasia, and the Cape.
2. Plantation Colonies—such as the West Indies, Ceylon and Mauritius.
3. Military or trading settlements—such, for example, Cyprus and the Fijis, Bermuda and the Straits Settlements, Malta and the Falkland Isles, &c., &c.