

## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## HALIFAX.

Last year the eight companies of the Leicestershire regiment began a series of association football matches for the championship of the battalion. Seven games were played between the companies, and the champion had the name of their company inscribed on their shield. The first year's play gave company E that distinction, and "E" will thus stand at the head of the roll of honor. The concluding game of this year's series was played on 19th November, and its result is that again company "E" will be inscribed on the shield. The game was the seventh and final of the series, throughout which not a point has been scored against the champions. In the first half neither side scored, but early in the second company "E" captured a goal, and towards the end of the half they took another. Company "F" did not score, so that "E" won by the two goals.

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On 4th inst. the military authorities in Halifax issued about 3,000 pension papers. This covers the Dominion of Canada and Newfoundland.

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It has lately been brought to my notice that the idea of the Government to build the new drill shed on the site of the old building on Spring Garden Road may be seriously objected to on the ground that it is directly in line with Brunswick street. Should it be decided at some time, not in the dim future, but before many years, to extend this street to the southward, the magnificent edifice promised us will stand as a huge obstacle. Many thoughtful citizens have expressed opinions not in favor of building on the present site, and there is much that is worthy of consideration in their reasoning; but if that august body who has control of this matter be fully convinced that the proposed course is best, and has therefore determined that on the present situation the new drill shed shall be erected, would it not be well to note the shadows that coming events may cast, and by using a little wise consideration prevent much trouble and inconvenience in the future. It is almost a sure course of events that Brunswick street will in time be extended through Spring Garden Road, and it is equally certain that when the time comes it will be a serious matter if the new drill shed stands directly in the line of the much-needed extension.—*Critic.*

A sapper of the Royal Engineers named Turnbull while engaged in military manoeuvres on the Common at Halifax a few days ago, and while firing in a kneeling position, suddenly got the order to charge and when rising to do so was wounded by the soldier behind him. The latter stumbled and fell forward and ran his bayonet into the back of Turnbull's head, inflicting a deep wound. Fortunately it was a little to the right of the centre or it would have been instantly fatal. Turnbull was conveyed to the military hospital where a surgical operation was performed. Turnbull is back to barracks again and says he feels no ill effects from the injury. The doctor says it was a very close call.

## TRURO, N.S.

A match took place at Truro recently between eight members of the "Amherst Rifle Association" and a corresponding number from the "Truro Rifle Club, resulting in a victory for the latter by 18 points. The scores were as follows: 7 shots each at 200, 400 and 500 yards.

## TRURO RIFLE CLUB.

James Daver .....	91
Henry C. Blair .....	90
T. S. Pattillo .....	85
John Suckling .....	82
E. E. McNutt .....	79
George A. Layton .....	79
J. C. Mills .....	78
A. S. Black .....	74
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>658</b>

## AMHERST RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

B. Bent .....	92
J. Trenholm .....	87
H. Tremaine .....	84
F. Christie .....	81
W. Christie .....	80
H. Nills .....	77
Major Church .....	74
W. Baird .....	65
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>610</b>

The annual dinner of the Truro rifle club came off on the evening of 25th ult., at the Learmont hotel. Forty members and invited guests, including representatives of all the press, excepting the railway men's organ, *The Headlight*, sat down to a sumptuous bill of fare served in Mr. Learmont's well known excellent style. The club includes some of Truro's leading citizens and business men. It is in a flourishing condition, and the competitions at the range have been exceedingly interesting, and the scores will compare favorably with clubs of more experience.

## FREDERICTON, N.B.

General Herbert has been here making his annual inspection of No. 4 Co., R.C.I., accompanied by his A.D.C. Capt. Streatfield. Your correspondent understands the General made a searching inspection of the men and barrack property generally, and where faults existed was not slow in pointing them out. This company is now, and always has been, up to full strength, and the physique of the men good. The Commandant and officers entertained the distinguished guests at dinner, and among those present were Sir John Allen, Mr. Justice Fraser, Lt.-Col. Marsh, the Bishop of Fredericton, Mayor Beckwith, Collector Street, Rev. J. C. McDevitt, T. Temple M.P., and others. The band of the corps played a very acceptable programme of music. After "The Queen" had been drank and the covers removed, Lt.-Col. Maunsell, Commandant, read a carefully prepared paper on the administration of a battalion, which should be published verbatim in your columns. The General, after apologizing to the company for departing from the usual rules of the mess, called upon Sir John Allen, as an old militia officer, for a few words, and the occasion will long be remembered as a happy one, in listening to the inspiring remarks of one who has taken such a deep interest in military affairs. He gave his reminiscences of military life in Fredericton, going back more than sixty years. Every foot of the barrack ground was familiar to him as incidents of military life, and he thrilled the audience as he related his recollections of the various British regiments stationed here, and their after victories on the battle field. The General at the close addressed the officers at length. While not pointing out the defects of the Canadian military system, he was of the opinion that important changes could be made that would remedy the shortcomings of the force. He invited military men present to study the question in their spare moments. Here it occurs to your correspondent that officers should be invited by general order, or otherwise, to write short essays on what *practical* changes could be effected that would strengthen, maintain and popularize the militia of Canada. The General intimated that probably at next inspection he would call upon the younger officers for a presentation of the subject, and impressed upon them to make the barracks the centre of military thought.

After leaving Fredericton the General and Aide proceeded to Halifax.

## QUEBEC.

"B" Battery R. C. A. had a march out on the 2nd instant and mustered full strength, under the command of Major Wilson. The route taken was out the St. Louis road and back by St. John street. The right section was under the command of Lieut. W. R. Cooke and the left under that of Captain Fages. Needless to state their appearance was much admired.

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