size of the target to be that prescribed by D.R.A. rules. The commanding officer to be permitted to carry any army revolver and use it to the best advantage. Two officers to be in the butts, and the commandant of the garrison to be present at the counting of the hits and score.

Major Peters is willing that the match should take place any time after the 10th October, at least one week's notice being given. He suggests a subscription for the purchase of a trophy to be fired for annually on such conditions as proposed, or any other that would be productive of a counteracting influence to the growing inclination to drift into the old groove of barrack square drill. The object is one worth trying for, and we trust we will have an opportunity of printing in next week's issue the views of the officers of some of the other corps on this interesting proposition from the Pacific.

## A Great Dock at Halifax.

An event of Dominion importance occurred at Halifax last Thursday, in the formal opening, by Vice-Admiral Watson, of a dry dock capable of accommodating the largest war ship afloat. The dock has been built as a private enterprise by an English company, but of the million dollars it has cost, there came in subsidies from the City of Halifax and the Canadian and British Governments the sum of \$600,000. The contractor was Samuel M. Brookfield, of Halifax. The dock is built of granite and concrete, is 601 feet in length, 72 feet wide at the bottom and 102 feet at the top, and has 30 feet of water over the sills. It was blasted out of solid rock, and the site adjoins the Imperial dock yard. The Intercolonial main line runs alongside of the dock. A vessel of the size of the City of Rome, the longest in the world, or the largest warship afloat, can be docked without the removal of cargo or armaments. There is ample room in the 90,000 feet of cofferdam to discharge or store cargo if required, or ship it on board the cars for immediate transportation. The caisson is 100 feet long and 36 feet high. It resists a pressure of 1,200 tons of water Over 200 tons of steel was used in its construction, and it is ballasted with 250 tons of concrete. The floor is laid in two feet six inches of concrete deposited on solid rock. The granite walls are from three to five feet in thickness. The dock holds eight million gallons of water, which is emptied by pump in three and a half hours.

Halifax as a shipping port ranks third on the continent, being next to New York and Boston, and the importance to it of the opening of the dock cannot be overestimated. It is also an event of great importance to the British Government, as the great dock constructed at Bermuda many years ago for the use of the Imperial navy is now obsolete, and there is but little doubt but that hereafter Halifax will become the headquarters of the British navy on this side of the Atlantic. Vice-Admiral Watson and the officers of his fleet express themselves delighted with the dock and its appointments. The contractor, Mr. Brookfield, is a well known man. He built nearly all the present fortifications in the City of Halifax, and his father, the late John Brookfield, was engaged in the same business. Associated with him is a firm of English engineers. The cost of construction is far less than the cost of any graving dock built by England.

Samoloff, a Russian, who acted as adjutant to Field Marshal Pugatcheff, and took part in the storming of Kasau and Simbirsk and in the bambardment of Samara, is said to be still alive at the age of 140 years. He was exiled to Siberia for many years, but is described as still retaining all his faculties.

In a recent article on the German Army in the New York Times it is stated that Bismarck on one occasion alluded to the pay and living of the junior officers as their "brilliant misery." "All that a 1st lieutenant of infantry gets," says the writer, "is £105 a year, while £96 is the maximum for a 2nd lieutenant, and yet out of this amount they must live. They often freeze in their rooms because they cannot buy fuel, and walk about in cold weather without overcoats so as to not wear out their good uniforms too quickly, pretending that they can't bear warm clothing. At the same time when these stoics have to appear in parade in public places or in society they are remarkable for the elegance of their appearance and for their cheerful mien. All this frugality wins the respect of the private, who learns from the officer's servant that his master lives little cetter than himself, and in time of action he follows that leader with all his heart."

## The Garrison Artillery Meeting.

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Below will be found the scores of the Garrison Artillery competitions just held at Orleans Island, supplemental to those published in last week's issue:

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