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DOINGS AT HEADQUARTERS.

OTTAWA, June 1.—Many Ottawa people visited Montreal on the Queen's Birthday, while a fair complement went to Perth and Pembroke with the Guards and 43rd. The capital itself was quiet, still Ottawa athletes made a good show. The Capitals defeated the Shamrocks by 6 goals to 2 before Lady Aberdeen and a large crowd of spectators.

The Ottawa Cricket Club beat Montreal on the Rideau Hall ground after a most exciting match by three runs, and those who were fortunate enough to see the game had the satisfaction of looking at the best batsman who has ever been in this country—Gilbert, a cousin of W. G. Grace's—who made 62 runs in faultless style.

Ottawa was also lucky enough to defeat Kingston at golf over their new links on the Chelsea road. So, on the whole, the capitals fared well.

The G.G.F.G. enjoyed their visit to Perth immensely, the only drawback being the sluggardly manner the C.P.R. did their work both going and coming back.

The Guards trooped the colors in the morning, and civil and military sports were held in the afternoon, and the greatest of hospitality was dispensed by everyone, especially by Judge Senkler, Senator McLaren, Col. Mathieson and Mrs. Shaw.

43rd Battalion drill has been suspended till September. Recruit class and non-com. officers' class will be continued until the end of this month.

The sham fight and military sports held by the 43rd at Pembroke on the 25th ult. was a great success. Out of a total strength of 301, 297 boarded the cars for Pembroke.

The inhabitants were most hospitable, and did everything in their power to make the visit a satisfactory one.

There will be a parade of the 43rd shortly for the presentation of the Gilmour Cup for efficiency, and also for the cup presented by Capt. Gat. Howard.

Col. Aylmer and Col. Irwin returned to Ottawa, from St. John's, last Thursday. They had been attending the meeting of the V.I.R. Club.

Col. Lake arrived at Ottawa Sunday, May 31st.

The efficiency return shows the 43rd Battalion, Ottawa Rifles, head of the list, with the greatest number of points awarded to any infantry corps in the Dominion for 1895-6. Nos. 4, 1 and 2 companies of this regiment stand at the head in company inspection of all the companies in Canada. The total number of points made by the 43rd was 134.83, or 25 points ahead of the highest number made by any other regiment, the 3rd Victorias, Montreal, running second, with 109.36. We sincerely congratulate Col. Wright, Major Sherwood and the officers of the 43rd for having worked this battalion to the head of the list, and every officer, non-com. officer and private deserves the thanks of Ottawa citizens for this splendid record, and we must not forget to mention the name of Sergt.-Major Mahoney, instructor to the 43rd, who has done so much towards bringing this regiment to its present state of efficiency. The return of the companies is as follows :

No. 1 Co., Capt. Sutherland.....	139.27
No. 2 Co., Capt. Nesbitt.....	129.48
No. 3 Co., Capt. McKay.....	126.27
No. 4 Co., Capt. Bell.....	141.30
Batt. average.....	131.83

Efficiency return of the G.G.F.G., although far below the 43rd return, is above the average compared with other regiments, and Col. Hodgins deserves great praise for the manner in which this regiment has gone ahead during the last 12 months. G.G.F.G. return :

No. 1 Co., Capt. Bate.....	92.22
No. 2 Co., Capt. Bennell.....	102.80
No. 3 Co., Capt. E. F. Taylor.....	93.20
No. 4 Co., Capt. Roper.....	93.24
No. 5 Co., Capt. Tyrrell.....	95.40
No. 6 Co., Mr. Street.....	111.54
Average.....	99.08

Post equitem sedit atra cura. How lamentable it is to see so many field officers in this country unable to ride. We hear that the review at Montreal on the 25th passed off very creditably, but we also learn that five mounted officers came to grief. We know that in Canada it is difficult to learn the art of equestration, as there is no one to teach, but why in a town like Montreal don't you get from the Old Country a cavalryman who would instruct officers to handle their chargers decently, and hold their own at a review or across a country?

League shooting last Saturday the 43rd shot five teams; the G.G.F.G. three teams. The members of the Ottawa Rifle Club took first place, with a score of 863, the 43rd running second, third and fourth, with the respective scores of 840, 820 and 797.

We are glad to hear that Gen. Sir Fred. Middleton, K.C.B., has taken up his quarters in the old Tower of London, and has entered on the duties of his appointment. He moved into residence on Her Majesty's Birthday, May 24, and we beg to offer him our sincere congratulations. No more fitting quarters could be found for an old soldier, who has seen service in various parts of the world, and his many friends in Canada will rejoice at his success.

Gen. and Mrs. Gascoigne arrived at Toronto last Thursday. On Friday and Saturday the general was inspecting at Stanley Barracks, on the latter day being present at a parade. We may mention en passant that the general's charger was much admired for its steadiness on parade. Mrs. Gascoigne, attended by Col. Otter and a large party from barracks, attended the races both days, occupying the Lieutenant-Governor's box. To-day (June 1) the general is inspecting stores, and on Tuesday and Wednesday will be present at the tournament. He inspects the school at London on Thursday, arriving back at Ottawa Saturday morning.

Lieut.-Col. Lake, Q.M.G., who has been in England since January last in connection with the purchase of new arms for the Canadian militia, returned to Ottawa yesterday