

Ensign J. B. Raymond having left limits his name is hereby removed from the list of Officers of the Active Militia.

Portneuf Provisional Battalion of Infantry.

Assistant Surgeon Thomas Geddron, having disobeyed Orders to attend Brigade Camp, his name is hereby removed from the list of Officers of the Active Militia.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

69th Annapolis Battalion of Infantry.

To be Adjutant:

Ensign Osbert Marshall, M.S., from No. 4 Company, vice Malcolm U. Bent, deceased.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

Ensign William F. Rogers, M.S., 66th Battalion, from 25th June, 1874.

No. 2

CERTIFICATES.

SCHOOLS OF MILITARY INSTRUCTION.

Certificates received from Commandants of Schools of Military Instruction.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES.

<i>Regimental Division.</i>	<i>Name.</i>
Halifax City.	—Ensign Arthur Edward Curren, 66th Batt.
do	—Sergeant D. S. Stewart, 2nd Halifax Brigade Garrison Artillery.

SECOND CLASS CERTIFICATES.

<i>Regimental Divisions.</i>	<i>Names.</i>
Halifax City.	—Ensign William F. Rogers, 66th Batt.
do County.	—Corporal W. H. Stevens, 66th.
do City.	—Gunner H. Gammon, 2nd Halifax B. G. A.
do	—Gunner M. Mahoney, 2nd Halifax B. G. A.
do	—Private J. N. Crane, 63rd Batt.
do	—Private T. M. Cutler, 63rd Batt.
do	—Private A. G. Cunningham, 63rd Batt.

BOARDS OF EXAMINERS.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES.

Lieutenant John F. Smart, 59th Battalion.

Lieutenant Edward Hull Sheffield, No. 1 Company, 41st Battalion.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES.

Captain John D. Cummins, 63rd Battalion.

By Command of his Excellency the Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut.-Col.
Acting Adjutant General of Militia,
Canada.

The *Madras Times* gives particulars of the establishment of a Mountain Train Battery with elephants at Tonghoo. The battery will consist solely of elephants, the provision of bearers for the carriage of the guns and a certain number of rounds of ammunition, in addition to elephants, not being essential. If at any time it should be found necessary to move the guns by hand into any peculiarly difficult position where the elephants could not be used, there would, it is supposed, be no difficulty in moving them by means of the troops and followers. The normal load of an elephant in the plains of India is about fifteen maunds, (a Madras maund is 25 lbs.) but in the course of the Looshai Expedition, it was found that on very difficult ground the elephants, though picked, were unable at times to move along with more than five or six maunds burden. It has therefore been decided that in the Tonghoo battery the elephant loads should consist of four boxes only of ammunition, of the approximate weight of seven maunds, and that cradles be made to carry six boxes, with which number the load will be raised to about nine maunds, whereby fewer elephants with suitable loads for ordinary country will suffice for the transport of a somewhat larger quantity of ammunition. The cradles are to be constructed so as to carry only six boxes, because, whatever the loads carried by the elephants, there must be a separate establishment for taking the guns and ammunition into action, for elephants have not been found to go into or stand under fire. In the heavy field batteries of this Presidency, and whenever guns are transported by means of elephants, an establishment of bullocks is maintained for fighting the batteries, and in this case also there must needs be an establishment for the same purpose, and therefore it is not necessary to restrict their loads to what may possibly be carried over the most difficult and impracticable kind of country. The number of rounds per gun will be 150. The ammunition boxes are to be of teak instead of leather because wood is the most durable in a damp climate, where leather imbibes moisture and gets mildewed and rotten.

Advices from India represent that cholera has broken out among 50,000 pilgrims assembled at Poonah for the Juggernaut festival.

The floods in the North of India have subsided. Southern districts are still without rain. The little that has fallen in some sections has done no good.

Servia has sent concluding proposals to Constantinople. It is said the Porte is negotiating with the Khedive for auxiliary troops in case of an emergency.

RIFLE COMPETITION.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR SIR,—The following is an account of No. 1 Company (P.W.R.) annual rifle match held yesterday at Point St. Charles ranges. I may say that the great drawback to rifle matches is the very meagre allowance of ammunition by Government.

Yours truly,

E. W. MODON, Capt.

OPENING MATCH.

Ranges—200, 500, and 600 yards; five shots at each.

		Points.
1st Prize	\$12 Sergt Jones...	36
2nd "	8 " Murphy..	20
3rd "	8 Pvt. Larkin...	23
4th "	8 " Elliott...	20
5th "	3 Corp'l Malin...	19

CONSOLATION.

Ranges—200 and 500 yards; five shots at each.

1st Prize	\$5 Pvt. Thom.
2nd "	3 " Stewart.

Montreal, 23rd July, 1874.

The *Castalia*, called the "twin ship," the invention of Capt. W. T. Dicey, late master attendant of the port of Calcutta, has been launched in England. She is 290 ft. long, and consists of two half hulls, divided lengthways, each 17 ft. beam, built 26 ft. apart, and joined by strong girders, which form the framework of a superior structure 183 ft. long and 60 ft. wide, extending to the outside of either hull, and affording ample space for saloons and other accommodations. The engines are of 260 horse power (nominal); one will be placed in each hull, the paddles working in the intermediate space between them. Both ends of the steamer are alike, and fitted with double rudders, thus obviating the necessity of turning in harbor. The main object of Capt. Dicey's invention is to prevent the rolling motion which is the principal cause of sea-sickness.

THE CROPS.—The *Indianapolis Journal* states that the wheat harvest is in great progress in the southern counties of Indiana and the reports in almost every instance indicate the crop to be of more than usual yield and quality. The *Chicago Tribune* has reports from 165 stations in Illinois, thirty-two in Iowa, twenty in Michigan, and two in Indiana, along the lines of the Chicago, Burlington Quincy, Alton, St. Louis, Illinois Central, and Michigan central railroads, giving the latest information as to the state of the crops. From these reports it appears that there will be a large increase in the corn crop over that of 1873. The wheat promises well, and will yield an average crop. Oats will probably fall slightly below the average yield. Other grains are doing well and will afford an average yield.

The *Provinzial Correspondenz*, a semi-official organ, congratulates King Louis on the establishment of the most cordial relations between Bavaria and the other States of the German Empire.

Algerian papers fear trouble with the natives is impending, having heard that 10,000 muskets and 500 cwt. of powder are imported across the Tunisian frontier weekly.