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## THE NEW MINISTER.

THE selection of Dr. Borden, M.P., for King's County, N.S., to be Minister of Militia is a popular one. Hon Mr. Laurier is to be congratulated on securing so good a man for that portfolio. We have always complained that the previous Governments appointed gentlemen to this important department who were entirely out of touch with the force. They had neither experience nor sympathy with us.

Hon. Mr. Borden joined the 68th Batt, a boy of 16. He was big for his age and paraded with his company as the flank man of the front rank. He worked his way up to a commission. He studied medicine, and when a vacancy occurred he was transferred from the lieutenancy to be surgeon. He has served continuously for 33 years in the 68th, and if we mistake not he has never missed a camp in that time. He is still surgeon in his regiment with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. That he has remained so long shows what

an enthusiastic officer he must be. He is a man of means and ability, with more than the average amount of the good practical common sense so necessary in a department where there are so many theorists. Those who know him best say he is likely to go in for a complete reorganization of the force and establish it on a more modern and progressive system.

## THE LEE-ENFIELDS COMING.

So far 2,000 new rifles have arrived for the re-armament of the Canadian forces, and several thousand more are expected shortly. The British Government are pushing on the manufacture as rapidly as possible. They so recognize the importance of supplying Canada that we will receive the forty thousand ordered before they commence re-arming the Imperial regiments with the same rifle, which they find, from experience, more satisfactory than the Lee-Netford.

The style of bullet is still unsettled. The British authorities have one, and the India another, which are considered satisfactory. Both will receive a thorough test and the best will be adopted.

Col. Lake, our own quarter-master general, has stipulated that all future Canadian ammunition shall have the latest style of projectile.

It is expected that a portion of the rural

regiments will be served with the new rifles for this fall's camps.

## ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB.

Editor MILITARY GAZETTE.

SIR,—I have the honor to request your attention to an error which appeared in your issue of the 15th inst., under the heading of "General Notes." Mention is made that Lieut. Herbert Wareham, 1st Batt., Royal Inniskillen Fusiliers, has been posted on probation to the Army Service Corps. This should read "Lieut. Herbert Wareham Clinch, a graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, of 1892."

Kindly make the correction requested and oblige.

Yours truly,

ERNEST F. WURTELE, Captain R.L.

Hon.-Secretary Treasurer,

Royal Military College Club of Canada.  
June 27, 1896.

## THE D.R.A.

The programmes for the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association are out, and copies may be had from Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Ottawa.

The matches will begin Monday, Aug. 31, at 8 a.m., on the Rideau ranges, Ottawa. A more extended notice will appear later.

The Governor-General has stated his intention of being present this year.