

talion and brigade. Every volunteer should be given, on ground provided by the Government, practical instruction in the subjects dealt with in the text book.

In the discussion which followed the paper, Colonel Lonsdale Hale, late R.E., stated that he thought that the question of greatcoats and equipment generally were only subsidiary questions. If the nation was convinced that its 250,000 volunteers were absolutely efficient, the cost of greatcoats, etc., would be a matter of little moment. But he thought that there was in reality some latent suspicion as to the efficiency of the force, and evidently Colonel Harrison did not consider that it was at present fit to take the field. It must be remembered that when first established the volunteers were looked upon as "reserves," whereas at present it was contemplated to use them in the front line of defence. The first question then, he thought, was whether the volunteers were fit to meet the shock of invasion in the front line—to meet, that is, the flower of the enemy's troops—for assuredly Germany, for instance, would send none but picked men. Now, bearing in mind their imperfect discipline and their bad shooting, could anyone assert that the 250,000 volunteers were ready for this sort of work? It had been said, indeed, that in six weeks the volunteers could be made efficient; but would they have the six weeks? And even if they had, what sort of training could they get in these Saturday afternoon drills, in the midst of a howling mob? As for shooting, they had no means of coping with the Germans, who were accustomed to practice at 1,000 yards. Even the volunteer camps of instruction, in which men might, as a rule, go and come when they liked, were not of much value for systematic instruction. The officers of volunteers were noble and generous men, who gave up their time for the benefit of their country. But after all, they would only give the time they could spare from their civil occupations. Yet it was an axiom that the less highly trained the men were, the better the officers ought to be. And there seems no chance of the present officers of volunteers being able to give more time to their work. It would be well to consider what amount of training foreigners give their reserves. They call them out year by year for several weeks, and for several years in succession. It is quite certain that it would not be possible for our 250,000 volunteers to give up the time for such training as this. But out of this great force it might, perhaps, be possible to select, say, some 25,000 who would give more time, who might be called volunteers of the line, the remaining 225,000 continuing to be reserve volunteers. The extra time of the 25,000 would be spent in camps of instruction, and their officers would be partly volunteers and partly regulars. In fact, the Government should strike a new bargain with the volunteers. In the beginning the latter gave the services to the State without fee or reward. Gradually they began to ask for more and more money in return for efficiency. It was like a servant asking his master for an increase of wages. The master might refuse to grant the request as it stood, but might fairly say we will make a new bargain, and I will pay you so much more if you will undertake such and such new duties. Colonel Hale concluded by saying that he believed that if his suggestion were acted upon there would be no difficulty in getting together 25,000 "volunteers of the line," who would be the very cream and pick of the whole force.

Other speakers, including well known volunteer commanders, suggested many details not touched on in the lecture, amongst others, that transport for volunteers might be organized very cheaply by utilizing existing vehicles, e.g., bakers' carts for ammunition carts, and omnibuses for ambulances; and that the drills should take a more practical shape than instruction in review movements. The preponderance of opinion seemed to be against Col. Hale's suggestion to cull the force, and it was insisted that the volunteers would all be found at their posts when wanted, while much evidence was adduced to show the failure of the plan of voluntary subscription to maintain the force.

Col. Hope, V.B. (commanding City of London A.V.) differed from Col. Hale in the strongest manner. He commanded the largest corps in the Metropolis, and they were quite ready and qualified to take the field if provided with proper guns. His gunners were thoroughly efficient, and his non-commissioned officers were in every respect as good as those of the Royal Artillery. He could say the same as to the state of efficiency of the 2nd and 3rd Middlesex corps. After some observations on the obsolete character of the guns and carbines with which the volunteer artillery were furnished, he proceeded to say that it would, in his opinion, be a fatal mistake to dress the volunteers in any way different from the regular army. As to the lecturer's suggestion that the public would probably contribute to the maintenance of the volunteers, if asked to do so, he could only say that when he commanded the Surrey they sent out innumerable "begging letters," which produced exactly £10 in all. His experience in London was nearly similar, though one of the city companies subscribed £25 annually. He did not indeed see why individuals should be called upon to pay for a national purpose. The capitation grant should be increased 10s. or 15s., and uniform, &c., should be provided. As to transport, that question might, he thought, stand over for the present. As to the volunteer artillery officers, he thought they should all be obliged to go through a month's training at the School of Gunnery.

PERSONAL.

Major Henry D. Likely, of the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, has received an appointment as Inspector in the North-west Mounted Police, and will leave shortly to assume his new duties. Major Likely will be much missed in the 62nd, which corps he joined as ensign in 1871, and of which he has been major since 1877. He commanded the battalion at the great review in Quebec in 1880, when the 62nd received great praise. He holds 1st and 2nd class infantry certificates and a first class short course certificate, he having attended the school at Quebec last year. The major has always been a favourite with both officers and men, and their good wishes will follow him to the North-west.

Inspector Joseph Howe, of the North-west Mounted Police, is on a visit to St. John, after an absence of seven years. He was formerly a lieutenant in No. 3 Battery of Artillery, and joined the police as a constable, his promotion having been very rapid. He was present at the affair of Duck Lake, where he was severely wounded in the leg.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The twelfth annual meeting of the association of the Pacific province was held on the range at Clover Point, Victoria, on the 26th August last, and three following days. The number of competitors was about the same as in previous years, and a number of visitors enlivened the proceedings. At times during the meeting the air was so full of smoke that firing had to be discontinued, a fact that must have militated against good scores, but on the whole the weather was favorable.

1. UNITED SERVICE MATCH.

Open to members of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, District Staff, Permanent Staff of Royal Schools of Artillery, Active Militia and officers retired therefrom retaining rank. Range, 200 yards, 7 rounds; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance, 50 cents.

\$ 12 50 Lieut.-Col. Holmes, C.A.....	27	\$ 2 50 Gun. Carmichael, B.C.G.A.....	24
7 50 Pte. D. Roper, V.R.....	26	2 50 Corp. Savage, R.N.....	23
5 00 R. Gillard, R.N.....	25	2 50 Capt. Green, V.R.....	22
5 00 Sergt. Scoullar, N.W.R.....	25	2 50 Capt. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	22
5 00 Capt. Jones, B.C.G.A.....	25	2 50 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	22
5 00 Pte. H. H. Roper, V.R.....	24		

2. NANAIMO CORPORATION PRIZE.

Open to members of the association. Ranges, 200 and 400 yards; five rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance, 50 cents.

Challenge cup and		\$ 2 50 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	36
\$ 12 50 Corp. Savage, R.N.....	42	2 50 Mr. C. E. Poolley.....	36
7 50 Capt. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	39	2 50 Mr. Jas. Wilson.....	36
5 00 W. Brown, R.N.....	39	2 50 Sergt. Scoullar, N.W.R.....	36
5 00 Capt. Prior, B.C.G.A.....	38	2 50 Mr. Geo. Thomson.....	35
5 00 Gun. Carmichael, B.C.G.A.....	38		
2 50 Pte. H. H. Roper, V.R.....	36		

3. LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE CUP.

Open as in No. 1 except Royal Navy and Royal Marines. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards; Snider rifle; Government issue; seven rounds in each range; entrance, 50 cents.

Challenge Cup and		\$ 3 00 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	55
\$ 12 50 Gun. Newbury, B.C.G.A.....	63	3 00 Pte. G. D. Roper, V.R.....	52
10 00 Capt. Jones, B.C.G.A.....	62	3 00 Lieut. Wollacott, V.R.....	48
7 50 Capt. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	60	3 00 Capt. Green, V.R.....	48
5 00 Sergt. Scoullar, N.W.R.....	57		
3 00 Gun. Carmichael, B.C.G.A.....	57		

4. NEW WESTMINSTER CORPORATION PRIZES.

Open as in No. 2. Ranges 200 and 400 yards; five rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance, 50 cents.

N.-W. Challenge cup and		\$ 2 50 Capt. Green, V.R.....	34
\$ 12 50 Sergt. Scoullar, N.W.R.....	38	2 50 J. Westcott, V.R.....	33
Occident Challenge cup and		2 50 Capt. Jones, B.C.G.A.....	33
7 50 Corp. Savage, R.N.....	38	2 50 R. Gillard, R.N.....	33
5 00 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	37	2 50 J. W. Griffiths, R.N.....	32
5 00 Lieut. Wollacott, V.R.....	37		
5 00 Mr. H. Smith.....	36		

5. ROYAL CITY MATCH.

Open as in No. 3. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance, 50 cents.

Challenge cup and		\$ 2 50 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	50
\$ 12 50 Lieut. Wollacott, V.R.....	61	2 50 Corp. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	50
7 50 Capt. Fletcher, retired list.....	56	2 50 Sergt. Cox, V.R.....	47
5 00 Pte. H. H. Roper, V.R.....	56	2 50 Capt. Green, V.R.....	47
5 00 Capt. Jones, B.C.G.A.....	54	2 50 Pte. W. J. Daywer, V.R.....	46
5 00 Corp. Hayward, B.C.G.A.....	51		
5 00 Lieut.-Col. Holmes, C.A.....	50		

6. VICTORIA CORPORATION MATCH.

Open as in No. 2. Ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance, 50 cents.

Challenge cup and		\$ 2 50 Capt. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	65
\$ 12 50 Mr. James Wilson.....	73	2 50 Capt. Green, V.R.....	65
7 50 Sergt. Scoullar, N.W.R.....	71	2 50 Lieut. Wollacott, V.R.....	63
5 00 Capt. Jones, B.C.G.A.....	68	2 50 Lieut.-Col. Holmes, C.A.....	60
5 00 Capt. Fletcher, retired list.....	67	2 50 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	60
5 00 R. Gillard, R.N.....	67		
5 00 Capt. Prior, B.C.G.A.....	66		

7. LAURIE BUGLE MATCH.

To be competed for by teams of ten members of the Active Militia, selected respectively from Victoria and New Westminster. Ranges, 200, 400 and 600 yards, five rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance, \$2.50 each team. Winning team, each \$4.

The locality winning this silver bugle presented by Major-General Laurie, late D.A.G., shall hold a local competition amongst the several corps there established, of ten men from each corps, under the above conditions as to rifle, rounds and distances. The bugle shall be held by the winning team for the year.

The "Laurie Bugle" was awarded to the Victoria team, it being the only one entered for competition.

8. CHAPLEAU CHALLENGE CUP.

Open as in No. 2. Ranges 200, 400 and 600 yards; five rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue; entrance 50c.

Challenge Cup and		\$ 3 00 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	47
\$ 12 50 Mr. F. R. Sargison.....	56	3 00 Gun. Newbury, B.C.G.A.....	47
10 00 Lieut. Wollacott, V.R.....	54	3 00 J. Westcott, R.N.....	46
7 50 Capt. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	53	3 00 Mr. E. A. Wilmot.....	44
5 00 Capt. Fletcher, retired list.....	49		
3 00 Mr. H. Smith.....	48		

9. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM MATCH.

To be competed for by teams of eight officers, non-commissioned officers and men, selected as follows: From H. M. ships at Esquimalt; from each corps of active militia in the district; from the Washington National Guard at Seattle, W.T., and from civilian members of the Association.

Ranges 200 and 500 yards; Seven rounds at each range; Snider rifle; Government issue, except the Seattle team, who may use their service weapon; entrance \$2 each team.

To the winning team.....A silver cup presented by Association.

A competition may be held amongst the members of the winning team, at any time or place, to decide the individual winner of the cup.

Civilian team, winners of cup.....	331	H.M.S. "Triumph,".....	289
H.M.S. "Satellite,".....	299	H.M.S. "Constance,".....	275
Victoria Rifle Co.....	202	B. C. Gar. Art.....	205

10. ALL COMERS' MATCH.

Open as in No. 2. Ranges 200, 300 and 400 yards; seven rounds at each range; any rifle; entrance 5 c.

\$ 12 00 Mr. H. Smith.....	91	\$ 2 50 Mr. R. Butler.....	76
10 00 Lieut. McColl, N.W.R.....	81	2 50 Capt. Prior, B.C.G.A.....	75
5 00 Lieut. Wollacott, V.R.....	80	2 50 Capt. Wolfenden, B.C.G.A.....	75
2 50 Sergt. Scoullar, N.W.R.....	79	2 50 Capt. Jones, B.C.G.A.....	74