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ABOUT OURSELVES.

Since the present publishers took hold of the Military Gazette they have received very considerable encouragement from the force, and the words of advice and commendation received from time to time have been gratefully received and thoroughly appreciated. We shall persist in our course of complete independence and shall do our utmost to improve the paper and make it more worthy of its important mission. Meantime we ask the best consideration of our readers. All accounts are subject to draft and we are now drawing on our subscribers for the amount of their accounts. We hope that our drafts will be promptly met and we do not anticipate any disappointments. We have done and intend to continue to do our best to make good the promises made to our patrons, and we know that they will do their duty by us.



LIEUT. COL. T. P. BACON, *Secretary Dominion Rifle Association.*

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The hope that the day of the poor old antiquated Snider had passed and gone has been so long deferred that it is scarcely to be wondered at that the militia force generally hailed with wild delight General Herbert's announcement at the annual meeting of the Canadian Military Rifle League that the force was about to be armed with a new rifle. Militia men have become so heartily sick and tired of the old Snider that they would hail any change in their armament with satisfaction, whether the new weapon was

much of an improvement over the old one or not. There can be no denying the fact that the M-Metford is an unmeasurable improvement upon not only the Snider but the Martini-Henry. It has precisely the same splendid ballistic qualities as the Lee-Metford, the new rifle of the Imperial infantry; and in one of the British service papers the other day there appeared a paragraph explaining that one of the British cavalry regiments now in Egypt, recently armed with the Martini-Metford, were delighted with the weapon.