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A Reward of Merit.

THE government deserve congratulation upon the appointment, announced this week, of Capt. S. A. Denison, of Toronto and Capt. T. D. B. Evans of Ottawa, to lieutenantcies in the Infantry School Corps. The new officers go to D Co., at London, Ont. Capt. Denison is an ex-cadet of the Royal Military College, and since leaving that institution has served with the Imperial South Staffordshire Regiment of Militia.

Capt. Evans is not a College man, but added to exceptionally high qualifications from the schools of instruction, he has shown himself to possess in a high degree the faculty of managing men and influencing others by example and precept. The enthusiasm he has inspired has caused marked success to be attendant upon the many company and regimental enterprises he has promoted during his connection with the 43rd Rifles, of which corps Capt. Evans has been Adjutant since 1884. Having been connected with the battalion since its formation in 1882, he has seen it advance by leaps and bounds until now it occupies a position second to no rural corps in the Dominion; and it is generally recognized that to the enterprise and indefatigable perseverance shown by its Adjutant, the regiment largely owes its exceptional prosperity. Capt. Evans saw service in the Northwest with the Midland battalion, and considering his experience there, the fact that he has first class cavalry, artillery and infantry certificates, and that his ability and genial disposition have made him one of the most popular young men in civil as well as military circles at Ottawa, it will be admitted that it would be hard to find a more eligible candidate for a commission in the permanent corps, or one more likely to reflect credit upon the service.

Our object in dwelling at such length upon Capt. Evans' appointment must not be misunderstood. We have no desire to establish a comparison between his attainments and qualifications and those of other appointees; especially such as have had the advantages of a Military College training. But we do wish to draw especial attention to his case as one showing a disposition on the part of the government to reward when occasion offers those officers of the militia force who besides qualifying themselves for the service, in such a marked degree devote time and means to promote its interests.

So many unprofitable attempts have been made to establish in Canada an illustrated paper worthy of the Dominion, that one cannot but admire the pluck which induces Messrs. G. E. Desbarats & Son, of Montreal, to make another venture. They have just issued the prospectus, and a pictorial illustrative sheet, of "The Dominion Illustrated," of which the first regular number will appear on Dominion Day. The

publishers announce the names of leading members of the Royal Canadian Academy whose drawings will appear in the regular issue, of which a prominent feature will be the weekly production of a fine art subjects. Sketches of current events of importance will be reproduced, and the comic element will receive due attention. The literary portion of the paper will be under the direction of Mr. John Lesperance, well known throughout Canada as an erudite and scholarly as well as interesting writer. "The Dominion Illustrated" will be printed with the finest woodcut inks on the best cream enamelled paper. The reputation of the Desbarats engraving firm is a sufficient guarantee of the mechanical excellence of the promised publication, while the names of the artists and writers co-operating with the publishers create the expectation of a high artistic and literary standard for its contents. It is to be hoped that the paper will from the outset receive such a cordial support that its success may be placed beyond peradventure. It is not to Canada's credit that she continues so long to go abroad for her picture papers, while those at home languish and die.

It is a well known fact, that bugle calls are hard to understand by the average enlisted man. In battle the bugler is liable to be shot; there is no one to take his place, and the commands cannot be heard by any other communication. The whistle, which has been introduced in the German army for use of the officers on the skirmish line, has proved a success and every officer and non-commissioned officer is thoroughly instructed in its use. It can be heard a long distance. It is now being introduced into the National Guard of New York. Capt. Theodore F. Schmitt, Co. C, 11th N.Y., is drilling his company with the whistle, the following being the schedule of signals for the drill. Forward, 2 blasts short; halt, 1 blast long; retreat, 3 blasts short; double time, 2 short, 2 long; commence firing, 4 blast short; cease firing, 5 blasts short; lie down, 1 long, 1 short; rally by fours, 1 long 4 short; rally by company, 1 long, 5 short; deploy, 6 blast short; assemble, 1 long, 2 short; attention, 1 long, 2 short, 1 long; execution for all movements, 4 short toots; to rise, forward is sounded.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, visited Montreal last week and signed on behalf of the government a fifteen years' lease of the new rifle range at Cote St. Luc. While in the city he was waited upon by a large deputation of militia officers who urged that his department should immediately take steps to make the range ready for use. At least twenty targets were asked for. Sir Adolphe promised to do the best he could. In the meantime, a petition asking that the ranges may be put in condition by the government, in time for the season's practice, is being circulated in Montreal, and signed by the most influential citizens. A curious feature of this dispute is that Sir Adolphe Caron is the president of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association, whose strong claims he finds himself called upon to combat in his other position of Minister of Militia and Defence. In view of his official connection with the association, it may be presumed that Sir Adolphe meant more than the usual stereotyped phrase when he assured the deputation in Montreal that he would do the best he could in the matter.