

I can recall instances of sham battles in the ravines of High Park, Toronto, when the men lost 50 per cent. of the ammunition issued to them. Why, when you lie down to fire a shot the cartridges simply roll out of your pouch; there is nothing to retain them. And when at London last summer we participated in a sham battle with the R.R.C. Infantry, the same thing would have occurred, but the men received instructions to carry their ammunition in their tunic pockets, so as not to lose it. When you realize the uselessness of the equipment we possess, no doubt you will agree with us in saying that the force requires new equipment as well as new rifles.

Mrs. Villiers, wife of Col. Villiers, is at St. Joseph's Hospital suffering from nervous debility. The Colonel's many friends throughout Canada will be sorry to hear it.

THE STORY OF WATERLOO.

BELLEVILLE, March 13—Under the auspices of the 15th Battalion, Capt. Lee, of the Royal Military College, Kingston, delivered his lecture on "Waterloo" before a crowded and enthusiastic house on Friday. Mr. Thos. Ritchie presided. At the close Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., thanked Capt. Lee for his lecture, and spoke of the good such lectures were doing in inculcating patriotic sentiment in the minds of young Canadians.

The officers of the 15th gave a smoking concert in honor of the lecturer, in the officers' quarters. After partaking of the good things, the company adjourned to the large room, where a plentiful supply of pipes, tobaccos and cigars was ready. Lieut.-Col. Ponton acted as a director of ceremonies while Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., occupied the chair. Col. Ponton looked well after the guests and seemed to have the faculty of anticipating their wishes. The programme, which was thoroughly military, was enjoyed by all present. Miss T. Cunningham gave "Jessie's Dream" as a piano solo, while the following contributed solos in a skilful manner: Messrs. F. Lewis, S. Burrows, F. Eaton, G. E. Fax, Lieut.-Col. Hume, Rev. M. W. Maclean, chaplain of the battalion, gave a reading of a patriotic nature. In the course of the evening Lieut. Col's Rogers and Bell, of Peterboro, extended, on behalf of the visitors, a hearty vote of thanks to the officers of the 15th Battalion for their kind invitation and hospitality. Col. Hendrick, U.S. Consul, also thanked the officers for their invitation. Col. Ponton said he had received a number of letters of regret from persons who were unable to be present, among them being Lieut. A. Robertson, of Findley, Ohio, an old 15th man; Majors J. E. Halliwell and E. Harrison, of Ottawa.

Col. Bell extended a hearty invitation to the 15th to visit Peterboro on the 24th May. If this was done, the 57th Battalion would reciprocate and visit Belleville later. Col. Ponton said that if it were at all possible, the 15th would accept the kind invitation.

The visiting officers present were: Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., Kingston; Lieut.-Col. Bell, 57th, Peterboro; Lieut.-Col. Rogers, 3rd P.W.O. Dragoons, Peterboro; Lieut.-Col. MacDonnell, 16th, Picton; Lieut.-Col.

Brown, 49th H.R.; Surgeon Farley, 49th H.R.; Capt. Shaw, 49th H.R., and Capt. McGee, 49th H.R.; Stirling; Lieut. Watts, 49th H.R.; Adjutant J. W. Johnson, 49th; Major Biggar, 16th; Sergt. Luscombe, 20th Foot; Major Caswell, late of Prince County volunteer force, P.E.I.; Lieut. Bell, 49th H.R.; Col. Hendrick, U.S. consul.

The Boys' Brigade of St. Andrew's Church, to the number of 40 and under the command of Capt. Black, fittingly represented young Canada.

Col. Bell, of Peterboro, stated that he had the sextant that was on board the Belleophon, which carried Napoleon from France to England after his surrender.

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE members of the Ontario Rifle Association held their annual business meeting March 3, at the Military Institute, Toronto, the president, Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson, in the chair.

Among these present were: Lieut.-Cols. W. D. Otter, D.A.G.; Graveley, district paymaster; Jones, R.L.; White, 30th. Majors McLaren, 13th; Bruce, Grenadiers; Macdonald, 48th. Capt. Kirkpatrick, Q.O.R.; Orchard, 48th; Mercer, Q.O.R.; Curran, 12th. Lieuts. Pain, 13th; Elliott, 12th; Mitchell, 12th.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson.

Vice-presidents—1st Military District: Lieut.-Col. White, 30th, Guelph; and 1st M.D.: Major J. J. Mason, 13th, Hamilton; 3rd M.D.: Major Sam. Hughes, M.P., 45th, Lindsay; 4th M.D.: Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, militia staff, Ottawa.

Council—George Sleeman, Guelph; John Crowe, Guelph; Lieut. A. Pain, 13th; Lieut.-Col. Jones, R.L., Toronto; Major Delamere, Q.O.R.; Lieut.-Col. J. Hughes, 45th; Capt. Dennistoun, R.L., Scarborough; Lieut.-Col. W. E. Hodgins, G.G.F.G., Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. Wright, 43rd, Ottawa; Capt. Sutherland, 43rd, Ottawa; Major Robson, 26th; Capt. A. Wilson, 23rd; Lieut.-Col. Mason, R.G.; Capt. Horne, 14th P.W.O.R.; Capt. MacNachtan, Cobourg; Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Ottawa.

The annual report shows that an increasing interest is being taken in rifle shooting throughout the province, and that at last year's prize meeting there was a larger attendance of new shots than at any prior meeting. The financial position of the association has also been improved during the year. This, coupled with the fact that at the recent meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association in Ottawa, His Excellency the Governor-General and the Ministers of the Dominion Government, there present, expressed themselves strongly as to the good work being done by the Dominion and Provincial Associations in the cause of rifle shooting, augurs well for an increased interest during the coming season in everything appertaining to rifle shooting.

A meeting of the new Council was held immediately after the annual meeting, when the following officers were elected:

Chairman of the Council—Major J. J. Mason. Executive Committee—Lieut.-Col. John I. Davidson, Lieut.-Col. White, 30th; Major Sam. Hughes, 45th; Major W. C. Macdonald, 48th; Major J. Bruce, R.G.; Capt. M. S. Mercer, Q.O.R.; Capt. Curran, 12th; Lieut. A. Pain, 13th; John Crowe, Guelph. Treasurer—Lieut.-Col. J. Vance Graveley. Secretary—Lieut. A. D. Cartwright. Auditors—Capt. Curran, 12th; Lieut. W. G. Mitchell, Q.O.R.

Major J. J. Mason was appointed trustee for the Ontario Rifle Association

in the matter of the five years' lease of the Long Branch rifle ranges from the Dominion Government to the association that is being prepared by the authorities at Ottawa.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Americans have suffered in many ways by the foolishness of their politicians in threatening to bring on a war with Great Britain over Venezuela. It has united the Canadians more closely. Canadian printers have been purchasing almost all their inks from American makers. Since the unpleasantness an agent in Toronto, who has done a large business for a New York firm, says he has been unable to sell because the Canadian buyers want Canadian or British inks and refuse to use American.

London Truth says the Dunraven controversy has developed the fact that "the British are 'sportsmen' and the Americans 'sports.'" The difference between these terms is the same as the difference between "gentlemen" and "gents."

Lieut.-Gen. H. C. Wilkinson, C.B., lately commanding the York District, succeeds the late Gen. Sir Charles Foster as Colonel of the 16th Lancers. Gen. Wilkinson has spent several months in Canada during the past few years visiting silver mines in the vicinity of Rat Portage and other properties in the Northwest in which he has a large financial interest.

William Knolland died at Torbrook Mines, Annapolis Co., N.S., last week at the age of 58. He came to Montreal with the 78th Highlanders, and left them to become a drill instructor to the Royal Scots when that regiment was reformed. He was born in Glasgow, and at an early age joined the East India Company's service. He went through the mutiny with the Bengal Horse Artillery, and was present at the Relief of Lucknow under Havelock and Outram. On his return to Scotland he joined the 78th Highlanders and was posted to Capt. Leckie's company. He was first garrisoned at Aberdeen and was among the body guard of Her Majesty while at Balmoral Castle. After this he was garrisoned in succession at Edinburgh, Aldershot, Shorncliffe Camp, Dover, Dublin, Gibraltar, Quebec, Montreal and Halifax. While in Halifax he was appointed drill instructor under Gen. Doyle. Capt. Roach, Phinney, Taylor, Parker, Forster and others received instruction from the deceased. He was in the employ of the Londonderry Iron Co., and for the past four years has been time-keeper at the Torbrook Iron Mines. His body was taken care of and buried by the Orange Lodge. With their permission, Mr. John Leckie, manager of the iron company, caused the coffin to be carried to the grave under the Union Jack, as a mark of military respect.