

there is no money to pay the drivers of his battery, nor to pay for the horses, their fodder nor the rations of the men turning out at headquarters for the four days' drill that the corps was to have put in this month to complete the full period that should have been put in last year.

Lieut.-Col. Vidal, acting D.A.G., goes on a tour of inspection in this military district next week.

Major Drury, of "A" Battery R.C.A., leaves on Monday to inspect several field batteries in camp in different parts of the province.

Sergt.-Instructor McIntyre, "A" Battery, is acting as instructor to the Toronto Field Battery, in annual camp.

Gr. Compton has deserted from "A" Battery, leaving several citizens regretful that they reposed so much confidence in his honesty. He formerly served in the Royal Engineers and was a skilled draughtsman.

Capt. Kent, commanding No 3 Company 14th Batt. P.W.O.R., had Jacob Barrigan, a private in his company, summoned before the police magistrate, and fined \$10 and costs, last week for disobedience of orders on parade.

Sergt J Cannon, 14th Batt P.W.O.R., leaves on July 1st for Toronto, to take a short course of instruction at Stanley Barracks.

The detachments from "A" Battery and the R.M.C., who competed at the Military Tournament at Toronto recently, won \$250 in prizes.

Lieut Sutherland, No 4 Company 14th Batt P.W.O.R., has offered a gold medal to be competed for by the men of his company at the annual regimental rifle matches, this year.

Major Delamere, commanding the Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto, has written to Major Drennan, of this city, thanking him for his efforts to promote the comfort of the Toronto riflemen on their visit here on May 24th and 25th, and stating that the men enjoyed the trip immensely.

Sergt.-Instructor Campbell, R.R.C.I., has been engaged as instructor to the 14th Batt. P.W.O.R., and returns to the city on Monday, 15th inst., to assume the duties of that position.

VEDETTE.

MAJOR-GENERAL GASCOIGNE VISITS LONDON.

LONDON, June 16. — Major-General Gascoigne visited this city on the 4th for the purpose of inspecting the permanent corps at Wolseley Barracks. He was highly pleased with everything, so much so that he ordered the men to have a holiday on Friday. He also inspected the cav-

alry and artillery stores, the drill shed and the Seventh headquarters. He complimented Col. Lindsay for the excellent manner in which the building was kept. He was accompanied by Col. Lindsay, Col. Smith and Col. Stacey, St. Thomas. He remained at the headquarters for two hours.

The Major-General was tendered a dinner at the officers' mess at the barracks. Among the invited guests were: Col. Gartshore, 1st Hussars; Col. Stacey, 25th Batt.; Col. Irwin, 26th Batt.; Col. Lindsay, 7th Fusiliers; Col. Munroe, 22nd Batt.; Major Beattie, C. S. Hyman, Mayor Little, Capt. MacLean, A.D.C., Judge Ed. Elliott, P. Mulkern, Canon Dann, E. B. Harris, Thomas H. Smallman, G. C. Gibbons, Major A. M. Smith and Rev. Canon Richardson. The Major-General and Mrs. Gascoigne were also the guests at a garden party at Wolseley Barracks lawn.

ALL QUIET IN NOVA SCOTIA.

HALIFAX, June 16.—A private of the Royal Berkshire Regiment attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat at the Wellington Barracks on the 1st inst. Previous to enlistment he had kept company with a girl in Exeter, Eng. From her by the last English mail he received a letter accompanied by a present upon which he set great value. One day last week the present was lost or stolen, which caused him to become despondent. His comrades in the barrack room rated him on his depression of spirits, and jibed at him for the way he went on at the loss of the trinket. While his companions were still plaguing him he went to his kit and procured a razor, with which he slashed his wind-pipe, making a deep wound. Before he could carry out the whole of his intention he was seized by his companions. He was afterwards brought up before the colonel, when he gave, as a reason for the deed, the loss of the girl's present. After examination, he was sent to the military hospital. Upon his recovery experts will decide upon his sanity.

The 1st C.A. is sending two N.C.'s on the Shoeburyness team.

The adjutant 1st C.A. has formed a class of provisional N.C.O.'s, and is instructing them on the quick R.M.L. gun. All N.C.O.'s must show a proficiency to instruct a detachment in order to obtain a regimental certificate, without which they cannot be confirmed in their rank. There are only nine uncertificated N.C.O.'s in the corps, and those are the last ones made.

Things are quiet in military matters down this way, and I suppose will continue so until the elections are over.

Your remarks in last issue asking that all "army orders," which affect the drill of the

force, should be published in militia general orders as soon after promulgation as possible, are to the point, and I hope our new D.A.G. will see to it in future, and not have it said that we must look to THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE for our information in changes on drill, and warlike stores and material.

HALIFAX NOTES.

Since the arrival of the Royal Berkshire Regiment in Halifax there have been very few desertions. This cannot be said, however, of the R. A. Within a short time some of the best men have deserted, and although extra efforts have been made to trace them they have not been successful. This desertion is not confined to the privates, as some of the sergeants have also disappeared. As many as twenty men have deserted lately. The cause of this wholesale desertion is hard to find, as some say it is on account of the treatment meted out by the officers, while others state that the officers are an excellent set of men and have always treated the men well. Some of the men who are posted as absentees are: Gun. E. Laurence; Gun., J. Courane; Bombr. Tom. Tennant; Sergt. Charles Costello; Bombr. George Machin; Gun. Kilham Butler; Gun. Hugh Bradford; Gun. Garret Cotter; Gun. William Stevens; Gun. Frederick Andrews; Gun. G. W. Richards.

In Halifax the statements are made that these deserters find ready employment in Uncle Sam's artillery brigades. Trained gunners are in much demand there and extra inducements are held out to them to join. It is further stated that men who succeed in deserting from Halifax and join the United States army write letters to their chums advising them to desert. It is even said that the tempting of men to desert and go to the States may be secretly encouraged from abroad. Such a state of matters should at once be dealt with by an enquiry as to the cause of so many desertions.

GRAVELCRUSHER.

THE SWINGING OF THE ARM.

ST. JOHN, N. B., June 16.—There is nothing going on here in a military way. Politics takes every one's attention, but this will be over before another issue of THE GAZETTE. The efficiency returns have been received, but as usual are worthless for any comparison. Why did some battalions get marks for officers' questions, while others did not have any questions issued to them, and so lost the marks? Why is it that all the districts have not the same headings for subjects? Districts 1 and 2 seem to be entirely different from other districts; in the former the total or full marks is 150, in other districts 164. Some battalions have credit for "manual firing and