

A SINGULAR FISH.—The Stickleback is one of the smallest of Fresh water fishes. It is a bold lively little creature, scarcely knowing fear, and pugnacious to an absurd degree. It is very voracious, and so fearless that it is easily caught by the most inexpert angler. The most interesting fact connected with the Stickleback is, that it builds nests for the protection of its young. Although Aristotle asserts that some species of fish made nests for the reception of their spawn, the fact was not generally accepted by naturalists until within the last thirty years. The Stickleback breeds in summer, and may be conveniently watched in aquarium, making and guarding its nest, and protecting the young fry. The nest is made of delicate vegetable fibres matted into an irregular circular mass, cemented by mucus from the body, an inch or more in diameter. The male is the builder, and when the nest is prepared the female is enticed or driven in, and there deposits her eggs, which are secured by the male. The latter remains constantly on guard swimming in the neighbourhood, and driving away intruders with great ferocity, frequently putting in his head to see if all is right, and fanning the water with the pectoral and caudal fins, to secure free circulation and ventilation for the eggs. It is frequently seen shaking up the eggs and carrying away impurities in its mouth. The young are hatched in two or three weeks; if any one of the small fry get outside the nest they are instantly seized in the mouth of the parent and put back: there are about forty young to a nest. This fish takes as good care of its young as does the hen of her chickens. It is the most combative of creatures especially during the breeding season, when every adult Stickleback challenges every other of its own sex, and they do little but fight from morning to night.—*Appleton's Journal*.

The other day a New Orleans detective arrested a man on suspicion of having stolen a valuable diamond pin. Being hard pressed, the thief owned up, and surrendered the jewel to the officer, who placed it in his shirt bosom. On the way to the lock up the officer and prisoner got on board a horse-car, and in doing so the former was considerably jostled by a crowd on the platform. Just then the prisoner whispered in his ear. "Look out Captain! that was a thief who passed you just now." the officer glanced hurriedly at his shirt front. *The pin was gone.* He sprang from the car and started in pursuit of the imaginary thief. It is needless to say he was not to be found; and, when he returned his former prisoner was missing also. The next day the vigilant detective had his already overwrought feelings lacerated anew by the receipt of a pencil line saying, "Captain I'm gone. I take the pin with me. It was too nice to give up."

INSPECTION.—Col Moffat, Brigade-Major of Military District No. 1, has been on a tour of inspection in the County of Oxford, and closed his duties at Woodstock on Tuesday evening. The presence there of that efficient member of the staff of the district was seized upon by the company officers of the town and neighbourhood, and the hospitalities of the place extended. In addition to a representation of the 22nd, Mr. Oliver, M. P., the Mayor of Woodstock, Mr. Grey, Mr. Dunlop of Crnigowan, and others, were present, and a very pleasant evening passed.—*Woodstock Times*.

When a gentleman visits a young lady, why does she not like him to come with a knock at the door?—Because she had rather he had come with a ring."

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 17th February, 1871.

GENERAL ORDERS, (5.)

No. 1.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL has been pleased to appoint Major Eugene Arthur Taschereau, 17th Battalion of Infantry, Active militia, to be an extra Aide-de-Camp to his Excellency.

No. 2.

STAFF.

To be Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores, with the rank of Lieutenant. Colonel in the Militia, from 1st December, 1870:

Lieutenant George Arthur French, Royal Artillery, Inspector of Warlike Stores and Fire Master, Quebec:

Captain Romuald St. Jacques, M. S. St. Hyacinthe Infantry Company to act temporarily until further orders, as Brigade Major for the 6th Brigade Division. Military District No. 6 vice A. Audet dismissed.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

Toronto Field Battery.

The resignation of Surgeon John Widmer Rolph, is hereby accepted.

Ottawa Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

Captain and Adjutant Albert Parsons, is hereby permitted to retire retaining the rank of Captain.

No. 2 Battery, Ottawa.

To be 1st. Lieutenant:

2nd Lieutenant John Cotton, M.S., G. S., vice C. Lyon-Fellowes, left limits.

No. 4 Battery, Ottawa.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally:

Sergeant James Grant, vice W. H. Easton, left limits.

No. 5 Battery, Nepean.

To be 1st Lieutenant:

2nd Lieutenant John Alexander Gemmill, M.S., vice Spragge, resigned.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally:

Sergeant Major George Boyce, vice Gemmill, promoted.

41st "Brockville" Battalion of Rifles.

Lieutenant-Colonel James Crawford is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

42nd "Brockville" Battalion of Infantry.

No. 2 Company, Brockville.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Thomas Wilkinson, V.B. vice George Redmond, who is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

4th Battalion "Chasseurs Canadiens."

Lieutenant Colonel Alphonse Audet, is hereby dismissed the service.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

62nd "The St. John" Battalion.

To be Adjutant with rank of Captain:

Lieutenant Arthur Wellesley Lovett, V.B., M.S., vice Thomas McKenzie, who is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

To be Lieutenants:

Ensign Francis McLaughlin, M.S., vice Lovett, appointed Adjutant.

Ensign Joseph B. Stubbs, M. S., vice Thompson, removed.

Ensign Warren F. Hatheway, M.S.

To be Ensign, provisionally:

Francis B. Hazen, Gentleman, vice McLaughlin, promoted.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

1st "Halifax" Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

ERRATUM—In General Order (2) 13th January, 1871, read "To be Captain: Captain L. J. Bland, from Purcell's Cove Battery, formerly of the Royal Artillery," instead of "To be Captain, provisionally: Captain L. J. Bland."

63rd "Halifax" Battalion of Rifles.

To be Captains:

Lieutenant John M. Hay, Q.F.O., vice W. S. Symonds, retired.

Lieutenant William D. Harrington, Q.F.O., vice J. Maloney, retired.

The resignation of Lieutenant Patrick Healy O'Donnell is hereby accepted.

By command of His Excellency the

Governor General.

P. ROBERTSON-ROSS, Colonel,

Adjutant General of Militia,
Canada.

BREAKFAST.—EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favorite. The CIVIL SERVICE GAZETTE remarks:—"The singular success which Mr. Epps attained by his homœopathic preparation of cocoa has never been surpassed by any experimentalist. By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which saves us many heavy doctors' bills." Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold by the Trade only in 1lb., 1/2lb., and 1/4lb. tin-lined packets, labelled—JAMES EPPS & Co., Homœopathic Chemists, London, England.