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The following were recommended for commissions in the Regular army:

Royal Engineers—Battalion Sergeant-Major Dumble.

Royal Artillery—Cadet Henry Robert Visart de Bury.

Infantry—Sergeant Francis F. Dufus, Sergeant Henry Wareham Clinch.

Under Canvas at the Capital.

The Ottawa troops have this year drilled in camp at their headquarters, with the exception of the Guards, who put in their drill in the usual fashion of city corps. The Exhibition Grounds, on the banks of the Rideau Canal, furnished an excellent camping ground, affording an ample well-sodded parade square, good stabling and buildings sufficient for all purposes. The camp lasted from the 21st June to the 2nd July.

The commandant was Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery, who had for Brigade-Major Lieut.-Col. D. A. Macdonald, of the Militia Departmental Staff. The three arms of the service were represented in camp, the force consisting of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, the Ottawa Field Battery, and the 43rd Battalion "Ottawa and Carleton Rifles." Sergt.-Major Lyndon, of B Battery, R.C.A., was Brigade Sergt.-Major, and Sergt. Instructor Bouthellier, of A Battery, Brigade Instructor. These non-commissioned officers discharged their duties intelligently and carefully.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE DRAGOON GUARDS.

The authorized strength of the Dragoon Guards is thirty-five, and they turned out complete, with their three officers, Capt. Gourdeau, Lieut. Brown and Lieut. Elliott. The Dragoons have always been a *corps d'elite*. A smart cavalry troop is a necessity at the Capital, where escort duties are required to be performed so frequently, in connection with the opening and closing of parliament, and various vice-regal functions. When, therefore, the old Ottawa Troop of Cavalry fell into disfavour and became disbanded, shortly before the arrival of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, Capt. John Stewart, one of the leading young men of the city, promptly seized the opportunity to organize the present corps, who shortly afterwards received from the Princess Louise permission to adopt their present title, and they also received permission to wear the monogram L. L. (Lorne and Louise), which now appears on the armament of their uniform. Upon the removal of Capt. Stewart to the North-West the troop passed into the charge of his first officer, now Capt. Francois Gourdeau, who has ever since kept it up to a high

state of efficiency. A wise system of promotion keeps alive the interest of every member of the troop. Lieut. Robert Brown has served in every rank from trooper up. Lieut. Elliott, in the early days of the troop, earned promotion to the rank of Sergeant. He had to withdraw upon leaving the city, but returning lately accepted the vacant second lieutenantcy. Dr. A. O. F. Coleman, has from the first held the position of Veterinary Surgeon, an officer allowed to the troop by special arrangement, their numerous escort duties making this a necessity. Sergt. Major Arthur H. Powell has, like the officers, risen from the ranks, and his promotion to his present responsible position was highly popular with all his comrades. The members of the troop belong to the best families in the city, and their horses are of a very high class. The expense of the maintenance of the troop is altogether beyond the Government allowance, but is cheerfully borne, thanks to the pride taken by every member in the appearance and standing of the Corps.

THE OTTAWA FIELD BATTERY.

The Ottawa Field Battery is also in excellent shape: it recruits from the young men of both city and adjoining country, the latter contributing the fine horses of which they are the drivers. Major John Stewart has for years been the commanding officer. The other officers in camp this year were Lieuts. Gilmour and Eaton, and Surgeon-Major Bell. The Battery turned out in full strength.

FORTY-THIRD BATTALION.

The 43rd Battalion mustered only five of the six companies on the roll. No. 5 Co., at Arnprior, has suffered no doubt from its isolation from the rest of the Battalion, and this year, Capt. Macdonald being ill and there being no other officers, the company could not be mustered at all for camp. No. 4 company comes from Wakefield, in the backwoods district of the Upper Gatineau, but notwithstanding the disadvantage of its situation and the small encouragement received, this company always turns out numerically strong, with a sturdy intelligent class of men. No. 1 and No. 6 companies are recruited in the city, and Nos. 2 and 4 at Hull and Billings' Bridge respectively,

these places lying just outside the city limits. The 43rd had on this occasion their first turn out under their new commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Joshua Wright, and his promotion raised also Capt. Billings to be Major, and Lieut. Mackay to be Captain, while Lieut. Sutherland is appointed Captain of No. 1. Sergt.-Major C. O. Wood arrived opportunely to fill that vacant position. He was at last camp a lieutenant in No. 4, but had left the limits and resigned his commission. Mr. Wood was about to rejoin as a private, when pressed to take the office of Sergt.-Major, the duties of which he discharged to everybody's satisfaction.

The 43rd Battalion is in the unfortunate position of being virtually a city battalion, compelled to go to camp for drill as a rural corps, while from the nature of their employment the members cannot get leave of absence to attend to their military duties. It is, however, one of the strongest shooting regiments in the Dominion, and it is the enthusiasm of the riflemen which keeps up the corps, despite official discouragement.

The camp passed off very well, close attention being paid to practical drill of the squad, company, and battalion. The only show parade was on Dominion Day, when the brigade marched into the city, and at noon fired the royal salute and *feu de joie* on Cartier square, after a march past. Thanks to the instruction received in camp this holiday parade passed off so smoothly that few would have believed that fully half the participants were this year's recruits.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin, who inspected the corps in camp, expressed entire satisfaction with the progress they had made there, and all ranks left with the satisfaction of having usefully and pleasantly spent their twelve days under canvas.

NOVA SCOTIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programme for this year's matches is out, and shows an excellent list of prizes and well varied competitions. Shooting commences at Bedford Range, Halifax on Tuesday morning, 16th August, with the

"Nursery" match, 20 prizes, value \$66.

Followed by "Affiliated" match, 23 prizes, value \$100.

"Provincial R. A. Challenge," 29 prizes, value \$160 and gold medal.

"Bankers' cup," 29 prizes, value \$160 and cup.

"All-comers, 28 prizes, value \$140.

"Laurie Challenge cup," 4 prizes, value \$62 and cup.

"General Williams," 28 prizes, value \$140.

"Ladies' match."

"Merchants of Halifax cup," 29 prizes, value \$160 and cup.

"Consolation," 15 prizes, value \$70.

"Laurie military matches," 6 prizes, value \$62 and silver bugle.

"Any rifle," 16 prizes, value \$100.

Revolver, 7 prizes, value \$20.

Aggregates, &c.

The D.A.G. of the district will be Umpire, Lieut.-Colonel Murray Range officer, and Lieutenant Jacques Medical officer.