

officer, presented by Capt. Smith, has been awarded and presented to Sergt. Frost, the winner of the medal last year for the best drilled man.

The 3rd Regiment N.B. Artillery are now performing their annual drill, and hope to have their inspection in September. On Sunday last No. 2 Co. of this corps held a church parade to St. George's church, Carleton, where the headquarters of the company is, and turned out looking very well, under command of Capt. Baxter, and headed by the Carleton Cornet Band. The artillery here are rather proud of the success of the Shoeburyness team, as they have two members among the number who will, no doubt, meet with a hearty reception on their return home. Major Geo. W. Jones, of this corps, is so thoroughly military that he feels he must select a life partner from a military family, and he is now being heartily congratulated on his engagement to Miss White, daughter of Lieut.-Col. White, commanding the 8th Rifles, Quebec. Lieut. A. G. Hamilton Gray, who has been attending a course with the Royal Regiment at Fredericton, has returned to perform the annual drill with the artillery.

The 62nd Fusiliers, who were performing their annual drill, had a march-out on Friday, the 7th, under command of Lieut.-Col. Tucker, M.P., the drill will be continued till after the return of the latter from Ottawa; meanwhile the different companies are putting in their target practice at Drury range.

Capt. A. H. Macdonell, of the Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry, has been spending a few days' leave in St. John.

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TORONTO.

RECRUITING in the three city battalions has already commenced and in a fortnight or so the fall parades will have started. The classes so far are well filled and betoken lots of good material for all the corps.

Steps are already being taken with regard to the next Queen's Birthday celebration. A movement is on foot to endeavor to bring the 65th Battalion from Montreal to this city on that occasion and, with the help of the local force, hold a review or field day on the plans hitherto carried out on Thanksgiving day parades. Should the idea carry through, the 65th will get a good reception and the national sentiment which should prevail will be still further strengthened by the fraternizing of the crack French-Canadian regiment with the crack corps of the Dominion.

It is safe to assume that the conditions which governed the recent Gzowski Cup competition were weighed in the balance and found woefully wanting when used as a test as to which was the best corps in the district.

With the same keen interest as ever in the welfare of the militia, Lieut.-Col. Otter has caused to be issued conditions governing a competition which he proposes to inaugurate this fall and which is open to teams from No. 2 district.

Boiled down and divested of all the details, it means that the object of the competition is to determine which corps has the best team, in a competition carried on under conditions closely allied to those of active service.

A time test will be made of the marching powers of teams, over a course about 9 miles long, and on the completion of such march the teams will be sent as skirmishers over the ranges, to determine how the shooting qualities have been improved or otherwise by the march.

In the Queen's Own, at least, great interest is being taken in the competition, and every company is sure to enter a team. The other corps are certain to follow the lead of the senior corps, and the prospect of an interesting competition is bright indeed.

The Toronto Rifle Association held their annual matches on Tuesday, the 18th of August, at the Long Branch rifle range. The

attendance was a record one in the history of the association, and although the day was anything but favorable to good scores, the matches passed off very successfully. Capt. A. T. Kirkpatrick and Lieut. J. M. Davidson, president and secretary, respectively, of the association, succeeded, after hard work, in presenting for competition about the best array of prizes in the history of the association. Major J. M. Delamere acted as executive officer for the association.

Staff-Sergt. A. Rose, president of the 48th Highlanders Sergeants' Mess, was the recipient recently of a very handsome chair, presented by his brother non-coms. on the occasion of his marriage a short time ago. The presentation took place on the return of the Staff-Sergt. and Mrs. Rose from a two months' trip to the Old Country.

THE DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE 28th annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association promises to be one of the best ever held. One thing of great importance is that the Minister of Militia has sanctioned the distribution of free ammunition. This should be a drawing card for the marksmen. The ammunition to be used is English make, 1895. Socially it is expected that this will be one of the highest ever held. The Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen will be on the range, and, as the House will be in session, the members will add greatly to the success of the meet. The Premier and members of the Cabinet will attend. An At Home will be given by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Gibson. According to the present outlook the attendance of militiamen will be over that of former years.

Lieut.-Col. Bacon, secretary, has received entries from a dozen members of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Berkshire Regiment and eight from the detachment of Royal Engineers stationed at Halifax. This will form the Imperial army contingent at the D. R. A. next week.

NON-REPRESENTATION AT THE P. Q. R. A. MEET.

A GOOD deal of speculation was aroused at the annual meeting of the P.Q.R.A. that no representatives were forward from "B" Battery and "B" Infantry Schools. This cannot be altogether accounted for by the want of funds, as it was understood that there was a pretty strong fund laid aside for rifle shooting. There is said to be a good deal of dissatisfaction in the battery on account of the men who can hold their own with the rifle not getting an opportunity to be present. Perhaps some of the interested parties may be able to lay bare the cause of the non-representation at the Provincial meet. Something must be wrong when this meet, which is got up by the provincial authorities, is not recognized.

SPECIAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR FIELD BATTERIES.

THE last general orders give the dates when the various field batteries will attend the annual gun practice of detachments from the field batteries of the active militia in Ontario and Quebec. The course will take place at Laprairie, near Montreal, from the 7th to the 14th of September. A detachment of "A" Field Battery R.C.A. will arrive on the 5th September, and a detachment from "B" Field Battery R.C.A. will arrive on the 3rd to prepare camp, range, targets, etc. Detachments from field batteries of the active militia will go into camp for two days' practice on the dates following their names: Montreal, 7th Sept.; Quebec and Shefford, 8th Sept.; London and Welland Canal, 9th Sept.; 1st Brigade, 10th Sept.; Ottawa and Durham, 11th Sept.; Hamilton and Toronto, 12th Sept.; Kingston and Gananoque, 14th Sept.

Lieut.-Col. Wilson, R.C.A., will command the camp, and Capt. C. Pelletier will act as camp adjutant. The camp will be under the medical charge of Surgeon-Major Campbell, R.R.C.I.