

a nature are some of the arguments against the Royal Military College. What is the use of keeping up that institution if the Government will not avail itself of its product? As it is the college does not do much for the militia simply because it is not given the chance. Did the Government show itself at all alive to the value of the institution there would be point to the following editorial recently printed in the *Empire* :—

"The Grits are now crying down the military college at Kingston. The college costs money, and as there is not, from year to year, any visible return in cash for the cash outlay, the Grits insist that the college is useless and should be abolished. The most peaceable nation on earth must have militia. Fenians will raid; rioters will destroy life and property; and other things will happen to make militia useful in the enforcement of law, order and peace. Canada does not want to fight anybody. But some people have exhibited a desire to fight Canada. And when the Fenians were at the border the same Grits which now cry out against the college were not sure that Canada had military colleges enough to meet the emergency. When the second Riel rebellion broke out the Globe and its followers demanded that no expense be spared to put down the rebellion, and punish the rebels. There was no thought of the expense of the college then. So long as these things occur, so long will militia be necessary. Militia without trained officers is useless. To provide trained officers the college must exist. It is expensive, of course. But it would have been much more expensive had Canada been caught, on several occasions, without militia with trained officers. If, when there is need for the militia, our friends the Grits are glad that the expensive college has put Canada in a position to meet the danger, they ought to be so much the better pleased when there is no immediate danger, and the expense of the college is not supplemented by the expense of an invasion, a rebellion, or a riot. The time may come when it will be necessary to employ force to make the people behave themselves. That time has not yet arrived on this continent. When it does come the college may be dispensed with and the preservation of peace left to the police and the county constables. In the meantime it would be short-sighted policy to throw away the militia because they are not called upon to shoot enemies of the country every day. The man who cancels his fire insurance policy because his house seldom burns down is not wise."

The Bisley Team.

The Kolapore cups once more have been won by the mother country team with 699 against our team's 677—22 points behind.

The scoring was not high and leads us to believe that a picked English eight would be apt to meet with good chances of defeat if the competition were held at Ottawa instead of Bisley.

The following are the scores

made by the Canadian team :

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	
Pte. Bertram.....	27	22	33—	82
" Hayhurst.....	32	30	29—	91
Lt. Sgt. Simpson.....	31	25	26—	82
" Davidson.....	29	25	32—	86
Pte. Rolston.....	29	30	30—	89
Lt. Sgt. Ogg.....	31	31	21—	83
Lieut. Mitchell.....	27	28	30—	85
Pte. Milligan.....	27	23	29—	79
Totals.....	233	214	230	677

The range totals of the mother country were 243 231 225—699

We reserve comment on these scores for our next issue when we will have full particulars from our special correspondent. In other matches our men seem to be doing well, though of course so far none of the aggregate matches have been shot.

Pte. Milligan has tied for first place in the Jeffery—7 shots at 500 yards—with 35 points and three bulls for his tie shot to his credit. In this same match Pte. Hayhurst wins 4th place with 35 also, and Pte. Kamberry, Lieut. Mitchell and Corp. McNaughton each take a prize of £1 10 with scores of 34.

In the Apsley-Pelatt match, the Canadian winners were placed as follows: Staff-Sergt. King, sixth; Lieut. Mitchell, seventh; Lieut. Ross, eight. Each of the above got a cash prize of £2 2s. Quartermaster-Sergeant Ogg came in thirteenth and won a cash prize of £1 10 s. In each case the scores made were 34. Staff-Sergt. Bertram with a score of 34 won the second prize of £5 cash in the Field Rifle Company match, and Private Milligan with the same score won the third prize of £3 cash. Canadians also came to the front in the Marsden match. Quartermaster-Sergt. Ogg with 34 tied for first place. The first prize in this contest is £10 cash. Staff-Sergt. King with a score of 33 won seventh place and a prize of £2 10s and Staff-Sergt. Bertram came in nineteenth with a score of 32 winning thereb's a prize of £1 10s.

It will thus be seen that though the Kolapore is not to visit our country this year, yet our men are doing very fairly well and we will look for a good showing in the coming week, when the Queen's and the other regular matches will be fired.

Major-General Sir W. Butler, K.C.B., will command the first field column organised at Aldershot for the summer manoeuvres. The column will march about July 16.

News of the Service.

NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute to this department all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as not enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate, forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades. Address,

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Quebec.

The match for prizes in kind, which was to be fired at the annual matches of the Eighth Royal Rifles, but was postponed until Saturday last, July 14th, resulted as follows Ranges, 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each range :

500 YARDS.

	Pts.
Sgt. R. J. Davidson ..	25
Corpl. A. E. Swift.....	23
Pvte. J. Pugh.....	23
Sgt. R. Hartly.....	22
Pvte. F. McNaughton.....	22
Pvte. A. Hay.....	22
Lieut. W. S. Champion.....	21
Sgt. J. Goudie.....	21
Pvte. McLaughlin.....	21
Pvte. J. Stobo.....	21
Lieut. W. Davidson.....	20
Sgt. H. Hull.....	20

600 YARDS.

Lieut. W. Davidson	24
Corpl. A. E. Swift.....	22
Sgt. R. Norton.....	21
Sgt. H. Hull.....	21
Sgt. R. J. Davidson.....	20
Ass.-Surg. G. Parke.....	20
Sgt. Hartley.....	19
Pvte. Campbell.....	19
Pvte. J. Pugh.....	18
Sgt. J. Goudie.....	18
Lieut. T. W. S. Dunn.....	18
Lieut. W. S. Champion.....	17

Montreal.

Saturday July 17, as far as the weather was concerned, was a rifleman's paradise and the result was that during the annual matches of the Victoria Rifles at the Cote St. Luc ranges, Band Sergeant George Lavers, Sixth Fusiliers, not only broke the record with a score of 98 at Queen's ranges, and thus won first prize in the open match, but at the same time did a great deal towards bringing his regimental team to victory and so win first place in the Montreal Rifle association's June monthly. Throughout the day, however, the shooting was wonderful. The scores show this.

The shooting started in the early morning and when Lieut.-Col. Starke, who was the executive officer of the day, called the first match, the Maiden, he, saw that he had twenty-one competitors, rather a small number. The winners of the several matches were as follows :

Maiden match, Sergt. Warmington, 27; Association match, S. Sgt. Belcourt, 97; Queen's Own Challenge Cup, No. 2 Company, 523; Challenge match, Pte. Hawkins, 64; Team price, No. 2 Company 313; Open match, Sgt. G. Lavers,