

The following are some of the advantage over others of Lee's "Straight-pull Magazine Rifle."—1. Greater rapidity with greater accuracy than any other military arm in use. 2. The contents of the clip of magazine (ten shots) can be fired without removing the arm from the shoulder or the eye from the sights; the full magazine can be held in reserve, and the arm used as an ordinary breechloader. 3. The arm is automatically locked when loaded, a valuable feature for Cavalry service. 4. The number of shots left in the magazine is automatically indicated at a glance. 5. Ejection is forward, there by not interfering with the right or left-hand man or the operator. 6. Certainty of extracting the empty shell, as the leverage is 40 to 1. 7. When the magazine is emptied the arm is automatically locked, thereby notifying the operator that it is so; in no other military arm is this the case. 8. Owing to the lightness of the firing-pin the response of the trigger is quicker. 9. The bolt can be removed in five seconds. 10. The arm can be operated on from the prone position.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE CLUB OF CANADA.

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Record of members' services.

In accordance with the recommendations adopted at the 9th Annual Meeting, a "Service Record" Book has been purchased, which is specially designed to meet requirements of the club.

Members are requested to furnish the Secretary with the information called for in this Circular at their earliest convenience.

The information desired is to include a period extending from date of Graduating or leaving College, to 31st of December 1893.

Members in future will be expected to furnish the Secretary with such additional information as is desirable, at the close of each year, in order that the Record may be kept up to date.

The following information is required:—1st. Full Christian and Surname. 2nd. Place of birth. 3rd. Date of birth. 4th. Military Record.

- (a). Name of Corps.
- (b). Appointments Promotions and Resignations with dates in each case.
- (c). Attendance at Annual Camps or with Corps at Headquarters.
- (d). Staff Appointments.
- (e). Record of Certificates, School of Musketry, Staff College, Hythe, etc. etc.
- (f). Honours and Distinctions.
- (g). Record of Special Service, nature of same etc..
- (h). Record of Medals.
- (i). Such other information as is not included in above and which it is desirable to have on record.

5th Civil Record sketch, with dates, etc.. etc.

By order,

ERNEST F. WURTELE

Captain R. L. Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Royal Military College Club of Canada.

A GORGEOUS NATIVE REGIMENT.

Mr. Clement Scott, fresh from his tour round the world, has been writing of the new Hongkong Regiment, which is one of the most "swagger" in the English service. It was formed to strengthen the garrison of Hongkong, the men being all Mulattoes from the Lower Himalayas. Two companies are Parthans, famous fighting men in our Eastern Empire, five of Punjabis, and one of Hindostanis. They are splendid fellows, averaging five feet nine inches, with a chest measurement of 39 inches, and their gorgeous uniform has been designed by their commander, Colonel Barrow. They wear, when in full dress, a scarlet blouse with yellow facings and golden-coloured "commerbund," or waist sash, knickerbockers of blue, with a red stripe, and white gaiters. On their heads is a bright Kohat hunge, or divided turban, of indigo and gold, which is so arranged that when the men are massed you see either one bright patch of gold or one of purple. Mr. Scott declares that if they were paraded in Hyde Park some summer afternoon, their beautiful uniforms and splendid frames would alike create a sensation. Of course, they have working suits of the dust-coloured Khaki, which is the usual military undress in the East. Their great coats came from the Army Clothing Factory in Pimlico, but the remainder of their equipment is made in Hongkong, under Colonel Barrow's direction. So attractive is the English service to these stalwart hill-men of Northern India, that between February 1st, 1892, and April 9th of that year nearly six hundred recruits were enrolled. Their company officers are all English, and they have been so well drilled until to-day they are as fine a body of men as any in our army.

TORPEDO BOAT DESTROYERS.

The thirty-two torpedo boat destroyers with which the Admiralty have decided to strengthen the navy, have now all been given out to various contractors for construction, and should be completed during the next financial year. Up to the present the only one of the class completed is the Havock, which was built by Messrs. Yarrow & Co., of Poplar. The Havock was guaranteed a speed of 25 knots, and her steam trials showed that she was capable of doing this without difficulty. The remaining 31 boats are guaranteed a speed of 27 knots, and as they are being built by various firms, and are to be supplied with many different types of boilers, it is not unlikely that some may fail to realize, whilst others may exceed, the enormous speed at which they are expected to run. Ten different firms have received orders to

construct these little vessels. In this matter the Admiralty have, perhaps, acted wisely, as the country will certainly be benefited by the spirit of competition which will set up between the different contractors. The orders for the construction of the 32 vessels have been distributed as follows: Havock, Hornet, Hasty, Charger and Dasher, Yarrow & Co., Isle of Dogs, Poplar; Daring, Decoy, Boxer, Ardent and Bruiser, Thornycroft & Co., Chiswick; Ferret and Lynx, and two not yet named, Laird Bros., Birkenhead; Janus, Porcupine and Lightning, Palmer's Shipbuilding Co., Jarrow-on-Tyne; Rocket, Shark and Surly, J. & G. Thompson, Glasgow; Conflict, Wizard and Tesser, J. & S. White, Cowes; Hardy and Haughty, Doxford & Sons, Sunderland; Fervent and Zephyr; Hanna, Donald and Wilson, Paisley; three not yet named, Naval Construction and Armaments Company, Barrow-in-Furness; two not yet named, Hawthorne, Leslie and Co., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

A WELL KNOWN RIFLEMAN.

A well known Volunteer has passed in the person of Mr. George Pearse, better known as Colonel Pearse, whose remains were laid to rest at Hatherleigh on Monday. We have our carefully calculated tables showing the probably duration of life; but what are they? Who would have said that Colonel Pearse, with his fine physique, and in the very prime of life, would in so few days succumb? He was one of the last men who would have been picked out as likely to prove a victim to a mere cold. A hard worker, a healthy liver, and a man whose steadiness of aim and sureness of sight had won him a world wide reputation as an excellent shot, he seemed to be sure of twenty or thirty years of useful life. His death has brought sorrow to many hearts, and cast a gloom over many with whom he was not intimately acquainted. He was of splendid stature and athletic habits and, moreover, a man of good education. He was also a man of many parts. As a Volunteer he gained a wide reputation. Joining the 4th V.B.D.R. some 23 years ago, his energy and interest in shooting soon brought him to the front, and soon after he became a citizen soldier he gained his first success. This was followed by others until in 1875 he won the blue ribbon of the Wimbledon meeting by carrying off the Queen's Prize. In subsequent years he was seven times in the final for the Queen's Prize. For twelve years he shot for England in the International team, and to the very last Volunteers in the West had reason to be proud of his prowess with the rifle. Although he will be best remembered as a volunteer, he was a solicitor of ability and energy, well known throughout Devonshire for his pleasant, courteous manners, and his untiring devotion to his official and other duties. His connection with the banking firm of Dingley, Pearse & Co. was less known, but shows how well his time was filled. Colonel Pearse was also a politician. A follower of Mr. Gladstone, he became a Unionist in