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DOINGS AT HEADQUARTERS.

OTTAWA, July 30.—Lieut. Fred Magee, G.G.F.G., is taking a two months' course at Stanley Barracks, Toronto.

We are glad to hear that Capt. P. B. Taylor, G.G.F.G., is rapidly recovering from the effects of a sunstroke, which he received at the annual inspection of the Guards last June.

Preparations are being made on a large and magnificent scale for the D.R.A. meet here in September. The fact of the Canadian team winning the Kolapore Cup has awakened the public to the fact that these annual meets are of some slight importance to the force. Lord Aberdeen and General Gascoigne are to be present, and, as the House will be in session, a large number of M.P.'s.

Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, director of stores and treasurer of the D.R.A., is busily engaged with matters pertaining to the prizes, etc.

The appointment of Col. the Hon. M. Aylmer as adjutant-general gives great satisfaction to the militia and reflects credit upon the Government in so quickly bringing up this long-delayed appointment. It is a pity that appointments like this should be kept so long open.

The militia will be well represented in the coming House by Lieut.-Cols. Prior, Tucker and Domville, Majors McLennan, Hughes, and last but not least, the Hon. Dr. Borden. With such a representation as this, the country should be kept alive to the fact that the force is far from what it might be.

The butts of the Rideau rifle range are being painted and renovated for the D.R.A. meet. This will give great satisfaction to riflemen, as for the last ten years they have been in a state of decay.

The new quarters for Nos. 5 and 6 Companies, 43rd Rifles, are being renovated under the direction of Sergt. Benbow, caretaker of the drill hall.

Nos. 5 and 6 Companies, 43rd, meet twice a week for drill under Sergt.-Major Mahoney.

Major D. V. Eaton, of the Ottawa Field Battery, has been ap-

pointed to the permanent force of the Dominion and has been commissioned to the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry at Fredericton, N.B. The command of the O.F.B. is expected to devolve upon Lieut. Hurdman, who recently passed a brilliant exam. at Kingston. While Major Eaton's removal from Ottawa will be much regretted in military circles, he will nevertheless be congratulated upon having secured an appointment which will bring him to the front rank in his chosen profession.

The G.G.F.G.'s regimental matches will take place on August 1st.

The remains of the late Michael Galvin, of the G.G.F.G. band, were conveyed to their last resting-place in Notre Dame Cemetery on July 21st with full military honors and followed by a large number of mourners. The remains were carried on a gun carriage, the floral tributes and Union Jack being upon the coffin. The firing party, which marched ahead of the gun carriage, was composed of members of No. 3 Company, of which deceased was a member. Other members of the company followed the carriage, which was in charge of Sergt. Stewart, O.F.B. The band of the regiment was in attendance, and among others present were Lieut.-Col. Ross, Capt. E. F. Taylor, Lieut. Hurdman, O.F.B., and Sergt.-Major Mahoney, 43rd Rifles. The pall-bearers were Sergts. Lester, Thomas, Reardon, Forde, Pegg and Behan, of the Guards. The G.G.F.G. band, of which deceased was sergt., sent a beautiful wreath in the shape of a harp.

There is a good story going the rounds in military circles. It seems that a prominent officer of one of the city corps was on his way home after drill with several other civilians on the back of a street car. To them came the conductor with a polite request for fares. One after the other handed out their 5 cents, but when the officer tendered his the conductor put it back. "I don't want anything from you," he said. "Why not?" asked the surprised militiaman. "You ought to know," said the conductor with some scorn, "that you can travel free." "You haven't been in the business long, have you?" "I—I don't understand," queried the officer as he glanced at the interested faces of his fellow-passengers. "You're a letter-carrier, aren't you?" replied the conductor. "No," replied the officer, in capital letters, and he looked very much disgusted at the snickers of his fellow-passengers.

There is a report going the rounds, whether it is true or not I don't know. It is that the P.L.D.G. are to be formed into a squadron, and that several additions will be made to the corps. If it becomes a squadron it will require at least nine new members—namely, another lieutenant, several non-coms. and privates. If the report is true, it will be hailed with delight, as a more efficient corps, in the opinion of Ottawans, does not exist.

We learn that Capt. P. B. Taylor is an applicant for the vacant chiefship of police. The Commissioners could not do better than