

After returning to the city A Co. were marched out in front of the drill shed and were photographed by Pte. Young.

Sgt. T. S. Clark, of A Co., and family have the sympathy of the company in their sad bereavement of the death of their little boy Willie, 7 years old, who died Sunday night and was buried Tuesday afternoon.

Capt. E. A. E. Haliwell, of No. 4 troop, Regt. Cavalry, is in the city visiting friends and renewing friendships. Ed. was a corporal in A Co., Midland Batt., and was wounded at Batoche. He left the city a little over a year ago and went out to Oklahoma in company with Major Crozier, and since that time has resided there and in Texas. He came home to go into camp in June with his regiment, but will return shortly afterwards.

A pleasing event took place in the drill shed after parade on Wednesday evening 14th. The Col. formed the battalion into line, and calling out Segts. Gaugot and Gullet in a few appropriate and congratulatory remarks presented them with their certificates received from St. Johns Infantry School, Quebec, where they have just lately finished a three months course of instructions. As they returned to their places in line they were greeted with enthusiastic applause.

The next battalion parade is next Monday evening.

ARGYLE.

### Queries and Replies.

#### THE PRESENT ARMS.

Q. EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Referring to notices of change in Rifle Exercises 1885 and Infantry Drill 1889, in your issue of 24th April last, I understand there are now only *two* motions at "Present Arms." Am I right? I have not a copy of the Rifle Exercises referred to, but taking the two alterations together, think we are justified in changing.

GRENADA.

A. The change referred to, promulgated by an Imperial Army Order, is a necessity for the new rifle, the magazine of which interferes with the second motion of the "present." The Canadian force being armed with the Snider, will not make the change. It is opportune to state here that while we publish these Imperial Orders for the information of those interested, the changes in the drill should not be adopted unless officially proclaimed in our Militia General Orders.—EDITOR.

### The Rifle.

#### THE INTER-MARITIME MATCH.

The second competition for places on Nova Scotia's inter-maritime team was shot on the 29th May, on Bedford range. The weather was the worst ever experienced by many of the older shots. The wind blew a gale from the north-east, and was accompanied by heavy squalls of rain and flurries of snow. The light was very changeable. At one time the wind blew with such force that the three second-class targets then in use were blown from their frames and disabled beyond repair. As will be noticed by the appended scores, there was a general turnover, some of the up scorers of the last Thursday dropping down, while others who were down then crept up. The firing was with Martinis at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The following were the scores:—

Bomb. Campbell, HGA	28	30	27	85	Maj. Garrison, H.G.A.	25	23	28	76
Lieut. Stevens, 66th...	26	29	28	83	Sergt. Elliot, 63rd....	25	26	24	75
Capt. Adams, H.G.A.	26	31	26	83	Capt. Corbin, 63rd....	26	29	20	75
Lt. Dimock, H.G.A...	28	30	24	82	Capt. Harris, H.G.A...	27	28	19	74
Lt. Flowers, H.G.A...	29	30	23	82	Gunner McEachern, H				
Capt. Bishop, 63rd....	29	25	27	81	G. A.....	26	22	25	73
Sergt. Harris, H.G.A.	22	29	29	80	Sergt. Mumford, 63rd.	23	29	21	73
Maj. Egan, 63rd.....	27	27	26	80	Sgt-Maj Lockhart 63rd	24	21	22	67
Lieut. Dixon, 63rd....	27	26	25	78	Sergt. Murray, H.G.A.	22	17	18	57

Ottawa.

Team of fifteen men each, from No. 2 Company of the Guards and No. 1 of the 43rd, fired on the Rideau range last Saturday, with Snider rifles, Queen's ranges, seven shots. The Guardsmen won a handsome victory, the totals being 1062 to 932.

At the regular spoon competition of the Guards Association, the winners of the spoons were: Pte. R. Tink, 1st class, with 83 points; Pte. Elmitt, 2nd class, 81, and Pte. Howe, 3rd class, 70.

The Rifle Club's sixth competition was fired on Saturday with Snider rifles at Queen's ranges. Mr. A. Pink led with the high total of 92 (32, 30, 30), winning the dessert spoon in the first class; Lieut. E. D. Sutherland took the tea spoon in the first class with 88, and Mr. R. Tink the dessert spoon second class with 83. The scores next in order were: T. Carroll 82, J. H. Ellis 81, Capt. S. M. Rogers 80, W. T. Mason 78, G. A. Mailleue 78, Lieut.-Col. W. P. Anderson 78, C. S. Scott 76, W. Short 76. G. A. Robinson took the dessert spoon in the third class with 67, and R. N. Slater the tea spoon in the second class with 61. The tie between Capt. Gray and Lieut. Sutherland for second place in the competition on the 17th May, was shot off and won by Lieut. Sutherland.

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