

I trust this will be the means of bringing out the views of the shooting men all around, and if it meets with general approval I feel satisfied that the executive of the D. R. A. will only be too pleased to make the change.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space I have taken up,  
I remain yours truly,

G. M. DONNELLY.

P. S.—Now that I have started calling on you, you may hear from me now and again, as it has been a very dull winter in the way of shooting news, and I think some of the “boys’” ideas have been pent up a long time, so now “let them go” and have them fully ventilated before the musical crack of the rifle is heard from one end of the Dominion to the other.

G. M. D.

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### THE LATE STAFF-SERGEANT CURZON.

The following touching tribute to the memory of a gallant member of the Tenth Royal Grenadiers, Staff-Sergeant F. W. Curzon, recently appeared, from the pen of an old friend whose *nom de plume* will be quite familiar to many of our readers. “Pastor Felix,” it may be stated, is now the Pastor of the Methodist Church at Cheeryfield, Maine:—

#### REST THEE.

Rest thee,  
Blest Spirit !  
Still'd on Death's river the turbulent foam ;  
Thou hast arrived at the permanent home ;  
Thou dost inherit  
The house  
Whose foundation  
Securely is laid ;  
Thy scope  
Is the cope—  
The azure and infinite dome.

Rest thee,  
Blest Spirit !  
Sadness and sorrow can never invade  
The heart's habitation ;  
No mornings that wake  
Shall have power to break  
The trance whose glad rapture hath blest thee ;

And the peace  
Shall ne'er cease  
That like a soft hand hath caressed thee ;  
And thy heart hath forgotten to ache.

Rest thee,  
Blest Spirit !  
Thy brows  
Have the garland of merit ;  
Thy song is the song of salvation ;  
Thou see'st thy Saviour and markest the wounds  
Of His love and His passion—and hark ! there resounds  
Hosannah !  
Hosannah !  
From tongues of a glorified nation.

With the antheming throng  
Thou takest thy place,  
With the light on thy face,  
And joinest the song  
While the garment of white doth invest thee.

Rest thee !  
Rest thee !  
Rest thee !  
Rest  
Pure, beautiful soul of delight,  
Enter thy rest !

—PASTOR FELIX.

All the druggists sell that well known preparation T. A. SLOCUM'S OXYGENIZED EMULSION of PURE COD LIVER OIL, and no preparation for lung troubles, etc., deserves to be better spoken of. Consumptives can now take heart, for at the general office, Toronto, Canada, can be seen the highest testimonials that were ever given a similar medicine.

## THE ANNUAL MILITIA REPORT.

### A Satisfactory Record of Progress by the Force.

Recommendations of the Chief Officers—Increased Appropriation Asked—Reduced Strength as an Alternative—The Useful Work of the Military College and Schools—Col. Otter's Efficiency Competition for Infantry—Suggestive Advice to Musketry Officers—How Col. d'Orsonnens would Train the Officers—Advantages of Permanent Camping Grounds—Rifle Shooting Rewards—Pensions for Permanent Officers—The Artillery Reports.

The annual report of the Department of Militia and Defence for 1890 was issued this week, and consists of close on 250 pages of interesting matter respecting the operations of the year and suggestions for future improvement.

Col. C. E. Panet, the Deputy Minister, includes in his report a valuable statement of the expenditure for militia purposes since Confederation, showing a total of \$31,422,740, or an average of \$1,366,206 per annum. The expenditure for 1889-90 was \$1,296,810 for the general service, and \$30,766 for the pension list, and from the total expenditure there is to be deducted \$22,093 received for ammunition and clothing sold. The pensioners now number 224. They include 80 surviving veterans of the war of 1812 (39 of these being pensioners for wounds), 23 pensioners for wounds in the Fenian raids, and 121 pensioners for wounds and disabilities consequent on service in the Northwest in 1885. Col. Panet reports the Departmental appropriation to be barely sufficient for the requirements of the service, and that in order to enable the Department to provide for the development of the force correspondingly with the growth of the country, the amount should be considerably increased. He calls attention to and cordially endorses the recommendation of the Adjutant General that additional accommodation for Instructors and Cadets be provided at the Royal Military College ; advises the selection of permanent camping grounds with suitable rifle ranges ; reports the probable early erection of drill halls at Brantford, Toronto and Victoria ; the extension of the operations of the Quebec Cartridge Factory, to include the manufacture of Martini ammunition, and of sufficient 64-pr. and 9-pr. shrapnel and common shell to meet the requirements of the force. His report concludes with the citation of an incident quite complimentary to the character enjoyed abroad by the military institutions of the Dominion, as follows:—“The experience of your Department and of the Canadian militia organization generally, will, it may be hoped, in some points at least, be eventually found useful in other parts of the Empire. Quite recently His Excellency the Governor of Queensland made application, through the High Commissioner for Canada in London, for information respecting the working of the Royal Military College of Canada, to be used when the question of a Federal Military College for Australia comes under consideration. In response thereto, you, sir, forwarded to Brisbane, for His Excellency's information, the most minute details about our Military College which this Department could furnish, down to the blank forms used, specimens of diplomas given to graduates, and lists enabling the Cadets to be traced to the various military and civil positions in life to which they have since attained.”