

## MILITARY GOSSIP

Another Indian Mutiny medal has just been issued. The recipient is Charles Eastwell, late First Battalion, Twentieth Foot, who took part in the relief of Lucknow fifty years ago. Better late than never.

Uncle Sam has gone into the military manoeuvre business seriously. The attack on Berlin which was carried out two weeks ago, in which 13,000 troops were engaged, was the most pretentious manoeuvre that has yet been held in the States.

A prominent American naval engineer who has just returned from Great Britain, says that the British are far ahead of the rest of the world in naval construction. We knew that years ago.

Aeroplane hats are the newest things in the millinery line. We hope the militia council will not get the craze when considering changes in the militia head-dress.

The American Civil War was a young man's war. Colonel at 21 years of age, brigadier-general at 23, major-generals at from 25 to 30, were common occurrences. There are at present nearly a half million Civil War soldiers still alive in spite of the fact that the war closed over 44 years ago. The following official statistics, showing the age of the men as they enlisted, give a good idea of the extreme youth of those who took part in the great struggle.

At the age of 10 and under... 25  
At the age of 12 and under... 225  
At the age of 14 and under... 1,523  
At the age of 16 and under... 844,801  
At the age of 18 and under... 1,151,438  
At the age of 21 and under... 2,159,738  
Twenty-two years of age and over... 618,516  
These figures include re-enlistments, of which there were almost 2,000,000, but it can easily be seen that this was practically a boys' war, since only a small percentage were 22 years of age and over, and these must, to a large extent, have enlisted previously. It is estimated that if the year 1863 be taken as a starting point, since it was the middle of the war, the average age of the soldier was about 22 years, which would make him 63 at the present. That is a fair age, but not when it is remembered that those who served through a campaign and came out fit showed virility which indicated a promise of living beyond the normal.

Colonel Hodgins, the new D. O. C. of this district, is away on leave for the balance of the month, which he will spend in Ottawa and other eastern points.

The third part of the Inspector-general's report on the training of the infantry during the year 1908, deals principally with the rural corps and is as follows:

"Speaking generally, the rural infantry corps, except in military districts Nos. 5 and 7, have made a considerable advance of late years. It is impossible to obtain anything like efficiency in so short a period as 12 days' training; but the amount learnt by the average corps in that time is distinctly creditable.

"As in the city corps, too little attention, comparatively speaking, is devoted to obtaining efficiency in company drill. There are, however, several exceptions to be made to this general criticism, and in some cases company officers handle their companies really well.

"The commonest fault found among company officers in rural corps (and, also, though to a less degree, in city corps) is a want of self-reliance, as shown by a disinclination to assert themselves and really command their men. This is a bad fault, and one for which two prevalent in the force generally. If officers are to be of any use at all, they must exercise command properly, control their men, and not leave mistakes uncorrected, as they now too often do. The men are willing enough to be commanded and disciplined if the officers know their work and are prepared to assert their authority.

"Advanced guards, scouting and outpost duties appeared to have been but little practised.

"Another weak point noticeable throughout the infantry, but more especially in rural corps, is ignorance of their duties on the part of section commanders. The whole tendency of modern war and long range weapons is to give increased importance to subordinate leaders, and, if a force is to be efficient, it must find good men for these posts and train them properly.

"Rifle practice in the infantry, as in the cavalry, steadily continues to improve. The Ross rifle, with Mark III sight, is the best of the kind, and the large majority of the camps, and with excellent results. The defects previously disclosed in this arm are evidently being remedied. Quite 75 per cent of the men firing easily reached the standard required for efficiency pay, and it appears to be worthy of consideration whether that standard (a very low one) should not now be raised. More practice at judging distance is still required, though it has greatly improved. Praiseworthy attention was given to musketry generally in the annual camps, with very satisfactory results."

This report is one of which the rural infantry corps need not be ashamed; in fact, they should be proud of it. To have made a considerable advance of late years and to have learned a "distinctly creditable" amount about the game in the all too short period of twelve days. That they have devoted too little time to outpost duties, advanced guards and scouting is certainly, in many cases, no fault of theirs. On a campaign of such limited area, in such close proximity to a city, and surrounded by such a thickly populated country, the proper carrying out of such work as this is next to impossible.

A little "bucking up" on the part of company officers along the lines pointed out by the Inspector-general and a better attendance at the commandment officers at the royal schools of instruction would do wonders towards perfecting the rural infantry.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN OUR WAREROOMS BEFORE 6 P.M., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1909.

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Fourth, all those of the age of 45 years and upwards, but under 60 years.

If you want a berth in the Canadian navy, get your application in now, and get in on the ground floor, or rather the lower deck.

Sergt. Major and Mrs. Borland, Wolseley Barracks, are spending a furlough in Toronto.

"Who is liable to military service?" is a question, which is very often asked. The militia act lays down that all male inhabitants of Canada, of the age of 18 years, and upwards, and under 60, not exempt or disqualified by law, and being British subjects, shall be liable to service in the militia. Provided that the Governor-General may require all the male inhabitants of Canada, capable of bearing arms, to serve in the case of a levee en masse.

The male population thus liable to serve in the militia are divided into four classes, and would be called upon to serve in the order in which they are given below:

Lieut. Col. R. L. Wadmore, commanding officer of the Royal Canadian Regiment, with headquarters at Halifax, has been relieved from his duties for two months on account of ill-health.

University and colonial candidates for commission in the Imperial army will be examined in the following specially selected campaigns, in all examinations from October, 1909, to March, 1912:

The Peninsular campaign, from October, 1813, to the end of the war. The Waterloo campaign. The campaign in Bohemia, 1866. The Shenandoah Valley campaign.

from April, 1861, to June, 1862.

The Russo-Turkish war, 1877-78.

To have escaped all the up-to-date As they are now, they are a great deal better than can be expected for the money and time allowed them for annual training.

The Pomological Society of America, will hold its biennial conference at St. Catharines, Ont., Sept. 14 to 18 on the invitation of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, the Niagara District Fruit Growers' Association, and St. Catharines Horticultural Society (one of the largest in Canada) and with the approval of the Ontario Government.

The date has been selected in order that the members of this important body may have an opportunity of attending the Niagara District Horticultural Exhibition, which will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 15, 16, 17.

It is expected that the display of fruits will be the finest ever shown in the Dominion. The flower and vegetable exhibition will be on a large scale.

A special feature of the show will be the exhibit of fruits in baskets and packages ready for shipment. Every person interested in horticulture and fruit growing should attend.

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MONTEAL TO LIVERPOOL.  
Victorian... Sept. 17... Oct. 15  
Corsican... Sept. 24... Oct. 22  
Tunisian... Oct. 1... Oct. 29

MONTEAL TO GLASGOW.  
Hesperian... Sept. 18... Oct. 16  
Ionian... Sept. 25... Oct. 23  
Grampian... Oct. 2... Oct. 30

RATES OF PASSENGES (according to steamer)—First class, \$67.50, \$77.50, \$87.50. Second class, \$42.50, \$47.50, \$57.50. Third class, \$27.50 and \$37.50.

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ANNUAL WESTERN EXCURSIONS  
SEPT. 16, 17, and 18, 1909.

The Wabash Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets on the above dates from St. Thomas to:

Detroit... \$3.25  
Chicago... 4.45  
Cleveland... 4.55  
Grand Rapids... 5.35  
Saginaw... 4.45  
Minneapolis and St. Paul... 28.49

Tickets good to leave destination not later than Oct. 4. See that your tickets read over the Wabash, the great through car line.

Full particulars from any Wabash agent, or address J. A. RICHARDSON, district passenger agent, 63 Yonge street, Toronto, and St. Thomas, J. W. PEART, depot agent, M. J. BAKER, city passenger agent, St. Thomas, Ont.

**Michigan Central**  
"The Niagara Falls Route"  
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To Detroit, Chicago, Saginaw, Bay City, Grand Rapids, St. Paul and Minneapolis. Good going Sept. 16, 17 and 18, 1909. Return limit, Oct. 4, 1909.

**TAKE THE "WOLVERINE" TO NEW YORK**

Finest equipment; fastest trip by two hours. No extra charge for boat trip, Albany to New York, if passengers desire to travel by boat.

Tickets, timetables and full information gladly furnished, city office, 405 Richmond street, Thomas Evans, C.P.A., St. H. Palmer, D.P.A., St. Thomas; O. W. Rugles, C.P.A., Chicago.

## GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Canadian National Exhibition  
\$3.40 FROM LONDON TO TORONTO AND RETURN  
Daily until Sept. 11, and on Sept. 9, \$2.55. Return limit Sept. 14, 1909.

ANNUAL WESTERN EXCURSIONS  
SEPT. 16, 17, 18, 1909.  
FROM LONDON

To— Return Fare.  
Port Huron, Mich. .... \$1.95  
Detroit, Mich. .... \$3.40  
Chicago, Ill. .... \$9.25  
Bay City, Mich. .... \$4.35  
Cleveland, Ohio, via D. & C. .... \$5.90  
Grand Rapids, Mich. .... \$6.20  
Saginaw, Mich. .... \$4.25  
Minneapolis, Minn., via Chicago \$28.40  
St. Paul, Minn., via Sarnia. .... \$31.90

Return limit, Oct. 4. Full information from E. DE LA HOOKE, city passenger and ticket agent, E. RUSSE, depot agent.

**2 Great Horticultural Events 2**  
AT ST. CATHARINES, ONT. 2

American Pomological Society  
Niagara Dist. Horticultural Exhibition  
Sept. 15, 16, 17, 1909.

Combined displays of fruit from all sections of continental America. Honey, Apples and Pears in baskets, boxes and plates. Special displays of Niagara District Package Fruit will be shown, from which purchases may be made daily.

Buyers and consumers should see these displays. Grand Trunk Railway fares—Round trip tickets at single fare, where single fare to St. Catharines does not exceed \$5, good going by afternoon trains Sept. 12, all trains 12:15 to 12:30, inclusive, returning until Sept. 18, 1909.

Full particulars from any Wabash agent, or address J. A. RICHARDSON, district passenger agent, 63 Yonge street, Toronto, and St. Thomas, J. W. PEART, depot agent, M. J. BAKER, city passenger agent, St. Thomas, Ont.

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BAY CITY... 4.35  
GRAND RAPIDS... 5.35  
CLEVELAND (via Detroit)... 5.90  
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Final Return Limit Oct. 4.  
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Full information from W. FULTON, city passenger agent, corner Dundas and Richmond, or at depot.

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## TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO  
Arrive from the east—11:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m., 11:12 a.m., 11:28 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:10 p.m.  
Arrive from the west—12:09 a.m., 12:33 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:14 a.m., 12:43 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:53 p.m., 8:53 p.m.  
Depart for the west—12:14 a.m., 12:43 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 4:18 p.m., 11:15 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR  
Depart—6:35 a.m., 11:35 a.m., 2:05 p.m., 4:25 p.m., 6:53 p.m., 8:53 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.  
Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

LONDON, THRON AND BRUCE.  
Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.  
Depart—8:30 a.m., 4:50 p.m.

Trains marked \* run daily. Those not marked, daily, except Sunday.  
CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.  
Arrive from the east—11:25 a.m., 10:30 p.m., 11:45 a.m., 11:30 p.m., 5:35 p.m.  
Depart for the west—12:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Daily, 12:45 p.m., 5:42 p.m. Depart for the west—12:45 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.  
Arrive—6:05 a.m., 11:10 a.m., 5:10 p.m., 8:25 p.m.  
Depart—7:05 a.m., 2:25 p.m., 5:35 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.  
Depart—6:10 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 9:40 a.m., 2:30 p.m., 12:40 p.m., 4:15 p.m.  
Arrive—8:45 a.m., 12:20 p.m., 1:50 p.m., 4:40 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

\* To St. Thomas only. (To Walkerville, Trains not started to Port Stanley, 14 from Walkerville.

For further particulars apply to local R. and O. agents, or write H. FOSTER CHAFFIN, A.G.P.A., Toronto.

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HALF HOURLY SERVICE BETWEEN LONDON AND ST. THOMAS.  
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