

records of military courts were received at the Bureau of Military Justice. The report from the Quartermaster General's Department contains so many interesting statistics that it should be given *in extenso*, if possible. It shows that during the past year 11,130 accounts, amounting to \$309,738,171, have been examined, while 1,514 accounts, amounting to \$47,451,262, yet remain to be examined. 16,086 horses have been purchased for public service, while the sales of useless and unnecessary animals amount to \$268,572. The sale of one thousand temporary buildings yielded \$112,000. Bodies of United States soldiers are interred in 308 different cemeteries of which 81 are known as "national cemeteries." The total number of soldiers interred in cemeteries is 251,827. There are 76,263 bodies yet to be interred in these cemeteries, that is they will be removed from their present resting place, at the cost of the Government, and reinterred. The total cost of the cemeteries for the interment of soldiers is estimated at \$3,500,000. The cost of transportation of troops and supplies for the year was \$4,048,000. Claims to the amount of \$13,924,764 were presented from different sources to the Quartermaster General's Department of which \$5,440,041 have been paid. The claims made upon the Commissary General's Department amount to \$2,493,257. No reduction in the staff of this department has been made, but on the contrary an increase is recommended. Tobacco to the value of \$104,895 had been furnished the soldiers in two years. The report of the Surgeon General is a very interesting one. In this department complete registers of the names of all dead and wounded soldiers are being made out. Up to the present time the registers give the names of 244,747 white soldiers, 29,796 colored, and 30,204 rebel soldiers dead. The number of wounded of whom the histories have been traced and registered is 207,941. During the past year 573 pieces of artificial legs, arms, &c., have been furnished wounded soldiers. Up to October 20th, 1867, 407,857 bounty claims had been received; of these 105,378 had been settled entailing an expenditure of \$9,352,797. There has also been an expenditure of \$3,353,203 for ordering bounty and arrears of pay. During the year 23,083 Springfield rifles have been converted into breech-loaders. In all 50,000 have been so converted. Gen. Grant speaks highly of the efficiency of this arm. He says, "it is confidently believed that no converted breech-loader in this country or in Europe has been produced which is superior to the converted Springfield musket as altered at the armory, and that none equal to it in serviceable qualities can be produced at less cost." The officers report that "the musket is simple, strong, not liable to get out of order and extremely accurate in firing." Rifled cannon are recommended, smooth bore being found ineffective against iron-clad vessels. An increase in the number of cadets at West Point Military Academy is recommended, in order to

meet the increased demand for officers consequent upon the increase in the strength of the army.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy shows 103 vessels mounting 898 guns now in use, engaged in squadron service and otherwise. Also 135 vessels mounting 971 guns either laid up or in course of construction, making the strength of the United States navy 238 vessels and 1869 guns.

BATTALION CORRESPONDENCE.

FROM CORNWALL.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The semi-annual inspection of the Volunteer Companies at this station took place on the 29th ultimo, by Lt-Col. Jackson, Brigade Major. The force paraded very strong, averaging 46 officers and men per Company. The clothing of No. 1 Rifle Co., Major Bergin, is completely worn out; consequently the men did not present a smart appearance, the drill however was very fair.

No. 2 Rifle Co., Capt. McDonald, is completely clothed, and as their drill is every thing that could be desired, the Company presented a highly satisfactory appearance.

The Inf. Co., Capt. McIntyre, although not so bad off as No. 1 for clothing, require a complete outfit; the men drill fairly, and the whole of the officers here are very efficient. This small town of about 2000 inhabitants may well feel proud of being able to maintain three highly efficient Companies. Mayor Allen interested himself as usual in having the drill shed properly lighted and in order.

FROM GLENGARRY.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

A few days since Lieut. Col. Jackson, Brigade Major, inspected the two Volunteer Companies of this County. Captain McLennan commanding, at Lancaster, had with considerable trouble and expense procured the services for one week of one of the Pipers of the 78th Highlanders, now stationed at Montreal. This was a great treat for the Glengarry people. The men turned out strong, and made considerable progress during the week's drill, and were complimented by the inspecting officer.

The Company at Williamstown under command of Captain George McGillivray, paraded in its usual smart and soldier like manner. The steadiness and precision with which the men went through the movements, showed the advantage of the wise course pursued by the Captain, in thoroughly grounding them in squad drill. It is to this their present high state of efficiency is indebted. Lt-Col. Jackson, Capt. McGillivray, Lieut. Shuttleworth, Royal Artillery, and Mr. McGillis spent an afternoon at rifle practice with small bores, when some excellent scores were made at 700, 800 and 900

yards. On this as on other similar occasions, the McGillivray homestead displayed its usual hospitality.

FROM WALLBRIDGE, O.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Will you be kind enough to give following score a place in your valuable paper. It is a regular target practice of the Sidney Co., No 3, 19th Battalion Hastings, Capt. B. H. Vandervoort commanding.

	200yds	300yds	T'l.
Sergt John Graham	12	12	26
" F. B. Prior	11	12	23
P't W. B. Pritcherson	12	12	24
" Alfred Ketcheson	13	18	31
" Burt Dunham	16	16	32
" John Moon	13	13	26
" Albert Vandervoort	14	11	25
" Peter Frederick	19	15	34
" Henry Ketcheson	16	12	28
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FROM LONDON, ONT.

(BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

An interesting Rifle Match came off at the Cove Ranges here to-day (Dec. 4th), between a team of ten chosen men from the London Light Infantry Battalion and ten from the Oxford Battalion Rifles. This match was originated by the Rifles sending a challenge to the Infantry after the victory the Infantry gained at the District Tournament by the small majority of eight points in three ranges; five shots at each range. The scoring all through was very good considering the cold. There was a variable wind blowing which it was hard to allow for. The scores were as follows:

OXFORD RIFLES.

	Yards—300	400	500	T'l.
Asst. Adj. Chinner,	11	16	12	39
Capt. McCleneghan,	17	15	7	39
Qr.-Mr. Sergt. Smith,	10	17	11	38
Sergt. Hall,	12	5	10	27
" Chambers,	6	9	8	23
Corpl. Coad,	7	15	11	33
" Lunn,	11	13	6	30
Private Buckner,	13	17	16	46
" Pascoe,	14	15	14	43
" Howell,	14	12	15	41
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LONDON INFANTRY.

	Yards—300	400	500	T'l.
Captain Dawson,	14	16	13	43
Lieut. Teal,	12	14	9	35
" Gorman,	6	16	16	38
Ensign Bennett,	14	9	11	34
Sergt. Elliott,	14	15	10	39
" Wood,	7	12	12	31
Corporal Hennessey,	12	16	3	31
Private Wastie,	12	17	10	39
" Harris,	12	11	12	35
Sergeant Coombs,	14	17	11	42
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London majority, 8

After the match was over Colonel Taylor, D.A.A.G., Brigade Major Moffat, and Major Lewis and others of London, and Major Greig