

Regimental and Other News.

At the spoon competition of the Victoria Rifles last Saturday, with Sniders at Queen's ranges, Pte. McMartin headed the list with 86 points.

The Seventh Fusiliers of London, Ont., have formed a voluntary camp at Port Stanley, and will there drill regularly from the 14th to the 31st inst. They will be taken to and from London at excursion rates for that period.

Very strict orders regarding the forts of Halifax have been received from England. They are as follows:—1. No private citizen will be admitted to any of the forts under any circumstances whatever. 2. No naval officer will be admitted unless on business. He must then be accompanied by a military officer. 3. Military officers in plain clothes are prohibited from visiting the forts. 4. Information of any character regarding the forts must not be given to visitors. Great fortifications are being erected at York redoubt and at MacNab's island.

The Ottawa Rifle Club's shoot on Saturday afternoon, with Sniders at Queen's ranges, resulted in the dessert spoon, 1st class, going to J. A. Armstrong, whose total was 91. C. S. Scott and T. P. Carroll tied at 90 for the teaspoon in the 1st class, and Scott won the tie. R. Moodie took the dessert spoon in the 2nd class with 83, and S. Short the dessert spoon in the 3rd class with 89 points. The local corps held spoon competitions at the same time; the winners being: Guards—1st class, Pte. J. A. Armstrong 91; 2nd class, Pte. Elmitt 81; 3rd class, Pte. Wiggins 90. 43rd Bn.—1st class, Pte. C. S. Scott 90; 2nd class, Sergt. P. J. Clarke 70.

The annual meeting of Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans' Society was held at Toronto last week, the president, Mr. John Nunn, in the chair. The following candidates were proposed and initiated: David Hitchings, 63rd Regiment; George Simpson, 86th Royal County Downs; L. Flood, 13th Hussars. The election of officers then took place. Mr. John Nunn was enthusiastically returned as president for the fourth time; vice-president, J. H. Brown; corresponding secretary, J. Martin; secretary-treasurer, J. Parr, master of ceremonies, J. Leith; inside sentry, J. McCluskey. A pleasant feature of the evening was a presentation to the president of a handsomely framed, large, full-sized picture of himself. The presentation was made by Mr. H. Waterhouse on behalf of the society in a neat complimentary address, to which Mr. Nunn feelingly replied. A tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Sims, and the treasurer was instructed to hand Mrs. Sims \$40.

The return of the 85th Battalion from camp at St. John's is thus noted by the *Montreal Gazette*: "The battalion arrived in the city shortly after noon and paraded by way of St. James, St. Lambert hill, Notre Dame, Lacroix and Craig streets to the Drill shed where they were paid off and dismissed. There was a great improvement in the men, and as they marched through the streets they would not compare unfavourably with some of the city corps. Lieut.-Col. Brosseau is to be complimented on the appearance of his regiment. They came back with honours, having won Premier Mercier's gold medal for the best battalion in the district. The medal is a handsome one, bearing on one side the arms of the Dominion and on the other the inscription, 'Presented by Hon. H. Mercier, Premier of the Province of Quebec, for the camp of St. John's, 1890.' The two clasps bore the inscriptions 'Au Meilleur' and '6th Military District.' But this is not all; No. 5 company, Cote St. Paul, in command of Capt. Patterson and Lieuts. Mitchell (6th Fusiliers, attached for camp) and Brosseau, won the medal presented by Mayor Taillon, of Sorel, for the best company in camp, after a hard drill competition, out of which they came with no little credit. The medals were presented on Thursday evening, Madame Desrivieres presenting Lieut.-Col. Brosseau with the regimental medal and Madame Frenette presenting Capt. Patterson with the medal won by his company.

Writing in a French naval paper on "Monster Ironclads," M. Weyl is of opinion that so much progress has been made of late in the construction of artillery that we may very well be satisfied with guns of much smaller weight and calibre than those at present mounted in our biggest ships. The heavier the gun the greater must be the displacement of the ship that carries it. In the French navy, now that it has been decided to adopt turrets in future, and not barbets, the advantages of diminished calibre are enormous. The length of a gun being a function of its calibre, the greater is this latter the longer must the gun be, the more bulky becomes the turret, and the heavier the plating that protects it. "Avec les gros calibres, les grands déplacements." And the French have no need of enormous ships for carrying a huge supply of fuel. They are not like the English. Their naval fighting-grounds is limited to Mediterranean and to the seas that wash their Northern and Western coasts. It is improbable that the exigencies of war will ever call upon their ships to cross the Atlantic.

Militia General Orders (No. 9) of 11th July, 1890.

No. 1.—LIEUT.-GENERAL MIDDLETON'S VALEDICTORY.

OTTAWA, 30th June, 1890.

Lieut.-General Middleton, in giving up command of the Canadian Militia, which he has had the honour of holding for six years, begs to offer his sincere thanks to the Staff-Officers, Officers and men of the whole force, for the good feeling they have evinced towards him, and for the aid and support they have given him in carrying out his duties. In performing those duties the sole object of the Lieut.-General has been the welfare and well-doing of the force, and he will watch with warm interest its future progress and success.

No. 2.—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Graduates.—June, 1890.—The following Gentlemen Cadets have completed their full period of instruction at the College, and been granted "diplomas" dated 26th June, 1890.

Rank and Name.	Aggregate numbers.	Remarks.
Company Sergeant-Major Harold Benjamin Donald Campbell.....	49,577	Honours. Distinguished in eleven subjects.
Company Sergeant-Major Louis Joseph Auguste Amos.....	47,181	Honours. Distinguished in ten subjects.
Battalion Sergeant-Major Robert Edwards Leckie.	45,817	Honours. Distinguished in ten subjects.
Sergeant Robert Cochran Morris.....	44,968	Honours. Distinguished in nine subjects.
Company Sergeant-Major Charles Macpherson Dobell.....	44,823	Honours. Distinguished in eleven subjects.
Company Sergeant-Major Frederick Anderson...	39,582	Distinguished in five subjects.
Gentleman Cadet James William Donville.....	37,699	Distinguished in three subjects.
Sergeant Arthur John Matheson.....	37,579	Distinguished in six subjects.
Gentleman Cadet Thomas Hay Browne.....	37,287	Distinguished in four subjects.
Sergeant John Houliston.....	34,628	Distinguished in three subjects.
Corporal William Edward Cooke.....	33,496	Distinguished in three subjects.
Gentleman Cadet Edmund Merritt Morris.....	32,276	Distinguished in one subject.
Sergeant George Gildersleeve Rose.....	29,990	Distinguished in one subject.
Sergeant Frank Bouchier Emery.....	29,074	Distinguished in one subject.

Commissions in the Army.—The following Graduates have elected to accept Commissions in Her Majesty's Army:—

Royal Engineers: Company Sergeant Major Harold Benjamin Donald Campbell.

Royal Artillery: Sergeant Robert Cochran Morris.

Cavalry: Company Sergeant Major Charles Macpherson Dobell.

Infantry: Sergeant John Houliston.

Admission as Cadets.—The gentlemen undernamed having passed their examinations and been certified by the Head Quarters Board of Examiners, have been duly approved for admission as Cadets to the Royal Military College of Canada:—

NAME AND RESIDENCE.	MARKS.		
	Obligatory.	Voluntary.	Total.
George Frederick Folger Osborne, Kingston, Ont.....	3078	4700	7778
Vernon Lemuel Beer, Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	3083	3720	6803
Hugh Burritt Muckleston, Kingston, Ont.....	3012	3675	6687
Featherston Britton Osler, Toronto, Ont.....	2433	3079	5512
Alfred George Tully LeFevre, Toronto, Ont.....	2669	2705	5374
Harry Duncan Lockhart Gordon, Toronto, Ont.....	2335	2760	5095
Frederick Christian Heneker, Sherbrooke, Que.....	1916	2555	4471
Robert Whish Brigstocke, St. John, N.B.....	2118	2310	4428
James Edward Beattie, Sarnia, Ont.....	1775	2567	4342
John Doull Doull, Halifax, N.S.....	2333	1990	4323
George Henry Ronald Harris, Toronto, Ont.....	1822	2160	3982
Frank Nicholson Gibbs, Toronto, Ont.....	2289	1345	3634
Arthur Henry Bayfield, Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	2183	1440	3623
Richard Edmond Tyrwhitt, Bradford, Ont.....	1976	625	2601
Richard Charles Brown, North Sydney, N.S.....	1460	940	2400
Percival Edward Thacker, Toronto, Ont.....	1666	560	2226

No. 3.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1887.

Rifle Ranges.—The following is added as subsection 2 to paragraph 418:

2. If any caretaker paid by the public refuses or neglects to carry out the duties he is required to discharge, the case is to be reported without delay to Head Quarters.