

the Duke of Connaught Royal Canadian Hussars, has started a fencing class among the members of the local forces and altogether has a dozen pupils.

Thursday evening, Sept. 6th, the officers of the Eighty-Fifth held their regular monthly meeting in the armory, and, although there was much disappointment at the regiment not being able to go to camp this summer, still hopes were expressed that it would be all right next year, and in case there is the work of recruiting will commence at once with the city companies.

Lieut.-Col. Wilson, commanding the Royal Canadian Artillery, was in the city the other day after having been out in the country inspecting the Shefford Field Battery. He will be down here again on the 12th instant, to take charge of the Artillery camp at Laprairie, which opens on the following day, when the officers and non-commissioned officers of thirteen batteries will go into camp and spend some time at gun practice, the farmers and land owners of that place having come to terms with the department.

Lieut.-Col. Butler of the Prince of Wales Rifles has, it appears, handed in a protest to the Brigade office in regard to the target returns. This is in connection with the award of the Sir Donald Smith cup. We have not seen its terms but hope that there is no suspicion of "cooked" scores. Should unfortunately, any reports of such have come to Col. Butler's ears, we trust that the matter will be investigated to the end and the offenders brought to book.

The field battery camp is well started at Laprairie, and is under the command of Lieut.-Col. Wilson, Royal Canadian Artillery, who has as his staff Capt. Pelletier, adjutant; Major Drury, supervisor of unnerly ractice with assistants Capt. Ogilvie and Lieut. Burstall; Veterinary Surgeon Massey and Surgeon-Major Campbell. The camp is situated near the old quarters, while the gunnery practice will be done up country, planks being used for targets. The camp is composed of 66 men and 33 horses from A Battery at Kingston, but the guns to be used for the practice are those of the Montreal Field Battery, whose detachment will open the firing on Monday next. On Tuesday the Quebec and Sherbrooke Field batteries will do theirs; Wednesday the London and Welland; Thursday, the first brigade from Guelph; and Friday the Ottawa and Durham. The following Monday the Kingston and Gananoque put in their practice, and the two following days the Hamilton and Toronto batteries. Yesterday was a miserable one in camp, but still the work of preparing for the practice next week was actively pushed, and the result will

be that everything will be in first class order by Monday morning, when, on the 7 o'clock boat, the Montrealers will go over for their trial. The target practice returns of the different detachments will be awaited with interest, as it will tend to show the efficiency at this work of the different batteries. Artillerymen hope that this camp will be a yearly one.—
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The Feather Bonnet Question.

At the quarterly meeting of D company, Royal Scots, held in non-coms. mess room, among the many items of interest to the company was the feather bonnet question. The men of this company think it a great hardship to be compelled to wear a head dress that virtually does not belong to a Highland battalion. They naturally contrast their position with that of the 48th Highlanders in Toronto, who had the feather bonnets presented to them by the inhabitants of that city before they donned the Highland costume. So many Scottish societies being in this city it is strange that some influential Scotchman does not take the matter up and boom the Scotchmen of this city on the subject. The company also propose to have a dinner early in December. Paymaster-Sergeant James Kelley having had the honor of being the president of this fine company for the past five years, the company having heard that Sergeant Kelley got the post of honor of representing Clan MacLennan, of the Order of Scottish Clans, at the late Royal convention in New York, they determined by a unanimous vote to make him a present of a new patrol jacket. The company is in a good state financially.

Ontario Rifle Ass'n Matches.

In our report of these matches, we find that the aggregate prize list was omitted. We append it below.

The Mulock Aggregate Match.

1ST—THE ELKINGTON CUP, N. R. A. SILVER MEDAL AND \$15.	
Major Macdonald, 48th Highlanders	293
2ND—GOVERNOR - GENERAL'S MEDAL AND \$15.	
Capt. Rogers, 43rd	293
3RD—GOVERNOR - GENERAL'S BRONZE MEDAL AND \$12.	
Lieut. Pringle, R. G.	292
4TH—D. R. A. SILVER MEDAL AND \$10.	
Lieut T. Mitchell, 12th	291
5TH—D. R. A. BRONZE MEDAL AND \$10.	
Lt. R. A. Helmer, 43rd	291
6TH—D. R. A. BRONZE MEDAL AND \$6.	
Lieut Boville, 43rd	290
\$10—Capt. McMicking, 44th	289
\$5—Lieut. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd	288
5—Pte. Bertram, 13th	288
5—Pte. Heller, 29th	288
5—Lieut. Graburn, R. L.	287
5—Staff-Sergt. Harp, 48th	286
5—Sergt. H. Marris, 13th	285
5—Pte. Fitzgerald, 57th	285
5—Pte. R. J. Taylor, 43rd	284

5—Col.-Sergt. Fowler, R. G.	283
5—Lieut. W. E. King, 45th	283
5—Sergt. C. R. Crowe, I. B. F. A.	283
5—Lieut. J. B. Miller, Q. O. R.	283
5—Sergt. G. Thompson, 12th	283
5—Pte. Rolston, 37th	285
5—Major Hughes, M. P., 45th	281
5—Lieut. Conboy, 30th	281
5—Pte. Spencer, 13th	281
5—Lieut. Cartwright, 47th	281

The War in the Orient.

During the course of the next few months a highly important chapter will be added to the history of the two great nations of the Orient, and the developments are bound to have results that will be both far-reaching and beneficial to one if not both of the belligerents. It has already been noted that a close analogy is found to exist between the general conditions of the China-Japanese war and the Peninsular operations ninety years ago. Corea is separated from China, as is Spain from France, by a difficult natural frontier, most easily traversible at its flanks. The main route from Peking to Seoul, like that from Paris to Madrid, passes within a short distance of the sea, and the land contest is being fought out on the territory of a decayed monarchy that is now in a state of poverty and general stagnation. The historians tell us that if disaster had befallen the British fleet Wellington's position during the early part of the Peninsular war would have been hopeless, and so it seems may Yamagata's become if communication with the Japanese warships is cut off. The poverty of Corea is so great that provisions for the army during a prolonged military operation could not be found. The naval engagement off Yalu was indecisive, and it is hardly probable that another will be attempted until the scattered Chinese squadrons have been united. Regarding the reinforcements that Li Hung Chang is sending to check the advance of the Japanese, it is difficult to learn much. A fourth of the army is said to have escaped from Ping Yang, numbering probably about 5,000. Port Arthur, which is situated at the opposite side of the entrance to the Gulf of Pechili from Ping Yang, is, however, a strategic outpost from which troops have been despatched in large numbers ever since the outbreak of the war, and it is probable that the Japanese force of 75,000 men in Corea is now about equalled by the Chinese. But in the matter of arms, drill, discipline, organization, and leadership there is not a doubt that the Japanese forces are far superior, and it does not seem probable that the Chinese will be able for some time to come to offer any effectual resistance to the occupation of the peninsula. Japan, through her achievements thus far, has won the applause of Europe and the civilized world, and has joined the sisterhood of nations. She has a united national spirit, a richly-endowed territory, 40,000,000 of loyal people, possessing intellectual resources of the highest order, while China is disintegrated by warring tribes and factions, and weakened by the prevalence of a spirit of opposition to the reigning dynasty.

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