

time in their course of instruction. It is altogether likely that before long other grievances in connection with the granting and use of the Armouries for the Horse Show will be heard.

The item of \$20,000 contained in the supplementary estimates, with which it is proposed to pay for 4 days' drill, not voted last year, was one of the most welcome bits of news that has gladdened the eyes of military men for some time. It is certainly needed and will help considerably to lighten the burden of many a corps. In this particular case the majority of regiments had incurred the expense which this will liquidate, not anticipating any reduction from the ordinary grant.

Lieut. T. Mitchell is by no means sanguine that the Lee-Enfield rifles will be in use in Canada this year. In a letter just received, he is informed that the Enfield people have received an order for 30,000 rifles for Canada, and that these will be commenced at once and completed at the rate of 450 per week. At this rate it is more than probable that the D.R.A. meeting of 1897 will be shot with Martini-Henrys.

A great many people will be surprised to learn that the Enfield barrel of the Lee-Enfield rifle has nothing whatever to do with the old Snider-Enfield. Latest adv ces state that the Enfield people have made a copy of the Mannlicher .256 barrel, after seeing the exceedingly satisfactory work performed by it at Bisley, and have named the result of their work after the Enfield factory.

As a general rule, reporters, unless very young ones, are not easily given to getting stuffed, but the article published in one of Toronto's evening papers and copied in one of Montreal's leading morning papers, proves that there are times when even the most sagacious are, to use the slang term, "jollied." The item I refer to was the story of "F" Co. Q.O.R. proposing to do away with their 24th of May trip and wheel by easy stages to Quebec for the Dominion Day meet. The item goes on to mention about the probable number being 400. As "F" Co. have about the fewest cyclists in the regiment, and as they have no company parade on the 24th of May to forego, to say nothing of the chances being exceedingly slim of any body of cyclists undertaking to wheel to Quebec, it is hard to say just where the ubiquitous scribe obtained his information.

On a par with the above is the publishing in a recent evening paper of a clipping from The Dundas Banner which, so I am informed, explains that Lieut.-Col. Hamilton was retired from the command of the Queen's Own on account of his being a Grit. Such rubbish is very tiresome reading, especially as all military men who are in a position to know or hear anything know exactly how little truth there is in such a statement,

and that quite a few reasons not connected with politics could be given, why in the interests of the regiment the deposition of Lieut.-Col. Hamilton was essential.

The friction between himself and his officers has nothing to do with politics, and the scant, unreasonable and unpardonable treatment meted out to the sergeants of his regiment had nothing to do with politics, yet either one of these matters was of sufficient importance to justify the Militia Department in the step they have taken. It is stated that all the statements which have recently appeared are inspired, and feeble attempts made to mould public opinion in sympathy with the deposed C.O. It could reasonably be stated that politics were brought into the affair, but it can just as reasonably be stated that they were only brought in when Mr. J. D. Edgar, presumably at Lieut.-Col. Hamilton's request, asked certain questions in the House of Commons, and which were so fully answered by Hon. A. R. Dickey as to leave no further enquiry necessary.

The annual entertainment of the Royal Grenadiers, held on the 9th inst., was most successful. The uniqueness of the programme, and the manner in which the affair was conducted, merited all the success the Grens. obtained.

The chief feature of the evening was the musical ride given by some sixteen ladies and gentlemen, mounted on bicycles. They did credit to the instruction received at the hands of Sergt.-Major Dingley, and contributed what all termed the prettiest exhibition of bicycle work even shown in Toronto. The gentlemen were in the Grenadier undress uniform, and the ladies, besides having a broad stripe on each side of skirt, wore the mess jacket and vest, and service forage cap for head dress. They rode better and kept a long way better dressing than their partners.

An exhibition of military cycle drill was given by the cyclist section of the regiment, and although not of the pleasing variety of the musical ride, illustrated the difficult movements applicable to the city streets or country roads. The firing from square, and the blocking of a road and firing volleys from behind the stacked wheels, were the main features of a very interesting drill. Selections by the brass and bugle bands, tent pegging on wheels, and the riding of the unicycle completed the remaining portions of the programme.

With the vast number of wheelmen to draw from, (the available ones are estimated at from 2,000 to 5,000), the discussion as to the advisability of forming cyclist corps or sections is often heard around town.

It is thought that the Grenadiers will form one from the men already trained for their concert, and that the Highlanders will also equip one.

The Queen's Own have, like other things, allowed their attention to lag a little, but in

all probability will have their corps reorganized and rendered efficient before either of the other city corps.

It is rumored that in the event of permission being granted to organize a regiment from the Six Nation Indians, the position of right major will be offered to, and accepted by, one of the senior captains of one of the city corps.

Provided permission be granted, it is stated that Major Macdonald and Staff-Sergt. Harp, of the 48th Highlanders, will very shortly leave for the old country, going in advance of the Bisley team. The example set by Pte. T. Hayhurst, G.M., is evidently not without its effect.

The appointment of Major Bruce to the adjutancy of the Bisley team meets with popular approval in local sporting circles, and all admit that the work performed by Major Bruce in the interest of rifle shooting was deserving of this important and honorable position. For the benefit of the usually well-posted M. E. of The Montreal Gazette, I might say that Major Bruce is of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, and not of the Q.O.R., as stated in The Gazette's military column.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Artillery Association was held at the Military Institute on Monday, the 6th April, Lieut.-Col. King presiding. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Major J. S. Hendrie (Hamilton); vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald (Guelph), Lieut.-Col. W. Mackenzie (Gananoque), Lieut.-Col. F. King (St. Catharines), Capt. N. F. McNachtan (Cobourg); committee, Lieut.-Col. H. P. VanWagner (Hamilton), Lieut.-Col. W. McLean (Port Hope), Lieut.-Col. W. Nicholl (Guelph), Majors J. H. Mead (Toronto) and J. Davidson (Guelph); treasurer, Capt. R. Myles (Toronto); secretary, Mr. L. H. Irving. It was decided to memorialize the Department in favor of June camps, to ask for restoration of former pay of 10c. per day to gunners and drivers, and also to request that the recommendation of Major-General Herbert re departmental commission be carried out.

The survivors of the Batoche column held a very successful meeting on Saturday evening, 4th April, in St. George's Hall. Close on 100 members of the column were in attendance, and the organization of the Batoche Column Association was successfully accomplished. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton; vice-presidents, Senator Col. Boulton, Boulton's Scouts; Lieut.-Col. Peters, "A" Battery; Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, staff; Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie, staff; Lord Melgund, staff; Major Coulthe, 90th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. Boswell, 90th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. W. R. Smith, Midland Battalion; Capt. J. S. Dennis, Mounted Corps; Lieut.-Col. Smith,