

## NOT A POPULAR APPOINTMENT.

QUEBEC, Sept. 14th.—The following appointments have been made in connection with the camp which will be held at Levis during the coming week: To be brigade major, Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, 8th Batt. Royal Rifles; to be quartermaster and supply officer, Major Pinault, 9th Battalion.

The annual rifle matches of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars took place on Saturday, at St. Joseph de Levis.

Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montizambert, R. C. A., has gone to Halifax to assume command of the artillery camp at McNab's Island. Capt. T. Benson has also left for the same place to act as camp adjutant. Sergt.-Instructor Slade and Sergt. McCarthy will act as camp sergeant-major and quartermaster respectively.

Mr. John Proctor has been appointed foreman of the Military Store Department here, in the place of Mr. J. Smith, who resigned owing to ill health. From the dry goods business to the military stores is quite a change, and was an unexpected appointment. To many, the recommendation of one of the N. C. O.'s of the Royal Canadian Artillery, of this city, was considered to be the right and proper person to assume charge, and would have given satisfaction. Such appointments should be reserved for men who are serving in the permanent militia, and be given as rewards for faithful service. The present system of offering no pension to the force and ignoring their claims for appointments in the military service of the country, for which they are well qualified, is calculated to do an injury to those so treated, and cannot meet with the approval of those who take a great interest in the welfare of the force. This new appointment has the appearance of being made upon political considerations, and will have to be placed at the debit of the new Government, from whom, in this respect, better results were looked for. Recommendations, promotion and merit were evidently laid aside.

The matches of the Levis Rifle Association took place on the afternoon of Friday last.

Capt. H. P. du P. Casgrain, R.E., graduate of the Royal Military College of Canada, has been spending a few days in the city with his relatives.

Among others who have been extended the privileges of the Garrison Club were the officers of the Putnam Phalanx, Capt. A. T. Ogilvie, Victoria Rifles, Montreal; Capt. Ed. Chinic, R.R.C.I., St. Johns, Que.; Mr. Ed. P. McNeill, Q.O.R., Toronto; Capt. H. du P. Casgrain, R.E., England; Mr. R. P. Harvey, 1st Royal Berks Regt.

Mr. Ed. P. McNeill, Q.O.R., Toronto, recently spent a couple of days in the city. Mr. McNeill is the assistant secretary of the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, Ont.

The Putnam Phalanx, of Hartford, Conn., arrived in the city on Monday evening and proceeded to the Victoria Hotel. They remained one day in the city and then left for Montreal, most of their time being spent in sight-seeing about the Ancient City.

Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R.O., and Mr. Patrick Lewis, the latter of the Military Store Department, were recently in Ottawa and had an interview with the Hon. the Minister of Militia and Defence, and also remained one evening in Montreal in connection with the Lewis equipment, which it is desired to give an opportunity to compete on merit with that of Dr. Oliver or other equipment.

Capt. W. H. Davidson and Mr. R. Davidson having won 2nd and 17th place on the Bisley team, have been the recipients of congratulations from the citizens. This leads up to the question as to the desirability of selecting next year's commandant or adjutant from this city. In fact, Quebec is entitled to consideration and, it is expected, will receive the same.

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## THE MILITIA CONTRACTS.

SEVERAL military contractors whose contracts were for three years will be notified that a three years' contract is not legal. When the Hon. Dr. Borden took office he submitted to the Department of Justice as to whether the Militia Department had the right to let a contract for a longer period than the vote covered, and he was answered in the negative. The contractors will thus be informed that a three years' contract is not legal, and that the Militia Department will not carry out a contract for more than one year, when new contracts will be called for. The Department will adhere to the contracts for one year from 1st July, 1896. One contract was renewed from 1st July, 1897, but it will only be adhered to for the year it has to run, and will not be regarded as binding after 1st July, 1897.

## THE MILITARY DOG.

IT is unquestionably a fact that the average Englishman is an ardent lover of all animals, especially of the dog, and it is also a fact that English breeders have done more towards the development of the different varieties of the canine race than all the fanciers of the rest of the world put together, and the true-born Briton dearly loves the small active member of the dog family yclept a "terrier." First, as a matter of course in this category, comes the English fox terrier, which may almost be termed the "national" dog, but in popularity there is another individual of the race which treads very closely upon the heels of his smart, natty cousin, and that is the national dog of the Emerald Isle, to wit: the Irish terrier. Hardy, faithful unto death, seldom quarrelsome, the red Irishman, is the Bayard of the race, sans peur et sans reproche. It is really marvelous what a combination of all the doggy virtues is found in his little head and body. Watch him at home on the hearth-rug with the children tugging him by ears or tail, never a whimper or protest; see him on the street, following at his owner's heels, trotting along contentedly, minding his own business; and in the quiet of the study, observe our little friend as he timidly pushes his nose into the partially open hand of his master, what a world of love, fidelity and devotion gleams in those dark brown eyes! In our own Canada the Irish terrier is rapidly coming to the front as an all-round useful dog, whose warm, rough jacket and naturally hardy constitution peculiarly fit him for the inclemency of our northern winter. Neither the "hard, grey weather" of England nor snow of Canada have any terror for him, and on one of those days when the mercury descends below zero, and it would be positively cruel to take the average dog out of doors, our Hibernian friend is perfectly comfortable.

The N. Y. Herald says of the recent big show there:

When the Queen a few years ago secured a couple of Irish terriers to be her constant companions, nearly every gypsy in Ireland made his fortune. Everyone wanted this breed, and from being a common yellow dog, living on husks, he has become one of the most popular among those who love the animal for himself, as well as among those who want a good sporting dog. It is surprising that his many good points were not recognized before.

"Dogs that are very game are usually surly or snappish. The Irish terrier, as a breed, is an exception, being remarkably good tempered, notably so with mankind," says one of the best judges. "There is a heedless, reckless, pluck about the Irish terrier which is characteristic, and coupled with the headlong dash, blind to all consequences, with which he rushes at his adversary, it has earned for the breed the proud epithet of 'the dare-devil.' When 'off duty' they are characterized by a quiet, caress-inviting appearance, and when one sees them endearingly, timidly pushing their heads into their master's hands it is difficult to realize that on occasion, at the 'set on,' they can prove they have the courage of a lion and will fight on to the last breath in their bodies. They develop an extraordinary devotion and have been known to track their masters almost incredible distances."

It was amusing to watch the line of Irishmen on the benches yesterday. With their noses just over the edge, they watched people approaching. To ladies, gentlemen or little girls they paid no attention, but immediately a pair of knickerbockers appeared in the distance, instantly every one of them was on his feet, barking furiously and tugging away as if to get at the boy. They pretend to regard boys as their natural enemies, but they are only bluffing, for the fiercer they look the more good naturedly their tails wag. They simply want to join the boys in a romp, and the rougher it is the better they like it. They are a remarkably good tempered lot.

Do you want a good dog? Then buy an Irish terrier. They are the most popular dog with the military at home. If you attend a parade of any of the Guards' regiments in London you will often see nearly every officer come on with one of these plucky little dogs, which he chains to the fence during the drill. Look at groups of British officers, and in nine out of ten, if there be a dog shown, it is an Irishman.

Some of the best Irish terriers in the world are owned in Canada. At the International show in Toronto this month, dogs bred or sired by the Kinkora Kennels, Montreal, took four of the five first prizes. They own the great prize-winner, Deramore Biddy, who won firsts in Edinburgh, Dublin, Armagh, New York, Toronto, Montreal, and the famous sire dog, "The Canadian Ambassador." His puppies were first in the New York, Boston, Toronto and Montreal shows this year.

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