

not for a moment wish to deny to our militiamen the right to take part in the political campaign, or to attend election meetings in their capacity as citizens, for we feel very strongly that they have a duty to perform in the coming contest; we simply deprecate their acting in concert, avowedly as militiamen; at the best such a course could only result in their being used as tools by one or other of the parties, which even now are appealing on widely different grounds to their prejudices and their sectional feelings.

THE provision of remounts for the British army continues to agitate the military press, and many editorials have been published in England to demonstrate how desirable it is that the horses needed should be bred at home. It is perfectly natural that the English should prefer to produce their own horses, and it is quite as natural that we should wish to compete with them in the trade, and the victory will rest with whichever can furnish the animals required, of standard quality, at the lowest price. Colonels Ravenhill and Philips, during their late visit, complained that our horses were most of them unsound and not sufficiently highly bred to suit the requirements of the army, but those are details that could easily be overcome if our breeders were assured of fair prices and a steady market. And it looks very much as if there would be a lively demand for army horses for many years to come. England alone has in the last twelve years imported over 200,000 horses, at a cost of about fifty millions of dollars, and requires immediately a large number of extra horses, and in case of European war that which seems so fearfully imminent not only England but all the great powers would be scouring the world for cavalry steeds.

CAPTAIN DOUGLAS, R.N.R., received on Tuesday the Nordenfelt machine gun which he has been awaiting; it is now set up in the militia stores, and is a particularly neat piece of mechanism; two trails accompany the gun, which is of the three-barrel type, one being the usual service trail and the other larger and heavier, adapting the gun and ammunition for ready transport by foot soldiers. We hope in a future issue to give some interesting details respecting the various patterns of machine guns manufactured by the Nordenfelt Company.

WE notice that the handbill calling a meeting for the 25th in Shaftesbury hall, Toronto, headed "Volunteers' rights" very carefully abstains from inviting militiamen to attend, as it specifies that the presence of "all interested citizens and ex-volunteers" only is desired. The circular is signed by W. J. Urquhart, who, we understand, is an ex-militiaman. As sympathisers with the militia the citizens have a perfect right to meet, but once more we would warn militiamen from participating as militiamen in political meetings.

### Obituary.

When it was rumored here on Saturday morning that "Harry" Keefer was dead, those of us who had met him during the week, rejoicing in the vigor of his perfect manhood, could scarcely credit the news, and when anxious enquiry proved that the report was but too true, and that a deplorable accident had suddenly snatched him away, an intensity of regret was felt that is seldom inspired by the loss of one so young.

Lieut. Harold Waldruf Keefer was the son of that well-known Canadian engineer, T. C. Keefer, Esq., and was educated at Bishop's College, Lennoxville. Thence he went to the Royal Military College, being one of the first eighteen to enter that institution. At college he was foremost in all manly sports and acquirements, and soon became Battalion Sergeant-Major of the cadets, that being the highest military grade obtainable.

He graduated creditably in 1880, but not with so high a place as his talents might have won, had his physical activity been less. Since his graduation he has been employed on several important civil engineering works, principally on railways, and in October, 1885, accepted the lieutenancy of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, then vacant. At the time of his death he was inspecting engineer of the new bridge which the C.P.R. are building over the Ottawa between Ste. Anne and Vudreuil

Going up on to one of the abutments on Friday he slipped on the glaze which had formed on it, and fell to the ground, striking his head, and succumbing next day to concussion of the brain. He was 28 years of age. Lieut. Keefer was a universal favorite, being endowed with all the qualities that go to make a man popular, sociability, rectitude and talent. The Dragoon Guards, the Cricket Club, the Taché Sliding Club and the R.M.C. graduates have all done everything possible to show the regret they feel at the loss of so genial a companion.

Mr. Keefer's funeral took place on Tuesday from his father's residence, in New Edinburgh, and was largely attended. The pallbearers were Captain Wise and Lieuts. Dixon, Macpherson, Anderson, White, Hooper and Lambe, all graduates of the R.M.C., and Captain Stewart, late commanding P.L.D.G. The Dragoon Guards attended in a body, in plain clothes, and preceded the hearse.

### Dominion Artillery Association.

WE are now able to present in tabular form the official returns of the competitions held under the auspices of the Dominion Association, for general efficiency, of the several field and garrison batteries.

It will be seen that Ottawa leads the field batteries with a score of 296, and that No. 2 battery of the P.E.I. brigade, is at the head of the garrison list with 110, leading No. 4 battery of the N.B. brigade by only one point.

CREDITS AWARDED EACH BATTERY FOR GENERAL EFFICIENCY.

FIELD BATTERIES—9-PR. R. M. L. GUNS.

Name of Battery.	Officer Commanding Battery.	Inspecting Officer.	Full Credits.	Answers to Questions.												
				Clothing and Accoutrements.	Guns, Carriages and Equipment.	Horses.	Harness and Harnessing.	Marching Post.	Standing Gun Drill, Position and General Duties.	Officers.	N.-C. Officers.	Field Manœuvres.	Sword Drill by Mounted Officers and N.-C. Officers.	Dismounted and disabled ordnance.	Discipline, including Camping details.	One-fifth Total Score at Competitive Practice.
No. 1 Battery, 1st. Prov. Brigade	Major Nicoll	Lieut.-Col. Cotton	21	9	10	10	15	13	21	30	42	14	6	10	112.2	292.2
do do do	Major Hood	do	25	10	8	10	15	12	25	29	44	13	4	10	99.4	276.4
Durham Field Battery	Major McLean	do	20	8	8	10	12	12	20	14	29	12	4	8	82.6	219.6
Garnoque	Lieut.-Col. McKenzie	do	16	9	9	9	12	10	16	30	23	12	4	1	86.4	221.4
Hamilton	Major Van Wagner	do	22	11	9	11	15	15	22	30	45.5	13	4	10	64.2	279.7
Kingston	Capt. Drennan	do	20	8	8	8	12	10	20	23	25.5	12	2	8	84	240
London	Lieut. Col. Peters	do	20	10	10	10	14	14	20	24	37	14	4	10	115	296
Ottawa	Major Stewart	do	20	10	8	9	13	14	20	20	28	12	7	10	78.8	229.8
Toronto	Lieut.-Col. Gray	do	20	7	10	10	14	14	20	29	37	14	3	10	107.2	276.7
Welland Canal	Major King	Lt.-Col. Montzambert	26	11	12	9	15	9	26	29	37	12	6	10	96.8	284.8
Montreal	Lieut.-Col. Stevenson	do	25	9	12	10	12	12	25	29	37	10	5	12	90.8	241.8
Newcastle	Lieut.-Col. Call	do	25	10	11	10	14	15	25	30	36	14	5	12	87	281.4
Quebec	Major Lindsay	do	25	10	11	10	14	15	25	30	36	14	5	12	103.6	232.6
Richmond	Major Hon. H. Aylmer	do	23	9	10	10	12	12	23	13	24	15	5	10	103.6	232.6
Shefford	Lieut.-Col. Amyrauld	do	24	8	7	9	8	12	24	27	36	14	5	10	66	233
Woodstock	Major Dibblee	do	20	8	10	12	12	14	20	26	36	14	5	10	68	158
Winnipeg	Major Coutlee	Lieut.-Col. Irwin	18	9	4	8	8	10	18	..	24	4	..	8	..	..

D. T. IRWIN, Lieut.-Col.  
Inspector of Artillery.