

readiness to go if called upon, a Martini-Henry rifle and 200 rounds of ammunition, so that practice with the weapon they would be required to use at Wimbledon might be begun at the earliest possible date. Col. Bacon will consequently call on each of the Governor-General's sixty who is eligible for the Wimbledon team through his commanding officer, to signify his willingness to go, or otherwise.

The following is the resolution adopted: That forty Martini-Henry rifles and 200 rounds of ammunition each be immediately issued to the first forty men who notify their acceptance of a place in the Wimbledon team for 1886, provided they are chosen. The issue to be made upon the recommendation of and through the commanding officers of the corps to which they respectfully belong; the rifles loaned to be returned to the D.R.A. by those of the forty who do not proceed to Wimbledon not later than the day of sailing of the team from Quebec, and by the twenty immediately after the completion of the Wimbledon matches, 1886.

Several suggestions contained in letters from Col. Ross, commander of this year's team, tending to the improvement of the arrangements for future teams, were considered by the council, but as none of them, except that recommending the immediate issue of rifles to the next team, were urgent, they were laid over for the consideration of the incoming council, whose duty it would be to complete arrangements for the new team.

MILITARY PUBLICATIONS.

Colburn's United Service Magazine for November opens with a long article by E. Garel on the administration of the Admiralty, in which the reasons which led the Government to give out nearly all their shipbuilding to private firms are gone into, and it is shown that the cost of Government yards is so increased by the red tape of the Department, and by the interference of the non-professional with the technical officers, that no competition with business systems is possible. Incidentally he shows how poorly paid the technical officers are; but this is an injustice common to all governments. The same writer continues his articles on the organization and administration of private shipbuilding yards. Col. Knollys contributes a practical paper on modern war, dealing chiefly with the efficient handling of large bodies of men. An article on Mounted Infantry is so apropos that we hope to reproduce it. Col. Eyre's diary is continued, with ever increasing interest, as is the serial story "Colville of the Guards."

The Rifle, a monthly paper published in Boston, attained its seventh issue with the November number, which is to hand, and is, in make-up, one of the neatest periodicals on our exchange list. The current issue continues its sketches of America's crack shots, and its discussion on the best target for off-hand shooting. A list of rifle associations and records of the best scores at different ranges and of highest possible scores are continued from month to month. We gave an extract last week from their English letter in the issue under notice.

The English weeklies to the 31st October have been received.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

THE ANNUAL INSPECTION AND DINNER OF THE 6TH FUSILIERS.

The annual inspection of the 6th Fusiliers, by Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee, D.A.G., was held at Montreal on Thanksgiving day. Unfortunately the weather was bad, a heavy downpour of rain lasting throughout the day, which necessitated the inspection being held in the drill hall, Bonsecours market, much to the disappointment of many, as the 6th inspection is looked forward to by volunteers and civilians as the military exhibition of the year. However, the fates decided that the admirers of the old regiment would have to put up with the inconveniences of the stuffy hall. The battalion formed on parade at 3 p.m., and when it was wheeled into line, was a sight that did the heart of many an old veteran good. Owing to want of space the pioneers, brass band, drums and fifes and signallers were formed on the right of the line, the staff officers and sergeants and the ambulance corps on the left. The non-com. officers and men wore folded coats and harversacks.

At 3:30 Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee arrived and, the ranks having been previously opened, was received with a general salute. The inspecting officer, having told Col. Gardner to order arms, passed down the ranks and made a minute inspection of every man. The inspection over column was formed and the battalion marched past in open and quarter column on the parade line, the column was wheeled to the left, and moved to the right in fours. Column of double companies was formed, and the column wheeled to the left, and again wheeled to the left, and marched past in column of double companies. The marching was excellent, the double company march past could not be better. Column was again formed, and the battalion wheeled into line. The manual and firing exercises were then performed, the junior major (Mooney) giving the command—the performance was nearly faultless. The adjutant (Capt. Pettigrew) then put the battalion through the bayonet exercise, and this was done in a manner that provoked rounds of applause. Col. Gardner then formed column of double companies on the two centre companies, square on leading double company, advanced and retired the square, these movements being very well done, the men locking up correctly. Column of double companies was again formed, then line to the right on the right half battalion. The senior major (Fred. Massey) took com-

mand, the first move being "retire in fours from the right in rear of the left; halted, fronted, deployed to the left," then "break into column to the right," "quarter column on rear company; line to the left on rear company," advancing and retiring in fours, with formation from fours to the front, rear and right-about. Lieut.-Col. Gardner having assumed command, the battalion advanced in review order and gave the inspecting officer the salute. Lieut.-Col. Van Straubensee complimented the battalion on being one of the smartest and most efficient, if not, in fact, the very best volunteer corps he had ever inspected. Rolls were then called by Lieut.-Col. Worsley, B.M., and Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, acting district paymaster, after which the men were broken off and removed their accoutrements, etc., and made ready for the Windsor Hotel, where they ate their thanksgiving dinner. The officers present were Lieut.-Col. Gardner, Majors Massey and Mooney; Capts. Gray, Paterson, Denison and Stewart; Lieuts. Virtue, Lighthall, Engelke, Ross, Stanway, Chambers, Smith and Gadsby (15th batt.); Capt. Pettigrew, adjutant; Capt. Slater, paymaster; and Surgeon Bell. Capts. Anderson and McLaren (qr.-master), and Lieut. Laidlaw, are on leave, Capt. Burland confined to bed through illness, and Lieut. Lawson at the St. John's School of Infantry. The parade state showed that in addition to the officers there were 296 non-coms. and men on parade. There is no doubt that the 6th is one of the best of our militia corps, and great credit is due to its members for keeping up its reputation. During the inspection the signallers gave Col. Van Straubensee a sample of their work, and that officer was highly pleased at the way it was done.

In the evening both officers and men, with a large number of invited guests, sat down to a grand banquet provided by the officers at the Windsor Hotel. Lt.-Col. Graham occupied the chair. To the right of the chairman sat Mayor Beaugrand, U.S. Consul-General Anderson, Col. Dyde, C.M.G., Lt.-Col. T. Lyman, Mr. J. J. Curran, M.P., Mr. Geo. Stephens, M.P.P., Rev. James Fleck, Dr. Cameron, Major Horne, Lt.-Col. Sinton and Lt.-Col. Fletcher, C.M.G. To his left were Lt.-Col. Van Straubensee, D.A.G., Mr. M. H. Gault, M.P., Lt.-Col. Worsley, Lt.-Col. Oswald, Lt.-Col. Crawford, Lt.-Col. Caverhill, Lt.-Col. Martin, Major Vidal, Capt. McArthur, Capt. Prevost, Mr. Richard White, Dr. Bell, Mr. R. D. McGibbon and Dr. J. C. Cameron. The following gentlemen sent letters of regret at not being able to be present: Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia; Adjt.-Gen. Powell; Mr. Burgess, Deputy Minister of the Interior, for the Hon. Thomas White; Lt.-Col. A. A. Stevenson; Lt.-Col. Otter, "C" School, Toronto; Hon. Peter Mitchell, Capt. W. D. McLaren and Lt.-Col. d'Orsonnens. After the viands had been done justice to, Sergeant-Major Street, who wears on his breast one of Her Majesty's medals, was presented by the colonel, on behalf of the officers, with a magnificent gold-headed cane. The prize-winners of the battalion rifle matches were called up by Captain Denison to receive their prizes, and as each man stepped forward, decorated with the honors won in the past, it was a signal for general applause. The toasts of the "Queen" and "Governor-General" were received with loyal enthusiasm. Major Massey proposed the toast of the "President of the United States," to which Dr. Anderson, Consul-General, responded. Major Massey proposed the "Army and Navy." He referred to the endurance and gallantry of the Canadian volunteers during the North-west campaign. Col. Dyde, A.D.C. to the Queen, in responding to the toast, reviewed the history of the militia for seventy years, having been connected with them for that length of time, and said it would warm any loyal man's heart to see such a gallant regiment as the Fusiliers sitting down to dinner with their officers. Col. Gardner proposed the health of Mayor Beaugrand, and that gentleman in replying said it afforded him much pleasure to be able to personally thank the volunteers on behalf of the city for the assistance they had given it in the late troubles. In response to the toasts of the "5th and 6th Military Districts," Col. Van Straubensee and Col. Worsley of the 5th and Lieut.-Col. Fletcher of the 6th district responded in a very felicitous manner. During the evening Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., Lieuts. Patterson and Ross, Privates Bradshaw, Bingham and Lloyd sang songs, Lieut. H. S. Virtue accompanying on the piano. One of the most enjoyable events in the history of the 6th Fusiliers was brought to a close shortly after midnight with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and "God Save the Queen."

INSPECTION OF THE G. G. F. G.

By far the largest parade this fall of the Governor-General's Food Guards was that of Wednesday evening for the purpose of undergoing the annual inspection, before the Deputy Adjutant General of the district. The attendance at the drills had been very small of late, and it was feared by many of its friends that the battalion would make a very poor showing at the inspection. The officers, however, never lost confidence, and Major Tilton last week, addressing a drill parade of about one-third the nominal strength of the battalion, reminded those present that the guards had always been found on hand when the credit of the corps was to be upheld, and expressed his confidence that this year, as on previous occasions, they would again acquit themselves satisfactorily and creditably. Nor was he mistaken; for on Wednesday evening the battalion mustered very nearly its full nominal strength of officers and men, together with the two fine bands, the whole presenting an appearance creditable to any city corps. There were very many spectators in the drill hall. About eight o'clock the battalion was formed up in open order in the hall, and Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D.A.G., the inspecting officer, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Lewis, brigade major, and Lieut.-Col. Ross, G.G.F.G., passed up and down the ranks and examined the men, their uniforms and equipments, the result of this examination being quite satisfactory. Several belts and rifle slings were noticed to be of a dull coffee colour in contradistinction to the spotless whiteness of the remainder; these it was found were part of the equipment of the Sharpshooters' company which participated in the North-west campaign and which had not yet been condemned and replaced by the department. The large turn-out necessitated the use of these articles. The men were then put through the manual and firing exercises, and afterwards through several battalion movements, which they performed in a satisfactory manner, though several mistakes occurred owing to the remoter companies not hearing the word of command. After the inspection was over and the pay roll had been called, the battalion had a march out, headed by the two bands, the route taken being across Cartier Square to Elgin street, down Elgin to Wellington street, across Dufferin and Sappers' bridge, up Sparks to Elgin street, and thence across the square to the drill hall. Here Lieut.-Col. Ross addressed the men, complimenting them on the fine turn-out they had made on this occasion, and on