

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards are making preparations for holding their annual sports and dinner, and for a public presentation of the Gzowski cup won by the squad representing the troop at the D. R. A. meeting.

The annual rifle matches of the 43rd battalion, announced for Friday and Saturday of this week, have had to be postponed for a time.

Gleanings.

Constructor Hichborn, of the United States navy, has recently been "doing" Europe, and has given his opinion on various matters that came under his observation. Speaking of ships of war, he says: "The lack of important naval battles in recent years stands in marked contrast to the desparate efforts of European powers to equip extraordinary vessels, designed to combine the invulnerable and the irresistible; and to the rarity of great sea fights may be indirectly attributed the superabundance of types; for we cannot but believe that a war of moderate duration would speedily settle such vexed questions as the utility of the wholly armored water line versus the citadel ship, and would fix irrevocably the status of such craft as the *Esmeralda* and the *Giovanni Bausan*. Such a war would prove, what has long been the apprehension of intelligent officers, that the war ship of our day has become far too complicated for the people who may be called upon to work; and that a balance of advantage, unsuspected by many, rests with that vessel which has comparative simplicity, even though it be concomitant with a greater exposure of life, a lower speed and reduced powers of offence.

The accidental capture by a French peasant, near Nevers, of a carrier pigeon marked with Prussian insignia, and carrying a cipher despatch, has led to an investigation by the French authorities, one of the results being the alleged discovery of a number of pigeon-houses and an organized scheme of pigeon communication, at Rheims, kept up by the German government. By way of compensation for this invasion of France, it seems that Germany has to keep a sharp surveillance of its own strong places, Lieut. Hartung, an officer of engineers, having been arrested through the information of his deserted mistress, on charges of selling to foreign emissaries plans of the fortifications of Maddebourg, one of the most formidable fortresses in Europe.

The Militia department has received intimation of the successful organization of camps of instruction at Niagara, Kingston and Aldershot, N.S. The principal medical officer has been named by the department for each of the three camps, a difficulty having arisen in other camps held during the present season, when medical arrangements were left to the different corps. These three camps will be in command of the respective deputy adjutant general of each district.

Militia General Orders of 16th July.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1883.

Permanent Corps.

The following is added as sub-section (2) of paragraph 480 of the regulations and orders:

"(2) Hereafter, subject to the above provision, good conduct pay may issue for broken periods completed prior to expiration of enlistment or re-enlistment, in cases where men are discharged by purchase, or are physically unfit for service.

No. 2.—DISTRICT STAFF.

Adverting to No. 2 of general orders (13) 18th June, 1886, Lieut.-Col. Otter, commandant of the School of Infantry, Toronto, in taking over the duties of deputy adjutant general of military district No. 2, takes over at same time the command of military district No. 2.

No. 3.—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

The gentlemen undernamed having passed their examinations and been certified by the headquarters board of examiners, have been duly approved for admission as cadets to the Royal Military College:—

NAME AND RESIDENCE.	MARKS.		
	Obligatory	Voluntary	Total.
Harold Benjamin Donald Campbell, Quebec.....	3201	4115	7316
Thomas Hay Browne, Montreal, Que.....	3107	4140	7247
Leopold Trefussis Wells Williams, Port Hope, Ont.....	2004	3910	5914
Reginald Arthur Brock, Toronto, Ont.....	2163	3507	5670
James William Donville, Rothsay, N.B.....	2304	2940	5244
Robert Edwards Leckie, Sherbrooke, Que.....	2398	2760	5158
Robert Cochran Morris, Toronto, Ont.....	2346	2790	5136
Frank Bouchier Emery, Kemptville, Ont.....	2037	2710	4747
Frederick Anderson, Charlottetown, P.E.I.....	1752	2855	4607
Charles Macpherson Dobell, Quebec.....	2230	2010	4240
Edmund Merritt Morris, Guelph, Ont.....	2148	2021	4169
Percy James Newman, Lachine, Que.....	2383	1425	3808
Louis Joseph Auguste Amos, Montreal, Que.....	1832	1905	3737
Robert Hampson, Montreal, Que.....	1809	1781	3590
George Toker Barlee, Peterboro', Ont.....	2078	1496	3574
William Edward Cooke, Moncton, N.B.....	1951	1530	3481
John Sidney McDowell, Perth, Ont.....	1818	1420	3238
Edgar Mill McDougall, Montreal, Que.....	1842	1395	3237
Arthur John Matheson, Ottawa, Ont.....	1895	1340	3235
Frank Percy Jones, Brockville, Ont.....	1788	1310	3098
John Houlston, Three Rivers, Que.....	1609	1116	2725
George Gildersleeve Rose, Morrisburgh, Ont.....	1639	815	2454
Walter Arthur Fleming, Ottawa, Ont.....	1357	670	2027
Andrew Taylor Cleghorn, London, Ont.....	1681	1681

No. 4.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

5th Regt. of Cavalry.—No. 4 Troop.—To be 2nd. lieutenant provisionally, Erastus P. Ball, vice Albert Carr resigned.

New Brunswick B. G. A.—No. 3 Batt.—To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, Charles Frederick Harrison, vice Botsford, promoted.

British Columbia B. G. A.—To be major, Capt. Edward Gawler Prior, R.S.A., from No. 4 battery, vice Wolfenden promoted.

No. 2 Bat.—To be lieutenant provisionally, Paulus Æmelius Irving, vice Arthur Gordon Gamble, left limits.

No. 4 Bat.—To be captain, Lieut. Walter Blake Smallfield, R.S.A., from No. 3 battery, vice Prior, promoted.

To be adjutant, with rank of captain, Lieut. Northing Pinkey Snowden, R.S.A., from No. 4 battery, vice Wolfenden, appointed major.

36th Batt.—To be majors, Capt. Edward Leslie, M.S., from No. 8 Co., vice Evans, retired. Capt. Peter McGill Barker, G.S., from No. 2 Co., vice Allan, retired.

No. 8. Co.—To be captain, Edward E. Williams, M.S., from retired list of lieutenants, vice Leslie promoted.

38th Batt.—Memo—No. 4 of general orders (13) 30th May, 1884, amended by permitting Major George Snartt to retire, retaining the rank of captain.

42nd Batt.—Asst. Surgeon John M. Lefevre, M.D., having left limits his name ir removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

46th Batt.—To be major, Capt. and Brevet Major Roderick Dingwall, V.B., from No. 2 Co., vice Benson, promoted.

To be adjutant, Capt. Henry Alfred Ward, V.B., from No. 3 Co., vice Garnett, retired.

To be quarter-master, with the honorary rank of captain, Lieut. John Pope Clemes, V.B., from No. 1 Co., vice Philip T. Kellaway, deceased.

No. 3 Co.—To be captain, Lieut. William James Robertson, M.S., vice Ward, appointed adjutant.

To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Robert Wallace Smart, S.I., vice Robertson promoted.

To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, Sergt. Edward Lawrence Livingston, vice Smart, promoted.

No. 5 Co.—To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Thomas James Johnston, M.S., vice William McIndoe, left limits.

76th Batt.—No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., provisionally, Joseph Edouard Laberge, vice Moise Laberge, left limits.

88th Batt.—No. 3 Co.—To be captain, 2nd Lieut. Louis Auguste Gagne, M.S., vice Florian L. Bel, left limits.

No. 5.—RESERVE MILITIA.

Regimental Div. of Simcoe, N.R.—No. 1 Division.—*Errata.*—In No. 4 general orders (12) 4th June, 1886, in the appointments: To be lieutenant, read "Charles Henry Bosanko," instead of "Charles Henry Rosanko," and read "George Francis Bucknall Hornsby," instead of "George Francis Bucknall.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

2nd Lieut. Thomas James Johnston, No. 5 Co., 46th Batt., being the holder of a M.S. certificate obtained in 1882, is confirmed in his rank from date of appointment, 10th September, 1883.



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WILLIAM WHITE,
Secretary.

Post Office Department, Canada,
Ottawa, 20th July, 1886.

Notice Respecting Passports.

PERSONS requiring passports from the Canadian Government should make application to this Department for the same, such application to be accompanied by the sum of four dollars in payment of the official fee upon passports as fixed by the Governor in Council.

G. POWELL,
Under Secretary of State.

Ottawa, 19th Feb., 1886.