

G. O. (9) is the last, but not by any means the least, occupying, as it does, four and a half pages of this *Gazette*. It is extremely interesting to the military men of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, as it embodies the views of the Inspecting Officer on the general and comparative condition of the corps in those districts. We have not space for the whole Order, but will give a summary of it.

The total number of marks obtainable by each company is 150, allotted as follows:—Clothing and accoutrements, 10; Arms and armories, 20; Manual exercise, 8; Firing exercise, 8; Company drill, 20; Interior economy, records, &c., 10; Rifle practice ( $\frac{1}{2}$  % of score), 50; Officers answers to questions, 24.

The battalion averages obtained are as follows:—

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 1.

*City Corps.*

7th Battalion Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Payne, 34.

*Rural Corps.*

21st Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Beattie, 77.

22nd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Munro, 71.

27th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Ellis, 66.

29th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Cowan, 44.

32nd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Scott, 64.

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 2.

*City Corps.*

2nd Battalion Q.O. Rifles, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

10th Battalion Royal Grenadiers, Lt.-Col. Dawson, 76.

13th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Gibson, 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

38th Battalion Dufferin Rifles, Lt.-Col. Jones, 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

48th Battalion Highlanders, Lt.-Col. Davidson, 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Rural Corps.*

12th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Wayling, 84 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

34th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Donovan, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

35th Battalion, Lt.-Col. O'Brien, 74.

36th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Tyrwhitt, 69.60.

37th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Davis, 71.50.

77th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Gwyn, 71.25.

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 3.

*City Corps.*

14th Battalion, Lt.-Col. H. Smith, 66 $\frac{5}{8}$ .

15th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Lazier, 33 $\frac{1}{6}$ .

57th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Rogers, 72.

*Rural Corps.*

40th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Rogers, 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

46th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Benson, 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 4.

*City Corps.*

Governor-Generals Foot Guards, Lt.-Col. Toller, 87 $\frac{1}{3}$ .

43rd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Wright, 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Personal Notes.

Mr. Calvin Dennis, a member of No. 5 Company, 77th Batt., was accidentally killed on 7th inst., at Winona, Ont. He was 26 years old and unmarried, and highly respected by all who knew him.

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Mr. Fred Brooker, bandmaster of the Governor-General's Body Guard, has been presented by Capt. C. Dixon with a cheque for \$50 in consideration of his bringing the band to such a high state of perfection.

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Mr. John Deverell, for many years brigade-major of the 22nd $\frac{1}{2}$  Battalion, and formerly in the Imperial service, died at Woodstock on 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

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Her Majesty has conferred on Capt. Sir Baldwin Walker, R.N., the Companionship of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, for services rendered as senior officer engaged in the protection of the Newfoundland fisheries. Sir Baldwin was born 14th September, 1846. Entered the navy as a cadet December, 1859; sub-lieutenant 24th September, 1865;

lieutenant 18th February, 1868; commander 31st July, 1880; captain 4th February, 1886. He served as commander of the Northumberland during the Egyptian war of 1882 (Egyptian Medal, Khedive's Bronze Star.) It will be remembered that this officer was much hampered in his work by some of the Islanders, and a tedious lawsuit resulted.

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The Hon. R. Fitzroy Somerset has just been appointed aide-de-camp to Lord Wolseley, commanding the forces in Ireland. He is a grandson of the first Lord Raglan, who served through the Peninsular war, under the Duke of Wellington, and who died in 1855 in the Crimea, while in command of the British forces before Sebastopol. The new aide, who is only 27 years of age, is a lieutenant in the Guards, and well bred for soldiering.

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We regret to announce the death of Hawley Smart, the novelist, who will be remembered by old-timers as a very popular officer in H. M.'s 17th Foot during its protracted stay in Canada, whither the regiment came direct from Crimea. Capt. Smart was a clever amateur actor, and often faced the foot-lights in Quebec and Montreal with Effie Germon and Mrs. Buckland, the Webb sisters, the Wilkinsons, Bayley, (Royal Canadian Rifles), Cookworthy (60th Rifles), and other well-known favourites of the long ago. The Seventeenth sailed for England in 1865 taking with it this accomplished and genial-hearted gentleman, to the no small regret of his many devoted friends.

His best work by far is "Breezie Langton," a military novel of great merit. Its descriptions of garrison life at home and active service in the Crimea are most interesting.

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In Staff-Commander Boulton's report to the Minister of Marine of the Georgian Bay survey, he mentions that the first skilled assistants who aided him in the work were Lieuts. W. J. Stewart and D. C. Campbell, both graduates of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

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A great loss to the service is in the retirement of Captain Waller de C. O'Grady, 43rd Battalion, one of the best shots and most popular officers in the Canadian militia. As is well-known, Capt. O'Grady—who is in the service of the Bank of Montreal—was moved from Ottawa to Wallaceburg some time ago, and his present withdrawal is due to this enforced absence from the headquarters of his battalion. Prior to joining the 43rd, Capt. O'Grady served for several years in the Victoria Rifles of Montreal, and the Governor-General's Foot Guards. We trust that it will not be long before his name again appears in the "Gazette" as re-entering the active force.

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Mr. Grant-Duff, representative of the Smokeless Powder Company of London, is now in Canada and will deliver a lecture in Toronto on 2nd inst., on the subject of "Smokeless Powder"; it will be repeated in Montreal in the Victoria Rifles Armoury, on Tuesday, the 7th. The subject is a very interesting one and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members of the Militia. Mr. Duff-Grant (who, by the way, is a member of the London Scottish and an excellent shot), delivered a similar lecture in New York recently before the United Service Club, his remarks receiving very warm praise from the military and sporting papers of that city.

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The late General Benjamin F. Butler, although an able and successful man, had no great liking for Canada or Great Britain and had repeatedly in the last few years, advocated in public speeches, a forcible annexation of the Dominion by the United States. An article from his pen which appeared a few months ago in the *New England Magazine*, displayed his bitter and unreasonable hatred of everything British. He was an excellent type of a class of half-military politicians in the United States who pander to the Fenian element there, and to whom it is difficult to extend even common courtesy. He was rather vain-glorious of his military life during the rebellion, and to the last thought his base action in looting the silverware of the people of New Orleans and threatening to flog women in the highest social circles for not accepting the Star and Stripes as their flag a great stroke of military genius.