

Only another case to be added to the long list where votes are considered by the Militia Department to be of more service to the country than the efficiency of a battalion.

Private J. H. Simpson has established a Canadian match record, over Queen's ranges, by making 101 points—33 at 200, 34 at 500, and 34 at 600 yards, shooting for the Guelph Rifle Association in the first League match. We congratulate Private Simpson on his score, and hope that he may duplicate it in the first stage of the Queen's at Bisley this year.

The composition of the Bisley Team is, or should be, pretty well settled by now, as the team sails in one week, June 22nd. There have been rumours afloat that several of those who had accepted, would not be able to accompany the team, but we trust that this will prove incorrect, as it is very late in the day for men to make arrangements to go across, and thus a serious injustice may be done to men who, if timely notice had been received, would have been able to take their places on the team.

The composition of the Bisley team which sails on June 22nd will probably be as follows:

Pte. T. H. Hayhurst, 13th Batt., was a member of Team in 1894.
 Lt. T. Mitchell, 12th, 1874, 7, 9, 81, 3, 9, 91, 2, 3, 4.
 Col.-Sergt. E. Skelden, 13th.
 Lieut. B. R. Bent, 93rd.
 Pte. J. Rolston, 37th, 1835, 89, 92, 94.
 Lieut. T. C. Boville, 43rd, 1893.
 Capt. R. J. Spearing, 53rd, 1893.
 Sergt. H. Marris, 13th, 1879, 81, 85, 87, 92, 91, 92.
 Capt. S. M. Rogers, 43rd, 1889.
 Cap. W. S. Russell, 45th, 1884, 86.
 Sergt. J. P. Mitting, G.G.F.G.
 Capt. W. J. B. White, 14th.
 Sergt. J. Broadhurst, 5th.
 Pte. R. Tink, G.G.F.G., 1893.
 Gunner T. C. Chamberlin, B.C.G.A., 1882, 83, 88.
 Sergt. J. H. Simpson, 12th, 1872, 93, 94.
 Sergt.-Major C. Armstrong, 1st, B.F.A.
 Col.-Sergt. W. H. Meadows, Q.O.R.
 Capt. W. C. S. Mercer, Q.O.R.
 Sergt. J. R. Wynne, 90th, 1874, 82, 85.
 Waiting Man, Col.-Sergt. M. Henderson, 62nd.

In the daily press the name of Lieut.-Col. Anderson has been mentioned as one of the members of the team. This doubtless is an error, as the popular ex-Commander of the "Gatineau Beavers" was not eligible, not having been on the active list when the D.R.A. matches were shot, last August.

The team as constituted is as usual a strong one and should do honor to Canada. In our issue of July 1st we hope to be able to present our readers with a handsome supplement, giving a photograph of each member of the team.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The 1st Regiment of Cavalry.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

In connection with the statement which has appeared in the London, Ontario, papers, giving credit to Capt. Burpee for the organization of the London (No. 1 Troop 1st Hussars) of cavalry, I would ask you to publish the following letter of Colonel Shanly:

"I was delighted to have your letter of the 3rd upon a subject as to which I think I can speak with certainty. I have, apart from a lively recollection, written records in letter and order books of the matters connected with the Active Force of Canada, raised by authority of Parliament in 1855, following the withdrawal of the Imperial forces from Canada on the occasion of the war with Russia. Some 20,000 troops of all arms were to be raised and styled the 'Active Force of Canada,' and amongst those who applied through the Adjutant General, then the Baron de Rottenburg, to raise a troop of cavalry at London, was my good friend Rivers, with whom, in 1851, I had been assisted in attempting to raise a troop of cavalry here, a scheme which the then A. G.'s Department shelved then; but it had the unintended effect of leaving our names before the Government, and when they required troops we were called on. Then in a very short time Rivers, having obtained the services of a retired Sergeant-Major of H. M. service (I think of the 3rd Light Dragoons) by name of Roberts, the 2nd troop of what is now styled the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, with its headquarters here, was formed with three officers and 56 non-com. officers and troopers with their horses, and by the middle of 1856 were fairly well organized, improving much year after year until Rivers resigned the command on his leaving London in 1861, when he left a most efficient, well equipped and well trained troop; being succeeded in the command by the Senior Lieut. Burgess, also a good cavalry officer. The Government furnished saddlery equipment, and uniforms of the non-commissioned officers, rank and file, and swords and revolvers. The uniform was blue with white facings, same as H. M. 6th Dragoons (Carabineers), and with a very neat white metal-plated helmet with white horse-hair plumes, those of the officers particularly expensive. This head dress was furnished at the expense of the troop. The Government gave only the undress forage cap, cavalry pattern. It is now No. 1 Troop of the 1st Cavalry (Hussars now.) We (its first commander and myself) had many pleasant field days together, and these days do not fade from memory. Major Rivers was promoted to the rank of Major about 18 months after he had raised his troop as Captain."

Thanking you beforehand for kindness, I am, yours faithfully,

EMMA H. RIVERS.

Preserving Relics.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to make a little suggestion through the medium of your valuable columns, which is, that a complete set of the badges, ornaments, buttons, numerals, collar badges, helmet plates, etc., etc., as worn by the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, of every corps of the Dominion

forces, to be kept in the Military Museum at Ottawa. Each regiment or corps might have a separate case allotted to it with every article duly labelled, showing the date of its first adoption, etc. All old pattern articles to be similarly preserved. A brief history of each corps, together with colored sketches, or photographs illustrating the uniforms of each rank, might also be included. The badges, etc., etc., of the "100th, or Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment" (now the Leinster Regiment), and of the old "Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment," and "The Royal Newfoundland Companies," etc., should also be collected and preserved, together with any other old Canadian uniforms. Such a collection would be highly interesting. The complete sets of badges, etc., etc., could easily be presented to the Museum by each corps, and additions made as new patterns are introduced from time to time.

I am, sir, yours etc.,

OLD SOLDIER.

London, England, June, 1895.

Canteen Funds.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

DEAR SIR,—Can you kindly find space in your valuable paper for the following on behalf of myself and comrades:

We have in our company a fund called the Canteen Fund, which has accrued from the profits derived principally from the sale of beer.

As we are practically the sole supporters of this fund we think that we are entitled to a voice in its management and disposal, (or at the least that the accounts should be published periodically for our information.)

Rightly or wrongly the majority of the men here believe the monies of this fund are diverted from their proper uses, and much covert discontent and grumbling ensues.

It would be a very simple matter to form a committee on which the men would be represented, and to publish the accounts monthly, thereby affording satisfaction to all.

INTERESTED.

Field Training Made Easy.

"Field Training made Easy" by Captain G. d'Arcy Evans, is one of Messrs. Gale and Polden's (Ltd) latest publication. A glance through the book reveals the fact that for the average militiaman, who does not know everything pertaining to field work, it will prove a most valuable handbook.

Among the subject treated our Canadian militia will be most interested in military topography and entrenching two most important subjects, which have been but little taught in Canada and for the information on these two subjects alone the book will be found well worthy of more than an ordinary perusal. Officers going into camp will find many useful hints on all subjects in this interesting little volume which we heartily recommend them. It is copiously illustrated by sketches, maps, etc.