

on to recount not only the active service of the battalion but other events of interest in connection with its history, the record being brought close up to the present date, and including the history of the regimental band and a list of the officers at present in the regiment. Appendices contain an alphabetical list of all officers who have served in the regiment since its formation, rules for the guidance of volunteer companies under the old regulations of New Brunswick, the old dress regulations, and the present regulations for enrolment and promotion of men. Although Major Sturdee premises that a history of any regiment during a long period of peace would be at the best monotonous reading, he has triumphantly disproved his assertion by presenting to us a most interesting and readable record, and the fact that it required 140 pages of closely printed matter to contain the history shows how busy the battalion has been. We recommend the little book to all interested in military progress as most interesting reading, and have also to express the hope that all other battalions in the Canadian militia will follow the good example set by Major Sturdee, and have prepared and published their historical records, of which this is we believe the pioneer.

Correspondence.

NO CHANGE IN THE RED BOOK.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—As a country volunteer I have always had a profound veneration and respect for the city corps, and was surprised to-day to see a private of a crack city corps, in full regimentals, standing very much at ease while an armed party of another corps under an officer marched down the street directly in front of him. Now, ought not that volunteer to have come to attention and saluted? I have so instructed my own men, but perhaps I have been wrong, or there have been some recent changes, and we country fellows have not the same chance of picking up the latest touches as our city brethren.

Kindly tell me in your next issue if I have been in error, and also whether the stout oak cudgel the volunteer in question carried under his arm is what is called a "swagger stick."

HOG'S HOLLOW, May 13th, 1888.

SLABTOWN INVINCIBLE.

The Rifle.

Ottawa.—The second spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club took place at Rideau range on Saturday last, when there was again a large attendance, amongst the new members being Sergt. J. W. Marks, of the Sixth Fusiliers, Montreal, who, having no range at home, had to come up to Ottawa to get practice in view of his joining the Wimbledon team next month. It was a Martini day, and the competition was at 200, 500, and 600 yards, seven shots at each. The senior spoon was again won by E. D. Sutherland, and Mr. R. H. Brown captured the junior. The scores were as follows:

Sutherland, E. D.	28	30	28	86	Lightfoot, F. C.	20	27	19	66
Gray, H. H.	31	26	26	83	Coste, E.	20	25	17	62
Ellis, J. H.	29	28	25	82	Macdonald, J. W.	20	26	16	62
Sherwood, Capt. A. P.	26	26	27	79	McJanet, T.	23	22	16	61
Smith, F. D.	27	26	26	79	Jamieson, W. A.	27	16	17	60
Hutchison, Dr. G.	29	27	23	79	Morrison, N.	28	15	16	59
Fairweather, J. H.	29	22	26	77	Hurdman, Dr. W.	18	21	17	56
Cox, Capt. C. F.	18	25	30	73	McKay, N.	24	13	15	52
Brown, R. H.	25	22	24	71	Stewart, R.	22	15	13	50
Marks, J. W.	28	23	20	71	Moodie, R.	23	12	12	47
Wright, Capt. J.	26	21	23	70	Scott, C. S.	8	20	14	42
Perley, Major H. F.	21	25	23	69	Pratt, H.	20	9	10	39
Anderson, Major	26	24	18	68	Matthews, Jas.	19	11	5	35
Cook, W. E.	21	24	22	67	Bishop, R. W.	8	16	9	33

The 44th Battalion Rifle Association held their annual meeting at "Windsor House," Niagara Falls, Ont., on Monday, the 7th inst. It was the largest meeting for many years. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: patron, Dr. John Ferguson, M.P.; vice-patron, Lieut.-Col. J. E. Morin, M.P.; president, Capt. G. A. McMicking; 1st vice-president, Major H. Bender; 2nd vice-president, Staff-Sergt. Bampfild; 3rd vice-president, S. Bradley; secretary, Pte. W. J. McMurray; treasurer, Lieut. J. A. Vandersluys; finance committee, Lieut. R. P. Skinner and Corpl. A. Purdon; auditors, Corpl. John Wilson and Wm. M. Parker. There will be a general committee, to be appointed at the next regular meeting. The regular meeting nights, as fixed by by-law, are the 1st Mondays of each month from May to November, 8 o'clock.

The *Novelist*, Alden's new weekly Magazine, which is devoted entirely to American fiction, is a remarkably attractive and popular enterprise. Every reader interested in high-class fiction should send to the publisher for a free specimen copy. The first completed story is Robert Timsol's, *A Pessimist*, an uncommonly bright, readable story, making about 200 pages, which is sold in paper for 15 cents, or in cloth 36 cents post paid. It would not be easy to name a novel in which the conversation has so much wit, humor and clever badinage, sustained throughout with such unflinching vivacity. There is not a single dull page in the book. Moreover it has—what wasso much desiderated by Charles Darwin—a good ending. The hero is thoroughly cured of his pessimism. John B. Alden, Publisher, New York and Chicago.

Militia General Orders (No. 9), of 9th May, 1888.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1887.

Composition of Boards.—The following is added in continuation at the end of paragraph 816, Regulations and Orders, 1887:

"Or an officer of Permanent Corps not below the rank of captain, if available."

Royal Schools of Military Instruction—Discipline.—Erratum in No. 2 General Orders (8), 27th April, 1888, read "sub-section (4)" instead of "sub-section 42."

No. 2.—ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MILITARY INSTRUCTION.

No person is to be retained at any school of military instruction during more than three months for a "short course." Nor for more than three months unless they have been authorized for a "long course."

No. 3.—PERMANENT CORPS.

One silk sash for each staff-sergeant and one worsted sash for each sergeant on the authorized strength of the corps will be issued triennially.

No. 4.—DISTRICT STAFF.

Lieutenant-Colonel Joseph William Lewis, will, in addition to his duties as Brigade Major of No. 8 Brigade Division, Ont., take over, until further orders, the duties of Nos. 6 and 7 Brigade Divisions, Ont.

The headquarters of Brigade-Major Lewis have been changed from "Ottawa" to "Brockville."

No. 5.—FIELD EXERCISE AND EVOLUTIONS OF INFANTRY.

The following formations and movements will be omitted from the "Field Exercise and Evolutions of Infantry, 1884":—

Field Exercise 1884.		
Page.	Section.	
29	25	Dressing man by man.
39	32	Right-about (or left-about) wheel.
40	33	Forming to right about (or left about).
44	44	Files forming to the right (or left) about.
50	46	1. Fours wheeling to the right (or left) about.
		2. Forming to the right (or left) about.
69	4	Wheeling from column into line (from the halt).
75	7	Wheeling from column into line (on the march).
83	13	Forming to the right (or left) about.
84	16	Countermarching.
131	8	Battalions in line relieving each other.
138	12	3. Column of double companies diminishing front
147	15	A column countermarching.
242	23	A battalion in line advancing in column of double companies.
159	24	A battalion in line retiring from one flank in rear of the other, or from both flanks in rear of the centre or any named company;
		Also last paragraph (Prolonging the line).
161	..	A battalion in line forming column of double companies.
162	25	Wheeling from column into line.
168	26	A battalion in column forming line by companies in succession to either flank.
169	27	A battalion in column of double companies forming line to the right or left.
170	28	A battalion in column of double companies deploying.
179	30	Nos. 1 and 2. The alternative method, "By Fours," described on page 185, only to be used.
182	31	Nos. 1, 2 and 3. The alternative method, described on page 191, only to be used.
186	32	A battalion in column of double companies forming square.
208	39	A battalion re-forming column of double companies.
209	41	A brigade advancing or retiring, in line of quarter column of double companies, at deploying interval.
268	10	A brigade in line advancing in columns of double companies from the centre of battalions.
269	11	A brigade retiring in columns from one flank of battalions in rear of the other, or from both flanks of battalions in rear of their centres.
270	12	A brigade advancing in double column from the centre, or retiring in double column from both flanks in rear of the centre.
..	13	A brigade in double column, forming line to the front, or to the flank.
272	14	A brigade retiring in column from one flank in rear of the other.
274	15	A brigade in line changing position by columns of double companies.
279	17	First paragraph, line 7, dele "or column of double companies."
352	2	Last paragraph, line 3, dele "or column of double companies."
358	..	Rear rank locking up when "marching past."

(Imperial Army Order, 134, 1st April, 1888.)

No. 6.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

5th Regt. Cavalry.—No. 2 Troop—2nd Lieut. James Cillis resigns.

No. 5 Troop—To be captain, from 22nd November, 1887, Lieut. J. S. Billings, R.S.C., vice Sheppard, promoted major.

1st Brig. Field Art.—No. 1 Bat.—To be 2nd Lieut. John Alexander Ross, G.S., vice Hall, resigned.

Toronto Field Bat. Art.—To be captain, Lieut. J. P. Beaty, G.S., vice Mead, promoted.

Winnipeg Field Batt.—*Erratum.*—In No. 3 of G.O. (6), 6th April, 1888, read "Robert McDonnell Thomson" instead of "Robert McDonald Thomson."