

that eventually carried him off. On the return from the North-West he was promoted to colour-sergeant, which rank he held till about a month ago, when he was invalided. By his death the service loses an efficient soldier, a first-class non-commissioned officer and one who always had the best interests of volunteers at heart. The deceased leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his untimely end.

Athletic Sports, "C" Battery, Regt. C. A.

THE BARRACKS, VICTORIA, B.C., 3RD NOVEMBER.—The annual sports of "C" Battery, R.C.A., were held at Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B.C., on the 18th September, commencing at 9 a.m. in beautiful weather. Every event was well contested with the following results:

1. Putting heavy shot, 24 lbs.—6 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 30 feet 4 inches; 2nd, Gr. Michand, 27 feet 9 inches; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston, 26 feet 8 inches; 4th, Corpl. Soper, 24 feet 4 inches.

2. 100 yards' dash—9 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston; 2nd, Gr. Wray; 3rd, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy; 4th, Gr. Rourke. Time, 12 seconds. This was a very well contested race, Gr. Wray leading for about the first half when he was passed by Sgt. Brimston, a good race resulting for first place. Staff-Sgt. Kennedy was a good third.

3. Tossing the caber—8 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 25 feet 10 inches; 2nd, Gr. Michaud, 25 feet; 3rd, Br. Sherhard, 24 feet 10 inches; 4th, Sgt. Brimston, 23 feet 5 inches.

4. Running high jump—8 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston, 5 feet; 2nd, Chamard, 4 feet 7¼ inches; 3rd, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 4 feet 5 inches; 4th, Gr. Olivier, 4 feet 2 inches. This was an easy victory for Sgt. Brimston.

5. Old soldiers' race—(200 yards)—3 entries—1st, Col. Holmes; 2nd, Q.-M.-Sgt. Hewlett; 3rd, Sgt. Proctor. Staff-Sgt. Hewlett took the lead but was soon passed by Lt.-Col. Holmes, who won with comparative ease. Proctor was a good third.

6. Hurdle race—(300 yards)—10 flights—7 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston; 2nd, Gr. Wray. 3rd, Sgt. Chamard. 4th, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy. Gr. Wray lead the whole way round to the last hurdle, when he fell, on which Sgt. Brimston passed him, thereby procuring first place.

7. Egg and spoon race—5 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy; 2nd, Sgt. Chamard; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston. This race was productive of much amusement owing to the endeavours of the competitors to keep their eggs balanced.

8. Throwing hammer. 16 lbs.—11 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 67 feet 6 inches; 2nd, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, 66 feet 9 inches; 3rd, Br. Grant, 62 feet 5 inches; 4th, Br. Sherhard, 61 feet 10 inches.

9. Donkey race—6 entries. Each competitor to carry on his back another man whose weight must not be less than 125 lbs.—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, (jockey Gr. Hall); 2nd, Corpl. Soper, (jockey B. Foote); 3rd, Sgt. Brimston, (jockey Gr. Rourke); 4th, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, (jockey Gr. McNamee). A great deal of amusement was afforded by this race owing to the number of falls, both at mounting and during the race. Sgt. Kennedy, however, won easily in the end.

10. Throwing cricket ball—10 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 105 yards; 2nd, Gr. Michaud, 85 yards; 3rd, Corpl. Soper, 84 yards 2 feet; 4th, Gr. McKenzie, 83 yards. An easy victory for Staff-Sgt. Kennedy.

11. Half-mile race—9 entries—1st, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, 2.17; 2nd, Sgt. Brimston; 3rd, Gr. Olivier; 4th, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy. Kennedy, Olivier and Kirkpatrick ran for the first quarter mile together when Kirkpatrick forged to the front and retained his position to the finish. Sgt. Brimston made a good spurt in the last hundred yards passing Gr. Olivier and Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, but not being quite able to get up to the leader.

12. Kicking the football—(place kick)—14 entries—1st, Gr. Hall, 43 yards 2 feet; 2nd, Lt. Ogilvie, 43 yards 1 foot; 3rd, Gr. Olivier, 40 yards 2 feet; 4th, Br. Grant, 39 yards 2 feet.

13. Hop step and jump—9 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston, 36 feet inches; 2nd, Gr. Wray, 33 feet 4 inches; 3rd, Gr. Hall, 32 feet 5 11 inches; 4th, Corpl. Soper, 32 feet 3 inches.

14. Smoking race—200 yards—1st Staff-Sgt. Kennedy; 2nd, Corpl. Kirkpatrick; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston. There was a good deal of confusion in this race owing to the competitors insisting on running on wrong side of the hurdles.

15. Tug of war. Right Division and Band vs. Left Division. Won by Left Division.

16. Consolation race—300 yards—1st, Sgt. Kains; 2nd, Gr. Peyto; 3rd, Gr. Bames; 4th, Br. Foote.

17. Yacht race—(sailed in Victoria Harbour, boats under 18 feet)—3 entries—1st, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, sloop "Brosie"; 2nd, Sgt.-Maj. Mulcahy, canoe "She"; 3rd, Sgt. Redding, sloop "He."

The trophy for champion athlete of the battery was won by Sgt. Kennedy with 35 points, Sgt. Brimston a good second with 32 points, Corpl. Soper 3rd, 11½ points. Lt. Gaudet, R.C.A., acted as starter, while Captain Benson acted as judge, with Lt. Col. Holmes referee.

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[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

PERMANENT CORPS APPOINTMENTS.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—I see in the newspapers of the 13th that a gentleman cadet who recently failed in his examination at the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been appointed to a lieutenancy in one of our permanent corps.

I suppose that those who do not succeed in getting a commission in the Imperial Army are considered good enough for our permanent militia, but does it not seem a little inappropriate that this gentleman who I am told failed in artillery should have received his appointment in an artillery corps in British Columbia.

As a militia man who may be examined in artillery by this same gentleman at some future period I am justified in putting in this small protest, and as one who is expected to look up to the permanent officers for example and advice in military matters, I may point out this affair as being at least a dangerous precedent, not to speak of its effect on the cadets.

In looking down the list of permanent appointments for the last few years, I find that eight out of something like twice that number have been given to gentlemen whose parents reside in the same electoral district as the gentleman in question, none of whom are Kingston cadets. Surely with our very small permanent force we should have the very best material the country can afford, and not have to depend so very largely upon the exigencies of the political situation.

MILITAIRE.

Comparative Efficiency Return of Garrison Batteries for 1889.

Battery.	Commanding Officer.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Manual and Firing.	Company Drill.	Gun Drill.	Discipline and Interior Economy.	Answers to Questions		Below Authorised Establishment.	Total.
							Officers.	N. C. O.		
	Full marks	5	10	10	40	5	24	36	..	130
New Brunswick Brigade	No. 1 Capt. Crawford	5	8	9	38	4	8	28	....	100
	No. 2 Capt. Gordon	4	6	7	22	3	23	19	-6	78
	No. 3 Lt. Harrison	3	5	3	16	3	7	25	-1	61
	No. 4 Capt. Jones	5	8	6	24	3	11	35	-8	84
	No. 5 Lt. Steeves	4	4	3	15	3	10	29	-6	62
Halifax Bde.	No. 1 Maj. Purcell	5	7	6	18	5	15	23	....	79
	No. 2 Capt. Hesslein	4	6	(a)	7	5	9	29	-13	47
	No. 3 " Maxwell	5	7	7	14	5	16	30	-6	78
	No. 4 " Botsford	5	6	(a)	6	5	21	20	-11	52
	No. 5 " Oxley	5	7	6	18	5	17	31	-5	84
	No. 6 " Parker	4	6	8	27	5	6	23	....	79
	No. 7 " Anderson	5	5	4	16	5	12	23	-10	60
P. E. I. Bde.	No. 1 " Davison	5	8	8	34	5	21	35	....	116
	No. 2 " Longworth	5	9	8	35	5	22	34	....	118
	No. 4 " Brennan	5	7	6	27	4	(a)	(a)	....	49
Yarmouth	" Jolly	5	8	10	37	4	15	30	....	109
Pictou	" Macdonald	4	6	7	25	5	7	(a)	-5	49
Levis	No. 1 " Martineau	3	9	8	35	5	11	24	....	95
	No. 2 " Vien	4	8	6	29	5	19	30	....	101
Quebec	No. 1 Maj. Roy	....	....	....	....	Drill not completed.	....	....	....	....
	No. 2 Capt. Boulanger	3	7	5	30	5	18	34	....	102
	No. 3 " Morgan	4	9	4	15	5	(a)	(a)	....	37
Cobourg	" Dumble	5	8	6	30	5	22	19½	-3	92½
Digby	" Daley	....	....	....	....	Drill not completed.	....	....	....	....
Montreal Brigade	6 Batteries	....	....	....	....	As Infantry only.	....	....	....	....
B. C. Brigade	4 " "	....	....	....	....	Returns not yet received.	....	....	....	....

(a) Did not show proficiency in this detail.

A corporal was shot dead at the late manoeuvres near Zurich. Commenting on this a Swiss paper says that the darkest point during the last concentration of troops is the unheard of large number of wounds inflicted by the lime-wood pellets in the blank cartridges. Thus, such a solid pellet lodged in the spine of a soldier; another was severely wounded in the back and lung, which will probably prove fatal; various officers were wounded in the head, neck, kidneys and cheeks. In the third division alone there occurred twenty such casualties.