

our correspondent suggests, make a saving of about \$7,000 a year, which could go a long way towards increasing the equipment, or paying for extra men in regiments that work over strength or for increasing the militia force generally.

We understand that strong representations to this effect will be made to Dr. Borden. Being a medical man himself he will, of course, understand the situation better than any other Minister we have yet had. It is, therefore, not improbable that a radical change will be made in the medical service of the permanent corps, though it must be admitted that he has always been the champion in the House of the medical service.

#### MILITARY DOINGS AT P. E. ISLAND.

THE camp of the provincial militia force at Camp Brighton, Charlottetown, P.E.I., was a great success. All told, there were about 450 under training. Lieut.-Col. Moore, D.O.C., was in command, and Major Rutherford, R.C.A., acted as brigade-major and musketry instructor. The conduct of the men was exemplary, and much progress was made in acquiring a knowledge of drill. The men performed their target practice with the Lee-Enfield, and both officers and men were loud in their praise of the new arm. The inspection took place on the 25th by Lieut.-Col. Moore. The 4th R.C.A. was under the command of Lieut.-Col. J. A. Longworth, five companies strong, and the 82nd under the command of Lieut.-Col. F. Dogherty, seven companies strong. The movements executed by the men were highly creditable to both officers and men alike. Major Rutherford, R.C.A., inspected the artillery in gun drill and company movements, and expressed himself as very much pleased with their efficiency.

The Charlottetown Engineers were inspected on Sept. 28th by Capt. Twining, R.E., of the R.M.C., Kingston. Major Weeks was in command and put the corps through various movements. They were inspected in the drill shed at barrel pier building, which was performed in a very creditable manner. Lieut.-Col. Moore, D.O.C., and Capt. Twining both expressed themselves as well pleased with the appearance and work of the company.

Capt. H. M. Davison and Lieuts. Bartlett and Leigh tendered a complimentary dinner to No. 1 Co., 4th P.E.I.R.C.A., as a mark of the esteem in which the officers hold their non-coms. and men, and also to express their satisfaction at the competent manner with which the work had been performed during the drill season, which terminated with such good results before Major Rutherford at the inspection. This company has several times won the general efficiency prize from the whole of Canada. The tables were spread in a most artistic manner, and trophies won were prominently displayed, while the cup won in 1893 for general efficiency stood in front of the chairman, and a vacant space was left for the cup won last year which has not yet been forwarded by the Dominion Artillery Association. Capt. Davison presided, with Lieut.-Col. Longworth and Paymaster Hodgson on his right and left, supported by Lieuts Leigh and Peake. Lieut. Bartlett occupied the vice chair, with Capt. Moore, No. 2 Co., and Surgeon Jenkins on his right and left, supported by Adj. Carvell and Quartermaster Cameron. The usual toasts were proposed, including that of "The Officers and Men of No. 1," and responded to by Capt. Davison, Lieuts. Bartlett and Leigh. A most enjoyable evening was spent with song and story.

#### CHANGE IN THE D. R. A.

It is understood that the long and very faithful services of Lieut.-Col. Bacon as secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association will cease this year, and that Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, will probably succeed him.

#### EFFICIENCY OF MONTREAL CORPS.

WE are able to publish details this week of the comparative efficiency of the Montreal infantry corps. The figures show many surprises and, we regret to say, do not always indicate the actual standing of the company or regiment. For example, companies that drilled during the season much below strength appeared at battalion inspection with men from other regiments. In more than one regiment, at company inspection, men drilled with one company and, immediately on being dismissed, fell in to make up the strength of the next company to go out. While no wrong was intended, it is a thoughtless practice that must be stopped at future inspections.

#### REGIMENTAL NOTES.

1ST REGT. C. A.

HALIFAX, Oct. 26.—The past week has been a busy one for the 1st Regt. Canadian Artillery. On Tuesday evening, 13th inst., Companies No. 2 and 4 were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, inspector of artillery, in gun drill, each half company forming two groups: "A" group consisting of two 64-pndrs., and "B" group one 9-in. and one 7-in. M. L. guns, with the usual details. The work certainly showed considerable improvement over last year's gun drill. The non-com. officers were examined in the questions immediately after, so that it was after midnight before the lights were out in the orderly room. On Wednesday evening Companies No. 1 and 3 went through the same routine, and on Thursday evening Col. Montizambert dined with the officers at the Halifax Hotel. Among the guests were Col. Kingscote, R.A.; Col. Leach, R.E.; Col. Collard, A.S.C.; Col. Collings, the Royal Berkshire Regt.; Col. Humphrey, 66th Regt. P.L.F.; Col. Irving, D.O.C. The infantry inspection was held on Friday evening. The regiment was drawn up in line and received the inspecting officer with the usual salute. Col. Montizambert was accompanied by Col. Kingscote, who has just assumed the command of the artillery, and his adjutant, Capt. Duffus, R.A. Several battalion movements were performed in a very creditable manner, and, after marching past, the regiment was drawn up in quarter column and addressed by Col. Kingscote, who expressed his pleasure at being present and promised his interest in the corps as long as he was stationed in this garrison. The companies were then carefully inspected in the usual company movements, and manual and firing exercises, and the parade was not dismissed until a very late hour, as the rolls were called by the district paymaster under the supervision of Lieut.-Col. Irving, D.O.C.

A GREAT deal of dissatisfaction has been caused by the order which deducts one day's pay from every man of the Halifax regiments who failed to parade on the day of mobilization, especially with the artillery, as many of these men, in addition to perform their regular drills at headquarters, have also spent several days in camp with no extra pay, and they do not think it at all fair that such an order should be applied to them, when all the other regiments in Canada are exempt.

MAJOR W. J. STEWART, 1st Regt. C. A., has decided to remove to Montreal after the New Year, and as he has always taken very great interest in artillery work and is a very efficient officer no doubt he will find an opening in the 2nd Regt. C. A. before very long.

40TH NORTHUMBERLAND.

Lieut.-Col. R. Z. Rogers, the gallant commandant of the 40th Batt., entertained the officers of the regiment at his beautiful summer home near Grafton on Tuesday last, and never have the officers enjoyed a more pleasant reunion. It is customary in the 40th Batt. to hold an officers' meeting in February of each year, but the meeting on Tuesday effected a two-fold purpose of a business meeting as well as a delightful social coming together of the officers.