

formation? The expense would be but trifling; and if, by a system of rotation of office, a five years paid staff appointment could be held up as a prize for their competition, a serviceable and efficient staff would soon be created. Again, by doing away with the present anomalies of nomenclature and creating district staffs, modelled upon the division staffs in the regular service, a scale of rewards would be established by which an enthusiastic soldier might be encouraged. Let such a one serve three years in the Active Militia, be promoted in the reserve, and after three years service receive an appointment on the District Staff (as Assistant Adjutant General, Deputy-Quartermaster General, Assistant Commanding-General, &c.,) and if, after three years further service, he is not sick of soldiering, let him receive a five years appointment on the paid staff, or an appointment on the general staff at headquarters. These appointments would cost no more than the paper the commissions were printed on, but would serve the purpose in retaining to the Force the services of efficient officers, and completing an organization that would be necessary in case of war. Should such a system of promotion be established, and such rewards be held out to energy and efficiency, a great stimulus would be given to those whose ambition is at present bounded by a Lieut.-Colonelcy. To a man whose heart was in the work, but yet who had commanded a battalion long enough, such a step, which, while relieving him of active duty preserved his connection with the force, would be most acceptable. The duties pertaining to these situations might be learned to a great extent in the Brigade camps, and local prejudices would not be offended by the assemblage of a staff from a distance, whose faces and positions were unknown to those to whom they communicated orders. It would also be a link in the chain of organization which I hope to see established in every branch of the service.

Now, Sir, having vented at great length my "projections" and "criticisms," I trust without an offence against propriety or discipline, or trenching upon subjects that may not be handled save by the chiefs of the Department, let me take my leave, thanking you for the courtesy which has given me such extended space in your columns, and trusting that your criticisms will be tempered by the knowledge that a sincere desire to see the "defence of Canada" as thoroughly and completely provided for as her loyalty and devotion to the mother land is unquestioned and her people brave and self-reliant, and to ensure that flag which for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze, floating never over a slave, shall cast its shadow over the grave of

CENTURIAN.

Aug. 21st, 1871.

## INSPECTION OF THE 14TH P.W.O. RIFLES AT KINGSTON.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

On Tuesday evening last, Aug. 29th, the 14th P.W.O. Rifles were drawn up for inspection by the A.D.A.G. Lt.-Col. Patterson, who accompanied by Major Phillips, the energetic Brigade Major of the 7th Brigade Division, arrived on parade at 8:50 p.m.

Previous to the Inspecting Officer's arrival Capt. Barrow, of No. 2 Company, thro' Lt.-Col. Callaghan, presented Sergt. Kincaid, his Color-Sergeant, with a medal, as a memento of "Wimbledon, 1871," which was the inscription on one side, and on the other "Presented to Sergt. R. G. Kincaid by Capt. R. W. Barrow."

The Battalion was drawn up in line with the fine band (whose new and magnificent instruments, issued the evening before, by Capt. Barrow, President of the Band Committee, were apparently approved of by the officers, men and public generally) under the leadership of Professor Smith, in rear of the centre. The "general salute" having been given and ranks closed, the line broke into "column to the right," and were this time inspected by companies. A few battalion movements were then performed, evidently to the satisfaction of the Inspecting Officer, who afterwards was pleased to signify his high approval of the appearance of the men and the manner in which, for the confined space, they had performed their manoeuvres. The Battalion passed a very creditable inspection and there was a very good muster considering the season of the year, it being a very busy time in the workshops in Kingston just now, the foundries being at work until midnight very often, sailors absent with their vessels and engineers with their steamboats.

We understand that it is the intention of the officers to ask a few friends to a mess dinner at a more convenient time next month, when the Asst.-Deputy-Adjt.-General and Brigade Majors shall have finished with the fall camps. This we think a very good idea as the officers may not all meet together again as brethren in arms until camp time next year; besides, this sort of reunion by dining together, assists in forming a higher tone of *esprit du corps* which always conduces to good in any service. The stoppage of outside support by means of grants from the city council has induced the officers to try an experiment in the raising of money to help towards pay for new instruments, just issued to the band, by means of performances once a week by the band in the drill shed for the small entrance fee of 10 cents. The band committee will have the management of those evenings and will try to make them as successful as were their endeavours in procuring an assent of the officers to their purchasing them. We trust the citizens will heartily respond to the call made upon them.

## RIFLE MATCHES.

### PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

(By our Montreal Correspondent).

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BEST AGGREGATE SCORE IN COMPETITIONS 1, 2 AND 3.

1st Prize.....Gold Medal  
2nd Prize.....Silver Medal  
3rd Prize.....Bronze Medal

	pts.
Pte Dow, 1st Rifles.....	17
Lt. Harmer, 2nd Batt. Rifles.....	17
Sergt. Wilkinson, ".....	17
Capt. Antony, 1st Art.....	16
Pte. Steele, 2nd Rifles.....	16
Sergt. Medcalf, 1st Rifles.....	15
Sergt. Fenwick, 1st Rifles.....	15
Corp. Black, 1st Rifles.....	15
Sergt. McEwan, 2nd Rifles.....	14
Pte. Allen, 2nd Rifles.....	13

COMPETITION VII.—HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MATCH.

1st Prize—Cup presented by H. E. the Governor General, and .. \$20  
2nd " ..... 30  
3rd " ..... 25  
4th " ..... 20  
5th " ..... 15  
10 prizes, \$5 each..... 50

In all, 15 Prizes.....\$160

Snider Rifle, Gov. Issue. Range, 500 and 600 yards. Number of rounds at each range five (5.) Entrance, 50c.

	pts.
Pte. Ferguson, G. T. R. cup \$20.....	35
Gr. Morrison, O. G. A. \$30.....	35
Corpl. Cleland, 51st \$25.....	34
Sergt. McEwan, G. T. R. \$20.....	34
Pte. Royno, 8th Batt. \$15.....	32
Pte. Pearson, O. G. A. \$5.....	32
Sergt. Wilson, P. W. R. \$5.....	32
Capt. McKenzie, 54th Batt \$5.....	32
Sergt. Hollaway, 8th Batt. \$5.....	31
Qr.-Mr. Thomas, 54th Batt. \$5.....	31
Mr. Rafter \$5.....	31
Sergt. Vaughan, 60th Batt. \$5.....	32
Pte. Malone, O. G. A. \$5.....	31
Lt. Bush, 60th Batt. \$5.....	30
Pte. Goodhue, 54th Batt. \$5.....	30

COMPETITION VIII.—THE FRONTIER STAKES,

Open to all members as in No. 1 competition.

1st Prize.....\$50  
2nd " ..... 30  
3rd " ..... 20  
5 Prizes of \$10 each..... 50  
2 " of 5 " ..... 10

In all, 10 Prizes.....\$160

Snider Rifle, Government issue. Range, 600 yards. Number of rounds, 5. Entrance 50 cents.

	pts.
Mr. McMartin, Ottawa, Met R. A. \$30.....	18
Ensign Wright, 50th Batt. \$30.....	17
Capt. Cartwell, 51st Batt. \$20.....	16
Capt. Shephard, Ottawa Met R. A. \$10.....	16
Lient. Bush, 60th Batt. \$10.....	16
Lt. Martin, " \$10.....	16
Sergt. McCartney, 50th Batt. \$10.....	16
Pte. Mathewson, G. T. R. \$10.....	15
Ens. Aylmer, 54th \$5.....	15
Sergt. Clare, 8th \$5.....	15

AGGREGATE SCORES.

The following are the two highest aggregate scores made in competition 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8;

Pte. Ferguson, G. T. R. \$50..... 156  
Qr.-Mr. Thomas \$25..... 152