

ary insanity. He was buried with military honors on the afternoon of the 27th inst. The band of the R.C.A., with muffled drums and a firing party of nineteen rank and file in charge of Sergt. Englefield, preceded the gun carriage. Floral tributes were presented by Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, "B" Field Battery and the staff sergeants and sergeants. The pallbearers were Sergts. Jordan, Sutherland, Coston and Croft, of the R.C.A., and Scott and Dynes, of the Q.O.C.H. Lieut.-Col. C. E. Montizambert and officers of the R.C.A. were in attendance, as well as Major Dunbar, 8th Royal Rifles. A floral offering was received from the members of "A" Field Battery, Kingston, Ont.

The 8th Royal Rifles commenced their annual training on the 3rd inst.

Captain Gaudet, superintendent of the cartridge factory, denies the story published in some of the western papers that he is making alterations at the factory for the introduction of more .303 ammunition machinery. When questioned here relative to the capacity of the factory, he said that it was fully equipped to turn out 10,000 rounds per day, or 3,500,000 per annum. This amount could be doubled with night work or more machinery, for which there was sufficient accommodation. The reference to the .303 ball cartridge is also misleading. Under the management of Mr. Dixon the Quebec factory can turn out all that is necessary for this year's use and a great deal more if required. Where the above report emanated is difficult to explain, as it certainly does not approach the truth.

PATROL.

THE SCHOOL A GREAT SUCCESS.

MONTREAL, March 14. — Matters military are beginning to show up very well here. With the advent of the temporary school military enthusiasm has been given an impetus unsurpassed in these latter years. The classes are largely attended by the officers of the various battalions in this district, and applications, we believe, are still coming in, but as the attaching at this period would only keep back those who joined at the beginning, it has been deemed advisable to reject the applications. Another reason, too, is that there are not enough instructors to handle any more, the instructors having at present their work cut out with officers now attending.

Besides the officers who attended regularly there are also a number who attend voluntarily. They have their certificates, but they desire that they should get "brushed up," so that they may be able to make a good showing with their companies. Words of praise are heard on all sides from the officers for the efficient way in which Capt. Macdougall is bringing them on. The way in which he imparts that "go" and "vim" which military officers should have is very much appreciated. In fact, as one officer remarked, "one had only to look at the

class and see some of the older veterans taking their part with the younger to show the interest taken in it."

The following attend regularly: Prince of Wales' Rifles—Capt. Simpson, Second Lieuts. L. Smith, Allan, Butler, G. F. Dobbin, W. E. Brown and W. Robinson. Victoria Rifles—Second Lieuts R. Starke, F. W. Fisher, G. C. H. Hian, W. T. Rudden and C. Stewart. Royal Scots—Second Lieuts. W. M. Evans and G. S. Oliver. 6th Fusiliers—Second Lieuts. J. H. Wilson, J. C. A. Heriot, W. A. Hamilton. 65th Battalion—Capt. F. S. Mackay and De Tonnacourt, Second Lieuts Gelinus, Dinsereau, Louranger, Desjardins and Ouimet. 85th Battalion—Capt. Rosinvinge, Carriere and Kelly, Second Lieuts. Lefebvre, Lachapelle, La Rochelle, Donhue and Brosseau. 86th Battalion—Capt. Demers. 11th Battalion—Second Lieut. Cushing. 9th Battalion—Second Lieut. Leduc.

The officers who are attending voluntarily are: 86th Battalion—Lieut.-Col. Dickson. Royal Scots—Major Lyndon, Capt. Ibbotson, Carson and Cameron and Lieut. Forbes. 6th Battalion—Capt. Andrews. 65th Battalion—Capt. Thibaudeau and Belletier and Lieut. Parent.

The regiments generally are getting pretty well into order for the coming drill season. At most of the quarters of the battalions recruiting is going on apace, as also classes for the instruction of men qualifying for non-commissioned officers. Drill will be general in the course of another three weeks. In fact, the Victoria Rifles have been drilling three nights a week in plain clothes. The Vics had a gathering on Thursday night, when about twelve men who had qualified for non-coms. were presented with their certificates. The Royal Scots are up to full strength. In fact, more recruits have come forward than they require. This no doubt is accounted for by the fact that this year the Scots are going to turn out in feather bonnets. They are expected to arrive next month; also the white jackets. The 6th Fusiliers expect to commence drill in another couple of weeks, and officers are instructing quite a large class that is qualifying for non-coms. In all the regiments there is every prospect for a good season's work.

The Reserve Association of the Victoria Rifles give a minstrel show in the Queen's Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, under the patronage of Major-Gen. Gascoigne.

The Hong Kong volunteer corps have the long service medal. Col. Pemberton, commanding that corps, has just made enquiry of Lieut.-Col. Cole, 2nd Regiment, C. A., asking for the record of a man formerly in the M.G.A., and who is an applicant for the long service medal. Why should this medal not be allowed to members of the Canadian militia who have completed 20 years' service, when it is allowed to volunteer corps in the colony of Hong Kong?

The officers and members of the 2nd Regiment Garrison Artillery express sincere regret over the death of Capt. Tom. Crathern, who some years ago was a most popular officer in that regiment. The officers attended the funeral on Saturday afternoon, and also sent a wreath as a token of their affection and remembrance.

The Royal Scots are doing great things in the way of pulling in the subscription for their "Feather Bonnet Fund." They now have \$3,400. The regiment is indeed to be

congratulated on the enthusiastic way in which they have gone about collecting for this very laudable purpose. Although still \$1,000 short of the needed amount to equip the regiment, there is every reason to shew that that too will be soon made up.

On Monday evening the G.A. commenced company drill. The regiment are to parade at the armory on Thursday and march to the Queen's to witness the minstrel show to be given by the Vics.

Although not yet able to leave Strong's Hospital, Lieut.-Col. Houghton is progressing favorably.

"E" Company, 6th Fusiliers, held their annual dinner on Friday night, in their armory in the Drill Hall. Of a tempting order was the menu. A long toasting list was gone through. The company was well represented, among those present being Lieut.-Col. Burland, Capt. Mitchell, Converse, Henderson. Col. Burland's trophy, open to the battalion for efficiency in drill, was presented to the company, they having come out ahead in this respect. Those who contributed to the evening's enjoyment were Col. Sergt. Donaldson, Col. Sergt. Lloyd, Corp'l Shaw, Ptes. Macpherson, Cole, and Donaldson.

Many in Montreal have kindly feelings towards Maj. Gen. Sir Wm. Butler, K.C.B., who recently took over the command of the South-eastern District, Dover. In the seventies he was quartered here as a lieutenant in the 69th, and went with Woleley on the Red River Expedition. He married Miss Thompson, who painted "The Roll Call," and many other canvasses of a military character.

The Daily Herald, here, is doing some clever editorial work in the interests of the militia. It is from the facile pen of Lieut. Burns, of the Royal Scots.

The Queen's Birthday will be celebrated Monday, May 25, and some action should at once be taken for a big field day. Everyone is in favor of it, but somehow no one is making a move. The accident to Col. Houghton is unfortunate, for on him would devolve the important work, but he has an able substitute in Brigade-Major Roy. Major Roy should at once get the D.A.G.'s permission to call the field officers together and discuss the matter. If another season is allowed to pass without such an outing we will begin to ask "What is the matter with this district anyway?"

Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, late commanding officer of the Victoria Rifles, is mentioned as a probable candidate for the House of Commons in the coming Dominion elections if Sir Donald Smith retires, and Lieut.-Col. Massey, formerly of the 6th Fusiliers, may be induced to oppose Hon. Mr. M. Shane in another ward. If either of them come out they will receive the strong support of military men regardless of party. They would make very good representatives. They still take an active interest in the militia. As they are both successful business men, with ample means, and not looking for a Government "job," they can be depended upon to pursue an independent course in the House.

Major Reid, Capt. Mitchell and Goddard have been appointed an Entertainment Committee of the Institute, and are arranging for a smoking concern on the last Saturday night of the month.

D.S. General Campbell will lecture on "War" at the Institute on March 21st.

It might be suggested that the militia officers at present attending the course of