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Comment and Criticism.

A NEW warrant has just been issued by the Imperial authorities regulating the admission of officers to the army and their subsequent promotion and retirement. Its provisions will be found more or less at length in the service papers of the 8th instant, and will doubtless prove interesting to the many retired officers now in Canada. We may draw attention here to a couple of points: one is that the rank of second lieutenant has been revived, the pay being the same as that previously given to a lieutenant on appointment, promotions from that rank only being made to fit regimental vacancies, or in the artillery or engineers after three years' service. It is further to be noted that graduates of the Kingston Royal Military College enjoy the same privileges with regard to obtaining commissions in all branches of the service as are granted to graduates of the R.M.C., Sandhurst, for cavalry and infantry, and the Military Academy for the scientific branches, and that officers of the colonial forces are also eligible to receive first commissions.

WE feel very grateful for the kind way in which our friends throughout the Dominion receive our little paper, but we do not often run across so great an enthusiast nor one with so tender a conscience as a

subscriber who writes us from Montreal:—"I find I have let my subscription run behind ten numbers, and for fear of having the *Gazette* stopped shall not let it run longer. Allow me to bear my mite of testimony to the value of your *Gazette* to the volunteer force in Canada. I would not be without it at double the subscription price." Now it is not necessary for our friends, when they feel enthusiastic, to send us double the subscription price, they can serve us nearly as well, at less cost to themselves, by getting us new subscribers, and by promptly remitting the sinews of war.

AN item is going the rounds to the effect that the difficulty of sighting rifles in the dark in warfare has been ingeniously overcome by affixing a small luminous bead over the fore sight and another over the rear sight, which when used at night can be readily aligned. The English war office authorities have, it is added, had these sights under trial for the past six months, and have now given their first order for some. All that is now needed to perfect this wonderful invention is a little luminous paint on the enemy, so that the riflemen may have something on which to align their luminous sights.

THE agricultural and rural press should take up this subject vigorously and urge the importance of this branch of agricultural industry on our stock raisers, and should educate the people up to know how to breed and care for their horses so as to produce the grade required. Both in the older provinces and in the North-West all the conditions are favorable for a large and profitable development of this industry. As an earnest of the probable future demand it has lately been announced that an agent of the Imperial Government will be in Canada very shortly to purchase a large number of horses suitable for cavalry and artillery purposes.

AT the annual meeting of the Ontario Artillery Association in Toronto on the 13th instant, the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE was officially recognized as the organ of that association, and a rule was adopted to the effect that notice of all meetings should be given simply by the secretary inserting an advertisement to that effect in this journal. Under these circumstances we would suggest that any members who do not already take the GAZETTE would find it to their interest to subscribe now. We will make it a point to publish as fully, as promptly, and as correctly as possible all matters affecting the association.

WE are sorry to learn that some militiamen have been combining to hold political meetings in the west. This is most strongly to be condemned, not only because it is directly contrary to Regulations and Orders, but also because it can in no wise help the cause that the promoters of the agitation, equally with ourselves, have at heart. If our friends want better terms in any direction they must work for them by proving their discipline and observance of regulations, and so continuing to show themselves worthy of consideration, and not by objecting to that authority which, by joining the force, they have acknowledged. We do