

## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## HALIFAX.

General Sir John Ross, commander of the forces, Halifax, will give up that appointment early next year on the expiration of his regular period of service. It is stated that the appointment will be offered Lieut.-Gen. John Davis, C.B., who was last in service in command of the Dublin district, and who has been unattached for a couple of years. He was for a time in command of the Infantry brigade at Malta and previously served in Egypt in command of a brigade, seeing active service with his brigade in the Soudan campaign.

The second eleven of the Wanderers and an eleven from the Army Service corps, played a game of cricket on 26th Sept. resulting in a Waterloo for the men of war. The latter made 41 runs in their first innings and the Wanderers 156. T. Cahalane made 70 runs, J. T. Tobin 27, and J. Harrington 20. Cahalane and Tobin beat the ground record for the best wicket, making 70 runs.

Major Scott, of the Leicestershire regiment, who has been for the past few months in command of the depot companies at Leicester, leaves England for service in the 1st battalion Leicestershire regiment at Halifax, and will take over command of a company. His successor in command of the depot companies will be Major Carleton, of the 2nd battalion of the regiment.

Lieutenant Popplestone, district officer royal artillery at Halifax, is promoted to the rank of captain, and becomes district officer R. A. at Dublin.

Lieut. Clark has been appointed to succeed him as district officer R. A. at Halifax. He was given a commission as lieutenant in the Royal Artillery a year ago, being promoted from superintending clerk Royal Artillery, and previous to becoming a warrant officer served over 5 years in the ranks of the R.A.

John Patterson, who died in Dartmouth on 5th Sept., was for many years a familiar figure at all Scottish gatherings, and at some that were not distinctively Scottish. He was a piper, and a good one too, and took great pride in the garb and music of his craft. He was a native of Edinburgh; came to Nova Scotia with the 42nd Highlanders some 40 odd years ago; married in Sydney, C.B., where a detachment of the regiment was for a time stationed, and later settled in Halifax. For over 25 years he was piper and messenger of the North British society. He was also the oldest member of the city brigade of militia, having joined the Scotch Rifle company in 1859, and served continuously with it ever since. He was a member of the Halifax Provisional Battalion that went to the Northwest in 1885, and Capt. Cunningham says that he did much with his pipes to relieve the weary hours of watching and waiting on the Saskatchewan river.

The funeral took place on the 9th and was attended by representative of the 63rd Rifles, the Royal British veterans, and the North British society.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies (First and Second Scottish), 63rd Halifax Rifles, did their annual shooting at Bedford on 13th Sept. The weather was delightful, and some excellent shooting was done; in fact, the average of the first twelve men in No 3 Co. 65 2 per man out of a possible 80 is simply phenomenal and will be hard to excel. Major Crane was in command. Chief prize winners:

## NO. 1 CO. LIEUT. TAYLOR.

Regulation ranges 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards.	
\$6 Sergt. Stenhouse.....	60
5 Sergt. Creighton.....	64
4 Pte. F. Taylor.....	54
3 Pte. Myra.....	50
3 L.-Corp. Mumford.....	47
3 Pte. Lawton.....	44
3 Pte. Miller.....	43
3 Pte. Kaizer.....	40
2 Pte. Mitchell.....	40

2 Pte. Pearce.....	36
2 Bugler Bates.....	36
2 Pte. Archibald.....	33
2 Pte. Bishop.....	30

## SPECIAL PRIZE.

Silver Cross Rifles -Sergt. Stenhouse.  
Bronze Cross Rifles -Sergt. Creighton.  
Lieut. Downie's prize for this year's recruits was won by Private Myra.

## NO. 3 CO. LIEUT. DIXON.

Regulation ranges 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards.	
\$6 Pte. Woolrich.....	70
5 Pte. S. Wilson.....	69
4 Pte. Pickford.....	68
4 Corp. W. H. Studd.....	66
4 Pte. Somers.....	66
4 Pte. W. Forbes.....	66
3 Pte. Mathers.....	65
3 Pte. Scriven.....	64
3 Pte. J. Wilson.....	64
3 Sergt. J. E. Hills.....	63
2 Corp. J. H. Brown.....	63
2 Pte. Higgins.....	58
2 Corp. Hunter.....	58
2 Sergt. Fraser.....	53
2 Pte. Adams.....	47
2 Staff-Sergt. Wilson.....	41
2 L.-Corp. Fraser.....	10
2 Pte. Munro.....	38
2 Pte. Dixon.....	36
2 Pte. Bowser.....	33

## GRAND AGGREGATE.

1st, Silver Cross Rifles -Pte. Woolrich.....	70
2nd, Bronze Cross Rifles -Pte. S. Wilson.....	69

## SPECIAL AGGREGATE -300, 400.

1st, Cunningham medal -Pte. Pickford.....	36
2nd, Elliot medal -Corp. Studd.....	35

The Gymkhana sports, held at the Riding Grounds, on the 22nd September, were witnessed by a fairly large number of spectators.

The following are winners in the different events:

Quarter-mile foot race, open to military - \$5, Sergt. Norton, Leicester Regt., 1st; \$2, Corpl. Waldron, R.A.

Half-mile pony race -Col. Lea's Traveller, 1st; Capt. Duffus' Leprechaun, 2nd; Capt. Alexander's Salfred, 3rd.

Sack race -Only three started, and Pvt. Cook (Skibbo), Leicester Regt., won easily.

The tilting at the ring and lemon cutting were won by Lieut. McGowan. In the lemon cutting he and Lieut.-Col. Lea tied, and in the cut for first place the Lieut. won. Lieut.-Col. Lea won the tenth pegging.

Tug-of-war - Won by right half Co., R.A.

The half-mile match pony race, for \$50, between Major Waldron's Trent and Capt. Alexander's Boodler, was won easily by Trent.

The half-mile match race, for \$100, between Capt. Alexander's Galfred and Capt. Duffus' Leprechaun was won by former.

The distance handicap three-quarters mile had the following entries:

Captain Alexander's Galfred, 152 lbs., scratch.

Lieut.-Col. Lea's Traveller, 140 lbs., 10 yards.

Dr. C. Jones' Peggy, 126 lbs., 35 yards.

Mr. Lea's Pilot, 100 lbs., 50 yards.

Lieut. Stockwell's Ananias, 160 lbs., 65 yards.

Lieut.-Col. Lea's Daddy Long Legs, 190 lbs., 120 yards.

Traveller, won, with Pilot second, and Daddy Long Legs third.

In the pony versus man competition, the ponies ridden by Capt. Alexander, Mr. Lea and Lieut.-Col. Lea beat Lieuts. Elliott, Edwards and Marsh respectively.

The Leicestershire band was present during the afternoon, and rendered a splendid programme of music.

Major Weston was in the city this morning. He is rapidly convalescing, but looks pallid still. He cannot discard his crutches yet. *Halifax Herald, 27th Sept.*