

and at 500 yards the 3rd shot, whilst the full score at 600 yards was preceded by a bull for a sighting shot. The score is authenticated by Mr. R. A. Helmer, who was shooting with Mr. Scott. This is the highest score ever made on the Rideau Range, beating Capt. S. M. Rogers' 99 by two points. The previous record for this year was made in the competition for the Macleod Stewart cup at the Metropolitan meeting, when Messrs. G. A. D. Mailleu and R. Tink put on 96 each, the former winning on the count with two 34's at 500 and 600 yards. Mr. Scott should not have wasted so good a score in practice.

Major Lake, Canada's new quartermaster-general, and Mrs. Lake arrived here on the 27th ult. Major Lake is a gentleman of fine soldierly appearance.

Another member of the Northwest-exceptionary force has passed away in the person of Major Braddish Billings, 43rd Batt., who, after suffering for some months from a tumor in his right arm, succumbed to its effects on Saturday, 16th Sept., at his residence, Billings' Bridge, near the Federal Capital.

Major Billings was born at the family homestead, Billings' Bridge, 6 July, 1846. He belonged to one of the oldest and most respected pioneer families in the Ottawa Valley, and was a nephew of the late Elkanah Billings, the distinguished paleontologist. Entering the civil service in May, 1871, he became a regular clerk in the Department of the Interior in January, 1883, a position he continued to hold up to his death.

Deceased had had a somewhat lengthy association with the volunteer militia force. In 1874 he was appointed to a lieutenancy in the Ottawa Field Battery, which he held up to 1879. His connection with the 43rd Batt. O. & C. Rifles dated from 1884 in which year he became 2nd lieutenant in No. 4 Co. Upon the breaking out of the Northwest rebellion in 1885, Lt. Billings was attached to No. 6 Batt. Montreal Garrison Artillery, his captain being Mr. C. H. Levin, whose recent unfortunate death by drowning occasioned such widespread regret. In 1892 Capt. Billings having passed through the various subsidiary grades was appointed to the junior majority of his battalion, a position whose duties he discharged with admirable ability and devotion. Indeed, throughout his military career, he was always animated with the true spirit of a soldier—being well up in his duties and ever ready to respond to the calls of the service. Both in civil and military life he was greatly respected—his courteous, manly and exemplary character winning him hosts of friends. It was but fitting that the remains of such a gallant and meritorious officer should be interred with military honors.

As already reported in the Military Gazette, on the morning of the funeral the service of the Church of England was read at the residence of the deceased, Rev. Messrs. Snowden and Smithermen officiating, after which the remains were taken to the Drill Hall, Cartier Square, where they laid in state for the inspection

of his brother officers and other friends. At 2.30 the funeral procession left the Drill Hall for Barchwood Cemetery. A firing party from the 43rd Batt., 40 strong, came first, with the band of the battalion, then followed a gun carriage of the Ottawa Field Battery bearing the remains wrapped in the Union Jack. Behind the carriage was led the charger of the deceased officer, followed by several mourning coaches. The officers and non-commissioned officers of the 43rd Rifles, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Field Battery and G. G. F. G. brought up the rear of the procession, which as it wended its way through the streets was watched with a melancholy interest by thousands of citizens.

Among the many floral tributes was a wreath from Billings' Bridge I. O. F., an association in which Major Billings held the office of C. R.; a star from G. G. F. G., and a maltese cross from the 43rd.

At a meeting of the officers of the 43rd Rifles it was moved by Major Sherwood, seconded by Capt. Rogers, and carried unanimously:

That the officers of the 43rd Batt. O. & C. Rifles learn with deep regret of the death of Major Billings, who has for many years been associated with us in different capacities, all of which he has filled to the entire satisfaction of his commanding officers and with credit to himself and the battalion. He has always been to his brother officers an example of what an officer and gentleman should be. Even ready to assist and instruct those under his command and never shirking when duty called.

To his bereaved widow we desire to express our most sincere sympathy in her affliction, assuring her that our loss is second only to her own, and that we shall ever cherish the memory of an officer who endeared himself to us by his many sterling qualities.

The Ottawa Field Battery having been prevented from going into camp at Kingston in June last, through the illness of its commanding officer, Lt. Col. Stewart, has had to form a local camp. Accordingly on the 18th Sept. the corps pitched its tents on a large field to the right of the Bank street Road and opposite the Exhibition grounds.

The camp was very prettily situated. A high ridge runs diagonally across the field and in the angle formed by its meeting with a long fence, the 14 tents and two marquees of the battery were pitched. On either side are streams of water lined with protecting trees. The site is indeed an ideal one.

Although there was a full complement of men and horses the battery was short of officers. Those in camp were: Lt. Col. Stewart, Lt. Gillmore, Surgeon Bell and Veterinary Surgeon Harris.

Among the "old timers" in camp were Lt. Col. Stewart, who has done service for 37 years; Driver John White, sr., 38 years and who is one of the "charter members," and Drivers A. Gray and D. Johnson, both of whom have belonged to the battery for over 20 years.

The latest addition to the ranks of the

battery is Driver Preston, late of the Royal Horse Artillery, and who was also connected with the British Military Tournament.

On Thursday the 28th the whole corps proceeded to Britannia, on the shore of Lake Du Chene, and there put in their shell practice. The results were very satisfactory to the inspecting officer, Col. Cotton, who is an old Ottawa artilleryman himself.

One of the best guards of honor ever seen at the National Capital was that formed by the G. G. F. G. on Tuesday the 26th Sept. on the occasion of the official opening of the Canada Centennial Fair by His Excellency Lord Aberdeen. The parade state showed a full complement of officers and non-commissioned officers with 80 rank and file and a full brass band. The officers in charge were: Capt. P. B. Taylor and Lts. Galloway and Street, the latter with the colours.

On the same afternoon the 43rd Batt. furnished a guard of 24 men and the band to do service at His Excellency's departure at 4 o'clock. Capt. B. Bell, the officer in command, was highly complimented by Lord Aberdeen on the soldierly appearance of the guard.

The Ottawa Field Battery, which went into camp at headquarters on the 18th Sept., has had hard luck this year. Rain fell almost incessantly during the twelve days, and the absence of some twenty-five of the best men greatly handicapped the battery. The recruits taken in to fill up could not be moulded into shape in the few hours of fine weather available for drilling them, and the corps considers itself lucky in getting the praise it did from the inspecting officer, Lt. Col. Cotton. The same unlucky rain is said to have overtaken the O. F. B. shooting team at Port Hope and the K. F. B., having to shoot in the rain with a constantly changing light. The Ottawa men made 201 points, while Kingston made but 69, the bottom score of the meet. Another point which is being remarked is that these batteries fired from mud which came nearly to the hubs of the wheels, and were ordered to wear full drill order, while if the artist of the Military Gazette is to be trusted Quebec and Montreal had a platform and wore serges and forage caps, which would account for their unusually fine scores. This was probably, however, only a touch of artistic licence. The staff in camp was as follows: Lt. Col. Stewart in command; Lt. Gillmore, acting captain and adjutant; Surgeon Bell, Vet. Surg. Harris, Q. M. S. Hood, Sgt. Major Ingram. In charge of subdivisions were: No. 1 Sgt. Edridge, No. 2 Sgt. Paynter, No. 3 Sgt. Thompson, No. 4 Sgt. Shouldis. Competition for general efficiency was very close between Nos. 1 and 4, No. 4 taking the driving competition by 10 seconds. The battery average was 2 mins. 12 seconds. Here again hard luck pursued the corps, for the only available ground in the vicinity on which the driving could be done was a