

# THE CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE

A Weekly Journal devoted to the Interests of the Active Force of the Dominion.

Fourth Year.  
VOL. III, No. 69.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1888.

\$1.50 per annum in advance  
Single Copies Five Cents.

## CONTENTS OF THIS NUMBER.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.  
TOPICS OF THE WEEK.  
A MISPLACED SCHOOL.

INFANTRY FIRE TACTICS.—*United Service Gazette.*

HOW BRITISH SOLDIERS ARE TAUGHT TO SHOOT.  
—A "Times" Correspondent.

COMPARATIVE EFFICENCY RETURNS FOR DOMINION ARTILLERY, 1888.

LONG RANGE ARTILLERY FIRE.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Montreal the place for the school.—*A Volunteer Officer.*

### QUERIES AND REPLIES.

The grants to Rifle Associations.

### REGIMENTAL NEWS.

### THE RIFLE—

The Queen's Own Rifles Annual matches.  
County of Russell Rifle Association.  
County of Simcoe Annual Matches.  
The Ottawa Club closes its Season.

## Notice to Subscribers.

We would remind our subscribers, a large proportion of whom are in arrears—many we are sorry to say for two or three years, that the paper cannot be carried on without money, and that the subscription fees are its main source of income. It is hard to understand why men who pay their landlords or their tradesmen promptly, as a matter of course, should equally as a matter of course leave their newspaper bills unpaid year after year. We have an abiding faith that the intentions of our subscribers, most of whom are officers, are honourable, and that they would be sorry to unwittingly embarrass the paper, but we would prefer not to have our credulity put to a test much more severe than it has withstood up to the present. Send along your fees, gentlemen, please!

## Topics of the Week.

Owing to inexcusable delay on the part of the printers of this paper, a great portion of last week's issue did not get into the postoffice until Saturday. Annoyances such as this cannot be prevented, we suppose, until the support accorded the MILITIA GAZETTE justifies the establishment of an independent office for its publication.

Lord Dufferin has been raised a step in the peerage for his services as Viceroy, and apparently especially for having added Burmah to the British-Indian empire. This is indicated by his second title, which is Earl of Ava, the ancient and most renowned of the capitals of Burmah, and one after which the whole empire of Burmah was once named. Lord Dufferin will be Lord Dufferin still, as his first title is Marquis of Dufferin.

A very complimentary review of a recently published work on "Infantry Fire Tactics" is republished from the *United Service Gazette* in another place in this issue. The author, to whom we are indebted for a copy of his admirable and comprehensive work, is Major C. B. Mayne, of the Royal Engineers, and Professor of Surveying, Military Topography and Reconnaissance at our Royal Military College, Kingston. Major Mayne's many Canadian friends will be glad to see the praise bestowed upon his work in the article quoted.

On another page in this issue will be found the complete details of the general efficiency competitions which have taken place this year under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association. These are official, having been kindly furnished us by the secretary, Cap. J. B. Donaldson. The leading field and the leading garrison battery each re-

ceive a handsome trophy, the gift of the present Governor-General, Lord Stanley of Preston, who has signified his intention of contributing prizes annually as did his predecessor in office. The cups purchased out of Lord Lansdowne's parting gift will be offered for annual competition as second prizes in these competitions, \$25 in cash also going to each winning battery.

It is announced that Imperial Brigadier-Generals are to wear as the badge of their rank "crossed swords and baton," and that officers commanding Infantry Volunteer Brigades will wear the uniform laid down in the Dress Regulations for a Brigadier-General, "except officers commanding regiments, who are *ex-officio* brigadiers of volunteer brigades, who will wear their regimental uniform." These excepted officers are at present only the colonels of the three regiments of Foot Guards. Volunteer brigadiers who have higher rank, honorary or otherwise, than that of brigadier-general are to wear the badges of that higher rank. The new regulation ends as follows: "Officers commanding volunteer infantry brigades are the only officers of the volunteer service who are permitted to wear gold lace and embroidery."

One of the English military papers, the *United Service Gazette*, is the organ of the Imperial Federation League. In a recent issue it says: "We are not very sanguine, but we hope that the Government will assent to the appointment of a Royal Commission, with Lord Rosebery at its head, for the purpose of visiting all our colonies and ascertaining the views of the colonists on the question of Imperial Federation. There is no question that the idea is growing in favour, and people are coming more and more to the conclusion that it will depend on what is done in the near future whether the federation or disintegration of the Empire will take place. Many of the foremost statesmen at the Antipodes are advocates of Imperial Federation, and the principle is gradually gaining adherents among politicians at home. We intend to take up the question in a very practical manner shortly."

Quite likely the prohibition of the Royal Military College cadets travelling away from Kingston to play football or other matches, has come to stay. Time was when the authorities were glad to advertise the institution by showing off the powers of its students, but the need for such advertising has long since passed away, so firmly has the College been established in popular favour. The chief consideration which has led to the adoption of the new rule is said to be of a pecuniary character. While some of the cadets are the sons of wealthy parents who can well afford to pay the expenses incident to their travelling here and there on sporting missions, there are others whose fathers find it all they can do to spare the money necessary to put them through the College course, without any needless additions. And it would obviously never do to allow the well-off boys to get up expeditions of their own: all the cadets must be kept upon an equality. In the meantime it must not be supposed that there is any embargo on athletics at the College, whose rules distinctly provide that all classes of the cadets shall have a voice in the management of sports to take place on their recreation grounds.