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London's Parks and Playgrounds.

We trust the public will ponder over the suggestions in the letters of Mr. Frank Holman and Mr. T. H. Purdom, concerning parks and playgrounds. These gentlemen add strong arguments to those we recently advanced in support of the same idea. We pointed out parcels of property in various sections of the city which are admirably adapted for public purposes, and may now be acquired by the municipality at a moderate figure. Their value is increasing with the growth of the community; they may shortly be built upon, or the price may go up to inconvenient figures. A larger area of parks and playgrounds within the city limits would be a present boon and in the near future will be an absolute necessity. The present leafy beauty of the city, and the two splendid parks, centrally located, but now inadequate, testify to the forethought of the local authorities many years ago, and we owe it to a future generation that they shall be provided for in the same way. Many populous cities which have been compelled at enormous cost to extend their park systems have had reason to lament their short-sightedness in earlier days. The plan of creating a series of parks and playgrounds, say one in each ward, would seem to be suited to a place like London, which covers a great deal of ground, and is continually spreading out.

We do not suppose the City Council this year feel financially able to carry out this enterprise; but they might recommend it to their immediate successors. In the meantime the public should shove the question to the front and keep it there.

Home Work for Children.

In Ottawa they have a useful organization known as the Women's Educational Union. It discussed the much-canvassed question of home work for young children, the other evening, and the teachers present reached the conclusion that it was not advisable to burden young minds with home work. The trouble seems to be that the parents force the teachers into giving it, and the case of one woman was mentioned—who should hope it is an exception—who demanded that the teacher should give her little six-year-old girl home work to do!

For pupils in the lower grades we think home work should not be prescribed. We do not believe that it helps the child to be forced to puzzle the young brain with difficult problems and feats of memorizing poetry after school hours. The welfare of the average pupil under ten years of age will be best served if the mind is not unduly loaded. The work of the school room ought to be sufficient. Beyond the age of ten the question of whether home work is hurtful or not depends on the mental and physical condition of the student. Some boys and girls can persevere in study without ill effects for a much longer time than others. But in no case should the child be called upon to burn the midnight oil, not even the well advanced high school pupil.

The Guilty Party.

The New York Evening Post says: "The guilty party to the boundary dispute is the one who refuses to submit it to arbitration, wholly and unconditionally. We have been led to suppose that Canada was that party." Canada was not that party, as the Post, usually well informed, now acknowledges it has discovered. On the contrary, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues in the International Commission have always been willing to submit Canadian claims to arbitration, and we believe the people of Canada are ready to sustain them in this attitude, believing they have a case that will stand a fair and just examination, in view of all the world.

What Canada has done has been to demand that the arbitration shall not be restricted or partial, but on the lines insisted on by our neighbors in the United States, when they deemed it within their rights to interfere in the dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela. What was good for these two countries should not be bad for Canada and the United States.

The reluctance of the United States authorities, or some of them, to embrace their own declared principles of arbitration would almost lead one to suppose they had no faith in their own case.

The Detroit News says that "it has often been a subject of astonishment to Americans who live near the border, as well as of Canadians, to observe the darkness of mind respecting Canada which prevails among even the most intelligent of our people who live from 50 miles upwards south of the line, and do not have daily occasion to come into contact with our neighbors across the way. Congressmen and even members of the cabinet go to Washington and remain there for years without discovering that Canada is anything more than a British dependency, like the Bahamas, or British Guiana, with which the imperial government may do what they please." The News goes on to say that even British newspapers are guilty of the same ignorance, and fail entirely to appreciate the degree to which the Canadian people have developed a national spirit. The moral is that American politicians are mistaken if they think the Alaskan boundary question is merely a matter to be settled between the United States and Great Britain without reference to Canada.

FIRST BRIGADE MILITIA CHANGES

Orders Affecting All Battalions in Camp.

Canadian Army Medical Service To Be Evolved From Bearer Companies.

Amusement Committees Appointed to Provide Recreation for the Men—Sports, At Homes and Concerts on the Programme—Camp Notes.

Another quiet day passed yesterday on Carling's Heights. The Twenty-first and Twenty-sixth Battalions spent the day volley-firing at the ranges on the north bank of the river, and those battalions left in camp went through battalion drill.

The following are the latest militia changes gazetted at Ottawa, and they affect several of the battalions in camp here:

First Brigade Division—Veterinary Lieutenant and Honorary Veterinary Captain J. H. Reed is granted the honorary rank of veterinary major.

Fourteenth Durham Field Battery—Lieutenant-Colonel W. M. McLean's tenure of appointment as commanding officer of this battery is extended for one year, from the 31st of May, 1899.

First Hussars—To be lieutenant, Second Lieut. A. T. Laybourn, to complete establishment. To be second lieutenant, provisionally, M. S. Wigle, gentleman, vice St. C. Halloway, transferred.

Twenty-first Battalion, Essex Fusiliers—Second Lieut. A. J. Jell resigns his commission. To be second lieutenant, provisionally, F. C. L. Beers, gentleman, vice A. J. Jell, retired.

Thirty-second Battalion, Oxford Rifles—To be adjutant, Lieut. W. F. MacKay, vice W. M. Davis, promoted.

Seventeenth Battalion of Infantry—Captain J. F. O'Neill resigns his commission, and is permitted to retain the rank of lieutenant on retirement. To be captain, Lieut. W. F. B. Colter, vice J. F. O'Neill, retired, April 10, 1899.

Twenty-eighth Perth Battalion of Infantry—To be captain, Lieut. G. I. Money, vice J. H. Hamilton, appointed quartermaster. Provisional—Second Lieut. L. F. Robertson, retired. Quartermaster and Honorary Captain G. Brooks resigns his position, and is permitted to retain the honorary rank of captain on retirement. To be quartermaster, with honorary rank of captain, Capt. J. Hamilton, vice G. Beck, retired.

Twenty-ninth Waterloo Battalion of Infantry—To be second lieutenant, provisionally, G. E. Beyer, gentleman, vice H. Cummings, retired; W. Brewster, gentleman, vice J. Timpert, promoted.

Thirtieth Wellington Battalion of Rifles—To be captain, Second Lieut. J. P. Dadds, vice W. J. Robinson, retired. To be second lieutenant, provisionally, W. M. O'Leary, gentleman, to complete establishment. Capt. J. J. Craig is granted the brevet rank of major.

Thirty-second Bruce Battalion of Infantry—To be adjutant, Capt. G. H. Sherman, vice W. J. Holden, transferred. To be captain, Lieut. J. R. McKunney, vice G. H. Sherman, appointed adjutant. Captain J. Nelson is transferred to the reserve of officers.

To be captain, Second Lieut. T. Hay, vice Nelson, transferred. To be lieutenant, Second Lieut. J. F. Tennant, vice D. C. Petrie, transferred. To be second lieutenant, provisionally, Sergt. H. S. Petrie, vice T. Hay, promoted.

Thirty-third Huron Battalion of Infantry—Provisional Second Lieut. T. McDonald, having absented himself from the annual training of his corps, his name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia. Provisional Second Lieut. A. W. Forester retires. To be second lieutenant, provisionally, C. McPhail, gentleman, vice T. McDonald, retired; P. J. Lindsay, gentleman, vice A. W. Forester. To be honorary chaplain, Rev. J. W. Hodgins.

An Ottawa dispatch says: Major-General Hutton has promulgated "regulations for the Canadian army medical service." One of the departments of a fully equipped field force being medical service, regulations are issued for its creation by evolving it gradually from the existing system of bearer companies. The Canadian army medical service is to consist of two branches—the "army medical service" and the "regimental medical service." The former to consist of certain of the principal medical officers and officers of bearer companies; the army "medical corps" to consist of the non-coms. and privates of the bearer companies and field hospital service. As the existing medical service of the militia consists of regimental medical officers only, the latter are to elect whether they shall serve on the staff of regimental services. All must be qualified practitioners, under 45 years of age. Combatant rank will be given to the staff officer. Medical officers, retired within ten years, and otherwise eligible, may volunteer for the medical services. The staff and pay will be as follows: A director-general, at \$2,800 a year; a lieutenant-colonel, at \$1,875 a year; 17 majors at \$2,825; 25 lieutenants or lieutenants-probation at \$2 and \$1.58 per day, respectively. The uniform of staff and staff corps will be identical with that of the imperial service, with a distinctive Canadian collar badge, and the privates will be as laid down in the Queen's regulations. All appointments will be provisional upon the passing of an examination in drill, military hygiene, military law, equitation, etc., and short courses of instruction are to be provided for. The regimental medical service is also duly provided for in the new regulations. For the present it is intended to use the existing civil hospitals as base hospitals, with a temporary military staff. The creation of a "Canadian army nursing service" in connection with the base hospitals, and of a "line of communication service" is also in contemplation. The establishment of the bearer company is a war personnel of 64 and peace personnel of 35; that of the field hospital with 100 beds; of 23 of a peace personnel and 45 on a war footing.

CAMP NOTES.

Rev. Canon Dann, of the Twenty-sixth Middlesex Battalion, conducted divine service at 9 o'clock this morning.

Private Edward Nihman, of No. 1 Company, Twenty-sixth Battalion, while running last night tripped on a rope, fell and broke his collarbone.

The First Hussars will give an "At Home" to their friends on Wednesday.

Miss Pearl Moser, daughter of Major Moser, St. Mary's, is a visitor at the camp.

An amusement committee, comprising all the paymasters of the several battalions has been selected to devise ways and means for recreation for the men.

An entertainment and band concert by the massed bands of the regiments will be given tonight in front of the brigade main guard tent. The arrangements are in the hands of the following committee: Lieut.-Col. Hegler, Twenty-second Oxford Rifles (chairman); Capt. Dodd, Thirtieth Wellington Rifles; Lieut. Money, Twenty-eighth Perth Battalion; Lieut. Evans, Twenty-second Oxford Rifles; and Surgeon-Lieut. McKendrick, Twenty-ninth Waterloo Battalion.

Private Robinette, of the First Hussars, was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital last night, suffering from a hemorrhage of the lungs.

The officers' mess of the Twenty-second Oxford Rifles is a picturesque affair. Mrs. Harwood, the lady in charge, now fulfills that duty for the 31st year.

The pay roll of those in camp is made up as follows: Regimental staff—lieutenant-colonel in command, \$4.57 per day; major, \$3.90; captain, \$3.05; adjutant, with rank of captain, \$2.82; adjutant, with rank of lieutenant, \$2.44; surgeon, \$3.65; assistant surgeon, \$2.43; veterinary surgeon, \$2.50; quartermaster, \$2.82; sergeant-major, \$1.58; quartermaster-sergeant, 90 cents; orderly room clerk, 90 cents; hospital sergeant, 90 cents; paymaster's clerk, 90 cents; bandmaster, \$1; sergeant drummer, 75 cents. Troop or company officers—Captain, \$2.82; lieutenant, \$1.58; second lieutenant, \$1.23; troop sergeant-major or color sergeant, 80 cents; sergeant, 75 cents; farrier sergeant, 75 cents; corporal, 60 cents; buglers, 50 cents; privates, 60 cents. For each horse an allowance of \$1 a day is made. Each officer is allowed 25 cents extra for rations, and officers traveling over six miles are given a transport allowance of 8 cents a mile each way, and men receive 4 cents. Officers who have less than six miles to travel are allowed 50 cents for baggage and the men 10 cents. Each company in camp is also allowed \$3 a year for camp receive 25 cents per man per day from the municipality, bringing the privates' pay up to 75 cents.

Only 5 out of 15 infantry officers passed the equitation test. No. 3 Company of the Twenty-first hereby challenge any battalion team in the district to play a game of association football.

Sergeant Hendrie, R. R. C. I., has been reappointed clerk of the Second Brigade. He is an energetic soldier, clever, accurate and sure.

BOY DROWNED IN A CISTERN

Suicide of an Old Farmer by Hanging.

Boy Badly Hurt by the Kick of a Horse—Sudden Death at Chatham.

Tilsonburg, Ont., June 3.—A boy aged 3 years, son of William Scott, one mile north of Tilsonburg, was drowned in a cistern yesterday afternoon. The child was playing in the yard, when his mother missed him. Finding him in the cistern she sprang in and managed to lift him out, but was unable to climb out herself. There was no one near the house, but a gentleman driving by ran to the rescue and succeeded in getting Mrs. Scott out.

SUICIDE BY HANGING. Brantford, Ont., June 3.—Daniel Shaver, aged 72, a retired farmer, living in his son's near Onondaga, committed suicide Thursday night by hanging himself in an outbuilding. Deceased had not been well for some time, and became despondent.

BADLY HURT. Buffalo, N. Y., June 3.—Robert B. Murray, 60 years of age, a farmer, who lives in Bridgeburg, Ont., fell from the rear platform of a Niagara street trolley yesterday and was seriously injured. He will probably recover.

KICKED BY A HORSE. Wlarton, Ont., June 3.—A boy named Ernest Gilbert, of Colpoys Bay, was kicked in the head by a horse he was driving to pasture. Drs. Fisher and Hough have removed part of the broken skull from pressing against his brain, but his recovery is doubtful.

SUDDEN DEATH AT CHATHAM. Chatham, Ont., June 3.—Robert A. Martin returned last evening from Detroit, where he attended the wedding of his son. While walking home about 9 o'clock he felt faint, and took a seat in a nearby building. He had scarcely done so when he fell over dead. Deceased was a prominent windmill and pump manufacturer of this city. He was 65 years of age, and leaves a widow and seven children. He came here from Bothwell fifteen years ago.

St. Catharines veterans of '66, and those of nearby towns, turned out on Friday, marching to Victoria Lawn Cemetery, where they decorated the graves of their comrades.

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Edwin Gould, proprietor of the Continental Match Company, has disposed of that corporation's interests to the Diamond Match Company, for \$1,000,000. The Diamond Company expect to control the entire output of matches in the United States.

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White Piques, large, medium and small cords. 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c and. 50c
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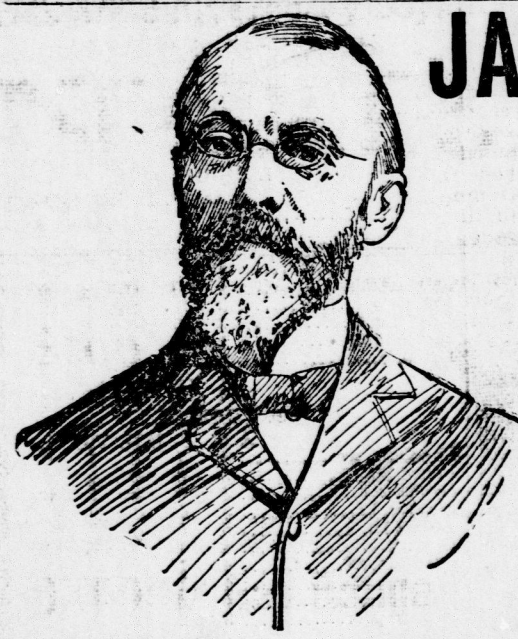
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