

said that he did not wish to press the case. The lads had parents to correct them, and, he added, "I know what it is to be a parent." He hurried out of court. The lads were remanded for this and other offences.

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Staff Sgt. Williams, Sgt. Back and Gun. Rousseau will be transferred from "A" Battery to "B" Battery, Quebec.

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Samuel Nesbitt and Alexander McDonald, the "A" Battery soldiers who robbed and assaulted a Montreal commercial traveller named Maxwell, were sentenced. McDonald was sent to the Central Prison for one year and 11 months, Nesbitt to the County jail for three months.

BELLEVILLE.

Col. Lazier, of the 15th Battalion, on Friday night, Oct. 20th, created something of a sensation by announcing his intention to resign his commission. He gave as his reason discourtesy on the part of the military authorities in refusing to postpone the recent inspection. The facts are these: Last spring the colonel was asked by the authorities to fix a date for the inspection. He selected the 23rd of June but was informed that it was not a convenient date for the Deputy adjutant General, and was directed to fix a later date which he did by naming the 6th of October. When drill commenced this autumn an application was made for the use of the drill shed for the banquet to Mr. Corby and the Cabinet Ministers. The battalion being under great obligations to Mr. Corby, the colonel gave his permission, thinking that a request to postpone the inspection would be granted. This was refused, and in consequence the inspection was far from satisfactory. The colonel stated that it was apparently not the intention of the present authorities to consult the convenience of the regiment.

Col. Lazier has been for nearly 30 years connected with the battalion, which he entered as an ensign, and after serving as lieutenant and captain, during the following 12 or 13 years, succeeded to the command of the battalion on the retirement of the late Lt. Col. Campbell. He has not been merely the commanding officer, but also the oldest member of the 15th Battalion, and his veteran services have been of distinct service to the force in Canada.

OTTAWA.

Captain T. B. D. Evans, of the Canadian Dragoons, Winnipeg, and formerly of the 43rd Battalion of Rifles, has arrived home from England and remained in this city a week on a visit to his relatives before proceeding westward. Capt. Evans' stay in England has added materially to his military experience. After the opening of the Imperial Institute by Her Majesty the Queen, on which great occasion he and other Canadian officers then in London participated in the gorgeous out-door parade, Capt. Evans was attached to that magnificent corps, the 4th Dragoon Guards, at Aldershot, with which

corps he served continuously until a few weeks ago, when the pleasant connection was severed. He took part in all the field movements of an exceptionally busy military season at Aldershot, including the recent manoeuvres, in which about 40,000 men of various branches of the service were engaged. Captain Evans speaks in appreciative warmth of the friendly consideration invariably displayed towards him by his brother officers during his residence at Aldershot. His many friends in his native city will be pleased to know that he is in excellent health. He has lost none of his well-known enthusiasm for the military profession. On the contrary, his experience at England's principal military depot at home has only tended to intensify it.

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Grand weather for shooting greeted the members of the Ottawa Rifle Club for their 21st spoon competition held Saturday, 21st, and big scores were the order:

	Total.
R. J. Taylor - - - - -	96
S. M. Rogers - - - - -	95
J. E. Hutcheson - - - - -	94
W. S. Odell - - - - -	92
B. Bell - - - - -	91
J. A. Armstrong - - - - -	91
R. A. Helmer - - - - -	90
G. L. Blatch - - - - -	90
L. G. Perkins - - - - -	90
T. P. Carroll - - - - -	89
Dr. G. Hutchison - - - - -	89
J. H. Dewar - - - - -	88
T. McJanet - - - - -	88
E. D. Sutherland - - - - -	88
Lt. Col. Wright - - - - -	87
C. S. Scott - - - - -	84
R. Moodie - - - - -	84
J. G. Lyon - - - - -	84

Spoons were won as follows:

R. J. Taylor, desert spoon, 1st class.

S. M. Rogers, tea spoon, 1st class.

W. S. Odell, tea spoon, 1st class.

In the sweep that followed at 500 yards 7 shots the following were the highest: J. E. Hutcheson 35, C. S. Scott 33, E. D. Sutherland 33, C. C. Roger 32.

The Late Commissary General Irvine.

It is with much regret that we announce to-day the demise of one whose name will doubtless awaken in the minds of surviving members of the old official and military regime in Canada, many sad and tender recollections. Commissary General Matthew Bell Irvine, who expired in his native city, Quebec, on Friday last, was the eldest son of that genial old "officer and gentleman," Col. I. R. Irvine, for so many years Provincial and Dominion A. D. C. to successive Governors-General, who, it will be remembered, closed his useful and not undistinguished career, in this city, some years back, while still in official harness. Born at Quebec, 7 Jan., 1832, the son entered the Commissariat branch of the British Army in 1848, and from that time until his retirement from the service in 1881, led an active and eventful career. He served in all quarters of the globe, including Western Australia, Turkey, the Crimea, the West Indies, Spain and Africa. He was employed under Lord Napier in the Abyssinian campaign, and was the

chief officer of the Control Department under General Wolseley, on the Red River expedition, 1890, and during the Ashanti war, 1873 and 1874. For the two latter services he was mentioned in despatches, and for the Ashanti campaign was awarded the medal and clasp, in addition to which Her Majesty was pleased to confer upon him a C.M.G. in 1870, and a C.B. in 1874. The dates of his several promotions were as follows: D. A. Commy. Genl. 1874, Asst. Controller, 1870, Dep. Controller 1873, Dep. Commy. Genl. 1875, Commy. Genl. 1881. On leaving the army, Col. Irvine returned to Canada, and took up his residence in his native city. He married a daughter of the Rev. N. Guerot, of Berthier, P. Q., and, in 1885, was appointed a member of the Board of Protestant School Commissioners. A man of high principle and possessing much amiability of character, he was esteemed and respected by all. The deceased officer was the elder brother of another eminent Canadian, the Hon. George Irvine, Q.C., judge of the Vice Admiralty Court and ex-Attorney General of Quebec, president of the Union Club and vice-chancellor of Lennoxville University. To have been able to give to the service of his Queen and country two such excellent sons—who were at once so able, distinguished and worthy—must have been to the old equerry, their father, who had all his life worn the Queen's uniform with bravery and distinction, and had been on terms of intimacy with Governors, Lords and even Princes, a matter of more than common personal gratification.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Royal Canadian Regiment.

The Canadian Military Gazette, a publication conducted with much good taste and ability, calls attention to a suggestion made by the "Maple Leaf," the regimental organ and mouthpiece of Her Majesty's 100th regiment, or "Royal Canadian," that Dominion Day should be observed by the corps as a regimental day, and that on that day the men of the regiment should wear maple leaves in their caps. The publishers of the Gazette warmly approving of the suggestion, have communicated with the commanding officer of the regiment, and if he sees his way clear to authorize his men to wear the maple leaf next Dominion Day, they propose, with the assistance of their subscribers, to forward the necessary leaves to the regiment which is now stationed in India. Although there are few, if any, Canadians at present serving in this gallant corps, we are glad to see by the spirit displayed in the present instance that the officers and men are not only mindful of its Canadian origin, but take a pride in the circumstance, as well they may—for the regiment was the free will offering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism to the mother country at a period of dire extremity. But we would ask: Why stop with the wearing of the national emblem on Dominion Day? Why not make the maple leaf a regimental device for good and all? Ottawa Citizen.