

was a Canadian, but he regretted that owing to the treatment he had received at the hands of certain politicians who had endeavoured to ruin his character, he would not now do so. He refused to accept the finding of the Committee of the House of Commons, but would willingly leave the evidence in the case to the people of Canada and trusted to their fairness. The General was cheered when he resumed his seat. Among the letters read was one from the Hon. J. M. Gibson, Colonel of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, regretting his absence, for he says: "I would like to have had the opportunity of showing how thoroughly I sympathize with Sir Frederick from beginning to end. I have urged that too much of the brunt of irregularities that might naturally be expected to occur was being piled upon him. However, he is going, and I believe he will carry away with him the highest respect, esteem and confidence of the militia. That is the way we feel in Hamilton, and I would gladly have embraced the opportunity of saying good-bye to the brave old man, and of wishing him prosperity and happiness in the future."

Last Saturday afternoon a very pleasing event took place on the Cote St. Luc range. It is well known that Capt. E. J. Chambers is very popular with the men of his regiment, 6th Fusiliers, and the shooting team took the opportunity to surprise their captain by presenting him with a really beautiful Turner-Snyder rifle. The presentation was made by Staff-Sergeant Anthony, who spoke of the Captain's long connection with the battalion, and alluded to his geniality and the faithful and courteous manner in which he ever performed his duties. It was as a mark of their esteem for him that the members of the shooting team asked his acceptance of the rifle. Captain Chambers fittingly replied.

The programme of the New Brunswick Provincial Rifle Association meeting of 1890 came to hand this week, again in the old style four page folder form, this province having not yet adopted the more modern and convenient book form in use elsewhere. The meeting commences on Tuesday, 19th August. The prize list is, as usual, attractive, and gives special encouragement to team shooting, including also assistance to the team of thirty men to represent the province at the D.R.A. meeting.

The name of Staff-Sergt. N. Macfarlane, an "old reliable," is sought in vain on the Vic's teams. He has been "on the road" as usual this summer, and never happened to be in Montreal on a League day. The chances are against his re-appearance with the Vics, as he contemplates residing for the future in the Southern States.

The top spoon in the Ottawa Rifle Club's competition on Saturday last was taken by Capt. W. A. Jamieson with 89 points. The match was with Martinis, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots.

THE MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery went through a searching inspection of their artillery drill last Friday evening by Lieut. Col. Montizambert, Assistant Inspector of Artillery. Lieut. Col. Turnbull was in command, and there was a muster of 175, including bands. The men were put through company drill in infantry movements, and then through a long and complicated drill on the 40 and 64-pounder guns. All this was done in a manner to justify the inspecting officer in authoring the Colonel to tell the men that he was well pleased with the work. It was decidedly above that of last year.

The corps passed a very creditable infantry inspection on the Champ de Mars on Saturday. Lieut. Col. Turnbull was in command, and the other officers on parade were: Major Cole, Capt. and Acting-Adjutant Howard, Captains Ogilvy, Brissette, Finlayson and Crathern, Lieut. Reed, Captain and Paymaster, Trotter Captain and Quartermaster Maxwell, Surgeon Finlay and Assistant Surgeon Elder. The inspecting officer was Lieut. Col. Houghton, D.A.G., who was accompanied by Lieut. Col. Montizambert. After the men had marched into their armoury, Col. Turnbull addressed them, denouncing what he called the lies that had been published about them in some Montreal papers. "But," he continued, "notwithstanding these lies that have been published about us, you have shown to-day that you can do honour to the old brigade and myself as your commander."

There seems to be something wrong about the Brigade, no less than eight officers having absented themselves from the inspection, and the Sergeant-Major having to take command of one of the batteries.

THE VICS' ANNUAL MATCHES.

The annual prize meeting of the Victoria Rifles Association was held at the Cote St. Luc ranges last Saturday, in unfavourable weather, a gusty wind prevailing and rain showers interrupting the shooting. Ten riflemen from the St. John's Infantry School took part in the open competition, but did not succeed in taking any prizes. The *Montreal Gazette* reports that they came armed with rifles with "battered foresights," and "worn-out grooving, little better than smooth-bores," and if this be the case it is no wonder they do not distinguish themselves in their practice. The top scores in the matches were: Maiden, 7 shots, 200 yards, kneel-

ing: Sergt. Withycombe, 28. Association, 200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots: Corp. Binmore, 88; the Queen's Own challenge cup, contested for by teams of six in this match, was won by No. 3 with 495 points. Challenge match, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots: Col. Sgt. McCrae, 53; a challenge shield presented by Capt. Sims was shot for in this match and won by No. 3 Company with 245 points. Martini match, 600 yards, 7 shots: Col. Sgt. McCrae, 27.

Open match, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots.—Prizes for teams of five: Sixth Fusiliers, 400; Grand Trunk Association, 393; Montreal Garrison Artillery, 392; Victoria Rifles, 385. Individual prizes: Gr. G. Cook, M.G.A., 92; Stf. Sgt. Anthony, 6th, 88; Pte. Kambury, 5th, 84; Corp. Morrice, 6th, 83; Lieut. Pope, Vics, 83; Stf. Sgt. Lavers, 6th, 83; Stf. Sgt. Ross, 1st, 83; Pte. Miller, Vics, 83; Corp. Binmore, Vics, 83; Corp. Mathews, Vics, 82; Bomb. Gardiner, M.G.A., 82; Col. Sgt. Marks, 6th, 81; Gr. Sharpe, M.G.A., 81; Col. Sgt. Pratt, 6th, 80; Sgt. Drysdale, M.G.A., 80; Sgt. Riddle, 6th, 79.

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A HINT FOR THE D.R.A. AND O.R.A. EXECUTIVES.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In view of the fact that there are over 40 battalions represented in the League team matches, don't you think that the battalion team matches at Ottawa and Toronto would be much more representative in character if the number of men composing the teams were increased from 5 and 8 respectively, to say 10? What kind of an idea of the shooting strength of a battalion is given by the work of 5 men? Give us your views, gentlemen.

G.

Hamilton, 14th July, 1890.

SPECTACLES FOR SHOOTING.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Can you inform me where spectacles can be had suitable for rifle shooting purposes? I find that for a number of men of my age (about fifty) orthoptics are not just what is required for the assistance of failing eyesight. While they make the sights and lines more distinct they at the same time make the bulls eye appear smaller. Will you, or some of your readers, kindly give me some information as to the utility of spectacles, and where they are to be had?

T.

[Communications are invited from riflemen who can give the desired information.—ED.]

WHERE THE LAUGH CAME IN.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE.—My attention has just been directed to a paragraph in edition of 10th inst. from a Toronto correspondent describing what he regards as the funniest incident of the late Niagara camp.

I am glad to hear "Mayor Clarke and other notables were amused not a little." I suppose it never occurred to them or your correspondent that the conclusions they were so serenely forming were wrong in every respect. The men of the 36th were "in hand" and well handled. The officer in command obeyed his instructions. The 12th Battalion was not in hand. Its commanding officer disobeyed his instructions and marched his men out of bounds through the centre of the fort. I presume the "notables" seeing Major Lloyd marching unopposed through the fort concluded he was outgeneralling the professional, when in fact he had placed himself and his men hors de combat.

I write this in justice to the professional, and have great pleasure in doing it all the more because I saw his company ordered out of action by a blundering umpire on Thanksgiving Day who was entirely wrong and in my opinion completely "rattled."

SNAFFLE.

A manual of Company Drill, just issued, and of which the author is Capt. MacDougall, of the Royal School of Infantry, Toronto, should place all intending students under a debt of gratitude to that officer. The aim of the book, as stated in the Preface, is to be especially helpful to officers unable to take more than a special course at a school of infantry, and who must necessarily read much before joining. The details, cautions and commands of each movement are arranged to follow each other precisely as they do at drill, thus teaching much that ordinarily could only be found out on parade. The value of the work is much enhanced by a comprehensive plan illustrating the attack formation. It is to be hoped that a large sale will reward Capt. MacDougall for the trouble he has taken in getting up the book. The publisher is Mr. P. C. Allan the well-known newsdealer of King street west, Toronto, from whom copies may be procured.