

sioners of the navy. This article is communicated by one of his descendants and goes into all the details of the expense of such a reception, which nowadays would be very alarming. "Ruined," continued by C. G. H. Tenniswood, together with the usual reviews, and record of naval and military events, finishes as delightful a monthly as one would wish to read.

*The Rifle*, published in Boston, U.S., is also to hand, and the following are its principal articles. America's crack rifle shots, this number being a slight biography of Capt. Gindele, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Revolver shooting. An essay on the sporting rifle. National Rifle Association; the programme for the matches to be held in September, 1887. There are to be 18 matches with a prize list of about \$1,400 in cash, 2 cups, 4 trophies, a bronze statue, badges and medals. The Smith & Wesson target revolver and foreign notes.

The English weeklies for the 30th of April are to hand and the following are amongst the principal articles of interest in them:

*Broad Arrow*—Modern aggressive torpedoes; the army medical regularions; the volunteers and the jubilee review at Aldershot; a British soldier's life in the army; the Ghilzais; the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire regiment), 1st battalion; Burmah soldiers and their ammunition; accuracy of artillery fire; military, naval, and foreign notes; comments, &c.

*United Service Gazette*.—Jubilee honors for the navy; two British army corps; admiralty work; the Franco-German embroglio; Viscount Wolsley on army reorganization; the reduction of the horse artillery; the recent wrecks; foreign service gossip; reviews; naval and military intelligence; editorial notes, &c.

*Volunteer Service Gazette*.—Volunteer field batteries; opening of a new volunteer drill hall at Colchester; notes of the week; the royal review; firing parties at volunteer funerals.

### Military Activity in Montreal.

**A**LARGELY attended and enthusiastic meeting of ex-volunteers of Montreal and its environs was held on the 10th in the Vics' armory.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. F. Scriver, secretary, who stated its object and gave a brief report of the recent visit of the veterans of 1866-70 to Ottawa. Lieut.-Col. Fletcher was called to the chair, and after a short discussion it was resolved: "That it is desirable that the ex-volunteers resident in this city, and in such other places as wish to participate, take part in the celebration of the Queen's jubilee."

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Fletcher, Tees, Jarvis, Lyman and Scriver was appointed to consider and report on the best steps to be taken to forward the movement. Lieut.-Col. Campbell was elected commander of the ex-volunteers who should take part in the jubilee celebration.

An auxiliary committee, consisting of members of each corps represented, was appointed to act in conjunction with the general committee, the members of which are expected to act as recruiting sergeants, and from present appearances a successful muster on the occasion seems assured.

A meeting of the Imperial army and navy veterans was also held in the Prince of Wales Rifles' mess room, at which Lieut.-Col. Fletcher presided. The meeting was largely attended, representatives from the following regiments being present:—Royal horse artillery, garrison artillery, brigade of guards, 9th, 14th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 43rd, 52nd, 59th, 60th, 63rd, 66th, 71st, 78th, 83rd, 85th, 87th, 89th and 100th regiments, rifle brigade, Royal Canadian Rifles, East India company, and H.M. Royal navy. The badge committee reported and showed a sample badge which was approved of. A committee was appointed to organize a band from among the veteran musicians. It was suggested that the meeting be made a permanent organization and further steps taken towards that end. It was decided to take part in the jubilee celebration, the secretary to write to the Deputy Adjutant-General soliciting permission to do so.

The drill hall on Craig street is rapidly approaching completion. The following description of it is condensed from the *Witness*:

The 5th military district occupies the whole of the armories built along the west side of the drill hall, and part of the eastern, or right side, is reserved for the 6th district. The first apartment on the left side comprises a storeroom and a washroom, &c., for the officers, and a winding stairs lead thence to the offices of the officers in charge of the stores on the flat above. Next to the storeroom is the armory of the Prince of Wales' Rifles, followed by those of the Victoria Rifles and 5th Royal Scots. Immediately after these are washrooms, &c., for the use of the men generally. The next armories are those of the 6th Fusiliers and the Garrison Artillery.

The flat above, on the same side of the building, comprises, besides the store offices, special rooms for the officers of the several corps, and orderly and recreation rooms for each of the above-mentioned battalions placed immediately over their respective armories.

The right hand side is divided into a storeroom, with offices for the officer in charge, washroom, &c., for the officers, and stairs leading to the flat above. Then come the armories of the 65th, the 85th and the cavalry corps, followed by washrooms for the men. The Engineers' armory comes next, followed by the harness room and armory of the field battery, with an orderly room, special wash room, bath, &c., for the use of the battery.

The upper flat is devoted to similar uses to that on the left side. Between the recreation room of the cavalry and the orderly room of the engineers are the caretaker's lodgings, fitted up with all modern improvements. At the end of this wing is a private apartment for the officers of the field battery. Each of the armories and recreation rooms, for both districts, is about 60 feet long by 40 feet wide. Each battalion will be completely separated from the others. There appears to be one drawback, however, for which the officers have asked a remedy, but so far without success—-that is, that the two flats at the disposal of each corps do not communicate with one another, so that when the men of any of the battalions want to go from their armory to their recreation room they must use a common staircase for the whole district, placed at each end of the building.

At the rear of the hall, on Vitre street, is a gallery the full width of the building and thirty-seven feet deep. The galleries giving entrance to the recreation rooms extend the whole length of the building, and are seven feet wide. All these are provided with iron railings and are supported by rolled girders with wrought brackets.

The boilers for heating the building are placed in the basement, in the centre of each wing. The cost of the armories is about \$100,000. The drill hall itself cost \$125,000, and it is estimated that with the fixtures, &c., the total cost of the whole building will be about \$300,000.

### Mounted Police News.

**Banff.**—Inspector Constantine arrived here on the 11th May with fifteen men and immediately went into camp, where they will remain until the barracks are built.

### Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE D. R. A. RULES.

To the Editor of the *Canadian Militia Gazette*:

DEAR SIR,—One of your correspondents, in your issue of the 28th April, signing himself "A Member" invites discussion upon items in which he claims there is room for improvement upon the D. R. A.

Anent ammunition, "which he claims should be served out at the firing points." While it would tend in a great measure to place all on the same footing, in point of equality, yet it would not absolutely do so. What rifleman has not, upon examining his ammunition before going to the firing point, found cartridge after cartridge unfit for use, the bullets loose or the quantity of powder deficient. If it should so happen that you were unlucky enough to get possibly two or more in the seven rounds served out to you thus imperfect you have no recourse but to use them to your own disgust, with the positive certainty of a poor score.

While the N.R.A. at Wimbledon may do as "A Member" suggests, lock at the advantages they have in obtaining ammunition, the best possible issue and without having been trundled about upon miles of railway.

I note in another column of the same issue as above referred to, comments upon competitors using ammunition filled by themselves, and why not? For what purpose does the department issue refilling outfit, certainly as one would suppose to be made use of, and if the department cannot supply perfect ammunition, why should we not make use of the outfit they supply us and try to better ourselves? I do not approve of any one competitor having a vantage in that respect over another, yet until the department (who are to blame) can guarantee better ammunition, to my mind better rest as it is or else rescind the regulation permitting the refilling of the coiled shell, and carry out that one of the match rules bearing on ammunition, which says: "None, but D. C. ammunition purchased on the ground, &c., carry out that rule and none can complain."

Your correspondent calls for more information and facts in the D. R. A. report. I am sure our able secretary of the D. R. A. will be only too pleased to receive a suggestion from any of the members, but I also think from his many years of experience in connection with the working of rifle associations he is as competent a person to gather together facts which are recorded before him and present them in the best possible form in his report. I think the secretary of the D. R. A. is to be congratulated upon the report of the past year, certainly the most comprehensive and complete one we ever had. "MARTINI."

### Regimental Intelligence.

We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?

**Toronto.**—At the last regular weekly parade the Queen's Own turned out 461 strong. The route of march was along Church to Shuter and thence to Moss Park rink, where the battalion drill was executed.

The weekly parade of the Grenadiers brought out about 300 men under Col. Grassett. They marched to the Mutual street rink, headed by both bands, where they practised trooping the colors. On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the men paraded in the Queen's park and marched to Mount Pleasant cemetery, where a short field service was held, and the monument erected to the memories of their fallen comrades, Moore and Hughes, unveiled. On the Queen's birthday the colors will be trooped before Lord Lansdowne.

The annual sergeants' mess dinner of the Royal Grenadiers, commemorative of the second anniversary of Batoche, was held on the 12th at the Criterion restaurant. There was a large attendance of the sergeants of the Grenadiers and other corps of the city, and a jolly evening was spent.

At the head of the table were:—Paymaster Sergeant Curran, president of the mess; Sergeant-Major Granger, Governor-General's Body Guard; Sergeant-Major Munroe, C Company School of Infantry; Sergeant-Major Woodman, of the field artillery; Sergeant-Major Spence, garrison artillery; Sergeant-Major Crean, Queen's Own; Sergeant-Major Francis, Grenadiers; and Private William Canniff, ex-member of the 90th. About eleven o'clock Capt. Harstone, Dr. Ryerson and Lieuts. Michie, Lowe and Gooderham came in and took part in the festivities, which with toasts, songs, recitations, &c., were prolonged to a late hour.

**Halifax.**—The drum and fife corps of the 66th P.L.F., with the assistance of members of the York and Lancaster regiment, Gunner Newman, R.A., and other local favorites, is making preparations to give a minstrel and variety performance at the lyceum at an early date. The band of the regiment has kindly volunteered its assistance, and will perform choice selections during the evening.

**Montreal.**—The Royal Scots are going to give an entertainment in the Academy of Music on the 20th, under the patronage of Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, at which Miss Earle, of New York, Mr. Finley McGregor, of New York, Mr. Neil Warner, Mr. Robert Lloyd, Mr. Rush and many others will assist. Sergeant-Major Nevens is to dance a hornpipe; the local cavalry will go through the sword exercise and there will be a tug-of-war by teams from all the local regiments. Altogether it is expected to be a very grand affair. Lieut. A. Linton and the other officers on the committee are using every effort to make it a success. It is to be called the Scots' grand jubilee entertainment.

THE VICTORIA RIFLES.

Lieut.-Col. Crawford has issued the following farewell to the Victorias:

The painful duty devolves upon Lieut.-Col. Crawford of bidding goodbye as commanding officer to his comrades of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, some of whom have served with him continuously for nearly a quarter of a century.

His regret in retiring from active service is increased by the conviction that the regiment is entering upon the most brilliant period of its existence in consequence of the near completion of the new armory. But even this incentive to continued service was not, in his opinion, sufficient to outweigh his belief that a fairly active system of promotion should exist in the regiment. It affords him pleasure to feel that he transfers the command to an officer eminently fitted to further its best interests.

Lieut.-Col. Crawford need hardly say that the Victorias will ever command his active sympathy, and that he will, he trusts, remain throughout his life an active member of their reserve corps.

In taking over the command Lt.-Colonel Davidson by a regimental order says: