

perly disciplined, well-instructed, and that they do not neglect their studies, he quoted from the report of a commission of experts, stating that the officers sent from the college to the Imperial Service are better than those from Woolwich and Sandhurst. The records made by the members of the graduating classes in recent years were pointed to as having shown a steady upward progress, and the records, as marksmen, of various graduates were instanced, to the same end, and the commandant asserted that such highly creditable records could not be made by men who, during their college life, were addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants, were not amenable to strict military discipline, and whose studies were not properly regulated and pursued.

Regarding the college work, etc., the commandant said: "The conduct of the Cadets has improved during the year now closing, and is fairly satisfactory. The present first class has, on the average, incurred more forfeitures for irregularities than did the first class of last year. The second, third and fourth classes, the third in a very marked degree, show less forfeitures than the corresponding classes in 1895.

"On the whole, class room work has been satisfactory. The 4th and 3rd classes have, on the average, scored well; the 2nd class has lost ground, and the 1st, whose average attainments on joining the college were low, has recovered, in part, from the disadvantages under which it labored."

On Tuesday last, election day, those men in "A" Battery R.C.A., whose names are on the voters' list, were marched in a body to their polling booth. They were sent in to vote, man by man, and were then marched back to the barracks. It was asserted by the Liberals that this action was taken under orders from the Militia Department, and it was held to have been done in the hope that the men, voting as far as possible under the eyes of their officers, would support the Government candidate. Major Drury states that no orders were received from the Department authorizing the course that was taken, and says that the men were marched in a body to the polls simply as a matter of discipline, in order to prevent those who had votes from remaining out of barracks all day after they had polled their votes. The major says that the charge of attempted intimidation has been reported to Ottawa.

VEDETE.

STAFF-SERGT. HARP WINS THE BARNOCKBURN AT THE SCOTTISH RIFLE ASSN. MATCH.

Once more are the 48th Highlanders in high fettle, and justly proud are they over the splendid stand taken by Staff-Sergt. Harp in the opening day of the Scottish

Association matches, which commenced at Darnley on the 10th June.

Although the conditions were unsatisfactory, Staff-Sergt. Harp's total of 96, made up of 37 at each of the Queen's ranges, was unequalled, despite the utmost endeavors of the best shots of Scotland, and in competition with such well-known shots as Lieut. Rennie, Queen's Prizeman, 1894; Queen's Prizeman Sergt. Lawrance, 1st Dumbarton; Pte. J. Boyd, who tied with Pte. Hayhurst, Queen's Prizeman of 1895, last year's Scottish champion, Pte. A. Urquhart, Galloway Rifles, and others.

Staff-Sergt. Harp also won sixteenth place in the Stock Exchange match with 33 points at 500 yards, netting him £10; fifty-third place in the City of Glasgow Corporation match, with 88; out of a possible 105 tied for nineteenth place in the President's match, 600 yards, with 30. He won a place in the "Sixty" with 87, and in the competition which followed was not as successful as before, making 36 for 10 shots at 500 and 49 for 15 shots at 600 yards.

He finished up very successfully and brought the Highlanders and Canada up to third place in the grand aggregate.

It is with great regret that well-wishers of the late tournament hear that a deficit of \$400 remains after all its affairs are closed up. There are, of course, lots of explanations to offer, but the majority seem to agree that more money could be made out of reduced prices than the prohibitive scale that prevailed, prohibitive in the sense that it precluded most people from being present all three nights.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons completed their class firing on the 13th of June, spending the week under canvas at the Long Branch Rifle Ranges.

No. 9 Field Battery put in their twelve days' camp at the Exhibition Grounds during the early part of the month, and those who know claim that the battery was never in such shape, and never passed a better inspection. Owing to their establishment of officers not being complete is the only reason given for their failure to win the efficiency competition.

It was with a great deal of relief that those interested received the news that the inspectors of infantry will be able to put an end to such farces as those published in a recent GAZETTE entitled "comparative efficiency returns." Anything more absurd than the result shown therein would be hard to find. For the future we believe all regiments will be marked on the same basis.

The remark was recently made in this city that the Major General had in contemplation the cancelling of the picnic trips that so many regiments are in the habit of indulging

in on Her Majesty's Birthday. In the interest of discipline, this will prove beneficial, although to a certain extent it will affect recruiting. If, however, the regiments are satisfied to recruit men who do not join to go on a picnic trip, the benefit will be an immense one, and if they want a change from the routine season's work, will spend the time formerly occupied in making a circus or procession in some remote town, by going under canvas near their headquarters, and get a proper idea of the duties of camp life. Just as many good men will go, it will cost less, and greater benefit will be derived.

The sum of \$400 has been given by the City Council as a grant to the Ontario Rifle Association. A proviso, I understand, is attached as to a share of the marking being given to residents of the city. The present markers are made up mostly of residents in or near the vicinity of Port Credit, and while they may be a trifle cheaper, in some cases, they are dear at any price. Considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed at the indifferent marking, and if not improved on before the O.R.A., a kickers' meeting is sure to be on the tapis before the matches have fairly begun.

Recently a court martial was convened on two members of a city regiment. One of the unfortunates presented himself, but the other could not be found. Enquiry, however, elicited the fact that by a coincidence, at the same hour as the court martial was convened, he was figuring as one of the two principal performers in an affair where a death-do-us-part sentence was being passed on him by a clerk in holy orders.

Sergt.-Major Spry, of No. 9 Field Battery, will be Toronto's representative on the Shoeburyness team.

Quite a contingent of rifle shots assembled to bid God-speed to several of this year's Bisley team and who left Toronto on Thursday, 25th June. The members who left for Montreal on that evening were: Lieut. T. Mitchell, 12th; Lieut. J. Ogg, Guelph F.B.; Sergt. W. Crowe, Guelph F.B.; Lieut. W. Ross, Sergt. Mitchell, Sergt.-Major S. H. Huggins, 13th Batt.; Pte. Armstrong, R.G., and Lieut. D. J. C. Munro, 44th. Major Bruce and Mrs. Bruce left in advance of the western contingent.

The Gov.-Gen. Body Guards, under command of Col. G. T. Denison, are in camp at West Toronto Junction.

Considerable speculation is being indulged in as to the outcome of the Q.O.R. matters, now that a change in Government has taken place. There are some who predict a speedy reinstatement of the deposed commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, but with this view a great many differ. The way one