

eyes and shooting paraphernalia in kelter for the League matches.

Is there anything definite as to drill in 1896? Are we to drill for 4, 8, 12 or 16 days, or are we to drill at all? Perhaps I should have asked: for how many drills are we to receive pay? I know the Government will permit us to do all the drill we want to, but paying for the same is quite another thing.

The 63rd recruits are hard at it two evenings a week, as also are the 66th.

By an agreement between the city and military authorities, the summer visitors will be allowed on the path around the Citadel moat. The military authorities have leased the ground for five years at the rental of 1s. per year. When the road, which will be 15 yards wide, is completed it will make a splendid promenade for visitor and citizen.

The Garrison authorities are putting their grounds, at the corner of Sackville street and South Park, into fine condition as a cricket pitch. There are about 300 soldiers working on the ground, which, it is expected, will be the best football and cricket grounds in the Dominion. GRAVELCRUSHER.

THE REORGANIZED 14TH.

KINGSTON, May 2.—The Queen's Own Rifles, of Toronto, have accepted the invitation to take part in the military parade here on May 25th, in celebration of the Queen's birthday, provided arrangements can be made for their remaining in Kingston two days, Sunday and Monday, May 24 and 25. The corps will, it is expected, arrive here late on the night of Saturday, May 23, and go under canvas during their stay. Arrangements have not yet been completed, however.

The charge made and reiterated by THE MILITARY GAZETTE, that drunkenness prevails to a great extent among the Royal Military College cadets here, has been vigorously denied by the commandant, as well as by the officers of the college, and also by the sergeants of the cadet battalion. The publication of the charge has caused much discussion among citizens generally, and is as stoutly maintained by some as it is denied by others. Meanwhile, the fact that Major-General Cameron was last week obliged to rusticate one of the sergeants of the aforesaid cadet battalion, makes very unpleasant medicine for those who aver that THE MILITARY GAZETTE'S charge was unfounded.

The first parade this season of the 14th P.W.O.R. was ordered for the evening of Monday, 27th ult., but such a small number of the rank and file turned out that the parade did not take place. "D" Company made the most creditable showing, having 30 men present. The other three companies were miserably represented. It is difficult

to account satisfactorily for this fizzle. The intended parade was the first ordered since the reorganization of the battalion was accomplished. A fairly large number of the men are in training at the special short course of instruction. No other event occurred that evening of sufficient importance or interest to attract the men from their duty. Where, then, lies the reason for the ridiculously slim attendance?

Gunner F. Day has been discharged from "A" Battery.

Capt. Eaton, Ottawa Field Battery, is taking a short course in fire discipline at Tete du Port Barracks.

Myles Cotton, son of Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., has applied for a commission in the Kingston Field Battery. He has served for a number of years in the 14th Batt., and had intended seeking a commission in that corps. He will make an excellent officer.

Lieut. Girouard, R.E., a graduate of the Royal Military College, is one of four Royal Engineer officers selected for service in Egypt.

The honorary members and the friends of the Sergeants' Mess of "A" Battery, tendered the staff sergeants and sergeants a complimentary smoking concert on the evening of Tuesday, 21st ult. The affair was a pronounced success.

The annual ball given by the R.M.C. cadets was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd ult. There was a very large attendance, and the function was eminently successful, Mrs. English received the guests on behalf of the cadets.

"D" Company, 14th Batt., has formed a company association. The president is Col.-Sergt. Lowe; vice-president, Pte. W. R. Tandy. The company armory will be furnished and fitted up as a meeting place for the organization.

VEDETTE.

THE CLASS AT SHERBROOKE.

SHERBROOKE, April 29.—The School of Instruction for Officers, which has been so successfully carried out, is now about to close. The work has been principally carried on by Sergt. Roberts, St. John's Infantry School. It is understood that the officers who have attended it will proceed to St. John's at the end of this week for special examinations. The officers who intend going are: Corples. E. Winch, Farwell, T. S. Somers; Lieuts. C. K. Fraser, J. P. Mills, W. B. Neil, J. J. Penhale, and A. Short.

Arrangements have not been definitely made as regards the celebration of the Queen's Birthday. It is expected that if the battalion does not leave that day, an invitation will be given to some other regiment to visit Sherbrooke.

The 53rd are working hard just now. They had three parades this week and well

attended. The recruit class, which is under the supervision of Sergt.-Major McAllister, is well attended.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, Eng., April 19.—The troops and authorized followers who took part in the Chitral expedition are to be presented with a medal and clasp, which is being struck to commemorate the operations on the frontier of India. The medal will be known as the "India Medal, 1895."

The Duke of Connaught, Major-General Sir Francis Grenfell, and other distinguished officers will leave about 8th of May for St. Petersburg to attend the coronation of Nicholas II.

The War Office has selected Major-General J. M. H. Maitland, C.B., late D.A.G., R.E. at headquarters, to represent that body in India in connection with the negotiations that are going on with regard to the employment of Imperial troops in India and the use of Indian troops out of India.

Football seems to have taken a great hold upon the army. It is now one of the recognized games and is becoming more and more popular. An army football association has been formed. Certainly there is no game that goes more towards the training of a soldier than football.

In addition to those British officers now serving in the Egyptian army, 39 have been applied for for special service with the expeditionary force on the Soudan frontier. Col. F. J. Kempster, D.S.O., Royal Munster Fusiliers, has had an offer of employment specially made to him. Col. F. J. Kempster was second in command of the Ashantee expedition.

The militia force is 600 officers under strength. Such is the state of matters culled from the recent returns. It is a serious matter that the second land defence should be placed in such position. It is claimed by some that the officers who retire on pensions should be compelled to take the high commands in the militia.

That the volunteer and militia forces act as splendid feeders to the regular army is shown from the fact that during the past five years 12,000 volunteers enlisted, and in the same period 69,013 militiamen joined.

When the Commander-in-Chief of the British army offers a challenge cup for cyclist volunteers, it is an indication that in the future the wheel will form not an unimportant part of the army. The competition will take place on May 2nd. Each team will be composed of eight men and an officer and will have to ride 44 miles before getting to the targets at Bisley, where each man will have to fire 10 rounds at 500 and 600 yards, and each man will fire 5 rounds independently. The rules of the competition have been drawn up by experienced riders, who