

### Prince Edward Island Rifle Association.

THE annual general meeting of the Prince Edward Island Provincial Rifle Association was held on the 4th inst., in the City Court-room. There was a fair attendance of members from the city. The president, Lieut-Colonel Irving, occupied the chair.

The minutes of the council for the past year were read, and the annual report of the association, with a statement of the finances by the treasurer, was submitted and adopted. The following gentlemen were elected officers of the association for ensuing year: President, Lieut-Colonel Irving, unanimously re-elected. Vice Presidents, Lieut-Colonel Francis Doherty, for Queen's County; Major F. S. Moore, for King's County; Captain E. MacDougall, for Prince County. Members of Council: Captains Passmore, Longworth, Henderson, Stewart and Weeks for Queen's County; Lieutenants Hooper and Davidson for Prince County; Lieutenants Stewart and White for King's County. Senator Carvell and L. H. Davies, Esq., M. P., were re-elected Members of Council of the Dominion Rifle Association for P. E. Island. Lieut-Colonel F. Doherty was unanimously chosen to command the inter-maritime team. This match will be shot this year on Bedford Range, near Halifax, on the second Thursday in June.

At a council meeting held immediately after the annual meeting, the president, Lieut-Colonel Irving, was elected chairman of council, and Major G. L. Doherty secretary-treasure.

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The April number of *The American Magazine* is rich in topics of the season. The peculiar ceremonies with which Moravians of Salem, N. C., celebrate Easter are described by Edward A. Oldham. The "boom, boom, boom," of the prairie-cock—a harbinger of spring—gives Hamlin Garland a theme for the third of his sketches of a farmer-boy's life in the West. Ernest E. Thompson presents in musical notation the song of the meadow-lark of Manitoba, and claims for that vocalist the highest order of merit. Equally appropriate are the stanzas "Mistress April" by Helen Chase, "My Pansies" by Nellie M. Garabrant, and "The Resurrection" by Margaret H. Lawless.

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Official information has been received at Ottawa that Sergeant-Major Baxter, 4th (Royal Irish) Dragoon Guards, has been awarded, by the War Office authorities, the medal for long service and good conduct. The many friends throughout Canada whom Sergt.-Major Baxter has made in connection with his duties as Regimental-Sergeant-Major of the Royal School of Cavalry, will all be pleased to hear of this merited mark of service recognition. —*Fredericton Capital*.

The annual inspection of No. 1 Battery of B. C. Brigade of Garrison Artillery, Capt. W. Norman Bole, and the Westminster Rifles, Capt. Scoullar, took place yesterday afternoon and evening. Major Peters, "C" Battery, Canadian Artillery, was the inspecting officer, and Capt. Jones, Paymaster Military District No. 11, was also present. The muster was a good one, and the men of both corps looked smart and clean. The different movements were executed with smartness and precision and bore testimony, not less to the untiring energy of the drill instructor, Sergeant D'Amour, "C" Battery, than to the aptitude and willingness of the men. —*Victoria, B. C., News Advertiser*.

The *News Advertiser*, published at Vancouver, B.C., had the following in its issue of the 4th inst., concerning a shooting man who, as he has been moved about from place to place, has been connected with corps in Ottawa, St. John, Toronto and elsewhere: "Mr. J. S. C. Fraser, the accountant of the Bank of Montreal, shortly to be opened here, has arrived from the East and is stopping at the Colonial Hotel. Mr. Fraser is an old Queen's Own man and a North-West veteran. He was wounded in the engagement at Cut Knife Hill between Col. Otter's column and the rebel Indians under Chief Poundmaker. He will be a great acquisition to the Royal city."

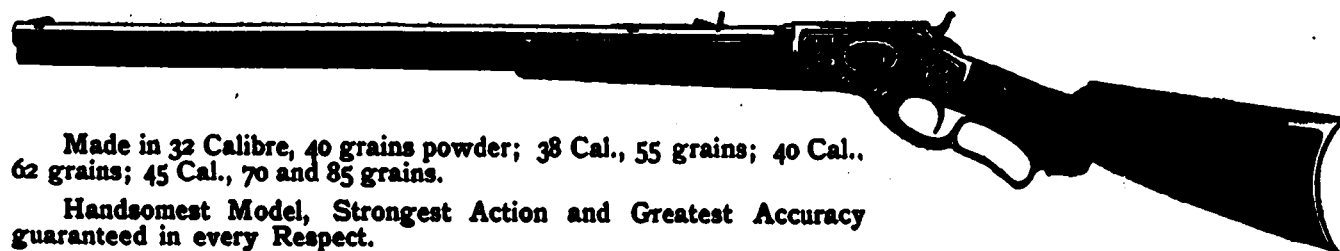
The Canadian remounts purchased by the Imperial authorities for the British army have given entire satisfaction. Notwithstanding the cry raised by the British agriculturists against the importation of Canadian horses for military purposes the War Office has commissioned Col. Goldie and Mr. John Keith to secure all the available remounts for cavalry purposes to be had in the Dominion. The farmers are thus afforded an excellent opportunity of selling to advantage animals adapted to purposes of war. The class of horses required are those fitted for light cavalry, heavy cavalry and heavy artillery mounts. Colonel Goldie is on his way to Toronto from Halifax. The address of Mr. Keith is No. 92 King street east. —*Empire*.

Speaking of the bill for the protection of the National Park, which has just passed the Senate by an unanimous vote, the *Forest and Stream* says, editorially: "If the bill can be brought before the House, and a vote can be taken on it, there is little doubt what the result will be. The practical men in Congress will not be slow to see the necessity of protecting the park and the wonders which it contains. When the question is brought before them they will realize the importance of saving from destruction the forests which clothe its rugged mountainsides, of enlarging it so that the streams upon which 600,000 square miles of territory depend for water may continue to pour out over the plains these waters without which the farmer cannot grow his crops. They will understand that the reservation must have some form of government, some machinery of justice, so that visitors to this beautiful region may feel as safe there as in any other quarter of our broad domain. If the bill comes to a vote in the House, we have little doubt as to its passage."

A History of the 62nd Fusiliers has lately been written by Major E. T. Strndee, and will soon be published by Messrs J. & A. McMillen in book form. The work will contain a complete history of the battalion, from the inception of the volunteer movement, some 30 years ago, with the officers of the companies and the principal events in which they took part; the provisions of the different militia acts will be given and a great deal of matter interesting alike to old members of the battalion, as well as to many who have lately been connected therewith. An appendix will contain a list of all the officers who have served in the corps from the beginning, together with the dates of commissions and services, and there will also be extracts from general orders regarding volunteer regulations, etc. The book will be octavo size and about 150 pages and in compiling the different items a great deal of research has been necessary in order to obtain correct information and to select facts interesting to the public. —*St. John Telegraph*.

Says the *Halifax Mail* of 2nd inst.: "Mr. Thomas Forbes, who has just retired from the position of senior clerk to the Assistant Adjutant General, which he has held for nearly 31 years, enlisted in August, 1840, in the 76th regiment (now the 2nd battalion West Riding Regiment, stationed at Bermuda), and rose to the rank of colour-sergeant and orderly-room clerk. In 1857, shortly before the embarkation of the regiment for England, he was transferred to the staff as senior clerk to the Assistant Adjutant-General, with the rank of Sergeant-Major, succeeding the late T. A. Anderson on his retirement, and has held the position ever since. It is worthy of note that Mr. Anderson and Mr. Forbes have held the situation between them 74 years. On the Queen's birthday in 1863, Mr. Forbes was presented with the medal for "long service and good conduct" by Lieut.-General Sir Hastings Doyle on parade on the common, and in 1865 he was discharged with a pension, being permitted to retain his clerkship as a pensioner. He now severs his connection with the army after a service of nearly 48 years."

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