

the elbow nearest the directing flank; men are constantly warned to take plenty of room—that is to say, touch is abandoned except for the march past.

With regard to the second change, Infantry Drill, 1889, Part VIII, S. 22, is not to be found, and it may safely be assumed that the omission is intentional.

We find the following remarks on the attack: "The normal front on which a company should attack may be considered as equal to half the number of men in it—*i.e.*, Company of 100 men about 50 paces, but this is only given as a general rule. The attack may be made, according to circumstances, on a front of greater or less extent, subject in the latter case to the invariable rule, that no more men shall be placed in the firing line than is consistent with the free use of their weapon—*i.e.*, about 30 inches per man. That portion of the enemy's position which it is intended to attack should be clearly pointed out, and the manner in which it is proposed to carry out the assault should be clearly explained by the Captain to all the officers, N.C.O.'s, and privates trained as leaders of fire units.

"1st Zone, 3,000—1,500 yards.—In this zone in open country the Company would probably find it most convenient to move with a fourth of its strength in an extended line, occupying the full front of the Company in line, with the remainder in support 200 to 300 yards in rear.

"2nd Zone, about 1,500 to about 800 yds.—During the advance over this zone, as opportunities offer for fire, and the firing line begins to suffer from the fire of the enemy, it should be strengthened by the addition of one or more sections, so that on reaching medium ranges, about 800 yards from the enemy, it should stand with half its sections in the firing line and half in support. The supports should be in single rank.

"3rd Zone, about 800 yards to position.—In this zone the advance must be carried out without hesitation, either by a general advance of the firing line, or by separate advances of sections, as may be best with reference to the intensity of the enemy's fire. The supports will be pushed closer to the firing line, quite close if the ground permits, and as casualties occur in the latter they must be replaced by an immediate advance of sections or sub-sections (*i.e.*, fire units,) from the support."

The names and the lengths of ranges are altered.

Compare —

Zone.	Description of Fire.	Limits.	Terms applied to range.
1	Useful Artillery.....	About 3,000 to 1,500 yards.....	Distant
2	Long Range Rifle.....	1,500 to 800.....	Long
3	(Collective.....)	800 to 500.....	Medium
	(Collective & Individual..)	500 to position.....	Decisive

with Infantry Drill, 1889, Part VIII., S. II., p. 326.

Of course, it is possible that changes may be made even in this part of the new book before it is finally issued.

REGIMENTAL.

A piece of good fortune has just come to a popular member of the Queen's Own Sergeants' Mess, Staff Sergeant D. W. Cameron, who is to be made Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Commons when Parliament next meets. The present Deputy is Lt.-Colonel H. R. Smith, of the 14th P.W.O.R., who is to be promoted. Mr. Cameron has for several years been clerk to the Conservative whips, and his popularity in that capacity has earned for him the higher office.

LT.-COL. WILKINSON'S FAREWELL.

Editor MILITIA GAZETTE:—

DEAR SIR,—Now on retiring from the command of the 21st Essex Fusiliers, I desire through the MILITIA GAZETTE to personally extend Major Guillot, the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment my grateful and heartfelt thanks for their zeal and faithfulness to the corps, and for so heartily sustaining me in the command of the regiment during my years of service. And we now have the proud satisfaction of knowing, and having it acknowledged by all military critics, that the 21st Fusiliers is the banner regiment of Military District No. 1, and a credit to the active force of the Dominion of Canada.

And I would now earnestly request the officers and men to rally round Major Guillot (every inch a soldier and gentleman) with the same fire and zeal they showed with me, and thus guard the laurels so well won, and move on to greater excellence. Maintain that *unity and esprit de corps* so essential to any military organization, and let the "valiant men in scarlet" stand by the brave "Old Flag"—the Union Jack—that so proudly floats over the grandest and best nation on earth.

My principal reason for retiring is that I expect soon to remove to the North-West Territory, or the Pacific coast. But wherever my lot may be cast, my warmest wishes will ever follow the gallant 21st Fusiliers; and I shall never forget my comrades-in-arms, nor the pleasant times we spent together in the "Tented Field" and elsewhere.

And now in closing I would express a wish, that an ever-green spot be kept in the memory of all for their old Commander. Farewell.

J. R. WILKINSON, Lt.-Col.

THE RIFLE.

The signal success of the representatives of the 21st Essex Fusiliers at the recent D.R.A. matches, has greatly heightened the interest taken in shooting by the members of that corps. Hitherto the little Martini practice done has been with Government rifles, but a supply of weapons of the best private make has just been ordered, so that if next year, as this four members of the 21st get into the Bisley hundred they may not be handicapped in competing for places on the team.

Lieut. W. R. Pringle, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, is making a business trip to the Maritime Provinces. He competed in and won a sweepstake match held by the Halifax riflemen at Bedford range on Saturday, 10th inst.

THE OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The twenty-first weekly spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club was held at Rideau Range on Saturday last, the 10th inst., with Martinis, at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The chief scores were as follows:—

H. McKay.....	29 33 27 80	T. Carroll.....	24 25 30 79
R. Moodie.....	30 31 27 88	Capt. Jamieson...	28 25 26 79
C. S. Scott.....	26 31 30 87	D. McMartin....	28 29 22 79
Capt. O'Grady....	30 25 31 86	Major Wright....	30 25 23 78
Capt. Rogers.....	23 32 30 85	Lt. Sutherland...	28 29 21 78
L. G. Perkins....	32 25 27 84	J. A. Armstrong..	24 28 24 76
G. A. Mailleuc...	23 30 30 83	G. L. Blatch.....	30 26 20 76
R. J. Taylor.....	26 27 29 82	J. H. Ellis.....	28 31 17 76
T. McJanet.....	23 29 28 80	R. Stewart.....	26 29 16 71

In a sweepstake match fired at 500 yards, 7 shots, after the spoon shoot was over, there were no less than three "possibles," these being by Messrs. Jamieson, Armstrong and O'Grady. The first named added three bulls, making 10 in all, and thus won the tie.

At the close of the firing in the regular match Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, Honorary Secretary of the Club, was treated to a pleasant surprise in the presentation to him of a handsome Webley Martini rifle as a token of