

News of the Service.

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Montreal.

Although the date is not yet fixed for the competition for the Duke of Connaught's flag it will very likely take place in June, and all reports to the contrary notwithstanding the Highland cadets will compete, a company of 32 files having been picked out, which will commence drill on Wednesday evening next, but as the drill programme has not yet been laid down, a great deal of work will have to be done in the dark.

Major-General Herbert's references, in his annual report, to the local volunteer corps, and especially to the Prince of Wales' Rifles, are exciting a great deal of comment in volunteer circles, and the officers of the Prince of Wales' Rifles are not all pleased. Col. Butler, commanding the regiment, said, "In 1891 we passed what I considered a good inspection, and the Major-General expressed himself as being satisfied. In 1892 the date was fixed for June, and we were ready for inspection then, but General Herbert himself postponed it until the autumn, so that the men had practically to go through two annual drills. Unfortunately the date of inspection fell on the day of the lacrosse match, and that accounted for the small number of men turning out. I believe I had as many men as the 6th Fusiliers, which won Sir Donald A. Smith's cup. In 1893 we were fifth in the Dominion, including target practice, and third in the list if target practice is left out."

The Montreal *Star* publishes the following: "Thomas Dunn, a private in company No. 4 of the 90th Battalion during the Northwest insurrection, is at present in this city, and having lately met with an accident which prevents him from working, at least temporarily, finds himself in straightened circumstances and in need of help."

The sergeants of the Sixth Fusiliers closed up the festive season April 24th by a social. It was held in the Garrison Artillery armory, which had been granted them for the occasion by

Lieut.-Col. Cole and his officers and men. The affair was a most enjoyable one, and the floor managers were Col.-Sergts. Morrison and Boyle and Sergt. W. Glover. Among those present were Lieut.-Col. Burland, Major and Mrs. Seath, Major and Mrs. Macaulay, Capt. Mitchell, Capt. McEwan, Capt. Findlay, and Lieuts. Wilson, Converse and Heriot.

The 20th annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Rifle association took place on Saturday evening, the 14th of April. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. president, F. I. Wanklyn, assist,



CAPT. KIRKPATRICK.—14TH BATT. PRINCE OF WALES
OWN RIFLES, KINGSTON, ADJUTANT BISLEY TEAM, 1894.

Capt. Kirkpatrick is son of the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario and at present is acting as Secretary to his father. His nomination is a tribute of the services rendered by his father to the Dominion Rifle Association and we feel confident he will acquit himself honorably of his duties as Adjutant.

mechanical superintendent G. T. R.; president, Mr. J. Dalrymple; vice-president, Mr. J. Walton; secretary, Jos. Ward; treasurer, Geo. Lavers; committee—S. Armstrong, L. Jehu, W. Irving, S. Farrar, M. O'Brien, J. Scott; trustees—J. Pitt, J. Laing, S. Farrar; auditors—J. W. Marks and J. Laing, jr.; representatives to M. A. R. A.—J. Ward and S. Armstrong.

Ottawa.

A number of the military members of the House, including Lieut.-Cols. Tyrwhitt, Prior, O'Brien, Amyot and Kaulbach, Majors McLennan and Huges, and Capt. James Sutherland had a friendly conference with Hon. J. C. Patterson and Gen. Herbert on matters of interest to the volunteers. The question of rations for the sum-

mer camps was discussed, and a change of diet was strongly urged. Bread and cheese for breakfast do not agree with all the volunteers, and it was suggested that butter or bacon be substituted for cheese. With regard to arms and equipment, the Minister said it was the intention to arm all the volunteers with the Martini-Metford before next year's camps. A specimen of the new weapon was exhibited to the members and greatly admired by them.

Colonel Turnbull, of the Cavalry school, Toronto, has been granted six months' leave of absence, his resignation to be accepted by the Militia Department at the end of that time.

The causes which brought this about, have not been made known.

An old soldier, who had been told that the colors of the 100th regiment were deposited in the library of the Dominion Parliament, was looking anxiously for those relics the other day. These fragments, for that is all that remain, are hardly visible to the naked eye until pointed out by the attendants, being practically concealed. Why not, asks the *Ottawa Citizen*, hang the remnants of honorable silk that remain in the Senate Chamber over the pictures of King George and Queen Charlotte? A plate recording the history of the formation of the regiment might, at the same time, be placed on the wall. The embodiment of the corps is an incident worthy of most honorable commemoration in Canadian history.

There is trouble among the members of No. 2 Company of the Governor General's Foot Guards, and matters have taken such a turn that the company may be dismantled of some of its most brilliant members, the crack shots who have always sustained the glory of the regiment among the corps of the Dominion. One of the officers is credited with the assertion that the shooting men of the company were a drawback. The parties against whom this charge has been laid are exceedingly dissatisfied and a number will probably quit the regiment. Number 2 Company was a very small one all last year and the secession of all the crack shots would reduce its strength considerably. The matter has raised quite an amount of discussion throughout the corps. Some of the dissatisfied shots will probably join the 43rd Battalion.

Mrs. Noble, the widow of late Major-General Noble, has been granted a sum of £2,000 by the War Office in recognition of her husband's services when Supt. of the Royal Gunpowder Factory at Waltham.