

Frederick Fitzpayne Manley, is permitted to retire retaining rank.

13th Battalion of Infantry, Hamilton O.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally William Leaper Ross, Gentleman, vice Thomas George Margetts, who retires from the service.

19th "Lincoln" Battalion of Infantry, St. Catharines, O.—To be Surgeon: Assistant Surgeon William Hamilton Merritt, M.D., vice William Dougan, deceased.

No. 2 Company, St. Catharines.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Colour Sergeant Howard Victor Pay, from No. 3 Company, vice George Frederick Peterson, who retires from the service.

25th "Elgin" Battalion of Infantry, St. Thomas, O.—2nd Lieutenant George Smith McCarter, retires from the service.

48th Battalion, "Highlanders," Toronto, O.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Charles Alexander Hugh Maclean, Gentleman.

57th Battalion of Infantry, "Peterborough Rangers," O.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Sergeant Frank Packingham, vice Charles Wallis Forbes left limits.

66th Battalion, "Prince Louise Fusiliers," Halifax, N.S.—To be Lieutenants: 2nd Lieutenants Guy Livingstone Mott, R.S.I., vice Charles Hay Stimpson, who resigns his commission, John Albert Geddie Harrington, R.S.I., vice E. H. Lewis, appointed to 21st Hussars, Frederic Drummond Henderson, R.S.I., vice Patrick Breifni Ternan who resigns his commission.

74th Battalion of Infantry, N.B.—No. 2 Company, Moncton.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Samuel Albert Watson, R.S.I., vice Angus McDonald, who is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

85th Battalion of Infantry, Q.—No. 3 Company, Laprairie: 2nd Lieutenant Alexandre Labelle, retires from the service.

BREVET.

To be Major; from 14th September, 1893: Captain William Thomas Howe, V.B., No. 3 Company, 71st Battalion.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

Lieutenant Joseph P. Landry, R.S.I.; No. 2 Company, 61st Battalion; from 8th July, 1893.

Lieutenant J. Alphonse Gilbert, R.S.I., No. 2 Company, 89th Battalion; from 8th July, 1893.

Lieutenant Francis Thomas Stacey, R.S.I., 25th Battalion; from 11th Aug. 1893.

Lieutenant Daniel Ernest Galbraith, R.S.I., 25th Battalion; from 17th Aug. 1893.

2nd Lieutenant Thomas Congdon, R.S.I., 15th Battalion; from 29th Aug. 1893.

2nd Lieutenant W. Albert McClean, R.S.I., No. 2 Company, 42nd Battalion; from 31st August, 1893.

2nd Lieutenant William Crozier Walsh, R.S.I., No. 1 Company, 26th Battalion; from 12th September, 1893.

Note.—The Confirmation of rank of 2nd Lieutenant P.G.P. Lea is dated 23rd June, 1893, and not as stated in G.O. 51 of 25th August, 1893.

Books and Magazines for Military Readers.

"Fire Discipline; its Foundation and Application."—This is the sufficiently explanatory title of a most interesting book by Lieut. Stewart Murray of the 1st Batt. Gordon Highlanders. The book does not come out a bit too soon. Even in the Imperial army it would appear to the student of the service magazines that there is a wide divergence of opinion as to the ground principles of fire discipline, and

discussion of certain details of such discipline are most decidedly apt to lead military readers away from a consideration of the general principles at the bottom of the system. Mr. Murray explains in his preface that, having been now for five years interested in the study of fire discipline, having painfully struggled through the several successive stages of thought on the subject, and having at length reached some settled conclusions, he thought it would not be amiss to try to supply a want which he himself had often felt, the want, namely, of "a body of doctrine," clearly setting forth the ground principles of fire discipline. The author, whose writing, by the by, possesses the merit of simplicity and lucidity, devotes his first chapter to an explanation of the causes which led to the adoption of the modern system of fire discipline, his summary of the results upon tactics of the Franco-German war, being at once interesting and clever. Any officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier will appreciate more fully his position and duty in the fighting line after reading the chapter in question. It will perhaps open the eyes of some people, who argue for the total abolition of "barrack square drill and other humbug," that the author of a book on the most essential part of modern loose tactics should devote one of his opening chapters to an able argument in favor of close order drill on the parade ground, preparatory to field training. Mr. Murray defines discipline as "the long continued habit by which the very muscles of a soldier instinctively obey the word of command." He says: "In battle the value of this habit is inestimable, all enduring, all conquering. This habit can only be learnt by strict close order drill on the parade ground. Strict close order drill on the parade ground is, therefore, a necessary foundation for fire discipline. What we require in fire discipline is, that under whatsoever stress of circumstances, danger and death, the soldier hears the word of command, his muscles, if not his mind, shall instinctively obey it. The first step in the building up of fire discipline is therefore the strictest barrack square drill, so that the muscles of the soldier may learn to indistinctly obey the word of command. For purposes of fire discipline, therefore, it is absolutely necessary that every single individual soldier, without exception (every possible atom of the pell-mell firing line) shall be thoroughly taught to hold himself, to handle his arms, to march and to turn in exact accordance with the book and with the greatest smartness, always and everywhere. Any carelessness in performing these motions should be instantly and always checked, and it shows that the muscles have not yet acquired the habit of instant instinctive obedience, that they are not yet sufficiently disciplined. Any such carelessness allowed in peace will bear most injurious fruit in battle when we require of the muscles an instant, absolute and instinctive obedience to the word of command." Of course, the author goes on to say that for purposes of fire discipline it is necessary that, while the muscles of the soldier are being trained to instinctive obedience on the barrack square, he should simultaneously be taken out into the country and taught the elements of work in the field, equal strictness and attention being there given to the instant smartness of all his motions. The headings of the succeeding chapters give a good idea of the ground covered: Musketry, The Bayonet, The Attack, The Pell Mell Line, Controlled Mass Fire, Fighting On By Himself. Altogether it is a splendid book for all in our service to read, treating in an easily understood way and in a most instructive manner of a subject of great importance which is naturally very perplexing to militiamen. Gale & Polden are the publishers, and the book, sold in England for two shillings, can be procured in Canada of T. Elliott, the Drill Hall, Montreal.

"Telling off and Posting a Picquet, with Notes and a Short Catechism on Outpost Duty. Also Notes and Plan of an Advance Guard for a Company," This is a pretty long title for the latest of Gale & Polden's six-penny manuals, but the title is the only cumbersome thing about the book. The author is Lieut. G. D'Arcy-Evans, of the 1st Batt. Royal Irish Rifles, author of the well known "Catch Questions in Infantry Drill." This little book gives the details for carrying out the general instructions given in the red book, and should save young officers and non-coms. a good deal of worry in deciding just what are the right words of command to be given to get a company strung out as an advance guard, for instance. Can be obtained of T. Elliott, Drill Hall, Montreal.

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"Attack Drill Made Easy In Accordance With The Newly Revised Infantry Drill." Poor Gordon will write no more hand books for military men, but he certainly kept up his rare faculty of elucidating knotty problems in drill to the last. It is but necessary for the average military reader to peruse the title, and knowing that the book is by William Gordon, to appreciate the nature of the contents. The various movements are illustrated with numerous diagrams. Gale & Polden are the publishers, and T. Elliott, the Drill Hall, Montreal has the book for sale.

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"Outing" for November is rich with the lore of sport in many lands. Football and yachting are, naturally, prominent features, and there are two complete stories, "Imagination," by Edward Fawcett, and "The Dunworth Crow," by E. J. Weyer. The number is a strong one, and, as usual, is finely illustrated. The contents are as follows: "Imagination," by Edgar Fawcett; "Wild Sports in Costa Rica," by J. J. Peatfield; "The Dunworth Crow," by E. M. Galley Ten Weyer; "Down the Teche in a Cat-rig," by A. B. Paine; "Lenz's World Tour Awheel;" "Football, Retrospective and Prospective," by Walter Camp; "Duck Shooting in California," by Bruce Douglas; "The Cradle of the English Cutter," by Capt. A. J. Kenealy; "Trapping and Home-made Traps," by Ed. W. Sandys; "A Fox-hunt on the Little Obod," by Minnie W. Armstrong; "The Government Scout," by Capt. Jack Crawford; "T. Am Racing," by S. Seville, Jr.; "The National Guard of Pennsylvania," by Capt. C. A. Booth; "The Victory of the Vigilant," by Capt. A. J. Kenealy, and the usual editorials, poems, records, etc.

The Old Colors of H. M. 99th Battalion.

Impressive Ceremony at Quebec, 23 years ago.

When Her Majesty's Imperial troops garrisoned Quebec, imposing parades were of frequent occurrence, such as the weekly trooping of colors on the Esplanade, but on the 21st June, 1870 an impressive and uncommon ceremony took place on that historic ground. On the return of the 69th from repelling the Fenian invasion on the Huntingdon frontier, H.R.H. Arthur, Duke of Connaught, then Lieutenant in the P.C.O. Rifle Brigade presented the Regiment with a new stand of colors. The relation of that, and also the after ceremony of depositing the old colors in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity will be an interesting reminiscence and perhaps a pointer for similar ones at the present time.

The 69th were drawn up in line at open order and received the Governor General, Prince Arthur, the Lieut. Governor and General Lindsay with a Royal salute. On the order to "Troop