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Notes and Comments

Alexander III Czar of Russia is dead and the world is now speculating as to the policy of his successor Nicholas II. On his temperament will hinge the peace of Europe and one may say that of the whole world.

The *Army Magazine*, published in Chicago, intimates to the Army and National Guard of our Cousins across the line that "the only way for them to be ever properly organized and equipped is for them to go gunning for what they want."

"Let us by comparing notes and study of the situation decide what we wish, and having that as the end constantly in view, camp on the trail of our legislators until they capitulate. In union there is

strength and in organization the only key to success. The interests of the service are nothing more or less than the real interests of the whole people."

This might have been written of Canada and its volunteers, so truly does it pen our situation.

Well, the MILITARY GAZETTE has cleared its decks for action and is ready to help as much as it can to find out what our volunteers want and then help them to get it.

One want we have found out, it is want of patriotism in the different legislative bodies that govern some of our provinces. So much has been spent in boodling and electioneering in some provinces that the provincial Rifle Associations cannot be allowed a few hundred a year, to help them in their work of training our volunteers in the skillful use of their weapons

Quebec and New Brunswick are the poverty stricken ones.

Nova Scotia allows her association \$300.00 a year.

New Brunswick nothing,

Quebec nothing.

Ontario \$1000.00.

Manitoba?

British Columbia \$800.00

Volunteers all through Canada will have heard with relief that the rumor that Capt. "Gat" Howard had been drowned in a storm off the Labrador coast was unfounded.

We ourselves thought it would take more than an ordinary storm to drown the gallant Captain.

"Sabreur" in a letter to the *Empire* claims that "A History of Cavalry" the work of Lt.-Col. George T. Denison, is but little known in this country. As a matter of fact, we believe the edition is entirely out of print, but it is likely that we may soon hear of another edition. There is no doubt many a cavalry officer who would like to own a copy of this most valuable and interesting work.

In England as with us volunteer officers are hard to find. In Canada it is especially in the case of the City Battalions, that the expenses of an officer are very high, it costing no inconsiderable amount in any of our cities to keep up a commission—and there is no doubt that many good officers are lost to the force on this account. An English officer suggests the following as a remedy for the end.

Major Hugh Clutterbuck, of the 1st Somerest Volunteer Battalion, suggests that the capitation grant might be increased to £7 10s., the extra £5 being placed in a separate fund. From this fund Major Clutterbuck proposes that junior officers joining for three or five years should be given a grant towards their clothing expenses, and a certain sum might be allowed towards marches out for companies or to lessen the mess expenses. If a young man left before the three or five years were over or failed to make himself efficient, he would have to pay back the sum or portion of the amount which had been advanced to him.

We do not ourselves see the feasibility of this scheme, but we do think that a volunteer's outfit is at present very needlessly expensive. It is our opinion that one parade and one fatigue uniform, this latter