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## COMMANDANTS TO BE BANQUETED.

**M**ONTREAL, Sept. 14, 1896—Capt. Lee, professor of military history, Royal Military College, is to deliver a lecture on "Mobilization," to the officers of this district in camp on Thursday, the 24th. It is expected that other officers of the district will avail themselves of the opportunity.

The officers in charge of the camp at Laprairie are: Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G.; supply officer, Lieut.-Col. Mattice; brigade major, Capt. Macdougall, R.R.C.I.; inspector of musketry, Capt. Fages, R.R.C.I.; camp quartermaster, Capt. Collins; 2nd R.C.A.; P.M.O., Surgeon-Major Mayrand. Everything is in the most complete order.



Sergt.-Instructor Fellowes on Friday night started to drill 100 men of the 2nd R.C.A., who are to take part in the annual Dominion artillery competition at Quebec. It is expected that they will go down on the 22nd. The men

mean to make a hard fight for premier position in gun drill.

A detachment of the Canadian Dragoons, Toronto, arrived here on Thursday night. They paraded at the Armory Friday morning. The detachment consists of 20 non-coms. and men and one officer.

The men belonging to Montreal who were on the Shoeburyness team arrived home last week. They speak very highly of the manner in which they were treated while on the other side. The programme laid down for "doing" London was a large one, and took in everything of interest. While at Windsor they were accorded special privileges, for Her Majesty had given orders that the Canadians were to be treated with the utmost respect. The principal theatres were visited, the Tower of London, the Royal Mint, St. James' and Buckingham Palaces. The men speak very highly indeed of their treatment while in England, and say that the English people seemed to vie with each other as to who would do the most for them. Speaking as to their winning of the Queen's

Cup, one of the members said that he never saw such feeling as was shown by the defeated teams. After it was over they appeared to be as well pleased as if they had won it themselves, and showed the true feeling of good fellowship.

A meeting of the officers of the Montreal Canadian Artillery, was held on Tuesday night to consider as to the advisability of giving a reception to Lieut.-Col. Cole on his return. It was agreed to ask the co-operation of the officers of the other city corps in having a combined affair so that the commandant of the Bisley team, Col. Starke, might also be honored. Nothing definite has yet been decided, but it is more than likely that the banquet will take place about the latter end of September, when Lieut.-Col. Starke, 3rd Victoria Rifles, commandant; Major Bruce, 10th Royal Grenadiers, adjutant, and Capt. Wilson, 3rd Victoria Rifles, quartermaster of the Bisley team, and Lieut.-Col. F. Minden Cole, 2nd R. C. A., commandant, and Capt. Myles, Toronto Field Battery, adjutant of the Shoeburyness team, will be the guests. To honor these gentlemen is but a fitting finish to the success which has followed these teams of the two different branches of the service. It is also deserved owing to the very great importance which has been given to Canadian military and other matters. Among those who will be invited are: Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, (who will be asked to preside), His Excellency the Governor-General, Major-General Montgomery-Moore, Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's forces in Canada; Major-General Gascoigne, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian militia; Col. the Hon. M. Aylmer, A.G.; Col. Lake, Lieut.-Cols. Irwin, Montizambert and Cotton and many other officers of the headquarters staff. It is expected that although this will be, to a large extent, a military affair, many of the commercial men will give it their active support. The people in the Old Country have done much for our representatives, and surely the metropolitan city of Canada will not be behind in honoring her representatives, who have done so nobly in competing with the men of the service in Great Britain.

On Friday week quite a large crowd visited the drill shed for the purpose of witnessing the Highland Cadets go through their annual inspection by Lieut.-Col. Strathy, Royal Scots. They did their work well and presented a very good appearance. Their work was really a credit to so young a corps. At the close Lieut.-Col. Strathy complimented them and stated that in the absence of Mayor Wilson-Smith, the cup would not be presented until some afternoon during the Exhibition.

On Saturday week the Montreal Field Battery performed its annual firing practice on the Lower Lachine road. Major Hooper was in command and Lieut.-Col. Wilson, Quebec, superintended the practice.

The Royal Scots are to be commended for inaugurating a movement which will have a great effect, if followed up, in keeping the