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DOINGS AT HEADQUARTERS.

OTTAWA, April 18.—Major Bliss has been appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, and, in consequence, the command and equipment of the 2nd Field Battery has been handed over to Capt. Eaton.

A large muster of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Companies of the G.G.F.G. assembled on Tuesday night, the 14th inst., and were put through some hard work. Fifteen recruits joined the regiment.

Referring to the 43rd Regiment, Capt. Hutchison is filling up his new company with members of the Ottawa Athletic Club, and, we believe, has succeeded in recruiting about 25. Lieut. Watters has not been quite so successful, but has a fair complement. Non-commissioned officers have been appointed. Preparations are being made to find room for the two new companies for drill, as at present there is some difficulty about this matter. Capt. Sutherland has succeeded Paymaster Major Parker, and Lieut. Boville has taken command of "A" Company. Col.-Sergt. J. F. Horcum, of "A" Company, has resigned and Sergt. J. F. Garrow, of "A" Company, has been transferred as Col.-Sergt. to Lieut. Watters' Company.

General and Mrs. Gascoigne spent Easter at Niagara and Toronto, getting back to Ottawa on the 11th inst., and on the 16th the General went to Montreal to look into the affairs of the Royal Scots and also to inspect officially the Temporary Military School—the school he was so pleased with when at Montreal last month.

The Council of the Dominion Artillery Association approved the draft put before

them at the meeting on April 1 last, and they have instructed Major Donaldson to arrange and carry out the project of sending Canadian artillerymen to Shoeburyness for the current year, provided the ways and means are found available. It was decided to leave the appointment of the adjutant to the Executive Committee, but a general feeling was evinced that a selection should be made from the Canadian artillery, and not from the permanent corps as heretofore. We think this is a step in the right way, and trust that nothing will hinder the artillery from their English trip.

The Dragoon Guards deserve great credit for their really hard work during the past winter. This is the first winter the regiment have done this. The drills were voluntary and took place every Tuesday, and the average attendance—out of a total complement of 35 men and three officers—was 27. This is an excellent average, and it is pretty clear that Major Gourdeau's regiment intends to be the first cavalry regiment in the Dominion. Tuesday they put in one of the best drills of the season, Major Gourdeau, Lieuts. Scott and Elliot being present, and the men being divided into three squads, were drilled by Sergt. Major Powell, Sergts. Clarke and King.

The Venezuelan affair and President Cleveland's circular have done wonders for the Canadian militia. Canada is about to be armed with the best of rifles. The artillery is to receive a new equipment and the latest field gun, and recently a plan for the mobilization of the forces has been issued by the G.O.C. The Major-General desires that all officers will make themselves thoroughly acquainted with the general principles laid down and carefully consider how the arrangements indicated could, in case of necessity, be carried out in the shortest space of time. These regulations are short but to the point, and when carried out will prove of the greatest use in any sudden emergency.

The G.G.F.G. will visit Perth on the Queen's Birthday. Church parade will be held on the Sunday and the colors will be

trooped on Monday. The 43rd go to Pembroke, but the Dragoon Guards do not intend leaving Ottawa that day.

Joseph Wilson, late of the G.G.F.G., who died in this city on the 3rd inst., was a true example of what a soldier ought to be, and many in the Dominion may take a lesson from his life. He enlisted in the artillery in 1856 and served right through the Indian Mutiny, being wounded three times and fighting in many engagements. He joined the 100th in 1860 and left the Service in 1870. In 1881 he went up the Nile with the Canadian voyageurs, and it was only last year that the English Government granted him a pension, which pension he was not permitted to enjoy for any length of time.

An Act has been introduced in the House of Commons to make further provision respecting grants of land to members of the militia who served in the Northwest campaign of 1885, which in effect extends the time during which those entitled to it may apply for free homesteads or scrip.

The Militia Department is calling for tenders for supplies for the permanent force of necessaries, barrack stores and camp equipment, consisting of boots, socks, underclothing, shirts, razors, brushes, etc.; rugs, sheets, corn brooms, etc.; blankets, water-proof sheets, marquees, saddlery, numnahs. The contract for boots is for three years from July 1, 1896, and other articles for one year.

YET ANOTHER POLITICAL APPOINTMENT.

QUEBEC, April 13.—The six-inch B. L. gun, which has for some time occupied a position in the drill hall has been removed and shipped to British Columbia for the fortifications. It is hoped the other one will shortly be sent forward in order to provide more room for the infantry. The present condition of the streets rendered the work of removal of the gun to the station a most difficult one and took a large detachment of the Royal Canadian Artillery, under the command of Major R. W. Rutherford.

The R.C.A. Snowshoe Club, which did