

for a return that will prove interesting reading matter. He wants to know how much money was spent during the last ten years under the following heads :

A. Permanent Militia—

1. Headquarter and District Staff.
2. Royal Military College and Staff.
3. Permanent Force, including expenditures on buildings erected and repaired, intended for their use, and which would not be required for the Active Militia alone.
4. Ammunition Factory at Quebec, staff, etc.

B. Active Militia—

1. Rifle ranges and ammunition supplied.
2. Drill shed and armories.
3. Clothing.
4. Pay of rural corps, including camps.
5. Pay of city corps.

C. List and value of property of all kinds handed over by the Imperial Government on the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from Canada.

D. List of above property since sold or otherwise disposed of, and value realized.

E. List of remaining property now held by the Government in Canada, with its present value.

No. 1 Company, Governor-General's Foot Guards, is apparently trying to become a naval as well as a military organization, as it has purchased the yawl-rigged yacht, Gauntlet of Britannia, and will use her on Lake Deschenes during the coming summer. It is proposed that the crew wear red sweaters, with the G.G.F.G. crest on the breast.

A Cobourg deputation waited on the Minister of Militia Thursday to ask for the construction of a drill hall at that point. It is the headquarters of the 40th, and there is a troop of the P.W.D. there.

### SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

**K**INGSTON, Mar. 14.—For some time past the great necessity for the establishment in Kingston of a school of instruction, at which officers and non-coms of the local militia corps, and of those of surrounding districts, could qualify for their respective ranks, has been painfully apparent. It has not always been possible for those desirous of qualifying to enter the permanent schools when their private affairs offered the opportunity, and the local corps has labored under a great disadvantage on this account. At last, however, the difficulty is to be removed. A deputation of officers of the 14th Batt., accompanied by several of their brothers in arms of the 43rd Batt., waited on the Minister of Militia and urged upon him the benefit to be derived from the establishment here of a school of instruction. So well was their case presented that the Minister granted their request, and in a few days the first class will be formed. The instructors, an officer and two non-coms are to be supplied by the Toronto company of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, and the classes will meet in the 14th Battalion Armory in Artillery Park. The hours at which instruction will be given have not yet been fixed, but it is proposed that the classes shall meet at 9 a.m., 4 p.m., and 7 p.m., for an hour's work each time. This arrangement would give officers and non-coms a better chance to attend than if the time of instruction were made continuous. Neither the class

for officers nor that for non-coms will receive instruction in battalion drill; the course is to be confined to "the company"—company drill, interior economy, etc. If it could be arranged, a short course in "field training" would prove of inestimable practical benefit to both officers and non-coms. This is a branch of instruction that, in the ordinary drill, receives not the slightest attention, yet it is a most important subject. In case of active service, the man who knows how to go about the construction of a shelter trench, the defence of a bridge, a defile, or a wood, might be the means of rendering his country a priceless service by the practical application of his knowledge.

The establishment of the school of instruction here will greatly facilitate the formation of the proposed "city company" of the 47th Batt. as the one obstacle to the success of the scheme so far has been the difficulty of obtaining good officers. Several citizens were deterred from applying for commissions in the company by the impossibility of leaving their business for three months in order to qualify. This difficulty will now be removed, and we may expect to see the new company boom. A meeting of those interested is to be held shortly to take the initial steps towards organization.

A squad of men from "A" Battery, in charge of a non-com., will in future patrol the principal streets of the city on the nights of pay days at the barracks. The Artillerymen—the roustering spirits among them at least—have been in the habit of "getting jolly" after receiving their pay, and several disturbances have occurred in consequence. The patrol will arrest all Artillerymen found misconducting themselves.

In future the bugle band of the 14th Battalion, P.W.O.R., will consist of six buglers only.

The sentence of the court martial that tried Gunners Day, Kenny and Turner, of "A" Battery, for desertion, has been confirmed. Each offender gets 84 days' imprisonment, Day's term being reduced by 28 days, as the offence was his first.

Leslie Gray, who was recently discharged from "A" Battery, having been rendered unfit for military duty by an injury to his spine received while "skylarking" with a comrade, died in the General Hospital here last week, after undergoing a surgical operation for his injury.

Capt. Cochrane, R.E., R.M.C., delivered an illustrated lecture on the "New Photography" to a large audience in the Y.M.C.A. hall a few evenings ago.

Gr. Hall deserted from "A" Battery on the night of Monday, 2nd inst.

Br. McCully is acting provost-sergeant, and fits the position to a nicety.

Major Drury, commanding "A" Battery, has been laid up with la grippe for some days. Capt. Hudon has temporary charge of the corps. The major is a can-

didate for the wardenship of the penitentiary here.

Major L. W. Shannon, of Ottawa, was in the city last week.

Capt. Hora, of the 14th Battalion, has been elected a member of the Council of the Ontario Rifle Association. Capt. Cartwright, of the 47th, is secretary.

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### A VISIT TO THE CARTRIDGE FACTORY.

**Q**UEBEC, March 13.—The Hon. A. Desjardins, Minister of Militia and Defence, accompanied by Col. C. E. Panet, the Deputy Minister, were in the city, and made an inspection of the Government cartridge factory. They were received by Capt. F. M. Gaudet, the superintendent, and Mr. De L. Panet. The factory was seen in full operation. A visit was then paid to the laboratory on the Cove Fields and afterwards to the Citadel, where the Minister was received by Lieut.-Cols. C. E. Montizambert and J. F. Wilson.

The Minister was entertained at lunch at the Garrison Club by some of the officers of the district. Among others were present: Lieut.-Cols. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G.; C. E. Montizambert, R.C.A.; J. F. Wilson, R.C.A.; Geo. R. White, 8th Royal Rifles; Majors A. A. Farley and R. W. Rutherford, R.C.A.; T. S. Hethrington, Q.O.C.H.; B. A. Scott, 61st Batt.; Deputy Surgeon-Major C. C. Sewell, R.C.A.; Capt. F. M. Gaudet and W. E. Imlah, R.C.A.; and Mr. H. C. Thacker, R.C.A.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars have lost Regimental Sergt.-Major John G. Gore. He was buried with military honors. The gun carriage was furnished by "B" Battery and the Q.O.C.H. supplied the band. The firing party was in charge of Troop Sergt.-Major McWilliam. The pall-bearers were: Reg. Troop Sergt.-Major Bertrand, 1st Field Battery; Reg. Sergt.-Major Trudel, 9th Batt.; Troop Sergt.-Major Ford and Sergt. Barrow, of the Q.O.C.H.; Quartermaster-Sergt. Timmons and Ambulance-Sergt. Griffith, 8th Royal Rifles. Among others in attendance were: Major T. S. Hethrington, Capt. R. E. W. Turner, Capt. Clint and Surgeon Elliott, of the Q.O.C.H.; Major J. S. Dunbar, 8th Royal Rifles, and Capt. Jos. Ouellet, 9th Batt.

On the afternoon of the 24th of February, Sergt. Percy Back, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, shot himself in his quarters in the Citadel. He had quarters by himself in a small building between the hospital and the stables. When he failed to turn up at supper at the sergeants' mess, some of his friends went in search of him. They found him lying on the floor, dead, with the top of his head blown off. Across his legs was his rifle. The inquest resulted in a verdict of suicide while laboring under a fit of tempor-