

been in favor of sending more troops, and the delay was caused through the statements, made by British officers, that a sufficient force was at their command. Unless hostilities soon cease it is expected that the King's Royal Rifles will shortly be forwarded to the Cape.

The Commander-in-Chief during his official visit to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst, in addressing the students, said: "You must not suppose that donning the red coat means the putting aside of books. While continuing your book learning, you must also let the men that are under you feel that in the saddle, cricket field and sports grounds their officers are at least their equal, and that as comrades they are with them in the spirit of the profession, although holding superior rank."

In view of the fact that the Military Manœuvres Bill has not yet passed the House, the extensive army manœuvres will not be held. And the Secretary for War and Commander-in-Chief have decided that the manœuvres this year will be held in the vicinity of Aldershot at the time when the large force of militia ordered to camp are there. There will be 17 battalions of that branch of the service due to arrive about August 10. A sum of \$5,000 has been allotted for extra expenses. There will be in all about 40 battalions assembled.

The Duke of Saxe Coburg-Gotha presented new colors to the Plymouth Division of the R. M. L. I. on July 3.

"A useless toy," as the Maxim rifle was called a few years ago, is now considered to be one of the most important parts of an army outfit. The Indian contingent has with it in the Soudan several of these guns, and 10,000 rounds for each.

Over £20,000 was received at the Royal Military Tournament, and it is expected that £3,500 will be handed over to the Commander-in-Chief for distribution among the military charities. Lord Methuen and his committee are to be congratulated on the satisfactory results of their efforts.

It seems to be generally understood that the new Martini-Metford is a success and ahead of the Lee-Metford. This is the general opinion about the Horse Guards.

Lieut.-Cols. Cotton and Gordon, and Major Roy have arrived at Aldershot and have been attached to Major-General Bengough's 1st Infantry Brigade, for a special course of instruction during the drill season.

Deputy Surgeon-General Ryerson has been appointed representative in Canada of the National Society for the Sick and Wounded in War—British Red Cross. Its functions differ from those of the St. John's Ambulance Association.

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#### TOURNAMENT AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, July 15.—Lieuts. Boulton and Mowbray, 1st C.A., were married on the 17th ult. They received the hearty congratulations and good wishes of their brother officers.

On June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2, 3 and 4 the military gave a grand tournament in connection with a nautical fair held for the purpose of raising funds in aid of the Sailors' Home. The tournament was a splendid exhibition of what Tommy Atkins can do in the gymnastic line. There was physical drill with arms and bayonet exercise by the Berkshire Regiment; physical drill without arms, dumb bell exercise and fancy marching by the R.A. The gymnasium staff, assisted by 20 of their selected pupils, gave a splendid exhibition of swordsmanship, bayoneteering, horizontal bar work, club swinging, vaulting the horse, somersaulting, forming fancy pyramids, etc. At the conclusion of all these a mimic war was participated in by the combined troops of the garrison, each branch being employed in performing the duties pertaining to their own arm of the service. The Soudan was selected as the seat of war, a large number of the Berks. being faultlessly dyed as Arabs. The Arabs being away in the distance gave the Tommies a chance to show what camp life on active service was like. In a twinkling tents were raised, camp fires lighted, dinners under way, smoking their pipes all the while and cracking the timeworn barrack-room jokes, the Royal Engineers throwing up earthworks by filling facines and bags full of sand, and thus forming a defence against musket fire. The artillery were busy running up into firing position their Maxim gun, and the Medical Staff Corps preparing their stretchers, bandages, etc. As soon as the defence was complete, the postman arrived with "letters from home," which was very amusing. The letters being perused by those lucky enough to receive one, a song was called for, when a very capable quartette, as they lay on the sands, sang one of the good old timers. The song being over, the outposts gave the alarm, and engaged with the advanced Shieks. The usual melee then ensued, many falling in the bloody fray! Those of the British who fell were soon attended by the Medical S. C., using their rifles as long splints for the leg. Some of the ladies became frightened at the closeness of the rifles to their new cotton dresses. The firing of the Maxim was much admired by all present. Well, Tommy Atkins soon proved his superiority, and was soon seen dragging his captive Arab along with more force than deportment, and thus ended a very amusing as well as instructive affair. Altogether the affair was certainly the best

ever witnessed at this station, and the troops engaged deserved the highest praise for the manner in which each part of the programme was carried out, and if applause is any indication of approval they received enough of it.

On Dominion Day the troops in garrison lined the ramparts of the Citadel and fired a feu de joie; the 1st C. A. fired the royal salute from 9-pdr. R.M.L. guns. At the termination of the salute Gen. Moore inspected the detachment of the 1st C. A. whilst still in action on their guns. I am told he expressed himself as well pleased with their appearance, etc.

The three city corps have been inspected, and mustered for the four days' pay from last year. The musters in all three corps were large, and our D.A.G., Col. Irving, who, by the way, is an accomplished orator, expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw. He also, in very patriotic language, exhorted every officer, N.C.O. and man in the force to exert himself to bring the force of this district to the tip-top of efficiency.

The part, if any, which the military are to take in the carnival is still hanging fire, nothing definite being yet known.

Quartermaster-Sergt. Wilson, Army Service Corps, a staff clerk in the Imperial Brigade office, was on the 9th inst. tried by district court martial and sentenced to be reduced to the ranks and imprisoned for 56 days' hard labor. The charge proven against him was forging an officer's name for \$9. He had 19 years' service, all of which is now wasted.

I was glad to see by the last G.O. that Gravelcrusher's suggestion was met half way by authorizing the issue of numerals to the field batteries. Why not give them to the garrison as well? Of course, there would be a little difficulty in numbering the companies, but Gravelcrusher in a previous issue pointed out how that difficulty could be overcome. There is no excuse whatever why numerals should not at once be granted to the regiments, as there is no difficulty whatever in the way, except the habit the Militia Department has got into of always doing things by halves.

Major Weston and Sergt. Keating having made the first and second highest aggregates in the 66th P.L.F. in the League matches, they are respectively the owners of the gold and silver badges for the 66th Battalion. Major Weston had 339 and Sergt. Keating 261.

On Dominion Day a match took place on the Bedford ranges, Halifax, between teams from the Truro and Halifax Rifle Clubs. The Truro riflemen were victorious with a score of 804, the home team making 702. A scratch team of Halifax riflemen, who