

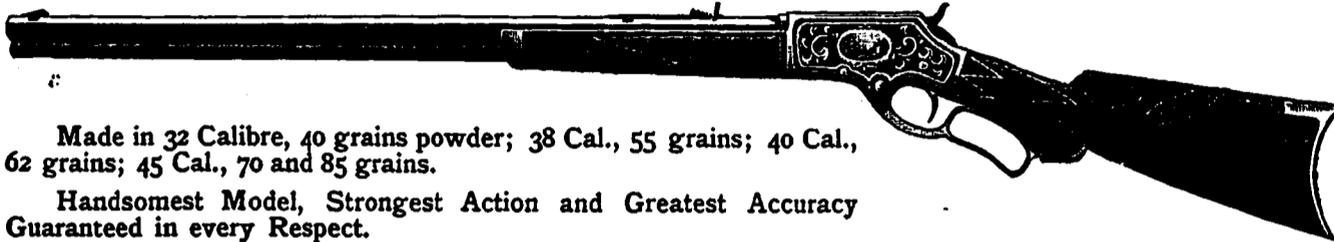
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DISTRICT STAFF APPOINTMENTS AND BATTALION RANK.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—A major in a battalion of Canadian militia is appointed to the permanent staff of his district. Query: How does such appointment affect (if at all) his former rank and position in the battalion? Perhaps some of your informed correspondents can give a reliable answer to this question.

6th September, 1887.

V. B.

The Target.

Belleville.—A fair number of competitors attended at the annual matches of the 15th Batt. Argyle Light Infantry, held at Belleville on Monday. The top prizes in each match were in cash, the remainder in kind. The winners were as follows:

1. Battalion Match.

200, 400 and 500 yards, five rounds at each. Position, standing at 200 yards, kneeling at 400.

\$8 Lieut Vermilyea.....	61	Pte Landon	34
7 Lieut Munro.....	52	Col-Sergt McRae.....	30
6 Corpl Hulme	48	Sergt McFarlane	30
Lieut Donald	46	Sergt Mills	29
Capt Ponton.....	46	Capt Keuny	27
Capt Pope	38	Corpl Gibson	26

2. Association Match.

200, 500 and 600 yards, five rounds. Position at 200 yards, kneeling.

\$9 Lieut Vermilyea.....	66	Capt Pope.....	33
8 Capt Ponton.....	54	Corpl Hulme.....	32
7 Sergt McFarlane	39	Corpl Jellet	28
4 Capt Kenny.....	39	Pte Landon	28
Lieut Donald	38	Corpl Gibson.....	27
Lieut Munro.....	37	Corpl Sills.....	23
Col-Sergt McRae.....	33		

3. Aggregate Match.

Highest aggregates in matches 1 and 2.

D R A medal and \$5.		\$7 Lieut Munro	89
Lieut Vermilyea	127	Lieut Donald	84
O R A medal and \$4.		Corpl Hulme	80
Capt Ponton.....	100		

4. Martini-Henry Match.

500 and 600 yards, five rounds.

\$5 Lieut Donald.....	32	Lieut Vermilyea.....	28
4 Capt Ponton.....	32	Lieut Munro.....	26

A silver napkin ring presented by J. W. Walker to the competitor making most bulls eyes in matches 1 and 2, was won by Lieut. Vermilyea with 5.

A case of IXL, presented by H. Corby, divided between the two competitors making the highest aggregates in matches 1, 2 and 4, went to Lieut. Vermilyea, 155, and Capt. Ponton 130.

A happy ending to a very romantic courtship occurred last Friday in the marriage of Miss Isabel Ferguson, of England, late nurse in the London, hospital, to Duncan McDonald, of Little Bras d'Or, N.S. McDonald was one of the Nile voyageurs from Canada, and bravely remained to nurse the late Col. Kennedy when down with the most virulent type of small-pox in London. Taken with the disease himself, Miss Ferguson was the nurse who attended him through his illness. An attachment was there formed and an engagement followed, which was happily not affected by the great distance between them after McDonald's arrival home. Miss Ferguson arrived Friday morning from London, and the couple were quietly united in marriage in the afternoon at the manse, Sydney mines. They will reside at Little Bras d'Or.

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Gleanings.

The following is from the Charlottetown, P.E.I., *Examiner* of the 31st ult:—"A very strong feeling of indignation is entertained by the artillerymen of this province, and of the maritime provinces generally, because their teams have been refused railway passes to Quebec to attend the grand artillery competition about to be held there, though free passes were given members of the Dominion rifle association attending the rifle competition now being held at Ottawa. The men say they have been unfairly and scurvily treated. They think their services just as arduous and of quite as much importance to the government as those of the riflemen; and why they should be snubbed while the others are favored they cannot understand. We own to a great deal of sympathy with the feelings of the artillerymen in this matter. They give, freely, a large amount of time to drill, and to preparing themselves for active service whenever their country may demand it; they wield a most important arm of the department of militia and defence, and on these grounds are entitled to every courtesy and favor which can be extended by the government without absolute loss to the public. But it is disheartening to find that their services and their importance are regarded as so much less valuable than those of riflemen. The discrimination against them seems to be unnecessary in the interests of the public, and unjust. We therefore hope it will be removed."

Recently some very important and interesting experiments have been made at Lydd camp. Besides shell practice at a concrete fort specially constructed, an experiment was made by Capt. Hawkins, R.E., with a new and ingenious method of working electric search light. The object sought to be attained was to be able to work the search lights under the fire of the rifles and Gardner guns of an enemy. The engine and apparatus which worked the light were placed under a casement about 200 yards from where the light was actually seen. The light was so arranged as to be under cover and to throw the rays on to a reflector on the top of a parapet, by means of which the country all around was scoured. The reflecting disc had a diameter of 22 inches, and it was found that although it was struck by bullets several times the damage to the reflector was practically nil, the reflecting power being only diminished by the area of a bullet hole. The reflector was worked by four temporary guy ropes divided equally round its surface, two to give depression or elevation, and the other two for lateral direction, the whole of these movements of course being worked from the casement. The difficulty in shooting at this bright light was found to be very great indeed, as aim could only be taken through a dark piece of oiled paper placed over the foresight. Ten riflemen of the East Surrey regiment, under Lieut. Birch, and a Gardner gun in charge of Lieut. English were brought to bear upon this light. Several hundred rounds were fired at a range of 1,000 yards and a similar fusilade made at 500 yards. It was found after two hours' sharp firing that the reflector had been struck fifteen times without being seriously damaged. The light was shown at intervals of about a minute only. At a former experiment it was found that under similar conditions the reflector was struck four times by the Gardner gun only. The Royal engineers have also commenced a series of balloon experiments. A captive balloon was held at a distance of 1,000 feet or more from the earth, and observations made on range firing. Some very interesting photographic experiments have been made from a small balloon which ascends to a height of about four hundred feet. The cap is removed from the camera by an ingenious process, and after the balloon has remained in the air a few minutes, it is hauled down with a photograph of the surrounding country beneath. A captive balloon is being moored on the sea-shore at Dungeness, and experiments are to be made by firing shrapnel shell at it.