

out to the usual position, but three paces in front. On the word "officers dress," from the instructor in company, or the senior major in battalion, officers will recover swords, on the word "steady" they will carry swords. When officers are to take post, the word will be, "officers take post," on which (without recovering) the captain and subaltern in the centre will turn to the right, the subaltern on the left to the left, and move at once to their places. The majors will take their places on the flanks of the line of officers as they move out.

**PROVING COMPANY.**—Strike out "open order" and "close order." The ranks being 60 inches apart, the arms of rear rank can be examined without closing up. Strike out "Nos. —, left of sections, strike out the orders to "outer and inner" sections. The forming of fours and groups as above will take the place of the paragraphs relating to fours in the F.E.

**Note.**—As the rules as to fours are new to the men, it may be as well to turn the men about, and make them form four-deep, according to the formula in both directions, so that they may understand the principle. When they have done this once or twice it will be only necessary to form fours once so as to see that they know their pairs.

**GENERAL RULE.**—At all occasions of drill, the men must be alternately exercised in parade drill and action drill. In the one they must be moved in strict formal manner, hands kept steady, and carefully maintained accuracy of dressing. In the latter the men will always stand easy when halted, will move with perfect freedom, swinging the free arm naturally, and will not be dressed on any occasion, but accustomed to recover their own dressing. Guides will not march on the flanks, but will fall to the rear. Not more than ten minutes or a quarter of an hour should be given continuously to one kind of drill. The commanding officer will commence drill with the caution, "parade drill." Having moved his command about for ten or fifteen minutes, in strict parade order, he will, after "standing easy," give the word "action drill," and move the men off from the stand easy, allowing no formal correction of dressing, but encouraging the men to find it for themselves, without the aid of guides and markers. He will use his judgment as to giving more or less of each kind of drill, keeping in view the fundamental principle that exercise in *both* must be given at every instruction parade.

In marching past in column at the shoulder, each captain, when twenty paces from the saluting point, will give "No. —, eyes right," on which all except the guide on the right will look to the right. When ten paces past the point he will give "eyes front." In marching past in quarter column, the men will be formed fours-deep, and will march past at the trail, allowing the free hand to swing in cadence with the step, and will look to the front.

### Mess Room Yarns.

#### "That Reminds Me."

I. VOLUNTEER REMINISCENCES—I remember at Aldershot when we were encamped on the Redan hill. Our colonel, who was keen on drill used, always, on a Sunday, on our way to church, to exercise the battalion in some movements on the march.

On one occasion the regiment of ten full companies was suddenly wheeled into line while crossing in column on open plateau; the distances were rather shaky on account of the loose sand being heavy marching, and consequently when halted, my half battalion had to close (by the side or closing step, vide Field Exercise!) a considerable distance. Afterwards, when marching at ease, I heard one of the men say, referring to the recently passed bill for closing public houses on Sunday. "I say Bill, that 'ere, was Sunday cloosin' with a vengeance warn't it."

On another occasion, our colonel was practising us in defence and attack with blank by half battalions. The defence had taken up a position on a hill, enfilading a narrow road; being ordered to march my company "in fours" by the major; I was presently greeted by a hot fire; and the adjutant galloped down and said, "Your company must be all dead sir! lie down, out of action!" We lay down and let the next company pass in skirmishing order, the major having profited by his, or our experience. They went by and had a good time, for about an hour, climbing the hills, which were pretty steep, under a hot sun. We lay down and enjoyed a quiet smoke. By London friend remarked to his pal—"Jim, I'd like to be killed like this 'ere, n' every bloomin' day."

### The Target.

**Winnipeg.**—At the Kildonan range on Saturday 4th inst., was concluded a match for young shots. The winner of the first prize is Mr. E. A. Griffith, who fired for the first time last year at Stony Mountain. He made 82 points in two successive Saturdays. The winner of the second prize of \$5 is Sergeant Thomas Smith, of the 90th battalion. The following made 50 points and upwards:

E. A. Griffith.....	28 29 25 82	Col. J. L. Brass.....	25 9 22 56
Alex. McIntyre.....	26 28 22 76	Capt. A. Monkman.....	23 19 13 55
Samuel S. Kennon.....	25 20 25 70	Sergt. Thos. Smith, 90th.....	20 16 14 50
Lieut. F. Jackes.....	28 18 20 66		

The shooting on the Kildonan range on the 11th was made unpleasant by showers of rain. Much interest is felt in the aggregate matches. McIntyre has a good lead for Mr. E. L. Drewry's cup, as also the company's prize of \$10 for the highest score made on any one Saturday, his score being 84 points. A keen contest may be looked for the second prize presented by Capt. Scoones, cash \$25. The following are the scores made on the 11th by the four highest in the race:

Alex. McIntyre.....	28 23 23 74	Aggregate.....	961
Robt. Micklin.....	25 22 24 71		912
C. N. Mitchell.....	26 20 24 70		909
Andy Gillies.....	27 26 21 74		904

The mounted infantry school had their first target practice at the Kildonan range, Winnipeg, on the 14th and 15th instants. The shooting was but moderate, the light being very bad and the wind variable. The commandants gave six prizes open to all below the rank of sergeant, which were won by the following men, government targets, ranges and regulations for 1886:

Badge and \$5	Corpl. A. R. Skinner	200	300	400	T'l.
"	Pte. T. H. Hoyland	29	11	17	57
"	Sergt. J. J. Ingram	28	11	16	55
"	Pte. G. Gibson	30	6	18	54
"	Col.-Sergt. R. Norman	28	14	12	54
"	Corpl. C. Garbutt	24	12	15	51
"	Pte. J. B. Pulsford	23	11	16	50
"	Pte. W. Madden	20	10	14	44
		22	8	12	42

**Ottawa.**—The 43rd rifle association's programmes are out in handsome style. Twelve matches are arranged, four for prizes in kind, the remainder for cash prizes, and two days good shooting are promised. The council generally open some of their best matches to all comers, but sufficient are kept close to encourage the green shots of the battalion.

**Peterborough.**—The third monthly match of the Peterborough rifle association took place on Thursday afternoon at the association range. The wind was strong, blowing across the range, and it was very unsteady, which made good shooting difficult. The following were the best scores made:

R. H. Smith.....	16 19 18 53	W. H. Hill.....	17 14 12 43
D. Cameron.....	19 19 14 52	Dr. Bell.....	18 12 11 41
Geo. Fitzgerald.....	21 21 9 51	A. Blade.....	19 15 6 40
F. Hall.....	20 15 9 44		

The October match will decide which marksman will win the medal given for the highest score in two out of three matches. Mr. D. Cameron won it last year and is in a fair way to do so again this year.

**Amherst, N.S.**—A friendly match was fired between the officers of the 78th and 72nd battalions on the 13th, resulting in a victory for the 78th. Range 200 and 400 yards; 7 shots at each range; regulation targets. The following are the scores:

SEVENTY-EIGHTH.				SEVENTY-SECOND.			
Capt. Laurence.....	25	20	45	Adj. McNeil.....	24	20	44
Capt. Smith.....	23	20	43	Lieut. Mills, attached.....	24	22	46
Lieut. Dover.....	23	23	46	Q.-M. Morse.....	21	16	37
Lieut. Suckling.....	26	23	49	Capt. Phinney.....	23	8	31
Lieut. Blackburn.....	22	17	39	Lieut. Foster.....	21	20	41
Lieut. Barnhill.....	21	21	42	Lieut. Phinney.....	20	21	41
	264				240		

### Regimental Notes.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

**Winnipeg.**—The field battery attended service in Holy Trinity on the morning of the 12th, the men presented a fine appearance. An appropriate sermon was preached by the rector.

The last of a series of popular summer band concerts was to be given by the 90th battalion band on the 15th. A specially good programme of music was arranged, preparations made for heating the hall if necessary, and the floor waxed for dancing.

A team from the regiment proposes to play lacrosse against the Winnieps on the civic holiday, and in the evening the burlesque opera "The Tricky Troubadore" will be produced.

On Friday last Lieut.-Col. Irwin, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Taylor and Lieuts. Oswald and Arnold of the M.I.C., inspected the field battery in the Hudson Bay flats, at the conclusion of their annual camp. He first minutely inspected the sub-divisions. The battery marched past in line at the walk and trot, after which the men on each detachment were examined as to their duties and the duties of each gunner. The last manoeuvre was the action of No. 1 sub-division under Sergt. Quealey in the competition for the Gzowski cup and prizes. The regulations for this competition are as follows: Nine-pounder gun and limber, four horses, detachment to consist of 1 n.o. officer (mounted), six gunners, two drivers, field day order. The detachment is to be in order of march, drivers to stand to their horses. The order will then be given to mount and the gun is to be taken at a trot round two pickets, each 20 yards from the leaders, and 20 yards apart and back again to their original ground. The gun is then to be brought into action-front, and one round to be fired, then limbered up and taken straight through two pickets 30 yards distant 6 feet apart. When it is 15 yards clear the gun is to be brought into action-rear and another round to be fired then to be front limbered up and the detachment formed in order of march. These movements were performed somewhat slowly. One of the six-foot pins was knocked down, and the drivers lost two much time in reversing. The time taken in the manoeuvre was three minutes and twenty seconds. After the inspection the battery proceeded to Silver Heights for gun practice. During the inspection Major Buchan's horse put one of his legs between the spokes of a carriage wheel and was thrown, giving the major a shaking, but doing no injury. The band of the Mounted Infantry School played during the march past. Col. Irvine did not flatter the battery in the remarks he made during and after the inspection. He found parts of the harness misfitting or lacking, parts of the metal work rusted, some of the uniforms incomplete, some of the horses unmanageable and some of the men not well up in their duties. Even after making allowances for the wreck caused by active service the inspector thought things should have been in better shape.

**Kingston.**—On Friday last the North-west medals awarded to company H of the late Midland battalion, now forming part of the 49th, were presented to the men on Barriefield common. The troops in camp having been formed into a square, Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Hughes, B.M., and Lieut. Col. Graveley stepped into the centre. The Deputy Adjutant General then called the men who were to receive medals to the front and addressed them briefly, praising them for their prompt response to the call to arms, for their patience, courage and good conduct, and hoping they would so regulate their lives in future that they would bring credit on themselves and the medals they wore. Mrs. Villiers then pinned the medals on the breasts of the following: Bvt. Major Harrison, Lieuts. Yeomans, Bell, Smith and Vincent, Sergts. G. Wilson and E. J. Bowere, Sergt. Instructor W. Watt, Staff-Sergt. Ross McStevens, Privates Geo. Wescott, F. Suscliff, W. Reid, A. F. Thompson, S. McTaggart, A. Way, M. Brown, C. Youngs, J. McAustin, Joseph Ray, F. Defraigne, E. G. Scott, J. H. Hanna, S. Lake, Jas. Rowe, M. Rogers, A. Sager, Geo. Leeds, J. B. Stapley, J. Thompson, W. D. Auger, B. Hodgins, G. Winters, N. H. Patterson, Geo. Bay. After the presentation the troops were formed into column and marched