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## NEWS OF THE SERVICE.

Our readers are requested to contribute promptly to this department all important items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice.

Commanding officers and adjutants should see that full particulars are promptly sent of anything out of the ordinary that may be done in connection with their corps. All members of the force are invited to express their opinion on subjects under discussion or to make suggestions that may improve the efficiency of the service. If news items are not inserted—and this may frequently happen—it will be because other and perhaps more important matter has come in ahead of it, or the news may be stale. Lack of space usually prevents the publication of full scores at other than the larger matches.

Opinions expressed in correspondence are not necessarily the views of THE GAZETTE—in fact we often materially differ from our correspondents.

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## DOINGS AT HEADQUARTERS.



OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—The most important event of the season for local military men was the garrison church parade which was held here a week ago Sunday. Finer weather could not have been desired, and with all conditions favorable it was only to be expected that the parade would be a success. And a big success it was. The four Ottawa corps never appeared to better advantage, so that it is safe to say that hereafter the joint parade may be considered as a fixture. The parade was formed on Cartier square, the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards (Captain Brown) on the right, the 2nd (Ottawa) Field Battery (Major Hurdman), the Governor-General's Foot Guards (Lieut.-Col. Hodgins), and the 43rd Ottawa and Carleton Rifles (Major Sherwood) prolonging to the left. After inspection by the District Officer Com-

manding, the parade moved off, the Protestant portion proceeding to Christ church and the Catholic party to St. Jean Baptiste church. The return to the drill hall was made by way of the principal streets, the route being lined with admiring citizens. The Minister of Militia and the General Officer Commanding were two of the most interested spectators.

WITH the return of Col. Lake, Quartermaster General, to Canada, it is to be expected that some scheme for the distribution of the Lee-Enfield rifles will be shortly made public, though it is not at all probable that any general distribution will be made for some time to come. The purchase of the new arm renders the establishment of proper drill sheds at each regimental headquarters imperative. To drop into the language of the street, the "care"

which has been taken of the old Sniders at most of the company headquarters "would'nt do a thing" to such delicate pieces of mechanism as the Lee-Enfields.

THE recent general order respecting brevets in the permanent militia which has raised such a tempest in many quarters, has, it will be almost needless to say, been a fruitful topic of discussion among military men at the Capital, and if it were the duty of a faithful correspondent to set down here all the opinions expressed, his task would indeed be no sinecure. A dozen ideas may be had for the asking, and while these ideas may not all be remarkable for originality of thought, they have at least the merit of diversity. Your correspondent attempted to draw out the Deputy Assistant Adjutant General—to whom, rightly or wrongly, is ascribed the authorship of the order—but that gentleman followed the excellent example of Br'er Fox, "he lay low, and kep' on sayin' nothin'."

AT the meeting of the Council of the D.R.A. last night, the question of permanent quarters for the Canadian Team at Bisley was discussed, and it was decided to send out notices to Canadian architects, offering a \$100 prize for the best plans for such a building. A committee consisting of Lieut.-Col. Tilton, Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Majors Perley, Blaiklock and Mason, were appointed to see after the carrying out of the arrangements.

THE Minister of Militia is a burner of the midnight oil. A few nights ago your correspondent met him on his way to his office in the Western Block. "Oh, yes," said the War Lord, in answer to a casual enquiry, "I do a good deal of work at night. In fact," he added, "I may say that I do all of the work connected with my department at night, for what with Council meetings and people coming to see me, I have little enough time to myself during the day. Of late I have busied myself with reading up the back correspondence in several important cases after I returned to my rooms. The last two nights I have spent over the Queen's Own case." "And what have you decided to do, sir?" asked your correspondent, with an affectation of indifference. "Well, I don't know yet," replied the Minister, and he sprang up the steps of the entrance to the building with the ease of a two-year-old. Thus was another good item lost on a dull day.

The usual weekly parades have been particularly well attended during the past fortnight.

A. M. B.

## VISIT OF MINISTER OF MILITIA.

MONTREAL, Oct. 30.—Last week Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, paid his first official visit to Montreal. He arrived from Quebec on the Friday morning, after having been entertained to dinner by the Garrison Club at that place the previous night. During the day he was visited by several of the leading military men in Montreal. His first visit has certainly created a good impression among military men generally, and all in