

Correspondence.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S SERVICES.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—I have often heard the question asked why Col. Powell, the Adjutant General, through whom and by whose means alone the Department of Militia was able to effect such prompt arrangements towards despatching the troops sent out in the spring of 1885 to quell the rebellion in the North-West has not received any recognition of the services he then rendered. Had it not been for Col. Powell's knowledge of all the details connected with the department there is no doubt whatever but that the despatch of the troops to the scene of the revolt would have been most seriously delayed, and disaster might have been the result.

I think that his services deserve some recognition, and I hope that it may no longer be delayed.

A VOLUNTEER.

The Target.

(When not otherwise expressly stated, scores given in this column will be the result of seven shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards with Sniders, without sighting shots—Wimbledon regulations. We will not publish scores which are not accompanied by full particulars as to the conditions under which they were made.)

82nd Batt.—This P.E.I. regiment is indulging in target practice and making fair shooting. At latest advices No. 3 company had held two competitions for a medal presented by Capt. Stewart, at the last of which scores of 85, 81 and 77 were made at 200, 400 and 500, and Capt. McLeod's company had held their annual shooting match at Kensington range with great success.

Halifax.—Both the 63rd Rifles and the Princess Louise's Fusiliers have gone through their annual class firing on the Bedford range, and in each case valuable company prizes were offered, the citizens showing a praiseworthy liberality in contributing prizes in kind for competition.

Carleton Place.—The Carleton Place *Herald* of yesterday contains the following account of a match between teams of ten men from the Arnprior and Carleton Place rifle associations, fired on Friday last on the range of the latter association, which resulted in favor of the visitors. The visitors used the Martini-Henry rifles against Sniders of the home team, which can hardly be considered a fair test of the merits of the respective teams. The first match at 400 and 500 yards gave Arnprior a majority of 77 points. The shooting at 200 yards gave the Carleton Place men a majority of three. Following is the record of the shooting:

ARNPRIOR.				CARLETON PLACE.					
400	500	Total	200	400	500	Total	200		
James McDonald	26	27	53	13	D. Armstrong	9	15	24	17
A. Menzies	24	21	45	16	J. Annable	17	13	30	4
J. F. Fetherston	21	17	38	15	R. L. Bond	15	11	26	17
A. McKinnon	21	4	25	10	S. Griffith	25	16	41	16
Dr. Cranston	29	28	57	15	J. Irwine	25	10	35	10
W. A. Sheriff	20	16	36	14	C. Glover	22	4	26	19
J. W. Ward	29	21	50	21	D. Gillies	32	29	61	16
R. D. Fetherston	25	28	53	15	M. Patterson	28	17	45	18
Dr. Ward	30	21	51	18	T. Lester	22	17	39	15
W. J. Johnston	27	11	38	12	J. Presley	31	11	42	20
			446	149				369	152

Dufferin Rifles.—A meeting of the association council was held on the 3rd, for the purpose of settling the prize list for the matches, which take place on the 11th inst. There were present: Col. Jones, Surgeon Harris, Major McMichael, Capt. Harris, Rothwell and Sweet. The increased liberality of the citizens enables the association to offer a much better prize list than even last year. With the exception of some changes in detail the various matches remain much the same. One new match, however, is added, an "extra series," for Martini-Henry rifles. The association had a supply of these rifles, and competitors will be allowed to use them on application. Following the example of the Ontario and Dominion associations, the council decided to abolish sighting and fouling shots, the effect of which will be great saving in time as well as in expense. The old iron targets are replaced by canvas, and the change will be greatly appreciated. On practice days in future two markers will be provided at the ranges.

Orillia boasts of a first class rifle association, and some excellent scores are made by its members. Although we feel sure the riflemen from the handsome little town between the lakes would defeat ours, yet for the good of the cause we respectfully suggest that a friendly match, Orillia vs. Lindsay riflemen, be arranged for an early date. The objects to be attained are practice and friendly association.—*Warder*.

Winnipeg.—The council of the Manitoba rifle association met last Saturday evening, Major Boswell presiding and Major Street acting as secretary. There were present Lieut.-Col. Mackeand, Capt. Ruttan, Knight, Balfour and Bruce, Lieut. Shelton, Col. Sergt. Mitchell and Dr. Clarke. It was decided that the Manitoba team for the Dominion rifle association match at Ottawa should leave there on Wednesday, August 18th, in order to take in the Toronto matches. It was moved by Lieut. Shelton, seconded by Color-Sergt. Mitchell, that the prizes be presented in the drill hall on Monday evening following the matches, and that the band committee of the 90th be empowered to make the necessary arrangements. It was decided to ask Mr. Wrigley, president of the association, to fire the opening shot at the ranges, and also to present the prizes to the winners on the following Monday. To-day the matches will commence and will extend over three days.—*Manitoban*.

90th Batt.—F company had the cheek to challenge all the other companies combined to a rifle match, ten men a side, and what was worse, had the audacity to beat their opponents on the 4th by a score of 535 to 439. Such an unwarranted proceeding would not have been tolerated had Capt. Clark been at home to look after his Scotties, but it seems to imply a gentle hint that companies A, B, C, D and E could profitably spend more time on the rifle range.

Victoria Rifle Association.—The regular semi-weekly practices of the Victoria county rifle association are very well attended. Old volunteer blood is being worked up, and the "boys of former days" are trying their nerves once more. Thos. S. Williams, a prominent member of Lindsay company in early days, joined in last week's practice, and made a very good score. Sergt. Robinson has a knack of doing remarkably well at say 500 yards and by some freak very badly at 600 yards. Some of the boys suggest that a cast iron flag pole for the top of the embankment be ordered, the wooden one having been shot away last week. Sergts. Williamson and Oliver and Dr. Kenny frequently nip the highest possible at 200 yards, and at 500 and 600 yards score 20 to 22 out of a possible 25.

Regimental Notes.

45th Batt.—In preparation for brigade camp at Kingston on 7th September, Capt. Rowe, of Bowmanville, and Capt. Brown, of Cartwright, have both been for some weeks drilling their companies. Capt. Brown has more than the full complement, and has been obliged to weed out. Capt. Evans has also enrolled his men and has had one or two drills. Capt. Hunter had a good turnout on 1st July, and doubtless will have a full complement at camp. The two Lindsay companies are, we learn, also likely to be well filled. The band will muster 23 instruments. We hope the Victoria companies will not fall behind their Durham brethren in preparatory drilling. No. 4 company will muster for drill on 14th inst. Capt. Wallace does not propose taking any men to camp who have not drilled in preparation for the same. As many more are anxious to go to Kingston than can be taken, he will be obliged to make an early selection of the best men.—*Warder*.

St. John.—The five companies of the N.B.B.G.A. have since they commenced drill improved greatly. The corps will be inspected in September.—*Sun*.

Montreal.—A general meeting of the Victoria rifles' armory association will be held next week, when a final decision is expected to be arrived at with regard to the site of their proposed armory. The association has the offer of three sites, one of which is the vacant lot on Cathcart street in rear of the Natural History society building, the other two being farther west. As soon as the site is decided upon the work of constructing the building will be begun. It will be of brick and terra cotta and will be two stories high besides the basement. On the ground floor will be the company rooms, officers' and sergeants' mess, billiard room, veterans' room, &c., while the hall will be on the first flat, and the basement will be laid out for bowling alleys, shooting galleries, &c. The building is to be completed by the 1st of January next.

On the 4th a meeting of the members of the Montreal garrison artillery was held at their rooms on St. James street for the purpose of appointing committees to look after the mess-rooms. Sergt.-Major Benton was in the chair and battery Sergt.-Major Bradshaw acted as secretary. The chairman suggested many improvements in the manner of maintaining the rooms, and advised the appointment of a committee who would appoint officers whose duty it should be to see that order was kept, and that only members of the mess be allowed to spend their evenings there. After a few suggestions were made the following members were elected as a committee of management: Sergts. Fegan and Jones, Corpl. Murdoch, Grs. Kavanagh and Fred. Larkin.—*Herald*.

Gleanings.

The victory of the Canadian artillery team at Shoeburyness is something for Canada to be proud of. It shows conclusively that we have the right material out of which to make artillerymen, and that all that is wanted to render that portion of the militia force thoroughly efficient is better guns, for the garrison artillery corps at least, and more instruction of the most practical kind possible.—*Witness*.

The Queen lately decorated Trooper John Waterston, of the the royal horse guards, with the medal for distinguished conduct in the field for the following exceptionally efficient service in the Nile campaign. At Abou Klea, just as "cease fire" was sounded, he asked leave to go out and bring in the water camels. Having obtained leave, he brought them in through the midst of many Arabs lying wounded amongst them. He behaved with special gallantry on February 13, when the sick convoy was attacked. He was employed as skirmisher on every fighting occasion, and, in short, from the commencement to the end of the campaign evinced bravery combined with a coolness of head which called for marked recognition. Trooper Waterston served also in the Egyptian campaign of 1882, and on the occasion which led to the charge at Kassassin gave up his horse to Sir Baker Russell when that officer's charger was shot under him.

About forty privates of the Royal Irish rifles, now stationed at Halifax, have deserted within a month, and only two of them have been captured. Such a large number of desertions within such a short time is unprecedented in Halifax. The cause is probably the prospect that the regiment will be sent to Egypt. An epidemic of desertion seems to have set in. Some twenty of the Winnipeg mounted infantry school corps have also deserted lately. These are said to be mostly restless spirits from the western districts, whose nomadic proclivities have proved too strong for them, and whose places have readily been filled by better men.

Militia General Orders of 4th June.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1883.

Clothing and Equipment.

With reference to paragraph 287 Regulation and Orders, 1883 it is notified for general information that arrangements have been made by which mounted officers may provide themselves with saddlery of uniform G.S. pattern from the Department of Militia and Defence, Ottawa, on repayment on application through the proper channel of communication:—Complete set, infantry at \$32.50, sheepskin additional, for artillery or rifle corps, \$6.50.

It is to be clearly understood that all mounted officers are required to provide themselves with the above, or saddlery of regimental pattern.

Care of Arms and Equipments.

The following has been added as sub-section (3) to Par. 328 of Regulations and Orders, 1883.

(3.) The Deputy Adjutant General will without delay make personal inquiry as to the cause, nature and extent of the losses of public militia property by fire in his district and report result to headquarters.

No. 2.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

Prescott Troop of Cavalry.—To be lieut., Trooper Urias Holmes, S.C., (1st B), vice Thomas James Montgomery, deceased.
2nd Lieut. Wentworth Chapman resigns.

5th Reg., No. 3 Troop.—To be lieut. prov., Sergt. George Benjamin Hall, vice Frederick William Locke, deceased.