

intended for publication, and we therefore do not feel at liberty to append the writers' names, but we print the following excerpts as a fair sample of the good opinions entertained by those who have put themselves in a position to judge by subscribing to and reading our paper, and in every instance, we are happy to say, the letter quoted has been written by a man whose good opinion is well worth having:—

*Sergeant, Grenadiers, Toronto:*— \* \* "I am much pleased with the GAZETTE, and wish you the greatest success for the coming year."

*Lieut.-Colonel, Victoria, B.C.:*—"I enclose you P. O. order for \$6, which will square me up with you till 12th December, '90, unless you increase the price of your paper, which you might well do without hurting anyone. It is read with great interest by myself and officers here."

*Sergeant, Grenadiers, Toronto:*— \* \* "I like the GAZETTE. \* \* I have been told by several that the last number is the best yet, so you will be glad to hear the paper is giving great satisfaction here."

*Lieutenant, St. John, N.B.:*— \* \* "I have no doubt the issues are more prompt than many of the subscribers in paying up. Kindly accept my best wishes for success of the paper, and \$3.00."

*Lieutenant, Pembroke, Ont.:*— \* \* "I wish you increased success in the publication of your excellent paper."

*Captain, Brantford, Ont.:*— \* \* "I hope you receive generous support. \* \* Your paper serves a useful purpose. Your remarks re the recent Toronto review and sham fight are right to the point, and ought to do good to both officers and men taking part."

*Former Canadian Militiaman, Dallas, Texas:*— \* \* "I hope the bright little paper receives the patronage it deserves. I always look forward to its arrival and watch with interest the doings of my late comrades in arms."

*Captain, Kingston, Ont.:*— \* \* "I am much pleased with your paper, and think that every officer, n. c. o. and man in the militia ought to subscribe to it."

*Ex-officer Canadian Militia, St. Paul, Minn.:*—"Please make sure that you have my address correct. For some reason the GAZETTE has for a few weeks failed to arrive at destination, and I miss very much the weekly news your spicy little paper contains regarding military matters both at home and abroad."

*Lieut.-Colonel, Fredericton, N.B.:*—"Permit me to offer a word of congratulation on the general improvement in the GAZETTE, and on the interest you take in that important part of the soldier's training—target practice."

*Lieut.-Colonel, Montreal:*—"Your paper serves a useful purpose, in affording a means by which we can exchange ideas concerning possible improvements in the system. I cheerfully renew my subscription, and will not fail to put in a word wherever I think it will do you good."

*Lieut.-Colonel, Peterborough:*— \* \* "I have subscribed for three copies, one of which I preserve and fyle, giving the others for the use of the non-commissioned officers and men interested—and all should be."

*Lieutenant, Spencerville, Ont.:*— \* \* "I must say that I am very much pleased with the paper."

*Captain, Toronto:*— \* \* "I enclose \$2, and wish you every success, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

*Surgeon, Toronto:*— \* \* "I enclose last year's subscription, and next year's also. There is no journal, outside professional papers, I read with more pleasure than the GAZETTE."

*Captain, Charlottetown, P.E.I.:*— \* \* "I am very much pleased with the paper. Every officer in the Canadian Militia should be a subscriber."

*Captain, Montreal:*—"I enclose \$2, with which please credit me. Your excellent little paper interests me very much, but I am sorry Montreal does not get more space in it. Let me know if you can furnish bound volumes or complete sets of the paper since its beginning."

*Lieutenant, Pictou, N.S.:*— \* \* "You have succeeded in making the GAZETTE a thoroughly reliable and interesting paper, and I wish you every success."

*Surgeon, Lachute, Q.:*— \* \* "I shall continue to advance the interests of the paper, as I believe the service needs such an organ."

*Lieut.-Colonel, Wardsville, Ont.:*— \* \* "I am well pleased with the little sheet, and wish it success."

*Lieutenant, Repentigny, Q.:*— \* \* "I enclose my subscription. From past experience I am sure I will get the worth of my money, there are so many questions of vital interest discussed in your columns."

*Major, Peterborough:*— \* \* "I hope all your subscribers pay up, and thus encourage you to keep the paper going. I am sure it would be a great loss to the force should it cease publication."

*Captain, Halifax, N.S.:*— \* \* "Your paper is deservedly popular with the active militia here."

*Lieutenant, New Westminster, B.C.:*—"I enclose price of a year's subscription to the MILITIA GAZETTE, which please address as above. It should be encouraged. For my part I will endeavour to secure as many subscribers as I possibly can for your very interesting little paper."

*Lieutenant, St. John, N.B.:*— \* \* "I have been absent some weeks, or should have remitted sooner. I found considerable interest in reading over the several numbers awaiting my arrival. I trust you will receive the support which your efforts deserve."

*Captain, Guelph, Ont.:*— \* \* "I like your paper very much, and anything I can do to further its interests will not be neglected."

*Lieutenant, Collingwood, Ont.:*—"Kindly send me last number, which has failed to reach me. I keep the fyle complete, and find the papers very interesting indeed."

*Lieut.-Colonel, Fredericton, N.B.:*—"I have pleasure in sending you P. O. order for amount of my account just received. I cheerfully bear testimony to the value of your journal, devoted, as it really is, to the interests of the active force of the Dominion. I will be glad to do all in my power to extend its circulation."

*Captain, Toronto:*— \* \* "I like the manner in which your paper has been conducted, what numbers I have read of it, and wish it every success."

*Lieutenant, Toronto:*—"I enclose you five dollars as a subscription to your paper for three years and four months from the 7th June last. I trust the MILITIA GAZETTE is meeting with the success which I am pleased to see it deserves."

The regular receipt of such encouraging messages as the above have contributed in no small measure to ensure to the publishers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, which we now have much pleasure in wishing our readers one and all.

## Regimental and Other News.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA.

A rifle match was shot on the 10th inst. at the Clover Point, B.C., range between a team from H.M.S. Swiftsure and one from C Battery Regt. C.A. The weather was most unpleasant, there being a strong wind from the front, and occasionally rain. The firing continued from 11 o'clock in the forenoon to 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At the close the score stood 330 to 321 in favour of C Battery, R.C.A. Following is the score:

H.M.S. Swiftsure.				C Battery, R.C.A.					
	200	300	400	Total.		200	300	400	Ttl.
Capt. Hammett.....	19	17	7	43	Lt.-Col. Holmes....	21	20	24	65
Lt. Homer.....	32	19	30	81	Major Peters.....	22	18	30	70
Lt. Kingsford.....	31	22	20	73	Surgeon Duncan....	30	26	20	76
Mr. Paine.....	25	24	25	74	Capt. Benson.....	25	25	6	56
Mr. Edwards.....	18	8	24	50	Lt. Ogilvie.....	28	16	19	63
Total.....	125	90	106	321	Total.....	126	105	99	330

### ROYAL GRENADIERS AMBULANCE CORPS.

The annual dinner of the R. G. Ambulance Corps was held on the 18th inst., in McConkey's restaurant, Toronto, Dr. Ryerson, surgeon of the regiment, presiding. Assistant-Surgeon King, Major Mason, Adj. Manley, of the R. G., and as invited guests, Surgeon Lesslie, of the Q. O.R., Dr. Strange, of I.S.C., and Dr. Burns, President of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, were also present. Letters of apology were read from Colonel Dawson, R.G., and from Colonel Bergin, Surgeon-General; Dr. Roddick of Montreal, late Deputy-Surgeon-General; Surgeon Harris, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford; Surgeon Griffin, 13th Batt., Hamilton, who through business engagements were unable to be present. The toasts "The Queen," "The Royal Grenadiers," "The Ambulance Corps," "The Ladies," and "The Press," were received with royal good will and suitably responded to, and throughout the evening songs were given by Adjutant Manley and Ptes. Harris and Martin. Drs. Lesslie and Strange, the visiting surgeons, paid high compliments to Assistant-Surgeon King and Hospital Sergeant Taylor, through whose indefatigable efforts the status of the R. G. Ambulance Corps has been brought to be regarded second to none in Canada. The corps now numbers twenty men rank and file, and from the fact that over eighty per cent. of drills, parades, and lectures have been attended by the men, it may be safely assumed that in point of proficiency its rank is a high one. In action the Ambulance Corps of the R. G., has proved itself to be no "carpet organization," its record in the recent troubles in the Northwest being most enviable, and proving that the ambulance man's position—always to the front—takes in no way away from a soldier's ambition. The singing of the National Anthem terminated the proceedings.

Further trials with armour-piercing projectiles have just been made at Portsmouth. The weapon used was an ordinary 6-inch breech-loader, and the projectiles consisted of three of Hoult's armour-piercing shells and two of the ordinary Palliser shells. The armour-plate, which was by Brown, of Sheffield, was of the composite character, measuring 10 $\frac{7}{8}$  inches thick, with the usual deal backing. Two of the Hoult rounds went clean through plate and backing, while the third stuck; the Palliser shells merely burst on impact and cracked the plates.