

continued fighting) were killed by the sword? If anything more were wanting to disprove such a statement as the Colonel's, it is the testimony of the hero himself of this great battle, Gen. the Count von Alvensleben, whose remark was:—"It is something like the German surgeons who, during the Crimean war, went into the French hospitals and reported that they could not find many bayonet-wounds, forgetting that this was the great weapon of the British infantry." Col. Methuen, Gen. Havelock-Allen, and others, who vaunt so much the mounted infantry in place of cavalry, have had little experience of European fighting, and may not, perhaps, know that the best German authorities are of opinion that such an arm should, if used, be composed of the smallest men possible, on strong ponies, with no spurs, nor sabretache, nor any impedimenta—which might not please those who advocate it—and do not apparently remember how the curtain of cavalry two days in advance of Prince Frederick Charles' army, when he was marching from Metz towards the army of the Loire, performed scouting duty.

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?

Quebec.—The 9th battalion commenced their annual drill on Monday, the 28th February.

Arnprior.—The oratorio of Esther was produced under the auspices of No. 5 company, 43rd battalion, in the town hall, on the evenings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The chief parts in the piece were taken by members of the 43rd, and with magnificent costumes, excellent solos, and a carefully trained chorus of ninety voices, the performances drew crowded houses and realized a large profit, which will be devoted to the purchase of bushies and leggings for the company. Capt. Macdonald and the officers of No. 5 are to be congratulated on the wonderful progress made by the company since it was organized last fall, as it already has acquired the reputation of being the crack corps of the district. Lieut.-Col. White and Capt. Evans came up from Ottawa on Tuesday evening to witness the performance, and at the same time pay an informal visit to their regiment's youngest company.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Capt. Moore entertained the members of No. 2 Battery G. A. and a few of their friends at dinner on the 25th ult. The Captain occupied the chair, and on his right were Brigade Major Irving and Capt. Weeks, of the Engineers, and on his left F. Mitchell, Esq., cashier of the Merchant's Bank of P. E. Island. Lieut. J. A. Longworth performed the duties of vice, assisted by Adjutant Morson, Lieut. H. C. McDonald of No. 2 Battery and Lieut. Moore of the Engineers. The usual toasts were honored, and with song and speech and recitation the time passed quickly. The Brigade Major in the course of his remarks, referred to the gratifying fact that the artillerymen of this Island had carried off the Governor-General's prizes for shifting ordnance and general efficiency, ever since those prizes were offered. He regretted that the Government did not see fit to send a detachment of Canadian volunteers to England to participate in the Queen's Jubilee.

The dinner, which has now become an annual institution, was tendered to the officers and men of No. 2 Battery by their gallant captain in recognition of past achievements. This battery, which has for several years held the first position for the whole Dominion, during the past year completely eclipsed its former good record by carrying off the Governor-General's first prize for general efficiency, and the Dominion artillery association's first prize for shifting ordnance. The following is the record since its organization by Capt. Moore:—

Organized in 1883, was inspected by Col. Irwin in infantry drill and highly complimented. In 1884 was inspected by Col. Cotton, and won first place for general efficiency. In 1885 was inspected by Col. Irwin, and won first prize for general efficiency and second prize for shifting ordnance. In 1886 was inspected by Colonel Irwin, and won first prize for general efficiency and first prize for shifting ordnance.

When it is considered that these prizes are won from the whole Dominion, and that last year twenty-five batteries competed, we are sure Capt. Moore has good cause to feel proud of their achievements in the past.

Brigade Major Irving is corresponding with the Ottawa military authorities concerning a proposed military celebration during the jubilee month. Whether it will be celebrated locally or in one Canadian city is not yet decided.

RIFLES' SNOWSHOE RACES.

Ottawa.—The fifth annual races of the 43rd Rifles snow shoe club were held on Cartier Square on Saturday afternoon, and formed a fitting culmination to a successful season's work. Notwithstanding bitter cold weather, there was a fair attendance of spectators, and excellent contests.

The total number of entries was seventy-four. Arrangements were carried out by the following committee of management: Capt. Evans, Bandmaster Greenfield, Color-Sergeant Grant, Sergt. Bray, Corp. Wills and Clendinnen, Ptes. Cummings and Jones and the indefatigable secretary, Corp. Huband. The list of winners of prizes is as follows:—

Green quarter mile, ten entries—1st, Pte. J. S. Stevenson; 2nd, Pte. A. Spence; 3rd, Pte. H. Carling.

100 yards, heats, four entries—1st, Corp. Clendinnen; 2nd Capt. Evans.

Boy's race, 100 yards, nine entries—1st, W. Kavanagh; 2nd, B. Jones; 3rd, E. Coleman; 4th, B. Hill and W. Greenfield (equal).

Quarter mile, open, three entries—1st, Corp. Wills, Rifles; 2nd, P. Reinhardt, Le National. Reinhardt held the lead till within 50 yards from the finish, when Wills spurted in good form and won, after an exciting struggle, by about two yards.

100 yards, heats, green, five entries—1st, Pte. J. S. Stevenson; 2nd, Pte. A. Spence; 3rd, Pte. T. Jones.

Hurdle race, 220 yards, six entries—1st, Pte. J. S. Stevenson; 2nd, Pte. Dowler; 3rd, Corp. Clendinnen. Stevenson, who had distinguished himself in the green races, captured the race in excellent style from the older hands.

Three legged race (two shoes) five entries—1st, Capt. Evans and Pte. C. Cummings; 2nd, Corp. Clendinnen and Pte. Macdougall.

A very amusing race, the winning men taking the first two heats easily, with a wild rush by the other four pairs for second place.

Half mile walk, green, four entries—1st, Ptes. S. Short and C. Cummings (equal). Short took the lead at the start and held it until the middle of the last lap when Cum-

mings spurted, reached Short, but was unable to pass him, the two crossing the line together after a plucky and exciting contest.

One mile, open, three entries—1st P. Reinhardt, Le National; 2nd J. Dowler, Rifles. Dowler took the lead and held it until about 120 yards from home, when Reinhardt spurted and a desperate fight ensued for first place, the two running neck and neck until within about five yards from the finish when Dowler tripped and fell, Reinhardt crossing the line first, the winner of a magnificent race.

Scramble race, 120 yards, five entries—1st, Corp. Clendinnen; 2nd, Pte. Dowler.

Team race, 120 yards, heats, five entries—1st, Color-Sergt. Grant, Ptes. Carling, Dowler and Stevenson; 2nd, Capt. Evans' team and Pte. Jones' team, equal.

In this race teams of four men abreast are fastened together with ropes, and the four that crossed the line first in good order won the heat.

Consolation race, three entries—1st, Pte. Shore; 2nd, Bandmaster Greenfield.

The Guards' snowshoe club, nearly forty strong, tramped to Aylmer on Saturday afternoon, covering the ten miles in less than three hours, despite the cold and heavy roads. They had quite as jolly a time as the rifles in the beginning of the week, and returned by special train at a late hour. Major Todd led, and Staff-Sergt. Newby was whipper-in.

Capt. Douglas offered some prizes to the employees of the military stores on Saturday afternoon, to be competed for with the Nordenfelt at 500 yards. The weather, however, was too cold to permit of much enthusiasm in the shooting contest.

The Target.

Brantford.—The annual meeting of the Dufferin rifles' rifle association was held on the 5th, when Major Rothwell, treasurer, reported a balance on hand of \$28.07, with \$32 subscriptions yet unpaid. The annual report referred to the successful year's work, the change made from iron to canvas targets, and the abolition of sighting shots. The council suggest the consideration and adoption of some plan which by means of team practices, coaching or otherwise, would tend to increased efficiency in the teams representing the association at the D.R.A. and O.R.A. meetings. The report was adopted. Lieuts. Ruddy, Park, Killmaster and Nelles, and Sergts. Ince and Thomson ("C" Co.) were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the ensuing year for the annual matches. Each alternate Wednesday and Saturday during the months of May, June, July and August, were set as practice days.

It was moved by Surgeon Harris, seconded by Major Rothwell and carried unanimously: "That this association desires to place upon record its extreme regret at the retirement of Lieut.-Col. Jones from the presidency, he having resigned the command of the regiment. The association must be ever under a deep sense of gratitude to Col. Jones for the great zeal he has always shown in its affairs; it is further resolved that Col. Jones be elected honorary president for the ensuing year.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Lieut.-Col. Ballachey, president; Major Rothwell, Capt. T. Harry Jones, vice-presidents; Major Rothwell, treasurer; Capt. Sweet, secretary; Lieut. Ruddy, assistant secretary; Dr. Wm. T. Harris, surgeon and executive officer; auditors, Capt. Snartt and Mr. T. S. Wade; finance committee, Capt. Stratford, Lieuts. McLean and Park; range officers, Capt. Harris, T. Harry Jones, McGlashan and Lieut. Leonard; executive committee, Lieut.-Col. Ballachey, Surgeon Harris and Capt. T. Harry Jones; the council, this body is composed of the rifle committee of the Dufferin rifles, viz: Lieut.-Col. Ballachey, Major Rothwell, Capt. R. R. Harris, Capt. E. Sweet, Capt. H. J. McGlashan and Lieut. H. F. Leonard. Lieut.-Col. Jones was appointed "coach" for the present year.

Gleanings.

"It strikes me," said a city and county hall man yesterday, "that we do not want any war with Canada. When we were drafted in 1861-4 we knew where to go, but in case of trouble with Canada, where could we go?"—*Buffalo Courier*.

Wood powder has recently been introduced into the Belgian army. Ordinary sawdust, after treatment with nitric and sulphuric acids, is, with powerful pressure, made into cartridges which are protected from dampness by a covering of paper soaked in paraffine. The explosive force is at least equal to that of common gunpowder, and the results are said to be more regular.

Germany continues to keep up her belligerent attitude towards France, and has lately been pouring troops into Alsace-Lorraine and greatly strengthening her garrisons there. There are now 65,000 men, with 1,700 horses and 280 guns, in the annexed provinces. The correspondent of the statistical *Journal* shows that to be one gun to 230 men, the German average being only one to 380; also that there are eleven men under arms to each square mile of territory. To carry that rate out all through the country would require 2,200,000 men in Germany, 2,250,000 in France, and 23,000,000 in European Russia.

The *Broad Arrow* asks why no gazette has as yet announced that Her Majesty has sanctioned the bestowal of the order of the Red Eagle of Prussia on General Viscount Wolsley? "It can scarcely be that the permission to wear the highly-honored decoration which the emperor-general conferred on our adjutant-general is being withheld. The official list, we notice, does not include the Red Eagle in the list of foreign orders bestowed on Viscount Wolsley. But as it also fails to include the Duke of Cambridge in the list of décorés its accuracy can fairly be questioned. The field marshal commanding-in-chief is one of the very few English Grand Crosses of the Legion of Honor, and has also the Grand Cross of the order of Leopold of Belgium, while the Duke of Connaught, in company with the Prince of Wales, enjoys the still greater honor of wearing the Black Eagle of Prussia. The heir apparent is the only living Englishman who has been honored with the Golden Fleece of Spain."

Mr. Stanley's expedition take with them a Maxim machine gun, which has been specially made by Mr. Maxim for this purpose. On Monday the weapon was put through its paces by Mr. Maxim, Mr. Stanley, and Lieut. Stairs. At first a belt of 120 cartridges was fired under various conditions, and then a belt of 333. A third belt was also charged, partly with live cartridges and partly with dummies, in order to demonstrate the facility with which a miss-fire could be corrected. The firing mechanism was then taken out, cleaned, and replaced in a very short time. It was then fired by hand-loading, without a belt. It was then fired with a belt, and a canvas water-bottle and tube were used to supply the water to the jacket, showing how easily this appliance could be made available in case of damage to the copper tank or on an emergency. Finally, the gun was taken in two parts and carried by two men, each man shouldering a part, a short distance, and brought back to the firing point. The