

Personal Notes.

Edward Beetham, who died in Toronto on 14th March, is believed to have been the last survivor in Canada of the heroes of the Light Cavalry charge at Balaklava on 25th October, 1854. He belonged to the 17th Lancers and served throughout the war, receiving the medal. He had in his possession a book presented to him by Lady Cardigan, who at her own personal expense gave all the survivors of the charge a souvenir of this description. The book bears his name, his regiment and the name of the donor. A short time after the Russian campaign Lady Cardigan gave a banquet to the survivors of the Light Brigade, which Mr. Beetham was unable to attend, being sick at Birmingham. In answer to his letter of regret, Lady Cardigan sent him an autograph letter with £1 enclosed.

After the Crimean war Private Beetham's regiment was ordered to India, where he took part in the relief of Lucknow. For this he received the Indian medal and had also a China medal for service in that land. Mr. Beetham had seen service in all parts of the British Empire, when he came to Canada to make a home for himself and family.

Seven years ago he commuted his pension from the British Government to raise money to bring his family here from England. For some time he had been doing no active labor, illness unfitting him for any continued exertion. On his deathbed he expressed a wish to be buried with military honors; this request was granted, under the authority of Lieut.-Col. Otter, D. A. G. No. 2 Coy., C. R. I., formed the firing party and a large deputation from Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans followed to the grave all that was mortal of the gallant old Lancer.

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Lieut.-Colonel Douglas Labalmondiere died in London on March 8, aged 78. He joined the 83rd Regiment in 1833 after passing out of Sandhurst at the head of the list with exceptional honors. In the Canadian Rebellion of 1837-38 he served under Lord Seaton, and was several times selected to carry despatches.

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Captain Spencer Mansel Medley died in New Zealand on 30th January. He was the son of the late Lord Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of Canada, and was born in England. He served thirty-two years in the Royal Navy, and saw considerable active service. He was for nine years a commander of the coast guard, having for five of that time the inspection and supervision of two batteries of the naval reserve. He also had charge for one year of the naval reserve drill-ship, through which more than 2,000 have passed. He retired from the service in 1883, with the rank of commander, being afterwards gazetted post-captain. He settled in New Zealand, and acted as aide-de-camp to Sir William Jervoise, when the latter was Governor of the colony.

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On 20th ult., there died at Clapham, England, a New Brunswicker, Brigade Surgeon James Petne Street, whose family were intimately connected with the history of the Province. Deceased was a son of the late Hon. Ambrose Street, at one time Attorney-General of New Brunswick. He married a daughter of the late Henry Cunard of Chatham, Miramichi, who was a brother of Sir Samuel Cunard, the founder of the famous Cunard Line of Steamers. His father, John Ambrose, was Attorney-General in 1854, and on a vote of want of confidence in the Government being declared in the House, Mr. Street retired and the Hon. Charles Fisher succeeded him as Attorney-General. The late Wm. Street of Fredericton was a brother of the late surgeon. He was also a cousin of Mr. A. F. Street, collector of customs of the same place.

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Shooting men all over Canada will sincerely regret the retirement of Lieut. W. R. Pringle, late 10th Royal Grenadiers, from the active force. Himself an excellent shot, he is especially well known as the originator and first secretary of the Military Rifle League, which proved such a splendid success during the past two seasons. To Mr. Pringle's perseverance and energy a great measure of that success is due.

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Major Sherwood, 43rd Batt., Ottawa, and Capt. Smith, St. John Rifles, were in Montreal recently on a short visit.

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Lieut. W. M. Andrews, late 5th Royal Scots, has been appointed to an important Government position in connection with the Canadian exhibits at the Chicago Fair. We regret that the move has necessitated his retirement from the active force and trust that before long he will be enabled to rejoin. He will be greatly missed at the ranges this year.

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We understand that Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, M.P., Governor-General's Body-Guard, Toronto, has been appointed to command the Bisley team this year, and that Major Fred. H. Hartt, 62nd Fusiliers, St. John, has been selected for the Adjutancy. Both officers have a high and honourable record for efficiency in the service, and the appointments cannot fail to be most popular. Major Hartt is an excellent shot and a regular attendant at the D.R.A. meetings, a thorough soldier and a most genial comrade.

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The first member of the 48th Highlanders to die was Pte. Cowie, of "H" Company, who passed away on 12th inst. He was buried with military honors.

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John W. Lewis, of Toronto, died a few days ago. He was a veteran of '66, having served in the Chatham Light Infantry during the troubles of that year.

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Staff-Sergeant Harp, of the 48th, represented the sergeants of that corps at the annual sergeants' dinner of the 38th Battalion.

FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA DEFENCE.

Of Admiral Hotham's squadron on the Pacific station, at the latest accounts, the greater part was off the coasts of Chili and Peru, the Warspite, Melpomene, Champion and Pheasant being in South American waters between Callao and Valparaiso. The Warspite is an armored vessel of 8,400 tons displacement and 10,000 horse power, which gives her 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ knots at the maximum, carrying fourteen guns and 470 men. She is the only armor-clad on the station. The Melpomene is of 2,985 tons displacement, and carries six 6-inch guns. The Champion is of 2,380 tons, has a battery of four 6-inch and eight 5-inch guns, and her complement is 278 men. The Pheasant is a gunboat of 755 tons, and has a speed of 13 knots or more, carrying half a dozen 4-inch guns and 75 men. On the coast of Mexico, at Acapulco, at last accounts, was the Garnet, of 2,120 tons and fourteen guns. At Esquimault was the Nympe, of 1,140 tons and eight 5-inch guns, having about fourteen knots speed and a complement of 131 men; and with her was the Hyacinth, of 1,420 tons, 1,190 horse power, and eight guns. The Daphne was last heard from as having gone to the Fijis. She is a sister ship of the Nympe.

A MODEL CAVALRY ARMORY.

The Armory Board of New York City on March 15 decided to accept the plans of Architect Thomas for a new armory for Troop A, Capt. C. F. Roe. The building will be erected on the plot of ground in the rear of the 8th Regiment armory, and will face on Madison Avenue, between 94th and 95th sts. The structure will be of brick, with light stone trimmings, and the cost is not to exceed \$140,000. Three-quarters of the basement is to be a stable, and the rest a saddling-room. The stable is to be fitted up at the expense of the members of the troop, and the estimated cost is \$20,000. The ground floor will be entirely taken up with the ring and platforms for visitors at the corners of the enclosure. On the floor above will be rooms for officers, lockers for the men, a storeroom, kitchen, and a large meeting room.