

MILITARY NEWS OF THE DAY.

Lieut.-Col. George T. Denison, of Toronto, recently gave the following interview to a representative of the British Empire Review, with regard to his opinion whether Canada should undertake the garrisoning of Halifax and Esquimaux: "I say as a matter of course that we ought to do that. I have said so all along. We ought to do more than that. We ought to be prepared for war. We should increase our permanent force to the extent of three garrisons. And should pay them. Why should we get off with 50 cents per head of our population for military defense, and a prosperous people, while there are a million paupers in England, 30 per cent of them almost starving, and they have to pay \$3.39 per head? We have a people that are all pretty comfortable, there was a surplus of \$14,000,000 last year, and there is no earthly reason why we should not begin. People talk about Canada being a nation! If we are a nation we ought to take the responsibility of a nation. There is no other nation in the world which gets off with 50 cents a head for military expenditure."

Colonel Denison then took down some official reports, showing military and naval expenditures for 1904. He said that the relative country that in the other hemisphere is taken up by Russia, Germany, Norway, Sweden, France, England, Scotland and Ireland. We go from the latitude of Rome to the north pole. It is not the southern part of the hemisphere that counts. It is the northern part. We have got the whole of the northern hemisphere. We have the greatest agricultural and mineral resources, and it is sure to excite the cupidity of other nations. We are fools, we are worse than children if we don't defend it. The mother country is overwhelmed with burdens; every nation in the world is increasing year by year its power, offensive and defensive, and there is no community with assets so valuable, so worth defending and protecting, as the British Empire."

Portugal, population, 5,425,000; expenditure on war and marine, \$10,000,000, or \$1.84 per head.

Holland, population, 5,104,000; war and marine expenditure, \$15,900,000, or \$2.29 per head.

Sweden, population, 5,000,000; army and navy expenditure, \$15,500,000, or \$2.70 per head.

Colonel Denison continued: "I have always advocated garrisoning our own forts. Every nation in the world now has its eyes fixed on Canada. We have the greatest country in the world. We have on this side, in this hemisphere, all the relative resources that in the other hemisphere is taken up by Russia, Germany, Norway, Sweden, France, England, Scotland and Ireland. We go from the latitude of Rome to the north pole. It is not the southern part of the hemisphere that counts. It is the northern part. We have got the whole of the northern hemisphere. We have the greatest agricultural and mineral resources, and it is sure to excite the cupidity of other nations. We are fools, we are worse than children if we don't defend it. The mother country is overwhelmed with burdens; every nation in the world is increasing year by year its power, offensive and defensive, and there is no community with assets so valuable, so worth defending and protecting, as the British Empire."

Lord Roberts in his article: "The army as it was and as it is," in the Nineteenth Century, tells us that it would have been impossible fifty years ago to have brought such a campaign as the late war in South Africa to a successful conclusion. These matters, however, must be considered from a standpoint that half a century ago our late enemies, Germany, France, Italy, have been, would have mustered a few thousand fighting men, and their weapons would have been much inferior even to the primitive weapons of our troops in those days. An English military critic says that it is all a matter of comparison of the efficiency in war of modern armies, at different periods of history. Half a century ago the meager training, the simple tactics, and the clumsy weapons of the British army were at any rate not more than a match for our enemy in the Crimea. So it was with us a century ago, during the Peninsula, and Waterloo campaigns, and before that, in Marlborough's campaigns, 200 years ago, as Dr. Miller Maguire points out in a letter to the Morning Post of the 31st ult. At any rate, in war, the Continental foe the "thin red line" generally got the best of the encounter when pitted against their dense, unwieldy columns, and in those days, victory was much more common than defeat for British armies. Since 1856, however, when the Emperor Napoleon III. came to the throne, the requirements of modern warfare, it cannot be said that we have kept pace with other great powers in military efficiency, battle training, or armaments. We have always waited for other nations to take the initiative. At the present moment, for instance, when France has modeled artillery to oppose the quick-fires of our possible enemies, and altogether the British army is in no sense organized for war according to continental conceptions.

Discussing Lord Roberts' communication from another point of view, the military editor of the Ottawa Citizen says: "Lord Roberts has raised many important questions in a remarkable article in the Nineteenth Century. What may be called the informing idea of the article is found in its repeated insistence upon the need of higher intelligence in all ranks of the army. Officers and men must be taught to think and act for themselves, there must be the discipline of the mind, which is not gained in the rigid methods of barrack-square. The responsibility thrown upon the officer is greater than at any previous time. The fighting begins the immediate control of the troops passes out of the hands, not only of the general in command, but of the divisional and brigade commanders and everything falls to the captains of companies and section leaders. Regimental officers are handicapped terribly by not having complete control of their men, while the men themselves feel the loss of the immediate support of their comrades. It is, however, upon the officer that the burden of responsibility and anxiety will fall. In him must be the initiative and courage to seize the advantages that may offer themselves."

This is thoroughly in line with the recent work of the gallant field marshal and thoroughgoing soldier, who has shown progressive type of mind that some how or other keeps in advance of the times in spite of a burden of years that would, put most men on the shelf.

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arrived at the Brantford armories for the local regiment, together with a set of Oliver equipments. The old haversacks have been done away with.

The annual report of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association is a bulky pamphlet of 132 pages, yet amidst much that is very "dry as dust" matter, it has also much that is very interesting in its contents. The D. R. A. has now been in existence since 1868, and in that time has had but four presidents, namely, Lieut.-Col. Botsford, 1868-69; Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, 1869 to 1883; Lieut.-Col. Sir George A. Kirkpatrick, 1884-1892, who was succeeded by the present holder of the office, Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson, A. D. C. Last year—1904—there was the largest number of competitors at the annual rifle match of the D. R. A. at Rockcliffe ranges which have assembled in the history of the association, namely, 451. The next highest number was in 1896, when 409 attended. The annual attendance has varied greatly, being for the last 20 years 291.5. The total revenue of the association for 1904 was \$25,417.39 and the expenditures \$19,222.28 leaving to general balance account \$6,195.21. The expenses of the Bisset team were \$3,276.37, an increase on the preceding year of \$703.24. Taken on the whole, the report may be considered as fairly satisfactory.

The first annual financial statement of the Ninety-First Regiment of Canadian Highlanders, Hamilton, shows an arming \$11,000,000, of which \$1,000,000 is for the purchase of uniforms for the two new companies of the regiment. Another \$500 grant from the city council is expected.

The strength of the British army is officially returned at 227,000 men, exclusive of those serving in India and is nearly nine thousand less than it was in the preceding year, while in 1902 the figure stood at 420,000 men. Owing to the disbandment of the Royal Garrison regiments, which is to take place this year, the figure is likely to be still further reduced before the end of 1906.

A military matter, says the Toronto Telegram, which though by no means unimportant, is among the "things not generally known." It is this, namely, that the Canadian Army Service Corps, the permanent Army Medical Corps and the Royal Canadian Engineers, are now without a commanding officer in consequence of all of them being sequestered for service of the staff. Accordingly orders have been issued that further orders the command of these corps will be administered from headquarters by a staff officer of the branch of the service to which they belong.

MURDERED WITHIN PALACE WALLS

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Zobor was actually assured, meets with universal reprobation, even by extreme social democrats, who denounce the crime as strongly as do the Liberals and Conservatives.

The Czar Prostrated.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Much of the responsibility for the catastrophe at the coronation of Emperor Nicholas in Moscow, when seven thousand people were crushed to death at the time the distribution of the imperial gifts, was laid at Grand Duke Sergius' door. It was found that he had not taken sufficient precautions, and the Liberals, after the affair here on Jan. 22, placed the major portion of the blame on his shoulders.

News of the assassination of the Grand Duke reached Tsarskoe Selo while the imperial family were entertaining Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia (who is on his way to join the Russian army in the far east as an observer, according to reports), at the residence of the Emperor (William), created the greatest consternation. The Emperor is reported to have been completely prostrated. All festivities in honor of the Prussian guest were at once abandoned.

This afternoon the foreign ambassadors drove to the palace to express their condolences, and to deliver their cards at the palaces of the various members of the imperial family.

Others Doomed.

At the time sentence of death was pronounced by the terrorists upon Grand Duke Sergius it was reported that Grand Duke Alexis, procurator of the Holy Synod, Bobolonsky, and General Trepoft, when chief of police of Moscow, and now Governor-General of St. Petersburg, were also condemned to death, and according to some reports a similar sentence was imposed upon the Dowager Empress, Marie Feodorovna. The sentence of death of Grand Duke Sergius was contained in a proclamation issued by the social revolutionists of Moscow after the demonstration (Dec. 11 of last year) at St. Petersburg was put down. It read: "If our demonstration at Moscow (Dec. 18 and 19) is crushed in as bloody a manner as that of our brothers of St. Petersburg, then be the guilt thereof upon the head of Grand Duke Sergius and General Trepoft, and we, the conspirators, in that event have foreordained their death."

The body of Grand Duke Sergius will be interred in the cathedral of the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. The extra newspapers tonight announce the death of Grand Duke Sergius by the explosion of a bomb, but give no details.

Edward Wires Sympathy.

London, Feb. 17.—King Edward so soon as he was informed of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius at Moscow, telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas expressing his horror and sympathy.

List of the Assassinated.

The Grand Duke Sergius is the sixth high-placed Russian official to be assassinated in the past three years, the others being M. Von Plehve, Minister of the Interior; M. Sipiaguine, Minister of the Interior; M. Bogolopoff, Minister of Education; General Bobrikoff, Governor of Finland, and General Bogdanovitch, Governor of Ufa. The following is a list of murders and attempted murders on Russian officials within recent years:

M. Sipiaguine, Minister of Education, assassinated Feb. 27, 1901.

M. Pobednostoff, shot at in March, 1901.

M. Sipiaguine, Minister of the Interior, assassinated April 15, 1902.

General de Wahl, Governor of Vilna, shot at May 18, 1902.

Prince Obolenski, Governor of Khar-

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M. Khasoff, chief of police, also wounded August, 1902.

General Bogdanovitch, Governor of Ufa, assassinated May 26, 1903.

Prince Gullizan, Governor-General of Caucasus, attacked Oct. 27, 1903.

M. Melniko, chief of police, fired at in Grodno, Nov. 12, 1903.

General Bobrikoff, Governor of Finland, assassinated June 17, 1904.

M. Von Plehve, Minister of the Interior, assassinated July 28, 1904.

Czar Alexander II was assassinated on the 13th of March, 1881, and in 1883 the chief of the secret police was killed at St. Petersburg, while in 1891 the chief of the Moscow secret police was also assassinated.

THE HAPPENINGS IN ST. MARYS

Citizens Find Fault With the Powerhouse Management—Officials Resign.

[Advertiser's Special Correspondence.]

St. Marys, Feb. 17.—Sheriff Hossie, of Stratford, was a Stonetown visitor on Wednesday.

Mr. William B. Robinson, Jun., who conducts a large blacksmithing business at Butler, Pa., is visiting friends in Blanshard and St. Marys. He came here to attend the obsequies of his father, the late William Robinson, of the south boundary of Blanshard, whose funeral took place on Saturday last. It is ten years since Mr. Robinson was here on a visit. He notices much improvement in St. Marys since that time.

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AUCTION SALES.

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Neil Cooper has been instructed to sell on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 14 Waterloo street, contents of house, comprising in part: Parlor furniture, carpets, pictures, hallrack, hand-carved oak sideboard, extension table and dining chairs, baseboard with seven, bedstead, bedroom suite, etc., bedding sewing machine, cook stove, tubular stove, and utensils. Sale at 10:30. Take South street, Fine cars.

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