

PERSONAL.

The death is announced in England of Col. Wm. Yolland, C.B., &c., at the age of 75 years. This officer, when a lieutenant in the R.E., was in Canada between 1830 and 1835, engaged in engineering work in connection with the first Canadian railway, between Montreal and St. John's. At his death he held the office of Chief Inspector of Railways under the Board of Trade.

The *Canadian Missionary* contains a thrilling account by the Bishop of Algoma of the Rev. Charles Gilmour's feat of crossing the channel between the Great Manitoulin and the north shore last winter, in a blinding snow storm, in the pursuit of his calling. This devoted missionary acted as chaplain to the York-Simcoe battalion in the North-west, and his untiring labors will be long remembered by the men.

The following items are from the *Victoria Warder*: Major Hunter, of Cameron, goes next week to camp, Kingston, with his battalion the 47th Frontenac. That is a crack corps, being under command of Col. Kirkpatrick, assisted by Major Hunter and Major Smith, late in command of the Midlanders.—It gives us much pleasure to state that Mr. Alex. Skinner is now a full fledged barrister and solicitor. He was granted his examinations by the law society in virtue of his having been on service with "C" Co., Midlanders.—Many hearts in Lindsay are made glad by the return to town of the genial young Midlander, Mr. W. A. Wilson. During Mr. Dean's absence from the Dominion Bank, Mr. Wilson will be manager. We hope yet to see him a general manager.

Major J. Hughes, the leader of "C" company, Midlanders, in the charge on Batoche, comes of a fighting stock. His paternal grandfather was a surgeon in the regular service, finally retiring on full pay, after having been on duty in India. His maternal grandfather, too, was Lieut. Laughlin, R.A. He and the late Col. Goodwin, of Toronto, were officers in the same battery and fought together all through the Peninsular war as lieutenants. At Quatre Bras Lieut. Laughlin was slightly wounded, and in the succeeding engagement at Waterloo was badly hit. While convalescing at Valenciennes he became intimate with a young French officer whose father, Col. St. Pierre, led a cuirassier corps on the French side. That officer and three sons fell at Waterloo, three being killed and one, the youngest, wounded. Lieut. Laughlin married the sister of his French comrade—the young lady having come from Orleans to attend her brother in his illness. Mr. John Hughes, of Cartwright, the father of Major Hughes, is known as one of the most prominent and best educated men of his township.—*Victoria Warder*.

GLEANINGS.

Lieut.-Col. O'Malley, commanding the 25th "Elgin" battalion has applied to be allowed to designate his command "The King's Own Borderers."

Speculators in volunteer scrip are plentiful, all of them acting from motives of the purest philanthropy, but only offering half the real value of the scrip notwithstanding their unworldliness.

The experiments which have been recently made in the United States with the so-called dynamite shells have effectually demonstrated the power of these new destructive agents; but it is doubtful whether they will become chosen weapons of warfare. The shells are filled with nitro-gelatine, which contains about 95 per cent. of pure nitro-glycerine, and they are dangerous missiles to store especially on board ship. The shells are projected in the usual way from howitzers or mortars, with special precautions against their premature explosion in the gun itself; but even those who have acquired the contempt bred of familiarity acknowledge that these "dynamite shells" are likely to be as dangerous to friends as to the enemy. The new missiles may, however, be used as regulation munitions at fortresses, and be fired against an attacking fleet.

A passage in Colonel Howard Vincent's recent article on the Volunteers, which appears to have escaped quotation by his reviewers, to our thinking ought to be reproduced in every journal throughout the length and breadth of the land. To say the facts are new would be absurd; on the contrary, as Colonel Vincent says, they are now "freely admitted." But the force and weight of the admissions require to be more fully recognized by those who rule the Services and by the public at large. Were such the case, we should perhaps, have less of that sort of half-heartedness which sees in every fresh development of the Auxiliary Forces a risk or a need of curtailed efficiency in the regular Services. "It will be freely admitted," says Colonel Vincent, "that the Volunteer movement is far from being the least powerful of the factors in that moral development of the country in recent times, which is evidenced by the extraordinary decrease in crime within the quarter of a century during which it has existed. Its influence on individual industry is shown, better than by words, in the fact that such firms as Broadwood's, Shoolbred's, Trollope's, Lambert's, and many others, not only go to great expense in promoting volunteering among their employes, but almost require all in their service to pass through the prescribed course of three years. They are, no doubt, largely actuated by patriotic motives, but as practical men of business they do not lose sight of the advantages a youth derives from training—in habits of order and discipline, from change of work and scene, and from

having before his eyes a worthy ambition exalting his whole nature. The feeling is shared by every father in the country who likes to know that his son is engaged in healthy exercise with fitting companions, instead of in an often vain struggle with the temptations of a great city, blighting the present and ruining the future." These are admitted facts, and facts, let us add, that supply arguments, at least as cogent, in favour of naval Volunteer training for those whose pursuits admit of it, as for Volunteering on shore.—*Broad Arrow*.

THE TARGET.

I was driving into Essex Centre one day last week, when my attention was arrested by the familiar "ping" of the Snider at an unexpectedly great distance from all rifle shooting centres. I naturally proceeded to investigate, and was delighted to find an enthusiastic club practising on a magnificent range situated about half a mile south-east of the town. The ground is clear and perfectly level; the canvas targets face north, and are backed by a dense hardwood bush. The club consists of a number of gentlemen in business in the town, who have most of them imported Turner rifles and gone to work with a determination to become shots. They were probably instigated to this by Mr. W. R. Elliot, who is captain of the club, and who had some previous experience with the 7th Fusiliers. Other prominent members are Messrs. E. Dunstan, secretary; A. J. Green, treasurer; John Thorn, E. C. Lewis, George Taylor and A. Stone.

During my visit some good shooting was made, and I hope we shall see a strong representation from this flourishing club at the next D. R. A. meeting, including members of the recently organized Essex battalion, which has the headquarters of one of the companies at this point. Meanwhile Mr. Elliot is arranging a series of friendly team competitions with neighboring clubs, including those of Ridgetown and Chatham, details of which we hope to publish in due course.—*EDITOR*.

OTTAWA.—The Rifle Club held their sixth Snider spoon competition on Saturday afternoon last. With a dull light and a steady 4 o'clock wind there seemed little difficulty in making good shooting, and high scores were the rule.

Mr. J. A. Armstrong, dessert-spoon.....	29 31 29 89	Lieut. J. C. Chamberlin.....	30 22 23 75
Mr. A. F. Cotton, teaspoon....	31 29 27 87	Mr. R. Reardon.....	29 24 22 75
Major Anderson.....	29 28 29 86	Mr. T. McJanot.....	27 23 23 73
Dr. Hutchison.....	28 29 27 84	Mr. J. C. Hutchison.....	28 23 21 73
Lieut. H. H. Gray.....	25 31 26 82	Capt. Waldo.....	27 24 21 72
Mr. E. D. Sutherland.....	31 25 26 82	Mr. W. H. Whiteley.....	29 30 12 71
Mr. N. Morrison.....	28 29 25 82	Mr. W. A. Jamieson.....	29 25 13 67
Mr. W. Short.....	27 29 25 81	Capt. Wright.....	25 21 21 66
Capt. Porley.....	31 28 21 80	Mr. W. Tabor.....	23 12 7 42
Mr. O'Loary.....	25 23 27 75	Lieut. C. M. Wright.....	retired.

LINDSAY, ONT.—At the second annual meeting of the Victoria County R. A. held last week, Col. Deacon was re-elected president, Lieut. J. A. Bucknell secretary, and Adj. S. Hughes treasurer. It was decided to hold the annual prize meeting on the 29th September, and several committees to arrange their various details were struck. The association has begun using canvas targets.

The regular weekly practice of the Victoria R. A. was held last Friday afternoon; five shots at 200 and 500 yards. The members were divided into two teams of six men each, Capt. Grace's team, with a total of 140, beating Capt. Wallace's, with 123. The best scores made were:

Sergt. Williamson.....	20 16 36	Capt. Wallace.....	18 9 27
S. A. McMurty.....	14 15 29	J. McSweyn.....	15 12 27

The Rifle Association has been presented by Capt. Wallace with a beautiful range bugle for use in signalling at the butts. Material, the best tin.

The association are to hold their annual matches on the 29th inst.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK.—The east end of the town has a flourishing rifle club, of which Chas. Woodman is secretary, and which charges an entrance fee of \$3, payable before the men can shoot. Regular practices are held. The town has also a rifle association, of which S. Brewster is secretary-treasurer, and which proposed holding its first annual prize meeting on the 1st inst. We look forward with interest to receiving particulars of the matches.

EXTRACT FROM MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 5th JULY, 1885.

GENERAL MIDDLETON'S OFFICIAL DESPATCH CONCERNING THE BATOCHIE ENGAGEMENT.

NORTH-WEST FIELD FORCE, BATOCHIE, May 31, 1885.

SIR,—I have the honor to give you the particulars of the fighting on the 9th, 10th, 11th and the action on the 12th at Batoche, for the information of His Excellency, Lord Lansdowne, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, and yourself. As you are aware I left my camp at Fish Creek, on the morning of the 7th, having brought my left column across the river, to join my right column, and having been joined by Lieut.-Col. Williams, commanding the Midland regiment, with two companies of that corps, and a Gatling gun with Captain Howard, late U. S. Army. My force was then composed of:—

- "A" Battery, 2 guns, 86 officers and men.
- Winnipeg  $\frac{1}{2}$  Battery, 2 guns, 40 officers and men.
- One Gatling gun.
- 10th Royal Grenadiers, 210 "
- 90th Regiment, 254 "
- Detachment Midland Regiment, 81 "
- Boulton's Mounted Infantry 65 "
- French's Scouts, 28 "

Total..... 724

The infantry I formed into a brigade and placed it under Lieut.-Col. Stranbenze, who had joined me at the same time as Lieut.-Col. Williams and the two companies of the Midland Battalion. I had also caused my A. Q. M. G. Captain Haig, R.E., to put the the steamer "Northcote" (which had come down