

### Personals.

Major-Gen. Laurie has been nominated as the Conservative candidate for the representation of Shelburne county, N.S., in the Commons.

Major Boulton, he of the noted Scouts, has been nominated a candidate for the Commons by the Conservatives of Marquette, Man., provided the nomination tendered Hon. Thos. White be not accepted by him.

Capt. Prevost, of the 65th battalion, Montreal, has received a commission in the French army, and will shortly leave for Paris, en route to Tonquin. The commission was obtained, it is said, through the influence of Gen. Boulanger.

Lieut.-Col. Osborne Smith, commanding the Winnipeg light infantry, proposes running for a Manitoba constituency, and Lieut.-Col. Scott, M.P., for Winnipeg, commanding the Manitoba Grenadiers, announces his intention of again contesting the same seat.

Capt. John Stewart, who established the Princess Louise dragoon guards of Ottawa, and had command until he went into the ranching business in the North-West, has arrived in this city on a visit. During the rebellion Capt. Stewart organized a company of cowboy scouts, which rendered valuable service.

Lieut. S. M. Rogers, of No. 1 company, 43rd battalion, on Tuesday of this week entered into a life partnership with Miss Woodburn, eldest daughter of Mr. A. S. Woodburn, the proprietor of the *Evening Journal*, and one of Ottawa's leading men. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Wm. Scott, in the Dominion Methodist Church. Lieut. Rogers will be well remembered by the members of Col. Otter's Battleford brigade, which he accompanied in the capacity of staff-sergeant of the Sharpshooters.

Rev. Father Prevost, superior of the College of Ottawa, died of consumption in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Montreal, on Sunday evening last. The deceased, who only assumed charge of the Ottawa College in April last, consequent upon the demise of its former superior, Rev. Father Tabaret, had been chaplain of the 65th battalion, Montreal, and in that capacity accompanied it through the North-West campaign. A detachment from that battalion accompanied the remains to Lachine, where the funeral took place yesterday morning. Deceased was only 45 years of age.

The departure of Capt. H. S. Casey, of No. 1 Troop, 3rd regiment Prince of Wales' Canadian Dragoons, from Colborne, to become an inspector in the Mounted Police, has necessitated the appointment of three new troop officers. The command will devolve upon W. W. Brown, who is now regimental sergeant-major. He is an enthusiastic young soldier, and holds a first-class certificate from the Quebec cavalry school. E. E. Phillip, now troop sergeant-major, is to be first lieutenant, and W. Crochrane, now a sergeant, son of E. Cochrane, Esq., M.P., is to be second lieutenant. The troop has been in existence for thirty-one years, and is one of the best rural troops in the Dominion, and it is confidently expected that its new officers will maintain its high standing.

Major Draper, who has been chief of police of the city of Toronto for the the past twelve years, recently sent in his resignation in consequence of continued and protracted ill health, and the police commissioners have appointed as his successor Lieut.-Col. Grasett of the Royal Grenadiers. The appointment is a very popular one, Col. Grasett being considered by the citizens generally as one of the very best men possible for the position. His long experience in handling men, gained while adjutant of the 100th regiment, and as commanding officer of the Royal Grenadiers, together with his prudent and methodical disposition and character, render him peculiarly well-fitted for the duties of his new office. It is expected that he will retain his connection with his regiment for some time yet.

Lieut.-Col. Thomas Ross, whose resignation from the command of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, we announced last week, was one of the oldest officers of the active militia. He first joined the force in the year 1839, and served for six months as a non-commissioned officer in No. 1 Co. mounted rifles. In 1844 he was appointed lieutenant and adjutant of the Montreal garrison artillery, under command of Lieut.-Col. Maitland. On the removal of the government from Montreal he was placed on the un-attached list as major. When the Civil Service corps was formed, at the time of the Trent difficulty, he was appointed color-sergeant. In 1865 he was appointed to the command of No. 2 battery, Quebec artillery. When the seat of government was removed to Ottawa, he was authorized to raise a battery of garrison artillery, which subsequently became No. 2 battery of the Ottawa brigade, of which, in due course, he became the major. In 1872 he received authority to raise the Guards. This he successfully accomplished, and

for 14 years has worked hard in the interests of the regiment. With him it was a labor of love, and, he was never so happy as when with his corps. He was a personal favorite with both officers and men, and his presence will, no doubt, be missed by his old friends. Colonel Ross always took a warm interest in the Dominion rifle association, and for a couple of years was chairman of the executive committee. In 1884 he commanded the Wimbledon team.

Lieut.-Col. Pennington Macpherson, who succeeds Lieut.-Col. Ross in the command of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, has been connected with the force for the past twenty-five years, the first four of which were spent in the ranks of the Cobourg highland light infantry corps and the Civil Service rifles. In 1866 he was appointed adjutant of the Ottawa provisional battalion. In 1871 he raised No. 2 company, Civil Service rifles, and when the guards regiment was formed joined it with his company. In May, 1876, he was promoted to the rank of major. He holds a first-class military school certificate, a first-class short course gunnery school certificate and a first-class engineering certificate. He has always been an earnest promoter of rifle shooting, and is himself a crack shot. Amongst other prizes he has won the silver cup for the highest aggregate score at the Ontario matches, two regimental gold medals, four D.R.A. silver medals, four O.R.A. silver medals, and the silver medal and the bronze medal of the National rifle association of Great Britain. In 1874 he was a member of the Wimbledon team, and a prize winner in the "Queen's" and "Alexandra," and won the Dollond telescope presented to the team for competition among themselves. In 1875 he was again a successful competitor for a place on the team, but was unable to go. In 1880 he went to England as adjutant of the Wimbledon team. In the fall of that year he won the second highest place for the team of 1881, but was again unable to go. With the revolver he has probably been more successful than any other man in Canada, having carried off first prizes at the Dominion, Ontario, Quebec, and Metropolitan matches. During the past ten years he has been one of the representatives of the province of Ontario at the council board of the Dominion rifle association. Col. Macpherson is probably one of the best posted men in the force to-day. His work on "Military Law," published last year, bears evidence of his thorough acquaintance with the legal aspect of a soldier's duties, and he is an excellent drill, besides being a good shot. We hope to see the guards, under his command, maintain a high reputation for efficiency and discipline.

### Prizes for 200 Yards Off-hand Shooting.

THE Bullard Repeating Arms Company of Springfield, Mass., offer valuable prizes for competition in two series of matches by teams of ten men each representing any rifle club or military company in the United States or Canada. Match No. 1 of the first series must be shot between the 20th and 25th of December next, and Match No. 2 between the 10th and 15th of January, 1887. The team making the highest score in the first match will be awarded an extra fine Bullard magazine rifle .45 calibre; and that making the highest in the second, an extra fine Bullard mid-range single shot rifle. The further conditions for each of these matches are published in *Forest and Stream* as follows:

Distance to be shot 200 yards, strictly off-hand.

Target—American field, off-hand.

Any team of the National Guard or regular army of the United States or Canada using the rifle furnished by the State or Government, and having the regulation six pound pull and regular open sights, shall be allowed 5 points for each score of 10 shots. No cleaning between shots.

Sighting shots, each man 2.

Scoring shots, each man 10.

Targets will be furnished competing teams by the Bullard Repeating Arms Co., free, 2 for each match. Application should be made before December 11.

Fifty shots only will be allowed on each target, the targets and score cards to be signed by the referee and president or secretary of the club, and forwarded by mail to the Bullard Repeating Arms Co., Springfield, Mass., U.S.A., not later than 24 hours after completion of match.

The shooting will be governed by the revised rules of the National rifle association of America.

The president of each rifle club and commanding officer of each military company will appoint a referee who shall see that the rules of the National rifle association are adhered to.

The conditions of the second series will be published as early as possible. It is proposed to have an international match, open to the world. Prizes will be offered for teams, also a valuable individual gold badge to be known as the Bullard championship badge of the world, to the marksman making the highest individual score.