

outside public. This annual event of the Scots is becoming more and more popular. They deserve to be encouraged, for they mean a good deal of hard work on the part of the non-coms.

“A” COMPANY 5th Royal Scots had a large attendance at their presentation of prizes last Thursday. Seldom has there been seen such a large amount of prizes presented to any company. The two cups for shooting and attendance capped the nice display. These cups have been in the possession of the company since they were presented to the regiment—ten and two years ago. This company takes the top place of any company in the city for efficiency.

A MOST enthusiastic meeting of the veterans of 1866-70 was held in the cavalry quarters on Tuesday night. Col. McMillan, who was the organizer of the movement in Western Ontario, and who has been working hard in the interests of the movement, addressed the veterans. He pointed out that the services which they had rendered in 1866-70 had never been recognized, while they had been really called out in a quarrel between Fenians on alien soil and Great Britain, and that, therefore, they had a right to ask for a British medal. He stated also that the late Sir John A. Macdonald had promised that if the British Government would not recognize them the Canadian Government would. He maintained that grants of land had been given others for service on the field, and that the men of 1866-70 who had repelled a foreign foe ought also to get similar recognition. After some discussion it was agreed that the meeting stand adjourned until Tuesday to allow the provisional committee to furnish a list of nominations for the officers of the new organization.

Capt. Cantlie, of the Royal Scots, was married in Quebec on Monday.

The presentation of prizes to the 65th Battalion took place on Wednesday night.

Turkey shoots were the order Thanksgiving Day.

The recruit and qualifying classes of the Victoria Rifles are well attended. There are 22 men qualifying for non-coms.

The drill shed is undergoing a much needed repair, but there are many repairs which would improve the armories that should also be done.

Friday night was military night at the Academy. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.O.C., granted permission to the officers to attend in mess uniform.

The 2nd R.C.A. open their gymnasium class on Monday. A strong class has been formed and the prospects for a good winter's work are bright.

Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.O.C., who was confined to the house through sickness for some time, has now returned to his duties at the Brigade office.

The latest organization talked about among the officers is a tennis club. Already permission has been granted for the use of the drill shed in the afternoons, and arrangements are being made for a series of games.

FORT GEORGE.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—The most important announcement which has been made regarding the volunteers for a long time has just come out. It has been decided that in future commanding officers of volunteer regiments shall hold their appointments for five years only. The new arrangement will probably come into force early next year, and some 300 officers will be immediately affected; but there will in all probability be an extension clause in the order which will be issued, under which those regiments which would obviously lose in efficiency by the retirement of the commanding officer will be enabled to retain him for at least a further period of five years. The volunteers appear to view the situation thus created with mingled feelings, consoling themselves for the retirement of so

many commanding officers by reflections upon the joy which it will bring to aspiring majors and captains.

PROPOSALS have been made to the Commander-in-Chief to hold a largely representative review of the whole of the forces of volunteers of all arms on the occasion of the sixtieth celebration of Her Majesty's reign next year. The idea is to have a large muster in or near the metropolis of the volunteer troops of the Home District, either in Hyde Park, at Windsor or Aldershot, and separate gatherings, if possible, in Scotland and Wales. Should the idea obtain acceptance, which is more than probable, it is anticipated that a quarter of a million of men will be where ordered. A further idea is to call on the men who form the volunteer reserve to augment the ranks on the occasion. There are quite 100,000 men in the reserve up to date. Her Majesty, it is hoped, will review her volunteer troops in the home centres and the Prince of Wales the forces in the Principality. Up to date the volunteer organization is larger in number and efficiency than at any previous period in its history since 1860.

SOME experiments were recently carried out at Dale Point Fort, Milford Haven, with the much-talked-of Zalinsky pneumatic gun. An old paddle steamer, the Harpy, was moved about 3,000 yards from the fort, her engines set in motion, and thirteen shots were fired at her. Officially, satisfaction was expressed with the result, but to the onlooker it looked as if the gun were not as formidable as has been claimed. The intention of those directing the proceedings appears to have been to have caused the earlier shots to explode immediately over the ship; but most of them, after leaving the muzzle of the gun, moved in an irregular and somewhat undulating curve, and fell short of her. The eleventh shell struck one of the paddle boxes, completely shattering it, and either that or an earlier shot must have injured the ship's bottom, because it was noticed that she was settling down forward. After the firing ceased the Royal Engineers boarded her and found her to be in a sinking condition. They therefore abandoned her and an hour after she sank.

THE War Office has established a labor bureau for assisting discharged soldiers, and it has been placed under the charge of the A. A. G. for Recruiting. The bureau under the War Office will, as far as possible, be worked in conjunction with the National Association for the Employment of Army Reserve Men, etc. The War Office could assist these reserve men very materially if they would when giving out contracts or work stipulate that so many of these men be engaged.

SINCE the Lee-Metford rifle was adopted it has been subjected to a good deal of criticism on the part of military men as not coming up to the requirements in active service. Sir Henry Halford, one of the highest authorities on rifles, states that the inefficiency of the rifle is due to the bullet. Before it was adopted a projectile was used with excellent results on animals. It was found necessary to strengthen the metal covering, which gave it greater penetrating powers with but slight shock. This defect has now been rectified, and the same authority claims that the Lee-Metford is not at all behind the Martini-Henry in target shooting when proper ammunition is used.

THE troops in Rhodesia, South Africa, have been supplied with 30,000 blankets by the British Millerain Co. in addition to millerained serges and great coats. The advantage claimed by this company is that all material put through this millerain system retains its porosity but is still proof against wet. It is also claimed that a blanket can be used to carry water as a bucket, and that the heaviest rains run off millerained canvas without scarcely damping the surface. The authorities are awaiting the results of the experiment, and should they prove successful with the troops in South Africa, it will be possible to dispense with a heavy item of expenditure in the supplying of waterproof sheets.