

abandonment for the present year of manoeuvres on an extended scale. If the Opposition still refuse to agree to the proposals made them, the Commander-in-Chief will be asked to consider whether any portion of the money voted by Parliament could not be usefully expended in exercising the troops. If this cannot be accomplished it is intended to bring the bill up later in the session, as the Government are at present exposed to difficulties in the training of the troops, which have been removed in every foreign country.

The cost of sending Indian troops to the Soudan is estimated by the Indian Government to amount to about £140,000.

Col. F. L. Campbell, 1st Batt. Scots Guards, will again assume the duties of commandant at Bisley during the prize meeting of the National Rifle Association.

The Canadian Bisley team will soon be with us. If arrangements can be made it is expected that a match will take place between them and a team from the London Scottish Rifles at the Runmede ranges on the 9th prox.

As showing the interest taken in old soldiers by the Government, there were 500 engaged to work in the post office in addition to those previously engaged. It might be a good thing if some of the members of the Canadian Government would take up the matter of work for the men who leave the permanent force in the same way.

The volunteers are being well looked after. Their usefulness is now only beginning to be seen by the war authorities. Now that they have got their eyes opened to the needs of the force, order after order comes from the authorities. They are to be further instructed while in brigade camps, and officers who have passed through the staff college, or have had experience on the staff, will, where the officers commanding the brigade may desire it, be appointed to assist the brigadier during the encampment of the brigade in umpire duty and in the general arrangements of the camp. Although it will be tried as an experiment this year there is every reason to believe that it will become a general thing in time to come.

In an order just issued to the army by Lord Wolseley, he draws attention to the field firing of the regular troops last year. He says that this training "should be closely studied by all officers, and every effort must now be made to avoid in future the errors now pointed out. Without devoting the greatest care both to the preparation and to the carrying out of all field firing it is not possible to obtain the full advantage and instruction afforded by this the most important of all musketry practices."

The War Office authorities are engaged in working out a gigantic scheme of military

manoeuvres, which are expected to take place about beginning September. Camps will be formed at different centres of England. It is expected that every line cavalry regiment stationed in England, with one regiment of Household cavalry, and that every battalion except those required for garrison duty, will be brought into the scheme. It is also anticipated that a large number of artillery and four brigades of militia will take part in the operations.

The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston, U.S.A., will sail for this place on the 29th. The strength of the delegation, it is expected, will be about 200. Major Williams, who visited Boston in connection with the contemplated trip, has written to Boston stating that the British military authorities have given the detachment liberty to wear arms in this country.

Preparations are being made for extensive drills and manoeuvres under Lord Roberts in Ireland. They will start about the 1st of July, and all the regiments in the Emerald Isle will be represented or take part.

Official recognition of the bicycle by the War Office is now a fact. For the district of London an officer has been appointed to act as "District Cycling Officer," and a uniform system of drill has been approved by the authorities for use in the Home district. It may thus be taken for granted that considerable importance will be attached to the bicycle in the future.

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KINGSTON, June 27. — The annual closing exercises, in connection with the Royal Military College, were held on the college grounds Thursday afternoon, in the presence of a large gathering of spectators, and the result of the recent examinations were afterwards announced, and the medals and prizes won were presented by Major-General Cameron.

Last night intimation was received at the college that Her Majesty had been pleased to bestow to the graduates this year a commission in the Indian Staff Corps, in addition to the four commissions in other branches of the Imperial Service annually offered for competition by the members of the graduating class.

Following are the names of this year's graduates, with the number of marks taken by each during the entire course :

Batt. Sergt.-Major A. S. Evans 47,970 marks, Sergt. Guy H. Kirkpatrick 46,548, Co.-Sergt.-Major W. H. N. Cantlie 43,420, Co.-Sergt.-Major C. M. Stephen 42,406, Corp. Grant E. Hardie 39,813, Cadet Francis Leach 38,838, Sergt. R. C. F. Alexander 37,503, Co.-Sergt.-Major John H. Parks 36,287, Sergt. Charles C. Wood 34,956, Co.-Sergt.-Major F. L. Lafferty 34,243, Cadet John C. Holden 33,164, Sergt. A. W. R. Wilby 30,822, Cadet D. Weatherby 30,381, Corp. A. M. Russell 29,182, Cadet G. O. Hayne 26,161.

The winners of the Aberdeen medals are :

Bronze medal, Co.-Sergt.-Major W. H. N. Cantlie; silver medal, Sergt. G. H. Kirkpatrick; gold medal, Batt.-Sergt.-Major A. S. Evans.

Following are the names of the graduates recommended for commissions in the Imperial forces: Sergt. A. W. R. Wilby (Toronto), infantry; Co.-Sergt.-Major Chas. M. Stephen (Halifax), infantry; Co.-Sergt.-Major Wm. H. N. Cantlie (Montreal), artillery; Batt.-Sergt.-Major Arthur S. Evans (Toronto), Royal Engineers; Corp. G. E. Hardie (Ottawa), Indian Staff Corps.

The names of the general prize-winners are :

Annual class prizes, highest proficiency—Fourth class, Gent. Cadet E. D. Carr-Harris; third class, Gent. Cadet C. W. Denison; second class, Sergt. F. F. Carr-Harris; first class, Sergt. Guy Hamilton Kirkpatrick.

Annual subject prizes—Dominion Artillery Association prizes, Gent. Cadet F. F. Hunter, Sergt. Wm. B. Anderson.

Dominion Artillery Association badges—Sergt. Wm. B. Anderson, Sergt. J. Alfred Stairs, Corp. Herbert H. Syer, Corp. Robert C. H. Cassels, Sergt. Claude de Brigny Doucet.

Ontario Artillery Association cup—Corp. Herbert H. Syer.

Royal Military College badges—F. F. Hunter, C. W. Denison, A. E. Smith, H. R. Payzant, Arthur C. H. Dean.

ENTIRE COURSE—SUBJECT PRIZES.

Mathematics and mechanics—Arthur Stuart Evans.

Practical geometry and drawing—Claude de Brigny Doucet.

Military engineering—Chas. M. Stephen. Surveying and military topography—Guy H. Kirkpatrick.

Reconnaissance—Chas. M. Stephen. Artillery (theory and construction)—Wm. B. Anderson.

Military history—Charles C. Wood. French—Arthur S. Evans.

English—Arthur S. Evans.

Chemistry—Guy H. Kirkpatrick.

Physics—Charles M. Stephen.

Geology and mineralogy—Charles C. Wood.

Freehand drawing and painting—Richard C. F. Alexander, Charles M. Stephen.

Civil engineering—Charles M. Stephen, William H. N. Cantlie.

Drills and exercises and non-com. drill instruction combined—Arthur S. Evans.

Conduct and non-com. discipline—Charles M. Stephen.

In his annual address, the commandant Major-General Cameron, referred to the recent charges of the immoderate use of intoxicating liquor and laxity of discipline preferred by THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE, and to prove that the cadets are pr