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## Topics of the Week.

Of the team of riflemen now winning laurels in competition with crack corps of the mother country, the *New York Sun* thus spoke a couple of weeks ago: "Although the team of Massachusetts militiamen now on the way to England cannot be said to represent the country in exactly the same way that previous American teams have done who have contended for international honours at Wimbledon, Dollymount and Creedmoor, yet it will be sure to do the country credit. Indeed, two of its members have each served on two or more international teams that have contended with British riflemen. It has two men that have won at Creedmoor the individual military championship of America, and such names as Farrar, Hinman, Bull, Bumstead and Doyle are well known in matches. The work of the Massachusetts team at Creedmoor last year, and both at Creedmoor and Chicago the year before, is a sufficient guarantee of its ability as a whole. It is quite certain that the men of Major Frost's command will acquit themselves creditably in the matches which they have arranged with teams representing the Berkshire and Sussex Volunteers, the London Rifle Brigade, and other similar organizations geographically restricted in membership like their own. They will also reap a good share of valuable prizes in the individual matches at Wimbledon."

Arrangements for the Halifax summer carnival are progressing in a favourable manner. It begins Monday, 5th August, and continues for six days. The officers commanding Her Majesty's military and naval forces in North America have heartily co-operated with the citizens of Halifax in making arrangements for the week's holiday. Halifax is advantageously situated for a series of events of the kind proposed. It is the headquarters of the British-American naval squadron, commanded by Admiral Sir George W. Watson, and a force of British soldiers is garrisoned in the city, under the command of General Sir John Ross. Many thousands of armed soldiers and sailors will take part in the programme. The city will be bombarded by the entire fleet of warships, the engagement occupying a whole day, when every vessel, fort and battery will be in action. On another occasion the troops will be reviewed by General Sir John Ross and Admiral Sir George W. Watson. The military tournament, in which officers and men will participate in contests peculiar to the army and navy, will be another feature. An affair of this kind is not uncommon in the garrison cities of the old country, but on this side of the Atlantic is rarely witnessed, and then in Halifax alone, which is the only imperial station on the continent.

## Standing Orders for Artillery Camps, 1889.

1. On arrival at camp the officer in command of detachments will report to the Camp Adjutant, who will detail the tents, stores, &c., to be taken over by the detachments. The general distribution will be two officers to a tent; non-com. officers and gunners, seven or eight to a tent; field officers, a tent each. An officers' mess will be established in camp, and rations and cooking arrangements provided for non-com. officers and gunners. Each man is required to bring with him one tin plate, one cup or canteen, and knife, fork and spoon.

2. All officers and men forming the camp will be liable for any duty that may be required. When detachments are paraded all officers not detailed for special duty will parade and march with their detachments to practice or drill, as the case may be. One officer at least must be present with his detachment during practice.

3. The senior non-com. officer or gunner of each tent will be held responsible for the quietness and order of the men under his charge, and for their being present at roll call. He will also be responsible for the general cleanliness of his tent, and will see that the palliasses are properly rolled and appointments securely placed.

4. Officers in charge of detachments will be responsible to the Camp Quartermaster for the tents and stores issued to them. Should any of these stores be damaged or missing, the regulation price for such damage or loss will be charged to the officer in command.

5. No non-com. officers or gunners are allowed to leave the camp lines unless properly dressed to go out. Officers and men desiring to sleep out of camp must obtain leave of absence.

6.	Reveillé will sound at . . . . .	5.30 a.m.
	Breakfast, from . . . . .	6 to 7 a.m.
	Dinner, " . . . . .	12.30 to 1.30 p.m.
	Tea, " . . . . .	5.30 to 6 p.m.
	Retreat at . . . . .	Sunset.
	1st Post at . . . . .	9.30 p.m.
	2nd Post at . . . . .	10 p.m.
	Lights out . . . . .	10.30 p.m.

7. The necessary detail for gun practice, &c., will be published in Camp Orders daily by the Commandant.

8. The following detail will be furnished by the Royal School of Artillery, viz:

- Two Range Officers.
- 1 Laboratory Foreman and 1 Assistant.
- 1 Cook and 1 Assistant.
- 1 P. O. Orderly.
- 1 Brigade Orderly Sergeant.
- 1 N. C. Officer and 6 Gunners (Flying Sentry, Fatigues, &c.)
- 1 Trumpeter.
- 1 N. C. Officer (acting Q.M.S.)

### FIRING REGULATIONS.

9. Every movement must be steadily and correctly performed in strict conformity to regulations; at any deviation therefrom the words "*stand fast*" shall be given by the umpire, who shall point out the error, and when the correction is made the words "*go on*" will be given; the time so lost will not be allowed for. Time will be allowed for any unavoidable delay, such as a miss-fire through breaking or fault of friction tube, or anything that is not the fault of the detachment, according to the decision of the umpire, who shall give the word "*stop*." When the word "*commence*" is again given, the numbers will proceed with the working of the gun.

10. The full penalty of loss of five points will be incurred for the following, viz:

- a. Neglect to use sufficient force to screw up the breech of the 40-pr-gun after loading.
- b. When the number whose duty it is to fire the gun, does so before the word "Fire" is given by the No. 1.