

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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SIR,—Sometime ago I asked the question, why so few Martini Henry Rifles were used in this country, the answer was not very complimentary to the questioner. From the Wimbledon reports of the London Daily News and Edinburgh Scotsman, of 15th July last, I learn, that "In the second stage of the Queen's Prize, there were general complaints about the Martini-Henry Rifle which it seems are shared in by the men of the regulars to whom it has been issued. Its recoil is so great, that bruised shoulders and contused cheeks resulted from its use; one competitor had his nose bled. Lord Ducie gave permission to tie handkerchiefs round the butts to deaden the recoil; the pull of the trigger was also found so uncertain that the Council had to suspend testing altogether." At Wimbledon then, others have experienced the same difficulties as myself. The new system of marking, I understand, has not been entirely successful; it seems it has not been generally adopted at home, and in this country so far as I have been able to observe, those who have tried it, have gone back to the old system; no doubt there must be some very good reasons for this. The Dominion Rifle Association according to this year's programme are going to use the new system; from experience of their previous decisions I am not surprised at this; but it is to be regretted, that on matters of a practical nature, they do not ask the advice of those to whom "the use of the rifle is not an unknown subject."

R.

P. S.—I have observed a very peculiar paragraph, in the Globe's Wimbledon correspondence of 21st July, "it would be well if the Dominion Association in sending another team would see that at least one officer, who has been over before, accompanies them." Knowledge is apparently as necessary in rifle shooting as in anything else.

R.

The London Empire has the following interesting paragraph on the agricultural labourer's strike, and its effect upon the tide of emigration:—"The defeat of the Unionists is a fact now beyond dispute. This struggle is likely to benefit our colonies very considerably. Machines have turned out men, and the ousted labourers may profitably employ their energies on the virgin soil of our Empire beyond the sea. Canada is specially exerting herself to secure them. Canadians are among the men, describing the beauties of the happy Arcadia across the Atlantic. Necessity if not inclination is likely to drive the labourers over. The vacation promises to be a busy time for Mr. E. Jenkins."

The Carlists are entrenching themselves around Bilbao. The damage done by the bombardment of Puycerda was insignificant.

## DOMINION OF CANADA.



## MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

## HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 4th September, 1874.

## GENERAL ORDERS (23).

## No. 1.

## ACTIVE MILITIA.

## PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

## 14th Battalion or The Princess of Wales Own Rifles.

To be Lieutenant, from 22nd June, 1874: William Sands, Gentleman, M. S., vice Robert Gray Kincaid whose resignation is hereby accepted.

## 22nd Battalion, "The Oxford Rifles,"

To be Paymaster: John Dunlop, Esquire, vice Andrew Ross, deceased.

## 26th "Middlesex" Battalion of Infantry.

To be Adjutant: Captain Charles Anthony O'Malley, M.S., from retired list, vice John Cameron left limits.

27th "Lambton" Battalion of Infantry.  
No. 5 Company, Wallaceburg.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Sergeant Joseph Hall Beattie, vice James Cruickshank whose resignation is hereby accepted.

The resignation of Ensign Nathaniel K. Neabitt is hereby accepted.

## PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

## 51st Battalion of Infantry or "Hemmingford Rangers."

To be Majors: Captain and Brevet Major Richard Lucas, V. B. from No. 5 Company, vice P. McNaughton deceased.

Captain and Brevet Major Frank A. Cantwell, M.S. from No. 3 Company, vice Brevet Lieut. Colonel Robert Douglas who is hereby permitted to retire retaining his Brevet rank.

## No. 1 Company, Havelock.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Thomas Milne, M. S. vice Thomas Sanders deceased.

## No. 3 Company, Franklin,

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Moses Rowe, V. B. S. vice Frank A. Cantwell promoted.

## No. 5 Company, Boxham.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant George Elliot, V. B., vice Lucas promoted.

## 58th "Compton" Battalion of Infantry.

## No. 6 Company, Compton.

To be Captain:

George W. Cook, Esquire, M. S. C. vice Shurtliff left limits.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally:

Gilbert P. H. Hitchcock, Gentleman, vice Albert P. Farwell who has neglected to perform duty.

Ensign Roderick McDonald having left limits his name is hereby removed from the list of Officers of the Active Militia.

## 70th "Champlain" Battalion of Infantry.

## No. 6 Company, St. Tit.

To be Lieutenant:

Sergeant Ferdinand Trudel, M. S., vice Urban H. St. Arnaud left limits.

## PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

## Woodstock Field Battery, of Artillery.

To be Surgeon:

Assistant Surgeon Stephen Smith, from New-Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

## New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

To be Assistant Surgeon:

Joseph Andrews, Esquire, vice S. Smith transferred to Woodstock Field Battery.

By Command of his Excellency the Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut. Col.  
Acting Adjutant General of Militia,  
Canada.

The County Council of Middlesex intend to make hard labour prisoners work on the roads with a bell and chain attached to the leg of each individual. The idea is probably taken from a similar system which is adopted with military prisoners of the United States Army.