

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Militia Gazette,

Sir,—A good deal of doubt exists in the minds of some of the officers of Infantry corps in this section of Canada regarding the propriety of adopting the white leather regulation cross belt, such as is now in use in the British army, instead of the silk sash usually worn with full dress. The regiment to which I belong at their last annual meeting decided to adopt the white leather cross belt but we are now told by several parties who "ought to know, you know," that the Canada militia cannot wear them because they are against regulation. As you are supposed to know everything, kindly let us have some light on this point in your next issue so that we can tell what to do.

Awaiting your verdict, I remain yours truly,
"TORONTO."

[We cannot ascertain that white leather cross belts were ever adopted by British infantry officers. Brown leather has been authorized for active service, but the red and gold sashes are yet used for full dress. The committee on dress regulations for the Canadian militia recommended pouch belts such as you describe, but that regulation has not been carried into effect, and our troops are governed as to dress by the "Regulations and Orders for the Militia" of 1879 as modified by those of 1883, and by a few subsequent general orders, relating to details. Although not in accordance with Canadian regulations, some battalions have obtained permission to wear badges of rank on the shoulder straps; and your proposed innovation would certainly require official sanction before it could be adopted.—Ed.]

PERSONAL.

Lt.-Col. D. Bergin, M.P. for Stormont and Cornwall and Surgeon-General of the Militia, who represents the St. Lawrence and Eastern Division in the Medical Council of Ontario, has been unanimously elected President of that body for the current academic year. This is the second time he has received the distinguished honor at the hands of his colleagues, the last time he occupied the chair being in 1881-82.

Dr. G. T. Orton, M.P., Surgeon of the 90th Battalion, who was Brigade Surgeon with the troops at Batoche, has recently returned to Ottawa to devote himself to more peaceful duties in the legislature. His return to the Commons was the signal for an outburst of applause from those present, and the veteran Premier, who was addressing the House at the time on the Mounted Police Augmentation Bill, took the opportunity afforded him by the interruption to welcome his supporter with a neat compliment.

Colonel Denison, who was appointed chief officer in command of the voyageurs when they left Canada for Egypt last autumn, is expected to arrive in London from Cairo in a few days. We are glad to be able to state that the voyageurs who were seized with an attack of enteric fever three weeks ago, and were removed to the Guards' hospital, are making satisfactory progress towards recovery. It is hoped that they will shortly be convalescent.—*Can. Gazette, London.*

Lt. Col. Lamontagne, D. A. G. of Mil. Dist. No. 4, has returned to Ottawa from the North-west, where he occupied the position of Supply Officer. His return was occasioned by engagements at headquarters in connection with the examinations for the Royal Military College.

DOINGS OF CORPS AT THEIR HEADQUARTERS.

WINDSOR, ONT.—At a meeting of the Volunteer Relief Committee for the purpose of adopting some plan for the disposal of the money on hand, amounting to \$31, it was resolved to investigate the circumstances of the family of Sergt. Gould, of Windsor, who went to the North-west with the London volunteers. Should the family require the aid of the Committee, in addition to that of the town, the money will be devoted to that object, otherwise it will be kept for the purpose of celebrating the return of the troops.

MONTREAL.—The Prince of Wales' Rifles after being detained in camp for about a month were dismissed yesterday. At three o'clock the men left their camp grounds in heavy marching order and proceeded to the Champ de Mars, where they were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Worsley, who afterwards addressed them in complimentary terms. The Mayor also congratulated the regiment upon its excellent appearance and perfect drill. Continuing he said: "Canada has now seen that she wants her volunteers, and for the future it will be the duty of every Canadian, whether he be a private citizen, a member of Parliament, or a Minister of the Crown, to see the wants and requirements of the men attended to." A large number of the principal citizens were present to show their appreciation of the willingness and promptness displayed by the regiment in leaving their work to prepare for a possible defence of their country. After the inspection the Rifles marched through the city and were everywhere much admired for their soldier-like bearing.—*The Star.*

Efforts are now being made to arrange a visit of the Victoria Rifles to Ottawa on Dominion Day, when they would go into camp and enjoy their outing in a military fashion.

The members of the Victoria Rifles have formed a Cricket Club, and opened the season with a friendly match on St. Helen's Island on the 6th. The elevens were captained respectively by Capt. Anderson, President of the Club, and Capt. R. P. Adams, Secretary. The following is the score:—

Secretary's team—Capt. R. P. Adams, 15; T. Ramsay, 1; C. Ramsay, 4; A. Ramsay, 4; C. Meakin, 3; G. Hall, 19; J. R. B. Smith, 4; C. Ketchum, 2; S. M. Walker, 0; T. H. Thom, 1; byes, 4; wides, 4. Total 61.

President's team—Capt. Anderson, 2; T. Holiday, 16; F. Wake, 0; H. Doucet, 0; W. Galt, 4; H. Dufresne, 7; H. Norman, 0; A. W. Kippen, 1; H. Spence, 4; J. P. Edwards, not out, 0. Total 34.

The P.W.O. Rifles parade for bathing every Saturday morning under an officer and the Hospital Sergeant. The men enjoy this part of the routine more than any other.

The uniforms of the P.W.O. Rifles, having done service in four annual drills, are now rather the worse for wear, garrison duty not being calculated to improve sergeants' trousers, especially when there is not a change. The Department will probably be asked for a new outfit.

ST. CATHARINES, ONT.—At the last meeting of the council of the county of Lincoln, held here, they decided to furnish six companies of infantry and three troops of cavalry (the 19th Battalion and three troops of the 2nd Regiment of Cavalry) with regulation white helmets.

ST. JOHN, N.B.—The 62nd Fusiliers have been performing their annual drill since the 7th April last, being held in readiness for service in the Northwest, and when the call for them came on the 11th May, although only four companies were required, nearly every officer and man of the Corps was ready in twenty-four hours, the great contention among all ranks being not who should stay at home, but who should be allowed to go. The four companies which formed part of the New Brunswick Provisional Battalion ("A" company, I.S.C., and one company from each other battalion in the Province composing the remainder) remained in camp at Sussex for nine days, and great disappointment was felt among all ranks when the provisional battalion was ordered home again. Although the officers and men, especially the former, were put to great expense in procuring outfits and leaving situations, it is felt that the 62nd have shown the citizens of St. John that they are not a force on paper only, and that the battalion has proved itself worthy of their motto "Semper Paratus." Since returning from camp the annual drill has been resumed; a route march and battalion drill being held every week; and next week target practice will be begun. Should a camp be held this month the battalion will take part in a field day on July 1st.

HALIFAX, N.S.—In the two days' cricket match played here recently between the Garrison team and the Wanderers, the latter proved the victors scoring 169 and beating their opponents by five wickets. The top score was made by Henry of the Wanderers. The Garrison team is not so strong as last year, the bowling of Col. Hutcheson being sadly missed. McMahon showed himself to be an excellent wicket keeper and Col. Lane's batting was a feature of the game. Oxley made, as usual, an excellent wicket keeper for the Wanderers, and the bowling of Duffus and Thompson was remarkably good.

DOMINION ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION.

The following revised scale of credits for the general efficiency competition for both field and garrison batteries having been approved by the Executive Committee, is published for general information:—

FIELD BATTERIES.

Clothing and accoutrements	12
Guns, carriages and equipment	12
Horses	12
Harness and harnessing	16
Marching past—walk, trot and rank	15
Standing gun drill, position and general duties	28
Field manoeuvres	16
Sword drill by mounted officers and N.C. officers	8
Dismounted and disabled ordnance	12
Discipline, including camping and interior economy	12
Answers to printed questions, by officers	5 each
“ “ “ N.C. officers	2 “
One-fifth total score at competitive practice.	

GARRISON BATTERIES.

Clothing and accoutrements	10
Company drill	10
Manual and firing exercises	10
Standing gun drill—each detachment	10
Discipline and interior economy	5
Answers to printed questions, officers	5 each
“ “ “ N.C. officers	2 “
One-fifth score at competitive practice.	

By order,
J. B. DONALDSON, CAPT.,
Sec'y. and Treas.

OTTAWA, 9th May, 1885.

An extraordinary meeting of the council of the Association has been called for this date (16th) the proceedings of which we hope to publish next issue.—[Ed.]