

until finally they came to a manner of living, as to clothing, food, and architecture, essentially like the people among whom they were serving, who had, for generations, adopted the suggestions of the climate in these matters. Let us do likewise." The Canadian militiamen: "Us too."

COLONEL SMITH'S lecture before the sergeants of the Queen's Own Rifles, appears, from the synopsis furnished by our Toronto correspondent, to have been not only interesting but of great practical value. In offering advice on the important subjects with which he dealt, the lecturer was sowing seed in good mental soil. We would be glad to have our readers informed concerning the steps to be taken to nurture the seed.

IN answer to inquiries as to why we have not mentioned the "new discovery" in rifle shooting with which the daily press has been regaling its readers during the past few weeks, we refer those seeking information to our issue of 2nd September 1886, in which Major Richard's system was fully described. The representations alleged to have been made to the Militia Department were made about that time, not lately, and the item which has lately been going the rounds was

clipped from an English paper. The principle of the system is that of the Morris tube, already procured at their own expense by the members of several city corps. There is no doubt but that the supply of a small number of such tubes by the government to those corps desiring to make use of them, would have a beneficial result in securing greater proficiency in rifle shooting.

A Brussels correspondent of the New York *Herald* discusses the question: "Should war break out how would Belgium stand against an invader, and how would the latter fare?" After considering the present military condition of Belgium, the correspondent says: "There are two distinct opinions and schools in the high military circles of Belgium. One is in favor of shutting up the army within the fortified points and making a stand there, according to the old fashioned ideas which prevailed before 1870. The other, which reckons General Brialmont and General Vandersmissen (of Mexican fame) among its foremost supporters, is for using the fortresses merely as a basis of operations on which to fall back, and meeting the enemy boldly in the open, after outflanking them. This is probably the method which would be adopted, as it is gaining fresh adherents every day. The query is whether fifty or sixty thousand Belgians—perhaps a smaller number, as shewn above—could bear the sudden rush of a French or a German army five or six times more numerous, whose officers are certainly superior, as far as practical experience goes, although the Belgians may be a match for them with regard to the theory of war. A few Belgian officers speak hopefully on the subject; they are confident that their forces would arrest the progress of the foe sufficiently to allow his adversary to come up and assist in arresting it altogether; but the larger number of military authorities shake their heads ominously when the subject is broached, while the opinion of King Leopold himself may be gathered from the seriousness with which His Majesty has of late advocated an increase of the military forces by the method of 'personal service.'"

THE MOST EFFICIENT BATTERIES.

Hamilton F. B. and No. 2 Battery P. E. I. G. A. awarded the Cups presented by His Excellency the Governor-General, for general efficiency.

RETURNS received from the field and garrison batteries entered for the general efficiency competition of the Dominion Artillery Association, have just been made up, and may be found in full below. They show that the Hamilton Field Battery and No. 2 Battery P. E. I. G. A. have this year, each in its class, won the proud distinction of being the most efficient batteries in Canada, and have won the handsome cups, value \$75 each, presented by his Excellency the Governor-General. The following are the complete scores:—

GENERAL EFFICIENCY—FIELD BATTERIES.

	Full credits.	Hamilton Battery.	Welland Canal Battery.	Toronto Battery.	London Battery.	No. 1 Battery, 1st Bde.	No. 2 Battery, 1st Bde.	Ottawa Battery.	Newcastle Battery.	Durham Battery.	Gananoque Battery.	Kingston Battery.	Winnipeg Battery.	Montreal Battery.	Richmond Battery.	Shefford Battery.	Quebec Battery.
Clothing and accoutrements.....	12	12	10	12	10	10	11	11	9	6	9	11	11	12	6	8	11
Guns, carriages and equipment.....	16	15	15	14	15	13	15	15	10	9	8	12	8	16	10	12	16
Horses.....	12	10	8	9	12	9	10	10	9	11	8	7	12	10	6	8	8
Harness and harnessing.....	16	14	11	12	11	13	15	11	10	14	14	15	14	16	8	8	14
Marching past.....	15	14	13	12	10	14	15	14	12	14	14	15	12	12	11	12	14
Gun drill.....	28	26	24	26	18	25	26	26	23	14	18	15	10	24	16	25	26
Sword drill.....	8	8	3	7	5	7	8	6	..	3	8	5	..	6	..	..	6
Manœuvres.....	16	15	11	10	13	13	13	12	11	9	12	9	6	14	10	12	15
Discipline camping.....	12	12	10	7	10	12	12	8	10	10	10	10	6	10	7	10	10
Questions { Officers.....	40	37	26	35	28	28	24	32	17	24	28	22.5	15	39	31	30	37
{ N. C. Officers.....	64	60	44	30	29	32	43	38	19	45	13	17	24	52	26	33	58
One-fifth score.....	..	88.4	91.8	73.4	90	91.6	88.6	90.2	70	95.8	60.4	81.2	57.4	85	46.6	55.8	89.4
Total.....	..	311.4	266.8	247.4	251	267.6	280.6	273.2	200	254.8	197.4	219.7	175.4	296	177.6	213.8	304.4

GENERAL EFFICIENCY—GARRISON BATTERIES.

	Full credits.	No. 1 Bat., P. E. I. Bde.	No. 2 Bat., P. E. I. Bde.	No. 1 Bat., Halifax Bde.	No. 2 Bat., Halifax Bde.	No. 3 Bat., Halifax Bde.	No. 4 Bat., Halifax Bde.	No. 5 Bat., Halifax Bde.	No. 6 Bat., Halifax Bde.	No. 7 Bat., Halifax Bde.	Yarmouth Battery.	No. 1 Bat., N.S. Bde.	No. 2 Bat., N.S. Bde.	No. 3 Bat., N.S. Bde.	No. 4 Bat., N.S. Bde.	No. 5 Bat., N.S. Bde.	No. 2 Battery, Quebec.	No. 1 Battery, Levis.	No. 2 Battery, Levis.
Clothing and accoutrements....	5	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	5	4	5	5	4	3½	3½	3½
Manual and firing.....	10	7	8	6	6	7	5	7	7	7	7	8	5	8	9	6	7	8	7
Company drill.....	10	8	7	6	..	..	..	6	7	7	8	6	4	6	9	3	8	7	7
Gun drill.....	40	35	38	9	8	8	7	7	8	15	30	25	14	15	36	15	32	32	28
Discipline and interior economy	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	4	4	4	4
Questions { Officers.....	30	7	23	19	18	17	..	10	19	18	7	26	21	25	9	13	24	22	28
{ N. C. Officers.....	48	19	42	33	23	26	7	26	27	26	38	26	10	26	41	27	29	21	15
Totals.....	..	84	127	80	62	65	25	63	76	81	100	101	63	89	114	72	107½	96½	82½