

Friday, 13th, 9 a.m.—Parade—Detached duties, half mounted.
9.30 to 11 a.m.—Parade—Half dismounted, for field movements. 2.30 p.m.—Parade—All dismounted, for parade and field movements.

Saturday, 14th, 9.30 a.m.—Lectures—"Characteristics and Employment of the Three Arms," "The Different Methods of Transmitting Intelligence in the Army," by Major Lessard.
2 p.m.—General kit inspection "A" Squadron R.C.D., all to attend.

THE DUFFERIN MEDAL.

THE most coveted prize for rifle shooting in the Dufferin Rifles of Canada is the medal presented each year to the regiment by Lord Dufferin. This medal is of bronze, two inches in diameter. On the obverse side are the heads of Lord and Lady Dufferin, with the inscription, "Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.C.B., G.C.M.G., Governor-General of Canada—Countess of Dufferin, 1876," and on the reverse, the Dufferin coat of arms, with the inscription, "Presented by His Excellency the Governor-General." The medal is awarded to the members of the Dufferin Rifles of Canada obtaining the highest score with ten rounds at 500 yards, using a rifle of regimental issue, and only the winners in the regimental match are entitled to compete (winners are barred for five years from again competing) so that the fortunate possessor is undoubtedly entitled to the distinction of being the best shot in the regiment for the year. The medal was presented first in 1882, when Lord Dufferin wrote the following autograph letter to Lieut.-Col. Jones :



Bugle-Major Oxtoby, winner of Dufferin Medal for '96.

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Constantinople, April 26, 1882.

My Dear Col. Jones,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 1, and to say that I shall be too happy to comply with your request, and I have ordered a bronze medal to be sent each year to the officer commanding the regiment, so as to reach its destination in time for August competitions.

I assure you I feel very much honored by your desire to maintain your connection with me, and I shall always take a lively interest in the welfare of the regiment. I like the badge you have adopted very much indeed.

With Lady Dufferin's and my own kindest regards to your brother officers and yourself, believe me, my dear Col. Jones,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) DUFFERIN.

The first year it was won by the late Surgeon-Major Harris, to whom Lord Dufferin wrote an autograph letter of congratulation, as follows :

Constantinople, Oct. 10th, 1882.

My Dear Dr. Harris,—I am much obliged to you for sending me the paper announcing that you had won the Dufferin Medal. I congratulate you on your success, and am

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) DUFFERIN.

The winner of the '96 medal is the debonair bugle-major of the regiment. For several years Bugle-Major Oxtoby, who is also steward of the officers' mess, has come within a point or two of the coveted decoration, so that his win was a most popular one.

Corporal (to soldier)—"Why is the blade of the sabre curved instead of straight?"

Private—"It is curved in order to give more force to the blow."

Corporal—"Humbug! The sabre is curved so as to fit the scabbard. If it was straight how would you get it into a crooked scabbard, blockhead?"—Fliegende Blätter.

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