

Regimental and Other News.

The annual rifle matches of the reorganized Seventh Fusiliers of London, Ont., were held on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. H. E. Burstall, of Quebec, has been appointed a lieutenant in the Regiment of Canadian Artillery, and detailed for service with "C" Battery, Victoria.

No. 1 company of the 43rd Rifles, of Ottawa, are opening a club room again this winter. They will have an additional attraction in the shape of a Morris tube gallery.

On Tuesday of last week the Royal Artillery, at Halifax, had their annual sports, in the presence of a large number of spectators, including General Sir John Ross. The prizes won were presented by Mrs. Ryan, wife of Col. Ryan, commanding R. A. staff in Canada.

Capt. Bell and the other officers of No. 6 company, 43rd Rifles, entertained the members, the staff officers of the battalion, and other invited guests, at dinner at the Bodega, Ottawa, on Friday evening last, when upwards of fifty persons met around the festive board.

In response to a challenge from No. 6, that company and No. 1 of the 43rd had a friendly match, twenty-five men a side, on Rideau range on Thanksgiving Day. Sniders were used, at 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots. No. 6 won handsomely, the totals being 1734 and 1578 respectively.

The Sixty-fifth Mount Royal Rifles, Montreal, are practicing twice a week at their Morris tube range in the drill hall. General interest is reported to be taken in the practice, and it is expected that next season the regiment will be able to send its quota of men to compete in the Dominion and provincial matches.

Halifax riflemen had a Martini-Henry match, 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, on the Bedford range on Thanksgiving Day, for sweep-stake prizes. The chief scores were: Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A., 82; Lieut. Blackmore, 63rd, 82; Capt. Crane, 63rd, 79; Sergt. Elliott, 63rd, 75; Sergt.-Major Lockhart, 63rd, 75.

Lieut.-Col. Andrew K. Mackinlay, once the officer commanding the 63rd Halifax Rifles, died at London, England, last week, aged 58 years. A few weeks previously he had gone to England on a visit, accompanied by his daughter. He had been accustomed to spend the winter in London. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Capt. Clarke, the enthusiastic artillery officer who has brought his cadet classes at Guelph up to such a state of perfection as to be almost the envy of the whole Dominion, has recently been invited to exhibit his classes in Ottawa, under the auspices of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, but has been forced to decline for this season.

General Luke Lyman, secretary of the Dominion Bridge Company at Montreal, died last week in his 65th year. His rank was in the United States army. He served in the war as Colonel of the Massachusetts Regiment, in North Carolina, and for his services was given the rank of General. He had lived in Montreal since 1883.

The Queen's Own Rifles mustered at the drill shed last Thursday night for roll call. Six hundred and three men answered to their names, the largest muster for some years. It was pay night. The regiment was divided into half-battalions in order to accelerate the work undertaken by Col. Alger, district pay-master, and Col. Gray, brigade-major.

Members of the Order of the Sons of England in Canada are about to petition the Imperial Admiralty authorities for the establishment in the Dominion of two branches of the Royal Naval Reserve, one at some point on the Atlantic seaboard and the other on the lakes. The latter branch, it is claimed, would be readily joined by the Canadian lake seamen, who would man a lake flotilla more satisfactorily than ocean seamen unacquainted with the peculiarities of lake craft and inland navigation.

On Tuesday, last week, Col. Alger, D.P.M., and Col. Gray, B.M., attended a muster of the 38th Dufferin Rifles at Brantford, when three hundred and eleven men were in the ranks. It was the largest and best parade since their formation. Col. Gray was acting as judge in the competitive drill between the companies for the Hudson cup. "E" company (Capt. Jones) carried off the trophy, with "C" company (Capt. Leonard) a close second. The enthusiasm in the battalion is at the highest point in its history.

This is from the Hamilton correspondence of the *Toronto Mail*: "Those who accompanied the soldiers to Toronto agree in saying that the 13th bore itself as well as any regiment on the field, and assert that even the famous Queen's Own Rifles had to look to their laurels when the Hamilton men marched by. Be this as it may, there can be no doubt that the outing yesterday will bear good fruit. The 13th is now composed of men who volunteer for soldiers' work from patriotic and

praiseworthy motives, and the old class of men who had no higher aim in view than the annual pay has been abolished forever. With earnest willing men in the ranks, careful and popular officers, and an outing now and then to show themselves to other cities, and rub shoulders with other regiments, the corps here is bound to progress and succeed. The trouble in the past has been that the men were persistently kept at home, they never had a chance to show what they could do, and everybody ridiculed them as a lot of nincompoops. Let them be kept at home no longer. They are good men, and can hold their own, if allowed to do so, anywhere."

Lieut.-Col. Tilton, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, having been compelled to resign the command of the Governor General's Foot Guards, in consequence of a departmental order forbidding deputy-heads to hold such command, the regiment was this week formally handed over to the next officer, Major A. H. Todd. As, however, he does not desire to take promotion at present, Major Todd will only hold the command pending the appointment of a new Lieut.-Colonel. The present paymaster of the regiment, Capt. C. Berkeley Powell, is generally looked upon as the coming man.

Militia circles in Toronto are at present eagerly discussing a general order issued by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, commanding the Queen's Own Rifles, embodying a censure of Major Dealmer for issuing an order countermanding the recently ordered church parade without first obtaining the sanction of Col. Hamilton. The latter officer has been invalided since long before his promotion to the command, and Major Delamere has been virtually in charge, though all other orders have been signed by the Colonel. The order over which the trouble arose was hurriedly issued late on Saturday night, in consequence of the unpropitious appearance of the weather, and Major Delamere and the officers with whom he had consulted thought it best not to trouble Col. Hamilton at that hour, as he was an invalid.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, was amongst the distinguished personages present at the inspection of the Toronto police force on Saturday last. Sir Adolphe made a critical inspection of the men, and afterwards complimented the Chief, Lt.-Col. Grasett, upon commanding such a fine force—a credit to the city and country. He also congratulated the force upon having at their head such a man as Col. Grasett, "a soldier every inch, as he proved at Batoche." The Minister made an eloquent and pleasant speech and was frequently applauded by the large crowd assembled. He was accompanied by Lady Caron and Miss Caron; and Lady Caron gratefully presented to Policeman Scathe a silver cup awarded to him as the best revolver shot on the force. At the close of the proceedings Col. Grasett made a neat speech thanking Sir Adolphe and Lady Caron for the part they had taken in the day's proceedings.

While in Toronto last week Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, met a deputation from the committee of those interested in forming the Artists' Military Corps. The names of nearly 100 gentlemen representing the various professions have been received as desirous of joining the corps. The principal of Upper Canada College has signified the readiness of the college to send a cadet company of the older boys, numbering about 100 strong, and other colleges have also signified their intention of taking part in the movement by forming companies in the new corps. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Hamilton, MacCarthy, Erasmus P. Hostetter, A. J. Boyd, T. A. Spence, J. Q. Walpole, Principal Dixon, J. E. Thompson, Dr. Aikens, J. W. L. Foster, Col. Fred Denison, M.P., Jos. Fee Murray, Prof. Baker and W. A. Sherwood. Mr. MacCarthy, as chairman of the deputation, briefly outlined the position taken by the artists, and strongly advocated the scheme. He said that the corps would be self-sustaining, and would be an efficient as well as an economical one. He was backed up by Col. Denison, who considered that Toronto should be able to support another corps. There were two strong battalions in the city when the population was about two-thirds what it is now, and there was now plenty of room for another. Sir Adolphe promised to consider the matter. He at present could see no difficulty in the way of forming a thoroughly organized and well equipped corps. He had some objections to the proposed cadet company, as such companies have, by past experience, been a source of annoyance in case of being called out, and it was always a great difficulty to keep them supplied with the necessary uniforms. He would communicate his views on the matter in a few days.

THE VICTORIA MILITIA.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., the city corps of Victoria, B.C., mustered in the drill shed in review order, for inspection by Lieut.-Colonel Holmes, D.A.G. No. 2 Battery, Capt. Irving, turned out the strongest. Leaving the shed, headed by the fine band of C Battery, R.C.A., they arrived at Beacon Hill about 2.30 p.m., and deployed on the march, forming line facing the west, then took open order, and when, a few