

that the Canadian artillery have visited this country for ten years. Their presence will add considerably to the interest of the meeting, and the hope has been expressed that some public-spirited Englishman will offer special prizes for competition between British and Canadian detachments, especially as the Commander-in-Chief has consented to distribute the prizes, and, it is not doubted, our Canadian comrades would much appreciate any trophies they may be fortunate enough to receive from his hands."

Large numbers of subalterns are joining the volunteer force, in consequence of the new rules as to the allowance.

Officers and men who took part in the Ashantee expedition speak highly of the new army boot and say it is a great improvement on the one it is bound to succeed.

Staff Sergt. Cunningham, of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, is making quite a hit in London by his singing at many of the leading musical events. At the banquet tendered to Lord Wolseley at Hon. Artillery Company's headquarters he took part in the duet "The Army and Navy." At the close he was introduced to Lord Wolseley as "Staff Sergt. Cunningham, 6th Fusiliers, Canada," who congratulated him on his splendid voice.

The Egyptian Government has forbidden officers to act as newspaper correspondents. Many of the big dailies had made arrangements with officers to supply them with information, and should a battle occur before a correspondent can be sent on the field it will place them in an awkward position.

A matter that is causing considerable dissatisfaction is the continual extension being granted to lieutenant-colonels of the cavalry and infantry. It is felt that the present system is far too elastic, and that the officers' interests would be better guarded if a hard and fast rule were laid down. A return to the five years' rule is considered necessary, which has never been cancelled in the artillery or engineers, and it is felt that the same rule should apply to all branches of the Service.

A new regulation is to come into force Oct. 1st, with regard to the appointments to adjutants of militia and volunteers. Captains, after having served three years as such, will have to pass the complete examination for major before they can be eligible for these posts. Captains, having less than three years and called upon to fill such appointments, will have to pass for major the first available opportunity after appointment.

The British infantry in India will use up all the black powder cartridges now in regimental stock during the current year, and thereafter only cordite will be used. At present the troops use both cordite and black, though the former is used in the annual musketry course.

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TEMPORARY CAVALRY SCHOOL.

LONDON, ONT., May 12.—The 7th Fusiliers intend going to the Ambitious City to take part in the Queen's Birthday celebration. The regiment is getting into good trim, and their appearance at their march out on Monday night was very much commented on by the large crowds who turned out to witness them. Lieut.-Col. Lindsay and several other officers were at Hamilton making arrangements for the 25th, and the battalion was under the command of Major Thomas Beattie. The brass and bugle bands were also in attendance and discoursed excellent music.

A temporary school for the instruction of a limited number of officers and non-coms. of the 1st Hussars is to be opened at Wolseley Barracks under Lieut.-Col. Smith, D. A. G. This will be greatly appreciated by this corps, as it will enable them to qualify without leaving the city.

PRESENTED WITH SHELL JACKETS.

TORONTO, May 17.—In Major J. Bruce, of the Grenadiers, the city has a representative on the Bisley Team who will acquit himself to the satisfaction of all. With both commandant and adjutant noted for their interest and expertness in rifle shooting, the team of '95 should be phenomenally successful.

It is rumored that Capt. R. Myles, of the Toronto Field Battery, is likely to secure the appointment of adjutant to the Shoeburyness Team. Should rumor prove true the appointment will be a popular one, and one which will be of benefit to the team, as in Capt. Myles they will find embodied the energy, knowledge and tact necessary to fill the onerous position of adjutant to such an important team.

Lt. Col. Starke, commandant of Bisley Team, was in the city a few days ago, returning to Montreal via Ottawa.

To those who read the well-written military columns of The Evening Telegram, the tenor of certain paragraphs appearing in the issues of 29th April and 6th May must have caused some slight surprise, speaking as they did in such a different strain from previous issues. Were the paper issued by our cousins across the border, the term Mugwump would inevitably have been bestowed on the writer of the paragraph referred to. Trimming, or attempting to stride the fence, can never be accomplished successfully, and the M. E. of The Telegram has sufficient reliable knowledge about the matters referred to to make it difficult for him to explain his recent attitudes. One must be pardoned for appearing a trifle dubious at the statement that a great many people fail to understand why the D. A. G. or authorities at Ottawa set such store by a letter written by an ex N. C. O. Several people to

whom I have spoken cannot see why the statements of a N. C. O. or a civilian should not be given just as much consideration as those from one of the commissioned ranks, and if an injustice has been perpetrated, the rank of the applicant for justice should not enter into the question or interfere with the decision.

The season for '96 at the Long Branch rifle range opened on Saturday, May 2. With the exception of the absence of any decent approaches to the different butts, everything is in good shape, and the greatest improvement noticeable in the train service. The first train leaves the Union at 1.05 p.m. and leaves the range on the return trip at 4.45 p.m., taking about half an hour for the trip either way. A special for the riflemen leaves the Union at 2 o'clock, and, only stopping at the city stations, makes the run to the ranges in 20 minutes, not stopping at any of the intermediate stations. This train leaves the ranges on the return trip at 5.45 and gives ample time for the greatest enthusiast to get his fill of shooting. It remains to be seen to what extent the cycling craze will affect the attendance.

A feature of the 9th May was the attendance of a squad from the G.G.B.G., who came out to try their Martini-Metford carbines, with which several good scores were made.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons and No. 2 Company R.R.C.I., with the attached, have had several field days out at High Park. I understand several good trials have been made with cyclists as couriers. It strikes me that two or three wheels should be granted by the authorities for use by orderlies at each of the permanent schools.

Major Orchard, of the 48th Highlanders, has donated a handsome gold medal for the two highest scores made by any member of the Toronto Rifle Association during the season at the 800-yards range.

The long range was opened for practice on Saturday, 9th inst., but the extremely unfavorable wind made any kind of good scores almost an impossibility.

The 90th Rifles, of Winnipeg, are the latest to come to the conclusion that a cycle corps should form part of every properly constituted regiment, and not wishing to be behind the age have decided to add a cyclist section to their crack little corps. A letter has been received by Major Delamere, of the Queen's Own, asking for information, as to the formation and equipment used by them, and for any pointers that would aid in the organizing of an efficient cyclist section.

"G" Company Q.O.R. held a very successful afternoon on Saturday, the 9th inst. at High Park, under command of Lieut. H. F. Wyatt, who has assumed temporary command. Despite the intense heat, about 400 were on parade, and, after putting in a couple of hours of good hard extended order work