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NOTE AND COMMENT.

ALREADY preparations are being made for next season's holiday excursions by the city corps, and the latest in this line is Col. Gibson's intimation that Hamilton's pride, the 13th Battalion, may visit Ottawa on the Queen's Birthday. They would, no doubt, receive a cordial welcome at the Capital, which, as such, possesses unusual attractions.

OTTAWA might annually be the scene of a military parade and tournament of Dominion importance and interest, were an effort made to put the project into shape. Such an affair might well be made a permanent feature of the celebration of our great National holiday—Dominion Day—at the National Capital. This idea is not a new one, having time and again been discussed by military men, of Montreal and Toronto, we believe, as well as of Ottawa, but no one has seemed disposed to take the initiative in giving effect to the proposition. It would be no small undertaking to plan and carry out a military tournament on a scale suited to the occasion; but the event commemorated by the day is worthy the effort.

LIEUT.-COL. O'BRIEN'S lecture on "Drill and Discipline," which we have been able to place in extenso before our readers, will, we are confident, be generally pronounced one of the most interesting as well as valuable of the series delivered under the auspices of the Canadian Military Institute. There are few officers in our force whose experience better entitles them to be heard on this subject, and it is evident that in his military service Col. O'Brien has exercised those qualities of independent observation and reflection which have distinguished him in his Parliamentary career.

A HAPPY thought was that of Capt. Chas. F. Winter to write the interesting account of his Christmas in hospital in Cairo, which we this week reproduce from the *Dominion Illustrated*. The whole-souled kindness of Lord and Lady Dufferin whilst here has not by any means been forgotten by the lapse of years since their departure, and their continuing interest in Canada and Canadians has been shown at every opportunity since. On this occasion, we venture to say, Lady Dufferin must have been quite as proud of

the Canadian boy, as he properly was of the kind attention received from his distinguished friends, for a more creditable representative of Young Canada there could scarce have been found. Upon the close of the Egyptian campaign Mr. Winter returned to Canada, and soon found his way into the ranks of the Governor General's Foot Guards. At Cut Knife Hill, in 1885, he was severely wounded, his escape from instant death being remarkable, and since then he has taken an officer's commission and risen to the Adjutancy of the corps in which his patroness took so much interest.

JAMAICA is of more than usual interest to Canadians just now, in view of the great Exhibition there, in which the Dominion is taking a leading part. Very opportunely we have been forwarded by a Canadian visitor, Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, a copy of the *Jamaica Post* of the 1st inst., containing a report of a volunteer review held on the preceding day, in brilliant summer weather. The Governor, Sir Henry Blake, made a speech, in which he announced his intention to propose to the Legislature certain advantages to those then serving in the force, or who might be brought into the Militia under the ballot law in force in the Colony, and under which he has the power to call out any number of men. Among the concessions the men were anticipating and anxiously looking forward to, was gratuitous medical attendance for the volunteer force, and it was his intention to recommend to the Legislative Council that all members of the Jamaica Militia should in future have free medical attendance. There would also be a proposal that men who had enlisted in the militia, and officers of the militia, should be exempted from the duty of serving on juries.

EXEMPTION from jury service would be appreciated in the Canadian Militia, and might well be urged here. Juries are undoubtedly a nuisance to at least the city folk called to serve on them, and it seems only fair that a man who has given up twelve days of his time to the service of his country in a military capacity should for that year be exempt from a further call, for jury duty.

CAVALRY in England, as well as in Canada, appears to be a much neglected arm of the service, but there a "cavalry revival" is reported to be in progress. A couple of months