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## NEWS FROM HEADQUARTERS.

**O**TTAWA, March 14.—The establishment lists of Nos. 1 and 2 Garrison companies R.C.A. have been increased by one major and one captain each.

The long controversy over the rank of the deputies surgeon general has at last been settled. In future they will rank as lieut.-colonels.

There have been times when non-combatant officers, owing to their relative rank, took seniority to their own commanding officers, which made it decidedly uncomfortable for the latter, but especially several of them who are particularly touchy on this point. In future, it makes no difference what their relative rank, non-combatants are not permitted to take precedence over their C. O's on any occasion.

The new Major General evidently intends that the militia are to keep in close touch with the regulars at home. Some recent amendments to the Queen's Regulations for Gymnastic Instruction and to the Infantry Drill of 1893, will be promulgated in Canada.

No announcement has yet been made as to whom the Government will appoint Adjutant General. For A.A.G. Brigade, Major Roy, of Montreal, is very favorably received here. He is regarded by the Department as one of the most enthusiastic men in the service.

Ottawa was visited on Monday, the 9th inst., by the officers of the 21st United States Infantry. On their arrival they lunched with Capt. A. Bate, and afterwards viewed the Houses of Parliament and were introduced to numerous Sena-

tors and members. In the evening Col. Lyster, Majors Jocelyn and Boyle dined with His Excellency the Governor-General at Rideau Hall, and after dinner attended with the other officers a smoking concert given by the G. G. Foot Guards at the Drill Hall. These concerts are too well known to need much comment. Music, singing and speeches were the order of the evening, which was most enjoyable, and appeared to give entire satisfaction to every guest present.

On Tuesday morning the officers of the 21st called at Rideau Hall and lunched with the Minister of Militia at the Rideau Club, leaving for Plattsburg that afternoon.

From the conversation that passed on Monday night there is every probability of a rifle match between the 21st and 43rd being arranged to take place shortly, and we may mention en passant that the Krag-Gorgensen rifle used by this regiment does not satisfy the majority; the verdict is that it is clumsy, and that the sighting is very erratic. As to the ammunition used in the States, Rifle is at the present time being tested and experimented with, and may become the adopted explosive for the United States army.

The report that the Government have decided to purchase the Lee-Enfield magazine rifle in preference to the single shot rifle has met with universal approval by the military force generally. There was a feeling of anxiety a few weeks ago lest the Government should be induced to purchase the non-magazine rifle and expressions of regret were heard on all sides.

If the report be true that the Lee-Enfield is agreed upon, every member of the force will highly applaud the decision. What soldier is there that would not feel more secure, in the event of an emergency, with two or three magazines in his pouch which could be attached in the twinkling of an eye. However, we shall hear more about this rifle when Col. Lake gets back to Ottawa the end of this month.

In England cycling clubs are attached to very many regiments, both regulars

and volunteers, and we now learn that cavalry are starting them. The Royal Scots Greys have just started a cycle club, and the sergeants of the regiment contemplate a ride to Edinburgh and back to Aldershot—about 800 miles—selecting their route so as to pass through various regimental depots, at which it is proposed to make the necessary halts. We hope the time is not far distant when the Ottawa regiments will follow this example. At the same time we are well aware that one of the difficulties to contend with lies in the state of the roads in Canada, and time and money only can remedy this.

Mrs. Gascoigne, the wife of General Gascoigne, is a true sportswoman. Not content with skating daily at the Rideau Rink, Mrs. Gascoigne on Friday morning last, having received a telegram from Kingston, started at a moment's notice for that town and spent all the afternoon on iceboats. Mrs. Gascoigne enjoyed herself immensely, as, since her first visit to Kingston in December, it has been her ambition to test this most exciting sport. She was heartily welcomed and entertained, and returned to Ottawa the following day.

Camps in all probability will be postponed till the autumn owing to the delay of the estimates and the election.

Lord Aberdeen on Monday evening last proposed the health of the President of the United States.

The Committee of the Dominion Artillery Association will meet in Montreal shortly to consider if it will be possible to make arrangements to send a team to Shoeburyness this year. When Australia can send teams to compete at the tournament, surely Canada can supply enough funds for the Shoeburyness meeting.

Mr. Bordon recently asked in the Commons for copies of all papers in any way relating to the charges preferred by Lieut.-Col. Worsley, late D.A.G. at Halifax, and others, against the late paymaster, Lt. Col. Murray, the investigation of the charges, etc., and he specifies no less than 74 different reports and letters which he wants brought down.

Major Sam Hughes, M.P., has asked