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## HEADQUARTERS NEWS.

**O**TTAWA, Aug. 30th.—Rain, without wind, interfered to the discomfort and annoyance of the riflemen on the range at the Metropolitan rifle matches on Friday, August 21st. It was fine enough for part of the time, but towards the end the weather became extremely disagreeable. In the Allan-Gilmour match at 500 yards the scoring was only of an ordinary average, and even the ten highest did not approach anything like what has been done before under the same conditions. At 200 yards standing Staff-Sergt. Perkins started off to win the G. B. Pattee match with 30 points from the shoulder. At 500 yards Pte. McJanet, who had only 27 standing, ran on a 33 and made his appearance as a hustler for one of the first places, which he eventually attained by adding a 31 at 600 yards. Col.-Sergt. Taylor, who had next to nothing to go back with, found it easy enough at 600 yards to make 34, whilst others with leading scores reckoned misses.

outers and magpies quite as easy. The shooting, taken all around, was very much lower than last year. McJanet's score of 91, which is high in this match, would only have given him a 84 place last year. The team competition proved especially interesting, as the Guards had the honor of doing up their rivals, the 43rd Batt., 1st team, by making the highest score at the longest range. It has generally fallen to the lot of the 43rd to win the team prize, but now the much-coveted cup will have to be taken across the drill hall to the show case of the Guards.

Major-Gen. Cameron, commandant of the Royal Military College, has tendered his resignation. Last winter the Board of Visitors and Gen. Gascoigne as well reported against Gen. Cameron's further continuance in office on public grounds. Care will be taken to select a thoroughly qualified and efficient officer as his successor.

Hon. F. W. Borden, the new Minister of Militia, has already in many ways shown his deep interest in the force, and without enumerating what the hon. gentleman has done, it may be said that

no Minister of Militia has given for the time in office so much personal labor to the affairs of the Department. That good results must follow is evident, and the force takes new inspiration for the future. Business methods characterize the new Government in dealing with small things as well as great. On Saturday, August 22, Major Mason, of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, telegraphed to Mr. Gibson, asking him to obtain leave of absence from the Militia Department for Pte. Hayhurst, winner of the Queen's Prize last year, to attend the rifle matches. In less than 15 minutes from the time of the receipt of the message Major Mason received the answer of the Department.

Lieut. Powell and Sergt.-Major Bertschinger, of the P.L.D.G., leave on the 1st of September to take a course of instruction in the Royal School of Cavalry.

The next issue of Militia General Orders will contain the promotion to a captaincy of Lieut. Douglas R. Street, No. 6 Co. G.G.F.G.

Lieut.-Col. Hodgins, G.G.F.G., has returned from Toronto, where he has been attending the Province of Ontario Rifle Association as chief range officer.

Lieut. Magee, G.G.F.G., has returned from Toronto, where for the last six weeks he has been attending a class of instruction at Stanley Barracks.

The rural battalions who go into camp this year will get a good course of instruction, besides the benefit which two weeks in camp gives to men and officers alike. It freshens and braces the love of soldiering, which is too often allowed to flag and eventually die out altogether. The soldier when he is in camp feels and knows what the bright side of a soldier's life is like, and he gets an insight into matters pertaining to drill, etc., which he would never get if it were not for these annual camps. The twice-a-week drill is all very well in its way, but something more is needed to encourage and stimulate him and make him feel that in times of trouble, upon him, and him alone, rests the security and peace of our great Dominion.

The Hon. Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia, replying to Col. Tisdale, said the commandant of the Royal Military College, having resigned his position, his resignation was accepted, and steps have been taken to replace him. Should any other changes be required or become necessary, the matter will be duly considered by the Government. All correspondence relating to the college has been brought down, except a supplementary report of the Board of Visitors of 18th November, 1895, which appears to have been suppressed, and the report of the commandant, dated 30th June, 1896. Both were being copied and would be brought down immediately.

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