

Major-General Herbert, at the request of a great many members, will be requested to deliver the opening lecture.

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Captains Mitchell and Ostell have been named a sub-committee to organize a smoking concert for Saturday, the 21st October. This will be held in the rooms of the Institute.

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The Protestant members of the Prince of Wales' Rifles, about one hundred and fifty strong, paraded at the Drill Hall Sunday afternoon, 8th inst., and marched thence by way of St. James street, Beaver Hall Hill and Dorchester street, to St. George's Church, where the service was conducted by the Rev. L. N. Tucker, who preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion, upon the text taken from the second chapter of St. Paul's second epistle to Timothy, "As good soldiers of Jesus Christ." He commenced as follows: "Soldiers of Jesus Christ, as well as of Queen Victoria, the very best lesson, perhaps, that could be given to a body of men like this would be the simple but golden words 'Do your duty in that state of life into which it has pleased God to call you.' What I would say to you to-day is somewhat different from that. What are the lessons God would have us learn from military life? One of the first lessons is that military life should teach us due submission and obedience to proper authority; in fact, implicit and unquestioning obedience. I presume, for I speak as an outsider, that it is one of the first principles of your profession not to discuss orders, but simply to carry them out; not to look at danger, not to value your life, but simply and bravely to do whatever you are ordered, and this, let me tell you, is one of the most valuable principles to bring into the life we live for God; for God is supreme, and he requires implicit obedience from us all. Another important lesson taught us by the soldier's life is the folly of wickedness and of a divided allegiance. To wear the Queen's colors and to be lukewarm in her service, to betray her interests by cowardice or unfaithfulness, or to go over to the enemy in the day of battle, is, I suppose, the worst crime a soldier can commit. The man who does this is justly called a traitor, and is treated with all the rigor of martial law, and with perfect reason, for with men of that sort no battle could ever be won and no army could be maintained that was worthy of the name."

The reverend gentleman proceeded to point out the points of similarity between the duties of a soldier to his sovereign and his country, and those of a Christian to his Divine ruler. He also drew attention to the lessons of patriotism which were inculcated by the soldier's life. The soldier should beware of lapsing into that condition of mind which inclined one to say "ubi bene ibi patria." "where I am well off, there my country is." That was a dangerous idea. The soldier should strive to make the country he lived in happy and prosperous, and not waste time in seeking places that others have made prosperous for him.

Lieut.-Col. Hutton, an historic figure in Montreal, died at 8.30 Monday morning, 9th inst., death being caused by general debility. The day previous was his 57th birthday. The deceased was born in Sheffield, England, and was educated at Vevay, on the Lake of Geneva, Switzerland. As soon as his education was completed he entered the hardware trade, coming to Canada in 1856, and joined his uncle, the late James Hutton, who represented many large hardware firms. Mr. Hutton was a member of the Church of England. Like all Canadians by birth or adoption, he was truly loyal, and at the formation of the Victoria Rifles he was an active worker, being one of the first members to join in 1862. After the St. Alban's raid he served with the provisional battalion upon the Windsor frontier from December 1864, to May, 1865. He was at the front in 1866, and in 1868 became lieutenant-colonel of the Victoria Rifles, and retired in 1870, shortly before the second raid, leaving Major A. R. Bethune in command. He was a Liberal-Conservative in politics, and was a prominent Mason, being D. D. G. M. English register since the death of Judge Badgeley.

Do not forget to ask your lady friends to gather maple leaves to be sent to the Royal Canadians in India to wear next Dominion Day.

#### HAMILTON.

The twenty-seventh annual rifle matches of the Thirteenth battalion were opened on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 23rd, with the officers' cup match for teams of twelve from each company, the Meriden Britannia cup restricted to junior shots, to be shot for by teams of four from each company. E company carried off the officers' cup, with the fine average of 56 points per man, A company winning the Meriden Britannia cup, with the excellent average for juniors of 5¼ points per man. The remaining matches will be shot on Friday and Saturday next, commencing each day at 1 o'clock p. m. The senior match for individual prizes will come off on Friday, and the non-commissioned officers' cup and district challenge cup on Saturday.

The scores were:

Officers' cup. Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards; 5 shots at each. To be competed for by twelve members of each company in the battalion. Any company winning this cup for three years consecutively will be entitled to hold it in permanent possession.

E company, Capt. Osborne—

Col. Sgt. E. Skedden 63, Pte. T. Bertram 61, Sergt. D. Garson 60, Pte. E. Elms 59, Corp. J. Mitchell 58, Pte. C. Greening 57, Pte. G. T. Thompson 57, Pte. G. Miller 56, Pte. L. Taylor 56, Pte. O. Gibb 53, Lieut. Robertson 47, Sgt. T. Bettles 45. Total, 672.

C company, Capt. Zealand—

Pte. A. Robertson 66, Lieut. A. Pain 65, Sergt. A. Murdoch 63, Pte. T. Mitchell 62, Capt. E. G. Zealand 60, Stf. Sgt. D. Mitchell 60, Pte. C. Spencer 54, Sergt. C. Updell 52, Col. Sgt. F. Halford 52, Pte. E. Rymal 46, Corp. C. Cripps 38, Pte. W. Dow 35. Total, 635.

A company, Major Stoneman—

Stf. Sgt. W. H. Clarke 65, Pte. C. McNab 57, Pte. R. C. Allan 56, Lieut. J. H. Herring 55, Major J. Stoneman 55, Pte. E. R. Marshall 55, Pte. J. Stewart 52, Pte. A. Potter 52, Pte. M. Goodwin 50, Col. Sergt. Parkhill 48, Stf. Sgt. Bismark 44, Pte. E. Deegan 37. Total, 627.

B company, Capt. Domville—

Pte. C. Madgett 65, Sergt. Hopkins 61, Col. Sgt. S. Atkinson 57, Pte. J. Epps 54, Pte. J. Stauffer 54, Pte. J. Cleaves 50, Capt. P. Domville 48, Pte. G. Curran 38, Sergt. McNeilly 38, Corp. Kay 32, Pte. Levalle 21, Pte. McKay 13. Total, 531.

D company, Capt. Ross—

Pte. W. L. Ross 60, Pte. A. Miller 55, Pte. Ogilvie 53, Pte. Mackindsay 43, Pte. Goering 47, Pte. Millichamp 47, Lieut. King 42, Pte. Hall 41, Pte. R. Campbell 37, Pte. Dearness 31, Col. Sgt. Harvey 26, Pte. Campbell 25. Total, 512.

The Meriden Cup Match. The junior cup, presented by the Meriden Britannia company; ranges 200, 400 and 500 yds.; five shots at each; to be competed for by four members of each company; competitors to be qualified to shoot in match No. 1:

A company, Major Stoneman—

Pte. C. McNab 57, Pte. R. C. Allen 56, Pte. J. Stewart 53, Pte. A. Potter 52. Total 218.

E company, Capt. Osborne—

Pte. E. Elms 59, Pte. G. Miller 56, Pte. O. Gibb 53, Pte. T. Heath 42. Total 210.

H company, Capt. Moore—

Pte. W. Wells 55, Pte. T. C. Dumford 51, Capt. Moore 46, Pte. J. A. Gibson 44. Total 196.

D company, Capt. Ross—

Pte. Ogilvie 53, Pte. Millichamp 47, Pte. Hall 41, Pte. R. Campbell 37. Total 178.

C company, Capt. Zealand—

Sgt. C. Updell 52, Pte. Lemessurier 47, Corp. Cripps 38, Pte. Dow 35. Total 172.

F company, Capt. Tidswell—

Pte. J. Reach 43, Sgt. T. Richmond 33, Pte. C. Jolley 33, Pte. C. Overholt 29. Total 138.

B company, Capt. Domville—

Pte. J. Epps 54, Pte. J. Stauffer 54, Capt. P. Domville 48, Pte. J. Curran 38. Total 194.

B company not having complied with the conditions of the match, the scores made do not count in the junior cup match.

September 29th was the second day of the matches. The senior shot match No. 2 at 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each range, kneeling position, at 200, and prone at the other ranges. The weather was good, there was a large turnout and the scoring was high. The following is the list of prize-winners:

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| Pte. T. Mitchell, C Co., D. D. A. silver medal, \$30 | - - - - - | 91 |
| Pte. D. Garson, E Co., O. R. A. silver medal, \$22   | - - - - - | 90 |
| Sergt. A. Paine, C Co., D. R. A. bronze medal, \$20  | - - - - - | 89 |
| Pte. A. Robertson, C Co., \$14                       | - - - - - | 87 |
| Sgt. H. Marris, D Co., \$13                          | - - - - - | 86 |
| Pte. T. Bertram, E Co., \$12                         | - - - - - | 86 |
| Sergt. Will. B Co., \$9                              | - - - - - | 85 |
| Pte. L. Taylor, E Co., \$9                           | - - - - - | 85 |
| Pte. W. L. Ross, D Co., \$9                          | - - - - - | 85 |
| Stf. Sgt. D. Mitchell, C Co., \$9                    | - - - - - | 85 |
| Pte. H. Graham, E Co., \$8                           | - - - - - | 84 |
| Col. Sgt. E. Skedden, E Co., \$8                     | - - - - - | 84 |
| Sgt. A. B. Hopkins, B Co., \$8                       | - - - - - | 84 |