

targets; seven shots at each distance, and fired at any time during the year.

**SERGEANT INSTRUCTOR OF MUSKETRY OF BEST SHOOTING BATTALION.**—A silver cup will be awarded annually to the Sergeant Instructor of Musketry, of the battalion pronounced by the Commandant of the School of Musketry, Hythe, to be the best shooting battalion for the year, in the annual course.

**COLOUR-SERGEANT OF BEST SHOOTING COMPANY IN EACH BATTALION.**—A prize in money will be awarded annually to the colour-sergeant of the company in each battalion which makes the highest figure of merit in the course.

**OFFICERS' CHALLENGE CUP.**—A silver challenge cup will be offered for competition, and held from year to year, by the team of five officers of the corps or battalion making the highest aggregate score in individual firing.

**BEST SHOT OF OFFICERS.**—A silver cup will be awarded annually to the officer on the active list of the Militia making the highest individual score in twenty-one rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards, with Wimbledon targets, seven shots at each distance. To be fired during the annual training if possible.

**MILITIA CHALLENGE SHIELD.**—A shield will be offered for competition, and held from year to year by that corps or battalion which, in the annual course, is proclaimed by the Commandant of the School of Musketry, at Hythe, to have made the highest figure of merit. No battalion or corps firing less than 200 men will be considered eligible for this prize.

**UNITED SERVICE CHALLENGE CUP, BISLEY.**—The selection and organization of a team of eight to represent the Militia in this competition has been entrusted to a sub-committee.

Except where otherwise mentioned, all competitions will be carried out on the regimental ranges, during the recognized preliminary drill or training of the battalions, and in the course established for the Militia by the School of Musketry, Hythe. The decision of the Commandant of the School of Musketry will in every case be considered final.

An annual subscription from each battalion or corps, calculated at the rate of 5s. per company, is required to qualify for participation in the proposed competitions.

A subscription of 5s. per annum and upwards, or a donation of £5, will qualify an officer on the active or retired lists of the Militia, to become a member of the Militia Rifle Association, carrying with it the right to attend and record his vote at the annual meeting, and to receive the printed annual report of the Association.

## REGIMENTAL.

At Belleville, on the 26th ult., the officers and men of the 15th Battalion attended St. Andrew's church, the pastor of which is their honoured chaplain, and presented a good appearance, neat, clean and attentive. The growing national spirit, the many advantages of the new armouries and gymnasium, and the prestige of the battalion have induced many fine young fellows to join the loyal ranks of the citizen soldiers, and the calibre and discipline of the men is yearly improving. It was more than a pleasure to hear the volume of sound which "rose like an anthem, rich and strong" as the familiar hymns were sung in unison. Rev. M. W. Maclean preached a sermon both eloquent and practical from the text in Proverbs, "My son, give me thy heart!" He showed how the affections govern the actions and character of men and how important it is to have them set upon the right objects, how necessary it is to have the will power to say "yes" and to say "no" on the proper occasion, how manly it is to be a good soldier of the Lord, as well as of the Queen, and how helpful each can be to one another as a radiating centre of influence. Citizen soldiers should live for their country and preserve peace as well as die for their country, and their chain of responsibility and united discipline subordinate self.

### COL. OTTER'S EFFICIENCY COMPETITION.

The regulations for the general efficiency competition among the corps of the second military district have been issued by Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G. The Queen's Own Rifles, Royal Grenadiers, 13th Hamilton, and the 38th Dufferin Rifles, Brantford, are the competing corps. In connection with the competition, Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D.C., has offered a handsome silver challenge cup, to be given to the corps making the highest number of points on the following subjects:

Attendance—Average attendance per company under

arms or on duty at not less than 24 drills during the year, at each of which drills one officer and three n.c.o. must be present. Evening drills to count for one, afternoon two and day four. Certified parade states in detail, signed by the officer in charge of the company, to be sent weekly to the brigade office through the c.o. F.o. and staff only to count at battalion parades. Bona fide practice of bands and bearers to count when certified to by an officer. Recruit drills not to count. Maximum marks—200.

Armouries—Cleanliness and general arrangement of arms and accoutrements, shortages taken into account, but not decorations—100.

Books, forms, returns and correspondence—Correctness, system and regularity. To include the state of company and battalion books, and all official forms, returns and correspondence, departmental and individual.

Dress—Cleanliness, correctness and fitting of uniforms and accoutrements of officers, n.c.o. and men; also cleanliness of instruments and tools, with general appearance and outfit of pioneer, ambulance, etc., corps—100.

Drill and manoeuvre—In battalion to be decided on a parade or parades in daylight and in the open air. An average of two officers and 30 n.c.o. and men per company per corps to be under arms, with three mounted officers, a surgeon, band, buglers, pioneers and bearers—300.

Musketry—Aggregate score of each company up to 42 n.c.o. and men (staff-sergeants excluded), with rifles issued to the corps or of same length and pattern bearing the Government viewer's mark. Government allowance of ammunition,  $\frac{3}{4}$  to be fired at fixed targets 200, 400 and 500 yards,  $\frac{1}{4}$  at skirmishing 200 to 500 yards—if only 5 rounds be available for skirmishing, the practice will be advancing from 500 to 200 yards; if 10 rounds then 5 advancing and 5 retiring. O.R.A. targets to be used in all firing. (Skirmishing figures may be obtained from the brigade office.)

A figure hit in skirmishing to count 5; a hit on remainder of target 2. Firing to take place between 1st May and 31st October.

In case a company should not be of the strength of 42 n.c.o. and men, then a number of points equal to the average of points made per man by the remainder to be deducted from the aggregate company score for each n.c.o. and man short of the strength of 42.

Special score sheets to be produced, duly certified to by an officer, that each individual has made the score claimed, with the date thereof. Only scores made by an individual at the three ranges on the same day to be counted.

In case of ties, h.a.s. to count—200.

## TORONTO.

The Grenadiers will celebrate the Queen's Birthday at Woodstock if satisfactory arrangements for transport can be made.

The long looked for drill shed is now in course of erection.

The Allan Rifle Association are to give special attention this year to long range and Martini shooting.

The Garrison Common was very busy on Saturday last, it being the first rifle practice of the season. There were about one hundred and ten each of the Grenadiers and Queen's Own, and some twenty or thirty members of other corps.

### DEATH OF CAPT. FORBES MICHIE.

On Monday afternoon Forbes Michie, of the firm of Fulton, Michie & Co., died at the family residence, 177 John street. On Thursday evening deceased complained of feeling unwell, and he was seized with a paralytic stroke the following morning. For two days before his death he was unconscious, during which time the medical men in attendance held out no hopes of recovery. Deceased being Captain of G Company in the Royal Grenadiers was buried