

Contents of our Contemporaries.

The English weeklies of the 9th inst. are to hand. The following are amongst the principal articles of interest in them:—

Broad Arrow.—The Crimes Bill; Where shall we fight Russia; The Easter Monday Reviews; Mess Room Stories; Burmah; The Oxfordshire Light Infantry, 2nd Battalion; Commissions in the line for Militia Lieutenants; The Indian Relief; Regimental and Naval Notes; Editorial Notes; Reviews, Notices, &c.

United Service Gazette.—Great fire at Aldershot Barracks; The Suspension of the C. D. Acts; Imperial Conference; The Remount Question; Easter Marching Columns; Infantry Drill; Foreign Service Gossip; Greater Britain; What is said in the Services; The Court Martial on Lieut. Hall; The Services in the Senate; Naval and Military Intelligence; Reviews, Notes, &c.

Volunteer Service Gazette.—The Easter Manœuvres; Notes of the Week; Army Circulars; The Service Revolver; Reconnaissance; Miscellaneous Jottings.

Volunteer Record.—Biography of Col. Smith Richards; Long Range Rifle Fire; Easter Manœuvres; Editorials, Gossip, Gazettes.

Volunteer Service Review (Monthly).—The National Rifle Association; The Easter Manœuvres; The Past and Present of a London Volunteer Regiment; The Army Estimates; Miscellaneous Notes; Editorials, &c.

The Army and Navy Journal of the United States.—The Omaha Accident; Not all Brass Buttons and Uniforms; The Dynamite Gun; The Heavy Gun Question; To Settle National Disputes; The Trial of the Atlanta; A Drill with the Magazine Rifle.

Nordenfelt Gun Exhibition.

IN response to invitations by Capt. Douglas, R. N. R. agent of the Nordenfelt Gun Co., a large party by special train, proceeded to Aylmer on Monday afternoon to witness an exhibition of the powers of the guns. Amongst those present were Major-Generals Middleton and Strange, Col. Panet, Lieut.-Cols. Lamontagne, Lewis, Bacon, and Macdonald, Majors Anderson, Stewart, Harrison and Curren, R. Watson, M.P., A. H. Taylor, A. Z. Palmer and Prof. Carpmæl. Upon arriving at Aylmer the party proceeded to Goulet's wharf, where the guns—a three-pounder and a three-barrelled rifle calibre—had been placed in position ready for the test. Targets had been set up on the ice, one at 200 yards, one at 1,000 and one at 2,000 yards. Before firing began Capt. Douglas explained the mechanism of the three-pounder, this being its first test here. He then gave an exhibition of time firing with dummy cartridges, showing the working of the gun and its rapidity of fire. Fifteen to eighteen shots per minute are claimed as the capacity of the gun with careful aiming, which, using case shot, would mean nearly 1,500 bullets per minute. Without careful aiming a speed of 32 shots per minute may be attained. After some firing with the rifle calibre gun several rounds were fired from the 3-pr. by Capt. Douglas and Major Stewart and Lieut. Gordon of the O.F.B., including five rounds of case at 200 yards, which tore up the ice and riddled the target effectually, and several rounds of solid shot and common and shrapnel shell at the more remote targets. The results were satisfactory, a fair proportion of the shots hitting the targets. The calibre of this gun is 1.85 inches, its length 67 inches. The weight of the gun alone is 334 lbs., and of its trail with shield, etc., 1,232 lbs., its price, complete with limber carriage, is £640. The initial velocity at the muzzle is 1542 feet and at 3000 yards 653 feet; the elevations required are for 1000 yards $1^{\circ}47'$; 2000, $4^{\circ}27'$; 3000, $7^{\circ}36'$.

Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE WIMBLEDON TEAM AND D.R.A. COUNCIL.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—As a shooting man I quite agree with your correspondent "Bar" as to the necessary qualifications for the selected adjutant of the team.

At the same time, I think care should be taken not to let a few monopolize the D.R.A. For instance, by page 62 of the report it will be seen that Ottawa men were sent in command in 1882, 1884, 1885, and as second in command in 1880, 1882, also 9 out of 16 of the council are of Ottawa. Please do not think for a moment that I want to get up a sectional cry or in any way depreciate the valuable services of the Ottawa men, without whom the D.R.A. would be probably non-existing, but I think it is of the highest importance to the D.R.A. to spread itself in every possible way, and I would much like to see the council more representative, and deeply as all the members of the D.R.A. are under obligations to these gentlemen of Ottawa, who have worked so hard and so successfully in our interests, knowing that they have only the interests of the association at heart, I would suggest to them whether it is not possible at the coming meeting to induce representatives from the shooting centres of the provinces to act upon the council, or better still to increase the number of the

council so as to retain the valuable services of the old members and add a number of non-resident members.

By this means we might largely increase the numbers of members, which is now absurdly small, and create a wider interest in its concerns, and do away with that entirely erroneous impression that has found some prevalence in country districts, that this is simply an Ottawa association.

I know how hard it is to get over a prejudice of that kind, and I have been surprised at times to hear on the range intelligent men expressing it.

Trusting my remarks will not be misunderstood, and hoping that our friends will make every allowance for the difficulty of approaching such a subject without giving offence.

THE OLD FILE.

AMMUNITION FOR THE D.R.A. MEETING.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

DEAR SIR,—No doubt at the annual meeting of the D.R.A., to be held on May 4th, the question of ammunition to be used at the next annual prize meeting will be brought up. Now, sir, would it not be a step in the right direction were our council to adopt the Wimbledon plan of including the price of the ammunition in the entrance fees, and allow the register keepers to issue the required number of rounds to each competitor as he takes up his position at the firing point. It would, I feel sure, give general satisfaction, and prevent the ammunition being tampered with as at the last annual matches.

FAIR PLAY.

Hamilton, April 19th, 1887.

CORRECTIONS TO THE LIST OF ACTIVE SERVICE SINCE CONFEDERATION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—On February 23rd, 1880, a strike among the miners of Drummond Colliery, in Pictou Co., Nova Scotia, was the means of calling out thirty-three n.c.o. and men of the Pictou Battery Garrison Artillery, who proceeded to Westville, under the command of Capt. Gordon, with Lieuts. Davis and Hislop. They were on duty two days. There is no credit for this in your list of corps called out for active service given in the GAZETTE three weeks ago.

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D. R. A. PRIZE MEETING.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

DEAR SIR,—Your editorial on 10th ult., induces me to state boldly that there are improvements desirable in the D.R.A., and discussion thereon is in place. I would mention four points:

- 1st. Match rules should contain nothing that *is* not, or *cannot* be carried out.
- 2nd. Adjutant of the Wimbledon team should have already *been* a member.
- 3rd. Ammunition should be served out *at the firing points*.
- 4th. Report should contain more information and *facts*.

A MEMBER.

Regimental Notes.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

Toronto.—The Royal Grenadiers had their first parade of the season last week. The regiment, about 300 strong, under Lieut.-Col. Grasett and headed by the brass and life and drum band marched through Jarvis, Adelaide, Yonge, Queen, York and King streets and back to the armory. The ranks are now almost complete, but a few recruits are being sworn in. Lieut.-Col. Grasett took occasion to contradict the rumor that the Industrial Association Committee had forgotten the Grenadiers in the matter of the cup for their services last fall. He informed the regiment that a cup exactly the same as that presented to the Queen's Own rifles would be presented to the Grenadiers on the first suitable occasion.

A meeting of British army and navy pensioners was held on the 18th inst. in Temperance Hall. Mr. T. Tyler acted as chairman. The pensioners decided to take an active part in Her Majesty's jubilee celebration, and the meeting put on record this resolution: "That all men who have served in the army or navy, and their sons, be invited to take part in the jubilee celebration.

James McAllister was convicted on the 19th inst. of neglecting to return his rifle into store when called upon by his commanding officer in the Royal Grenadiers. He was fined \$20 and costs or ten days. The officers of the city regiments complain of men getting rifles and uniforms and failing to turn out to drill. Even when called upon they neglect to return their arms. It is hoped that this case will prove a warning.

The Queen's Own had their first march-out of the season on the 20th inst., 430 strong. The roads were in good condition and the regiment was much admired as it marched along, both bands in attendance. Col. Allan was in command.

The Royal Grenadiers had a march-out on the 21st to the music of their life and drum band. Their route was by King, Parliament, Queen Victoria and King streets to the armory. Over 300 were in the ranks. Col. Grasett in command.

Cobourg.—The 40th battalion has recently been supplied with a new and handsome stand of colors by its friends throughout the county. The formal presentation and consecration will take place at the next brigade camp.

Quebec.—Both the 8th and 9th battalions had church parades on the 17th inst. The 8th marched from the drill shed to Trinity church, headed by its fine band, and there attended divine service, which was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bareham. The 9th attended mass at the church of the congregation. Both regiments made a magnificent appearance upon the streets, and attracted a good deal of attention.

Montreal.—The Vics. are drilling every fortnight, preparing for whatever parade or review may be decided on in honor of Her Majesty's jubilee, which we hope will be celebrated on the pooper day, 20th June. The idea of celebrating it on Dominion day, as our city council wish to do, is very unpopular with the battalion. The new armory is rapidly approaching completion, and it is hoped will be ready for occupation by the 1st July. Its total cost, with land, will be \$32,000. Early in the month as much as \$12,000 had been disbursed on the building.

Victoria, B.C.—A public meeting was held on the 16th ult., for the purpose of devising ways and means of keeping up the strength of the militia, and a series of resolutions was passed recommending that a more centrally located drill shed should be obtained, the control of the Clover Point rifle range put in militia hands, Saturday afternoons given as half holidays; a committee of officers formed to urge assistance, and a public meeting called by the mayor to consider these suggestions.