

the non-commissioned officers and men on this most trying occasion may have been equalled, but never beaten."

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Admiral Sir Michael Cuime-Seymour left for the Mediterranean in the Hawke on Thursday, and it is considered probable that this vessel will now remain out on the station as a reinforcement. The new Commander-in-Chief will hoist his flag either in the Nile, or in the Hood, there seems as yet to be some uncertainty which. His Flag Captain will be Captain F. C. Bridgeman-Simpson, and his Flag Lieutenant, Lieutenant Hugh E. Thomas. Consequent on the death of Vice-Admiral Sir George Tryon, Rear-Admiral Tracey obtains a step on the flag list, and Captain F. S. Vander-Meulen is promoted to Rear-Admiral. The post of Superintendent of Malta Dockyard will fall to Rear-Admiral Cardale. Captain H. G. Andoe goes to the Mediterranean to take command of the Devastation, and Captain Lord Charles Beresford to the Algiers in charge of the Medway Dockyard Reserve.

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By the death of General Sir Lothian Nicholson, R.E., Governor of Gibraltar, Lieutenant-General Sir W. O. Lennox, V. C., R.E., will become a general. The vacancy on the list of lieutenant-generals will probably be utilised to absorb Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Harrison, who is supernumerary to the new establishment of the rank as fixed by the Royal Warrant for the reduction of the establishment.

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The Duke of Connaught is to be regarded as a General Supernumerary to the establishment, so that the promotion of juniors will not be retarded. This is only a fair arrangement in view of the serious effect which the recent absorptions have produced, and the still greater disappointments which are to come when the reduction of the list of lieutenant-generals sets in and the senior major-generals come to realise what the consequence of such ill-considered economies are, as that to which Mr. Stanhope committed himself so hastily.

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Mr. Thomas H. Ismay writes to the Times describing the moral effect caused in the United States by the recent visit of the British fleet to New York. He points out there existed an impression in America that England's attitude towards that country was not as friendly as it might have been, and it was expected that the British naval officers would in some measure represent this feeling of hostility. However, when the British ships arrived it was they who were the most visited and the most admired, while the British sailors and marines were more heartily cheered in the land parade than those of any other nation. The Irish population of New York, says Mr. Ismay, greeted the British blue-jacket with a most cordial welcome, and he therefore suggests that no better means could be devised for cultivating the goodwill of our kinsmen of the great Republic than an occasional repetition of such visits of our men-of-war. In a few days we shall have a United

States man-of-war visiting our ports, and we trust that the naval authorities will take steps to reciprocate the hospitalities our seamen received on the other side of the Atlantic. It is not likely, however, that their visits will be of frequent occurrence owing to the fact that a large proportion of their men invariably run here, and that many of ours seldom fail to fall victims to the allurements and attractions offered them on the United States territory.

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Lieutenant-General T. C. Lyons, C. B., becomes a general by the retirement of General Sir George Higginson.

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There is now very little, if any, prospect of a battalion of Guards being sent to Egypt next year to join the Army of Occupation; indeed, there is every probability of the Army of Occupation being reduced to the extent of at least one battalion in the course of the winter.

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Lieut.-General T. C. Lyons, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bermuda, obtains promotion to the rank of general in consequence of the recent retirement of Sir

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Major E. S. Browne, V.C., of the South Wales Borderers, has been selected for the command of the 2nd Battalion, which has become vacant on the appointment of Brevet-Colonel W. P. Symons as Assistant Adjutant-General for Musketry in India.

Major Browne has relations living near Montreal.

British Columbia Rifle Association.

We have received a copy of the programme of the 20th. annual prize meeting of the British Columbia Rifle Association to be held at Coldstream on Thursday the 27th. of July and following days. The list of competitions is as follows:—

No. 1 Nanaimo Corporation Match—Twelve cash prizes value \$42.50; entrance fee 50c; range 400 yards; rounds 7; rifle snider. The Cup presented by the Mayor and Council of Nanaimo, to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 2 Nursery Match.—Open to members of the association who have not, at any previous meeting of the B. C. R. A., won a prize of \$5.00 or upwards, exclusive of extra series prizes. Nine prizes, value \$26.00 entrance fee. No one competitor is eligible to receive more than one prize in Matches Nos 1 and 2, but each shall be awarded the larger prize in either match to which his score entitles him.

No. 3. New Westminster Match—Twenty cash prizes value \$70.00 entrance fee 50c; ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards .5 rounds at each range; rifle snider. The cup presented by the late J. Howsin of New Westminster, to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 4. Laurie Bugle Match.—To be competed for by teams of five (5) from any battery or company of the active Militia of this district. Any battery or Company may enter any number of teams. Two cash prizes value \$15.00 entrance fee, per team \$1.25. The bugle, presented by Lt-Gen. Laurie formerly D. A. G. to be held by the winning team for the year.

No 5. District Militia Match.—Open only to efficient members of the active militia of this district and officers retired therefrom retaining rank, and to members of Her Majesty's regular army and navy stationed in Canada. All competitors must be members of the association. Twenty-three cash prizes, valued \$97.60; entrance fee, \$1.00; ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards; rounds 7 at each range; rifle, snider. The cup presented by Mrs Nelson, wife of the late Lieut-Governor, to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 6. Helmcken Match.—(Open to members of the association.) 1st and only prize Dorothy Medal entrance fee, 25c, ranges and rifle same as no 5. Competitors not eligible to compete in No. 5 will receive special firing tickets for this match, which will be shot simultaneously with No.5.

No. 7. Team Match.—Open to teams of five (5) representing any battery company corps or local association or locality. Two prizes, value \$15.00 entrance fee, \$1.25 per team.

No. 8. Lieut-Governor's Match.—Eighteen cash prizes value \$55.50 entrance fee, 50c; rounds, 7; rifle, snider; range, 500 yards. The cup, presented by Hon. C. F. Cornwall when Lieut-Governor, to be won twice in succession before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 9. Victoria Corporation Match.—(Open to members of the association.) Twenty cash prizes, value \$70.00; entrance fee, 50c; ranges, 200 and 500 yards; rounds, 7 at each range; rifle, snider. The cup presented by the corporation of Victoria in 1893, to be won twice before becoming the property of any competitor.

No. 10. Militia Aggregate Match.—To be awarded to competitors eligible to compete in the district militia match who have made the highest aggregate scores in the following matches, viz.: Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8 and 9. Three cash prizes value \$15.00 entrance fee, 50c.

No. 11. Team Aggregate.—Open to teams of five members from any one battery or company of Active Militia of this district. To be awarded to those teams the scores of whose members in matches Nos, 1, 3, 5, 8 and 9 collectively, shall be highest. Names of members of teams to be handed in to the Secretary's office before 1 p. m. on Thursday, 27th July. 1st prize \$15. 2nd \$10. entrance fee, \$2.50 per team.

No. 12. Goldstream Stakes.—(Open to all comers.) Twenty-three cash prizes value \$100. entrance fee, \$1.00; ranges,