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THE MILITARY GAZETTE.

The "Canadian Military Gazette" to-day appears under new management. Considerable improvements have been made in the paper within the past two years and improvement will continue to be the main feature of its programme.

The new proprietors are newspaper men of wide experience both in their profession and in the militia service, and no pains will be spared to make the "Military Gazette" worthy of the position it holds as the unofficial organ of the Canadian Militia.

The paper we feel should become in a

much fuller sense than heretofore the mouthpiece of the force; or means of expressing the opinions of the members of the militia and of impressing them upon the government and upon the public. The public is all right at heart and disposed to do the right thing by the militia if it was only satisfied that it knew just what that right thing was. Let but militiamen assist the "Gazette" in pointing out the requirements of the force and something in the way of a speedy amelioration of the existing state of affairs will, we feel confident, be effected. Our columns will be open to the fullest discussion by members of the force, of all matters of interest to the militia, and we hope that our readers will avail themselves of the opportunity to discuss the many grave questions now at issue and to ventilate their opinions and grievances. Things have reached such a point in the militia just now that we are bound to have soon some sort of a reorganization of the force, and it is absolutely necessary that the judgment of the thinkers of the service on this truly vital question should be placed on record. We want to record that judgment.

The "Military Gazette" is wholly free from government control and we shall continue to pursue a course of complete independence. This does not necessarily imply that we shall seize upon every trivial pretext to attack the policy of the militia department; an erroneous idea that so many of our lay contemporaries have of independent journalism. We start out with a good deal of faith in the new minister of militia and the "Gazette" will support him when he deserves it. When he does not he will find this paper a most uncompromising critic, and so will everybody else under similar circumstances.

The free lance style of journalism in the English service papers has been an inestimable benefit to the Imperial service. We shall modestly endeavor to follow in their footsteps.

Nor; while striving to give expression to the independent opinions of the militia, will the news department be neglected. Every effort will be made to make our records of the happenings in the service as complete and interesting as possible. In this connection we would earnestly request the co-operation of our readers, who can assist us immensely by forwarding us reports of military events coming under their notice, original preferred, but if not, in the shape of clippings from local newspapers. We would particularly request secretaries of rifle associations to keep us fully posted.

We would moreover ask correspondents and our friends generally to make an effort to get their communications into our hands, at the latest, four days previous to the date of publication, for we intend that in future the "Gazette" shall come out on the first and fifteenth of every month to the very day.

We have gone into this venture with confidence in the militia and a belief in the value to the force of a really live, snappy service paper, and we know we can rely on a generous support.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The programme of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association, published on another page, is an attractive one; extraordinarily liberal when it is considered that the ultra economical administration of the province has refused the usual provincial grant, a penny wise and pound foolish policy that it is to be hoped Premier Tullon and his colleagues will soon change.