

the G.O.C., and in it he says "that if Col. Hamilton was dismissed without trial, without notice of any charges at all made against him upon complaints made by officers who would be advantaged by his dismissal, if this be all true, if it is possible that General Gascoigne has acted in this way, then General Gascoigne should step down and out and go back to the old country." The hon. member then proceeds to say that "the last two generals were obliged to leave the country, and that the third general, who has only been in the country a few months, has acted so unjustifiably, so tyrannically, so arbitrarily as stamps him unfit to occupy the position to which he has been appointed, and that if it is true that General Gascoigne has acted in this way he ought to be court martialled and dismissed from the service of Canada."

This is strong language, and if Mr. Lister had taken the trouble to make enquiries he would have found that the case had been thoroughly gone into by General Gascoigne, Col. Otter and others, and that under the circumstances there was no other course but to compel Col. Hamilton to resign. The answers by Mr. Dickey and the Minister of Militia were satisfactory, especially the latter, and there was no doubt that justice had been done to the Queen's Own.

A would-be-bully and obstructionist like Mr. Lister is a nuisance to the House, and he would confer a blessing on his country if he would confine himself to his petifogging County Court business in his own village rather than taking up valuable time and abusing a man whose boots he is not worthy to clean. General Gascoigne is an officer who has served 33 years in the smartest regiment in the world, and was chosen specially for his all-round proficiency to come to Canada. He has had difficulties to contend with, as he succeeded a general, who, although improving the militia vastly, through doing so became unpopular, but every officer and man that has come in contact with General Gascoigne knows that he, if given a free hand, will show favor to no one, and will put the militia force on a far firmer footing than it is at the present time.

On Thursday the proposed Hintonburg rifle ranges were inspected by a number of local military men, among whom were Lieut.-Col. Aylmer, A.A.G.; Major Sherwood, Capts. Sutherland, Hutchison, and E. Waldo. The whole of the range was traversed and found remarkably dry for this season of the year. The range faces the south-west, with just a slight slope, and ends in a limestone bluff. There are no houses for miles around the bluff, and the general opinion of the party was that with little improvement the ground would make a perfect range.

## HURRAH FOR THE KILT AND THE FEATHER.

MONTREAL, May 1.—"Ye canna sit doon on the thistle." Expressions such as these are heard around the Royal Scots' armory these nights. Everything seems to be on the move there, and with the large cases, that have been made to withstand the invariable hard knocks of the Atlantic, lying around, a stranger would be forcibly impressed with the idea, more especially if he came from a barrack town, that surely the regiment had received marching orders, and had almost imagined that he heard that old but still popular melody, "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Not so, however, for if you ask Watty, who keeps things on the "hum" for the Scots, he will acquaint you, with no little pride, that the regiment has just started to receive the new supplies, which have been so anxiously waited for. He will establish the idea in your mind, too, that instead of leaving the girl behind it was expected that when they paraded with the feather bonnet no other Tommy Atkins would have a chance. Enthusiasm is running high in the regiment just now. Every company seems to be vieing with each other as to who will make the best showing on parade. Ninety of the feather bonnets arrived yesterday, and it is expected that before another two weeks are over the whole supply will be out. The public, however, will have an opportunity of seeing the bonnets on Tuesday night when two of the companies will march in full dress, headed by the band, from the armory to the Monument National, where they will act as a guard. The comedy "Fun on the Bristol" is to be played all next week for the augmentation of the feather bonnet fund. Tuesday night there will be a grand rally, all the city corps lending their patronage. Altogether, it looks as if the "silver lining" had set in earnest so far as the prosperity of the Scots is concerned.

On Thursday night the Scots paraded full strength. They had their first march out for the season, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Strathy. After their arrival at the armory the prizes won by individual members, sections and companies were presented. The prizes were handed to the winners by the different officers. Col. Strathy's cup for general efficiency, open to the whole regiment, was won by "D" Company, commanded by Capt. Cantlie; the cup presented by Major Blaiklock for the most efficient company in the left half battalion was also won by the same company. The cup presented by Major Ibbotson for the best company in the right half was won by "A" Company, Capt. Campbell commanding.

The Hussars had a concert and dance in their rooms last Friday. They have been

holding them once a month during the winter and they have been greatly appreciated by the men.

The battalion target practice of the Scots commenced Saturday.

The Garrison Artillery efficiency examinations began Thursday and will continue Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The annual meeting of M.G.A. Rifle Association was held in the armory Thursday night. There was a good attendance of the members, Col. Cole presiding. Considerable interest was shown in the matter of training the "raw recruit" how to shoot, and it was decided that Gunner J. Cole, who has been in the regiment for 25 years, be appointed assistant musketry instructor to have the special training of the green shots. A resolution was passed by the association expressing pleasure at Col. Cole being selected to fill the position of commandant on the Shoeburyness team. Col. Cole was elected president for the year; Capt. Collins secretary-treasurer, and Sergt. J. Wilson, assistant secretary. It was decided to enter two Martini teams for the League matches. They will not be able to shoot before May 16.

We understand that a challenge has been issued by the captain of the M.G.A. tug-of-war team to the police team that they pull to decide for the cup which was formerly held by the Ecole team, but which reverted back to the police when that team became defunct.

The arrangements are now about complete for the demonstration that is to take place May 24. No outside corps will take part in the "show," as the city fathers have to watch very closely how the dollars and cents of the Montreal city treasury are dispersed, and were unable to contribute anything towards the expense of bringing another regiment to the city. The city corps will have it all their own way, and there is no doubt but what they will make as good a showing in the matter of drill and smartness as any outside corps could do. The review will take place on Logan's Park. Those taking part will be No. 1. Troop D.C.R.C.H., 35 men; M.F.B., 40 men; 2nd G.A., 300; Prince of Wales' Rifles, 275; Victoria Rifles, 320; 5th Royal Scots, 275; 65th Batt., 350; a total of 1,870. It is expected that the Mount St. Louis and St. Mary's Royal Cadets will join in the parade. There is also talk of the 8th Royal Rifle Quebec, taking part, but as yet nothing definite has been arranged. After arriving at Logan's Park, the corps will be formed into a brigade and will march past in column, form into line of quarter column opposite the saluting base, advance in review order and give the Royal Salute. After which they will march through the principal streets of the city to the drill shed.

The arrangements for the church para