

the time a colour-sergeant. The one who is now attending the school has also a special object; he also holds the rank of colour-sergeant, both men being qualified to hold that rank in their regiment, and both being considered efficient. Now, Mr. Editor, with these facts I will give my humble opinion of the reason why the n.c.o.'s of two efficient city corps do not take advantage of the chance to qualify. In the first place, the smarter and better your n.c.o. is, compared with his comrades, he will be correspondingly so in the workshop, office or store; therefore his time is more or less valuable. He has to work for his living, and however enthusiastic he may be in soldiering, and however anxious he may be to take a course at the "School," the facts stare him in the face that in the first place he has to attend for at least three months; at the end of that time he may be only able to qualify for a 2nd class, or at best a 1st, and that will be of no particular benefit to him in his regiment. He argues to himself, and quite rightly, that it is better to wait, and when he gets his commission, as we all hope to some day, he can then take a special course of three or four weeks, take a 2nd class grade "A," which will qualify him to rank as high as a captain, or if he can spare the time to take a "short course," he might by hard work take a 1st class, which would qualify him to take command of his regiment if he ever got the chance. On the other hand, if he goes in as a n.c.o. he has to work hard to take his 1st class "B," which is very little easier than a 1st class "A," and when he does get it and eventually gets a commission he can only rank as high as lieutenant, and has to attend the school again to take a 2nd class "A"—which is child's play compared with a 1st class "B"—if he aspires to ever take command of his company. If the St. John School is ever transferred to Montreal Volunteer Officer will find that the n.c.o.'s will not be any more anxious to waste their time than are their comrades in Toronto.

It is an actual fact that the greater part of the n.c.o.'s and men who attend and have attended "C" School have other reason than that for which the schools of instruction have been organized. Men have gone in and have been eventually "given the gate" that could not read or write; a great many are sadly deficient in the three R's, and the majority of them are too young for n.c.o.'s, and if careful enquiry is made it would be found that a great many are merely putting in the dull season. I refer to this time of the year and the rest of the winter season. It is a great pity that the gentlemen of ability who comprise the staff, with their very efficient drill instructors, should waste their talents and time on such poor material. Far better to do away with the grades A and B, and if a man has the ability, be he private or colonel, let him win the certificate he merits.

"EYES RIGHT."

Regimental News.

6th Fusiliers' Annual Inspection.

The inspection of the 6th took place on the Champ de Mars, Montreal, on Saturday, October 20th, at 2.30 p. m. The inspecting officer, was Lt.-Col. Houghton, D. A. G., who was accompanied by Lt.-Col. Mattice, B.M. The battalion was on the ground punctually, and when drawn up in line presented a fine appearance, having 308 of all ranks on parade, including brass drum, and five bands, Pioneers, signalling and ambulance corps. The salute having been fired, the inspecting officer made a close examination of every individual, and was satisfied with the appearance and the manner in which the accoutrements were put on. The inspection over the march past was performed, then the manual and firing exercises, under Major Mooney, and the bayonet under Major Burland, several battalion movements under Lt.-Col. Massey and the adjutant (Capt. Petigrew) were then gone through, all being well done, one of the advances in line being simply perfect. The attack drill wound up the movements, two companies extended by half companies forming their own supports, advanced and commanded volley-firing; the fighting line was reinforced and a blank line to the right thrown out, the company movements having seemingly disposed of the enemy. The battalion was reformed and the roll called, rather an unnecessary proceeding considering that there were over thirty on parade for whom no pay could be drawn.

The officers dined at the Metropolitan Club in the evening. Lt.-Cols. Houghton and Mattice and Capt. Freer being guests, also several veteran officers of the battalion. Though the 6th is now composed mainly of young soldiers, there's an amount of the old leaven still there sufficient, as the Montreal Gazette puts it, to keep up the traditions of the old corps, and that means one of the leading in the Dominion.

Brantford.

The city has adopted a by-law providing for the purchase of a site for the drill shed which the government is expected to build there shortly. The rifles worked hard to carry the by-law.

The Dufferin Rifles held their second church parade of the season on the 21st October, when they attended a 4 o'clock service in Grace

Church. There was an excellent turnout of men, the parade statement showing a total of nearly 250, with "D" Company again in the van.

The best drill of the season, with the largest attendance of men, took place last Thursday night. "D" Company was ahead with "F" a close second. The officer of the day, Capt. W. D. Jones, in the last clause of his report says, "I visited all the polling subdivisions on Monday 22nd October, and had sufficient votes polled on the Drill Shed by-law to secure the passage of the same." Non-commissioned officers' certificates were awarded as follows:—Ptes. Hart and Challen, "B" Co.; J. D. Ritchie, "D," Short and Saunders, "C," Barrager, Dorland, Hoskins, Corey and Miller, "F" Company. Sergt. J. Wood was given a nine years' good service badge.

The Field Battery Firing Contests.

List of Prize Winners in the competition of the Dominion Artillery Association.

Below will be found a complete list of the battery and individual prize winners in the 9 p.r. R. M. L. firing competitions taking place this year under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association. In addition to the money prizes appearing in the list, the Winnipeg battery have carried off the Oswald cup, they having the handsome lead of 36 points over the field. The Montizambert cup goes to the Gananoque battery, the third on the whole list.

Prize.	Battery.	AGGREGATE SCORES.		
		Preliminary.	Final.	Total.
Cup and \$30—	Winnipeg.....	252	178	430
"	20—Montreal.....	225	169	394
"	15—Gananoque.....	211	167	378
	10—No. 1 Battery, 1st Brigade..	231	131	362

Prize.	Rank and Name.	Battery.	Time.	Score.
\$15 Bomb.	Berube.....	Quebec.....	4.57	34
10 Q.-M.-Sergt.	Thatcher.....	No. 2 Bat., 1st Brigade..	4.21	32
10 Corpl.	Stewart.....	Winnipeg.....	4.45	32
8 Q.-M.-Sergt.	Mowat.....	Montreal.....	4.15	31
8 Gr.	Kennedy.....	No. 2 Bat., 1st Brigade..	5.02	31
8 Sergt.	Johnson.....	Winnipeg.....	4.35	28
5 Sergt.	Armstrong.....	No. 1 Batt., 1st Brigade.	4.54	28
5 Sergt.	Richardson... ..	Welland.....	4.25	27
5 Gr.	Bonnell.....	Ottawa.....	4.25	27
5 Bomb.	Ness.....	Welland.....	6.00	27
4 B.-Sergt.-Major	Bertrand... ..	Quebec.....	4.50	26
4 Gr. E.	Brown.....	Montreal.....	5.05	26
4 Bomb.	Kethro.....	Newcastle.....	5.31	26
4 Gr.	Watson.....	Toronto.....	3.20	25
4 Corpl.	Braely.....	Winnipeg.....	4.55	25
3 Corpl.	Sallows.....	No. 1 Bat., 1st Brigade..	5.16	25
3 Bomb.	Hay.....	Woodstock.....	7.18½	25
3 Gr.	Johnson.....	Gananoque.....	5.00	24
3 Sergt.	Trickey.....	Gananoque.....	4.34	23
3 Sergt.	Fearnside.....	Hamilton.....	4.35	23
2 Gr.	Hayes.....	Montreal.....	4.45	23
2 Gr.	Stark.....	Montreal.....	4.10	22
2 Gr.	Gray.....	Ottawa.....	5.05	22
2 Gr.	Taylor.....	Winnipeg.....	5.10	22
2 Sergt.	McCullam.....	Newcastle.. ..	5.20	22
2 Sergt.	Campbell.....	Woodstock.....	6.00*	22
2 Gr.	Wood.....	Gananoque.....	6.00*	22
2 Q.-M.-Sergt.	Maltby.....	Newcastle.....	6.12	22
2 Gr.	Somerville.. ..	Gananoque.....	3.33	21
2 Sergt.	Capes.....	Gananoque.....	4.16†	21

* Decided by points for direction.

† Tied by Sergt.-Major Lloyd in number of points, time, direction and common shell score—tie decided by points made in preliminary practice.

The American Magazine.

In the October *American Magazine* the series of illustrated articles on "American Crack Regiments" was begun with a history of the famous Seventh of New York. In November it is the turn of the Twenty-third of Brooklyn. This regiment is said to be the pet and pride of the City of Churches, and an account of the organization should make interesting reading. The regiment has a proud war record, and the article naturally devotes much space to that period when it in no sense simply played at soldiering. Mr. John Gilmer Speed has become the editor of the *American Magazine*, which, under its new ownership, has already shown many evidences of vigour and enterprise. Mr. Speed has passed through all the grades of journalism, and was for several years managing editor of the *New York World*, before it was purchased by its present proprietor. Since then he has spent much time in foreign travel, and has also been a frequent contributor to the magazines and newspaper press. In conducting the magazine it is Mr. Speed's purpose to make it all that its name implies—an illustrated monthly, representative of American thought and life. He will have the hearty co-operation of competent and resourceful colleagues, and he therefore starts out with a bright prospect of making the magazine worthy of the success which usually follows well-directed effort.