

is probable that a definite announcement will be made upon this point tomorrow night. Should Dr. Ryerson accept the position he will be well fitted from his lengthened military experience to discharge the duties. He has been connected with the militia since 1871, put in three months' training at the old military school and saw active service with the Grenadiers in the Northwest rebellion. With regard to permission being first obtained from the Government before any steps are taken to organize the regiment, the promoters state that they do not wish to approach the authorities until they are able to submit a definite scheme.

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The arrangements for the 48th Highlanders' sports are nearing completion. Special excursion rates have been secured intending spectators residing at points at a distance from the city may at little expense come into Toronto on Friday, August 18, and remain over till the afternoon of the following Monday. Excursions by water are being arranged for. Next Monday the various committees meet and report progress.

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Organization work in connection with the proposed new battalion of St. George's Rifles is being pushed ahead, and it is expected that some time in the early part of next month matters will be sufficiently far advanced to permit the whole of the details to be laid before the Government. Much amusement has been caused in Sons of England circles by the publication of a story to the effect that Colonel Sweny was a candidate for the colonelcy with Dr. Ryerson. Col. Sweny has not been identified with the movement in any way, whilst Dr. Ryerson has already been unanimously chosen by those interested. Two gentlemen have been approached with a view to their becoming majors, but their names will not be divulged until their consent has been obtained. It is understood that 336 recruits have been enrolled, but recruiting will go on so as to permit of good material being chosen. Whilst the 48th Battalion is not opposed to the formation of the new rifle corps, it is stated that the Queen's Own are not in sympathy with the movement. At present the latter hold the proud position of being the only rifle corps in the city, while Montreal boasts of three. There is scarcely any doubt that if the organization of the new regiment is permitted the uniform will be of grey. It is possible, however, that helmets may be substituted for shakos as headgear.—Empire.

LONDON.

The highest aggregate score in the four matches of the Canadian Military League has been made by Mr. W. N. Goodwin, G.T.R. train despatcher here. His grand total is 364, an average of 91 in each match.

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Major Thos. Beattie, who lost his young-

est son only last week, on the 8th received a telegram announcing that his remaining son was very seriously ill. The major returned at once to Chicago. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Beattie in his severe afflictions.

KINGSTON.

Commander Gibbons, R. N. R., Southampton, Eng., waited five years for the law touching marriage with a deceased wife's sister to be repealed, but growing discouraged, sailed for Kingston, and was married on the 8th to Miss H. M. W. Harding. The groom is 70 years, and the bride is over 50. As the marriage could not be performed by any Church of England clergyman the world over, the gallant commander and his housekeeper were united by Rev. Malcolm MacGillivray, Presbyterian. His wedding trip was down among the Thousand Islands. The commander is small in stature, with a beard tinged with grey. He served for 14 years with Admiral Tryon, and was with the reserve squadron under command of the Duke of Edinburgh. The couple came to Canada on the steamship Numidian, and after visiting Niara Falls go to Montreal and sail for Southampton.

OTTAWA.

Capt. B. C. Urquhart, of the Cameron Highlanders, who served in the Egyptian war of 1882, has been appointed A.D.C. to the Earl of Aberdeen.

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Respecting the complaints which have been made by the representatives of certain of the corps accustomed to participate in the skirmishing matches at the D. R. A. meet, it is understood that the Executive Committee in changing the description of the target were actuated by a desire to render the competition fair to all parties, and should embrace more of the conditions of warfare. In the past every hit on the target has been counted, whether the figure of the man painted thereon was hit or not. This year only actual hits penetrating that portion of the target containing the silhouette of a man's head and shoulders will count.

GUELPH.

The annual matches of the 30th Wellington Battalion took place at Guelph on July 28th. Owing to a fishy wind the shooting was not up to the average. Most of the companies in the battalion were represented. The following are the prize winners of the day's matches:

Battalion match, 200 yard—

Capt. Schultz, Guelph	28
Lieut. Conboy, Erin	26
Capt. McDowell, Erin	26
Sgt. Major Wideman, Guelph	26
Pte. Sanders, Erin	24
Sgt. McLaren, Guelph	23
Corp. Grice, Harriston	23
Pte. M. French, Guelph	22
Sgt. Sanders, Erin	22

Battalion match, 400 yard—

Capt. Schultz	31
Capt. McDowell	229
Corp. Duffield, Eramosa	28
Pte. Bryado, Eramosa	28
Capt. Jamieson, Palmerston	28
Sgt. Sanders	27
Lieut. Conboy	27
Lieut. Holton, Harriston	27
Sgt. Major. Wideman	27

Nursery competition for those who have never won a prize at a battalion or match—

Pte. Brydon	28
Bugler Wideman	27
Pte. Hurren, Erin	26
Plat. Giband, Eramosa	25
Pte. Jefferson, Guelph	22
Pte. Ball, Harriston	20
Pte. Peacock, Elora	20
Pte. Bryan, Elora	18
Pte. Head, Eramosa	17

Open match, 500 yard—

Sgt. P. McLaren	31
Lt. Beattie	30
Charles Crowe	30
Sergt. Atkinson	30
C. E. Sleeman	29
Lieut. Halton	28
Lieut. Gilchrist	27
Corp. Young	26
Capt. Schultz	25

Team prizes. First, No. 7, Erin—

Capt. McDowell	76
Lieut. Conboy	77
Sgt. Saunders	71
Pte. Saunders	70
Pte. Hume	65

Total - 349

Second, No. 1, Harriston—

Capt. Laidlaw	68
Lieut. Holton	70
Sgt. D. Campbell	59
Corp. Grice	68
Pte. Ball	53

Total - 318

Third, No. 6, Eramosa—

Capt. Johnson	55
Sgt. Atkinson	76
Corp. Duffield	66
Pte. Giband	66
Pte. Head	52

Total - 313

Fourth, No. 2, Guelph—

Capt. Schultz	84
Sgt. P. McLaren	76
Sgt. A. McLaren	36
Corp. Young	65
Pte. French	42

Total - 303

HALIFAX.

While the Italian Cruiser Etna was at Halifax the Italian Admiral was entertained at dinner by Admiral Hopkins. The other guests were His Lordship Bishop Courtney, Lieutenant-Governor Daly, Mrs. Daly and Miss Daly, Colonel North, Lieutenant Colonel Clerke, Lieutenant Colonel Crookenden, Captain Sartaris, Captain and Mrs. Hamilton, Commander Bayley, Lieutenant McAllister, Lieutenant Thompson, Lieutenant Casanuova, Lieutenant Colonel Saunders, Miss Worsley, Mrs. Leach. The decorations consisted principally of Italian colors (green, white and red), artistically