

The annual meeting of the 44th Battalion Rifle Association was held on 2nd inst., and considerable business was transacted. Several questions of vital importance to the association were discussed. The fear of losing the present range and the very difficult task of getting another of easy access very materially affects the institution. It is a question whether the association can compete in the Canadian Military Rifle League Matches this year. A committee was appointed to look into the matter of a range and no definite action can be taken until the result of their labor is known. A bill of three dollars from Captain Vandersluys, the only one outstanding against the association, was ordered to be paid.

The election of officers for the current year resulted as follows:—

Patron—Senator Dr. J. Ferguson.

Vice-Patron—J. F. Macklem, Esq.

Honorary President—J. A. Lowell, Esq. M.P.

President—Lieut.-Col. J. E. Morin.

1st Vice-President—Major H. Bender.

2nd Vice-President—L. Drago, Esq.

Secretary—Captain G. A. McMicking.

Treasurer—Lieut. J. J. Bampfield.

Auditors—Major J. Tattersall and Wm. Pew, Esq.

Finance Committee—Major J. W. Oliver and Wm. M. Parker, Esq.

General Committee—Lieut. J. J. Bampfield, Lieut. G. E. Buckley, Mr. J. J. Flynn, Mr. J. C. Macgregor.

The remaining regular meetings for this year will be the first Tuesday evenings in June, July, August, September, October and November.

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A Medical Board, consisting of Major-General Herbert, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, Surgeon-Majors Neilson, Campbell and Surgeon Strange, met in Ottawa recently to make arrangements for the supply of medical necessities for the Militia camps. The intention is also to provide material which would be kept at the stations of the Principal Medical Officers of the force and sufficiently extensive to be of use should troops be mobilized at the points occupied by the Permanent Corps. The Board made recommendations more than covering the amount voted at last session of Parliament for this purpose, viz., \$2,500, but the more urgent necessities will be ordered at once and will be available for the camps this year. The Board examined the material left over from the Northwest Rebellion Expeditionary Force and practically condemned all.

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Fifteen officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 82nd Regt. of Infantry, Charlottetown, P.E.I., passed through St. John recently on their way home from Fredericton, where they had been taking a short course in the Infantry School. This speaks well for the Island.

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A Lindsay (Ont.) paper's advice to its fair reader:—Young Ladies,—Here's your chance to help the 45th Battalion. How many school children even in towns are taught to keep step in walking? Keeping step means that those walking together step left feet at once, and right feet at once. Let a couple try walking together, the left foot of one stepping with the right foot of the other. The result is an alternate bumping of shoulders, and separating. Then try keeping in step, i.e., each stepping with the same foot, left with left and right with right. The result is manifest. This year there will be prizes or marks for the best drilled Victoria county company in camp. Let each young lady in her weekly promenade with her young man train him in getting into step readily. She will thus have no cause to be ashamed of her lover, and she may rest assured he will be less likely to try marching with any Kingston girls, for no Victorian could be untrue to girls such as those. The boys and girls in all schools should keep step when walking. It helps to improve appearance and discipline. Those in Lindsay who observe it are becoming more numerous. Let rural schools follow the example.—*Victoria Warder*.

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George H. White of Sussex has been advised that the government have accepted his offer of the Morrison farm for \$7,000 for a permanent camp ground. The Sussex people hope the Militia Department will move the Infantry School

to Sussex and build permanent stables for the 8th Hussars; in fact, make this the Aldershot of New Brunswick.

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The Peterborough Rifle Association met on 4th inst. and elected the following officers:—President, Dr. R. W. Bell; 1st Vice-President, Rev. V. Clementi; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. R. A. Morrow; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. C. Curtis; Council, Messrs. Max. Dennistoun, J. B. Pentland, and D. Belleghem. It was decided to use either the Martini-Henry or Snider rifles at the monthly matches.

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So far, 117 teams have entered for the Military Rifle League match this year, which is considerably lower than the number which participated in last season's matches. This is no doubt due to the fact that the Martini-Henri rifle having been adopted for the D.R.A. matches, marksmen who do not happen to possess Snider rifles are not inclined to purchase a new one expressly for the Rifle League contests.

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Another change has been made in the Bisley team by the withdrawal of two of the chosen twenty. Corporal J. H. Ellis and Sergt. W. Short, of the Governor-General's Foot-Guards, yesterday notified the Secretary of the D.R.A., Lieut.-Col. Bacon, that they will not be able to go to Bisley this year. This brings in Lieut. Spearing, 53rd, and Sergeant Major Case, Halifax, G.A., and makes Lieut. J. E. Hutchison, 43rd Rifles, "waiting man."

## PERSONAL.

T. Clowes Brown, M.D., Surgeon No. 4 Co., Canadian Regiment of Infantry, Fredericton, N.B., died there of apoplexy on 25th April. He was born at Maugerville, Sunbury County, where his father held a commission as captain in the Sunbury Militia. After graduating as an M.D. at the Pennsylvania Medical College, Philadelphia, he commenced the practice of his profession in York County, and was gazetted surgeon at that time of the 2nd Battalion York County Militia, under the late Col. John Allen. Upon the information of the 71st York Volunteers Battalion in A.D. 1869, he was appointed assistant-surgeon thereto, and became surgeon of said battalion upon the death of Surgeon Gregory in 1881, which position he resigned upon being gazetted surgeon of the Infantry School Corps at Fredericton in December, 1882.

His remains were interred on the afternoon of 27th inst. in Forest Hill cemetery, beside those of his first wife and daughter, the long procession including all classes of people, gave some indication of the popularity of the deceased. The body was attired in the full dress uniform of the C. R. I., and enclosed in a chaste casket which was literally covered with floral tributes. A British Ensign and the sword and helmet of the deceased posed on the top of the casket. The mourners included Dr. Frank Brown, Charles Brown, R. S. Barker, E. Byron, Winslow, and Drs. Coburn, Coulthard, McLearn, Seery, Bridges, Vanwart, Crocket, and Sharp of the York Co., Medical Society, Col. Maunsell, Col. Marsh, and other officers. The C. R. I. as a firing party, commanded by Capt. Hemming, and headed by the band, preceded the hearse. The pall-bearers were Major Beckwith, Major Loggie, Major Copley, Capt. Boone, Lieut. Hawthorn and Lieut. Fisher. The services were said at St. Ann's church, led by Rev. Canon Roberts and Rev. John Parkinson, Rev. F. Alexander and Rev. H. Montgomery also taking part. Along the route of the procession the streets were lined with people, and the expression of regret at Dr. Brown's sudden death were general.

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Capt. King, of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, and Miss Willa L. Zwickhr, of Lunenburg, were married on 9th inst. The groom is very popular both in business and social circles, and he and his fair bride will have sincerest wishes for happiness from a host of friends.

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Colonel E. T. H. Hutton has taken his departure for New South Wales to take up his appointment there as Commandant of the Military Forces in the Colony. He will have the rank of Major-General whilst so employed.