

In the gray dawning Sergt. Instr. Page may occasionally be seen pipeclaying his goat. Latterly the animal has showed a decided tendency to turn gray.

Lieut. Thacker has gone for a trip to Muskoka. He will, it is expected, partake of a full course of such sylvan delights as solitude and black flies. May the gods deal gently.

Among the latest patrons of the wheel are the D.A.G. and Lt.-Col. Buchan. On the whole the wheel is becoming very popular in Stanley barracks, and promises to surpass the raging fad of 1.46 to the minute.

Lt.-Col. Gravely (207 lbs.) astonished his wife by riding up to his door on a bicycle which he had purchased and learned to ride contrary to orders. But he is one of the boys yet, and says he had superior orders from the General himself.

No. 2 Company's dog, Old Cap, appears to be in declining health, and will, it is thought, soon go the way of all bow-wows; but by a rare stroke of good fortune the acting provost has a substitute all ready in the shape of a very small and vicious specimen of the canine tribe of no particular breed or pedigree, but beautified by the name of Whiskers. Fortune came to this poor waif by chance.

The R.C.D. and No. 2 Company R.R.C.I., have completed their annual course of musketry with the Lee-Netford. A slight increase in the scores is noticeable, and the rifle is more popular with Thomas than its predecessor, owing, perhaps, to the entire absence of "kick," which the aforesaid gentleman likes to reserve for himself. Col. Buchan swears by the new arm. But then he has discovered the secret of how to use it.

The *Globe* of Saturday, the 8th inst., has several very well executed photographs of No. 2 Co. and Stanley barracks. The letter press, otherwise correct, understates the work done by the School of Instruction for Infantry, as there are four courses of three months each during the year, instead of three courses, besides any number of special courses. These latter are really more trouble than all the rest. They are for officers only, but as they entail examination, both written and oral, at all sorts of times and seasons, besides instruction, it is easy to see that the regular routine suffers considerably. However, it is all for the good of the force, and frequently the best men are the ones who cannot spare time to take a short course.