

of the war he came to Canada with his Regt. and soon after we find him braving the winter snows of Canada riding in an open sleigh from this province as far as Montreal as a member of the expeditionary force sent from here to take part in what is now called "The Trent Affair." In '62 he left the 62nd with the rank of Sergt. and accepted the position of drill instructor in the Nova Scotia militia in which capacity he instructed almost every Regt. and Company in this Province and P.E.I., and many of our present officers of rank will remember him as the genial and competent instructor who put them through the "goose step." After Confederation he joined the 66th P. L. F., as instructor and caretaker. He resigned the caretakership 10 years ago to accept the position of messenger at the Militia Brigade office, he continued to serve in Fusiliers until a short time before his last illness which was career in the neck. As a soldier he was brave and manly, as an instructor he has left an indelible impression on the militia of this Province, and as a friend ever faithful. His memory will long be cherished by all who had the honour of his acquaintance. He was long the darling of the Fusiliers, and the city corps in general, and it was with a full heart, and downcast eyes we gazed on the face of our departed comrade for the last time as the cover was removed from the glass cover of the casket just before lowering it into the grave. He was in his 59th year, and a native of Portarlington, Kings Co. Ireland.

The three city corps are pegging away at drill as usual. The several companies of the 63rd are engaged in marching competitions, the marches are about 6 miles, and the dress drill order. I understand Col. Egan is donating prizes to the winning teams. Will send particulars for your next issue.

#### At Bedford Range.

On Saturday a very interesting shooting match took place at Bedford range between mixed teams of the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants of the R. A. and Garrison staff, the rifle used being the short Snider, kindly loaned by the H. G. A. The ranges were 200, 300 and 400 yards, five rounds at each. The shooting was remarkably good considering it was the first time any of the competitors fired from that pattern rifle. Sergt.-Major Gibbs, H. G. A., was umpire and score-keeper, and gave entire satisfaction. The teams desire to thank the militia officers present (especially Majors Garrison and Oxley) for courtesies extended to them. The possible points attainable was 60. Below are the totals:

#### NO. 1 TEAM.

Garrison S. Major Haines (Capt.)	18
Q. M. Sergt. Saville R.A.	50
Q. M. Sergt. Thomas, Garrison Staff	52
Col. Sergt.-Major Edwards, R.A.	45
Laboratory Sergt. Clarke (Nobby) R.A.	47
Sergt. Osman, R.A.	49
Sergt. Deening, R.A.	56
Sergt. Hooper, H.G.A.	58
Grand total	365

#### NO. 2 TEAM.

Master Gr. Gurney (Capt.) R.A.	47
Q. M. Sergt. Wilson, Garrison Staff	48
Sergt. Gilding, Garrison Staff	47
Sergt. Vassie, R.A.	49
Sergt. Slade, R.A.	50
Sergt. Smith, R.A.	47
Sergt. Kerr, R.A.	45
Sergt. Hancock, R.A.	51
Total	394

—Evening Mail, July 5th.

#### Militia Instruction School.

All the officers attending the school of instruction for militia officers at Wellington barracks, the term lasting from April 1st to June 30th, received certificates, all of them except one being first-class. Major Mellor was commandant of the school and Lieut. Knight, adjutant. The percentages made by the officers in attend-

ance were as below, the last one being granted a second class certificate:

Capt. C. C. Hole, 66th	89.41	per cent.
Lieut. J. A. Harrington, 66th	84.83	"
Lieut. J. J. Ritchie	77.00	"
2nd Lieut. H. Sawyer, 66th	70.16	"
2nd Lieut. A. Oliver, 66th	70.25	"
Capt. G. A. Lecain, 66th	86.75	"
2nd Lieut. G. E. Morse, 66th	91.66	"
2nd Lieut. J. E. Harris, 66th	76.83	"
Lieut. M. S. Elliott, 72nd	87.91	"
2nd Lieut. W. L. Phinney, 72nd	79.59	"
Lieut. G. M. Sutherland, 78th	81.33	"
Lieut. G. A. Sutherland, 78th	79.25	"
2nd Lieut. K. Macpherson, 78th	72.16	"
Capt. J. P. McNeil, 94th	75.16	"
2nd Lieut. A. J. McNeil, 94th	82.00	"
2nd Lieut. R. J. Mackenzie, 94th	78.50	"
2nd Lieut. J. A. Ross, 94th	83.83	"
Lieut. H. S. Jacques, 63rd	85.25	"
2nd Lieut. W. H. Conrod, 63rd	88.00	"
2nd Lieut. W. S. Denrocher, 75th	77.75	"
2nd Lieut. J. C. Fletcher, 75th	70.5	"
Lieut. R. W. Crowe, H.G.A.	85.16	"
Lieut. C. R. McDonald, 66rd	68.58	"

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What's the matter with the Royal Canadian Infantry at Fredericton? Has its usefulness as a Military School ceased, or is the school full of students and unable to accommodate more?

(GRAVELORUSHER.)

#### Hamilton.

Spring drills are now closed, and all the members of the 13th from the colonel down are enjoying a well-earned rest.

As usual the 13th sends its complement of men to strive for laurels on the field at Bisley. Col.-Sgt. Skedden, one of the best shots in the regiment, makes his initial trip. Pte. Hayhurst, whose record as a shot is well known is there and the third of the two is the veteran shot Sgt Manis who is making his 9th trip, as full of vigor and as steady as ever.

Rifle practice goes merrily on at the ranges, every company in the battalion putting in practice at least once a week.

It is welcome news to the city battalions, to learn that as usual they are to receive their 12 days pay for the annual drill, (? Ed.) the city volunteers work hard to make themselves proficient and should be encouraged in every possible way by the government.

D Company had its annual outing on June 29th, visiting Port Dover the picturesque little town on Lake Erie, and returning home on July 1st.

The boys cannot speak enough of the way in which they were treated by the people of Port Dover one and all.

For beauty and wit the ladies of Port Dover rank amongst the best in this fair province of ours, so the boys of D company think.

Besides the regular work of guard mounting, at which every man had his turn, and learnt that most particular of all duties, when on the field the company put in some good drill.

Capt. Ross is to be congratulated upon having a company that can take the field at a minute's notice, pitch tents, mount guard and perform all the hundred and one little things necessary on the field, the company also is fortunate in possessing for its commandant a captain who is so thoroughly posted and is such an efficient instructor.

#### St. Thomas, Ont.

An object lesson of the value of cadet corps as a training for future militiamen was given to the numerous spectators present and the annual inspection of the Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps, on the Institute lawn on June 13th.

Lt.-Col. Smith, D.A.C. and Capt. Den-

nison who were present expressed themselves as being very much pleased at the drill and Lt.-Col. Smith in the course of his remarks stated that they were the best drilled and equipped school company in the Dominion. When it is remembered that this proficiency is acquired without trenching on school studies that the drill is only the systematic and organized form which the boys' necessary relaxation takes, it will be admitted that the corps deserves every encouragement and support.

#### London, Ont.

The loneliness which has invaded the walls, parade grounds and even the sentry boxes at the Military School is so thick just now it could almost be cut with a knife. Officers and men alike are glum, without knowing exactly why, but it is all traceable to the event of a couple days back when thirty-six of the men stepped out of the ranks, while the company were halted on the green.

It was indescribably pathetic, the whole thing. The Militia Department had found the expense too heavy, and the only way to effect a saving was by reducing the permanent corps. There had been whisperings of the coming "draft" for weeks before, and the men wondered which of them would be fortunate enough to remain. All felt that they would dislike to leave Wolseley Barracks. But a change came over the whole company at the last moment. The soldiers almost to a man expressed a willingness to leave for the sake of their comrades.

And the dreaded "draft" never came. The commanding officer was aware of the heroic sentiment prevailing, and the men thought they noticed a tremor in his voice as he made the official announcement. Thirty-six men stepped out of the ranks one after another, while the very air on the Heights seemed to have become leaden.

The Wolseley Barracks Band marched around the Company playing "Auld Lang Syne," and concluding with "God Save the Queen." And then the band itself was no more. Only three of its members remain to day. The stirring music the band was wont to play is missed, and it almost seems that the very Barracks have been deserted.

So severe is the sense of loneliness pervading the ranks numerous applications to be allowed to leave are daily received from the men. But of course discharges now are only obtainable under the usual rules.

A rumor is abroad that the company will soon be again materially reduced.—London Free Press.

The Camp No. 1 District which has been held on Carling Heights has been a very successful one, the following corps composing the camp:—No. 1 Co., R. S. C. I., the 1st Hussars, consisting of two troops from this city, one from Kingsville and another from Moretown, Lieut.-Col. Garthshore; the 21st Essex, Lieut.-Col. Beattie; the 22nd Oxford, Lieut.-Col. Munroe; the 27th Lambton, Lieut.-Col. Ellis; the 29th Waterloo, Lieut.-