

Rifles, of Toronto, were in the city last week, to arrange for the visit of their regiment to Kingston on the 24th and 25th of May. They were met by Major Drury, of "A" Battery; Major Drennan, of the Kingston Field Battery, and Junior-Major Skinner, of the 14th P.W.O.R., with whom they arrived at a satisfactory agreement, and Kingstonians will in a few days have the pleasure of extending their hospitality to Canada's crack regiment of rifles. The visitors will arrive here by special train, late Saturday, 23rd, and will march to the Exhibition grounds, where quarters will have been prepared for all ranks in the pavilion. On Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, there will be a church parade of the Queen's Own, "A" Battery R.C.A., the R.M.C. Cadets., and the 14th P.W.O.R. The troops will march to St. George's Cathedral, where a special sermon will be preached by Rev. Dean Smith. On Monday forenoon all the corps named will parade on the Exhibition grounds, where a demonstration will take place, the details of which have not yet been arranged. The Queen's Own band will give a band concert in the city park on Monday evening, after which the regiment will leave for home.

There was quite an epidemic of drunkenness among the men of "A" Battery on Thursday night, April 30th. The men received their pay on that day, and one subdivision went up town and got uproariously drunk as a means, they claim, of indicating their dissatisfaction with certain arrangements by which they were required to do extra duty by cleaning the guns and harness and grooming the horses, after the cadets of the Royal Military College had made use of them in drilling on certain days each week. The artillerymen claimed that after doing their own regular quota of drill every day, they left horses, harness and guns properly cleaned. Then, on stated days the cadets were given the use of horses, harness and guns for drill purposes. They returned them after their exercises and the artillerymen were called upon to do the extra grooming and cleaning thus rendered necessary.

On Thursday night, as the "protesting" subdivision returned to barracks, making as great an uproar as possible, they were taken into custody by the guard at the main gate. Next morning at commanding officer's parade, so few men were left of the offending subdivision that several men employed as officers' servants and ordinarily exempt from drill had to be called into service. Of the offenders arrested eight were tried before Major Drury and two were tried by district court martial.

Br. Kelly and an escort from "A" Battery brought back from Montreal on Monday last a deserter named Mason, who broke out of barracks and deserted in April last. Desertions have been frequent of late, no less than five having taken place within the past two weeks. Four of the deserters were of

English birth, and were sent to Canada by one of the English rescue homes.

John Liston, a veteran of the Crimean War, died at his quarters at the R.M.C. last week. In his young days he served in the 17th Regiment. He wore the Crimean medal and drew a pension for twenty-one years' service. For fifteen years past he was employed as a servant at the R.M.C.

The district court-martial that assembled on Monday last to try Drivers Fisher and Burns for disobedience of orders was composed of Lieut.-Col. Vidal, acting D.A.G., president; Capt. Cook and Lieut. Burstall, members; Lieuts. Sears, 4th Hussars; Macnee, Richmond, Sutherland and Cunningham, 14th Batt. P.W.O.R., in attendance.

The first of the two special short courses of instruction for artillery officers, that were to have been held at Tete du Pont barracks, was cancelled.

On Tuesday last a special four days' course began in range finding, fire discipline and field manoeuvres, with the officers named below in attendance: Capt. R. Costigan, Lieut. Wilson, 3rd F.B., Montreal; Capt. R. Myles, 9th F.B., Toronto; Capt. D. T. V. Eaton, 2nd F.B., Ottawa; Lieut. J. M. Caines, 5th F.B., Kingston; Lieut. L. J. O. Ducharme, 13th F.B., Winnipeg.

Lieut. W. G. Hurdman, 2nd F.B., Ottawa, is taking a special two weeks' course.

Lieut. Ducharme was some years ago a sergeant in "A" Battery, to which he is now attached for the special course.

The R.M.C. cricket team defeated the Kingston team on Saturday in the first match played here this season.

The weekly parades of the 14th Batt. are being fairly well attended by the men, and fair progress is being made in drill. Sergt.-Instructor Campbell, R.R.C.I., Toronto, put the battalion through its work on Monday evening last.

VEDETTE.

WITH THE ARMY.

LONDON, May 7.—In a recent issue of The British Medical Journal it was stated that in all probability the new photography will be used in war. It is claimed that the now greatly perfected apparatus would assist in the diagnosis and treatment of wounds and injuries from the presence of foreign bodies and bullets in the body. It is to be hoped that such an apparatus will be found in the hospitals attached to the African expedition. Mr. Sidney Rowland has been discussing at Netley whereby the needful apparatus could be put into a portable form for field use.

Rather a curious event occurred a short time ago whereby the officers of the 1st Batt. South Staffordshire Regiment purchased the colors under which that regiment had rallied on many a hard fought field. They were announced to come under the

hammer in London, and the officers having, after investigation, satisfied themselves of their genuineness, effected their purchase.

The volunteers in the rifle corps have now to attend 12 drills in their 3rd and 4th year of service instead of 9, to complete their efficiency.

Owing to the operations in Upper Egypt all officers' leave has for the present been stopped, in consequence of so many of them having been called to the front.

In addition to the mounted infantry now in South Africa, it has been decided by the War Office to send a further body from England to the Cape, as it is considered that they are better fitted for the work to be performed.

It has been decided that if the new regulation regarding military mess passes, time will be given to wear out the existing pattern.

It is stated that the appointment of General Sir Frederick Carrington to the command of the forces in Matabeleland could not have given clearer proof of the Government's realisation of the actual necessities of the case.

A good deal of attention has been drawn to the suggestion put forth by a gentleman who has just returned from the colonies of the advisability of forming a volunteer corps of returned colonials who have served in the service in the respective colonies. As matters stand at present there is no corps which he could join. The training which is received is of the utmost importance, and should not be lost sight of. He has what the regulars lack, and in the case of necessity such a corps could go to the front and take part without being liable to the various troubles that generally claim a good many of the regular troops when sent abroad. A thousand such men could be got quite readily in the city of London. If such a corps was formed they could instruct the forces in the tactics to be employed if engaged with the natives of the colonies represented.

It has been decided to hold the matter of cavalry reorganization over for the present, and it is probable the subject will be deferred until the financial year of 1897-98.

In the early autumn it is intended to send a senior officer to conduct the operations in Egypt, also that two brigades will accompany him. Rumor is at present pointing towards General Sir Redvers Buller, V.C., who in this case will have for the first time an independent command in the field.

The United Service Gazette says: "Very highly welcomed is the announcement that, subject to official approval, the Canadian artillery intend sending a strong detachment to take part in the National Artillery Association competition this year at Shoeburyness. More particularly is the news gladly received, because this will be the first time