

made from any rough material at hand. This will add to their comfort, and enable them the better to perform what is required of them.

The supply of dogs for military purposes would, I feel sure, be readily met by the sporting public, who would supplement those belonging to the officers by the surplus from their kennels; but if sufficient were not forthcoming the expense of purchasing puppies at six months old would not be very great. Many volunteer regiments might, in all probability, take up the system, and would gladly yield up their trained canine companion in the time of national need. And, further, after obtaining a substantial footing, it might be thought desirable to start a special kennel for the supply of dogs, and bred from those already doing duty with the colours. In these days, when, in naval warfare, such a very sharp look-out has to be maintained against the approach of torpedo-boats at night, the dog might materially assist those employed in keeping watch. He might also be most useful in foggy weather in the prevention of collisions by giving timely warning of the whereabouts of approaching craft; and, further, when night attacks and assaults have to be made on shore, the various uses to which we put the military dog could equally well be undertaken by his naval confrere.

Regimental News.

Toronto.

Now that it has been definitely decided that there will be no trip to Niagara at the end of June, the Royal Grenadiers will commence drill at once. Regimental orders have been issued for the battalion to parade in drill order at the armoury every Thursday at 8 p.m. until further notice. Authority has been received for Capt. Kemp, 1st Argyle Rifle Volunteers of Scotland, to be attached to the regiment for drill. He will do duty with "G" Company.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The sound of martial music, the steady tramp of armed men and the stentorian voice of command, after a long season of silence, were again heard in the drill shed last week on the occasion of the opening drill of the Queen's Own. Major Delamere was in command, and four hundred and fifty-three of "the boys" turned out to renew their acquaintance with their exercises. After the drill had ended the various captains read the orders to the men.

Lieut.-Col. Allan has been granted leave of absence from March 11 till July 1, Major Hamilton assuming command during that time. The following promotions have been made:—Corp. Simpson, of "B" Company, to be sergeant, vice Peters, discharged; Corp. Cameron, of "G" Company, to be sergeant, vice Flint, discharged.

The following officers are posted thus till further orders:—Second Lieut. Wyatt in "A" Company; 2nd Lieut. Crean in "J" Company; 2nd Lieut. Badgerow in "K" Company. Major Hamilton has been granted leave of absence until June 18, Major Delamere to take command till his return.

A combined band concert will be given by the Q.O.R. and 13th Batt. on Tuesday, April 30, in Hamilton.

The adjutant's report read as follows:—"The commanding officer, on the basis of average attendance on drill, has awarded the order of merit for 1888 to the companies as follows:—1st 'D,' 2nd 'A,' 3rd 'C,' 4th 'B,' 5th 'F,' 6th 'H,' 7th 'G,' 8th 'I,' 9th 'C' Company."

The Rifle.

Peterborough Rifle Association.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Rifle Association took place Wednesday, 3rd inst., in the orderly room of the drill shed. The attendance was large, and considerable enthusiasm is evinced in the association's prospects for the coming season. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President, Col. H. C. Rogers; 1st Vice-President, Mr. C. Clementi; 2nd Vice-President, Major R. W. Bell; Sec.-Treas., Capt. R. M. Dennistoun; Council, Messrs. F. Hall, D. Cameron and A. Mason. The officers were authorized to procure a range as speedily as possible, and they were empowered to arbitrate, if necessary, in order to ascertain the amount of compensation to be paid. It was decided to hold monthly matches, and to offer special inducements to new members. The association is in a better financial position than ever before, and the prospects for the coming season are unusually promising.

Lieut. Geoghegan, depot Royal Irish Regiment, ordered his men to leave the church on Sunday, March 3, upon the use of language by Rev. Patrick Byrne, C.C., during the reading of the lenten pastoral, which Lieut. Geoghegan considered to be seditious. With the exception of two sergeants, the men declined to leave, and the lieutenant was arrested and fined £3, with the alternative of one month's imprisonment.

Massachusetts Volunteers to Visit England.

[Shooting and Fishing.]

Announcement of the contemplated trip of the team of Massachusetts Volunteers to England, has several times been made in these columns. Since permission has been given by Adjutant-General Dalton for the Volunteers to visit England, Major Frost has been busily engaged in raising the funds necessary to defray the expenses, as it is an entirely private affair and the expenses not borne by the State, but by private subscriptions. As previously stated the team will be chiefly composed of the volunteers who have done such excellent work in representing the State of Massachusetts at Creedmoor and elsewhere during the past few years, and as a reward General Dalton decided to grant permission for the volunteers to visit Wimbledon and other rifle meets in England. Major Frost, we understand, receives permission to take abroad a selected team, and with him is left the matter of selection, and upon him alone rests the responsibility of the affair. It is understood that he, having absolute control of this matter, will reward the most efficient and reliable men by at once notifying them that they are selected. No official announcement has been made as to who will constitute the team, but it is generally known that the ten men decided on are as follows:—Major C. W. Hinman, Lieut. S. S. Bumstead, Lieut. Hussey, Lieut. Edes, Sergt. W. C. Johnston, jr., Sergt. Merrill, Corp. M. W. Bull, Ptes. F. R. Bull, L. T. Farnsworth and W. M. Farrow. The team is not likely to be less than twelve men, probably fourteen and possibly more, dependent upon the amount of funds raised. Outside of the probable selected ten men named, it is understood the additional men will be selected by the merit of their work in competition, and it is thought that amongst those who will compete for the positions will be the following:—Ptes. W. D. Huddleson, George Doyle, G. R. Russell, M. W. Daulton, T. T. Cartwright, A. C. White, and perhaps others.

Major Frost some two weeks since addressed a statement of facts to leading business men of Massachusetts, in which he outlined the projected trip. He stated that for three years the rifle team of the Massachusetts volunteer militia had swept all before them at Creedmoor and Chicago, defeating alike the picked teams of the army, navy and national guard, and that to-day Massachusetts, through these men, holds not only the "Soldier of Marathon," representing the championship of the National Guard of the United States, but also the famous Hilton trophy, emblematic of the military and naval championship of America, and that the team now holds the record in both competitions.

"Naturally," he says, "such results have only been made possible by enthusiastic and self-sacrificing work on the part of every soldier composing the team, which is made up of representatives from nearly every organization in the State service. While the adjutant-general has dealt liberally with the men, the individual expense of each member has greatly exceeded any allowance given by the State, yet has been cheerfully assumed by officers and men alike. Such loyalty to the reputation of this old Commonwealth certainly deserves recognition at the hands of its citizens, and the time has now arrived when it is possible to show in a substantial manner how well the deeds of her expert riflemen are appreciated. The Massachusetts rifle team wishes to visit Europe the coming summer and participate in the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association of Great Britain, at Wimbledon, England, July 8th to 20th. The members desire to study the English system of rifle practice, and believe that the experience gained by a two weeks' encampment with 3,000 riflemen, coming from all parts of the world, cannot fail to be of great benefit to every officer and man. Official correspondence has developed the fact that the Massachusetts team will be cordially welcomed, and that a series of competitions will be arranged with the crack shooting organizations of the English volunteers. The adjutant-general of the Commonwealth is heartily in sympathy with the project, and has favourably endorsed the application for permission to make the trip, and leaves of absence for officers and men and for permission to take arms and uniforms are also provided for. The United States Government, through Gen. Benet, Chief of Ordnance, and Col. Buffington, Superintendent of the National Armory at Springfield, have given it their warmest co-operation. All members of the team have found it possible to arrange their time and business, and all that remains is to provide the necessary funds. About \$6,500 will cover the expense of the trip and carry out every detail in a manner worthy of the reputation of the State. This amount must be raised by private subscription, as the adjutant-general has no money at his disposal to devote for the purpose."

The result in securing subscriptions thus far is shown in the statement of Mr. Asa P. Potter, treasurer of the fund, who makes his first public acknowledgment of subscriptions paid in to March 30, which is a total of \$1,450.

The London Honourable Artillery Company is to be reorganized upon a new basis, and thus to be saved from threatened disbandment.