

staff officers. You say that it is not creditable to the country that the possibility of being reduced to want should stare in the face any public servants, and also that a gratuity of two years' pay (or \$3,400) each will be asked from Parliament for retiring D. A. G's. Now, the pay of a D. A. G. is only \$1,200 per annum, but he is allowed \$500 extra as an allowance; this \$500 might be swept away any day by an Order-in-Council, so that you will readily perceive on what a slender financial footing a D. A. G. stands. A Minister might claim that \$1,200 being the *annual pay*, a gratuity of \$2,400 should be given. You never know when the Ministers are going to be seized with a spasm of economy. The present Minister has informed us that in the militia staff we have men who have been devoting the best years of their life to the service of their country in a profession *which is not a money-making profession*. Let me ask the Minister to re consider these small figures, and at the same time the case of the officer I mentioned in the last GAZETTE.

THE MILITIA LISTS.

"X Pounder" has a paragraph in the last GAZETTE which he says will interest me. He wants to know why the Canadian militia in the Imperial Army List of January, 1888, is that of November, 1883! If he can tell me why the Militia List of January, 1888, is inaccurate, I can possibly answer him the other question. The Seniority List, for one thing, is all upside down.

If "X Pounder" likes questions of that kind, I will give him another. Some time last year an order was issued, by which the word "Provisional" was not in future to form part of the name of the "1st Provisional Brigade of Field Artillery." In the official gazette, 20th April, 1888, Militia General Orders (No. 4), "certificates granted," we find the names of two bombardiers and several gunners given as belonging to the "Provisional Brigade Field Artillery." Do you know where this brigade is to be found? Perhaps the first order changing the name intended that the word "First" should be struck out, and not "Provisional."

TOMMY ATKINS AS A MARKSMAN.

If the Canadian Thomas Atkins were allowed to go travelling through the country attending rifle matches, the daily press would soon be enquiring whether the Permanent Corps were kept up for the purpose of pot-hunting. "C. T. A." says that the low rate of pay prohibits him from attending rifle associations' meetings. Here he has one right under his nose, his presence at which would cost him nothing for travelling expenses. His absence is rather because his daily pay does not permit him to purchase sufficient ammunition to enable him to attain a state of proficiency to meet his militia brethren on something of an equal footing.

If "C. T. A." has extravagant habits in spending money on "beer, 'baccy, and beauty," the militiaman does the same as regards "wine, women, and weeds," so that really there is not much in that part of his argument.

The great point is the *absence of trained musketry instructors in the schools*, consequently in the militia. Money spent on sending some 10 officers and 50 n. c. o. and men to Hythe for a thorough course of training would be money well spent. However, I would not confine their selection to the Permanent Corps. There are men in the militia who would—had they the opportunity of becoming so—make very efficient instructors, and their corps would be in a position of deriving great advantages from this training, which at present is beyond their reach. Knock off the Wimbledon Team, but send the same number of men to Hythe, and the militia would feel the benefit of the money at present voted for a few crack shots. LINCH-PIN.

Montreal.

COMPANY and recruit drill has been going briskly on at the Vics' armoury during the past week, with considerable enlisting and fitting out added. The competition for commanding officers' prize for first company showing 55 *bona fide* service men and a waiting list came to an end early in the week, No. 6 Co. presenting a muster roll of 61, closely followed, same day, by No. 5 with 57. Recruiting closes 10th instant, with indications, at present, that by that date the weakest company to-day will also be over-strength.

Private P. Costigan, No. 2 Co., died last week, and was buried with military honours on Saturday afternoon. The funeral was largely attended by the comrades of the deceased.

On Sunday afternoon a church parade was held, the regiment marching from the armoury to St. James the Apostle's Church, 265 strong, and making a splendid appearance for the first daylight parade.

The recreation department continues a strong attraction and even members who do not take a prominent part in the amusements provided are interested, and gather round to see the results of matches going on. A bowling team of four men defeated the M.A.A.A. team by 1840 pins to 1852—3 strings each man—but lost a 10 man team return match with La Club Canadien by 71 pins, the next evening.

BUSBY.

The Straubenzie testimonial committee have met with such success in their canvass that they have felt themselves justified in ordering from Messrs. Henry Birks & Co., jewellers, St. James street, the handsomest solid tea service in stock, which is to be presented to Mrs. Straubenzie. The banquet has been fixed for Friday next, to take place at the St. Lawrence Hall. Mrs. Straubenzie will come down from Kingston to attend it, when the presentation will take place.

The *Star* says that at the mess dinner of the officers of the Victoria Rifles at the armoury this week it was decided to have an excursion to Toronto this summer, at a date not yet fixed upon.

Ottawa.

On Friday evening last an entertainment was given in the Grand Opera House, by the Lotus Glee Club of Boston, in aid of the Sharpshooters' Monument Fund. There was a full house, an additional attraction being the presence of the Governor General and Lady Lansdowne. Upwards of a hundred dollars was netted. To Staff Sergt. Newly, G. G. F. G., who was Quartermaster Sergeant of the Sharpshooters' company, is due the credit of getting up the entertainment and pushing it through to successful completion. This entertainment took the place for this year of the customary anniversary celebration.

A deputation from the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto, consisting of Major Hamilton, Capt. Thompson, Capt. Mason and Lieut. Peuchen, spent Sunday and Monday in Ottawa, making arrangements for the visit of the Queen's Own to this city on the 24th. The regiment will make their headquarters the drill hall, where they will be the guests of the corporation.

Several promotions have been made in the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards consequent on the retirement of Pay-Sergt. Botterell. Corpl. A. Powell has been pro-

moted to succeed him in that office; Trooper F. O'Connor becomes a corporal vice Powell, and Trooper Chas. Olmstead has been made a lance-corporal.

THE FOOT GUARDS.

In consequence of the visit of the Queen's Own Rifles, the Guards have decided to forego their trip to Montreal for the 24th, and will instead leave for that city on Saturday afternoon, 26th inst., by boat, arriving there Sunday morning, and after having a church parade they will spend the rest of the day in sight-seeing, and leave for Ottawa in the evening.

The new uniforms for the Guards are expected to arrive about the 15th inst. The chevrons to be awarded for long service will arrive at the same time, so that the men may sport both when they go abroad on the 26th.

There will be a church parade of the regiment at Ottawa on the 20th inst.

Capt. Fred White, of No. 6, has obtained leave of absence for six months, during which time Lieut. John Hodgins will have charge of the company.

THE FORTY-THIRD BATTALION.

The Hull, Billings' Bridge, and Arnprior companies of the Forty-third will join with those with headquarters in this city in the Queen's Birthday parade in honour of the Queen's Own Rifles.

A class of instruction for non-commissioned officers of the regiment was organized on Monday evening last. It will be conducted by the Adjutant, Capt. Evans, and Sergt.-Major Laurie.

The band of the regiment are organizing an excursion to Montreal, to give the musicians and their friends an opportunity of hearing the celebrated Gilmore's band when it visits there shortly.

Hamilton.

INSPECTOR G. E. Sanders, N.W. M. Police, was in town a few days ago obtaining recruits for the force which he represents. Mr. Sanders got 12 able bodied and altogether desirable men.

THE THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

The monthly parade of the battalion took place on 3rd inst., the strength of about three companies turning out. The officers were well represented, Lieut.-Col. Gibson being in command and Lieut. Tidswell acting as adjutant in Capt. Stuart's absence. The battalion, headed by their bugle band, were marched from their temporary quarters to the drill hall, where they were put through several movements by Col. Gibson, and the manual by Major McLaren, all of which were fairly well performed. Col. Gibson addressed the men at some length, expressing his dissatisfaction at the lack of interest in the welfare of the battalion, and exhorting those present to use their influence with absent comrades and friends generally to unite in bringing the corps up to its old standard. He further remarked that owing to poor turn outs and lack of interest generally he had decided that the battalion should not go to camp this year.

It is to be hoped that on the completion of the new drill hall, an increase of membership and interest will be noticeable, and there is no good reason why such should not be the case. If men can be obtained (and surely there are plenty), who will sign their engagement papers with the fixed idea that such engagement will be faithfully carried out, and come imbued with a feeling of *esprit du corps* most necessary for the welding together, prosperity and efficiency of every regiment, there can be no doubt that the Thirteenth would compare favourably with any regiment in the Dominion.

The trouble appears to have been in the past that a number of men have joined for the sole purpose of drawing the small government allowance at the end of annual drill. Men of this stamp are absolutely of no use to the battalion, and if men cannot be got who will attend drill for drill's sake, and the sake of their regiment, it would be far better were the regiment disbanded. The officers undoubtedly take great interest in their work, and if the citizens generally would but lend a helping hand, the desired end would speedily be attained.

If, on the occupation of the new drill hall, it were possible to form a species of club, with duly elected officers, setting apart a room for the use of the men, surely great benefits would be derived. Nothing tends so much to promote fellowship, good feeling and *esprit du corps* as something of this kind.

THE FIELD BATTERY.

The battery paraded on Friday evening, Capt. Hendrie in command, other officers present being Lieuts. Bankier and Duncan.

The drill was gone through with in the new drill hall for the first time.

GIRTH.

Gleanings.

While at no time in the world's history were there so many men under arms and undergoing the training necessary to make them effective life-destroying machines, there are certain features of the modern preparations for war that are at least hopeful. One is that small bore quick-firing rifles are being adopted on all sides, and the principal reason for this is, that they will wound, not kill, more frequently than the larger bores, and this is a decided advantage, because a dead man is but one man lost to the enemy, while a wounded man requires two men to carry him to the rear, and is therefore, equivalent to a loss of three men to the fighting line. Another good point is the steady progress of the Red Cross Society, and the large measure of attention which all military authorities devote to hospital management and ambulance system.

Two young Belgian engineers, Messrs. Siret, have made some interesting archaeological discoveries in Spain, and thereby won a grand prize of 20,000 francs, found by Don Francisco Martorell y Pena. They have unearthed no less than thirty ancient stations once inhabited by man between the city of Carthagen and Almeria on the Spanish coast. More than 2,000 prehistoric objects have thus been discovered. In the more ancient stations no metal was found, only diorite hatchets, perforated shells, and primitive potsherds being discovered. Next, however, copper is found in the shape of axes, arrow-heads, knives, and so forth, together with the foundry and workshop of an ancient metallurgist, showing his moulds, earthenware crucibles, and copper cinders. In a cave tomb at Fuente-Alamo female skulls were found having silver ribbons and diadems round them. A male skeleton had beside it a bronze sword which had been rivetted. The vases resembled those of early Greece or Troy, and had been fashioned without the aid of the potter's wheel. A bracelet of thick gold wire weighing 114 grammes has also been found.