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## A NEW FEATURE.

It was indicated in these columns last week that we proposed in this issue to inaugurate a new department of THE CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE—a department of Sports and Pastimes other than those of a military nature, but in which the class of men composing the militia are interested. This will not lessen the space at our disposal for military affairs, but additional pages will be provided for except in seasons of dulness in military circles, when all the space is not required for military matters. We believe that the new departure will be the means of interesting a larger number in the paper.

It has appeared to us that there is an extensive field of usefulness for this new department, in which, while endeavouring to afford accurate and complete records of the principal sporting events of the Dominion, we will endeavour to interest rather by the general character of the sporting news and notes than by the reproduction of the results of athletic contests already chronicled in the daily papers. There being no portion of the public more addicted to sport and sporting events than the militia of Canada, more advantageous auspices could not be asked for a publication treating of manly sports, than to be thus introduced as an adjunct to the CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE—a paper that has already established a home for itself from one end of the Dominion to the other.

Our aim will be to furnish news in relation to forest, field and stream, to discuss matters of interest relating to all branches of sport, and endeavour to chronicle as fully as our friends will, by their assistance, enable us to, all items of interest to sportsmen—in which term we include every description of man on the face of the earth who indulges in any amusement.

It will be an object which we will always try to keep in view, that the great distances between points in this large country create a natural barrier which interferes with the free intercourse of clubs at long distances from one another, and as far as may lie in our power we will make it an object to let all these sporting organizations feel that they have a bond of union in our columns.

Wherever members of the Anglo-Saxon race have, by chance or fortune, been thrown on the face of the earth, they have invariably introduced the sports of their own country, and have in many instances enthusiastically adopted native sports and amusements, frequently improving and developing them. In every country and in every clime they have entered into and encouraged sport in its widest and most literal sense.

Canadians have proved themselves worthy scions of their forefathers, in this respect as in most others, and throughout the length and breadth of our noble land—from ocean to ocean—from the most southerly limit to the ice-bound regions of the north there can scarcely be found a hamlet of even the smallest size that has not formed organized clubs for carrying on the athletic sports suited to each of the seasons of the year, in addition to which there are numerous clubs dotted here and there through the country that devote their attention to those branches of sport which, although not as prominently before the public as those into which the competitive feature enters, are nevertheless of great usefulness, and from which their votaries derive much benefit and considerable amusement.

We would earnestly ask the assistance of our friends by favouring us with communicated articles upon any sport in which they may be interested.

## THE CANADIAN ARTILLERY.

At the completion of another drill season it is gratifying to find our artillery well maintaining their position as a thoroughly efficient branch of the service, especially when the exceptional disadvantages met with this year are considered. On account of the uncertainty about the annual drill, early in the season, it was not found possible to arrange for artillery camps as usual, and many field batteries considered it advisable to drill in June, before the orders for the annual drill were published, rather than attempt assembly later. As a general rule, such independent drill at local headquarters is not considered so satisfactory by the authorities, and the officers and men themselves, as when three or four batteries can be assembled together at camp for exercise. The general efficiency lists, however, show that the batteries hitherto distinguished in this respect have well maintained their position. We are glad to welcome the Durham Field Battery to the exceptionally honourable place won, this battery having carried off first prizes both in drill and driving and in gun practice. The gun practice for both field and garrison batteries was carried out on the same lines as in previous years and with a similar amount of success, but it is a matter for regret that so prominent an organization as the Kingston Field Battery should not have been able to furnish a detachment for gun practice, notwithstanding the effort made to suit their convenience by fixing the date on the Monday following the Saturday on which they broke camp at Belleville.

The Garrison Artillery competitions were largely participated in, and though a gloom was cast over the meeting by