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## Comment and Criticism.

WE have several times referred to the only partly successful effort that was made this summer to buy horses in the Dominion for the home forces, and we have to some extent explained why these efforts were not attended with complete success. Col. Ravenhill has, however, left behind him a memorandum explaining clearly what classes of horses are wanted, what prices will be paid for them, and whence arose the difficulty of obtaining the necessary supply, and this statement we publish in another column. All stock raisers in Canada should study that document carefully, and make up their minds whether the market offered is sufficiently good to make it worth their whiles to produce the class of animals desired in England. For ourselves we are convinced that "there's

millions in it," and that those who enter the field first will succeed the best.

IN our issue of the 16th September, we published the general orders of 31st July last, but in them we made two errors affecting the same gentleman, one too, who is well known as a successful officer, and deserved better treatment. How this occurred we cannot understand, it was certainly unintentional, but we wish to correct them. The following item was entirely omitted: "Permanent corps—Lieutenant and Captain James Alexander Bremner, A Company, Infantry School Corps, having passed the required examination, and obtained a 'first class long course grade A certificate,' his appointment as an officer of the permanent corps is hereby confirmed." In the list of certificates granted, Capt. Bremner and Capt. Bowen are entered as having taken second-class short course certificates; it should have been *first-class long course*, grade A.

A REMARK that we made two weeks ago, to the effect that the scheme of sending troops to participate in the Queen's jubilee seemed to be no longer creating interest in Canada, has brought forth explanations, and we find that more than one corps would be prepared to go at their own charges, provided the permission of the authorities were forthcoming. It is hard to see what objections could be raised to regiments going under these conditions, especially as the Horse Guards and other home authorities seem to favour the scheme, and we at least hope that if other distant parts of the empire are similarly represented, Canada will not be missing from the pageant.

ON Thursday evening last General Sir Fred. Middleton delivered an interesting lecture on outpost duties to all the officers of the Ottawa garrison, in the drill hall here, which was a success in every respect. His audience was appreciative and the lecture eminently practical, being the result of personal experience as well as embodying the principles laid down by authority. We hope at a future time to reprint the salient points of the address. The lecturer kindly promised to supplement this lecture by others on kindred topics during the coming winter, and suggested that other officers in his audience might also, with advantage to themselves and the city regiments, deliver lectures on military topics from time to time.

WHY should not officers in other cities prepare and deliver lectures this winter to all the militiamen they can reach, both commissioned and in the ranks? There is a vast variety of subjects to choose from, beginning with musketry instruction and ending with minor tactics, and we think better of the force than to believe that competent lecturers could not be found in every city or town corps in the Dominion. A precise literary style would not be demanded; practical common sense, a fair knowledge of the subject, and the ability to express what one means in plain words, would be the requisites, and as we said before we feel sure that these could be found combined in every town that is a