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RE-ORGANIZING THE P. W. O. R., KINGSTON, Feb. 25.

CAPT. MAXSE, of the Coldstream Guards, has been a visitor in the city during several days past and was dined by Lieut.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., and also by Major Drury and officers of "A" Field Battery, R.C.A. The visitor has gone to Toronto to-day. Capt. Maxse is a military writer of acknowledged ability. His latest production is an article entitled "Our Military Problem," published in the January issue of *The National Review*.

A meeting of the officers and sergeants of the 14th Battalion was held on Thursday evening last, when different matters in connection with the re-organization of the corps were discussed. The non-coms were instructed as to what will be required of them under the new order of things, and were posted in their new duties. They were also instructed to begin recruiting for their different sections. Another meeting is to be held this week, when arrangements for the work of filling up the four new companies will be completed. All concerned are going into the work with a vigor that speaks well for the success of the re-organized regiment, and ere the close of the drill season of 1896 Kingston will justly be able to boast, it is hoped, that she possesses a rifle corps that is second to none in Canada.

In some inconceivable manner, in my last letter to *THE GAZETTE*, in writing of the deputation that went to Ottawa to urge upon the Government the necessity for erecting a new drill shed at Kingston, one sentence was

given a meaning entirely different to that intended. The intention was to state that the deputation was accompanied by Hon. Senator Sullivan, J. H. Metcalfe, M.P.; H. A. Calvin, M.P.; Lieut.-Col. Smith, of the 14th Battalion, P.W.O.R., etc. Instead of this, however, the sentence read " . . . Lieut.-Col. Smith, late of the 14th Battalion." No slight was intended to Lieut.-Col. Smith, who is the most popular officer in the battalion, with both officers and men, and deservedly so. Neither was it intended, nor desired to convey the impression that Lieut.-Col. Smith had severed his connection with the corps. "Vedette" would not knowingly or willingly place the officer named in a false light, with regard to his connection with his command, and takes this, the earliest opportunity, of correcting the error, which was as unintentional as it was regrettable.

Several men have been discharged from "A" Battery for intemperance recently.

A deserter from "A" Battery, named Day, gave himself up at the Citadel in Quebec a few days ago. Br. McBeth and Br. Compton were sent to escort the prisoner to this city, where they arrived with their man in secure custody. He had, it appears, enlisted in an American regular regiment, upon making his way across the border, but "Uncle Sam's" service did not agree with him, and he deserted from the Stars and Stripes. He was tried by Court Martial on the day following his arrival at Tete du Pont barracks. Driver Turner, who deserted from the battery last July, has also surrendered.

Major Wood, of the London Field Battery, is in the city and will take a three months' course at the Royal Military College, to qualify for the command of his corps, in succession to Lieut.-Col. Peters.

Dr. H. J. Saunders, for 23 years surgeon to the Kingston Field Battery, died here on Wednesday morning last. He was buried with military honors, the remains being conveyed to the cemetery on the carriage

of one of the guns of "A" Battery, the band of the 14th Battalion playing funeral marches, and a firing-party of 50 cadets from the Royal Military College, under Capt. English, turning out to pay the last tribute of respect. The local Masonic, Sons of England, and Foresters societies, as well as the students and professors of Queen's University, governors of the General Hospital, and an immense assemblage of citizens also attended. Rev. Dean Smith, rector, and Rev. G. R. Beamish, curate, of St. George's Cathedral, conducted the service. Major Drennan, of the Kingston Field Battery, was in charge of the military and the fraternal societies.

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DOINGS AT HEADQUARTERS.

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.

Capt. Lee, R.A., lectured on "Waterloo" last Saturday night. Maj.-Gen. Gascoigne presided over a full house, and the lecturer held his audience throughout. Capt. Lee is an able and fluent speaker, the photographs were excellent, and everyone present was delighted.

The Guards and 43rd defeated the Vics. and Royal Scots curling at the Rideau Rink Tuesday evening last. The Ottawa soldiers won by 13 points.

GUARDS,	43RD.
Capt. P. B. Taylor.	Col. Wright
Col. Hodgins.	Lieut. Boville.
Capt. J. B. Tyrrell.	Capt. Sutherland
Major A. L. Jarvis (skip).	Major Sherwood (skip)

Every soldier takes an interest in the ammunition question. We trust before the Government adopts any special explosive for cartridges it will be tried and tested thoroughly.

Sergt. Holmes, musketry instructor, has his classes well attended twice a week both by officers and men.

The citizens of Ottawa are deeply interested in the raising of two new companies for the 43rd Regiment. A deputation will wait on the Minister of Militia next week.