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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The terrace on the Parliament grounds is being laid down with sods. Mr. Robert' son who is superintending the work, is pay ing it down well, and the surface is as level as a bowling green. In a month or so the place will look refreshingly green.

The prospects of a large influx of emi grants to the Ottawa valley this season are unusually good, thanks to the energetic action of the Ottawa Valley Emigration So

ciety.

Mr Metcalfe is making rapid progress with the contract of constructing 7,000 suits of military clothing. Of the 5,000 scarlet coats for the infantry, 4,000 have already been completed, and of 1,500 arrillery jackets, but 500 remain unfinished. Mr. Metcalfe states that he will be able to complete his contract by the stipulated time, viz. the lat of May.

The status of the Stipendiary Magistrates of the North West Territories, will be the same as that of County Court Judges in On

tario.

We understand that the Government have acceded to the petition of the Montreal Sugar Refiners for protection in consequence of the new rate of duties in the United States and the operations of the drawback the effect of which is to give a bonus to American refineries. The Dominion Government have decided that the only way to meet it and encourage the im portation of raw sugars into Canada from the West Indies, is by a remission of twenty five cents on every 100 pounds of sugar. This will be about one quarter of acent per pound,

The London correspondent of the Scots man has reason to believe that there is some truth in the statemement that a correspondence has taken place between the Canadian and British Governments on the subject of colonial representation in the

Imperial Parliament.

The Fort Garry Free Press of the 3rd April notices the fact that wheat was sown a few days previous by Mr. Thomas West, of Palestine, in the western part of Mani.

Mr. W. L. Light, formerly next in charge to Mr. Fleming on the Intercolonial Raitway, and now inspecting Engineer on the Quebec railways on behalf of the Government of that Province, starts in the course of a few days to organize the survey of the railway across the island of Newfoundland which the Government of that colony propose to build. Mr. Light has been granted three months' leave of absence by the Quebec Government in order that he may accomplish the important work referred to.

Mr. William Thomson, of Saint John. New Brunswick, has been appointed by the Government of Sweden and Norway to be Vice Consulat the port of Saint John, N. B., for both these countries. Mr. Thomson was highly recommended by the Government of Canada for the appointment which has been conferred upon him.

In the House of Commons on the 15th there was a long and excited debate on the petition praying for the dismissal from the bench of the judges who sat on the Tichborne trials, on the ground of partiality and corruption, and for the impeachment of the Speaker of the House of Commons for similar reasons. On motion of Mr. Disraeli

the petition was rejected.

The budget includes the following plan for the reduction of the public debt :- The charge on account of the debt for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1876, is estimated at £27,215,000. This charge is to be grad' ually increased until it amounts to £28,000. 000, in 1877, at which figure it shall permanently remain. The yearly overplus which is not required for the payment of the interests shall be applied to the redemption of the debt; thus in thirty years, £213, 000,000 of the debt can be cancelled.

The Pall Mall Gazette is informed that sudden orders have been received at Gib: talter, by telegraph, for the immediate break up of the Government Convict Establishment there. The convicts are to return to England. This will necessitate many changes in the garrison duties. The Western Morning News correspondent states that on the 23rd inst, a murderous attack was made on the warders by the convicts. The warders fired on the convicts with their revolvers, but the only man seriously hurt was McCabe, a soldier of the 23rd Fusiliers, and he was accidently shot dead while doing his duty as sentry during the melee. The

convicts were overpowered and secured.

A young lady living in Newark, U.S. claims to have in her possession the first pair of shoes over worn by Lord Byron. They were given to the lady's father by a daughter of Byron's nurse, who lived in

Elizabeth, N. J., forty years ago.

The widow of Thomas Emery, Cincinnati, proposes to build a new structure for the Young Men's Christian Association, at an expense of \$100.000.

A Despatch from Barnegat, N.J. April 14, says a large in st, several baskets of wine, and a trunk, come ashore here this morning, and the body of a man came ashore at Squaw Beech They are believed to be from the wreck of a steamer, which was heard firing yesterday. A crow has gone out with a life hoat, to see what can be

The Humane Society of Boulogne have voted a gold medal to Paul Boynton.

We have news from Melbourne to March 13, and from Aukland to March 19 drought had been succeeded by heavy floods in the coast districts. On the Hunter River great damage had been done to the erops. The settlers were flooded out and are being cored for by the Government. Hen. William Arnold, Speaker of the New

South West Wales Assembly, was drowned while endervouring to recover fluiting

property at West Maitland.

At Paterson and Morpeth the water stood several feet deep in the streets, causing great destruction to property. From the Clarence, Bullinger, MucLeavy, Hastings, and other rivers similar dispsters are reported but no loss of life.

Floods are also reported in Queensland, causing great loss of property, much suffer-

ing, and the loss of many lives.

Agricultural intelligence from the various portions of the colonies is tavourable, except in the flooded districts. The late rains have removed the fears enter tained on account of the drought.

The Postmaster-General of New South Wales and Victoria have made an agreement, subject to ratification by their respective Governments, to facilitate the transmission of foreign mails. It is proposed to make Suez and San Francisco services alternately as early as possible.

Mining news throughout the colonies is generally of a satisfactory character

From Aukland news has been received that the new £4,000,000 loan, bearing 41 per cent interest, has been taken by the Rothschilds at 93. This gives great satisfaction.

The French Academy has elected Edward Sabine, captain in the English navy and author, corresponding member for Geography and Navigation, in place of Antoine Chagallon, decoased.

The North German Gazette accepts as reassuring the disavowal of warlike intentions

by the French.

The Berlin Post says the draft has been completed of a bill prohibiting religious orders in Prussia, except those employed in nursing the sick.

A cable telegram from Vienna, April 14th, says: "It is reported that the Turks have murdered 270 Christians in Roumanna and Boulg wis during the last three months, and that the names of the victims have been communicated to the foreign representatives in Constantinople."

The Duke de Cazes, Minister of Foreign Affeirs, has appointed a Commissioner of Diplomatic and Consular agents in connec tion with the Centengial exhibition,

Annual Report on the State of the Militia Musketry Instruction, I deemed it best to order the course of Target practice to be

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APPENDIX NO. 1.

MILITARY DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Deputy Adjutant-General's Office,

BROCKVILLE, 18th Dec. 1874.

Sig.—Pursuant to General Orders, dated 3rd January, 1874 I have the honor to submit this my annual report on the operations of the Active Milita in this District for the current year. I also enclose "Abstract Inspection Report" and "Brigade Target Practice Returns."

The total numbers which have performed the Annual Drill for 1874-75 are as follows:—

Officers 141, N. C. officers and men 1684, horses 226.

Total officers and men 1825.

Relieved by General Orders and special authority, from performing the annual drill, 453 officers and men.

A Brigade Camp was formed at Ottawa on the 22nd June, composed of the following corps and strength.

	Officers.	N.C. and Men.	Horses.
Staff	6	6	6
Prescott Troop	3	42 42	42 41
Artillery. Ottawa Field Battery	6	66	69
Infantry and Riftes. 2 & 3 Cos., 18th Battalion	6	66	2 3
1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Cos., 41st Battalion 2, 3, 5, 6 & 7 Cos., 42nd do	15 15	188 210	3
3, & 6 Cos., 43rd do 1, 2, 4, & 7 Cos., 56th do	6 13	67 156	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Cos., 59th do	-22	295	-4
Total officers and men	95	1133	176

The following corps performed the drill by special permission or under the orders relating to city corps.

	Officers,	N.C. and Men.	Horses.
Gananoque Field Battery. In Camp at Local Head Quarters 1, 2, 4 & 6 Batteries, Ottawa.	5	60	50
Brigade Garrison Artillery at Local Head Quarters	15	156	
(Special organization) do do say	26	330	
	46	516	50
Total officers and mendo do in Brigade car	np	592 1233	176

The following Batteries and Companies were allowed by general Orders, or by special permission, to dispense with drill for the present year.

	Officer.	N.C. and Men.
Nos. 3, 5, & 7 Bat., Ottawa Brigade. Garrison Artillery, say	9 12 12	126 168 126
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 Musketry Instruction, I deemed it best to order the course of Target practice to be confined to ten rounds per man, five to be fired at 200 yards and five at 400 yards, which number was accordingly fired by each man in camp. The great number of misses at these short ranges, is, I think, sufficient proof that the arrangement was a wise one, and trust it will meet with your approbation.

In addition to the tabular inspection returns, and target practice abstract herewith submitted, I have the honor to bring before your notice each corps in the district.

Cavalry.

Prescott Troop, Major Walsh, (on leave). Officers in camp, Lieut. Raney and Cornet Satchell; Ottawa Troop, Captain Sparks.

By special permission I secured the services of Lt. Col. Lovelace to take charge of this arm of the service while in camp, consequently the two troops were formed into a squadron and placed under that officers command, to whose efficiency and exertions, ably assisted by the zealous officers of the respective troops, is due, for the marked improvement and general efficiency attained. Both officers, non commissioned officers and troopers are zealous workers, clean and soldierly. The horses were very fair, and improvement in drill as detailed in tabular return very satisfactory.

Artillery.

Ottawa Field Battery,—Captain Stewart. This Battery mustered in its usual efficient manner, and carried out the ordinary camp duties, taking part in all field days, route marches etc., but owing to the large number of rafts in the Ottawa River, it was impossible to carry out the usual course of shot and shell practice. The inspection of this corps was made by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery.

I may here mention that on my recom mendation, Lieut. Harris, O. B. G. A., was appointed Veterinary-Surgeon for this encampment. His services were highly appreciated, and by the inspection and treatment of all horses in camp, prevented any claims for sickness or injury, consequently much trouble and expense was doubtless saved. Now that we have such a large number of horses going through drill annually, I think a Veterinary Surgeon should be appointed to either the cavalry or artillery of the District.

Gananoque Field Battery,-Captain Mc-Kenzie

This corps is in possession of part of the necessary equipment only, viz:—Three guns and one Howitzer with curriages and limbers. (no caissons). Harness for twenty four horses, saddlery for the non commissioned officers and clothing complete. As those stores were not issued until towards the end of the summer, permission was given for the annual drill to be performed in camp at local head quarters. The camp was formed on the first day of September, and continued for twelve days, during which, shot and shell practice was carried at 1,000 yards and 1,700 yards. Best shot in Battery, Gunner Birmingham.

The inspection was made by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery, accompanined by the Brigade Major of the Division, the latter officer reported everyting correct regular and satisfactory.

Previous to the encampment I personally inspected the harness and store rooms, and found the harness correctly put up and properly cared for and other stores in good order. Captain McKenzie deserves special mention for the energy displayed in the organization of this Battery.

Ottawa Brigade Garrison Artillery.—Lieut.
Col. Egleson.

The city Batteries (Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 6) per formed the drill under the general orders relating to city corps, at local headquarters; Nos. 3 and 5 Batteries being rural corps, had special permission to dispense with drill for the present year; No, 7. Battery performed no drill. I inspected the four batteries on the 11th December, (extension of time being authorized). The men paraded clean and soldierly, and performed proving in fours and manual exercise indifferently. A detachment from each Battery performed big gun drill satisfactorily.

I noticed an improvement in the physique of the men, and the morale is evidently im proving. The officers are zealous, and I have no doubt but the whole Brigade will be efficiently organized in time for next year's annual drill.

The Band of twenty six musicians is very efficient and reflects much credit on the

Owing to the impossibility of the officers leaving their civil occupations to attend the school of gunnery, promotion has come to a stand, which is operating very injuriously. If an instructor were sent to a corps from "A" Battery for a few months, and if the assistant inspector of artillery could, during that period deliver a few lectures to the officers, there is no doubt but they could prove their efficiency sufficient to ensure their promotion, I therefore trust that some means may devised to overcome this difficulty.

I am not in favour of corps performing drill at local headquarters, but where instruction in big gun drill is necessary, this cannot well be avoided in this district. But as Garrison Artillery require to understand Battalion drill as well as big gun, I think that an annual drill performed occasionally in brigade camp would be advantageous to the corps, as well as the District at large.

I take the liberty of again calling attention to the very inadequate Drill Shed accommodation at Ottawa. The armories are very open and the roofs leak in winter, the drill room is quite too small, and from its peculiar construction is not adapted to the purpose intented. The force at the capital is. I think, deserving of much better accommodation.

Infantry and Rifle Corps.

The Governor General's Foot Guards (6 comps.) are organized under special regulations, and communicate direct with head quarters; but I presume that they are on the numerical strength. Although I have not officially inspected this corps, I have seen sufficient of it to know that it is well organized, and presents a fine soldierly appearance on parade.

18th Battalion (Inft.) County of Prescott, (6 companies.) -- Lieut. Col. Urquhart.

This Battalion has not mustered since September, 1871 (at which time it was one of the best in the District) consequently it is now very much disorganized, a special report on this subject was forwarded some time ago.

Nos. 3 and 5 companies were present in camp this year, and were attached for drill and discipline to the 42nd Battalion, I may add that, these two companies were present at the previous Brigade Camp.

41st Battalion, Brockville Rifles (6 companies.)
Lieut. Col. Cole.

This battalion was present in camp, except No. 6 company which failed to join. This I attribute more to the officers than the men, several of whom assembled but

could get no officer to take charge. has been fully reported, and as an effort has been made to secure a change of Officers without avail, no doubt the company will have to be disbanded.

The five companies musted fairly, but like the generality of corps were largely composed of recruits. The physique however, was, so far as I could judge, botter than last year. This may be said of all corps in camp. The drill, as detailed in tabular return was very fair and general improve-ment satisfactory. There was an ellicient Band attached.

42nd Battalion, Brockville Infantry (7 com-panies)-Lieut. Col. Buell.

Five companies of this corps joined the camp. Nos. I and 4 Companies failing to do These last two companies have however, been re organized, and there is every reason to believe that in future they will be prosent when required.

This battalion was likewise largely com-posed of recruits, but maintained its former reputation for cleanliness and soldierly ap pearance. No. 7 Company (Pembroke) deserves special mention for their general appearance and efficiency. The drill, as detailed in tabular roturn, was fair, and gener al efficiency satisfactory. There was a good band attached.

43rd Battalion, County Carleton Infantry, (6 companies.)—Lieut. Col. Bearman.

Only Nos. 3 and 6 Companies joined the camp. The remaining companies were re-lieved from performing the present year's drill by general orders. These two compan-ies were attached to the 42nd Battalion for drill and asscipline, and united with the two companies of the 18th Battalion for rations. The men are not clean or soldierly in their habits, and there appears to be a want of csprit decorps. I fear the officers do not suffi ciently inculcate (by allvice and example) discipline and implicit obedience to orders. The improvement in drill, however, was much more satisfactory than on some former occasions. There was an efficient band with these impanies.

56th Battalion,' County Grenville, "Lisgar Rifles," (7 companines.) – Lt. Col. Jessup.

Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 7 Companies joined the camp, Nos. 3, 5 and 6 Companies were re-lieved by general orders from performing the present year's drill.

The interior economy of this Battalion is good, and although composed like all other corps, of many recruits, a certain amount of esprit de corps is always maintained. The drill as detailed in tabular return, was fair ly executed. No. 7 Co. (Spencerville) was particularly good. No band was present this year.

59th Battalion, Stormont and Glengarry Infantry. (7 companies.)—Lt. Col. Bergin.

This corps turned out with every company full, but were composed principally of recourts. The progress in drill was steady and fair, and through the energy of the officers the men improved very much in cleanliness and soldierly apparance. The drills as detailed in tabular return, was fairly executed. There was an officient hand attached,

The whole force attended devine service on the Sunday in camp. His Lordship the Bishop of Untario, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Jones, kindly hold a special military service in he field for all Protestants, at which time the Rev. Dr. Jones distributed, gratuituously to the men, about seven or eight hun ired hymns and responses.

service in St. Joseph's Church, for the Roman Catholics.

The duties in camp was carried out (so far as practicable) in accordance with the regulations for the annual drill for 1872 73. Many persons visited the camp during the period, including several Ministers of the Grown, "iz: Honorables Messers MacKenzie, Scott, Ross (Minister of Militia), and others who I cannot name; also Lieut. Colonel's Howell, Fletcher (Military Scoretary, Mac pherson, Wily, Brunell, Ross, and many others.

On the 1st July (Dominion day) the Bri ghde was inspected by the Acting Adjutant-General, Liout Col. Powell, at which time there was a general field day and march out.

This was witnessed by a large concourse of people, and I think passed off satisfactorily, showing conclusively that the short period of drill had been utilized to the fullest ex-

I notice a general falling off in the average shooting of the brigade, which is doubtless attributable to the large number of recruits who receive no proliminary drill or instruction in the theoretical principles of huskery. I cannot well see how this may be obviated under our present system of drill, unless sending more competent in-atructors to the several companies, and disthibuting an annual money grant as prizes direct to the companies, under such regulations as will induce the greater number of non commissioned officers and men to attend practice at their company head quarters. Ammunition should be supplied, and no man allowed to take more than one or two prizes, and the officers excluded altoge-ther. I think some such system as this would induce a large percentage of the men to practice. At present only a few men who have the name of being "crack shots" attend the prize meeting of the organizations now in existence.

Best shot in District during this year's course, Private W. Atcheson, No. 1 Com-

pany, 56th Buttalion, 32 points.
District average figure of merit 9.76—
(For names of best shots and other averages I refer you to the District Target Practice

The health of the men while in camp was. on the whole, excellent. Two accidents of a rather serious nature however occurred one man had his ear shot off, and one got his own beyonet run through his leg while skirmishing. This latter was a very unusual occurrence, and could not be attributed to datelessness. I at the time convened Boards of officers to enquire into the particulars of these cases, whose reports have already been forwarded.

The General Hospital at Ottawa proved of great value to us, four sovere cases had to be sent there, for which the charges were very moderate.

The discipline on the whole was fair, but it was nocessary to on- a regimental court martial on one man, who was surfenced to thirty days imprisonment at hard tabour This sentence was carried out in common

gapl of the County of Carleton.

It being actually necessaryt the men baye a meal after reaching camp on the first day, I think authority should be given to issue a sufficient quantity of rations for that purpose. As many companies do not require the full ration on the last day, the officer commanding the camp might be authorized to issue on that day such quantity as he may consider actually necessary. By this arrange-mont the twenty five cents in lieu of rations on the first day would cover the deficiency The Rev. Father Pullier held a special of rations on the last day, and the stop-

pages would ensure the Department against

The present forage cap is neither suitable for summer or winter, and as it is held in utter contempt by the great majority of the men it becomes a serious matter of disciplina to enforce its use

It become my painful duty to report the death, on the 28th November, of Lieut, Col. Duncan MacDougall, District Paymaster of this District, and favourably known throughout Ontario as having occupied several im-portant positions in connection with the Ac-tive Militia, during a period of about nineteen years.

Major Mattice, Brigade Major, and the following officers who where appointed tempo rarily to serve on the Staff, viz: Captain Butterfield, Supply Officer; Capt. Weather-ley, Musketry Instructor; Captain Jones, Camp Quarter Master, and Lieutenant Supple, Orderly Officer, rendered me valuable assistance during the encampment.

During the past few years there has been so much said and written on the subject of improving the Militia system, that one might well be deterred from alluding to so important a matter, but as has heretofore been the custom, in compliance with the instructions of the late Adjutant General, and as Isthink considerable improvment can be made, without any radical change in our present system or organization, I vonture to submit for consideration the annexed crude memorandum. I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedt, servant, W. II. JACKSON, Lieut. Col. Deputy Adjut. General, Military District No. 4. Deputy Adjutant General of Militia, Ottawa.

Afemorandum.

Since the departure of the Imperial troops. the Active Militia in the greater part of Canada have had no pattern soldier to copy, and if this state of things is allowed to continue for a long period, the force must new cessarily, under our present system of short drills, very much deteriorate. In order to obviate this difficulty, so far as practicable without a large increase of expenditure, the following is suggested,

Abolish the present system of company drill instruction and ore of arms, in lieu of which, give each captain (who should be bound, as at present, to provide a properly fitted up armory) fifty dollars per annum.

Appointed from the regular army, one paid non commissioned officer (married if possible) to each corps or battalion, as drill instructor and caretaker. It would be his duty to take general supervison of all stores, and keer vit arms, due, clean; to be constantly in uniform, moving about between the several company head quaters, cleaning and regulating the whole of the Government stores at each vist.

The appearance of even this small number of regular soldiers constantly moving about the country, would naturally foster and keep alive a military spirit among our rural population, as well as not as a pattern for the volunteers. The expense would be but little, if any, in excess of the present system, and a large annual saving would be effected by preventing deterioration in bat-talion stores. Considerable drill and tar-got practice would doubtless be carried out at company, head quarters, which at present---is wholly neglected, and there is no doubt whatever but the efficiency of the force would be much increased. The system to happly to all arms of the service.

In order that these instructors might not less their sol lierly appositance, habits and officiency, it is proposed that they be as sembled annually, and attached to "A" and "B" Butteries for one month, to go through a course of drill and instruction.

An inorgane of pay to the rank and file, would, in the opinion of a great majority of the officers, facilitate recruiting, as also tend to secure a bottor class of men. In fact, it appears to many that if the force is to be maintained wholly by volunteering that this is actually necessary.

W. II. JACKSON, Lt., Col., Deputy Adjt. General, Military District No. 4. (To be Continued.)

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor closs not hold himself responsible for individual expressions of opinion in communi-entions addices to the Volunteen Review.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

. MONTREAL, 16th April 1875

The city is beginning to emerge from its proverbial dirt and filth at the commencement of spring. The Street illailway have placed their cars on those streets where the rails are free from snow and fee- The cros sings on theriver have become dangerous, and a team nearly came, to grief a few days since No. I Hussar Troop muster in force every Monday evening for Sword, Carbine and other exercises, their active instructor Lieut. Colonel Lovelace is (as usual) always at his post; the troop is composed of a really fine body of young men, and Captain Lees and Lieut. MoArthur are said to be very popular and efficient officers-Sergeant Porter who was nominated for a Sub-Licutenancy and was put to a great expense in procuring the full dress uniform and accoutrements of a. Cavalry Officer, was not appointed as he expected, in consequence of the recent regulations binting the number of officers to a troop to two instead of three as heretofore. The Garrison Artillery gave a Concert at the Mechanics Hall the other evening for the benefit of the Montreal Hospital-it was well attended, the officers of other corps donned their uniform for the occasion, and made a goodly show. No tidings yet of the pay due the Montreal Volunteers for turning out at an election three years ago, although Mr. Devlin M. P., brought the matter before the House some time since. It is said that Volunteer Officers who are bona fide appointed to Commissions, will in future have to provide themselves within a given period with the necessary outlit-this is as it should be--and the absurd sight of a mounted officer appearing at an Inspection, with a Mex cian Saddle, Wooden Stirrups, a huge pair of Mexcian Spurs with rowels the size of a silver dollar and an old regulation Infantry Sword, will, it is hoped in future, be a thing of the past:

The gallant Prince of Wales' Rifles, the Victorias and the Hochelagas are all progressing well under their respective Commanding Officers. The Victorias have proBusby, and the mounted officers wear the Subrotasche. The Prince of Wales' head dress is the Scotch Bonnet, which is decidely the best for service, though not so dressy as the Bushy of the Victorias. Lieut. Colonel the Count D'Orsonnens, Brigade Major, the Hon. Major Aylmer, Brigade Major, have been absent on a Military Court of Enquiry in Quebec. Lieut. Colonel Harwood, D. A. General, has re-commended the formation of a Cavalry troop in the flourishing village of Imprisire; it is a very favorite service in country quarters, all the young farmers keeping good active little horses, and if this is sanctioned (which however is very doubtful) and the men trained as mounted rifles they could be made very useful as scotts and partrols on that side of the river should circumstances over require such service--There is not a single troop of mounted rifles in the province.' No Dril! Shed, and at present none in view.

HALIFAR, 6th April, 1875.

To the Editor of the VOLUNTEER REVIEW.

DEAR'Sir, -- As one who likes all things to be done decently and in order, will you permit me through the medium of your valued paper to call the attention of Major Patterson, the officers, non commissioned officers and men of No. 4 Com, 48th Batt, to Section 6, Paragraphs 42, 43, Queen's Regulations and Orders for the Army, 1873.

And oblige yours, TRUNNION.

Uniform:

HALIFAX, N. S., April 12, 1875. To the Editor of the Volunteer Rayiew.

DEAR SIE,-Lee by an item in a Canadian paper that at a meeting recently held at General Symth's office at Ottawa, on motion of a certain staff officer, it was decided to adopt, as a head dress for our active militia, the felt hat worn by the Southern Cavalry in the late American war. Now, Sir, the "Regulations and orders for the active militia" order that in all cases, when possible. we are to follow " Lucrus Regulations," and in "Queen's Regulations" on dress, there are several paragraphs, which order above all things, nestness; etc., in uniform. May I ask if it is at all probable that either this undefinable "blouse," or this American "wide awake" hat (proposed as our uniform) will be at all neat or soldier-like?

General Symth says in his report that "the heavy (?) cloth tunic has been found too warm, etc." In Nova Scotia this is not the case. On the contrary, our uniform has always been very popular, except as regards the head-dress allowed us by the Dominion Government which has only been a "forage cap."

As you know Sir, Halifax is the only city of the Dominion zarrisoned by Imperial troops, and as our uniform has heretofore vided themselves with the regulation Rifle | been decidedly British, it has always been I

the nim of our volunteers to copy as fir as possible the example for neatness and saldierly appearance invariably shown us by Her Majesty's troops, and we would consider it very unjust were we forced to adopt a uniform that would make us "laughingstocks" for our friends, the "Regulars."

Why cannot an allowance be much the Commanders of battalions to provide chaos for their own commands? It is very certain nothing would be worn that was not regillattion. Again, Sir, if we changed to be on actual service with Her Majesty's soldiers dressed in this very odd uniform of "Blouss" and "American" lint-is it not probable that the enemy presuining that the militia would not obably present so formidable a front as the long disciplined and well trained Imperial soldiers might consider the militia the most vulnerable point to attack, and by this perhaps roup a great advantage, which were the uniforms more alike, would not be obtained. In Nova Scotia we possess too much of the spirit of the British Soldier (and I hope there is too much of the same feeling in the breast of every Canadian Volunteer) to acquiesce in the adoption of anything. " Yankee," and. especially of this discarded. Yanken hat. It will be a source of regreteshould winerd Symth's popularity be:lessened, as it must evidently be, should he be induced to adopt such a very objectionable, if not a decidedly ridiculous head-dress for us, and it is to he hoped that these matters will be very cirefully considered before such a sweeping revolution is made in our uniform. Thanking you for your valuable space.

> . ours truly. "LIGHT INPANTRY."

HALIFAX, April, 1875.

To the Editor of the Volunteer Review.

DEAR Sir,-Ixion makes a pretty fair attempt at answering Fixed. Bayonet's questions, although not quite clear in some of his explanations, viz: in describing the Sergeant-Major's post in column. What does he mean by forming double companies from right half-battalion ? Ratherin difficult performance unless each half-battalion hrs an even humber of companies. Ixion does not at all answer Fix Bayonet's sixth question. The answer to which is to be found in Sec. 3, paragraph 4, Queen's Regulations, 1873. In his postscript Ixion says that in Presentation of Colours, it is not the two Senior Ensigns who receive the new colours. I quite agree with him there, for on page 342, part VI, F. E., 1874, he will find that the two Senior Lieutenants are the officers to receive the new colours. Ixion also makes the same mistake as Fixed Bayonets, as to distance between ranks with trailed arms. Surely it is not a very difficult problem to solve. In taking two short paces, the rear rank only increases its distance eighteen inches from the front rank. On the word Halt, if the rear rank took a very

long pace of forty-eight inches, it would knock down the front rank. The Toronto edition of the Field Exercise is bad enough, but Ixion libels it when he says it, contains onlyage 65, Rille Ex., these wer is "about two paces."

Yours, Snop-Lever.

P.S.—As this question of distance between ranks with trailed arms stems to puzzlo the brains of "Fixed Bayonets" and "Ixion." I think they will find my solution of it correct. For instance if men are ordered to trail from the order, the rear rank will step back a short pace, the distance then between ranks will be fifty-one inches. On the command order arms the rear rank will take a short pace to its front, By Fixed Bayonet's and Ixion's mode they should jump or close up fifty-one inches and send the front rank sprawling. The question is such a simple one to answer that I am astonished at any one astring it.

e oil Martini-Henry Rifles."

To the Editor of the Volunteen Review.

Sin, I see by the militia report for 1874 that the Government has in store in Montreal, 2,100 stand of Martini-Henry Rifles with an ample supply of ammunition. Would it not be well to arm the Gunnery and Infaftry Schools with them and by that means impart, to a small extent at least, some instructions to the militia as to their use, and test on our own ranges whether or not the rille is or is not; open to the many objections advanced against it by writers in the English military papers. There certainly can be no particular benefit derived by keeping them locked up in store.

Yours sincerely, Shrappel.

Tudde: Editor of the Volunteen Revnew.

Denii Sie Can you throw any light upon the following—to several of us Militamer all important subjects, viz:

let: Why does Paymaster Prehaut of the 6th District hold both the "Police Magistrateship" and the "District Paymastership"?

2ad: Why is he permitted to draw two different salaries?

I trust my queries will not be considered out of place—but Paymaster Biéhaut was a nomineo of the late Government, and I heard a long time ago that a change would be made as the present Ministry would not allow one and the same person to occupy two different positions and draw two different salaries.

Trusting you can give us some light on this subject.

I am,

Yours truly,

Izion.

Montreal, 13th April, 1875.

DUMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS,

Ottawa, 16th April, 1875.

GENERAL ORDERS (5).

No. 1.

MILITIA STAFF.

To be Paymaster for Military District No. 4, from 3rd April, 1875:

Major David Wylio from Regimental Division Town of Brockville, Reserve Militia, vice Lieut. Colonel Duncan McDougail, deceased,

ACTIVE MILITIA.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO. .

7th Battalion "The London Light Infantry."

Tromotions in this Battalion—No. 8 Company (St. John's, Arva) excepted,—shall in future be made "according to seniority" in the Battalion.

Captain and Paymaster Duncan McMillan, to have the Honorary rank of Major.

44th " Welland" Battalion of Infantry. No. 5 Company, Welland.

To be Captain:

Lieutenant Thomas B. Brown; M. S., vice C. E. Hamilton, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

47th "Frontenac" Battallion of Infantry, To be Surgeon:

Assistant Surgeon John R. Smith, M. D., vice Donald Maclean, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

BREVET.

To be Majors:

Captain John Johnson Gregory, C. S., No. 1 Troop 2nd Regiment of Cavalry, from 12th March 1874.

Captain and Adjutant Henry Gorman, (formerly of Her Majesty's Regular Army) 7th Battalion, from 10th Deccember, 1874,

Captain Archibald Henry Macdonald, G. S., Wellinton Field Battery, as a special case.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

Sherbrook Battery of Garrison Artillery.

The Sherbrook Battery of Garrison Artillery having become non-effective is hereby removed from the list of corps of the Active Militia.

54th " Ric'mond" Battalion of Infantry.

Major and Brovet Liout. Colonel Henry R. Hanning, M. S., is hereby permitted to retire retaining rank.

55th "Megantic" Battalion of Infantry. The 55th "Megantic" Battalion of Infantry is hereby detached from 6th Brigade Division, Military District No. 0, and re-attached to 7th Brigade Division, Military District No. 7.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

2nd " Halifax" Brigade of Garrison Artillery,

No. 5 Battery Purcel's Cove.

To be let Lieutenant:

2nd Lieutenant Edward Stairs, M. S., vice Boak, transferred to No. 2. Company.

66th Halifax Battalion of Infuntry.

The resignation of Lieutenant George Ackhurst is hereby accepted, but as that officer held the rank of Captain in the Militia of Nova Scotia on the day the present Militia Act came into force, he now reverts to the rank and position he then held.

By Command of his Excellency the Governor General.

WALKER POWELL, Lieut. Col.
Deputy Adjutant General of Militia,

REVIEWS.

We have received from the publisher S. R. Wells; 737 Broadway New York, The Science of Health for May. It treats of the following subjects:—The Irrepressible Conflict. No. 1; The Treatment of Sick People, No.4; What I Know of Doctoring.—Chapter 4; Kissing and Killing the Baby; Popular Physiology.—Chapter XII., Concluded, Illustrated; The Price of Health; Doctors and Nurses; Excess—Fat or Lean; Household and Agricultural; Timely Topics; Talks with Correspondents; Voices of the People, &c., &c. Terms, \$2 a year. Postage 10 cents. Single Nos. 20 cts.

Empiris, Tenn., April 17.—There was a heavy frost and ice here last night, killing the vegetables, and seriously damaging, if not killing the fruit prospects. It is believed that all fruit, cotton and wheat in this and anjourning States have been seriously injured, if not entirely killed. The thermometer is down to 24 at Nashville.

The Berlin Post states that its article of the 9th inst., indicating the possibility of wrr, was not inspired by the Government.

Despatches from Bombay announce that cholera has appeared in the Province of Oude.

REMITTANCES Received on Subscriptions to THE VOLUNTEER REVIEW up to Saturday the 17th inst.:—



Che Volunteer Achiew,

AND

WILLTARY AND NAVAL GAZETTE

"Unbribed, unbought, our swords we draw, To guard the Monarch, fouce the Law."

OTIAWA, TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1875.

Touorrespondents—Letters addressed to either the Editor or Publisher, as well as Communications intended for publication, must, invariably, be pre-paid. Correspondents will also bear in mind that one end of the envelope should be left open, and at the corner the words "Printer's Copy" written and a two or five cent stamplace ording to the weight of the communication) placed thereon will pay the postage.

LIBUT. J. B. VINTER of Victoria, and Captain II. V. Edmonds of New Westminster, are our authorized Agents for British Columbia.

We have to thank the courtesy of the Librarian and Assistant Secretary of the Royal United Service Institution, for a report of the 44th annual meeting, which displays in a striking manner the zeal and efficiency of the officers to whose care its management is entrusted, especially the Secretary and Librarian, and affords a gratifying proof of the interest taken in multary science by those who have voluntarily, or otherwise, chosen a military life as a profession.

We have also to thank the Librarian for copies of "A Warning Voice from the Spanish Armada," by Major General T. B. Colemson, R. E., and a paper "On Military (or Strategetic) and Refuge Harbors" by Sir John Coade, kat., M. J. C. E. On both those interesting papers we shall have something to say at a future time; but what we deem of most importance just now is a paper entitled, "A Synopsis of the History of Cavalry," containing the programme for the competition invited by His Imperial Highness the Grand Dako Nicholas Nicholais vitor, Inspector General of Russian Cavalry.

As the proposed competition is International, and we have at least one Cavalry Officer capable of entering the lists, we pub-

hish the paper in full—as issued by the Secretary of the Royal United Service Institution for the information of all who may wish to compete.

The list of authorities on this most interesting subject is of great value, as itenables competitors to at once proceed to the consultation of the historical records of the various periods.

We have to thank our good friend T. D SULLIVAN, Esq., for the annual report.

ROYAL UNITED BERVICE INSTITUTION.

The 44th annual meeting of the Institution was held on Saturday, March 6th, in the theatre of the Institution, Whitehall. The Secretary of State for War, the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy was expected to preside, but was prevented by having to attend a cabinet meeting. In his absence Lord Pembroke occupied the chair.

The report of the Council stated that during the past year the net increase of members amounted to 54, the total number now being 4,330. The funded proporty on the 1st January last was £10,129.2s.8d, as compared with £9,465.2s.4d,, at the beginning of 1874. During the past year 397 volumes were added to the librery, 213 having been purchased and 184 presented. The library now contained 16,624 volumes. In response to the offer of a prize medal for the best essay on recruiting 79 essays had been received, the referees being General Sir Wm. Codrington, G. C. B., Lieut. General Sir John St. George, K. C. B., and Major General Shute, C. B., M. P. The report also expressed the regret of the Council at the death during the past year of one of the Vice Patrons, the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousle, and three Vice Presidents—Colonel P. J. Yorke, F. N. S., Lieut. General the Hon Sir J. Lindsay, R. C. M. G., and Captain Packe.

Admiral Sir Alexandro Milne, G.C.B., pro posed, "That the report now read be adopted and printed for circulation among the members." In doing so he congratulated themem bers upon the continued prosperity of the Institution, which conferred great advantages upon those officers who were connected with it. Lven foreign Governments were well aware of the value of the Institution, as was shown by the number of charts and maps which they had presented to the Library. Considering the benefits which the services and through the. " the Government derived from the Institution, he thought it was only inir that the Government should be asked to give some assistance in obtaining a new sito, where their Library and Museum might be properly arranged.
General Sir T. Adio, K. C. B., R. A.

general Sir T. Adio, R. C. B., R. A., seconded the resolution, which was unani

mously agreed to.

General Sir F. Chapman, K. C. B., R. E., proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring members of Council, the re-election of Lieut. Colonel F. R. Aikman, V. C.; Captain A. C. Tupper, F. S. A.; Vice Admiral Omman ney, C. B., F. R. S.; and the election of Lieut. Colonel Crossman, R. E.; Captain the Right Hon. Lord Gilford, R. N.; Captain J. C. Wilson, R. N.; Rear Admiral Willes, and Captain R. A. C. Scott, R. N.

Captain Scott, R. N., seconded the resolution. The value of the Institution he said

Captain Scott, R. N., seconded the resolution. The value of the Institution, he said, greatly depended upon the support given to it by its influential members. It was not enough for English officers to be on a dead level of mediocrity with those of other Governments. Unless they were in advance of the officers of other countries both in

arms and in their ability to handle them, it would be impossible for England to maintain her prestige and superiority.

The resolution having been agreed to, Col. Lord Waveney, A. D. C., to the Queen, proposed, and General Sir E. Hodge, K. C. B., seconded, a vote of thanks to the Auditors. I'his was also agreed to.

The gold medal for the best essay in Recruiting was awarded to Captain H. W. Hime, R. A.

Vice Admiral Sir F. Nicolson, Bart. C. B., proposed the thanks of the meeting to the Referees who had adjudicated on the merits of the essays, and announced that the subject for the ensuing year would be the type of ships for the Royal Navy.

The motion having been seconded by Major General Stephenson, C. B., was agreed to, as was also a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by General Sir Wm. Codrington and seconded by Admiral Onumanney.

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General Sir Wm. Codington, G. C. B.,
expressed his regret at the enforced absence of the Secretary of State for War,
but regarded it as an evidence of the interest the Right Hon. Gathorne Hardy took
in the Institution, that he had requested
Lord Pembroke to occupy his place on this
occasion.

The Chairman in reply said that the Secretary for War was greatly disappointed at his absence, but had been suddenly summoned to a cabinet meeting. He, himself was quite convinced of the enormous advantages which the Institution offered to the officers of the two services. The great difficulty to be dealt with on the question of Recruiting was the necessity of combining economy with efficiency, and this was always a somewhat hard matter. The Institution rendered great service to the Government on such points, and no doubt would continue to do so in future.

The following Memorandum is circulated for the information of those members of the fustitution and others who may wish to compete tor the Imperial Russian Prise Essay on "The History of Cavalry," to be rendered at St. Petersburg on the 1st (13th) January, 1877.

By Order,
B. Burgess, Capt.,
Secretary,

Whitehall Yard, Jan., 1875.

His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholaievitch, Inspector-General of Russian Cavalry, recognising the incompleteness of any existing treatise on cavalry history, and considering that so important a service merits the closest study, has determined, with the sanction of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia, to offer for the three best essays on the above subject three prizes of 5.000, 3,000 and 2,000 roubles respectively. In order to encourage international scientific intercourse, His Imperial Highness has decided to throw the competition open to all foreign armies, but non-Russian competitors will have to get their productions translated into that language. All competing essays must be handed in at St. Petersburg on or before the 1st (13) of January, 1877, when they will be carefully examined by a committee nominated by His Imperial Highness, and the prizes adjudged. The programme for such essay, together

The programme for such essay, together with an explanatory memorandum, and a list of the books which may be consulted,

are appended hereto.

A. Gorlopp,

Major General of the Suite of His Majesty
the Emperor, and Military Atlache to the
Imperial Russian Embassy in London.

SYNOPSIS OF THE HISTORY OF CAVALRY.

Introduction.

Properties of cavalry. Its importance as an additional kind of arm in the composition of armies. The part it has to perform be-fore, diring, and after a battle. Its im-portance as an independent arm in battles. Different kinds of cavalry. Moral and material training of cavalry. Organisation. Qualities requisite in a cavalry chief.

Period Isr.

Greek and Roman Armies.

Small relative numerical strength of cavalry in Greek troops (Sparta and Anthons). Cavalry mercenaries of Thessalia and Thrace. Division of cavalry into heavy and light troops. Equipment, armament, and forma-tion of battle.

Wars with Persia show the importance of this arm in the composition of armies. Efforts made by Philip of Macedonia to improve cavalry horses. Training of horsemen. Increase in numerical strength of cavalry in Alexander the Great's armies. Diamachos (dragoons) of Alexander, designed for mounted and for foot service. His picked cavalry—Geters. Employment of cavalry during the reign of Alexander the Great in battle and in the course of the Battles of Granica and Arbela. campaign.

Theoretical author-Xenophon. His tres-

ties on cavalry.

Infantry, the principal arm in Roman armies. In the first epoch of Rome, cavalry weak in numbers and indifferent in quality. Enlistment of cavalry. Social class from which cavalry troops are drawn. Cavalry of the Union. Equipments and armament of the first Roman cavalry. The Turma -a tactical unit.

Hannibal. His cavalry of line and light cavalry (Numidians). His ability in using mounted troops in battle and during the cumpaign. Cavalry bat Battles of Trebia Canno. Cavalry battle on the Troino.

The Punic and Grecian wars bring about a numerical increase of cavalry in the composition of armies. Introduction of defenposition of armes. Introduction of careed save armament, long lance, and curved sabre. Equipments of cavalry (saddles—during Theodosius the Great; stirrups—in the beginning of the VIth century; opinions on shoeing). More attention paid to the drill. Scipio the Younger. Tactics of cavalry during the epoch of the highest development of the art of war in Rome. Formation of legions into manipulas and cohorts, enable cavalry to give immediate support to infantry. Battles of Iling, Zama, Orchomene, and Pharsalia. Spanish, Gallic, and German cavalry. Reconnoitering duties of cavalry and use as outposts. Some information about the cavalry of the Parthians.

Cavalry during the decline of the art of Its great strength in the Subjugation of Rome by war in Rome. Roman armies. the Barbarians. Attila, Ilis cavalry. Battle on the fields of Catalaun.

PERIOD IIND.

From the Fall of the Western Roman Empire to the Invention and Introduction of L'ircarms.

(a.) Epoch of Predomination of Feudal Cavalry in the Composition of Armies.

476—1290. German militias. Goleut. Development of allodial, and afterwards of foudal systems. Geerban. Cavalry of Arabians and Hungar-

Charles Martell-battle of Poictiers ians. In 732. in 933. Henry the Ist-battle at Merseburg

First appearance of knighthood. cavalry forms the principal strength of armies, its equipment and armament. A complete lance. Tournaments. Tactics of the knights. Gradual decline of infantry. The little use of it in battle. Battle of Bouvines-1214. The manner in which the war was conducted. Crusades. Siege and defence of fortresses by knights. Nicos, Cavalry of the Antioch, and Jerusalem. Saracens.

Slavonians. Their military art in the wars with the Eistern Roman Empire. cavalry. The cohorts (droojins) of Russian Princes. Invasion of Mongols. Their housemen. Buttle of Lignitz-1241.

(b.) Decline of Feudalism.

Introduction of the first Regular Cavalry. 1290-1445.

Results of the Cruendes. Graduel re-introduction of infantry (troops of the cities and republics. English and Genoese arch-Mercennry cohorts (Brabansons and Condottieri). Swiss infantry deals a decisive blow to chivalry. Battles of Morgarten-1315, and Zempach-1386. The hundred years' war between France and England brings on the final destruction of knight-hood. Battles of Creoy, Poictiers, and Agincourt.

First attempt to establish regular troops. First French regular cavalry of Charles the VIIth. Ordnance companies (gensd'armes and archers A cheval—1445).

PERIOD III.

From the Introduction of Firearms in Cavalry to Frederick the Great.

The use of firearms spreads mostly in cavalry. Defensive armament is again in-troduced. Cavalry only employed in firing. Its deep formation in battle, cavalry is intermixed with musketeers. Pavia—1525, Buttle of

Ordnance companies are turned into heavy cavalry—gensal armes, cuirassiers, and dragoons. Cavalry in Germany. Hussars— 1458. Light Spanish cavalry. Turkish horsemen-their equipments, armament, and mode of action in battle. Buttle of Mogatch-1526.

Gustavus Adolphus. His reforms in cav-Equipments armaments of Swedish cavalry (cuirassiers and dragoons). of formation diminished; action by fire les-Mutual support of the three arms sanod.

Cavalry in the armies of Titley and Wallanstein (incavy-cuirassiers: light—cara bineers; dragoons and croats). Battle of Breitenfeld in 1631, and Lutzen in 1632.

Russian cavalry during this period.

Cavalry of standing armies in the epoch of Louis the XIVth. Its equipments and armament. Its formation in bittles on the flinks of infantry. Battle of Hochstadt-1704. Intermixing of cavalry with infantry. Montecuculi. Battle at St. Gothard-1664, and Almanzi-1707. Formation of battle adapted to the character of the battlefield (Zinzheim-1674). Condé. Battle of Rocroy (1643), and Dunach (1658). Employment of cavalry at the seat of the war. Luxem bourg in the wars of Netherland.

Charles the XIIth discards the use of fire-Attacks with "armos arms in cavalry. Attacks with "armos blanches." Further development of mutual support between infantry and cavalry. Poltuva-1709.

Peter the Great. Regular army in Russia. Equipments, armiment and mode of action of Russian cavalry in battles, and during a campaign. Bittle of Lessnoy. Flank move. Creu z and Ruliger,, and Hungarian, 1849.

mont in pursuit of the Swedish army during its march into Little Russia.

Maurice de Sixe. His ideas on the training and drill of cavalry "Mes toveries."

Manrice de Sixe and Charles the XIIth are the forerunners of the reforms of Fred-

erick the Great in oavalry.

Person IVTIL

From Frederick the Great till the Introduction of Rifled Firearms, 1740-1854.

Reforms in cavalry made by Frederick the Great. Its organisation and tactical forma-tion. Horse artillery (1759) gives more independence to the action of cavalry. Generals Zieten and Soydlitz. The works of Warnery. Decided revolution in the drill of a single horseman and of mounted masses. Attack with the "armes blauches." Brilliant part taken by cavalry in the battles of Frederick: Godfriedenberg, Soor, Hochkirchen, Praguo, Rossbach (where cavalry alone decided the battle), Leuten and Zorndorf.

Austrian cavalry (especially the light), in the same epoch. Employment of cavalry during the campaign. Partisian cavalry-raid of Gaddie on Berlin in 1757. Attack on a Prusslan convoy by Colonel Mozel near

Olmuis in 1758.

All European armies imitate Frederick in

drilling and employing cavalry.

Russian mounted troops of this period. Part taken by Potemkin, Rumiantsoff, and Souvoroff in organisation and improvement of ilussian cavairy. "Instruction for Uavairy Colonel." Battles of Cagool, Rimnick, and Trebbia Actions against Polish Confederates.

Revolutionary wers give new direction to the art of the war. Conscriptions. Increase of the numerical strength of armies. Their organisation (divisions and corps d'armée). Perpendicular tactics. Columns and soattered formation of infantry. Cavalry and horse artillery. Equipments and armament of cavalry, and its employment in battle. Cavalry of Mamelukes. Battle of the Pyramids, 1798-and of Heliopolis, 1800.

Cavalry divisions and cavalry corps d'armée de réserve in the armies of Napoleon the 1st. Different kinds of cavalry. Cavalry propares, develops, and completes the actions of infantry and artillery. Close rela-tion between them. Massing of cavalry on the decisive points of the battlefield. Castiglione, Marengo, Preussisch Eulau, Eckmuhl, Wagram, Borodino, Leipzig, Waterloo, as battles where the employment of cavalry is most remarkable. The part played by cavalry during a campaign. Wars of 1605, 1806, and 1812. The school of Napoleon forms a series of good cavalry chiefs. Murat and Bessiores, Stengel, Kellerman, Lucalle, Grouchy, Espagne, Latour Manbourg, and Marul.

Russian cavalry under Alexander the 1st. Its organisation and tactical formation, Equipment, armament and drill. Action in war. Austerlitz, Borodino, Katzbach, Culm. Leipzig, and Fer-Champenoiso. The part or Cossicks in the wars with Napolcon, capecially in 1812 and 1813. Partisans warfare. Russian cavility. Generals of that epoch: Platoff, Palen, Ouvaroff, Czarovitch Con-stantin Paylovitch, Kulneff, Partisans: Davidoff (his treatise on partisan warfare), Soslavin, Figner, Urioff-Denissoff, Count Tehernisheff (buttle of Gelberstadt and occupation of Cassel).

Austrian, Prussian, and English cavalry of that epoch. Russian oavairy under Nicholss the 1st, Its part in the wars; Per-*ian (Ensabethpol), Türkish 1828—1829 Mulatuli at Shoumle), Polish, 1831 (Goro-cholf; separate detachments of General

[•] This part must be written in as condensed a form as possible. The author has the right to rice his deductions about the contemporary state cavalry, either at the beginning or at the end of the historical part.

Polish cavalry in the war of 1831. erals Skarjinsky (battle at Dembe-Velky), Dvernitzky (battles of Stochec, Novoves, and Boroml), Dembinsky (partisan campaign in Lithuania).

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French cavalry in Algiers and English in

East India.

Period VTII.

From the Introduction of Rifled Firearms to the Present Times.

Influence of the Introduction of rifled, and afterwards of breech loading arms. ra to the part which cavalry will play in armies.

The Eastern and Italian wars. Tendency to lessen the numerical strength of cavalry The limits of its action on the battlefield are narrowed.

American, Austro Prussian, and Franco-German wars. Enlargement of cavalry's

sphere of action.

Influence which the change in the part played by cayalry in battle and in a campaign, produces on its equipment, armament, and drill (increase of divisional cav. alry; abolition in certain armies of the heavy, and increase of the light cavalry; strengthening of its fire and its power in dismounted formation, as infantry). Infantry mounted on horses in American armies.

Cavalry in battles of the last period; Russian at Bath-kadic-Lar and Kooruck Dara; English at Balaklaya; Austrian at Gitchin, Königgratz and Custozza, French at Worth and Sedan; Prussian at Tobit

chau and Mars la Tour,

Actions of cavairy on the seat of war during the last campaigns. American raids. Actions of Generals Stoneman, Sheridan, Stuart, and of partisans: Forest and Morgan. Gierson's brigado at Vicksburg in 1863. Actions of Prussian oxyalry in the war of 1870-1871.

MEMORÁNBUM EXPLANATORY OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE HISTORY OF CAVALRY,

The historical analysis must bring to light how, and under the influence of what con ditions, the ideas on organisation, equipments, armament, drill, training, and om-ployment of cavalry in battle and during a campaign, have been formed and then continually modified while passing through the whole historical existence of cavalry from its first formation up to the present day.

As with the life of mankind, so the advance of this institution towards improvement did not always follow in a straight direction. Many conditions produced de viations which lasted sometimes whole cen-The historical life of cavalry is par

ticularly instructive in this sense.

The notions as to cavalry held in the Greek and Roman armies, are strikingly correct, and seem to belong to our own epoch. Then come the mediaval ages, during which, under new conditions of social life, cavalry, from a secondary position, rises to the foremost, and serves to form the armies, almost to the exclusion of the other arms. Infantry, recruited from the lowest class of the people, is looked upon with contempt. In the days of knighthood, cavalry is even employed for the attack and the defence of fortresses. The Crusades, however, show strikingly the inability of cayalry to act on every sort of ground and in every emergency of war.

Infantry gradually regains the place which

rightfully belongs to it. (Contests of the knights with Swiss infantry. Wars of Charles the Bold).

Firearms make their appearance. Soon it is forgotten that the principal feature of cavalry is its rapidity of motion, and that for the delivery of an effective fire, stability is wanted. All cavalry is armed with mus-kets, and it become simply mounted infantry. Such ideas continuo till Gustavus Adoplphus, who was the first to see the part that cavalry should play in armies; but his lessons are soon forgotten. Only in the les ons are soon forgotten. XVIIIch century Maurico do Saxo theoretically, Charles the XIIth, and afterwards Frederick the Great, practically, withdrew the cavalry from its false position and returned to the ideas that existed in the times of Hannibal.

The views of Frederic'- (Seydlitz, Zieten, and Warney) undergo development in the Napoleonic period of the art of warr Cavalry is used in large masses on the battlefield It performs not only reconnoiting and outpost duties, but also deals on the battlefield blows which decide the fate of the struggle. Sometimes, however, the massing of cavalry is abused (Leipzig). By energetic pursuit, cavalry completes the celebrated victories of Napoleon. As in the times of Frederick (Rossbach), we meet with such instances where the cavalry alone commences, deve lopes, and brings to an end a battle (Allied armies, and particularly the Russian cavalry at Fer-Champenoise).

Then como rifled, and afterwards breechloading arms, and a fact, known in history, repeats itself. As a new means of destruction, the rifle produces a sort of panic, which confounds provious ideas as to the relative power of the different arms. Many begin to consider cavalry as a useless luxury in an army. But it soon brilliantly demonstrates its right of existence, and even of a more independent existence than before, as proved by the American and the two last European wars.

The main features of cavalry action, however, undergo some modifications. sphere of action on the battlefield has some what narrowed, in consequence of sacrifices which cavalry must make in order to per form certain duties; but the part of cavalry, on the whole, has enlarged, in consequence of the importance acquired in present times of maintaining the railway, telegraphic, and other communications. Cavalry, again, receives firearms, but not to use from the saddle, as it was in the XVth, XVIth, and XVIIIth centuries, but for dismounted ac-tion, as infantry. Being able to throw itself on the communications of the enemy, where infantry cannot arrive in time, cavalry is often obliged to take upon itself the duties of infantry, and must, therefore, possess weapons suitable to those duties.

History has shown that in consequence of the qualifications requisite for a good cavalry commander, he is rarely met with. appearance of such a general, marks an

epoch in the history of cavalry.

The principal events which have produced decided changes in the employment of caralry in battles and during campaigns, serve

to divide its history in periods,

Remark.-The above data need not embarrass any competitor, but should he not follow the course indicated, he must not tail to append an explanatory memorandum as to his reasons for such divergence.

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Ws copf from the United States Army and Navy Journal of 13th February, the following interesting discription of "Bowlenge's Military Telemeter" or range finder, for infantry and artillery. It is the invention of a well known Belgian officer, who has the honor also to be the inventor of the best practical Chronograph or time measurer in existence. The value of the instrument described depends on the perfect manipulation of it-as it measures distance by velocity of sound, which is marked by the time elapsing between the seeing the flash and hearing report.

It is the best practical attempt at solving amost important problem in the science and practice of modern artillery:

"The instrument herein described measures the distance of the adversary by observing the interval which chapses between the smoke or flash and the report of his plece. It is a glass tube graduated along its length into divisions which represent dis-tunces. This tube, closed at both ends, is filled with liquid, through which moves a metal index formed of two discs united by a The diameter of these discs central stem. is somewhat smaller than that of the tube. so that, when the latter is vertical, the index slowly descends with a uniform movement. The glass is protected by a brass casing, having an aperture which discloses the scale and index. To use the telemeter hold it horizontally in the hand, the index at the origin of the scale, and attentively regard the enemy's position. At the instant the smoke or flash is perceived quickly turn tho wrist so as to bring the instrument into the renical, when the index descends; upon bearing the report return it to the horizontal, and the index-stops. The number on the scale corresponding to the lower disc, which serves as marker, is the distance sought.

An important attribute, which has been successfully given the instrument, is its index and the density and dilatability of its done instinctively. the liquid are so combined that the velocity of the index is influenced by temperature in the same proportion as is the velocity of sound, consequently the readings are always correct.

A velocity 1-25000 that of sound has been of distance: Each degree of the scale reeye the fifth of a division can be estimated. Its fluidity by quiescence.

of this telemeter.

vibrations of a pendulum or the beats of a watch it is absolutely true, while the exact noss of its indications in measuring distances depends upon the aptness of the observer. The basis of an opinion on this point may bo drawn from the following experiment, which has been frequently repeated:

A dozen men, non-commissioned officers and privates, each furnished with a tolemoter, observed the fire of a musket or gun, placed successively at different known dis tances, and under the varying circumstances offered by an actual campaign. From the results obtained, the following conclusions may be drawn: Any soldier can avail him. self advantageously of the field telemeter; the accidental error committed by the ordinary observer does not generally exceed fifty metres; with practice this is diminished to twenty or twenty-five metres. Every one has his own personal equation, and this should be known to derive all possible advantage from the instrument; though it varies little among observers, and on the average lessens the distance fifty metres, the report being noted more quickly than the flash or smoke. This mean equation is corrected on the instrument itself by making the origin of the scale correspond not to zero but to fifty metres. It is an advantage always to use the same telemeter in order to unite in the personal equation the slight error which may exist in the graduation. An observer is liable to commit very great errors in his first attempts, because, unaccustomed to the duty, he is surprised by the flish or smoke and does not promptly note it. The error is independent of the distance, hence the personal equation decreases slightly with the distance. The fire of small-arms may be observed as exactly as that of artillery up to two thousand metres in favorable The wind appears to have very weather. little influence upon the observation; this, however, has not yet been fully proved.

PRACTICAL DIRECTIONS FOR THE USE OF THE INSTRUMENT.

The instrument is carried in the pocket, either open or in a case, or it can be slung by a cord tied to the knob of the cap.

To use it, it is held in the right hand, (the arm extended without stiffness, the cap to the right, the aperture toward the observer,) between the joints of the fingers rather than in the hollow of the hand; more tightly grasped toward the fore than the little tinger, so that, in turning the wrist, the tube may be as vertical as passible. turning the wrist to the left to bring the index to the origin, then hold the instrument horizontal, the eyes fixed upon the point to be observed; mark the flash or smoke by turning the wrist to the right, by a quick but gentle movement and the report by the opposite movement of the wrist, made as nearly as possible in the same cadence. Bring back the hand, keeping the tube heri zontal, and open the fingers to read the indication. Practice bringing the telemeter power of self-adjustment for temperature, into the horizontal and vertical without To effect this the volume and density of the hesitative by a cadenced movement until it One of the great practical beauties of the instrument is, that even if held slightly inclined during the descent of the index the re ulting error is very slight, generally inappreciable. If the instrument has not been in use for some time, the index should be made to travel up adopted for the index, so that a millimetre I and down several times before use. Tinless on the scale represents twenty five metres | this precaution be taken, its course might be slightly retarded, a fact taught by expopresents twenty-five metres and with the rience, and probably due to the liquid losing The telemeter A great number of trials have been made being intended for carriage in the pocket or mark. The scale can be made in any other this telemeter. When proved by the hand, its temperature, even in cold weather, unit of length, such as the pace, yard, etc.,

will not fall below about 60 deg. dition has been considered in its construction, and therefore it is recommended that, in cold weather, it be continually kept in the pocket of the trowsers or carried in the hand, so that the temperature of the liquid may not fall too much, in which case the readings obtained will be a little too small. In summer no especial precaution is neces-

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DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION.

Among the different fluids which were tried-especially water, alcohol, glycerine, and their mixtures-distilled water alone with a small proportion of alcohol, fulfils the conditions desired. This liquid should be used with a silver index of very small size; sluminium and platinum do not offer the same advantages with regard to density and expansibility. Various forms of indexes were also put to the test. Hemispherical and conical discs worked less regularly than the slightly convex ones adopted. To insure a uniform macament of the index, the glass tube must be perfectly cylindrical throughout its length, a condition which demands special care in its fabrication and calibration. The sca e is printed on paper and pasted on the face of the tube opposite the opening in the brass casing; it is accordingly seen through the liquid, which forms a lens and renders the reading exceedingly easy by illuminating and magnifying the divisions and figures. As the edge of the marker discress directly upon the scale, there is never any doubt concerning the reading, for it is very distinctly indicated. To facilitate the reading, hundreds of me-tres are distinguished by a long mark with figure, the divisions twenty five and seventy fire by a det, and the division lifty by a shot mark. The scale can be made in any other

as may be desired. The casing is of lacquer ed brass; the cap is of a special form and bronzed, so that there may be no hesitation as to the proper manner of grasping the in The closing of the glass tube strument. to provent the possible entrance of air required much study and many experiments. The following method was adopted: The tube is closed by two rubber plugs compressed in the casing. A large number of instruments constructed in this manner have been under observation for some months, and, though frequently carried suddenly from temperatures varying between 140 deg. and 14 deg., yet, up to the present time, no trace of air is discoverable; they appear to be able to last for years. Yet, as it is probable that in the course of time bubbles of air may get in, this contingency has been provided for in the following man ner: An air chamber is formed in front of the plug at the origin by a silver funnel Air impris: shaped disc set into the glass. oned in this chamber can escape only with great difficulty, while it may enter with ease. Should then a bubble appear in the fluid it is only necessary to hold the instrument vertical and to give it several slight taps during the descent of the index so that the bubble may pass it, when it is caught immovably in the net. It is preferable, however, to leave a little air to facilitate the expansion and contraction of the liquid. Instruments made in this manner will stand, it is believed, at least ten years' service. Owing to the air chamber, the tube may be hermetically sealed, but the method already described is esteemed better, as it makes the instrument stronger and more compact. Three models have been established to incet the various wants of the Army.

The following remarks of the Army and Nary Journal shows the value of the instrument-but notwithstanding all the advanvantages it offers it must require nice and careful manipulation-at the same time it is the simplest yet invented for the specific purpose it is intended to serve :

"The account of the above instrument has been transmitted to the Journal through the courtesy of Captain O. D. Michaelis, Ordnance Department, U. S. A. It needs only to be examined to, be appreciated, for the simplicity and accuracy of principle and result avinced in its construction. A pracgreat desiderate of the age since rifled fire arms have been invented and long range sights come into common use. Give a skil-the grenadier, "and that's bandle common full rifleman a good weaton and the latest the grenadier, "and that's bandle common the potatoes belonged.

A grenadier stepped forward and said—"They are mine." "Will you sell me one?" inquired Berthier. "I have only five," said the grenadier, "and that's bandle common the potatoes belonged. ticable and rapid way of obtaining the disand the man will put his bullets into a mark the size of another man at half a mile, with as little difficulty as at 200 yards. This has heen shown, both at Creedmoor and Wimblodon, the average number of bull's eyes at 500, 600, and 700 yards, having exceeded the average at 200 yards, among skilled shots. This arises from the fact of any position being allowed. The steady rest offers does at short, when the fire is more hot, rapid, and confusing. The use of the tele-think I don't know you in spite of your the whole German national meter in the hands of every officer in a long line will lend to encourage coolness. It will then become an object to reserve your own fire and provoke that of the enemy at long leafly you. Am I right?" "Well," said State and advises prudence. does at short, when the fire is more het, rapid, and confusing. The use of the tele-

ranges, so as to got the advantage of knowing his distance and concealing your own. Once his range is ascertained and the sights properly elevated, a brisk fire being opened all along the line will provent the enemy from using his own telemeters to my useful purpose, from the confusion of flashes and reports becoming lost in one another. Thus its use would tend to improve the behavior of officers and men under fire, encouraging them to patient waiting while on the ad vance, and to heavy and rapid firing only when it is most useful and necessary.

For Artillery, the use of the telemeter must prove of very great value, in the sav ing of expensive projectiles now turown away every time a battery comes into action to "got the range." At sieges the instrument will give the attack a new advantage in opening first parallels and establishing of the besieged that announces the distance with its tell-tale flash. In rapid military and other sketching it must prove of great c_avenience in measuring long distances to certain points, by sending a man to those points to fire off a piece, and mark the distance. Many other uses will suggest themsolves to any person acquainted with applied trigonometry and mensuration, such as

og the telemeter to check a rough trian gulation, and vice versa. On these we shall not enlarge for the present, contenting ourselves with presenting to American officers the first nublic account of one of the most remarkable military inventions of modern times."

A Chuning Soldier.

THE PRICE OF TWO POTATORS IN 1805.

The following anecdote of the first Napoleon was related by an Englishman, who was a considerable time in the French military service, and who vouches for its authenti-city: The evening before the battle of Ulm, when Napoleon the First, in company with Berthier, was walking incognito through the camp and listening to the talk of his soldiers, he saw in a group not far off a grenadier of the Guard, who was rosating some potatoes in the ashes. "I should like a roast potatoe above all things," said the Emperor to the Marshal; "ask the owner of them if he will sell one." In obedience to the order, Berthier advanced to the group and asked to whom the potatoes belonged. the grenadier, "and that's hardly enough for my supper." I will give you two Nafor my supper. "I will give you two Na-poleons if you will sell me one," continued "I don't want your gold," said Børthier. the grenadier; "I shall be killed, perhaps, to-morrow, and I don't want the enemy to find me with an empty stomach." Berthier reported the soldier's answer to the Emper or, who was standing a little in the back-ground. "Lot's see if I shall be luckier than you," said the latter, and going up close ton being allowed. The steady rest offers advantages over the erect position and trembling sights produced in offinand shooting. In war time, the same general result follows, from the fact of the smaller extent of the dangerous space in long range shooting. A man feels after, keeps cooler, and fires more carefully at long range than he is that you, "said the latter, and going up close to the grenadier, he asked him if he would sell him a potato. "Not by a long shot," answered the grenadier; "I havn't enough for myself." "But you may set your own price," said Napoleon. "Come, I am hunging all the steeps close to the grenadier; "I havn't enough for myself," repeated the grenadier; "Latter, and going up close to the grenadier, he asked him if he would sell him a potato. "Not by a long shot," if our myself." "But you may set your own price," said Napoleon. "Not by a long shot," if our myself, " if havn't enough for myself," if he would sell him a potato. "Not by a long shot," if our myself, if he would the grenadier; "I havn't enough for myself," and haven't eaten to-day." "I tell you, and haven't eaten to-day." "I tell you haven't eaten to-day." "I tell yo

Napoleon, "since you know me, will you sell me a potatoe?" "No," said the grenadier; "but if you would have me come and dine with you when we get hack to Paris, you may sup with me to night," "Done to said Napoleon; "on the word of a Little Corporal—on the word of an Emperor." "Well and good," said the grenadier. "Our notatoes ought to be done by this time there are the two largest ones, the rest l'Il eat myself." The Emperor sat down and out his potatoes, and then returned with Berthier to his tent, merely remarking:
"The rouge is a good soldier, I'll wager."
"Two motules afterward Napoleon the Great was in the midst of a brilliant court nithe palace of the Tulleries, and was just sitting down to dine, when word was brought to him that a grenadier was without, trying to force the guard at the door, saying that he had been invited by the Emperor. "Let him come in," said His Majesty. The soi dier entered, presented firms, and said to the Emperor: "D) you remember onethe Emperor: Dy you remained one having supped with me off my foast potatoes?" "Oh, is that you? Yeg, yes, Iromember," said the Emperor; "so you have come to dine with me, have you? Rustan, lay another cover on your table for this brave fellow." Again the grenadier pre sented arms, and soid: "A grenadier of the Guard does not eat with lacqueys, Your majesty told me I should dino with you that was the bargain; and, trusting to your word, I have come hither." "True, true," said the Emperor; "Lay a cover here near me. Lay uside your arms, mon ami, and draw up to the table." Dinner over, the grenadier went at his usual pace, took up his carbino, and, turning to the Emperor, presented arms. "A mero private," said he, "ought not to dine at the table of the Emperor," "Ah ! I understandiyou," said Nupoleon; "I name you Cheralier of the Legion of Honor and Lieutenant in my company of Guards." "Thank you hartily," returned the soldier. "Vive l' Empercur!" he shouted, and then withdrow.

Agents of the French Government have made contracts in Bohemia for 10,000 horses to be delivered next June.

The Rothchilds have issued a prospectus for a new Russian loan of fifteen million pounds with interest of four and a half per cent. per annun, to be issued at 92. Of the total amount eight million pounds are offered for subscription in London, the batance is reserved for St. Petersburgh.

A correspondent, writing from Baroda, describes the outhusiasm with which the native population all along the line of railway between Bombay and Baroda received Sergeaut Ballantine after his arrival in India. Natives cheered him as the trains rushed past; at the stations crowds were assembled to welcome him by sprinkling them with pansopari and adorning him with garlands. the feeling of even the natives in the Bombay Presidency runs very strongly in favor of the Guicowar.

L'Union says the Pope has made representations through the Patriarch of Venice to the Emperor of Austria that the position of the Church is becoming more and more intolerable and that if the unreasonable demands of Prussia are not resisted by the Catholic powers, the latter will lose all their influence and become subject to the Germin Government, which is endeavouring to bring the whole German nationality under one sceptre. The Emperor replying to this, through the Austrian Ambassador at Rome, doplores the struggle between Church and

Belgium's Independence,—In the House of Commons on the 12th Mr. Lewis asked what course the Government would take if the independence of Belgium was imperilled in consequence of her rejection of Prussia's demands. Mr. Disraeli replied that there had been great misrepresentation and exaggeration in the matter. The Prussian note to Belgium was not a menace; it was only a remenstrance. He believed the question was concluded. Germany had shown her cordiality for England by communicating to her the correspondence. In conclusion, Mr. Disraeli declared that were Belgium's neutrality really threatened, Her Majesty's Government were prepared to do their duty to the sovereign, and would not fear to meet Parliament.

A CALABITY UTILIZED.— The Gerenment of India; thining the late fearful famine caused by the drought of 1873, for the sake of relieving the suffering people, undertook a system of public works, the laborers being paid in food from the Government depots, in this way a railway of fifty three miles was built from the Granges to Durbangah, by which food was transported into the formine district 525 miles of communication were established; over 4,000 miles of public road were constructed, giving subsistence to 1,730,000 persons; 50,000 bullock carts and 15,000 pack bullocks were employed in transporting food; and over 4,000,000 bags-of rice were imported and distributed. At one time 4,500,000 persons received relief, and the entire cost of the relief operations to the Indian Government is estimated at £8,000,000

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The Secretary for Ireland replying to a question in the House of Commons on 13th, said all classes of Irishmen including the members of the Government will give the American rifle team a cordial greeting.



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