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Our representatives at Bisley will be eligible for a new team competition this year, the prize of one hundred guineas offered by the proprietors of the *London Standard* being appropriated for an international and intercolonial match for teams of twelve, firing under skirmishing conditions between 700 and 300 yards. The detailed conditions of the competition are given under The Rifle heading in this issue. A statement of the numerous other changes in the N.R.A. programme for this year will appear next week.

There will probably be some confusion at the League matches on Saturday with respect to the 200 yards targets, on which, according to the new rule of the N. R. A. and D. R. A., the inner should be only 16 inches, and the magpie 24, in place of 24 and 36 inches respectively, as has been the regulation up to the present.

We would commend to the attention of the Minister of Militia the propriety of allowing the Assiniboia Provincial Rifle Association to share in the grants in aid of rifle shooting of which he has the distribution. True, there are no militia in the North-West, and for the present the expense of the maintenance of a military force there is not to be incurred. But as the young men are voluntarily engaging as a pastime in the most useful of the soldier's accomplishments—rifle shooting, it would be a graceful act on the part of the Minister to assist in the development of a body of sharpshooters to serve as a nucleus for the body of militia we will undoubtedly yet have in the North-West. The report of the annual meeting of the association, appearing in our last issue, shows what a vigorous institution it is.

Our Montreal news of this week contains another complaint against the location of the infantry school for Quebec, which might be closed up without much loss, for all the use made of it.

That was a discerning priest who, preaching to the Sixty-fifth Battalion in Montreal the other day, advised that all young men should

join the volunteers and thus help to avoid the temptation to spend the evenings in saloons or billiard rooms. He was sorry to see only one French regiment in Montreal, where he thought there should be three or four.

The House of Commons this week unanimously adopted the report, printed in a recent issue, of the committee appointed to investigate the Bremner fur matter. General Middleton, who stated before the committee that he now believed his action in confiscating the furs to have been irregular, has offered indemnity for that portion of the lot disposed of by his order. Several members held that the General should be held responsible for the total value of the furs, and as Bremner has to be paid for all it now remains with the Government to say to what extent their officer is to be held personally responsible. In moving the adoption of the report, the chairman of the committee, Mr. McNeill, very fairly pointed out that General Middleton had ordered a memorandum to be kept of the furs disposed of by his orders, and therefore could not be properly charged, as he has been by misinformed persons, with attempting concealment of the transaction.

The indications are that Toronto will have an immense military parade on Dominion Day. There appears to be no limit to the enterprise of the Queen City, and success never fails to crown her undertakings. Great as will be this military parade, and despite the fame of the great American regiment invited, the Toronto militiamen may be trusted to show themselves on this occasion second to none in drill and discipline.

Regimental and other News.

The Peterborough Council have voted \$400 to the 57th to help in entertaining the Queen's Own on the 24th May.

Fred E. Meyers, who has been very ill with consumption throughout nearly the whole winter, succumbed to the disease and died on Friday, 2nd inst. He had been a resident of Picton all his life, and was a member of the 16th Battalion regimental band. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon to Glenwood cemetery, with military honours. The Citizens' band played the dead march—the firing party marched with arms reversed—the regimental band carried their instruments reversed and draped with crape. Lt.-Col. Thomas Bog, Senior Major Alex. McDonnell and Capts. Lighthall and Wycott, in uniform, were present in the procession to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead bandsman. The streets were lined with citizens who had turned out to witness the procession and take part in the obsequies. The customary three volleys were fired over the grave.

Quebec.

The fifth anniversary of the fight at Cut Knife Hill, between a portion of Col. Otter's column and the combined Sioux and Cree rebels, under Poundmaker, was duly celebrated by B Battery at the Citadel, Quebec, on Friday, the 2nd inst. The gunners and drivers dined together at 8 p.m. in the gunners' recreation room, the room being prettily decorated with flags, etc., for the occasion, and the commissariat being supplemented from the canteen fund by the kind permission of the Commandant. A very pleasant time was spent, the veteran North-Westerns giving their campaign experience, etc. The Sergeants gave their annual dinner in their handsome mess room at 8.30 p.m., same date, when some forty covers were laid, the tables being tastefully decor-

ated with brass models of ordnance, epergnes and flowers, and reflecting great credit on the Dinner Committee. The Commandant was unavoidably absent but sent his regrets. The Sergeants of the Cavalry School were present with several civilian friends long connected with the Battery, and full justice was done to the excellent menu provided by the gallant gunners. After the more solid viands had been disposed of, and dessert put on the table by the efficient staff directed by Gr. Dinsmore, the officers of the Battery arrived, and a very pleasant evening was spent with song and toast. Major J. F. Wilson in responding to the toast of the officers of the regiment, was very happy in his reminiscences. He related his experiences in England, where he had just returned from his Soudan campaign, and stated that the kind treatment he received on all sides in England, culminating in his being presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, was entirely due to the interest excited in England by the North-West campaign then going on, and the successful conduct of the expedition through difficulties of climate and distances by our Canadian troops of all branches. The toast in memory of those who fell in the North-West, coupled with the names of Major Short and Staff-Sergt. Wallick and Hamann, all three present at Cut Knife and gone from among us since the last celebration, was honoured standing and in silence. Capt. Rutherford, who distinguished himself in charge of the guns at Cut Knife, and Capt. Pelletier, who was severely wounded there, both returned thanks to the toast of the "Survivors." S. Sergt. Long responded to the toast of "Our Sister Batteries," "A" and "C," in Kingston and Vancouver respectively, while Sergt.-Major Baxter was very felicitous in his response for "Our Old Comrades, the Royal School of Cavalry," referring to the camaraderie existing between the two schools since they had been quartered together in Quebec. Messrs. Boakes and A. Crawford responded for the 8th Battalion and our Quebec volunteers, while Messrs. Hughes, Mitchell and Gibson efficiently represented "Our Civilian Friends," the latter referring to his long connection with the Artillery in the Montreal Garrison Artillery. Songs were given by the Master Gunner, S. M. Barrington, S. S. Long and Fellowes and Widgery, Sergt. A. Fellowes, Messrs. Boakes and Gibson. Trumpet Major Vezina presided very efficiently at the piano. A thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all present. The *Chronicle* says: "We must compliment S. M. Lyndon and S. Sergts. and Sergts. on their efficient management and courteous treatment of their guests, and the Regiment of Canadian Artillery on the cordial and mutual esteem that seems to exist between officers, N. C. O. and men."

Montreal.

Several changes have just occurred in the ranks of the officers of the 1st Prince of Wales' Regiment. Major Campbell, who has retired, has had this step in contemplation for some time, but at the request of the new commanding officer, Col. Butler, he consented to remain until this spring. Capt. Hanson, who would have succeeded to the Majority, now resigns because pressure of business has made it impossible for him to go to St. Johns to qualify for the promotion. If the school had been at Montreal there would have been no difficulty. Capt. Hanson is one of the oldest volunteers in the city, having been a member of the Prince of Wales' corps before it was constituted a regiment. Captains Godfrey and Scott, having served five years as such and not desiring promotion, retire with that rank. The members of the Prince of Wales' regiment feel that they have been greatly hampered in their endeavours to maintain the corps, on account of the Brigade office occupying part of their armoury space, that left at their disposal being too small to be used with comfort.

THE VICTORIA RIFLES.

Taking everything into consideration, the good and the bad, says the *Gazette*, the Victoria Rifles passed a most creditable annual inspection Saturday afternoon on Fletcher's field. The ground was marshy and muddy, and on this account several of the manoeuvres were not as perfect as they would have been had the conditions been more favourable. Then the crowd there assembled did its share towards making the lot of the Vics hard. The regiment marched on the field well. They were then drawn up in open order. The reviewing officer, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, deputy adjutant general, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, brigade major, and Capt. Strathy, of the Royal Scots, acting as aide-de camp, was greeted with the general salute. The regiment was then put past the reviewing point at quick march and then on the double. This was exceedingly well done and was cheered by the crowd. They were then drawn up again and the manual exercise gone through with, the different movements being done with precision. After different formations had been gone through with, the regiment was drawn up at the further end of the field to go through the new attack drill. The enemy was supposed to be drawn up on the slope of the mountain. Half companies of skirmishers were thrown out, who advanced slowly, without firing, to about half the distance. They were supported by other companies, the remainder of the battalion being drawn up on the right and left flanks.

At half the distance firing at random was begun, and the skirmishers advanced on the double, the supports gradually falling in, and the enemy supposed to be retiring gradually. When the former position of the enemy was reached, the whole battalion was in line. Another volley was fired, and the order given to charge. The charge was supposed to have dislodged the enemy. The regiment was then drawn up and addressed by Colonel Houghton, who complimented them on their appearance and on the manner in which they had performed the attack drill. After roll call they marched back to the drill shed, and the annual inspection was at an end. Lieut.-Col. Henshaw was in command. The officers of the Vics held a very pleasant mess dinner at their quarters at the armoury on Saturday evening.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH BATTALION.

The 65th Regiment had the first of the present season's annual church parades on Sunday morning, when divine service was attended at St. Bridget's Church. The men mustered at the Drill hall eight companies strong, and, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Dugas, marched to St. Bridget's, being headed by their band, which now has its full complement of men and includes the new artists engaged by Mr. Lavigne to perform at Sohmer park. The men presented a nice soldierly-looking appearance, and the band fully sustained the high reputation it has now for excellence in music. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Father Lonergan, who, in the course of a few remarks, read a circular from the Archbishop asking heads of families to give the requisite information to the officers engaged in taking the census, and he then went on to urge all young men to become volunteers, pointing out that it would be much better for both soul and body than spending, as many of them now did, their nights in drinking shops and playing billiards. There was no reason why, instead of the city having only one French regiment, it should not have three or four. In conclusion, he referred to rogation days, pointing out how it was they came to be established, and making special allusion to the efficacy of prayer. At the close of the service the regiment marched back to the drill hall, where it was dismissed.

Belleville.

Pursuant to orders the 15th Battalion assembled at the drill shed Sunday morning, 4th inst., and headed by our silver band, proceeded to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, whither we had been invited by the pastor, the Rev. M. W. MacLean. The turnout was not as large as it might have been, probably owing to its being the first parade of the Battalion this year. The rev. gentleman, who is our esteemed chaplain, took for his texts Ps. cix, 19, and Eccles. xii, 13, from which he delivered a good practical discourse which was listened to with the greatest attention by all. After service we returned to the drill shed by the way of Hotel, George, Dundas, Front, Bridge and Church streets.

The following orders were issued:—

HEADQUARTERS, 15TH BATT., A.L.I.
May 4, 1890.

Orders by Lieut.-Col. Lazier, commanding:

1. Capt. Donald has been granted leave for two weeks from the 5th inst.
2. Officer for duty at the drill shed at officers' quarters for week commencing Monday, 5th inst., will be Capt. Merrill; next for duty Lieut. Wills.
3. Orderly sergeant at drill shed and sergeant instructor of recruit squad for week commencing Monday, 5th, will be Sgt. Gaugot.
4. Orderly bugler for week commencing Monday, 5th inst., at drill shed, will be Bugler Ponton, A Co.
5. A Co. will furnish orderly for the door of drill shed for week commencing Monday, 5th.

By order.

R. E. LAZIER, Capt. and Adjt.

Great credit is due to A Company for their particularly good turnout on Sunday; they presented a fine appearance, and who was prouder of it than Capt. Ponton?

There is to be battalion drill on Friday night, and I expect after this week the battalion will parade regularly twice a week.

It is expected that the 15th will visit Toronto on the 1st July, and take part in the summer carnival which is to be held there.

Willie Johnson, ex-corporal of A Company, was in the city last week visiting his parents and renewing old acquaintances. He looks as though they used him well over in Uncle Sam's domains.

The non-commissioned officers class is closed, and examinations will be held shortly.

"ARGYLE."

The Essex Fusiliers.

The 21st Essex Fusiliers have been invited to visit the town of Leamington for a field day on the 26th May to appropriately celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday. The invitation has been accepted, and the town is to furnish free transport by M. C. Railway, and dinner to the regiment. Col. Wilkinson has issued battalion orders, giving proper instructions, and a programme of movements for the day, which includes a sham battle. The several companies are drilling regularly in preparation, and with a view to the coming or expected camp in June.

Corpl. David Elliott, an old and respected member of No. 2 Co., died on the 10th inst. of lingering consumption, and was buried with military honours, No. 2 turning out almost to a man under the command of their popular commander, Capt. Ley, Lt. Alderton subaltern. Col. Wilkinson was present in uniform. Corpl. Elliott was beloved by all for his many sterling qualities. He was a true man and a good soldier.

The 21st are preparing for the League matches. FUSILIER.

Hamilton.

Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., delivered a lecture in the 13th lecture room at the drill-hall to the officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the battalion last week. Major Moore was in the chair, and besides a very large turnout of 13th officers, there were Major Van Wagner and Lieut. Duncan, of the H.F.B.; and Lieut.-Col. Gwyn, Major Bertram, Capt. Leith and Knowles and Lieut. Pirie, of the 77th Battalion. Col. Otter took the subject of "Discipline" for his lecture, terming it one of if not the most important subject in connection with military matters. He divided it into five parts: Definition, object, administration, example and application. What the spirit is to the body discipline is to an army, he said. Col. Otter quoted a large number of eminent military commanders and writers in defining his meaning under each of the above divisions of his subject, and concluded by referring to the practice prevalent now-a-days of militiamen rushing headlong into print with real of more generally fancied grievances in connection with their corps. He said it was not becoming to British soldiers to grumble in print, and the sooner this grievance was got rid of the better. The officers are not influenced by this growling and it does no good. Any attempt to force a remedy for abuses which may exist by writing letters to the newspapers will fail of its object, and commanding officers will do well to check the writing of such letters by those under their command.

Major McLaren (13th Battalion) proposed a vote of thanks to the Deputy Adjutant-General and Lieut.-Col. Gwyn (77th Battalion) seconded it.

Capt. Ross is holding parades of his company for instruction in physical drill; they are well attended. The company are going to Niagara Falls on the 24th. They will take the Bugle Band with them.

"B" Company (Major Barnard) is turning out strongest on parade. Arrangements have been made for "B" Company to take advantage of the invitation of the Dufferin Rifles to visit them in Brantford on Queen's birthday.

A lecture on the "new attack" will be delivered by Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R., in the 13th Batt. lecture room, drill hall, on Thursday evening next, May 15th, at eight o'clock. All officers and non-commissioned officers are expected to attend, and as many men as can possibly make it convenient.

There will be no company parades on Thursday and Friday evenings next week.

The Battery are getting into good shape, and will, without doubt, carry off the palm in camp this year as usual.

Toronto.

The third of a series of lectures under the auspices of the Canadian Military Institute was given on Friday night in the institute's clubroom, King street west. Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery and Warlike Stores, Ottawa, was the lecturer and his subject "Reconnaissance," with special reference to lead sketching without instruments, was handled in such an interesting manner as to command the attention of the large number of military men present. A vote of thanks was tendered the lecturer at the conclusion of the address. Major General Cameron, of the Royal Military College, lectures at the Institute on Friday the 16th inst, his subject being the Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association.

THE ROYAL GRENADIERS.

The weekly parade of the Royal Grenadiers was well attended last week. Lieut.-Colonel Dawson, A.D.C., was in command. The evening was spent in battalion drill on Wellington street. This street has been kindly illuminated by the Toronto Electric Light Company to enable the city corps to drill.

The anniversary of Batoche was celebrated by the Grenadiers by attendance at St. James Cathedral on Sunday afternoon. At an early hour the boys in red formed up to the number of 421 north of the guns in the park, under command of Col. Dawson. The staff officers present were Major Harrison, Major Mason, Adjutant Manley, Surgeon Ryerson, Assistant-Surgeon King, and Paymaster Bruce. Both bands were present, and the complete ambulance corps. The route to the church was lined with enthusiastic spectators, the ladies being present in large numbers. Shortly after three o'clock the regiment reached the church and filed silently up the centre aisle, filling the centre of the body. The side seats were reserved for civilians. General and Lady Middleton and Mrs. and Miss Dawson were conspicuous amongst the congregation, the General

occupying a seat with the officers of the regiment. The excellent brass band, led by Bandmaster Waldron, and assisted by the glee club, who are to take part in the entertainment on Tuesday and Wednesday evening, led the musical portion of the service. The brass band has attained a degree of proficiency under Mr. Waldron's experienced leadership that will rank it second to none in Canada, and its part in the services yesterday was much appreciated. A shortened form of service suitable for the occasion was read, and the sermon preached by the Rev. C. E. Whitcombe, M.A., chaplain of the regiment. The service was brought to a close by the hearty singing of the National Anthem, after which the regiment marched to the armoury and were addressed briefly by Col. Dawson and Gen. Middleton. The former complimented them on their large turnout, which was sixty more than the authorized strength. There was no doubt that the Grenadiers were composed of men who did not come into the regiment for the pay they got but for the soldiering. Gen. Middleton was glad to be present again on this the anniversary of Batoche. He congratulated the men on their fine soldierly appearance, and was sure that they would as cheerfully undertake the duties they had five years ago performed if called on again. It was creditable to them to be able to show a numerical strength of sixty over their authorized number, and it would be well if many other regiments could show an equally satisfactory state of progress. After three cheers for the General, the regiment was dismissed.

THE SUMMER CARNIVAL MILITARY PARADE.

Ald. Dodds, chairman of the summer carnival committee, has received a communication from Colonel Jones, commanding the Dufferin Rifles, Brantford, accepting the invitation to take part in the grand military parade on Dominion day, in connection with the summer carnival. The 6th Fusiliers of Montreal have also accepted. Communications have been received also from the commanding officers of other regiments which have been invited, stating that the matter is under consideration and expressing opinion that the invitation of the city will very likely be accepted. The battalions which have been invited are: The 6th Fusiliers, Montreal; Governor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa; 15th battalion, Arpple Light Infantry, Belleville; 57th battalion, Peterboro Rangers; 14th battalion, P.W.O.R., Kingston; 12th battalion, York Rangers; 13th battalion, Hamilton; 38th battalion, Dufferin Rifles, Brantford; 7th Fusiliers, London, and all the Toronto Corps. The American corps invited are: 7th regiment, New York, and the 13th regiment, Brooklyn. It is expected that about four thousand troops will take part in the military parade.

Ald. Gillespie, having visited New York, thinks that the prospects are good for a visit by the 7th. He says: "I decided to do all I possibly could to get the 7th New York State National Guard, the crack corps of the United States, to come here. The 7th is the pride of New York city, and is composed of the sons of all the wealthy citizens. The regiment has always been of a very high standard, and to be a member of it is considered an honour, for none but the best element is admitted. Mr. D. Appleton, the great publisher, is colonel of the regiment, and it represents more millions than any other similar organization in the world. I considered that if I could induce the regiment to visit the city these young men, so closely identified with the business interests of the great metropolis of our neighbours, could not help forming a favourable opinion of this progressive city, and during their visit form friendships and acquaintanceships which would be of advantage to all parties concerned. When I reached there I found that the regiment had an invitation to visit Richmond, Va., but the matter had not been decided. I had the pleasure of calling upon Col. Appleton, and he said that he would call the committee together and let them decide.

The committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, were called together:—Capt. Daniel M. Nesbitt (chairman), Capt. G. F. Rand, Co. F; Lieut. W. G. Schuyler, Lieut. Jas. B. Denson, Lieut. R. McLean, Capt. G. B. Rhodes and Col. Appleton. I was invited to the meeting of the committee, and after dilating upon the beauties of Toronto in summer, its progress, and the grand carnival that was to be held, the matter was put to a vote and the committee decided unanimously to accept the invitation. The matter will have to be put to each company of the regiment, but this is only a mere matter of form. The regiment will come 1,000 strong, and will bring the band, 100 strong. It is the best military band in the United States. The 7th Regiment has a history. Although in New York they are called the kid-gloved soldiers, as only the sons of the first families are members, still when Gen. Early made his flank movement on Washington, July 11th, 1864, and the capital of the United States was unprotected, and almost in the hands of the Confederates, and the cry came for volunteers, the 7th was the first regiment to respond. Although not supposed to go out of the State of New York, they went to the field and manned the trenches at the capital, thus defeating Gen. Early's movement. I was in New York at the time and I remember the morning that they left, and their absence was taken

advantage of by the rough element of the city to organize the famous Draft riots. I assured the members of the committee that when they came here they would receive a hearty Canadian welcome—a British welcome, such as only Canadians can give.”

Q. O. R. LACROSSE.

Correspondence is now in progress with a view of arranging a match between the lacrosse playing members of the Queen's Own Rifles and all comers during the stay of the regiment at Peterboro on the Queen's birthday. It is proposed that the game shall be a feature of the sports to be held under the auspices of a local committee on that day. If the Riversiders do not care to face the cracks of the Q.O.R., including Messrs. Drynan, Watts, Carmichael, Giles and others of the Torontos and Capitals, a regimental match will probably be arranged.

LIFE ON A TROOPSHIP.

“A life on the ocean wave!
The man who wrote it was green,
For he never had been to sea
And a storm he never had seen.”

Having but this moment recovered our land-legs and sent our rolling-gait and nautical expressions into quarters for a short while, I shall endeavour to depict “Life on a Troopship” as the Queen's Own Rifles put it before their many friends at the Grand Opera House, on the evening of the 12th May.

They say “A policeman's life is not a happy one,” and that “Drill is the life of a soldier,” but from all accounts Jack Tar has quite a splendid time, and fills in his spare time in a very enjoyable manner.

Before a critical and very fashionable audience last evening, the Queen's Own gave their annual entertainment in aid of the band fund of the regiment, and from the time the jack tars, marines, etc., advanced to sing the “National Anthem” interest never flagged, and round after round of applause greeted the efforts of the performers.

A few minutes after eight the bugle band were heard sounding away in the distance, gradually drawing nearer, and in a few minutes more the brass band took up the time, and to the tune of the “Girl I Left Behind Me” headed the detachments of troops en route for active service.

Immediately after the troops had passed the curtain was rung up, showing the quarter-deck of a troopship, with jack tars, marines, etc., clustered around. “Onward Bound,” a weighing anchor chorus, opened the first part, followed by a song entitled “Jackets of Blue,” by Mr. F. Warrington. A squad of “I” Co., under Lieut. Crean, next gave the physical drill, to music by the band and the men of the squad singing to a couple of the exercises. This was splendidly received, and reflected great credit on their instructor, who spared no pains to make the squad as perfect as possible. The same can be said of the manual and firing exercise squad under Colour-Sergt. G. E. Cooper. The manual exercise was very well done, and the firing exercise was simply perfect; the most critical observer could not have distinguished the volley from the discharge of one piece.

The audience was evidently not prepared for the discharge that followed the signal to fire! and not a few shrieks were heard from the fair ones as a volume of flame belched forth over the heads of the astonished onlookers. An encore was demanded on the conclusion of the bayonet exercise, and when the second volley was going to be fired it was quite the order of the day to see both hands go up to the ears of quite a few of the timid ones, which was remarked by a deafening shout of laughter from all sides of the house as the squad only fired with the nipple capson.

Songs by Messrs. R. M. Gorrie, C. J. Bagueley and Bugler A. L. E. Davies, single stick drill by the buglers, which evoked rapturous applause, and a chorus of “Cheerily Haul He Hi” brought the first part of the programme to a close.

The band filled in the intermission with selections of “Guard Mount” airs.

In the descriptive piece of “Voyage on a Troopship,” Messrs. S. Martin (and Sam seemed as much at home in a nautical costume on the stage as between flags on a lacrosse field), T. Letster, and H. Barker contributed some pleasing selections, and Mr. W. E. Ramsay as usual provoked peals of laughter by his humorous selections.

A hornpipe by Pte. Jas. Edridge, Highland fling and sword dance by Bugler W. Cummings and Piper Wm. Johnston, quartette (mandolins and guitars) by Messrs. Smealey, Birch, Emery and Young, and a set-to between the Morrell Bros. occupied a large part of the second part.

Horizontal bar exercise by Mr. Zock, Ptes. Hurst, Davidson and Hurst convulsed the spectators, and the extremely clever performance of Mr. Chris. H. Dorenwend of “trapeze feats on the edge of a sword” fairly surprised the house. The trapeze work was very clever, but was surpassed when the daring performer, high up over the stage, balanced a chair, himself seated therein, on the edge of a sword, by the rungs, legs and side,

A fancy drum march, introducing a new quick step, composed by Bug-Maj. Swift, and dedicated to Capt. Heakes, Q.M., terminated a very pleasing programme, and the buglers justly earned the rapturous applause that their movements called forth.

The following are the committee to whom great credit is due for the success of the affair, but to Lieut. Wyatt, who acted as stage manager, does the lion's share fall, for his strenuous exertions on behalf of the entertainment: Capt. Macdonald, Capt. McGee, Lieut. Crean, Lieut. Wyatt, acting Sergt.-Major McKell, Stf.-Sergt. Harp, Col.-Sergt. Cooper, Col.-Sergt. World, Sergt. Higginbotham, Sergt. Burns, Corpl. Lennox, Bug.-Corpl. Ross, Corpl. Darby, Mr. John Payley, musical director.

Stage Whispers.

The truly nautical style of chewing the cud exhibited by one of the chorus was much admired from the front of the stage.

The powerful strength of the Canadian military trousers was powerfully illustrated by one of the front rank men in the bayonet squad. I overheard one young lady afterward, in passing through the lobby, say that she was afraid to look at him again lest he would have had what Mr. Ramsay suggested as a remedy for trousers bagging at the knee.

The gods evidently felt that they had a reputation to maintain and accordingly were about as noisy as gods could be.

One of them spying Col. Hamilton in one of the boxes called for three cheers, which were given with a will, but upon demands for a speech the Colonel retired inside the box. After a pause some one cried louder, whereupon the house laughed, and someone starting “Ballyhooley” they gave their united energies to convincing the audience that their bill of fare didn't bother them if they got their whiskey nate.

The mess uniforms of the sergeants looked remarkably fine and formed a pleasing relief to the conventional black claw-hammer.

Ottawa.

The Governor General's Foot Guards, accompanied by the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, had an exceptionally fine church parade on Sunday. Not only were the uniforms and accoutrements of the men in apple-pie order; but the marching was steady enough to have done credit to regulars. The Foot Guards mustered 310 rank and file, under command of Major Todd; the Dragoons 29, with Capt. Gourdeau in command. Lieut. Col. Tilton, the late commanding officer, by invitation, marched at the head of the Foot Guards. The Drum Major's baton was on this occasion wielded by Sergt.-Instructor Thos. Davis, a model soldier, who attracted no little attention by reason of the exceptionally neat appearance of his uniform, and his three medals won by service in Egypt and the North-West.

From the drill hall the volunteers marched to Christ Church by way of Elgin and Sparks streets, the bands of the G.G.F.G. playing appropriate music by the way. At Kent street about fifty of the volunteers marched on to St. Patrick's Church, where Rev. Father Whelan pronounced the benediction, and the choir of the Christian Brothers' pupils sang the service. The main body wheeling into Sparks street continued on to Christ Church, where also special services were conducted. The choir rendered “Onward Christian Soldiers” as the opening hymn. Ven Archdeacon Lauder, Chaplain of the Guards, preached an impressive sermon from Ephesians 6th chap., v. 7th: “With good will, doing service, as to the Lord, and not with men.” At the close a collection was taken up in aid of the County Carleton Protestant Hospital, and immediately after the service the congregation, all standing, sang “God Save the Queen.” The march back to the drill hall was made in the same good order, hundreds of citizens lining the streets along which the column marched. In dismissing the men the respective commanding officers addressed them briefly, thanking the volunteers for their excellent parade.

The Rifle.

A NEW INTER-REGIMENTAL TROPHY.

The *Dominion Illustrated* of last week contains a picture of the proposed Carlslake trophy, to be offered for annual competition at the matches of the Quebec Provincial Rifle Association at Montreal. The trophy is now being made. It will be of sterling silver, and will weigh 160 ounces. “Young Canada” will be conspicuous as a top piece, with the six branches of the service clustered about her feet. A portion of the centre will be of ebony, with silver shields and sprigs of maple, the arms of the provinces being engraved. On each side will be a stand of flags, with shield attached, of silver, and the base, also of silver, will have an ebony border around the panels. The trophy is valued at \$500. It was offered last fall by Mr. George Carlslake, of Montreal, for competition by regimental rifle teams. The conditions were left to be made by the P.Q.R.A., and these are now announced. The teams will be of ten men each, from any corps of the Active Militia of Canada. The firing will consist of seven rounds at 200 yards standing, seven at 400,

and seven at 600 yards, Snider rifles being used. The association offer \$200 in cash prizes in this new match. The trophy will no doubt be a powerful influence in attracting to the P.Q.R.A. meeting regimental teams from Ontario as well as from Quebec.

NEW TEAM MATCH AT BISLEY.

The prize of one hundred guineas offered by the proprietors of the London *Standard* has been applied this year to institute a match which will add to the interest taken by Canada in the team competitions on Bisley common. It will be an International and Intercolonial match governed by these conditions:—To be competed for by teams of twelve, as follows: One team of efficient Volunteers or Yeomen (as defined for the Queen's Prize) from England. One team, as above, from Scotland. One team as above, from Ireland. One team, as above, from Wales. One team from the Militia or efficient Volunteers (qualified to enter for the Queen's prize) from each British colony or dependency. One team (each of whom must be qualified to enter for the Queen's prize) from members home on leave of the Indian Staff Corps, or of the Covenanted or Uncovenanted Indian Service, or Indian Volunteers, or composed of all four. Entrance fee—£3 3s.

from each team, to be paid before 12 noon on Friday, 18th July.

CONDITIONS OF FIRING.—Each team will be under the command of its own captain, by whom all necessary words of command will be given, except in the case of "Cease fire," which will be given by the range officer, if it has not already been given by the captain of the team. Uniform to be worn, dress or undress, all members of each team to be dressed in the same order, with waist-belts and pouches (in which the ammunition must be carried), but not side arms.

The target, which will be stationary, will be six feet square, divided into the same divisions as the N.R.A. second class target, but will have upon it the figures of two men and a gun. Any position will be allowed. All loading to be direct from the pouch.

Each team will be drawn up in extended order at about 700 yards from the target, and the competition will proceed as follows:—

Individual firing, for one minute.

Advance (in double or quick time, at option of captain of team), with trailed arms, to about the 550 yards range.

Volley firing, for one minute.

Advance (in double or quick time), with trailed arms, to about the 450 yards range.

Volley firing, for one minute.

Advance (in double or quick time), with trailed arms, to about the 300 yards range.

Individual firing, for one minute.

The time for firing will in each case be taken from the word "Ready." Eight minutes are allowed for the completion of the competition by each team. Seven points will be deducted for each quarter minute or portion of a quarter minute taken beyond eight minutes. The score of any team not completing within ten minutes will be disallowed.

Any competitor who fails to unload after "Cease fire," even in the case of a misfire, or who loads his rifle before he comes to the "Ready," after halting, will cause his team to be disqualified.

Sights may only be adjusted after coming to the "Ready."

Four points will be deducted from the score for each shot fired before the last sound of the order to commence or after the last sound of the order to cease fire.

Ricochets will be counted as of the same value as direct hits.

No person other than a member of a team, or its captain, will be allowed to coach or assist it in any way.

No sighting shots allowed.

THE CANADIAN MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

Entries for the first season's competitions of this organization have now been closed, with a total of forty-three teams participating. The list includes representatives of all the provinces save British Columbia, there being from Ontario twenty teams, from Quebec fourteen, from Nova Scotia three, from New Brunswick one, from Prince Edward Island two, from Manitoba one, and from the North-West Territories two. The scheme has, it will be seen, been very heartily endorsed by all the prominent shooting corps, and many seldom heard of at the great Provincial and Dominion meetings have been so enterprising as to enter teams, the regular forces being happily included in this latter class. The full list is as follows:—

ONTARIO.

Governor General's Body Guard, Toronto.
C Company, Infantry School Corps, Toronto.
Governor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa.
Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto (2 teams).
10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto (2 teams).
12th Battalion York Rangers, Toronto.
13th Battalion, Hamilton.

14th Battalion Princess of Wales' Own Rifles, Kingston.
21st Battalion Essex Fusiliers, Leamington.
35th Battalion, one team from Barrie and one from Orillia.
37th Battalion, Cayuga.
38th Battalion Dufferin Rifles, Brantford.
43rd Battalion Ottawa and Carleton Rifles, Ottawa (2 teams).
44th Battalion, Niagara Falls.
45th Battalion, Bowmanville.
96th Battalion Algoma Rifles, Port Arthur.

QUEBEC.

B Battery, Regiment Canadian Artillery, Quebec.
Montreal Garrison Artillery.
B Co., Infantry School Corps, St. Johns.
3rd Battalion Victoria Rifles, Montreal (2 teams).
5th Battalion Royal Scots, Montreal (2 teams).
6th Battalion Fusiliers, Montreal (2 teams).
8th Battalion Royal Rifles, Quebec.
9th Battalion Voltigeurs de Quebec.
53rd Battalion, Sherbrooke.
54th Battalion, Richmond.
65th Battalion Mount Royal Rifles, Montreal.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax Garrison Artillery.
63rd Battalion Halifax Rifles.
78th Battalion, Windsor.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

62nd Battalion St. John Fusiliers.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

P. E. I. Garrison Artillery, Charlottetown.
82nd Battalion, Charlottetown.

MANITOBA.

90th Battalion Winnipeg Rifles.

NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES.

F Company, North-West Mounted Police, Prince Albert.
Saskatchewan Rifle Association, Prince Albert.

One corps, the Seventh Fusiliers of London, Ont., wrote that they could not take part as there is no six hundred yards range available. The first match takes place this week, on Saturday, the 17th inst, and subsequently they will be held fortnightly, on the 31st May, 14th and 28th June, 12th and 26th July, and 9th August. The Militia Department, as an encouragement to the League, has promised free ammunition to the competing teams.

Handsome prizes are to be offered, to be paid for out of the entrance fee of \$10 per team. There will be a grand trophy for the team making the highest aggregate in the seven matches, and seven or eight minor trophies for the teams next in order. Several individual prizes also are to be offered by the League. Each of the ten members of the champion team will receive a badge; the individual competitor making the highest aggregate in the seven matches will receive an individual championship badge; and the highest individual aggregate scorer on each team will receive a badge.

Besides the above prizes offered by the League itself there are some individual prizes offered by friends. Mr. J. Foster, of Toronto, offers a field glass for the highest individual score made at any one competition; Staff-Sergt. Thos. Mitchell, of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, offers a pair of shooting boots to the nursery shot making the highest individual score at any competition; and the proprietor of the MILITIA GAZETTE offers a Snider rifle to the individual subscriber making the highest aggregate in any three of the League matches.

The matches will be fired with Snider Rifles, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each, under D. R. A. rules where not otherwise stipulated. The scores of all the matches will be published in full in the MILITIA GAZETTE, which will also indicate from week to week throughout the season the standing of the teams and individuals in the aggregate competitions.

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The weather for the regular spoon competition of the Ottawa Rifle Club, held Saturday afternoon, was the most favourable this season, and as a consequence a very great improvement in the scores will be noticed. A gentle zephyr from the left rear, which kept fairly steady, something unusual on the Rideau range, was all the riflemen had to contend with in the way of wind, and this, with a good light, rendered score-getting not a very difficult matter. It was the fourth spoon competition, and the ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards; rifle, Martini; military position; number of competitors, 42. The following were the highest scores:—Dr. Geo. Hutchison (dessert spoon, 1st class), 91; Lieut. W. A. Jamieson (tea spoon, 1st class), 89; J. A. Armstrong, 88; T. C. Boville, 88; Major A. P. Sherwood, 88; Capt. H. H. Gray, 84; Geo. A. Mailleue, 84; J. H. Ellis, 84; Capt. de C. O'Grady, 83; Capt. S. M. Rogers, 83; R. Stewart (dessert spoon, 3rd class), 83; C. S. Scott (tea spoon, 2nd class), 83; R. Moodie, 82; R. J. Taylor, 81; R. N.

Slater, 80; Lieut. J. H. Fairweather, 79; H. Le B. Ross, 79; Major J. Wright, 79; T. McJanet, 78; D. McMartin, 77; J. McKinney, 77; Capt. B. H. Bell, 77; W. H. Middleton, 76; Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 76; H. McKay, 75.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

The regular weekly spoon competition of the Guards' Rifle Association was held on the range on Saturday, the ranges being 200, 500 and 600 yards, the first-class shots using the Martini rifle, and the second and third class the Snider. Capt. Casey, M.P., put in a 65 with the latter rifle. The following were the top scores: Pte. Armstrong (spoon, first-class), 88; Capt. Gray, 84; Col.-Sergt. Mailleue, 84; Lieut. Fairweather, 79; Staff-Sergt. Gallwey, 77; Pte. Howe, 77; Staff-Sergt. Dawson, 72; Corpl. Brown, 72; Pte. Saunders (spoon, third class), 70.

Montreal.

Notwithstanding the fact that the annual inspection of the Victoria Rifles took place on Saturday, no fewer than 116 rifle volunteers boarded the train for the Cote St. Luc ranges, representing five city corps—the Grand Trunk Rifle Association, 6th Fusiliers, Montreal Garrison Artillery, 65th Regiment, and 5th Royal Scots. The three last named were out simply for target practice, but the two first had matches on. The Fusiliers' competition was what would have been the last of the Morris tube matches, but as the ammunition gave out it was decided that it should take place at the ranges. The competitors were, however, unable to fire all their shots before the train left for Montreal, so that the match had to be left unfinished. The ranges were in a very bad state, the recent heavy rains having rendered the ground in some places a veritable quagmire. As to the weather, it was very favourable, the light being good and the wind so very slight as to hardly interfere in the least with the shooting. The several scores are appended.

GRAND TRUNK RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The Grand Trunk Rifle association had its opening match of the season, the ranges being 200, 400, and 500 yards, seven shots at each. The prize-winners were:—

200 400 500 Total.				200 400 500 Total.					
E. Pratt.....	28	31	30	89	J. Wilson.....	23	30	25	78
W. E. Wilson.....	31	28	29	88	T. Pratt.....	30	23	24	77
W. Marks.....	29	31	28	88	J. Armstrong.....	26	25	25	76
T. Dalrymple.....	29	26	32	87	C. Gardner.....	25	28	23	76
J. Morris.....	26	29	30	85	J. Anthony.....	27	28	20	75
E. O'Brien.....	27	27	31	85	J. Wilson, jr.....	26	22	26	74
J. Riddle.....	28	27	27	82	A. Harrison.....	29	21	24	74
J. Neilson.....	29	26	27	82	J. Dunn.....	27	27	20	74
F. Green.....	26	31	25	82	D. Turnbull.....	22	28	23	73
J. Brighton.....	22	33	26	81	L. Jehu.....	23	28	22	73
E. Layland.....	25	29	27	81	G. Lavers.....	27	24	21	72
J. Scott.....	24	29	25	78	J. H. Robinson.....	22	26	23	71

FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS.

The target practice of the 5th Royal Scots took place at the 200, 500 and 600 yards ranges, seven shots being allowed at each. The highest scores were:—

200 500 600 Total.				200 500 600 Total.					
Capt. Hood.....	22	27	22	71	Capt. Ibbotson.....	25	23	21	69
Piper Clarke.....	22	27	22	71	Pte. Gardiner.....	22	29	16	67
Pte. D. Currie.....	26	25	20	71	Pte. Bethune.....	22	28	16	66
Pte. Kambery.....	28	26	17	71					

The tie between Capt. Hood and Piper Clarke was shot off and resulted in the former taking first place.

At the adjourned meeting of the 5th Royal Scots, held the other evening, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill presiding, the report of the Secretary-Treasurer (Capt. Ibbotson) was presented and was of a very satisfactory character. It showed that there was a small balance in hand and that the 1889 team had, on the whole, made a pretty good showing in the way of taking prizes, among them being the Corporation trophy, which this corps has won each year since the trophy was offered for competition—1888. The election of officers resulted as under: President, Lieut.-Col. Crawford; first vice-president, Major Lyman; second vice-president, Capt. Strathy; captain of team, Captain Hood; secretary-treasurer, Captain Ibbotson; committee, Sergt. Currie (A company), Pte. Bethune (B company), Col.-Sergt. M. O'Brien (C company), Pipe-Sergt. Clarke (D company), Staff-Sergt. Dalrymple (E company), and Pte. Buckland (F company). Major Lyman announced his willingness to offer a prize for monthly competition.

The annual matches of the corps will in all probability be held about the first or second week in July.

MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

The Montreal Garrison Artillery were out for target practice at ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each. Those making the highest scores were:—

Total.		Total.	
Sergt. Dowker.....	77	Major Cole.....	66
Sergt. Bell.....	72	Capt. Finlayson.....	64
Sergt. Wilson.....	71	Gunr. Sharpe.....	57
Bombdr. Gardner.....	70	Sergt. Clarke.....	54

SIXTY-FIFTH REGIMENT.

The 65th Regiment turned out for target practice, the first they have had since the North west rebellion. The ranges were 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each. The highest scores were:—

Total.		Total.	
Pte. Desauliers.....	54	Sergt.-Major Gauthier.....	50
Corpl. Ostell.....	54	Sergt. H. Parent.....	41

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