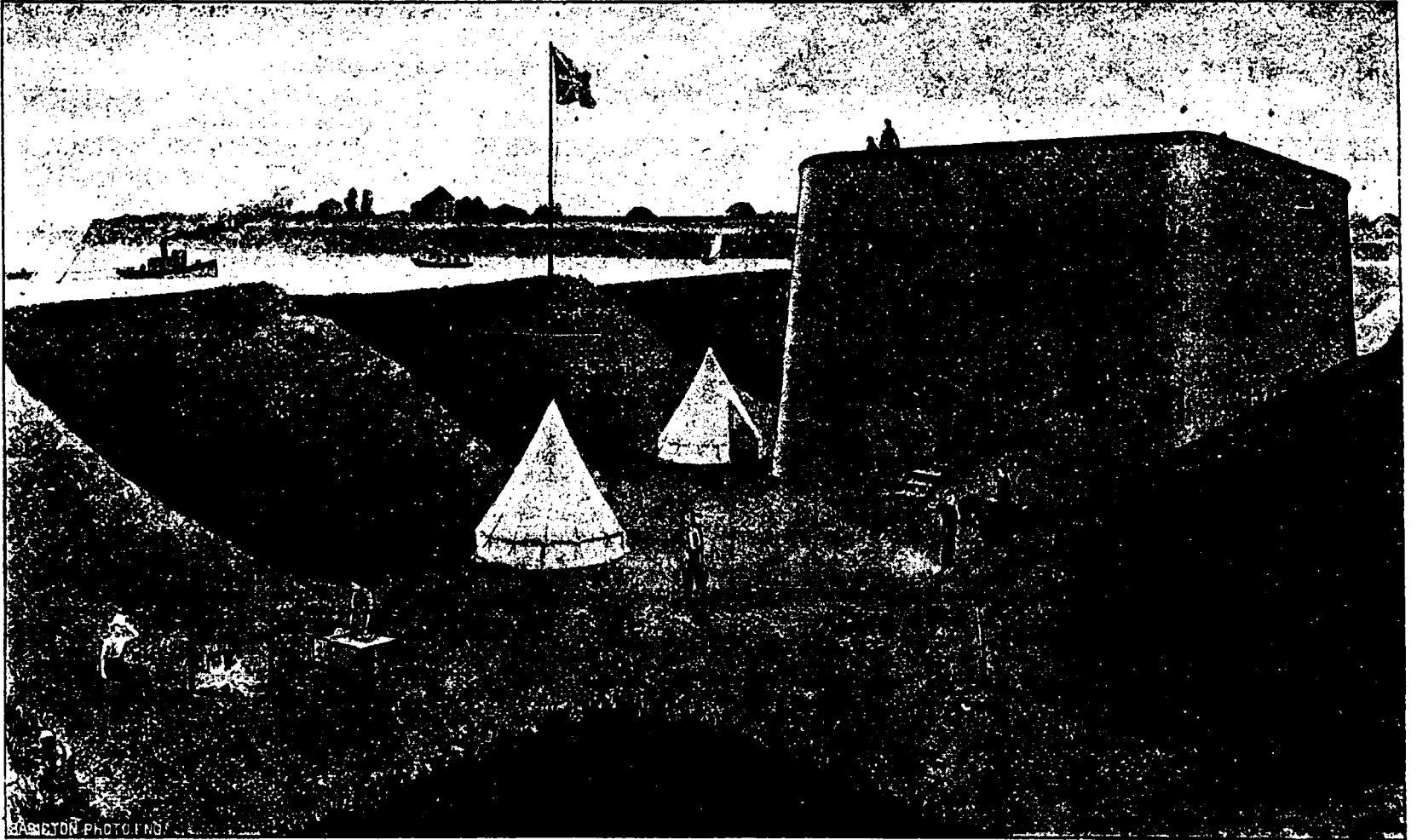


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FORT MISSISSAUGA.

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One of our old-time defensive works on the Niagara frontier, Fort Mississauga, is situated on the lake front, and the ruined remains of its thick, strong earthworks and massive brick tower are still plainly to be seen a few hundred yards to the west of the Queen's Royal Hotel. The earthen embankments were thrown up at the time of the building of Fort George, in 1792, or immediately afterwards; but the huge tower in the centre of the enclosure was not erected until several years later, when it was built with bricks from the ruined walls of the houses of the town of Niagara, which had been cruelly set on fire by order of the American vandal, General McClure, in the war of 1812. Though not so extensive as Fort George, this lake shore fort was not less solidly nor scientifically constructed, and owing, among other things, to the fact that the interior has not been turned into a farm, the outline of the bastions and other portions of the fortification is much more clearly defined. In fact, the projecting and re-entrant angles, the covered way and underground passages, the principal entrance with its massive double-plank gate, thickly studded with iron bolts, the magazine and store rooms and all the other salient features of the stronghold may still be readily identified, and could easily be preserved from final destruction and disappearance by the outlay of a little pains and money. Even the old brick tower in the middle could be saved if the necessary re-

pairs were made on it immediately; but soon it will be rapidly crumbling, an eyesore and a disgrace to the country. These old forts are not essential for purposes of defence, but apart from the care and attention to which they are entitled on account of their historic associations, they could, at a comparatively small expense, be made of great value as centres for company, battery or regimental camps—a method of voluntary training for those in city corps anxious to learn the practical duties of a soldier in camp, which should receive encouragement from district and regimental commanders.

Of the history of the fort, its garrisons, and the incidents of interest with which it has been associated, little or nothing is recorded. Old residents of the locality are, no doubt, familiar with much in this connection that is worth preservation, and reminiscences or notes from them would be greatly valued by those interested in our military history.

OFFICERS WHO DISGRACE THE SERVICE.

Any officer whose conduct or public utterance stamps him as an annexationist should be court-martialed without delay, and if found guilty, dismissed the service. Such action is only fair to the regiment and the force he has dishonoured in breaking his oath. Her Majesty's commission to him "reposed special confidence in his loyalty," &c.; when unworthy of that confidence it should be withdrawn summarily.

THE CAMP AT SUSSEX, N.B.

In accordance with general orders, the following New Brunswick corps went under canvas at Sussex, on 28th June, for the usual twelve days annual training.

CAVALRY.

8th Regiment "Princess Louise Hussars," under Lieut.-Col. Domville.

ENGINEERS.

Brighton Company, Major Vince.

INFANTRY.

No. 4 Co'y., R.C.I., Capt. Hemming.

73rd Battalion, Lieut.-Col. McCulley.

74th Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Beer.

Total strength, 812 officers and men.

The following officers constituted the staff:—

Commandan—Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G.

Brigade-Major—Capt. Hemming, R.C.I.

Supply Officer—Major Sturdee, 62nd Battalion.

Camp Qr.-Master—Capt. Howe, 71st Battalion.

Musketry Instructor—Capt. Perkins, 67th Battalion.

Medical Officer—Surgeon Brown, R.C.I.

Steady drill was commenced on the day following the arrival of the troops, and was continued throughout the duration of the camp. On the afternoon of Dominion Day, brigade drill was held in honour of the day, and was witnessed by a large number of visitors from St. John and the neighbouring district. In the evening, despite the heavy rain, a well-attended temperance meeting was held in the Y.M.C.A. tent, and stirring addresses given by several officers; over forty of the soldiers present signed the pledge at the conclusion of the meeting.

On the 2nd, an excellent day's work was put in by all three arms; Capt. Van Straubenzie, Inspector of Engineers, arrived and the Brighton company were practiced in throwing up earthworks behind the dpper parade. Cadet Maunsell, R.M.C., was attached to this corps during the camp.

The usual church parade was held on Sunday morning, and the afternoon and evening were devoted to rest—the heavy rain spoiling much anticipated recreation. Monday morning saw the resumption of drill and musketry instruction, and by the end of the week a vast improvement in the general work of the various corps was apparent. Major-General Herbert arrived on Wednesday, and on the following morning began a rigid inspection of the arms, accoutrements and personnel of the brigade. Friday was a day of fear and trembling to the recruit and glory to the veteran; from early morning until late the General occupied himself in a minute and careful inspection of the drill of the various corps. The cavalry were in the saddle from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m., being first exercised in the riding school and then put through field movements on the parade. With some features of the work he found fault, but on the whole his examination was eminently satisfactory, and he subsequently stated to Lieut.-Col. Domville that after having inspected every cavalry regiment in the Dominion, he considered that the Eighth ranked first for general efficiency.

The Brighton Engineers, who had done much practical work in erecting earthworks, making gabions, fascines, &c., ended their duties by throwing a bridge across the river and blowing it up with gun cotton; they left camp for home on Friday morning. The infantry were inspected in the afternoon. In the evening a large camp fire illuminated the faces of a great many officers and men who gathered around it to celebrate the last night in camp; songs were sung by General Herbert, Capt. Streatfield, Dr. Brown and others. On Saturday morning the camp broke up, the cavalry marching home, the infantry going by train.

The last drills of the infantry showed the effect of the excellent instruction they had received. The 73rd is a corps of fine physique, and with a very able C. O., Lieut.-Colonel McCully, but is short of officers. The 74th is a good all-round battalion, the Moncton company, commanded by Capt. Hanington, being pronounced the best in camp.

THE LONDON CAMP.

The camp of the rural corps of No. 1 District—the composition of which has been given in a recent issue—closed on 2nd inst. It was one of the largest that has been held this season, and it is much to be regretted that the Major-General was unable to be present; but when so many of these annual trainings are held at the same time in different parts of the country, it is impossible for him to attend all. Possibly his absence from the London camp may be taken as the best possible compliment to the corps of that district, and the officers in charge.

The work done during the closing days was a little out of the ordinary routine, and of special interest. On the 29th, the cavalry was sent out on a tour of reconnaissance through the adjacent country, each troop by a widely-diverging road, with instructions to concentrate at St. John's at a given time. This was successfully carried out, a very few minutes elapsing between the arrival of the different troops.

Dominion Day was observed in London this year with unusual and brilliant *eclat*, the demonstration being probably the largest and most imposing ever witnessed in that city. The camp contributed largely to the general effect, the whole force turning out and taking part in the procession.

Lieut.-Col. Smith, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. Aylmer, Brigade Major and staff were leading, with the cavalry following under Colonel Gartshore. The Cavalry band made its first appearance in public, mounted, and were heartily cheered by the throng of spectators. They made a novel sight and were eighteen strong. The four troops of cavalry, numbering one hundred and fifty men on horseback, looked well and attracted much attention. Thence came the London Field Battery, under Col. Peters and Capt. Williams, with four guns. Then followed the several battalions in camp in order; the men all made a splendid showing and marched well. The 21st Battalion were their big busbies, enhancing their appearance thereby. The Oxford Rifles was the strongest battalion on parade. Each battalion was headed by its brass band and there was no dearth of martial music.

On Saturday morning the various corps left for their local head-quarters; the tents were struck by the men of the Royal Canadian Infantry, and by the evening there was nothing to remind a casual visitor that the ground, a few hours before, had been the scene of busy military life. The London Field Battery were the last to leave, and by one o'clock their guns and stores were safely housed in the shed.

ST. JOHN'S INFANTRY SCHOOL.

If the statements, ascribed by the *St. Johns News*, to General Herbert be true, and may be regarded as official, the movement of the Military School to Montreal cannot be looked for, at least for the present. But we are told the General said "why should not Montreal have another school?" One thing is certain that a school Montreal should have and with little delay. It is in our opinion unlikely that the Government will assume the cost of establishing two schools so close to each other as Montreal and St. Johns but something tentative ought to be insisted on. Pending the permanency of the school here a detachment of it, sufficient for purposes of instruction, should be quartered in Montreal for a more or less extended period during the year.

THE FENIAN RAID OF '66.

A recent issue of the *Welland Telegraph* contained an interesting account of the disastrous fight at Fort Erie on 2nd June, 1866, when a detachment of our volunteers, badly handled and without provisions, had, after exhausting their ammunition, to surrender to a large Fenian force. The whole story of that campaign is replete with instances of mismanagement and lack of preparation, and its details are worth careful study by our officers as a practical lesson—although an unpleasant one—in common-sense soldiering.

QUEBEC.

Lieut.-Col. J. Elton Power, Commandant of the 8th Royal Rifles, was entertained at dinner in the Garrison Club, by his brother officers on Monday evening last, the 4th instant, prior to his departure for England.

The following officers were present:—Majors G. E. Allen Jones and G. R. White; Captains, E. Montizambert (Adjutant), W. J. Ray, Ernest F. Wurtele, W. C. H. Wood, C. J. Dunn, H. J. Hussey (Paymaster), and T. H. Argue (Quartermaster); Lieutenants, J. B. Peters, O. B. C. Richardson, W. Davidson and George VanFelson, the guests present being Lieut.-Col. F. Turnbull, Canadian Dragoons; C. Montizambert, R. C. A.; T. Roy, 9th Batt.; Capt. Hethrington, Q.O.C.H.; Capt. J. George Garneau, Q.F.B.; Hon. George Irvine, and Messrs. H. Smith, W. Petry, and J. A. Ready. Owing to the Camp of Instruction the staff of the District were unable to attend.

The presidential chair was occupied by Capt. Wurtele, with Lieut. Davidson as Vice-President.

The toasts included that of "the Queen," "Our Guest," etc. Major Jones, in proposing the health of Lieut.-Col. Prower, voiced the feeling of all present in wishing that the gallant Colonel would be back again in the near future to resume command of the Regiment. Lieut.-Col. Prower arose and thanked his brother officers for the assistance which they had at all times given him in maintaining the Regiment in its present efficient state, and that he would continue to watch the future of the Corps, although circumstances might prevent his return, to Canada.

Hon. George Irvine proposed the health of the 8th R.R., and Major White that of "Our Guests." In answer to the latter speeches were made by Lieut.-Col. F. Turnbull, Canadian Dragoons, Lieut.-Col. Roy, 9th Batt., Capt. Hethrington, Q.O.C.H., and Capt. Garneau, Q.F.B.

During the evening song were sung by Lieut.-Col. Prower, Major White, Capt. Hussey, and Lieuts. Peters and VanFelson. Mr. W. Petry gave a very amusing recitation

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The Revenue Cutter "Constance," commissioned for service on the St. Lawrence, having requested assistance from the authorities at Ottawa, in order to secure the capture of a smuggling schooner with a valuable cargo of contraband liquor on board, the authorities ordered a detachment from "B" Battery, R.C.A., to proceed to the assistance of the "Constance," and at 11.30 P.M. the detachment, consisting of 15 men under command of Captain Farley, arrived at the Queen's wharf. The men were in heavy marching order and brought a 9 pr. Field Gun with them. In a very short time the men were embarked on board of the Government Steamer "Albert," together with the gun, limber and ammunition, and at exactly midnight left for the scene of action. Lieut.-Col. Montizambert and Capt. Rutherford were on hand to look after the embarkation of the expeditionary force. Owing to the strict manner in which their departure had been kept there were but a few persons present when they left, among whom were three officers of the 8th R.R. in "mufti."

No news has since been received as to their movements.

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Saturday afternoon brought out a number of persons to the Levis ranges, the occasion being the 3rd League Match and the presence of the District Camp in the vicinity. Towards the latter part of the afternoon there was quite a wind, which interfered somewhat with the scoring. Captains Ernest F. Wurtele and H. J. Hussey were present; the former took a hand in keeping the score sheets and the latter put in a little practice at firing. Lieut. O. B. C. Richardson took in the situation, and will, no doubt, induce the popular paymaster to become a competitor in the near future.

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TORONTO.

On Saturday evening Capt. and Mrs. MacDougall of the New Fort left the Union Station, en route for England. "The Braw Laddies," hearing of their intention the night previous, determined to give them a send off. At 8 p.m. about 70 N.C. officers and men paraded under Drill-Sergeant Hollinger, and headed by the drum and pipe band marched to Wellington and York streets and formed up in line. As soon as the captain and his wife made their appearance three hearty cheers were given them. Eight stalwart warriors at once supplanted the horse, to the astonishment of the driver. On reaching the station the men were briefly and feelingly addressed by Capt. MacDougall, after which they were marched back to Upper Canada College and dismissed.

It is stated that Capt. MacDougall will be attached for three months to one of the regiments stationed at Aldershot.

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The many readers of the GAZETTE will be grieved to learn of the serious illness of Lieut. Andrew Irving of the Royal Grenadiers who is now lying at death's door at the residence of his father, 190 Simcoe street. A telephone enquiry from Dr. King on Monday afternoon, elicited the information that Dr. King assisted by Dr. Cameron and Laymond had performed an operation that morning and while the patient is in a critical condition hopes are entertained of a complete recovery.

It is to be hoped that before this reaches the eyes of our readers, we may be in possession of news confirming the hopes of Lieut. Irving's many friends for his rapid advancement to health and strength.

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Bandmaster Griffin of the 48th Highlanders is making steady progress in the formation of the regimental band.

A stand of fifty instruments is expected this week and before long the regiment will be almost complete.

The formation of signal and ambulance corps are now under way so that by inspection it is expected that a complete regiment will be on parade.

Major Henderson, Capt. Macdonald and Staff Sergt. Harp are untiring in their efforts to cultivate the rifle shooting strength, and, heavily handicapped as they are with the "steel barrels," evidence is forthcoming to prove the existence of good shooting material.

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The Order-in-Council having been signed and the Exhibition by-law having been passed, the Exhibition Committee lost no time in letting the tenders for the erection of a grand stand.

On Wednesday work commenced on No. 3 range and already quite a change has taken place in the ground, between the firing points. It was thought that this action would stop all firing on this range but on Saturday the practice of the Queens Own and Grenadiers was carried out without interruption although it cannot be long before the firing points will have to be levelled.

Naturally this causes our shooting men to think that the prospects of getting in a seasons practice are pretty slim and there are to be met many who do not hesitate to say that it will be a matter of no surprise should the Ontario Rifle Association be forced to suspend their meeting for this year; others however say that the new range at Port Credit will be ready before that, but seeing that nothing has been done to it yet, it is rather a large undertaking to get things in shape.

No one seems to be aware of whether the city is bound to provide and equip one before taking the other or just to provide one, leaving the matter of equipment to its own sweet will.

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The shooting of the Toronto teams was exceedingly good at the 3rd League match last Saturday. The weather was fine and the light bright, but the wind was variable, one

time being about 2 or 3 minutes left, changing to the same from the right, and dropping altogether.

Many of the contestants had to fire the 500 yards range after 7.30, and the smoke hanging over the range make the task of finding the foresight somewhat difficult. The following Toronto shots scored 90 points or over.

Sergt. Westman, Q.O.R., 95. Capt. Rennie, Q.O.R., 94. Pte. Matthews, Q.O.R., 92. Lieut. Crean, Q.O.R., 92. Lieut. Davison, Q.O.R., 91. Sergt. Langton, Q.O.R., 90. Capt. Bruce, R.G., 95. Col. Sergt. Fowler, R.G., 93. Staff Sgt. McVittie, R.G., 92. Sergt. Alexander, R.G., 90. Corp Hamon, 12th, 91.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE SIXTY-FIFTH RIFLES.

The inspection of the 65th Battalion "Mount Royal Rifles" was made on Saturday last by Lieut.-Colonel Houghton. St. Peter and St. Paul's day had been originally named as the day but owing to the detention of the D. A. G. at Compton a postponement had to be made and as a consequence the muster was below what it otherwise would have been, and certain officers having previously made business engagements, were absent. The field state showed a total of 236 non-commissioned officers and men. Had the delay in the inspection not occurred the ranks would probably have showed more than three hundred. The following officers were present: Lieut.-Col. Prevost, Majors Labelle and Hebert, Captain and Adjutant Desnoyers, Captains Roy, Gravel, Labelle, Mouseau, Pelletier, Lafromboise, Quarter-master Larocque, and Lieutenants Tarte, Normandeau, Piche, Parent, Prevost, Mathieu, Thibaudeau, Desjardins, Danse-reau, Gelin, Loranger, Trudel, Dugas, Dr. Archambault and Paymaster Ostell. The regiment has put in a large amount of drill this year and showed a high degree of efficiency in battalion and arm drill. Major Labelle put the regiment through the manual and firing exercises, and Major Hebert through a number of battalion movements, all of which were steadily done. As the companies were of less strength than 16 files, drill was done in single rank; it was rather a poor showing, and evidenced that the men had been practised but little in this work. Making due allowance for this, however, the inspection as a whole reflected credit on the regiment. The proceedings were rather long drawn out and the men were on duty from the afternoon till nearly nine at night. The muster taking an unusually long time. The 65th has taken great pains with its musketry this year and has spent \$2.50 on its practice. As the Government Grant is only \$75 this and other outlay has weighed heavily on the regimental finances.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MATCHES 1892.

The following are some of the principal changes in the programme for this year, viz:

The Ranges will open on Tuesday, 9th August, at 9 a. m., the forenoon being devoted to Extra Series at 500 and 600 yards, and Pool Shooting at 800 and 900 yards.

The Nursery opens at 1 p. m., followed by the Frontier at 1.30. All matches will be fired commencing at the shortest Range.

The teams in the Carslake have been reduced to 8 men, and unlimited team entries will be allowed in the Carslake and Active Militia Matches.

The Association Match will be fired with M. H. rifles, and team entries are limited to one team from each Association.

There will be a long Range match at 800 and 900 yards, open to the 12 highest aggregate Scores in the Martini Matches.

There will be Pool at 800 and 900 yards.

Ties for first place in the aggregate, will be decided by firing 5 rounds at the longest range with M. H. Rifle.

In all cases where a possible is made, 3 Extra Shots must be at once fired.



R. M. C. CLUB NOTES.

NO. 4.

No definite news has been received since the first reports conveying the intelligence that Captain W. G. Stairs had died in Africa, and hope is still entertained that the reports will eventually prove without foundation.

Communications with the Baring Brothers, of London, and the Belgian Government serve to show that neither of the above parties have been in any way officially informed of his death.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* of the 25th ultimo, states that letters received by mail contain the information that Captain Stairs was seized with an attack of fever some months ago during the march to Karema, on the eastern side of Lake Tanganyika, and would have succumbed but for the careful nursing and skill of the medical officer.

The telegram of the 14th June, from Mozambique, was the first news received of the party since December last, when, in a letter dated October 14, from Karema, it was stated that they hoped to reach Katanga by Christmas.

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SHOOTING IN THE ARMY.

The Executive Committee have just issued the programme of the 13th Army Rifle meeting, at which the championship of the army is shot for, and which is to be held at the great Ash Ranges, near Aldershot, on Wednesday, July 6, and four following days immediately preceding the Bisley meeting. The value of the prizes offered approaches £1,000 and the meeting is open to the regular troops,—Navy, Marines, Militia, and Yeomanry, with some special prizes for the regular troops of the Southern District. The Magazine rifle Martini-Henry, carbine and revolver are all provided for in the programme; the competitions for the regulars include series for officers, trained men, young soldiers and recruits, while there are special contests in night-firing, infantry running and firing, and with range-finders both for Infantry and for Cavalry, Artillery and Mounted Infantry. One of the most important competitions is that for the Connaught Cup, given by the Duke of Connaught, for teams of four men in field-firing; and other prominent matches are those for the Bowyers' Company's volley prize, the Stewart Cup (the regimental trophy) for battalion teams of eight at 200, 500 and 600 yards; the Goldsmiths' and Silver Smiths' prizes at 800 and 1,000 yards with the magazine rifle; the Martini-Henry aggregate at 600 and 800; the South-Eastern plate for firing at disappearing targets; the London and South-Western mounted competition in section firing, and the preliminary contest for the Evelyn Wood prize, which will be completed at Bisley on July 12. In all there will be forty series open, and the Duchess of Connaught has consented to present the prizes on the last day of the meeting.—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

The Canadian Gazette, of London, (Eng.), repeats the story that "Colonel Cole, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, has called on General Knapp, U.S. Consul-General, and apologized for the ordering down of U.S. flag by members of his corps."

This is absurd; Lieut.-Col. Cole neither apologized nor had any intention of apologising; he merely expressed his regret at the occurrence. Anything in the shape of apology for such a trivial affair would have been totally uncalled for.

THE PETERBORO RANGERS AT KINGSTON.

The visit of the 14th Battalion to Peterboro on the Queen's Birthday was returned by the military representatives of the former town in the shape of a two-days visit to the Limestone City, on 1st and 2nd instant. The 57th is in excellent shape, and paraded 319 strong, reaching Kingston early in the morning of Dominion Day; they were met by the band of the 14th and played to their quarters at the City Hall. At nine o'clock the battalion fell in again, and after a short parade marched to the Drill Shed, where the brigade was to muster. At noon the whole force marched through the city to Catarauqui bridge and across to Barriefield Common in the following order:—

"A" Battery band; detachment of "A" Battery with two guns; Col. Montizambert and staff; 57th Battalion and 14th Battalion; the two latter corps with bands and ambulance corps. A short review followed, after which the 57th were marched back to their quarters and dismissed for the day. In the evening the officers and N. C. officers were entertained by their comrades of the 14th—the former to a moonlight excursion down the river, the latter to a supper at the Union Hotel. At the last-mentioned event, songs, toasts and speeches were given, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

On Saturday afternoon the N. C. officers and men were tendered a trip on steamer "Hero," among the Thousand Islands, and had a very pleasant time. At the same time the officers were entertained by Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Smith at their lake-shore residence, "Ringwood"; and in the evening dined as guests of the officers of the 14th. Lieut.-Col. Smith presided, while Majors Shannon and Skinner occupied the vice-chairs; a most agreeable evening was spent. The visiting regiment paraded about midnight *en route* for home, and received a most enthusiastic send-off from their hospitable comrades of the Rifles. They reached Peterboro safely early on Sunday morning, and were dismissed to their homes with the consciousness of having spent a remarkably pleasant holiday.

The Battalion was commanded by Lieut.-Col. J. B. Rogers, with Majors Bell and Edwards, Adjutant Dennistown, Quartermaster Lawford and Surgeon Halliday as his Staff.

THE GUARDS VISIT MONTREAL.

Ottawa's crack corps took advantage of the recent Dominion Day holiday in an outing to the commercial capital. The regiment paraded at their armory on the evening of 30th ult., marched to Canada Atlantic station, and by nine o'clock were en route: they looked well, but the muster was small. They reached Montreal about 1 a. m., marched to the drill hall escorted by a number of the Royal Scots and after refreshing the inner man, one-half of the battalion bunked in the Scots' Armory, the rest in that of the Victoria Rifles. Through some red-tape mismanagement the blankets which were to have been forwarded from the military stores, Ottawa, had not arrived, and but for the happy chance of being able to borrow sufficient new blankets from the jail authorities, the men would have had to sleep without covering. Fortunately this was obviated. It was four o'clock before all this was settled, and at seven the men were aroused for breakfast, which was furnished at the Richelieu hotel. At 10.30 the regiment paraded in full dress on the Champ de Mars, trooped colours, and marched past; all the movements were creditably executed and the corps presented a very brilliant appearance.

During the rest of the day, and on Saturday, the men were at liberty to amuse themselves as they thought best, and scarlet was the favourite colour in the streets until Saturday evening, when the regiment returned to the Capital. On Friday the officers were taken to the Bel-air races, and in the evening to the Queen's theatre, as guests of the officers of the Royal Scots.

The visiting corps was under command of Lieut.-Col. Toller, with Major Hodgins, Capt. and Adjutant Bowie, and Asst. Surgeon Grant. Company officers were Capts. Jarvis, McPherson, Roper and Hodgins, Lieuts. Brunnell, Ferrier, Fripp, Galway, and Watters, with Lieut. Cameron, Q. O. R., and Gentleman Cadet Blackburn, R. M. C., as attached officers.

GARRISON BATTERIES.

REGULATIONS FOR FIRING AND SHIFTING ORDNANCE COMPETITIONS, 1892.

Firing Competitions—Four competitors selected from each detachment of seven N. C. officers or gunners. To fire each—
64-pr. R. M. L. gun—Common shell, plugged.... 3
Shrapnel shell, time fuze.... 1

Total..... 4
20-pr. R. B. L. gun—Common shell, plugged.... 3
Range for 64-pr. about 2,000 yards, and for 20-pr. about 1,700 yards.

Officers Competition—64-pr. R. M. L. gun. Open to all combatant officers present with detachments. To fire each—

Common shell plugged..... 4

GENERAL RULES FOR FOREGOING COMPETITIONS.

(a.) Each detachment to be present and complete ten minutes before the hour fixed; the officer in charge, who will remain with his detachment during its practice, to be provided with a list of their names, which he will hand to the Umpire, who will decide the order of firing by lot.

(b.) Detachment to parade in clean fatigue dress for competition.

(c.) If considered necessary, two trial shots from each nature of gun may be fired by the Umpire at the commencement of each day's firing, or if target has to be shifted,—the results to be signalled and fully recorded.

(d.) The Umpire will have full discretionary powers to disqualify any detachment, or to inflict a penalty of from two to five points for each irregularity or mistake at drill noticed by him.

(e.) Ties to be decided by (1)—points for direction. (2) common shell score. (3) time. If still a tie then by firing 20-pr. plugged shell at longer range.

(f.) General rules for practice as published by Inspector of Artillery. Umpire's decision to be final. No appeal.

SHIFTING ORDNANCE COMPETITION.

"A" Shift.

A 58-cwt. gun on a common standing carriage, to be dismounted down the rear on watered skids, clear of the platform.

The gun to be then taken, by means of plank and rollers, round a picket placed 20 feet in rear of the platform, the gun not to touch the picket during the operation, and back to the platform.

The gun to be then mounted by parbuckling up the side.

Fifteen minutes allowed for the above operation. Detachments taking a longer time will be disqualified.

For dismounting..... 75 points.

" operations on rollers..... 75 "

" mounting..... 100 "

Points to be deducted by Umpire for mistakes at drill, careless or awkward handling of stores, or other irregularities.

Stores allowed:

Drag ropes, heavy.....	2
Handspikes, 6 ft.....	8
" 7 ft.....	2
Lashings, 1/2 in. 3 fths.....	4
Luff Tackles.....	2
Planks, oak, half— 4 ft.x12 in.x3 in.....	2
" fir, whole—10 ft.x17 in.x3 in.....	3
" " half— 6 ft.x12 in.x3 in.....	3
Rollers ground elm—6 in.x3 ft.....	3
Scotchies.....	20
Skids, fir—14 ft.x8 in.x8 in.....	2
" oak—3 ft.x9 in.x6 in.....	4
3 ft.x6 in.x6 in.....	4
3 ft.x6 in.x3 in.....	4
3 ft.x4 in.x4 in.....	4
Selvagees.....	2
Water bucket and brush.....	1
Parbuckle ropes.....	2

The Umpires and Executive Staff will be detailed subsequently.

D. T. IRWIN, LT.-COL.,
Inspector of Artillery.

THE OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The 12th spoon competition of the O.R.C. was held at the Rideau range on 9th inst., with the Snider, at 200, 400 and 500 yards. Capt. E. D. Sutherland and Mr. C. S. Scott won the desert and tea spoon respectively in the first class, Lieut. R. A. Helmer a tea spoon in the 2nd class, and a tie will have to be shot off by Capt. Billings and Mr. W. A. Bangs for the tea spoon in the 3rd class. The following are some of the scores:—

	200	400	500	Total.
E. D. Sutherland.....	32	32	32	96
C. S. Scott.....	31	35	30	96
F. Newby.....	29	30	31	90
J. H. Ellis.....	32	33	25	90
C. F. Cox.....	25	34	29	88
J. E. Hutcheson.....	26	34	28	88
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STRAY SHOTS.

Lieut. C. P. Nolda, 6th Fusiliers, has gone to St. Johns for a short course.

It is said that the new Canadian drill book will not be ready until 1st January next. The wheels of the committee-gods evidently grind slow; we sincerely hope the result of their deliberations will be equally small if two years training of the Canadian militiaman is still to be boiled down to a twelve (or more correctly nine) day's camp.

Rev. Dr. Smyth, chaplain 6th Cavalry, has left for England on a two month's vacation.

Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Queen's Own, not only discharges men who wont attend drill, but publishes their names in the daily papers. This is right and proper. When recruits join they should understand that soldiering is not play.

An excellent tactical article by "The Odd File" appears in the Empire of 9th inst.

The Bisley team have arrived and have evidently settled down to work, for we hear of them winning two unimportant matches. By the time this is in the hands of our readers, no doubt some interesting news will have been flashed across.

The New Infantry Drill Book.

(*Volunteer Service Gazette.*) (Continued from page 214.)

UNFIX BAYONETS.—EXTEND.

Re-forming.—The squad will be ordered to unfix bayonets, and the men will resume their former order, moving by the shortest line.

Nothing is said upon closing on the supports as in the old book. The squad having been dispersed is to be practised in assembling on the leader, the men forming at the double in two ranks on his right or left hand as ordered. Instruction will then be given in the Charge, as laid down in the Rifle Exercises, and in working by bugle sounds and signals. If the "Alert" is sounded when a squad is retiring, the men in movement "will at once halt, and if retiring, front, forming or waiting, if necessary, for orders, if the danger cannot be seen. This direction appears to us obscure, owing, possibly, to a fault in the punctuation. The "signals" are the same as in the old book, except that No. 4, "retire," is now, "arm with weapon circled above the head;" and that "enemy in sight," is—if in small numbers—to be signalled by the sword or rifle held horizontally over the head, and if in large numbers, in the

same way, the weapon being raised and lowered frequently. The signal for "no enemy in sight" is changed. It is now made by holding up the rifle sword perpendicularly, at the full extent of the arm. "Running short of ammunition" is notified by two men crossing weapons. The orders on the use of whistles are more peremptory than they were. They are only to be used to attract the attention of the men to orders or signals about to be given. "To this order there is but one exception—*i.e.*, a long shrill whistle signifies 'cease fire.'"

We come next to the training of the Company in battle formation. This training is, of course, nothing more than an application of the principles laid down for the squad. Only "General Rules," are therefore given, which are as follows:—

Extensions.—Extensions may be made by one or more sections, not in excess of half the number in the company; the remainder being kept in support.

During an extension, section commanders will see that the men take their proper intervals, and preserve the general alignment.

Before any part of a company is extended the object and general direction of the advance should be clearly explained, and a man named to direct. The commander of the section to which this man belongs will see that he keeps the true direction. It must be impressed on all, that those who boldly advance generally win the fight, and that though the loss be great in attacking a position, the loss of a force retiring after having been once committed to an attack is immeasurably greater.

2.—*Officers and section commanders.*—Half company and section commanders will be in rear of their respective commands when extended in the firing line, in such a position as will best enable them to superintend their men; when in support they will lead their commands in front. They must be constantly on the look out for, and comply at once with the signals or orders of the captain, who will be in rear of the extended line.

When two or more officers are present with a company, one will always be with the firing line.

3.—*Cover.*—The men of the extended line must be instructed to avail themselves of any cover that may offer in their direct line of advance, but they are not to be permitted to move to a flank to obtain it beyond the limits of the front of the fire unit, except by order of an officer. Supports should make every use of cover consistent with their not losing touch of the extended line, and when the ground is favourable should be pushed close up to it.

4.—*Reinforcements.*—Gaps in the firing line will be filled by pushing forward sections. Commanders of sections in the firing line, as casualties occur, will see that the men of their command incline towards the directing man of the section; who, if he becomes a casualty, must be immediately replaced.

5.—*Remarks on firing.*—Fire, whether the firing line is extended as a screen, or is in denser formation for attack, will be under the supervision of section commanders, subject to the general directions of the captain.

The attacking force should always try to get as close to the enemy as possible, consistent with its not suffering undue losses before opening fire.

Volley firing will be maintained during the development of an attack, until the captain orders independent firing. The number of rounds to be fired every time the extended line makes a halt will depend very much upon the ground and actual conditions. The advance must not be delayed by halting oftener or for longer than is absolutely necessary to rest the men, for it must ever be borne in mind that the actual occupation of the enemy's position is the object of the fight.

6.—*Range Taking.*—In addition to the use of instruments for range-finding, ranges during the advance will be estimated by selected non-commissioned officers or men.

7.—*Remarks on the Attack.*—The front to be occupied by a company in the attack cannot be laid down precisely. It will vary under different conditions. At points in the enemy's position which it is intended to assault and carry it will be necessary to follow the rule laid down in General Principles (5).

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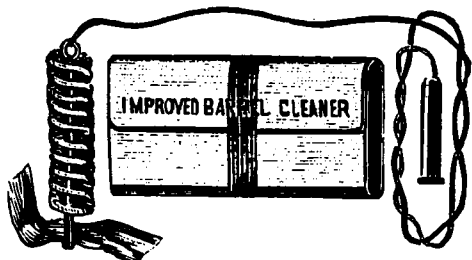
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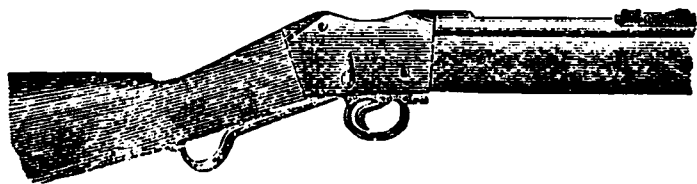
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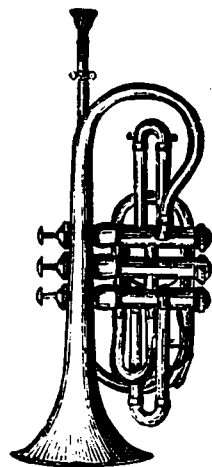
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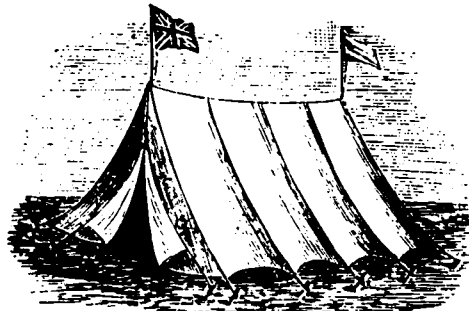


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