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## A REMINISCENCE OF THE "TRENT" AFFAIR.

"It is just 31 years ago," said Mr. John Nunn, past president of the Army and Navy Veterans, and late of the 16th Bedfordshire regiment, "when our regiment, 900 strong, disembarked from the transport *Persia* at a small village 76 miles below Riviere du Loup. It was the time of the Trent affair, you remember, and every man believed that war was to be declared immediately and the belief was fully shared by Canadians. At least their actions led us to suppose so. Sleighs were provided by the habitants, who could not do too much for us. We were received along the route most cordially, and the hospitality displayed towards the troops was unlimited. Snow lay on the ground and we were compelled to stand up in the sleighs, but the warmth of the welcome made up for all discomforts. We went by rail from Riviere du Loup to Montreal and were received by the population en masse, the streets being so densely crowded that we were compelled to march two deep, and even then the ranks were broken by the impetuous enthusiasm of the loyal people of Montreal, who in many instances carried the soldiers on their shoulders. There is a certain amount of nonsense being talked about annexation, but I believe that the same feeling exists in Canada to-day as existed at the time of the reception of the British soldiery when war was daily expected to be declared, and that if anything now occurred that threatened the honor of the flag that waves over both Britain and Canada, the same feeling would animate both Britons and Canadians as was then displayed. It is said somewhere that it requires a great national question, tinged merely with an affront or a right withheld, to cause a people to display the depth of their national sentiment. The reception given to us by the French-Canadians would give me a certain amount of belief in the statement of Sir George E. Cartier that the last shot fired for British connection on this continent would be fired by a French-Canadian, if I were not convinced that a last shot never will be fired, and also know that the Army and Navy Veterans of Toronto will then exist."—*Empire*.

## A NEW MACHINE-GUN.

Nine hundred shots per minute were fired by a new machine gun invented by Messrs. Browning Brothers, of Ogden, Utah, and recently tested at New Haven by the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. This beats the record of the Maxim machine-gun by about 150 shots per minute. The new annihilator has a water jacket which holds a gallon of water, surrounding the barrel, and when the gun is at work this water supply is evaporated in one minute. In experiments made without the water jacket, the barrel was too hot for safety in less than half a minute. The breech is loaded from a continuous web belt, holding the cartridges in pockets. The representatives of the Krupp, Armstrong, and Canet guns have been fighting a wordy but bloodless battle upon the question of the killing capacities of their respective weapons. The initial velocity of the largest of these projectiles now exceeds half a mile per second, and the penetrating energy varies from 200 to 300 foot tons per pound of powder, with a momentum of about 80,000 foot tons, which means that a mass

of metal can be hurled forth with a destructive power something like that of the average railway collision. Canet claims to do you as much injury as Krupp or Armstrong for half the money, and with greater simplicity and elegance. These things have a savage and barbarous sound about them, but there can be no question they are among the triumphs of civilization, they are authentic foot-prints of the march of intellect.

## THE NEW GERMAN ARMY BILL.

The German Military Staff, when in earnest, are wonderfully frank. A writer in the *Militar Wochenblatt*, known to represent their opinion, defends the new army bill, declaring that in the event of the great war the Russian army is so superior to that of the Austria-Hungary that Germany would have to help her on the eastern frontier, while fighting France herself on the western, with the assistance only of part of the Italian army, brought up through the Tyrol. Italy would not be able to invade France, and would have the greatest difficulty in defending her own coasts against an attack from the French fleet. Germany, therefore, would be nearly alone, while she would have to face a France very different from the France of 1870. "The conquered always learn more from experience than the conquerors do." It would be impossible to enter France without carrying part of her line of fortresses, and Russia also can fall back on fortresses, while she is defended by the character of her territory, which baffled even Napoleon. It is indispensable, therefore, that Germany should put her whole population in the field, and thus avail herself of her superiority in population, a superiority of quite ten millions over France. This is very plain speaking, and is certainly free from any taint of boastfulness, the extraordinary advance made by France being fully recognised.—*Spectator*.

## CAVALRY AGAINST INFANTRY.

A writer in the *Revue de Cavalerie*, discoursing on "Cavalry in Contact with Infantry," says that the percentage of hits in peace practice is not to be relied on as indicating what it would be in battle. The most deadly zone of fire, according to peace returns, extends some 650 yards in front of the muzzles of the rifles, but this is by no means borne out in actual war. It was not so at Plevna, Froswiler, Spichenen, or St. Privat. The close approach of danger shakes the nerves and quickens the muscular action in such a way that the nearest zone of fire is really the most innocuous, and it is only at the long ranges, when men are not in immediate peril, that the practice fairly corresponds with the musketry returns of ordinary times. With regard to the training of cavalry to fight on foot, this author propounds the following "essential principles: "Fighting on foot has always been, and must always remain, merely "an expedient." It may be employed against cavalry in exceptional circumstances, each case being determined according to its own peculiarities. Against infantry it will generally have the character of a demonstration, and be combined with the offensive action of a mounted contingent; but in all cases the "solution" must be effected by means of the sabre.

## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## TORONTO.

Staff-Sergt. James Macdonald, who for some years past has been orderly room-clerk of the Queen's Own, has, owing to ill-health, been ordered to spend the balance of the winter at Nassau, West Indies. He left Toronto on Wednesday, the 18th Jan., going via Newport, and was bidden God-speed, and many fervent wishes for complete recovery, by about 25 of his fellow-sergeants.

Staff-Sergeant Macdonald is one of the best known members of the regiment, and was among those actively engaged in 1866.

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The Ottawa correspondence of the "Toronto News" will be attended to during the coming session by Sergt. A. M. Burns of the Queen's Own. Sergt. Burns will prove a valuable adjunct to the merry soul of the Press Gallery, and his absence will be seriously felt by "C" company, should the session be prolonged through the spring drill.

The following are the names of the successful certificate winners at the recent examinations of those desiring to qualify as non-commissioned officers in the Queen's Own Rifles.

Sergeants Certificates.	Maximum 160 Marks.
Pte. D. R. McKenzie	116
Sergt. W. Burns	115
Pte. McIntyre	113
Corp. Small	110
Corp. Beatty	105
Corp. Cowan	104
Corp. Neblock	101
Pte. Legge	101
Pte. Harris	99
Pte. Simpson	99
Corp. Norrie and Corp. Atkins	97
Corporals Certificates.	Maximum 120.
Pte. McNeil	85
Pte. Addison	82
Pte. Lyon	82
Pte. Sellery	81
Pte. McMurray	81
Pte. Stovell	77
Pte. Dickson	77
Pte. Hoskins	75
Pte. Jones	74
Pte. Freer	74
Pte. McBeth	74
Pte. Orr	74
Pte. Frend	72
Pte. Meredith	72
Pte. Hills	72
Pte. Hunter	70
Pte. Peters	70
Pte. Langlois	69
Pte. McLean	68
Pte. Crowley	68
Pte. Cliffe	67
Pte. Hedges	67
Pte. Palin	65
Pte. Smyth	64
Pte. Black	64
Pte. White	64
Pte. Wharin	64
Pte. Hanna	64
Pte. Busteed	63
Pte. Kent	63
Pte. Conniff	61

The examination was conducted by Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Capt. Thompson and Gunther, and the Adjutant, Captain Mercer.

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It has been finally decided, in fact no other course was left open—by the authorities of the Queen's Own to transfer the headquarters of "K" company from the 'Varsity to the Armory, and to recruit it as a down-town company. A little indignation at this action has arisen in the minds of a few who are not aware of the apathy and extreme indifference as to the welfare of the company shown by the University Coun-

cil. That august body refused to grant any assistance, no matter how slight, and fearing a repetition of the past year's work, no other course was left open than to cut away from the 'Varsity and put "K" Co. on the same basis as that on which the other companies are conducted.

Capt. R. Rennie retains the command. Lieut. Coleman goes to "E" Co., and Lieut. Barker and 2nd Lieut. Gilmour will make up the subalterns of the new company. Sergt. J. G. Langton of "B" Co., has been promoted to be Color-Sergeant, vice Color-Sergt. Harcourt resigned. All the N.C. O.'s, and the greater part of the men retire, so that the *persennel* of the company will be almost totally changed.

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Verily, we learn something new every day, but perhaps it is not through ignorance, but with some hidden object in view, that the Editor of the *Toronto Mail* gives to its readers the astonishing news that "the team representing the Hamilton Regiment wins the Gzowski competition." No more and no less. Is it any wonder that the ire of the *Hamilton Spectator* is aroused, and nasty remarks anent the impossibility of Toronto soldiers having to live on microbes and win anything, appear in its next issue?

BRECHBLOCK.

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The non-commissioned officers and men of G company, Royal Grenadiers, entertained their officers and friends at their eleventh annual dinner on night of 25th inst., at Webb's. Capt. McKay occupied the chair, Color-Sergt. Gurney and Sergt. S. Bennett the vice-chairs. Capt. Bruce, Sergt.-Major Cox, Staff-Sergt. Bewley, Lieut. Stimson and others occupied places on the right and left of the chairman at the head of the table. Major Mason sent a note of regret at his unavoidable absence. Some excellent songs were sung by Messrs. McLean, Doughty, Palmer, Brymner, Bartlam, Lyne and Moore and others. Drummer Palmer was particularly entertaining with his whistling in imitation of the different birds. Capt. Bruce, Capt. McKay, Lieut. Stimson, Staff-Sergt. Bewley and Sergt.-Major Cox made stirring speeches in response to the different toasts. The party broke up when the hours began to grow larger, all well pleased with the success of the eleventh annual dinner.

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Sergt. Cumming presided at an oyster supper given in the sergeants' mess in the New Fort barracks on 25th Jan. Invitations had been sent to the city corps, and Color-Sergt. Cooper and Staff-Sergt. Williams represented the Queen's Own Rifles, Staff-Instructor Hollinger represented the 48th Highlanders, and Sergt.-Major Cox, of the Grenadiers, regretted that he could not be present owing to a previous engagement. An excellent time was enjoyed by the goodly number present, and all were delighted.

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The Drum and Bugle Corps 48th Highlanders, 24 in number, drove out to Mimico on the evening of 20th inst., and gave an interesting entertainment in the assembly hall, Victoria Industrial School. Mr. Grenville P. Kleiser added materially to the enjoyment of the evening by giving several readings. The varied programme consisted of music by the corps, bagpipe music by Pipe-Major Ireland, Highland dancing by Piper Tranem, bar and trapeze acting by J. Russell, J. Wade and R. Morgan, songs by buglers C. Asher, J. Parkinson, W. Watts and H. Evans, and was much appreciated by the large audience, the singing of Mr. F. Linky being enthusiastically applauded.

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A meeting of the Toronto members of the Royal Military College Club was held at the Canadian Military Institute, Toronto, to consider certain proposed changes in the Club's Constitution. Amongst those present were, A. E. Hodgins, C.E., Mexico, Capt. C. R. Hodgins, R. A., (from India), W. A. H. Kerr, A. K. Evans, Warner Brock, F. J. Dixon, Capt. J. C. MacDougall, C.R.I., Capt. Kirkpatrick, A.D.C., J. H. Laurie, R. Lanc Regt., Capt. Drummond McKay, and Mr. L. H. Irving.

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The "Last Roll Call" of K. Company, Q. O. R., was celebrated on the evening of the 26th Jan., by a dinner. Under its title it might be inferred that the repast was of a sad and solemn character, abounding in touches of sentiment expres-

sive of the sorrow of those who were present may have felt by reason of the recent action of the authorities in severing the actual connection of the company with the University. It was, however, very much otherwise. The dinner was held at Webb's, and was in every respect a memorable one. In response to the call about 70 members and ex-members of the company assembled. Capt. Rennie occupied the chair, and Lieut. Barker the vice-chair. The other officers present were Lieut. Coleman, Lieut. A. T. Kirkpatrick, and Lieut. W. A. Gilmour. The toast list was a short one, consisting of toasts to "The Queen and Canada," "The Canadian Militia," "Our Regiment," "Our Alma Mater," and "Ourselves." The speeches and songs were of an exceedingly happy and appropriate character, and the arrangements eminently satisfactory. The committee in charge consisted of Capt. Rennie, Lieut. Coleman, Lieut. Barker, Lieut. Gilmour, Color-Sergt. G. A. Harcourt, Sergt. W. A. Scott, Sergt. H. McLaren, Privates J. A. Cooper and A. C. Dobell.

## MONTREAL.

The Montreal Garrison Artillery Armoury was crowded last Wednesday evening, at the "At Home" given by the officers on the occasion of the annual presentation of prizes, and our Artillerymen are to be congratulated on the way in which their lady friends turned out to see them receive their honours.

The members of the brigade were drawn up in three sides of a square facing the tables which were decorated with the prizes, shields and challenge cups won at the rifle competitions at Cote St. Luc, at the artillery competition at Halifax, and the militia championship games held last October in the Drill Hall.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, Lieut.-Col. Cole opened the proceedings by congratulating the brigade on the evident interest taken in their work as shown by the large attendance of their friends, and he took the occasion to explain to the visitors the nature of the several competitions for which the prizes were given, and claiming that while aiming to be efficient artillerymen they had been able in the past to hold an honourable position as rifle shots in competition with the infantry corps in the city.

The officers of the brigade were present in full force, and amongst the visitors were Lieut.-Cols. Houghton and Turnbull, Major Labelle and Capt. Desnoyers, of the 65th; Lieut.-Col. Hood and Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock, of the Royal Scots; Capt. Lane and Brush, retired officers of the M. G. A.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Elder, Mrs. Ogilvy and Mrs. Benton, and the Oswald Challenge Cup, which has been finally won by No 6 Battery, was presented by Lieut.-Col. Houghton.

Lieut.-Col. Turnbull was called upon to present his Challenge Shields, and in doing so referred in flattering terms to his successor, the present commanding officer, who was anxious to see every member of the brigade an efficient artilleryman.

Lieut.-Col. Hood presented the Cup won by Sergt. Drysdale, the winner of the Governor General's Prize at Ottawa, and hoped that he would as successfully represent his Brigade at Bisley, next summer.

During the evening the Band played selections in the lower hall and refreshments were served in the sergeants' mess.

The Royal Scots have obtained permission to use hereafter the same tartan as that worn by the "Black Watch," Royal Highlanders. Hitherto the Lorne pattern was worn, but the difficulty of replacing it from time to time was so great that it was decided to adopt one in more general use. Apart from this we cannot but think that the Scots have done wisely in adopting a pattern identical with that used by the most famous Highland Regiment in the Army.

We learn that a new outfit of uniforms is on the way for the Royal Scots and may be expected within a month. This will be extremely satisfactory to the corps and will no doubt considerably help recruiting and attendance at spring drills.

The members of D Company, Royal Scots, had their annual dinner on Friday, 13th inst. A party of about sixty drove out to Pelouquin's, where the affair came off. The invited guests present were Lieut.-Colonel Caverhill, Major Ibbotson, Capt. Lydon, Sergt.-Niven, Col.-Sergt.-Goldsack, Col.-Sergt. Atcheson and some civilian friends. Col.-Sergt. Drabble presided at the dinner, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The various toasts were dealt with by Sergt. Crawford, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Major Ibbotson, Capt. Lydon, Sergt. Kelly, Sergt.-Major Niven, Col.-Sergt. Goldsack, Col.-Sergt. Atcheson, Pipe-Sergt. Clarke, and Mr. Jas. Norris. The hilarity was further promoted by the vocal and instrumental efforts of Mr. G. W. Baker, Bugler Yale, Sergt. Yardley, Pipe-Sergt. Clarke, and others. Singing and dancing was indulged in up to a late hour.

The Sixth Fusiliers begin drill on Friday, 10th February, the right half-battalion parading on that evening; the left wing will muster on the following Friday, and that evening each week, until further orders, will be utilized for drill, by alternate half-battalions.

On Saturday evening, 21st January, the officers of the city corps held a meeting in the Victoria Armoury to consider the question of furthering social intercourse among their officers and men. Lieutenant-Colonel Butler, Prince of Wales Rifles, presided, and among those present were: Lieutenant-Colonel Hood, commanding Royal Scots of Canada; Lieut.-Col. Prevost, commanding the Mount Royal Rifles (65th Battalion); Lieut.-Col. Starke, commanding Victoria Rifles of Canada; Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Burland, commanding Sixth Fusiliers, and Captain Alton Clerk, commanding Troop "A" Duke of Connaught Canadian Hussars. The proposition discussed was that a military club or association be formed for officers present and past similar to the Military Institute of Toronto. The question was talked over, but no action was taken further than to arrange for a meeting to be held in the Victoria Armoury on Saturday evening, February 4. Some attention was also given to a recreation association for non-commissioned officers and men, and a gymnasium which might be fitted up over the gallery. All these matters will come up at the meeting to be held in February.

The importance of this step to the Montreal force cannot be over-estimated. It has often been discussed by officers and occasionally in the press, an article on the subject having appeared in the issue of this paper on 21st July last. It is hoped that the present action will result in a permanent organization being formed.

The unique features which the coming Smoking Concert of the Victoria Rifles Reserve offer, are attracting much attention and bets are being freely laid on the winners in the "tramp" competition. It is said that costumes are being evolved which will bring blushes of reproach to the faces of the hardened sun-fish who adorn Montreal Harbour in summer and every care will have to be taken to prevent the garments from "fading into nothingness" when brought under the glare of the footlights.

Every facility will be accorded spectators to judge of the demerits of the various candidates, prior to voting. The musical features of the concert promise to be very strong, being in the hands of the best amateurs in the city.

A very jolly evening was spent by the members of the Victoria Rifle Reserve Association in their Club Room, on Tuesday evening, 31st Jan. About fifty or sixty were present, and the various amusements that the Armoury affords, bowling, billiards and shooting, are all well patronized, to say nothing of cards and tobacco. By the courtesy of Lieut.-Col. Starke and the officers of the regiment, the officers' mess-room was given up to the veterans for the evening and its facilities were eagerly taken advantage of; many songs were sung, Messrs. Millar, Johnson, Ramsay, Adams and others being the principal stars. A match at the Morris Tubes was to have been fired between ten members of the reserve and ten officers of the active corps; but with the exception of Lieut.-Col. Starke, not a single one of the latter team turned up, so that a match had to be extemporized between two teams of Veterans. The Vets are in fine shooting trim now and no doubt the officers avoided an over-

whelming defeat by staying at home. Major Radiger and the various committees are to be congratulated on the success which attended the affair and it is hoped that it is only one of a series of such evenings.

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There is a great deal of complaint among the members of the Montreal Rifle Association about the non-distribution of prizes won last summer. This should be looked into by the Committee and some effort made to have the year's business closed out in a business-like manner. It is expected that this year there will be a special effort made to induce all available shots—old and young—to join the Association; it will be a poor advertisement for it if the rewards for last year's shooting are allowed to hang over in this way.

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The officers of at least two of the Montreal battalions—the Victorias and the Royal Scots—are strong curlers, and a match is arranged to take place in a few days between these corps. Two rinks aside will be played; the players will be as follows:—

*Victorias*—Lieut.-Col. Starke, Major Busted, Capt. Meakins, Lieuts. Wilson, Brown, Mackeand, and Hubbard, Surgeon Campbell.

*Royal Scots*—Major Ibbottson, Capts. Cameron, Ibbottson and Rankin, Lieuts. Mackie, Cameron, Simms and Browne.

Lieut.-Col. Starke and Mr. Hubbard will skip the Vics' rinks, while Major Ibbottson and Capt. Cameron will lead the Scots to glory or death. The winners will be open to challenges from other military rinks, and it is expected that the Governor General's Foot Guards, and the Victoria Rifles Reserve Association will have something to say in the matter.

## QUEBEC.

Mr. C. S. Cowie, of the 1st Batt. Royal Scots Lothian Regiment, has been spending a few weeks in this city. His leave of absence will expire shortly, necessitating his leaving for England in the beginning of March.

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Captain B. A. Scott, of the 61st Battalion, was in the city for a few days, and has since returned to Roberval, Lake St. John. He was recently elected mayor of the above place and is a gentleman who will do justice to the position and prove that their confidence in his ability has not been misplaced.

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Mr. F. C. Jones, of the New Brunswick Garrison Artillery, is attached to "B" Battery, R.C.A., for a course of instruction.

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Mr. J. H. Ogilvy, of the Montreal Garrison Artillery, has returned to that city, having completed his course of equitation at the Royal School of Cavalry.

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The following officers are at present attached for a course of instruction with "A" Troop, Regiment Canadian Dragoons: Messrs. J. H. Kaye, 62nd St. John Fusiliers; J. F. Scriver and O. Eddy, of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars; F. H. C. Sutton, Queen's Own Hussars; and Mr. Johnston, 3rd Regiment of Cavalry. In addition to the above there are also from 30 to 40 N.C.O.'s and men who are undergoing a course of instruction.

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On the 23rd instant a fancy dress ball took place at the Skating Rink, the principal event of the evening being a Dominoe March, performed by several young ladies of the city. They received their instructions from Mr. Forester of the Regiment Canadian Dragoons, and the manner in which they performed the march indicated that their instructor had spared himself no pains, as the event was an unqualified success and reflected most creditably upon those taking part in it.

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The annual tournament of "A" Troop, R.C.D., will be held on the 9th, 10th and 11th of February next. A complete change of programme is being arranged from that of their last tournament and the citizens will have another opportu-

nity of witnessing an exhibition of exercises that will afford them much pleasure. It is confidently expected that the citizens will turn out in large numbers and show that the efforts of our gallant troopers are appreciated. The local corps have been invited to assist in making the tournament a successful one.

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The 8th Royal Rifles and the 9th Battalion have issued orders calling in all arms, accoutrements and clothing in the possession of the members of the respective corps, with a view of making a transfer to their new commanding officers. The result as to which corps will be in a position to make the transfer first is still a matter of uncertainty.

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A well-known individual in this district has just passed away, in the person of Lieut.-Colonel Taschereau, Brigade Major, who died after a short illness and was buried at St. Joseph de la Beauce. The funeral was of a private character and attended by Lieut.-Colonel Duchesnay, the D.A.G. of the District, Lieut.-Colonel G. Bignell, 23rd Battalion, and others.

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Parliament was opened on the 12th instant by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Chapleau, who was attended by Major H. C. Sheppard, A.D.C., and Captain F. L. Lessard, extra A.D.C. The day was exceptionally cold with a penetrating wind rendering the outdoor parade anything but pleasant. The escort was furnished by a detachment from "A" Troop Regiment Canadian Dragoons, consisting of 19 N.C.O.'s and men under command of Mr. Forester. The severity of the weather made it necessary that every precaution should be taken to ensure the comfort of the members of the escort. They paraded with great coats wearing the belts outside the same, mufflers and moccasins, and presented a most serviceable appearance and one decidedly in keeping with the climate. The stirrups being covered with flannel also served to protect the feet from the cold. This was the first appearance on record of cavalry mounted wearing moccasins, and although novel in appearance nevertheless proved itself a complete guard against the cold.

Upon their arrival at the Parliament Buildings, and after His Honour had entered the same, the escort were permitted to ride to the barracks and there warmed the inner man, a consideration on the part of the officers which was much appreciated by the men. After this they returned in time to accompany the Lieut.-Governor to Spencerwood.

The Guard of Honour was furnished by "B" Battery R.C.A., under command of Captain Farley and Mr. W. E. Cooke, and although muffled up and wearing moccasins they nevertheless were well pleased to return to barracks. The music was supplied by the bugle band and the salute fired from the Citadel Battery, under command of Captain Fages.

R. M. C., No. 47.

## HAMILTON.

The drill hall was a busy place on the night of 17th inst., there being two meetings on the programme as well as the parade and the hockey match. About a hundred men turned out on parade, the orders calling for left half battalion drill. The companies represented were E, F, G and H, the last named having the largest turn-out. Major Stewart was in command and put the men through physical drill with arms, manual exercise in review order, and battalion drill. Notwithstanding that they wore great coats and fur caps, the men were anything but comfortable, owing to the extreme cold in the immense armory. There are enough furnaces in the place to take the chill off the air if they were lighted on parade nights at least while the present cold snap lasts. All the officers were out, thus setting a good example to the men.

After the parade the second of the present series of hockey matches was played, the contesting teams being from F and G Companies. Sergt. Garson acted as referee. The game was rather quiet and was won easily by G Company's team with a score of 3 to 0. The boys of G scored their first point in the first half and the other two in the second. The teams were as follows:



G COMPANY.		F COMPANY.	
Corp. Richmond.....	} Forwards	.....Pte. Miller	}
Pte. Champ.....		.....Pte. Weedon	
Pte. Birch.....		.....Pte. Scott	
Pte. Bell.....		.....Pte. Kilgour	
Sergt. Francis.....	} Backs	.....Pte. Witthum	}
Pte. Sey.....		.....Pte. McDermott	
Pte. McKenzie.....	Quarter-back	.....Pte. Krug	Goal

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The adjourned annual meeting of the Sergeants Mess, held after parade, was well attended. Sergt. Healy acted as chairman. The annual reports were presented at the last meeting, and the principal business was the election of officers which resulted as follows :

President—Color-Sergt. Healy.

Vice-President—Staff-Sergt. Barnard.

Secretary—Staff-Sergt. Mills.

Treasurer—Staff-Sergt. Bismarck.

Executive Committee—Sergt. McNeilly, Sergt. Atkinson, Color-Sergt. Skedden.

The annual mess dinner will be held on February 1st, and is expected to be a very pleasant affair. The sergeants have now very comfortable quarters, almost as well fitted as those of the staff.

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There was a fair turn-out of the members of D Company at the annual meeting held in the band room on 17th Jan. Capt. Ross was in the chair. Considerable interest was evinced in the business of the evening, and the discussions were very animated. Secretary Charles Sutherland presented a report, which showed the companies to be in good condition both numerically and financially, there being nearly \$150 in the treasury.

The election of officers resulted as follows :

President—Capt. Ross (re-elected).

First Vice-President—Lieut. Fearman (re-elected).

Second Vice-President—Sergt. Kidner.

Secretary—Pte. Reynolds.

Armory Committee—Corp. McLennan, Ptes. Weston and G. Taylor.

Recruiting Committee—Ptes. Patton, D. Campbell, Ogilvie, Davies and McElwaine.

Rifle Committee—Capt. Ross, Sergt. Marris, Ptes. McKendsey, Davies and Miller.

Auditors—Lieut. King and Sergt. Kidner.

It was decided to hold an "At Home" in the Drill Hall, instead of a dinner, and an efficient committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the event, which the men intend shall be a very elaborate affair.

After votes of thanks to retiring officers, the secretary was instructed to send to Major McLaren a letter of thanks for his kindness in presenting D Company with a silver shield for efficiency in the recent competition.

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There was an unusually large attendance at the weekly drill of the right half battalion of the Thirteenth on 20th inst, no doubt caused to some extent by the rumor that the Hamilton red coats had won the trophy competed for by all the battalions of this military district, and had out-classed even the "crack" Toronto regiments. "A" company paraded 47 strong. Major McLaren was in command and the men were put through the preliminary drill and points and guards by numbers, of bayonet exercise. The next on the programme was manual in review order, followed by battalion drill. Much more steadiness and precision was observable in the ranks than at former drills, and the men are rapidly getting back to the work of last fall.

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After parade a game of hockey was played between teams representing Companies C and D, made up as follows :

Company C—Pte. Mitchell, Corp. Gibson, Pte. Thompson, Pte. Cook, forwards ; Pte. Galvin, coverpoint ; Color-Sergt. Hallford (captain), back ; Corp. Cripps, goal.

Company D—Ptes. D. Campbell, R. Campbell, A. Castell, D. Ogilvy, forwards ; Sergt. Kidner, cover point ; Pte. McKendsey, point ; Pte. McIlwain, goal.

Referee—Lieut. Powis.

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"A" Company Thirteenth battalion, held its annual dinner on 20th inst., after parade, and engaged in a general jubilation. All the staff officers of the regiment were invited as well as a number of former members of the company, who belonged to it twenty-five years ago. Among the guests present were Major Moore, Major McLaren, Major O'Reilly, Capt. Moore, Chaplain Forneret, Surgeon Rennie, John Alexander, J. McArthur, F. Armstrong, Instructor Athawes, and others. Major Stoneman presided and made an excellent host, the vice-chairs being Color-Sergt. Parkhill and Sergt. Coddington. The dinner was held at the Dominion Hotel, and the large dining room was beautifully decorated with flags and hung with pictures from the company armory.

The menu provided for the enthusiastic, but hungry red coats was an excellent one and the attack on the good things was sustained for some time.

The first toast was, of course, "The Queen," and it was royally honored. The chairman then announced the toast of "Lieut.-Col. Gibson and Staff," coupled with the names of Major Moore, Major McLaren, Chaplain Forneret and Surgeon Rennie.

In responding to this toast, Major Moore did so with unusual pleasure, because 23 years ago last night he was made Captain of old No. 2 Company, and on Jan. 20th, 1875, he was made a Major of the battalion. In the course of his remarks he made interesting references to the early days of the battalion and he was frequently interrupted by laughter and applause. As the Major took his seat Col. Gibson was announced and as the Commanding Officer proceeded to the head of the table he was greeted with prolonged cheers. Of course he was called on for a speech, and equally as a matter of course, he made a good one. Briefly sketching his connection with the battalion from the time he enlisted in 1863, on to his being made captain of "A," or as it was then called, No. 1 Company, in 1866, and through all the years of his occupying that position until promoted in 1881, he told in graphic language of the work of the old warriors who were the honored guests of "A" Company last night. Referring to the announcement that the battalion had won the Gzowski cup he hoped it was true, as he had long believed the battalion fairly entitled to it. (Laughter and cheers.) "But boys," he continued, "don't forget that to hold that cup, as we certainly should do for some time to come, will entail the hardest kind of application to drill, the greatest of care and attention in the matter of keeping arms, accoutrements, and, above all, the battalion roll call well up to the mark. There is grand material among the young men of Hamilton for a magnificent regiment, and each member of the Thirteenth should see to it that he is not the man to shirk his duty.

The other toasts on the list were as follows :

"Our Country—Canada." Responded to by Sergt. Moore.

"Officers of A Company." Responses by Major Stoneman and Lieut. Herring.

"Non-Com. Officers, A Company." Responded to by Sergts. Parkhill and Coddington, and Corps. Moore, Shuttleworth and Allen.

"Our Guests." Responses by Major O'Reilly, Sergts. J. Alexander, McArthur, Corp. Fergie Armstrong and Capt. Tidswell.

"The Press."

"The Ladies."

Not by any means the least enjoyable feature of the evening was the music. Songs were sung by Corp. Allen, Ptes. Brown, Harvey, Sam, Woods, Sergt. Athawes and Sergt.-Major Huggins. Bandman Jos. Devine gave several piano solos and accompanied the vocalists. Other instrumental music was furnished by Messrs. Taylor, Smith, Davis and Dewar, and Major Stoneman gave recitations.

Letters of regret were received from Judge Robb (Simcoe), formerly Sergeant of old No. 1 ; Alex. Turner (Lieutenant), Lieut. Lester, Capt. Ross, and Surgeon Griffin and Staff-Sergt. Omand.

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At the weekly parade of the left-half battalion on the 24th inst., the turn-out at the Drill Hall was quite small, only 72 men being on parade. Major Stuart was in command. The half battalion divided into two companies after the roll-call, Sergt. Athawes, Capt. Mewburn and Capt. Osborne drilling No. 1, and Capt. Moore and Lieut. Laidlaw No. 2. About

half an hour was given to preliminary and first practice, and then the physical exercise was taken up. In this useful but trying part of the evening's work the men made a particularly good showing, the time kept being accurate, and the movements easy and graceful. Review exercise followed, and then battalion drill.

After the drill E. and H. Companies engaged in a hockey match, which was well played. The teams were :

E COMPANY.		H. COMPANY.	
Sergt. Garson (capt.)	Goal	Pte. Williston	
Pte. Hutty	Point	Corp. Wright	
Pte. Passmore	Cover Point	Sergt. Wood-	
		croft (capt.)	
Pte. Meakins	} For-	Pte. Hembleton	}
Corp. Stewart		Pte. Hamilton	
Pte. Harvey		Pte. Gibson	
Pte. Heath		Pte. Foreman	
Referee—Pte. Taylor.			
Goal Umpires—Capt. Richmond and Pte. McIlwaine.			

In the first half E Company secured two goals, the second one just before time expired. The play in the second half was more close, neither side scoring, so that E Company won by 2 to 0.

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G. company held its annual meeting after the parade on the 24th inst. The reports showed the company to be in good shape financially, there being over \$150 in the treasury. The following officers were elected :—Capt. Mewburn, president ; Lieut. Witton, vice-president ; Lieut. Logie, treasurer ; Sergt. Stewart, secretary ; committee, Sergt. Athawes, Sergt. Stewart, Ptes. King, Cookman, Nixon, T. Kilgour, Scott, Withun, Shaw and Miller. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the annual dinner.

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The much-coveted Gzowski challenge cup, won this year by the 13th Battalion, is now on exhibition. The cup is made in the shape of a large inverted helmet of solid silver, heavily embossed and inlaid with gold in variegated colors, and besides its beauty and value, is an excellent specimen of workmanship. It is supported by a handsomely carved griffin, and the sides and handle are decorated with figures of splendid design. A laurel wreath in gold forms the other part of the ebony base. On this base are six silver shields, two of which are inscribed, one with "Gzowski's Challenge Prize for Efficiency to the Militia of the Second Military District," and the other with the words, "Won by Queen's Own Rifles of Canada, 1891." The cup is valued at several hundred dollars.

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The officers of the Thirteenth battalion gave vent to their feelings of elation at winning the efficiency competition by holding a dinner on Saturday evening, 28th inst., at which a few of the immediate friends of the regiment were present. The big Gzowski cup, which arrived in the afternoon, occupied the place of honor in the centre of the table, and all the regimental plate was on view. The Thirteenth has a very fine display of trophies, including the Toronto merchants' challenge cup, which is valued at \$500 and is now the property of the corps, having been won the necessary number of times. The table was also embellished with a handsome floral design presented for the occasion by Mrs. Moore.

Those who sat down to dinner were : Lieut.-Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson ; Lieut.-Col. Gwyn, Seventy-seventh battalion ; Major Buchan, C. R. I. ; Capt. Hendrie, Hamilton Field Battery ; Capt. Mutton, Q. O. R. ; Capt. W. Hendrie, Forty-eighth Highlanders ; Lieuts. Duncan and Bankier, Hamilton Field Battery ; and the following officers of the Thirteenth : Major Moore, Major McLaren, Brevet-Major Stoneman ; Brevet-Major Stuart, Major Mason, Capt. Zealand, Moore, Mewburn, Tidswell, Ross, Osborne ; Lieuts. Witton, Labatt, Fearman, Powis, Laidlaw, Lester, Waddell, Pain, Logie.

After the toast of The Queen had been suitably honored, the toasts were of an informal character. Major Moore proposed the health of the commanding officer, who, after responding, proposed the health of the sister corps, coupled with the names of Major Buchan, Capt. J. S. Hendrie, Capt. Mutton, and Capt. W. Hendrie. In replying for the Queen's Own, Capt. Mutton congratulated the Thirteenth on winning the cup from his own corps, but assured them the Queen's Own would make them work to retain it. Songs were sung during the evening by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Buchan,

Capt. Mutton, Capt. Osborne, Lieuts. Laidlaw, Fearman, Labatt. The company dispersed before midnight after enjoying a very pleasant evening.

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The parade of the companies of the right half battalion of the Thirteenth on 27th inst. was attended by about a hundred men. Major McLaren was in command and under his guidance the several companies were put through bayonet exercises, the manual and battalion drill.

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On 27th, after parade, H Company, led by Capt. Moore, marched to the Dominion Hotel, where the annual dinner of the company was held. There was an excellent supply of good things to occupy the attention of the company prior to the commencement of the toast list. Capt. Moore was in the chair, and with him at the head of the table were Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Moore, Major McLaren, Major Mason, Lieut. Pain, Lieut. Bruce and Major Stoneman. Letters of regret were received from Surgeon Griffin, Chaplain Forneret, Assistant Surgeon Rennie, Major Stuart, Captain Bowman and Bandmaster Robinson.

The toast list was as follows :

"The Queen and Governor-General."

"Lieut.-Col. Gibson and Staff." Responses by Lieut.-Col. Gibson, Major Moore, Major McLaren and Major Mason.

"Army, Navy and Volunteers." Responded to by Sergt.-Major Huggins, Privates Lawson and Stone.

"Our Guests." Responses by Major Stoneman, Quartermaster Sergeant Barnard and Lieut. Pain.

"Officers of H Company." Responded to by Capt. Moore and Lieut. Bruce.

"The Ladies, the Press and Our Host."

All the speeches were short, although full of compliments to the company on the work of last year. Interspersed among the toasts were the songs, "The Slave Chase" and "Rule Britannia," Sergt.-Major Huggins ; "The Maid of the Mill," by Private Stone ; "The Rale McCoy," by Sergt. Johnston ; "Larboard Watch," by Sergts. Woodcroft and Johnston, and a stump speech by Pte. Hambleton.

## OTTAWA.

At the Drawing-room held in the Senate Chamber on 28th inst. by His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley, the following military men were present : Colonel Czowski, A.D.C., Major-General Herbert, Major St. Aubyn, A.D.C., Capt. Walsh, A.D.C., Lieut.-Col. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Prevost, Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, Capt. Streatfield, extra A.D.C.'s, Col. Powell, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Lieut.-Col. Bacon, Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, Lieut.-Col. D. A. Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. White, Lieut.-Col. Toller, Lieut.-Col. Wright, Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. Burland (Sixth Fusiliers), Major Markham (8th Cavalry), Major Black, of Sackville, N.B., and the officers of the Dragoon Guards, the Foot Guards, the Ottawa Field Battery and the 43rd Battalion.

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Parliament opened on 26th inst. and the usual military ceremonies were observed. The Guard of Honour was furnished by the Governor-General's Foot Guards and was under the command of Capt. Plunket Taylor, with Lieuts. Tyrrell and Gallwey. They paraded, 100 strong, at the Drill Shed and, after inspection, marched in fours to Parliament Hill, headed by the full regimental band, arriving in ample time to receive His Excellency with due honours. The men wore winter uniforms and looked very well.

Previous to this a squadron of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards proceeded to Rideau Hall and escorted His Excellency to Parliament, their appearance being extremely imposing. The troop was under the command of Lieut. Brown, Lieut. Elliott and Sergt.-Major Powell being also on parade. In the meantime the Ottawa Field Battery, under command of Major Stewart, had taken up position on Nepean Point, and on the signal that the Governor-General had arrived at the buildings fired the salute.

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By the kind invitation of Major Stewart about fifty members of the Ottawa Field Battery sat down to a splendid repast at the "Silver Gridiron" on the night of 26th inst. After supper Driver Grey gave an amusing recitation and speeches

were made by Major Stewart, Paymaster Woodburn, Lieut. Gilmour, Lieut. Eaton, Sergt.-Major Eaton and ex-Corporal Fahey.

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In the Auditor-General's report, just issued, is published the correspondence between the Militia Department and the Auditor-General upon the "irregular pay-list of the Ottawa Field Battery," in one of which the deputy Minister of Militia writes:—"My reason for applying for a Receiver-General's cheque for \$25.55 to pay the Ottawa Field Battery for duty performed in firing salute of February 25th last was as follows: A pay-list for the payment of the detachment on that occasion was sent in by Captain Bliss, in temporary command of the Battery, Major Stewart being at the time in Toronto. A doubt subsequently arose as to the correctness of the pay-list thus submitted. The Department had meantime issued the usual cheque to Captain Bliss for the payment of his men. The question of the accuracy of his pay-list having arisen, Captain Bliss, instead of paying the men, deposited the amount of the Departmental cheque to the credit of the Receiver-General. Major Stewart, commanding the Battery, now submits a new pay list, and it is desired to have a Receiver-General's cheque to the order of Major Stewart, to enable him to pay the men. The amount of the deposit made by Captain Bliss was \$25.65. The amount now required to cover Major Stewart's pay-list is \$25.55. The latter is, therefore, the amount of Receiver-General's cheque asked for.

The amount sent in by Captain Bliss was placed to the credit of the Militia Department which issued a cheque to Major Stewart to pay the men and there the matter ended."

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Lt.-Col. Toller and the officers of the G. G. F. G., opened their newly-fitted quarters, in the Drill Shed, by a smoking concert, on the 20th inst. The guests included Major-Genl. Herbert, Capt. Streatfield, A.D.C., Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant-General, Lt.-Cols. Irwin, McDonald, Ross, Macperson and Tilton, Major Stewart, and other gentlemen. Not a little of the success of the evening was due to Messrs. Belleau, Sinclair and Tripp, Capt. Streatfield and Majors W. E. Hodgins and Heron, who contributed songs, and to Messrs. Colson and Gundry, who recited.

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A military hockey match was played in the Rideau Rink on January 24th, between teams from the Rebel Hockey Club and the G.G.F.G. The match resulted in a draw, each side scoring two goals. The Guards team was Major W. E. Hodgins, Capt. P. B. Taylor, Lieuts. E. F. Taylor, C. D. Tripp and Watters, Sergt. Grout, and Capt. Bentley.

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On the evening of the 28th, another detail of the G.G.F.G., consisting of Major W. E. Hodgins and Lieuts. Taylor and Tripp, the Bugle Band and 70 non-commissioned officers and men, formed a guard for His Excellency on the occasion of the Drawing-Room. On the return to the Drill Shed the officers in command thanked the men for the large turn-out, the required number of men being only 60.

## HALIFAX.

No. 3 Battery, Halifax Garrison Artillery, had their annual drive and supper on the 25th inst. This battery is celebrated throughout the Dominion for its efficiency and skill, having been victorious in almost every big gun competition for which it has entered. For two years in succession its members have won the Governor-General's prize for the most efficient battery in Canada. They are the winners of the

- Oswald Gun Trophy, 1884.
- Quebec Merchants Cup, 1884-8.
- Jubilee Trophy, 1887.
- Montreal Merchants' Cup, 1888-9.
- Governor-General's Trophy, 1891.
- Mercier Trophy, 1892.
- Turnbull Challenge Shield, 1892.
- A. and B. Shifts, 1892.
- Governor-General's Trophy, 1892.

They left the Drill Shed about 2:30 p.m., in two large four-horse teams and a double sleigh—all supplied by Robinson—and attracted much attention as they passed through the streets; some in fantastic garb, and all singing lustily. In

the first large sleigh was displayed a large broom, representing "a clean sweep," and from a flag pole was a rooster—"cock of the walk."

The drive was to Bedford; the supper at Wilson's well-known house. An excellent repast was served, the handsomely decorated tables being rendered still more attractive by the presence of the many trophies won by the battery. Capt. Flowers, commander of the battery, presided, the vice-chair being filled by Sergt.-Major Case. After full justice had been done to the viands, toasts and songs followed. Her Majesty's health was loyally honored, the company singing the National Anthem. Sergt.-Major Case then proposed "Our Colonel and Officers," which was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Curren and Lieut. Mowbray. "Our Guests" proposed by Corp. Cunningham, was replied to by Messrs. Wm. Crowe, Robt. LePine, and Sergt.-Major Gibbs. "The Press," proposed by Sergt. Weatherbe, was replied to by J. W. Power, Recorder; and Sergt. MacDonald, in a neat speech, proposed "Our next merry meeting." The speeches were interspersed with songs, all of which were well rendered. "Down on the Farm," and "Love," by Gr. James; "The Fisher Boy," by Sergt. Frawley; "Mother kissed me in my dreams," by Bomb. Fader; and song by Corporal Jensen.

During the ensuing three hours the company enjoyed themselves in various ways, and at 11 o'clock started for home, the pleasure of the drive being only marred by a heavy shower of rain, which fell just before the party reached their homes.

The committee in charge of the drive were Sergt.-Major Case, Sergeants Weatherbe and MacDonald, Corporals Jensen, Isnor, Cunningham and Matheson, and Bomb. Fader, who are to be congratulated on the success they achieved.

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Lieut.-Col. Curren's speech at the supper above referred to is well worth special attention from the mention made of possible changes of considerable import to the Brigade. He began by referring to his early days in this battery, and complimented them in their success, and referred to the fact that the mess table of the Brigade was adorned by 19 trophies, which with but one or two exceptions were won by No. 3 battery. He informed them a possible change in the brigade would likely be made this year, and instead of 7 Batteries of 42 men each as at present, they were likely to have four companies of 100 men each, thus increasing the Brigade 100 men. Should this occur, they would have the officers who they were previously associated with, and Major Maxwell would be their Major, which latter announcement was received with great satisfaction. Regarding the drill shed, Col. Curren said that the Government have come to the conclusion that the drill shed was too far south, and that the new shed should be north of George street, as a large majority of the militia resided in the North end. It is probable an effort would be made to sell the present site and secure a site in the vicinity of Cogswell street, for which the amount realized would pay. He also mentioned that he would probably attend the meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association at Ottawa in a few days, and the question as to whether the competition should take place at Halifax or Quebec was to be considered. He favored the latter place as the most suitable, and asked an expression of opinion from the battery, who gave their opinion in favor of the trip away. He thought the battery should make arrangements to take 19 men, so as to compete in both shifts.

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The Royal Engineers' Minstrel and Dramatic Club gave a very pleasant entertainment in their library, South Barracks, on Tuesday evening 17th inst. The library has been fitted up as a miniature theatre. Stage front, curtain and scenery have been very tastefully painted by a member, Sapper Trevor, R.E. The programme was made up of songs, excellently rendered, and several selections of instrumental music by Mr. Ackworth, R.E.; the evening's entertainment winding up with the farce, "The Terrible Tinker." The programme was excellently rendered, several of the songs being encored. The farce was staged and presented in good style, and considering the small amount of stage room, the production was a great success.

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### The Efficiency Competition in Ontario.

We have pleasure in congratulating the 13th Battalion of Hamilton in winning the Gzowski Cup, competing, as it does against two of the finest corps in Canada—the Queen's Own Rifles and the Royal Grenadiers. It speaks highly for the discipline and *esprit de corps* that exists in the Battalion from the commanding officer downwards. By reference to the Major General's report (a summary of which appears in this issue), it will be seen that the 13th obtained an average of 98½ points, well ahead of the corps next in order (Queen's Own Rifles), whose average was 91½. The 12th Battalion, "York Rangers," shows up remarkably well, ranking next to the Queen's Own, with a score of 84¾ and Lieut.-Col. Wayling and his officers deserve hearty praise for the excellent manner in which their regiment (which has all the disadvantages of the meagre training allowed to a rural corps) has come to the front. In No. 1 District, the 21st "Essex Fusiliers," also stands very well with an average of 77. The Governor General's Foot Guards (in No. 4) him an excellent average of 87 1-3, while on the other hand, another crack corps (the 14th of Kingston), shows up very poorly, only getting 66⅞, and the 43rd, of Ottawa (one of the best, if not the best all-round shooting Battalion in Canada), is still worse with 59½; this latter figure is due however, to the dis-organization of Nos. 2 and 5 Companies, and the consequent heavy reduction in average. No 1 Company of this corps is credited with the highest number of points (111) won by any company in the four Districts.

### Government Treatment of the P. Q. R. A.

We call attention to the report of Council Meeting of Province of Quebec Rifle Association, which appears in another column of this paper. It will be noticed that the Provincial Government still decline to give any financial assistance to the Association, although a very trifling sum (\$300.00,) is all that is asked. Until a year or two ago, a grant was made each year from the Provincial funds, but having been dropped out, (we understand by an oversight,) a short time ago, the Ministry have since declined to re-

insert it in the estimates, in spite of all efforts brought to bear in the matter. It is unnecessary to state here how public opinion regards many of the items which appeared in the Provincial Treasurer's statement in the last three or four years; it is sufficient to point out that it would be difficult to find an institution which has a greater right to ask a measure of financial assistance than has the Rifle Association of this Province, where difficulties are met with which do not appear in any of the other provinces of the Dominion, owing to so great a majority of the population of the Province taking no interest whatever in that most essential part of national defence,—rifle shooting. Every Province in Canada assists to a greater or less extent its own association by a financial grant, and it is simply disgraceful that the one which, from its geographical position is most in need of having a body of marksmen ready for service, should be the only one to refuse anything in this direction. It is well known that so far as the Provincial Treasurer is personally concerned, he is strongly in favour of a fair measure of financial assistance in this case, but we fear the other members of the Cabinet fail to look at it in the same light; we hope, however, that if the case is put fairly before them (so far as the special necessity in the Province of Quebec for training rifle shots is concerned,) that they may be disposed to continue the grant.

### Medals for our Permanent Corps.

It would be interesting to know what has resulted from the meeting of colonial representatives held in London three months ago, to consider the question of granting medals to the local permanent troops for meritorious service, good conduct, and long service. It will be remembered that H. R. H. the Duke of Cambridge and Mr. Stanhope were heartily in favour of the proposal, and agreed to advise Her Majesty to grant such medals, by regulations issued through the vice-regal representative in each colony concerned; the medals to be almost uniform with those issued to the Imperial troops. No doubt the delay, apparently inseparable from the consideration of such matters, will postpone a decision for some time yet; but we sincerely trust that the matter will not be lost sight of. Our Canadian regulars have so little encouragement or reward in this way, that everything that can induce length of service and good conduct will be warmly welcomed by them.

### Rewards for Long Service.

At the same meeting it was also decided by the various colonial representatives, that medals should be given to the volunteers or militia as well as to the permanent corps. (In Canada the latter are also officially styled militia, but no such absurdity exists in the other colonies, so that there is no need confusing the two branches.) There is no doubt that this is fully as important, if not more so, than the medals for the permanent corps, as affecting a much larger number, and is one which should be actively taken hold of by the authorities here. What is wanted is that those members of the Canadian militia who have served continuously fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five years, be granted some special honour or mark of distinction, as has been recently conferred on long service officers of the volunteers in England. As to the advisability of this, or as to the practical benefit it will be to the force, there is, we think, little question. The main point is, should it be urged on the Imperial or on our own Government? There are a good many reasons in favour of the former step, but, on the whole, it would be most appropriate that such distinctions—take what shape they may—should come from the Dominion authorities, as they pay, equip and arm the force, and are its practical rulers in every particular. It would be well if an expression of the views of some of the veterans of the active force were publicly given



on this point, and some plan of united action suggested to press the matter before our war-lords. It is a grant in which the expenses to the Department would be a mere trifle, and which could not fail to constitute a strong incentive to steady service with the colours.

#### More Regimental News Wanted.

Some of our friends complain that they do not find in the columns of the *Canadian Military Gazette* enough news of their own particular corps or district. The fault is, to a certain degree, their own; the remedy also lies largely in their hands. For the military news of a locality whose journals devote little or no attention to the subject, the editor of a service paper is dependant solely on what may be furnished to him by those connected with the local corps, and acquainted with what is going on in its ranks. To such person or persons it should be a pleasure to let his outside brothers-in-arms know what is being done by his battalion, or by military men generally in his locality, in the way of drill, sport, or any of the shapes in which regimental activity shows itself. We take this opportunity of again asking our friends in all parts of the Dominion to send in items of news, either by letter, post-card, or marked newspaper. Let people see that your corps is alive, and means to go ahead. Let them hear what drills are being done, what officers' or regimental meetings are being held, what are the prospects for your shooting teams for next summer, and other miscellaneous news. We are always glad of correspondence, of suggestions, and of the views of our readers on matters connected with the interests of the Militia.

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### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE :

SIR,—I see by your issue of the 1st January, 1893, that your Quebec correspondent speaks of Aides-de-Camp to Lieut.-Governors. Will you kindly permit me to point out that this is a mis-nomer, but an official Secretary is allowed to a Lieut.-Governor.

The only persons entitled to Aides-de-Camp are those holding *real* military command (which the Lieut.-Governors certainly do not), such as the Governor-General, who is also Commander-in-Chief, and the General Officer Commanding.

As accuracy in detail is perhaps more necessary in a military than in any other profession, I beg that you will accept my apology for bringing this matter to your notice.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. LYNDBURST-WADMORE, Lieut. and Bt.-Capt.  
The Canadian Regiment of Infantry.

Fredericton.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE :

Sir,—It will be within your recollection that at a recent Brigade Church Parade in this city the Bands were not massed, owing to a disagreement between the Bandmasters concerned, the one claiming the sole right of conducting, the other holding that it should be shared as equally as possible. Your correspondent "Breechblock," commenting on the affair at the time, very decidedly gave his verdict in favour of the former.

For the information of those interested in the subject, would you kindly call attention to the accompanying extract from the Queen's Regulations :

EXTRACT FROM QUEEN'S REGULATIONS, 1892.

Sec. 7., par. 86. "When units are brigaded for review or inspection, with massed bands, the senior bandmaster will conduct."

"When massed bands are playing together on other occasions, bandmasters will choose the pieces to be performed, according to seniority of appointment, and each bandmaster will conduct during the performance of the piece he has chosen."

Toronto.

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### Royal Military College Club.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER,

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No. 1.—ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, the 24th of February, at the St. Lawrence Hall, Montreal, and the dinner on the evening of the same date.

Members desiring to stay at the St. Lawrence Hall will be granted a special rate of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per day.

No. 2.—ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Members are reminded that the annual subscription is due on the 1st of January, and are requested to remit the same. Attention is at the same time called to by-law No. 19, which provides that no member shall be allowed to take part in any proceedings of the Club, or vote on any subject connected therewith, until he shall have paid all arrears and subscriptions which may be due by him.

Members who have sent their ballots and omitted their subscriptions, and who cannot attend the meeting, are requested to remit the latter, so that their ballots may be taken into consideration by the scrutineers.

No. 3.—REDUCED FARES FOR MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETING.—The undermentioned railway companies will grant a special rate in accordance with the following conditions :—

Canada Atlantic Railway.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

Grand Trunk Railway.

Intercolonial Railway of Canada.

Members paying a full first-class fare from any station on the above railways to Montreal, and who procure the Standard Certificate at the time they purchase their tickets, will be entitled, according to the number in attendance, to reduced rates for the return journey. If fifty (50) members attend from all points in Canada, they will be returned at one-third single fare, if less than fifty at two-thirds single fare.

The return trip to be made by same route as going trip.

Members who have to travel over more than one railway to reach Montreal, will require a certificate for each railway over which they will travel.

Members will please present Certificate to the Secretary for his signature at the meeting.

By order.

ERNEST F. WURTELE,

Captain, R.L.,

Secretary-Treasurer,

Royal Military College Club of Canada.

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The advent of the Hon. Mr. Patterson to the portfolio of Militia and Defence is an event of no little interest to the militia and one fraught with hope. The attitude of the militia toward a new minister is one of respectful expectancy, an attitude which may be changed to one of hostility in the event of non-fulfilment of justly grounded hopes. It is rather odd that no minister has regarded the militia as anything but a toy. It does not seem to have struck them that it is a political and social force and that bad faith and neglect might re-act personally on the political head. Indeed the militia is only waking to a sense of its own power—a power that can be used to advantage when the time comes.

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# REGIMENTAL NOTES.

(Continued from page 39.)

## LONDON.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 7th Fusiliers was held at the Drill Shed on the evening of the 23rd Jan., and was numerously attended. Considerable enthusiasm was manifested in the proceedings, and the meeting was successful from every standpoint. Lieut.-Col. Payne presided. Captain and Adjutant Hayes read reports from the Finance, Regimental and Band Committee, which were adopted. The accounts of the year were approved by the meeting. The following officers will comprise the different committees for 1893: Finance and Regimental, Captains Hayes, Moore and Kingsmill, and Lieut. Fitzgerald; Rifle Committee, Captain Hayes and Lieuts. Magee and Graves; Band Committee, Major Beattie, Capt. Hayes and Lieut. Graham. The meeting then adjourned for a fortnight.

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A military funeral was seen on the streets of London on 25th inst.; it was made up of a detachment of No. 1 Company Canadian Regiment of Infantry paying the last honors to a deceased comrade, Wm. McPherson, who died at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Peter Conley. Young McPherson was a resident at the barracks for three years, and left last spring, since when he had been residing with his uncle. The remains were shipped for burial to Forest, where the deceased had relatives. He was highly respected by his comrade-in-arms.

## KINGSTON.

One of those quiet insinuating rumors that occasionally get into circulation is now going the rounds of the military portion of this city; whether there is any truth in the assertions, has not as yet been ascertained, although no doubt when they reach the ears of those most concerned they will at once meet with sufficient denial substantiated by the necessary proofs to forever put them aside or at least lay the cause of the rumor "by the heels." The rumors spoken of concern the quality and nature of some of the articles that have been furnished for sometime past to the members of one of the Military Institutions of this city. Complaints, so rumor states, have time after time been sent into the presiding officers for his investigation into the matter but for some reason or other they never reach their destination. Whether the person or persons who have the transmission of these communications had any interest in the suppression of the complaints or not, is of course but a conjecture, although the names of two in particular, are associated, and with a monetary interest in this connection. It is to be hoped that those who are the guilty ones, if any there be, will at once be brought to book, and an end put to these complaints which are continually cropping up when least expected. It is reported that a movement is on foot to break the rules of military etiquette and discipline, by the complainants going direct to the presiding officer and to him stating the cause of their discontent. There is, no doubt, in the minds of many that he will exercise his usual severity in the case of those that are guilty, and have sympathy for those who have been wronged.

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There is considerable winter sport going on here at present consisting of snow-shoeing, curling, skating and hockey playing, and many of the officers and men of the local corps take an active part in them. A curling team composed of Lieut. Gaudet, Capt. Rivers, Major Drury, Lieut.-Col. Cotton (skip), defeated a picked team from the medical staff of Rockwood Asylum, by the very close score 19 to 17. Hockey has also quite a boom and nearly every team in the city has more or less members who are military men. A very exciting match occurred on Saturday the 21st, between the 2nd R. M. C. Cadets and the Limestone Hockey Club of this city. It resulted rather disastrously for the Cadets they being defeated by a score of six goals to one. Their teams was composed of the following Cadets:—A. Russell, H. Grant, N. Cosby, R. Blackburn, R. Hayter, E. Maunsell, and G. Cory. They were rather weak in team play but some of

the individual work was well put up, especially that of Cadet Russell in goal who played a brilliant game; had it not been for his magnificent work his team would have had a far worse defeat than that which they sustained. It is claimed he has no equal in this city and was selected therefore to fill that position on the association team that met and defeated the Rideau's of Ottawa on the 28th in this city, by a score of six to four; Cadet Heneker also played in the forward line.

The senior team meets Queen's College team on the 2nd of February, and Trinity College on the 4th February.

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Sergt. Sinclair, of "E" Company 14th Batt., is attending the Infantry School at Toronto, and Privates Thornton and Telgmann, "D" Company, are at London School.

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Donald McGregor, once a piper in the 70th Highlanders, died in Smith Falls the other day at the advanced age of 93 years.

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Word has just been received here that Fred Lake, a smart young volunteer and a sergeant in "F" Co. 14th Batt., has just died in Denver, Col., whither he had gone for the benefit of his health; he was there but three months when he succumbed to the call of the grim destroyer. This makes five members of "F" Co. who have died in the space of little over a year.

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Lieut. Kennedy, R.E., a graduate of the Royal Military College, was recently married in Rochester, Eng., to Miss Booth. Lieut. Kirkpatrick, R.E., was groomsman.

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Lieut. Patterson of the Royal Fusiliers, Dublin, attended the bachelor's ball in this city on the 25th inst. Ex cadet Vercoe was also in the city on the same date.

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The assault-at-arms of the 14th sergeants having been such a great success, there is talk of the Battery getting one up for the benefit of the regimental hospital.

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The sergeants' mess of the 14th opened their gymnasium in Ontario hall on the 2nd February. Instructions are given in sparring, foils, single stick, sword, bayonet, quarter staff, bar bells and club swinging.

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The junior N.C.O.'s of "A" Battery have just completed the arrangement of a small theatre which has been fitted up in one of the empty barrack rooms. They give their first entertainment about the middle of this month; a screaming farce will be put on.

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Sergeant-Major Morgans states that he has inserted challenges, time after time, in different newspapers and got no satisfaction therefrom. He wishes the following to be printed in the C. M. GAZETTE, which being a periodical devoted entirely to military matters, may bring forth better results: Sergt.-Major Morgans, R. M. College, Kingston, champion swordsman of Canada, challenges any man in America to meet him in an all round contest for the championship of America, in the following events:—Foils vs. foils, sword vs. sword, bayonet vs. bayonet, sword vs. bayonet, bayonet vs. lance. The acceptor of this challenge to have the option in the bayonet vs. sword or bayonet vs. lance bouts of being mounted or dismounted. The amount of the purse to be an equal amount on each side of any sum from \$100 to \$500; one-fifth of wager to be deposited with the Editor of the GAZETTE as a forfeit previous to the signing of articles for the contest.

## BRANTFORD.

"B" company of the Dufferin Rifles held their annual dinner at B. N. Foster's restaurant on 19th inst., at which about fifty members of the company were present. A dainty spread was provided by Mrs. Foster and when it had been discussed to the satisfaction of all present, Captain Ruddy who occupied the chair called the meeting to order. The usual loyal toasts were heartily received and the customary songs sung. The toast of the "Captain" was received with great applause. Capt. Ruddy in replying to the toast said that he had given in his resignation as captain of the com-

pany, but although he would not be with them as an officer his sympathy would always be with "B" company. "The Sergeants" was responded to in a very able manner by Sergeants Mellish and Dunlop. During the evening several songs were sung in capital style by members of the company and after singing "God save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne" the gathering dispersed, all feeling that they had spent a profitable as well as an enjoyable evening.

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Major T. Harry Jones, city engineer, Brantford, has been elected an associate member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers.

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The following notice appears in the local papers :

Sealed Tenders for the construction of a Brick Drill Hall in the City of Brantford will be received up till noon, on Wednesday, the 8th February. Plans, specifications and instructions to bidders may be seen at the office of Major T. Harry Jones, Chairman of the Building Committee.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Brantford, Jan. 21st, 1893.

The specifications for the above are now being got ready by Major Jones. The Colonel and officers are very sanguine that the tenders will come well within the sum of money at their disposal. It is understood that by July next everything being favorable the new drill shed should be ready for occupation. It will be good news for the members of the regiment, and citizens generally, that everything now points to a speedy erection of the armoury.

### SHERBROOKE. Q.

We learn that the room recently opened in the Art Building by the officers of the 53rd Batt. for practical drill, recreation and amusement for the members of the corps is being very well attended. Regular drill will soon be had in squad drill, physical drill with and without arms, sword-drill, calisthenics, etc., under competent instructors. It is a capital opportunity for officers and men to learn their duties. No corps can be a success without some central meeting-place for its members.

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The first hockey match between the companies of the 53rd was played on Wednesday evening, when No. 1 and 2 lined up as follows :—

No. 1.		No. 2.	
Horton	Goal	Ward	
Yates	Point	Povey	
Morkill	Cover	MacAulay	
Boyle	Centre	Lougheed	
Fraser	Forwards	Edney	Major
Fyles		Davis	
Robins		Wells	
McAllister	Umpires		

J. A. McKechnie, Referee.

The game was well contested but the "Grenadiers" had the best of it. The score at the end of time stood 8 to 4 in favor of No. 1.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A hockey match between the N. W. M. P. team and a town team, was played on the river on the 18th January, and resulted in a victory for the military, who proved to be too heavy for their opponents. The town boys frequently rushed the puck to the police goal, but failed to get it through. The police were more fortunate, the score at the end of the game standing 4 to 0. Another match will be played.

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The County Council of Berlin, Ont., has granted \$200 to the 29th "Waterloo" Batt., which will go towards procuring helmets for the men.

### PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Council of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held in the room of the 65th Battalion, Drill Shed, Montreal, on Tuesday, 24th Jan., at 12.30 p.m. Lieut.-Col. Houghton presided, and the following officers were also present :—

Lt.-Cols. Mattice, Hood, Butler, Starke, Brosseau, Fraser, Burland, Prevost ; Majors Blaiklock, Radiger, Sims, Busted, Roy ; Captains Hooper and Edwards.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The treasurer's statement, previously submitted, was again read, and attention called to the fact that it had since been audited and had been found correct.

A number of names were submitted for life membership, as representing the banks who subscribe to the funds of the Association.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows :

Chairman of Council — Lt.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G.

Treasurer — Major C. W. Radiger.

Secretary — Major W. M. Blaiklock.

Finance Committee — Lieut.-Cols. Fraser, Martin and Brosseau.

Auditors — Capts. J. Fair, J. G. Ross.

Representatives to D.R.A. — Lieut.-Cols. Butler and Cole ; Majors Bond, Blaiklock, and Sims.

Vice-Patrons — The General Officer Commanding the Militia ; Lt.-Cols. Hutton, Lyman and Fletcher, C.M.G. ; Sir George Stephen, Sir Joseph Hickson, Andrew Allan, Esq., Harland McDougall, Esq., A. F. Gault, Esq., Wm. Weir, Esq., F. Wolferstan Thomas, Esq., Hector McKenzie, Esq., Duncan McIntyre, Esq., W. J. Buchanan, Esq., A. M. Crombie, Esq., Robert Hamilton, Esq., Quebec ; J. J. Curran, Esq., M.P., Hon. H. Mercier, Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Sir Donald A. Smith, Hon. Senator Thibaudeau, Hon. Senator Ogilvie, Hon. J. Sheyn, Hon. James McShane, Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, James Slessor, Esq., R. B. Angus, R. N. Grindley, Esq., J. Murray Smith, Esq., L. J. Forget, Esq., H. M. Allan, Esq., George Hague, Esq., Jacques Grenier, Esq., Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens, D.A.G., J. S. Hall, Esq., M.P.P., Sir John Abbott, A. Lepine, Esq., M.P.

Executive Committee — Lieut.-Cols. Butler, Burland, Cole, Fraser and Miller ; Majors Blaiklock, Bond, Busted, Ibbotson and Sims ; Captain Brown.

The question of the refusal of the Provincial Government to continue the grant of \$300 to the Association was fully discussed, and the following committee was appointed to consider the best steps to be taken to induce the Government to continue this aid, so essential to the Association, and adopt what action they thought best :—Lieut.-Cols. Brosseau, Butler and Prevost ; Majors Blaiklock and Bond.

In answer to a letter which had been sent by the Secretary to the various associations who have taken part in the annual matches, communications were received from Capt Rutherford, "B" Battery, R.C.A., Capt. Bruce, 10th R. G., Lieut. Spearing, 53rd, and from representatives of the 43rd Battalion and the Cornwall R.A. The opinion expressed was, as a rule, unfavourable to any change in date of matches, but strongly urging the exclusive use of the Martini. Mr. Spearing's letter was an unusually interesting one, full of valuable suggestions, and enclosing an extra \$5 towards the Association funds.

The valuable services of the energetic secretary, Major Blaiklock, were duly acknowledged and a grant of \$200 was voted.

The question of the rifle to be used at the 1893 matches was discussed, and the feeling was almost unanimous in favour of the use of the Martini only.

Col. Rogers, the Customs officer at Franklin Centre died on 31st January, aged seventy-five. He was a veteran of 1837-'88, and saw service in the Fenian raids. On the formation of the 50th battalion, he was appointed Colonel, which office he resigned five years ago. He had been in the Customs service over forty-five years.

# How the Officers of Canadian Permanent Corps are Treated.

## PENSIONS FOR THE DISTRICT STAFF AND PERMANENT FORCE OF CANADA.

Among the many anomalies of the Canadian military services nothing is more striking than the parsimonious treatment accorded the officers of our Permanent Corps in the small pay allowed them, and absence of pension after completion of service.

The subjoined table shows the comparative allowances of pay and pensions made to officers in our own Imperial

Service, the United States, and Canada, and also the pay and superannuation allowance to officers in our own Mounted Police. A reference to it will at once satisfy any fair-minded person that the Canadian Corps is placed on a most unfavorable footing.

Also subjoined is a statement of the rates of pensions given to non-commissioned officers and men of the Mounted Police, which, taken with the fact that no pension is given to those of the Permanent Military Force, shows that the latter are not, comparatively speaking, put on a fair footing.

## APPROXIMATE COMPARATIVE TABLE

SHOWING PAY AND PENSIONS OF THE REGULAR FORCES OF GREAT BRITAIN, UNITED STATES AND DOMINION OF CANADA, INCLUDING THE NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

RANK AND NATION.		PAY PENSION ETC.	PRIOR TO 5 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 5 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 10 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 12 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 15 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 18 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 20 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH	AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE. PER MONTH
Lieut. Colonel.	British	Pay	\$ 133 25	\$ 133 25	\$ 133 25	\$ 133 25	\$ 133 25	\$ 133 25	\$ 133 25	Full Pay
		Pension				101 25	101 25	121 50	121 50	
	United States	Pay	250 00	275 00	300 00	300 00	325 00	325 00	333 33	
		Pension	187 50	206 25	225 00	225 00	243 75	243 75	250 00	
	Canada	Pay	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	120 00	
		Pension	Nil							
Commisr. N. W. M. Police.	Canada	Pay	216 80	216 80	216 80	216 80	216 80	216 80	216 80	
		Superannuation		21 66	43 32	52 00	64 98	73 00	86 64	
Major	British	Pay	\$ 117 00	\$ 117 00	\$ 117 00	\$ 117 00	\$ 117 00	\$ 117 00	\$ 117 00	\$ 121 50
		Pension				5832 00	7776 00	9720 00	81 00	
	United States	Pay	208 33	229 17	250 00	250 00	270 83	270 83	291 67	
		Pension	156 25	171 87	187 50	187 50	203 12	203 12	218 75	
	Canada	Pay	90 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	
		Pension	Nil							
Ass. Comr. N. W. M. Police	Canada	Pay	133 33	133 33	133 33	133 33	133 33	133 33	133 33	
		Superannuation		13 33	26 66	32 00	39 99	48 00	53 32	
Captain	British	Pay	\$ 84 60	\$ 84 60	\$ 84 60	\$ 84 60	\$ 84 60	\$ 84 60	\$ 84 60	\$ 121 50
		Pension				5832 00	7776 00	9720 00	81 00	
	United States	Pay	150 00	165 00	180 00	180 00	195 00	195 00	210 00	
		Pension	125 00	137 00	150 00	150 00	162 50	162 50	175 00	
	Canada	Pay	90 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	105 00	
		Pension	Nil							
Supt. N. W. M. Police	Canada	Pay	116 66	116 66	116 66	116 66	116 66	116 66	116 66	
		Superannuation		11 66	23 32	28 00	34 98	42 00	46 64	
Lieut.	British	Pay	\$ 47 40	\$ 47 40	\$ 47 40	\$ 47 40	\$ 47 40	\$ 47 40	\$ 47 40	\$ 121 50
		Pension				5832 00	7776 00	9720 00	81 00	
	United States	Pay	125 00	137 00	150 00	150 00	162 50	162 50	175 00	
		Pension	93 75	103 12	112 00	112 00	121 87	121 87	131 25	
	Canada	Pay	60 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	75 00	
		Pension	Nil							
Inspector N. W. M. Police	Canada	Pay	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	83 33	
		Superannuation		8 33	16 66	20 00	24 99	30 00	33 32	

N.B.—This Table is on the basis of Infantry Pay in the British and United States Services. Engineer, Cavalry and Artillery receive even higher pay. The Canadian rate is, however, the same for all arms.



Also this table, as regards Canada, shows the pay of the *Permanent Force* only, and not that of the *District Staff*. The last mentioned receive annual rates of pay as follows:—A Deputy Adjutant-General \$1,700 per annum, as opposed to \$3,500 per annum paid to an Assistant Adjt.-General of Imperial troops at say Halifax.

A Brigade-Major (Canadian), no matter how high his rank, or what his length of service, is paid \$1,200 per annum, as opposed to \$3,000 per annum paid to a Brigade Major in the Imperial service, who has much less to do than ours.

A District Paymaster (Canadian) is paid only \$600 per annum, as opposed to \$2,230 paid to a Staff Paymaster in the Imperial service. Besides this, our District Paymasters have to perform the duties of Superintendent of Stores as well, but are not paid anything additional therefor.

**MOUNTED POLICE, N.C. OFFICERS AND MEN.**—The officers of the Mounted Police are on the same footing as other civil servants, that is to say they are on the Civil Service Superannuation List.

A Constable receives a pension according to the following scale, under an Act passed in 1889:

(a) If he has completed 15, but less than 21 years service, an annual sum equal to one-fiftieth of his annual pay for every completed year of service.

That is to say, a well-conducted constable at say 20 years service would receive a pension of \$102.20 per annum.

(b) If he has completed 21, but less than 25 years service, an annual sum equal to twenty-fiftieths of his annual pay, with an addition of two-fiftieths of his annual pay for every completed year of service above twenty years.

(That is to say a well-conducted constable with say 24 years service, would receive a pension of \$132.86 per annum.

(c) If he has completed 25 years service, an annual sum equal to thirty-fiftieths of his annual pay, with an addition of one-fiftieth of his annual pay for every completed year of service above 25 years. So, however, that the pension shall not exceed two-thirds of his annual pay at the retirement. (That is to say a well-conducted constable with say 30 years service, would receive a pension of \$188.85 per annum.

N. C. Officers pensions are of course larger in proportion to their pay; for example, a staff-sergeant, with a dollar per day of pay, would, after 25 years service, get a pension of 60 cents per day, or \$219 per annum.

#### THE CANADIAN MILITARY INSTITUTE.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Military Institute was held in its rooms, King street West, Toronto, on Monday evening, 23rd January. There were 80 members present, a good indication of the interest taken in the Institute, and an encouraging omen for the coming year. Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, C.M.G., M.P., presided, and Mr. L. H. Irving acted as secretary. A telegram was received from the retiring president, Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, regretting that, on account of urgent private business, he was unable to attend.

The following annual report was then read:

#### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

TORONTO, 21st January, 1893.

The Committee has pleasure in submitting its report for the year 1892.

Eighty-four members were elected during the past year; twenty have been struck off the list for non-payment of fees.  
\* \* \* In addition, the Institute lost two members through death, viz: Mr. A. G. Bigelow, M.P.P., late 10th Royals, and Capt. W. Hudson, late 7th Fusiliers. The membership at present consists of 349.

The usual statement of assets and liabilities, together with the treasurer's annual synopsis of revenue and expenditure, which latter at the last audit showed a cash balance of \$102.02, will be laid before you. The receipts from all sources amount to \$1831.18; the expenses, \$1,666.06, making a cash balance on the 1st January instant of \$267.11. As compared with the foregoing year, there has been an increase of \$393.31 in the receipts, and a decrease of \$156.92 in the expenditure.

The donations to the Library have been most gratifying. The Institute is indebted to His Excellency the Governor-General, the Secretary of State for War, the Minister of

Militia and Defence, the Councils of the Royal United Service Institution, the United Service Institution of New South Wales, the Military Service Institution, U. S. A., the Royal Military College Clubs, the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, and the Nova Scotia Historical Society for copies of various works. The gentlemen under-named have also presented books to the Library:—Colonel Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D.C., Lt.-Col. the Hon. J. W. Gibson, Lt.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. W. D. Otter, D.A.G., Colonel C. R. Pope, U. S. Consul at Toronto, Lt.-Col. J. V. Graveley, Lt.-Col. C. S. Jones, Majors Delamere, Mead, W. E. Hodgins, A. G. Lee, T. McQueen; Capts. Mutton, Trotter, A. L. Jarvis, J. S. Hendrie, E. S. Wurtele, S. C. D. Roper, Messrs. Louis Sutherland, J. P. Edwards and L. H. Irving. Major Manley presented a large photograph of Major-General Herbert, and Inspector A. C. Macdonald a pair of elk horns. Through these donations the Militia Reports and Lists have been completed from 1861 and 1863 respectively, and with a few exceptions of the earlier ones, the Militia General Orders from 1863. One hundred and ninety-six volumes have been added, either by purchase or donation, during the year.

During the year just concluded papers on the following subjects have been read:

"Reminiscences of the Egyptian Campaign in the Sudan," by Lt.-Col. T. C. Denison, C.M.G., M. P.

"Lower Canada during the War of 1812-15," by Mr. Benjamin Sulte.

"The growth of a Military Spirit in Canada," by Lt.-Col. W. E. O'Brien, M.P.

"With the Indian Contingent in Egypt," by Surgeon-Major W. Napier Keefer, late Bengal Army.

The usual "selected papers from the transactions of the Institute during 1891-2" have been printed and distributed amongst the members.

As early as June the Committee commenced to arrange for the lecturing season 1892-93, and invited a number of gentlemen to lecture. Major-General Herbert, Colonel Walker Powell, Colonel W. B. Irwin, Colonel H. J. Grasset regretted that, owing to various circumstances, they would be unable to comply with the Committee's request.

The opening lecture was delivered by Col. G. A. Sweny, late Royal Fusiliers on "The Abyssinian Expedition;" the Committee have made arrangements for seven other lectures to be given during February, March and April, by the following gentlemen:—Lieut.-Col. H. W. D. Otter, D. A. G., Lieut.-Col. H. Smith, D.A.G., Lieut.-Col. A. H. Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. J. Pennington Macpherson, Surgeon-Major W. Napier Keefer, Major C. B. Mayne, R. E., and A. S. Sulter.

The Committee in addition to holding twenty three meetings during the year, appointed Major S. Manley, R.G., to be Honorary Corresponding Secretary and the following gentlemen as corresponding members:—

At Winnipeg—Lieut.-Col. T. C. Scoble.

At Kingston—Major C. B. Mayne.

At Quebec—Capt. E. F. Wurtele.

At Hamilton—Capt. W. O. Tidswell.

At Ottawa—Capt. A. L. Jarvis.

At Regina—Inspector A. C. Macdonnell.

At Montreal—Capt. J. P. Edwards.

That these appointments have been of service is shown by an increase in the membership and in the accessions to the Library.

The Ontario and Dominion Governments have assisted the Institute in voting \$100 each.

The demands of the members for increased quarters and accomodation have been met by adding four rooms, without any increase in the rental, a telephone has been supplied, a billiard table furnished and a lunch-room provided, as well as giving a room to the Treasurer and Secretary.

During the year just concluded the Institute has been more extensively patronized than ever; the rooms have been used by the Ontario Rifle Association, the Ontario Artillery Association, the Canadian Militia Medical Association and by various corps for holding meetings.

The Committee invites the attention of the members to the proposed change in the constitution providing for the admission as members of officers and ex-officers of the Royal Navy and of the North-West Mounted Police.

The adoption of the report was moved by Col. F. C. Denison and seconded by Col. O'Brien, M.P.

The annual election of the officers of the institute for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Capt. O'Brien and

Mr. Alan Mathieson, Q. O. R., acting as scrutineers. The following were elected: President, Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison, C.M.G., M.P. Vice-presidents—Major J. Mason, Royal Grenadiers; Major Lawrence Buchan, C.R.I.; Lieut.-Col. W. E. O'Brien, M.P., 35th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. G. R. Starke, "Vics"; Lieut.-Col. James Munro, 22nd Battalion; Major F. King, Welland Canal F.B.

Committee—Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R., Major Mead, T.F.B., Capt. Fleming, G.G.B.G., Major Delamere, Q.O.R., Capt. Symons, 12th, Major W. C. Macdonald, 48th.

Secretary—Mr. L. H. Irving.

Treasurer—Mr. Robert Myles, T.F.B.

Auditors—Capt. C. C. Bennett, Q. O. R.; Capt. A. M. Irving, R.G.

The usual votes of thanks to the retiring president, officers and auditors were then passed, and the very successful meeting adjourned.

## MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

The *Canada Gazette* of 20th January contains the first batch of General Orders for 1893. No. 1 is of considerable importance, and we reproduce it as follows:

G. O. (1.)

### REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA.

#### *Amendments.*

His Excellency the Governor General, in virtue of the provisions of the "Militia Act," chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, and by and with the advice of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, is pleased to order as follows:—

1st. That paragraph 32 of the Regulations and Orders for the Militia be cancelled, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

"32. The strength of regiments, batteries, troops and companies of the Permanent and Active Militia, shall be set forth in a 'List of Regimental Establishments,' which shall be submitted annually to Parliament and published in Militia General Orders."

2nd. That paragraph 81 be cancelled and the following substituted therefor:—

"81. All commissioned officers shall hold certificates of qualification, according to the terms laid down in these orders, and amended from time to time by Militia General Orders. Failing this they shall only exercise command provisionally, and shall not be provisionally appointed to a higher grade than that of Second Lieutenant, nor shall any officer hereafter provisionally appointed, receive a higher rate of pay than that of Second Lieutenant.

"81a Where two or more provisionally appointed officers are serving in the same troop, battery, or company, they shall take precedence for command in the order of their seniority."

G. O. (2.) is entitled

### REGULATIONS FOR THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

G. O. (3.) has reference to a subject about which there is not enough known throughout the country, viz., the opportunities afforded our young men of obtaining commissions in the Queen's service by other means than going through the Royal Military College. It reads

### EXAMINATIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE ACTIVE MILITIA, FOR COMMISSIONS IN THE IMPERIAL ARMY.

General Order (3) of the 2nd January, 1892, is amended as follows:

Applications of candidates desirous of attending the Literary Examinations, must be sent in through the regular channel to the Adjutant General, Headquarters, Canada, so as to reach him by the 1st January and 1st July, for the April and October examinations, respectively.

Applications of those who have passed the Literary Examination, and are desirous of being examined in Military subjects, must be forwarded in the same manner, so as to reach Headquarters, Ottawa, by the 7th June.

Certificates as required in the Regulations issued with Army Order dated 1st January, 1892, must accompany the applications.

Copies of the above mentioned regulations, and full information as to the manner of making application, can be obtained from the Deputy Adjutant General of each Military District.

G. O. (4.) relates to

### PAY-LISTS, RATION, FUEL AND LIGHT RETURNS OF PERMANENT CORPS.

G. O. (5.)

### COMMAND PAY—HOW TO BE DRAWN.

G. O. (6.)

### RETIRED LIST

Refers to two unimportant matters.

G. O. (7)

### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

gives a long list of changes in the active force.

There are 18 first appointments, and 31 retirements, showing a net loss to the force of 13 officers. It is quite evident that discipline is becoming more strict, as a number of the retirements are compulsory for absence without leave and other sufficient reasons. The 52nd "Brome" battalion alone lose six officers in this way.

Lieut.-Col. Bingham, commanding the 94th Batt. "Argyle Highlanders," is permitted to retire with rank, on account of ill-health. Another officer of high rank whose name disappears from the Militia List is that of the late Surgeon-Major Connell, 67th Battalion "Carleton Light Infantry," so well-known in New Brunswick.

G. O. (8) is of especial interest to Artillerymen; it is—

(Supplemental.)

### COMPARATIVE EFFICIENCY GARRISON BATTERIES, 1892.

Brigade and Battery.	Officer Commanding.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Manual and Firing Exercises.	Company Drill.	Gun Drill.	Discipline and Interior Economy.	QUESTIONS.				Inspecting Officer and Remarks.
							Officers.	N. C. Officers.	Absentees.	Total	
FULL MARKS		10	20	20	80	10	48	72	260		
B. C. Brigade											
Battery No. 1	Capt. Townley	10	14	14	49	10	16	70	183		Lieut.-Col. Holmes, Acting D.A.G.  Brigade average, 186
Do No. 2	Lieut. Sargison	9	15	15	48	10	29	38	164		
Do No. 3	Capt. Quinlan	10	15	18	43	10	32	58	186		
Do No. 4	Capt. Smallfield	9	15	18	60	10	29	70	211		

G. O. (9) is the last, but not by any means the least, occupying, as it does, four and a half pages of this *Gazette*. It is extremely interesting to the military men of Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4, as it embodies the views of the Inspecting Officer on the general and comparative condition of the corps in those districts. We have not space for the whole Order, but will give a summary of it.

The total number of marks obtainable by each company is 150, allotted as follows:—Clothing and accoutrements, 10; Arms and armories, 20; Manual exercise, 8; Firing exercise, 8; Company drill, 20; Interior economy, records, &c., 10; Rifle practice ( $\frac{1}{2}$  % of score), 50; Officers answers to questions, 24.

The battalion averages obtained are as follows:—

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 1.

*City Corps.*

7th Battalion Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Payne, 34.

*Rural Corps.*

21st Battalion, Lieut.-Col. Beattie, 77.

22nd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Munro, 71.

27th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Ellis, 66.

29th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Cowan, 44.

32nd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Scott, 64.

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 2.

*City Corps.*

2nd Battalion Q.O. Rifles, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

10th Battalion Royal Grenadiers, Lt.-Col. Dawson, 76.

13th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Gibson, 98 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

38th Battalion Dufferin Rifles, Lt.-Col. Jones, 55 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

48th Battalion Highlanders, Lt.-Col. Davidson, 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

*Rural Corps.*

12th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Wayling, 84 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

34th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Donovan, 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

35th Battalion, Lt.-Col. O'Brien, 74.

36th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Tyrwhitt, 69.60.

37th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Davis, 71.50.

77th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Gwyn, 71.25.

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 3.

*City Corps.*

14th Battalion, Lt.-Col. H. Smith, 66 $\frac{5}{8}$ .

15th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Lazier, 33 $\frac{1}{6}$ .

57th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Rogers, 72.

*Rural Corps.*

40th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Rogers, 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

46th Battalion, Lt.-Col. Benson, 50 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

MILITARY DISTRICT NO. 4.

*City Corps.*

Governor-Generals Foot Guards, Lt.-Col. Toller, 87 $\frac{1}{3}$ .

43rd Battalion, Lt.-Col. Wright, 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

## Personal Notes.

Mr. Calvin Dennis, a member of No. 5 Company, 77th Batt., was accidentally killed on 7th inst., at Winona, Ont. He was 26 years old and unmarried, and highly respected by all who knew him.

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Mr. Fred Brooker, bandmaster of the Governor-General's Body Guard, has been presented by Capt. C. Dixon with a cheque for \$50 in consideration of his bringing the band to such a high state of perfection.

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Mr. John Deverell, for many years brigade-major of the 22nd $\frac{1}{2}$  Battalion, and formerly in the Imperial service, died at Woodstock on 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

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Her Majesty has conferred on Capt. Sir Baldwin Walker, R.N., the Companionship of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, for services rendered as senior officer engaged in the protection of the Newfoundland fisheries. Sir Baldwin was born 14th September, 1846. Entered the navy as a cadet December, 1859; sub-lieutenant 24th September, 1865;

lieutenant 18th February, 1868; commander 31st July, 1880; captain 4th February, 1886. He served as commander of the Northumberland during the Egyptian war of 1882 (Egyptian Medal, Khedive's Bronze Star.) It will be remembered that this officer was much hampered in his work by some of the Islanders, and a tedious lawsuit resulted.

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The Hon. R. Fitzroy Somerset has just been appointed aide-de-camp to Lord Wolseley, commanding the forces in Ireland. He is a grandson of the first Lord Raglan, who served through the Peninsular war, under the Duke of Wellington, and who died in 1855 in the Crimea, while in command of the British forces before Sebastopol. The new aide, who is only 27 years of age, is a lieutenant in the Guards, and well bred for soldiering.

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We regret to announce the death of Hawley Smart, the novelist, who will be remembered by old-timers as a very popular officer in H. M.'s 17th Foot during its protracted stay in Canada, whither the regiment came direct from Crimea. Capt. Smart was a clever amateur actor, and often faced the foot-lights in Quebec and Montreal with Effie Germon and Mrs. Buckland, the Webb sisters, the Wilkinsons, Bayley, (Royal Canadian Rifles), Cookworthy (60th Rifles), and other well-known favourites of the long ago. The Seventeenth sailed for England in 1865 taking with it this accomplished and genial-hearted gentleman, to the no small regret of his many devoted friends.

His best work by far is "Breezie Langton," a military novel of great merit. Its descriptions of garrison life at home and active service in the Crimea are most interesting.

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In Staff-Commander Boulton's report to the Minister of Marine of the Georgian Bay survey, he mentions that the first skilled assistants who aided him in the work were Lieuts. W. J. Stewart and D. C. Campbell, both graduates of the Royal Military College, Kingston.

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A great loss to the service is in the retirement of Captain Waller de C. O'Grady, 43rd Battalion, one of the best shots and most popular officers in the Canadian militia. As is well-known, Capt. O'Grady—who is in the service of the Bank of Montreal—was moved from Ottawa to Wallaceburg some time ago, and his present withdrawal is due to this enforced absence from the headquarters of his battalion. Prior to joining the 43rd, Capt. O'Grady served for several years in the Victoria Rifles of Montreal, and the Governor-General's Foot Guards. We trust that it will not be long before his name again appears in the "Gazette" as re-entering the active force.

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Mr. Grant-Duff, representative of the Smokeless Powder Company of London, is now in Canada and will deliver a lecture in Toronto on 2nd inst., on the subject of "Smokeless Powder"; it will be repeated in Montreal in the Victoria Rifles Armoury, on Tuesday, the 7th. The subject is a very interesting one and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance of members of the Militia. Mr. Duff-Grant (who, by the way, is a member of the London Scottish and an excellent shot), delivered a similar lecture in New York recently before the United Service Club, his remarks receiving very warm praise from the military and sporting papers of that city.

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The late General Benjamin F. Butler, although an able and successful man, had no great liking for Canada or Great Britain and had repeatedly in the last few years, advocated in public speeches, a forcible annexation of the Dominion by the United States. An article from his pen which appeared a few months ago in the *New England Magazine*, displayed his bitter and unreasonable hatred of everything British. He was an excellent type of a class of half-military politicians in the United States who pander to the Fenian element there, and to whom it is difficult to extend even common courtesy. He was rather vain-glorious of his military life during the rebellion, and to the last thought his base action in looting the silverware of the people of New Orleans and threatening to flog women in the highest social circles for not accepting the Star and Stripes as their flag a great stroke of military genius.

## MILITARY BALLADS.

## IX.

## DANNY DEEVER.

"What are the bugles blowin' for?" said Files-on-Parade.  
 "To turn you out, to turn you out," the Colour-Sergeant said.

"What makes you look so white, so white?" said Files-on-Parade.

"I'm dreadin' what I've got to watch," the Colour-Sergeant said.

For they're hangin' Danny Deever, you can hear  
 the Dead March play,  
 The regiment's in 'ollow square—they're hangin'  
 him to-day;  
 They've taken all his buttons off an' cut his  
 stripes away,  
 An' they're hangin' Danny Deever in the mornin'.

"What makes the rear-rank breathe so 'ard?" said Files-on-Parade.

"It's bitter cold, it's bitter cold," the Colour-Sergeant said.

"What makes that front-rank man fall down?" says Files-on-Parade.

"A touch o' sun, a touch o' sun," the Colour-Sergeant said.

They are hangin' Danny Deever, they are marchin'  
 in' of 'im round,  
 They 'ave 'altd Danny Deever by 'is coffin on the  
 ground;  
 An' 'e'll swing in 'arf a minute for a sneakin'  
 shootin' hound—  
 O they're hangin' Danny Deever in the mornin'.

"'Is cot was right—and cot to mine," said Files-on-Parade.

"'E's sleepin' out an' far to-night," the Colour-Sergeant said.

"I've drunk 'is beer a score o' times," said Files-on-Parade.

"'E's drinkin' bitter beer alone," the Colour-Sergeant said.

They are hangin' Danny Deever, you must mark  
 'im to 'is place,  
 For 'e shot a comrade sleepin'—you must look  
 'im in the face;  
 Nine 'undred of 'is county an' the regiment's dis-  
 grace,  
 While they're hangin' Danny Deever in the  
 mornin'.

"What's that so black agin the sun?" said Files-on-Parade.

"It's Danny fightin' 'ard for life," the Colour-Sergeant said.

"What's that that whimpers over'eard?" said Files-on-Parade.

"It's Danny's soul that's passin' now," the Colour-Sergeant said.

For they're done with Danny Deever, you can  
 'ear the quickstep play,  
 The regiment's in column, an' they're marchin' us  
 away;  
 Ho! the young recruits are shakin', an' they'll  
 want their beer to-day,  
 After hangin' Danny Deever in the mornin'.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

## ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Mr. John Robert Taylor, C. B., F.R.C.S., Inspector-General of Hospitals, Army Medical Department, who died the other day, went in 1838 to Canada, where he had charge of the wounded after the fight at Point-au-Pelé. Up to 1839 he served at Chambly with the 1st Dragoon Guards and 15th Regiment, who were in garrison there. In 1842 he joined the 29th Regiment in India as a surgeon, and he served with it in the Suttlej Campaign, 1845-46, including the actions of Ferozeshah and Sobraon, where the losses of the regiment were extremely heavy, being nearly one in four of the officers and men engaged. In recognition of the "able and kind services" rendered by him in these actions, he received a presentation of plate from the wounded officers under his care. In 1848 he exchanged into the 80th Regiment, and served with it in the campaign in Burma, including the affairs of Martaban, Rangoon, and captures of the Great Dragon Pagoda, and of Prome. With this regiment he returned to England in 1854, and was gazetted first-class staff-surgeon, and appointed principal medical officer at Chatham. In March, 1855, he was ordered to the Crimea, where he joined the third division of the Army, under Lord Raglan. He was present with his division in the assault of June 18 and in the taking of Sebastopol on September 8. He was principal medical officer at Fort Pitt, Chatham, until 1861, when he proceeded in the same capacity to the Cape, being also commissioned to inquire into and report upon a scheme which the Government had in view for establishing a sanatorium there. His report was adverse to the scheme. In 1862 he returned to England, and was appointed principal medical officer at Aldershot, where he remained until his retirement in 1863.

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Herr von Mannlicher has invented a more deadly rifle than that for which he is famous. It has successfully passed some remarkable trials, and the general opinion seems to be that as a death-dealing instrument it is terribly effective. But, from a military point of view, there is one thing that we are much more in need of than a new rifle, and that is a new and more effective means of maintaining the supply of ammunition on the battle-field. The nation that discovers how to do this will do better even with inferior weapons than the nation that has not made the discovery, though its weapons be possibly perfection itself.—*Invention*.

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Among the outcasts who have drifted into Dr. Bernardo's Homes for Destitute Children, London, is a Soudanese lad, who was cast adrift from a vessel at Liverpool. This lad, whose photograph and *fac simile* Arabic signature accompany his story, gives through an interpreter some interesting recollections of Khartoum, where he was when General Gordon was killed. He states that he saw General Gordon's head "placed in a net, covered with some kind of spirits to preserve it, and fastened to the top of a long pole."

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Revolvers are about to be issued to drivers of British Horse and Field Artillery, and commanding officers have been directed to see that the men are instructed in their use.

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In 1857 Napoleon III. caused a medal to be struck in honor of the veterans of the first republic and the first empire. It was called the St. Helena medal, and was only conferred on those old soldiers who had served under French colors between 1792 and 1815, and for a period of at least two years. In the year 1869 this decoration was in the possession of no less than 43,502 veterans, and now, according to "The German Military Wochenblatt," the total has dwindled to—13. In 1877 the number had sunk to 10,540; in 1880 there were 4,024 survivors, and in 1890 only 48 worn-out old men remained to answer to any mortal roll-call. Of the thirteen veterans who are yet with us—men who have actually seen "le petit Corporal" face to face—the youngest was born in 1800, and the eldest on July 28, 1786; he is therefore 106 years old. He lives in a hospital for veterans at Lyons. He served with Napoleon in Egypt, and marched with him over the Great St. Bernard. He took part in the Peninsular war, and the fatal retreat from Moscow. Five times wounded in Russia, he carries one of the bullets in his body still. His battles and bruises ended at Waterloo, where he served with the Imperial Guard.