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No. 8, of 20th June, 1890.

Topics of the Week.

The prize list of the Dominion Artillery Association for 1890, just issued, makes the usual admirable provision for the encouragement of the various branches of artillery work. The cash prizes amount to upwards of a thousand dollars, in addition to which there are a number of badges and valuable challenge trophies. An increase has been made in the prize money set apart for the shifting ordnance competitions, and for short course efficiency by non-commissioned officers or gunners attached to the artillery schools. The Ontario Association prize list is also issued, and this offers \$342 in cash besides cups valued at \$700.

The promoters of the Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association should feel encouraged by the announcement made that the Government are taking steps to establish a pigeon service on the Atlantic coast. Mariners have always looked upon Sable Island as one of the most dangerous points of the coast, and many of the most serious shipwrecks have occurred in the vicinity of the island. One of the principal disadvantages under which seamen shipwrecked at this place labour is that they have no means of communicating with the mainland except by steamer or sailing vessel, and it has frequently been the case that they have been stranded on the island for weeks without being able to inform the world or any part of it of their condition. To remedy this carrier pigeons from Belgium, trained especially for such service, are being imported. Some of the pigeons, after having become accustomed to their quarters in Halifax, will be taken to Sable Island, and when a disaster occurs there a pigeon will be set at liberty with a message attached to it.

The Marquis of Lorne was very complimentary, and properly so, to our Royal Military College in his article in the Canadian Militia recently contributed to *Colburn's*. He thus writes of the results of the thorough training given at that institution: "The general testimony of the Imperial army has been that the graduates have done the highest honour to themselves and to the College in every case where they have joined the British active army. Four commissions each year are placed at the disposal of the graduates, and the names of Stairs, who lately accompanied Mr. Stanley across Africa, and of Mackay would alone be

enough to show the type of men whom Kingston sends to the English army. But there are many others who have joined and who, whether in active service or on ordinary regimental duty, have more than fulfilled the highest expectations."

As the time for the Dominion Rifle Association meeting is near at hand, intending competitors would do well to make themselves acquainted with the new efficiency clause, which reads thus:—

"Any n.c.o. or man who has performed the last annual drill of his corps, or in cases where no such drill has been ordered within twelve months previous to the meeting of the D. R. A. at which he may be present, been a duly enrolled member of his corps for that period, shall be held to be an efficient member of the militia and entitled to compete at the D. R. A. matches."

Nothing about officers, it will be observed. No duty is required of them to qualify for participation in the matches, and it does not matter if they have held provisional appointments for a generation, without an attempt to qualify; they have the freedom of the range. We have heard that this subject is to be brought up at the competitors' meeting this year. If so, it should be by the qualified officers; objection would come with better grace from them than from the rank and file. But if no one else will move to remedy the injustice, by all means let the Privates be heard.

By inadvertence we stated last week that the Cape of Good Hope had not hitherto been represented at the prize meetings of the N. R. A. This was wrong, for Canadians have good reason to remember the Cape team that only two or three years ago came within a few points of wresting from Canada the Colonial prize in the Kolapore cup competition. The South African colony is not usually represented, but judging by past experience the riflemen from that region are apt to make themselves noticeable when they do attend.

General Middleton's Resignation.

Lieut.-General Sir Fred. D. Middleton on Saturday last tendered his resignation of the command of the Canadian Militia, to take effect on the 1st inst., and the Dominion has now lost the services of the most useful officer who has held that post. His resignation is an outcome of the action of Parliament in the Bremner fur business. Having admitted that he unwittingly exceeded his authority in ordering the confiscation of the rebel-suspect's property, General Middleton could no doubt have borne with the criticism contained in the formal resolution of the Parliament which a few years previously had accorded him a special vote of thanks for the "distinguished skill and ability" with which he had conducted the operations in the North-West. But that criticism was supplemented by violent and unwarranted abuse by members of Parliament whose arguments misled a large portion of the public who had all too soon forgotten the sympathy these same men had expressed for the arch-rebel Riel and his fellow-conspirators; and ever since the close of Parliament a stream of misrepresentation of the General's action has flowed through the press of the country. Those acquainted with the facts, and in a position to exercise a favourable influence on his

behalf, seemingly preferred to keep silence rather than run the risk of having the abuse wrongly heaped upon the General turned upon them as sympathisers. It is not, therefore, a matter for surprise that he has come to the conclusion to abandon in disgust the attempt to favourably impress a determinedly hostile jury, and to put himself out of the way of further insult by withdrawing from the Canadian service.

It was on the 12th July 1884 that Sir Fred. Middleton, then Col. F. D. Middleton, C.B., assumed the command of the Canadian Militia, taking the local rank of Major-General. For his services in the North-West in 1885 (in recognition of which the Canadian Parliament awarded him a vote of thanks and \$20,000), he was promoted by the Imperial authorities to the rank of Major-General, and made a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George. When later he had about reached the limit of age for employment as a Major-General, he retired from the Army with the honorary rank of Lieut. General, and about the same time the Dominion Government extended until 1892 the term of his command here, which in the ordinary course of events would have expired on the 12th of July, 1889. Having thus marked their appreciation of the special value of his services to this country, it is a pity that the Government did not interfere to shield General Middleton from undue punishment for an untoward act into which he was led by other public servants, who are seemingly to go free whilst their victim suffers for having unwisely yielded to their selfish solicitation.

The Rifle.

The Ottawa Rifle Club competition on Saturday last, Martini rifles, Queen's ranges, thus resulted: Dessert spoon, 1st class, Lieut. E. D. Sutherland, 92; tea spoon, 1st class, J. A. Armstrong, 89; dessert spoon, 2nd class, H. McKay, 86; dessert spoon, 3rd class, D. McMartin, 78.

Frontier Rifle Association.

The twenty-eighth annual prize meeting of this Association took place on the farm of Mr. Alex. Thomson, near the village of Huntingdon, on Tuesday, 24th June. The weather was very warm. The wind, from the left front, was gusty, and consequently the scoring was not above average. The attendance was smaller than usual, from various accountable reasons. The new match, the McEachren, on the programme this year for the greater encouragement of young shots, was well patronized.

Trial match—5 rounds each, at 200 yards. Open to members of the 50th who never won over \$2 :—

\$6 Pte. Hugh Paton, 50th..... 18	\$2 Pte. Wm. Erskine, 50th..... 13
5 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 15	2 Pte. W. Arthur, 50th..... 10
4 Pte. John Jolly, 50th..... 13	2 Pte. John McCaig, 50th..... 4
3 Pte. Wm. J. Goundry, 50th..... 13	1 Pte. Fred. Henderson, 50th..... 2
3 Sergt. Loque, 50th..... 13	

McEachren Match—200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 rounds at each. Open to members of the 50th who never won over \$4 at any previous match :—

\$5 Pte. Wm. Goundry, 50th..... 51	\$2 Pte. Wm. Erskine, 50th..... 43
4 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 48	2 Sergt. Loque, 50th..... 40
3 Pte. W. Arthur, 50th..... 44	1 Hugh Patton, 50th..... 39
3 Jos. Ross, Paymaster, 50th..... 44	1 Corp. P. McNaughton, 50th..... 35
2 Pte. Geo. Tibin, 50th..... 43	1 Pte. John Watson..... 28

Frontier Match—200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 rounds at each. Open to all members of the Association :—

\$8 Sergt. Baird, 50th..... 67	\$2 Pte. Geo. Tibin, 50th..... 53
6 Dr. Dickson, Hemmingford..... 62	2 Pte. R. G. Dunsmore, Corbin... 49
5 Lt. McFarlane, 50th..... 60	2 Pte. J. W. Stark, Huntingdon... 49
4 Dr. Wells, Huntingdon..... 58	1 Pte. D. McFarlane, 50th..... 48
3 Lt. Baxter, 50th..... 57	1 Pte. Wm. J. Goundry, 50th..... 48
3 Pte. Wm. Sloan, 50th..... 57	1 Corp. D. McNaughton, 51st..... 46
3 Pte. W. Arthur, 50th..... 56	1 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 45

Association Match—500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each. Open to all members of the Association :—

\$8 Pte. D. McFarlane, 50th..... 48	\$2 Pte. W. J. Goundry, 50th..... 27
6 Sergt. Baird, 50th..... 44	2 Lt.-Col. McLaren, 50th..... 23
5 Lt. McFarlane, 50th..... 42	1 Pte. Wm. Sloan, 50th..... 22
4 Lt. Baxter, 50th..... 42	1 Pte. J. W. Stark, Huntingdon... 18
3 Dr. Dickson, Hemmingford..... 42	1 Pte. R. G. Dunsmore, Corbin... 14
3 Dr. Wells, Huntingdon..... 39	1 Corp. L. Roberts, 50th..... 11
2 Corp. D. McNaughton, 51st..... 32	

Company Challenge Match.—5 rounds at 400 yards by word of command :—\$8 and cup presented by Dr. Wells, No. 2 Company, 50th Batt., 47; \$6, No. 3 Company, 50th Batt., 44.

Extra Series.—5 rounds, 500 yards—Lt. McFarlane, 50th, butter cooler from W. B. Saunders, 21; Sergt. Niven, 50th, vernier from Lt. Col. McLaren, 20; Dr. Dickson, Hemmingford; ½ dozen silver knives and forks from Mrs. Moir, 19; Pte. D. McFarlane, 50th, \$1, 19. Aggregate in Matches, 3, 4 and 6.—Sergt. Baird, No. 4, 50th, D. C. R. A. medal, 130.

The Military Rifle League.

Two of the score sheets of the third match, fired on the 14th June, which had not arrived in time for insertion last issue, have since come to hand, and are here printed, together with the scores made on the 28th June by the team of A Battery, R. C. A., who could not fire on the 14th June in consequence of repairs to the range being in progress. The scores of the 96th Battalion in the third match have not yet been received.

[200, 500, 600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS, SNIDER RIFLES.]

F DIVISION N. W. M. POLICE.				D. Williamson..... 26	22	20	68		
Stf.-Sergt. W. Parker.	32	29	21	82	A. Goodfellow..... 28	18	18	64	
Sgt. H. Bailey.....	30	26	23	79	W. J. Bishop.....	26	23	15	64
Const. A. R. Carmichael	31	21	22	74	Jas. McKay.....	30	15	11	56
Const. R. B. Harley..	24	24	21	69	J. Stewart.....	24	20	11	55
Const. E. B. Creighton.	28	29	12	69	Totals.....	274	224	177	675
Supt. A. B. Perry....	27	24	15	66	A BATTERY R.C.A. (FIRED 28TH JUNE).				
Corp. W. Kerr.....	29	22	13	64	Stf.-Sgt. Bridgford...	26	26	21	73
Insp. F. Norman....	30	22	9	61	Gr. Roothame.....	26	29	18	73
Const. O. St. Denis	30	20	8	58	Major Drury.....	28	22	19	69
Sgt. A. E. G. Montgomr'y	23	19	12	54	Gr. Rousseau.....	24	26	18	68
Totals.....	284	236	156	676	Corp. Bramah.....	30	22	16	68
SASKATCHEWAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.				Gr. Robinson.....	24	20	20	64	
F. C. Baker.....	28	27	21	76	Sgt. Harris.....	17	23	15	55
J. L. Johnson.....	25	26	23	74	Bmbr. Ross.....	16	20	14	50
Geo. McKay.....	29	23	22	74	Sgt. Hewgill.....	29	8	13	50
T. T. Agnew.....	31	24	19	74	Bmbr. Davies.....	16	19	13	48
R. J. Pritchard.....	27	26	17	70	Totals.....	236	215	167	618

Correspondence.

[This paper does not necessarily share the views expressed in correspondence published in its columns, the use of which is freely granted to writers on topics of interest to the Militia.]

THE CRITICS FURTHER CRITICISED.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In your issue of the 26th June, what purports to be "A Friend of the League" displays to my mind biliousness and dyspepsia raging at fever heat. "Physician cure thyself" before interfering with honest straightforward discussion of different passes that arise as we wend our way through the C.M.R.I. series.

First, he attacks Geo. A. McM. All riflemen who have met Geo. A. McM. know him to be at all times sanguine, and if failure was prophesied by him, it was without knowing that our worthy League secretary, who is the promoter, had thoroughly canvassed the Dominion from end to end, and had had words of commendation and encouragement to proceed with the project warranting general support, moreover the letter that appeared in the columns of your paper in the early spring signed G. A. McM. did not give evidence of a bilious turn of mind, nor do the scores that he succeeds in compiling warrant "Friend's" closing epithet.

Secondly, he takes hold of "Mark IV." I think, Mr. Editor, had the "Friend of the League" been half as earnest in his desires and convictions as "Mark IV." he would have manfully stood forth and claimed entire freedom from even a semblance of unfairness on the part of the "Battery." We know they can shoot and shoot well too, but is it not the right of all interested to comment upon what may appear outside of the usual. I think the "Friend of the League" would have done infinitely more towards cementing a friendship between the worthy Battery and our citizen shots by alluding to the criticism as anything but insulting. "Friend's" bilious attack must have been somewhat severe when he penned that word "insulting." The question arose in the mind of "Mark IV." and was put by him; all that was sought was a straightforward answer in a manly way.

The "Essex Centre" scoring alluded to by our "Friend" has been ably championed by themselves in a praiseworthy manner; it remains for "G" to accept the challenge, or defeat, or possibly both.

To the writer's mind no letter more unworthy of the columns of your paper than that of a "Friend of the League" could have appeared therein; better, in his own closing comment, confine himself to a few words of commendation of the League and its purposes.

"MARTINI."

Montreal, 30th June, 1890.

Regimental and Other News.

Major Davidson, of the Royal Military College, Inspector of Engineers in Canada, last Tuesday evening inspected the Montreal Engineers previous to his departure for England. Lieut.-Col. Kennedy was in command. The men, who had mustered well, were put through manual exercise, and their knowledge of field work was tested by a series of practical questions. The answers were very satisfactory. Major Davidson, in addressing the men, spoke of the kind treatment he had received from the Engineers and from Canadians generally. Col. Kennedy, on behalf of the men, thanked the Major, and wished him *bon voyage*. Three hearty cheers were then given for him.

During the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught to Montreal, No. 1 Troop of the 6th Regiment of Cavalry performed the escort duty with much credit to the officer in command, Bt.-Major McArthur, and the troop. Lieut.-Col. Barr, commanding the regiment, drew the attention of H.R.H. to the time of the Fenian trouble in 1870 when part of this regiment accompanied H.R.H. along the frontier of this province, and intimated to the Duke the pleasure it would give the regiment to have some designation harmonizing with his title as a memento of H.R.H.'s visits to this city. The name suggested was the Duke of Connaught Royal Canadian Hussars. The Duke caused a very kind note to be forwarded to Lieut.-Col. Barr, expressing an earnest hope that the Militia Department would also confirm the arrangement of the name. Militia general orders of the 20th June establishes the above title to the regiment. This corps is composed of No. 1 Troop, Montreal, Bt.-Major McArthur commanding; No. 2 Troop, St. Andrew's, Capt. Wanless; No. 3 Troop, Havelock, Huntingdon County, Capt. Barr; No. 4 Troop, Capt. Bush, Clarenceville. The regiment for the past few years has only drilled in camp every alternate year, which has been found to be quite inadequate for a cavalry regiment. An application has been forwarded to the Militia Department at headquarters to obtain permission to go into camp in the vicinity of Montreal during September next to perform its annual drill at its headquarters, for the first time since its formation.

THE SIXTH AT QUEBEC.

The Sixth Fusiliers, of Montreal, celebrated Dominion Day at Quebec, and a jolly time they appear to have had. They arrived by boat on Sunday morning. They were met and escorted to their camp on the Cove Field by B Battery band, the 8th Royal Rifles and their band and the Quebec High School Cadets, the streets through which they passed being lined with people who seemed delighted to welcome the red coat regiment from Montreal, so long were Quebecers accustomed to the British red coats. Everybody was favourably impressed by the fine appearance of the visiting corps, who were accompanied by their splendid band and by a number of officers and men of the Montreal High School Cadets, and also of the Montreal Cadets, the regimental colours being carried by two of the former. On their arrival at the drill-hall the Eighth halted and presented arms as the Fusiliers passed. Soon after arriving at the camp, which is in a dry, comfortable spot at the westerly end of the drill-hall, a warm breakfast was served out to the men, and after brushing up, both the Eighth and Fusiliers mustered for church parade to the Anglican Cathedral. Mayor Fremont made an official call on Col. Massey and officers of the battalion at their quarters in camp. His Worship, who was accompanied by Councillor Chambers (brother of Capt. Chambers of the 6th), welcomed the visitors in the name of the city and was most hospitably received, the Colonel and officers heartily reciprocating the attention paid them by the chief magistrate of the city. The members of the district staff and nearly all the commanding officers of the local military corps also called upon the Fusilier officers on Sunday afternoon. The visiting non-commissioned officers were taken in hand by their friends of the Cavalry School and B Battery.

By permission of Col. Massey the fine band of the Fusiliers performed a choice selection of sacred and other concert music on Dufferin Terrace Sunday night, and the performance attracted an immense crowd of promenaders, who immensely enjoyed the beautiful music to which they were treated.

The Royal Military College.

The closing exercises of the Royal Military College, Kingston, took place on Thursday afternoon last, 26th June. The Commandant, Major-General Cameron, read his annual report in the gymnasium in the presence of a large and fashionable audience. He stated that the instructional staff had confirmed the high opinion he had of them last year. He alluded to the departure of Major Davidson and Major Rigg, and said that he could not too strongly emphasize the fact that the prevalent system of admitting cadets with insufficient mathematical training is a source of harassment to them while in residence, a serious interference with the

freedom which the professors should enjoy to arrange the details of their instruction in a natural and dependent order, and a grievous check to general progress. One of his most pleasing duties during the year was conveying to Sergeant-Major Morgans the medal bestowed by Her Majesty in recognition of eighteen years' irreproachable and soldierly conduct. The general conduct of the cadets has been satisfactory. Following are the names of the graduating class in order of merit:—H. Campbell, L. Amos, R. E. Leckie, R. Morris, C. M. Dobell, F. Anderson, J. Domville, A. Matheson, T. Browne, J. Houliston, W. Cook, E. Morris, G. G. Rose, F. B. Emery.

Senior of second class—Sergt. D. S. McInnes. Senior of third class—Cadet W. Dumble. Senior of fourth class—Cadet B. Armstrong. There were the usual brilliant exercises on the campus during the afternoon. The *elite* of the city enjoyed the events. The cadets paraded, showing marvellous steadiness and good training. The gymnastic performances were interesting and the marine explosions thrilling. The prizes were presented amid great applause. The winners were cheered time and again.

The cadets met their society friends at a closing ball on Tuesday evening. The affair passed off as pleasantly as the warm weather would permit, and even the heat was considerably modified by the ingenuity of the cadets who had charge of the decorations. Adjoining the ball room was the drawing room tastefully draped with flags and bunting and decorated with military emblems, a prominent feature being a life-size figure of "Leo, the Royal Cadet," with a sword in his hand as if leading a charge against the Zulus. Just opposite the drawing-room was a cool sitting-room whose central attraction was a rookery covered with wild flowers and mosses and a huge block of ice whose grateful presence lent a delightful coolness to the air which was most acceptable. At the same end of the hall a large Union Jack curtained off steps leading to a window through which many of the heated dancers retired to the roof of the portico to enjoy the beautiful view of the lighted city, the moonlight on the water and the refreshing breeze which came down the lake. The celebrated "Pullman car" was located in the same old place at the head of the stairs, and was as usual "taken" all the time. Many other resting places there were all artistically decorated and comfortably furnished; especially the refreshment room at the east end, where ice cream, lemonade and other light refreshments were served all evening. There were over 300 guests.

Quebec Messenger Pigeon Association.

Pursuant to a resolution passed at a meeting held at the Citadel, Quebec, 30th May, after an interesting and instructive lecture by Major-General Cameron, C.M.G., Commandant Royal Military College of Canada, the following gentlemen met at the St. Louis Hotel, Quebec, on the 9th June for the purpose of forming a Messenger Pigeon Association for the Province of Quebec, viz.: Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, D. A. G. No. 7 M. D.; Mr. W. Lee, Warden of Quebec County; Mr. W. E. Russell; Capt. W. Imlah, R.C.A.; Mr. H. J. M'Hugh, signal service; Sergt.-Major Lynden, B Battery. The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That Colonel Duchesnay be Honorary President.
2. That Mr. W. E. Russell be President.
3. That Capt. Imlah be Secretary-Treasurer.
4. That the annual subscription to this Association be five dollars.
5. That the Honorary President be requested to communicate with the Militia and Marine and Fisheries Departments, with a view to obtaining grants to this Association.
6. That the President be authorized to employ a "trainer" for the Association.

Mr. H. J. M'Hugh reported that in response to requests Mr. J. J. Annett, postmaster, Gaspé, and Mr. G. Pope, signal service, S.W. Point, Anticosti, had agreed to take charge of pigeons to be sent them.

A hundred pigeons have been safely imported from Belgium by Monsieur A. de Pierpont, Montreal, and on the 25th June twenty-five birds arrived by the Allan SS. *Corean* for the Marine Department at Halifax, Nova Scotia. Active steps are being taken in organizing the Ontario and New Brunswick Provincial Associations, and the prospectuses of the Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association are just about to be issued. Those interested in the subject are invited to communicate with Major Mason, Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, Honorary Secretary Dominion Messenger Pigeon Association, or with the Deputy-Adjutants-General at Provincial Capitals.

General von Caprivi, the new German Chancellor, never has a pipe out of his mouth when he is awake, except during his meals, and he drinks beer by the gallon. He is a man of considerable ability and most deliberate in all his proceedings. He always meditates for a minute or two before answering even the most trifling question.

Canadian Impressions of India.

[From an occasional Correspondent.]

Perhaps of all the native states of India, Gwalior presents to the English traveller the most interest, not only on account of its historical associations and its intimate connection with Indian annals in the past, but also on account of its present character. Like all native states it retains very largely its purely Indian characteristics unchanged and undisturbed by English connection, and the admixture of English habits and customs; and for this reason possesses an interest not shared in by states purely under English control. It has many fine buildings, among them being the two palaces of the Maharajah Scindia; the Musafir Khana, built by the English resident engineers, at the Maharajah's expense, for the entertainment of English and European visitors; the Serai, a similar place for native travellers, with its Mahomedan and Hindu quarters. These all lie without the town of Lushkar, which is the native town and lies close beneath the rock on which stands the fortress of Gwalior, built by Akbar, and perhaps in old days, before the improvements in modern artillery, the strongest and most impregnable of Indian strong places. The traveller riding into and through the town is impressed by many strange sights peculiar to the East. Outside the gates he sees the lepers soliciting alms, and if he passes in the evening will see them all collected together for the receipt of the daily charitable dole. Within the gates he passes through the street of Bankers, and here most of the business is done. Here are gathered together, at the receipt of custom, all sorts and conditions of Indian men—the priestly Brahmin with clear cut intelligent features and upright scholarly bearing; the haughty Rajpoot, the soldier or noble class, mounted on a gaily caparisoned charger and attended by wild looking retainers armed with tulwars and creeses. The mild looking Baboo or clerk; the business like Parsee with his curious high glazed hat; the native policeman dressed in coarse blue linen and red turban; the low caste Hindu coolies and labourers; all these and many more are here, brought together by their several interests of gain, or greed, or idle curiosity. From this busy scene one passes on into the bazaar, and here the native workmen ply their trades and sell their wares. Each, seated on his heels, with very little clothing, works away at his particular calling, stopping every little while to enter into a noisy and excited conversation with his neighbour, who sits on the next shop board only a few feet distant, for the native shop is but a narrow cell open to the public gaze; since this class of Indian lives his life in full view of his fellow men. Suddenly there is a great commotion, the teeming throngs scatter right and left, children tumble over one another in their anxiety to get out of the way, dogs howl and fly with tails between their legs, the poultry seek refuge in the alleyways, even the sacred bull is disturbed at his meal, made at the expense of the corn dealers who dare not drive him away, and all this noise and hubbub and hustle and commotion proclaims the approach of some native swell who, with an enormous retinue of bangers—on—the rag-tag and bob-tail of his court—dressed in all sorts of semi-military, semi-barbarous and picturesque garbs, is coming from the court of justice, or from the palace after an interview with perhaps the Maharajah himself. This procession is followed shortly by another which makes one believe that crime must be very prevalent in this part of the world, for now comes a string of prisoners numbering 40 or 50, each with heavy chains and anklets, and in charge of native police, who noisily demand a passage way for their miserable looking and wretched charges. Nor are the processions yet done, for this sound of wailing and weeping and wild crying announces the approach of a Hindu funeral on its way to the pyre, and soon the bier, borne on the shoulders of four men and preceded and surrounded on all sides by the howling mourners, comes in sight, passes and is quickly forgotten, for a new sight demands attention. And so the ever-varying kaleidoscope revolves before our eyes, presenting at each turn a fresh interest. Here is a cheetah in the hands of native Shekarris, wild, fierce, untamed looking men; there a snake-charmer, with his basket of cobras and deadly kraits; here a holy man, with shrivelled arms and emaciated frame, proclaims the wickedness of this world; there a seller of sweetmeats, or a dispenser of opium or bhang, preaches the epicurean creed, and cries "eat, drink and be merry, for to-morrow ye die." It is now sunset and the best time to visit the gardens of the Moti-Mahal, or pearl palace of the Maharajah. These gardens are some four miles square and surrounded by a high wall, and in them the Maharajah takes his morning or evening ride. Here he comes to pray at one of the prayer mosques, situated near the water of the artificial lakes, and here he sometimes holds his court. The present Maharajah is only about fourteen years old, has an English tutor, and talks English fairly well. He is shy and embarrassed when talking to strangers, and, judged by Eastern standards, is considered very good looking. His mother, the widow of the late Scindia, lives with him, but of course is never seen by Englishmen. The durbar room of the palace is the largest in India and is very magnificently furnished. It was built

by a French or Venetian engineer for the father of the present ruler, and the curious mixture of Oriental and French styles strike the eye as being very rococo and peculiar, and savouring of tawdriness. It is now dark and time to return to the Musafir Khana, where an excellent dinner awaits us, and where over our wine and trichis (trichinopli cigars), we discuss the curious changes in, and the present complex and interesting situation of, the Gwalior State, and wonder whether the present ruler will ever find himself called upon, as was his father, to play an important part in the history of India.

When, in 1851, the Duke of Wellington asked Lord Stanhope, then war minister, as to when the English army first wore red, he was told that the custom dated from the time of Charles II. The duke thought it was earlier, and Lord Macaulay said that he was right, and that the commonwealth army wore red. This was, however, not exactly the case, and the statement was wrong in more than one respect. Major Hon. Harold Dillon, in an article in Colburn's *United Service Magazine*, shows when this color was first adopted:

During the wars of the Roses the badges of the respective leaders would be the chief tongue and being of one race. However, in 1461, there is evidence of red being adopted, for a small number of men at least, when a contingent for the army of the king maker, the Earl of Warwick, was sent from Rye dressed in red coats. In 1470 a detachment of fifteen men sent from Canterbury for the Calis garrison, and others for London, were supplied with red "jackets" of cloth at 3s. a yard, having on them "roses of white karsey" as badges. Henry VII, in 1485, instituted the Yeomen of the Guard as a kind of a body guard, and they may be taken as the nucleus of the present standing army of England. They consisted of picked men, and were armed one-half with bows and the other half with hand guns. Their dress, as it still continues, was red.

Vice Admiral Sir Geo. Tryon, makes, in the *United Service Magazine*, a "practical proposal" for national insurance in time of war. It is that, under conditions to be arrived at, the State shall guarantee to pay the cost of such vessels and cargoes as may be destroyed by the enemy. Without this guarantee, he says, the sense of insecurity produced by the loss of a few vessels would be such that the rate of insurance would become enormously high, and the result would be that England could not retain trade and commerce in her hands. Sir George Tryon says that, provided vessels avoid positions that are dangerous owing to geographical conditions, and if other positions are guarded, it will not be so easy as some think to interfere with commerce carried in reasonably fast vessels. He would be prepared, as a set-off to the guarantee, to collect a due on arrivals and departures, based on the value of the ships and their cargoes, and to enforce it against neutrals as well as against British vessels. He says: "If the war risks run by the United States merchant ships had been paid for by the State, there would have been no sufficient reason for the indirect losses suffered by that country, and a saving would have been effected vast indeed compared with the paltry sum that represents the losses actually inflicted by the enemy."

Militia General Orders (No. 8) of 20th June, 1890.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1887.

The following has been added as sub-section (2) to paragraph 370:

(2.) If transport is required on militia service for any person not on the strength of the troop, battery or company, the reasons for his proceeding with the corps must be written on the requisition.

No. 2.—REGULATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL DRILL OF 1890-91.

Pay.—The pay of officers authorized for employment on the staff of the camp, except those receiving permanent pay from the Department of Militia and Defence, will be that of their regimental rank or that authorized in paragraph 861 Regulations and Orders, 1887, whichever may be selected by the officer commanding the camp.

Camps.—Adverting to No. 1 of General Orders (6) 23rd May, 1890, the places of the camps of exercise in the following districts will be:—

Military District No. 5 Compton, Que.
do No. 6 St. John's, Que.

The date for camp in Military District No. 6 has been changed to 30th June, 1890.

No. 3.—

5th Regt. Cav.—No. 1 Troop.—Lieut. A. A. Bailey retires retaining rank.

To be Veterinary Surgeon, Jeffery Barton, V.S., vice G. W. Provost, who resigns.

6th Regt. Cav.—This corps is authorized to have the additional designation of "Duke of Connaught's Royal Canadian Hussars."

1st Brig. Field Art.—No. 2 Bat.—To be Captain, Lieut. H. D. Merewether, R.S.A., vice W. A. Higinbotham, retired.

Durham Field Bat.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. C. J. Snider, R.S.A., vice William Twigg, who resigns.

Gananoque Field Bat.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., George Leslie Hough, vice J. B. Robinson, promoted.

Winnipeg Field Bat.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Edward William Henry Armstrong, vice E. Doidge, promoted.

British Columbia Brig. Gar. Art.—Capt. T. O. Townley, R.S.I., No. 1 Battery, is confirmed to his rank from 4th June, 1890.

New Brunswick Brig. Gar. Art.—No. 1 Bat.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., 2nd Lieut., prov., H. C. Tilley, from No. 5 Battery, vice J. E. E. Dickson, failed to qualify.

No. 3 Bat.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Robert Huntley Gordon, vice C. F. Harrison, promoted.

No. 5 Bat.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Frederick Lander Temple, vice J. A. E. Steeves, promoted.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Robert Patterson Foster, vice H. C. Tilley, transferred to No. 1 Battery.

Gov. Gen.'s Foot Guards.—2nd Lieut. A. L. Jarvis, R.S.I., is confirmed in his rank from 10th June, 1890.

1st Bn.—To be Adjutant, Capt. T. E. Howell, R.S.I., vice G. R. Lighthall, retired.

5th Bn.—To be Major, Capt. John Hood, R.S.I., vice J. C. McCorkill, retired. To be Captain, Lieut. J. L. Rankin, R.S.I., vice J. Hood, promoted.

7th Bn.—To be 2nd Lieutenants, prov., William Charles Coe, vice D. C. C. Macdonald, resigned; Pte. David Mills, vice R. A. Smith, resigned.

To be Quartermaster, with honorary rank of Captain, Edward McKenzie, from retired list of captains.

To be Assistant Surgeon, William John Mitchell, M.D.

9th Bn.—No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, Sergt. Eugène Stanislas Furois, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice L. A. Bourget, left limits.

No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, Leonce François Ludovic Stein, M.S., vice J. A. W. LeBel, promoted.

12th Bn.—No. 4 Co.—To be Captain, Lieut. J. A. W. Allan, R.S.I., vice G. J. Ashworth, who retires retaining rank.

No. 5 Co.—The headquarters of this company are changed from "Maple" to "Richmond Hill." To be Captain, 2nd Lieut. C. A. Holmes, R.S.I., vice R. B. Orr, who resigns.

No. 8 Co.—2nd Lieut. S. B. Elliot resigns. To be Quartermaster, with honorary rank of Captain, Frederick William Unitt, from retired list of captains, vice J. Gower, appointed Captain No. 7 Co.

13th Bn.—2nd Lieut. J. H. Herring, R.S.I., is confirmed in his rank from 10th June, 1890.

14th Bn.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., from 17th June, 1890, George Arthur Scicotte Hamilton, vice W. J. A. White, promoted.

15th Bn.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Charles Salyer Clapp, vice C. E. Kenny, left limits.

To be Adjutant, Capt. R. E. Lazier, G.S.I., vice T. C. Lazier, promoted.

20th Bn.—2nd Lieut. J. J. Zealand, R.S.I., No. 7 Company, is confirmed in his rank from 10th June, 1890.

21st Bn.—No. 3 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Quartermaster Sergeant Hugh M. Johnston, vice W. J. Johnston, who resigns.

22nd Bn.—To be Major, Capt. J. C. Hegler, R.S.I., from No. 4 Company, vice R. Y. Ellis, retired.

No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Pte. William Revell, vice J. C. Thrall, who resigns.

No. 2 Co.—Lieut. J. G. Ross, R.S.I., is confirmed in his rank from 11th June, 1890.

No. 5 Co.—2nd Lieut. J. N. Chambers resigns.

No. 6 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, John Ross, formerly Captain Border Regiment, vice J. J. Dawson, left limits.

No. 8 Co.—To be Captain, Lieut. Daniel Quinn, M.S., vice Mathew Day, appointed Quartermaster.

To be Paymaster, Quartermaster and Honorary Captain James Sutherland, vice Honorary Major A. R. McCleneghan, who retires retaining his honorary rank.

To be Quartermaster, with honorary rank of Major, Matthew Day, formerly Captain No. 8 Co., vice James Sutherland, appointed Paymaster.

23rd Bn.—No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Joseph Veilleux, vice C. F. X. Blanchet, left limits.

29th Bn.—No. 6 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Louis B. Albrecht, vice G. Holwell, resigned.

No. 2 Co.—To be Captain, 2nd Lieut. W. M. Kerr, R.S.I., vice J. L. Cowan, promoted.

To be Lieutenant, prov., Henry John Wardlaw, vice J. H. Clyma.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., James Ross, vice W. M. Kerr, promoted.

2nd Lieut. W. M. Kerr, R.S.I., No. 2 Co., is confirmed in his rank from 12th June, 1890.

No. 3 Co.—To be Captain, Lieut. F. H. McCallum, M.S., vice J. A. Laird, who resigns.

34th Bn.—No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Thomas Hamer Greenwood, vice R. A. McArthur, left limits.

No. 6 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Frederick William Browne, vice John Perriton, who resigns.

36th Bn.—No. 1 Co.—To be Captain, 2nd Lieut. James Scott Brown, R.S.I., vice A. G. Murray, who retires retaining rank.

To be Lieutenant, prov., Robert J. Dwyer, vice Wellington Wallace, promoted into No. 8 Co.

No. 4 Co.—To be Captain, Lieut. Montagu Smythe, M.S., vice W. Willoughby, who resigns.

No. 8 Co.—To act as Captain, Lieut. Wellington Wallace, V.B., from No. 1 Co., vice E. E. Williams, transferred to No. 7 Co.

To be Surgeon, Assistant Surgeon James Henry, M.D., vice Surgeon Major J. K. Riddall, who retires retaining rank.

38th Bn.—2nd Lieut. H. D. Curtis, R.S.I., is confirmed in his rank from 12th June, 1890.

41st Bn.—No. 2 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., James Andrew Burns, vice G. Funnell, promoted.

43rd Bn.—No. 3 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, Charles Frederick Cox, V.B., from retired list of captains, vice W. A. Jamieson, appointed Quartermaster.

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To be Quartermaster, W. A. Jamieson, formerly 2nd Lieut. No. 3 Co., vice George Rance, who retires with honorary rank of Captain.

45th Bn.—No. 4 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., Frederick Keble Baker, vice J. A. Buckwill, who resigns.

No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Frederic Armstrong, vice T. R. Sherwood, left limits.

47th Bn.—No. 1 Co.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. E. M. Walker, R.S.I., vice R. J. Langwith, resigned.

No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Henry Eli Dobbs Baiden, vice C. E. Cartwright.

No. 7 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Charles McFarlane, vice J. F. Leatherland, who resigns.

No. 10 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Matthias Redden, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice S. J. Mellow, left limits.

53rd Bn.—To be Lieutenants, prov., Robert John Hewton, vice M. B. Hallowell, who resigns; Sergt. John Perley Wells, vice G. L. McNicol, transferred to 5th Regiment Cavalry.

To be 2nd Lieutenants, prov., Stf.-Sergt. Arthur Frederick Fraser, vice J. D. Lloyd, who resigns; George Kyle Addie, vice E. W. Farwell, promoted.

59th Bn.—No. 3 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., George Ibberson Nichols, V.B., from retired list of lieutenants.

To be Assistant Surgeon, Henry Joseph Harrison, M.D., vice S. A. Hickey, who resigns.
63rd Bn.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Edmund John Egan, vice W. L. Kane, promoted.
64th Bn.—To be Surgeon, Asst.-Surg. N. A. Brossoit, M.D., vice P. B. V. de Boucherville, deceased.
 To be Assistant Surgeon, Gilbert Huot, M.D., vice N. A. Brossoit, promoted.
65th Bn.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. A. R. L. Roy, R.S.I., vice C. Charest, resigned.
69th Bn.—No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Millidge Rice, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice F. J. Poole, who resigns.
 No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Charles E. Healy, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice W. M. Grant, who resigns.
 No. 5 Co.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. G. Barteaux, R.S.I., vice G. A. LeCain promoted.
 To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. James E. Harris, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice G. Barteaux, promoted.
 No. 9 Co.—To be Lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Walter Purdy, R.S.I., vice L. V. Shaw, left limits.
72nd Bn.—No. 6 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. Aubrey Forster, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice A. J. Wheelock, who resigns.
 Paymaster Albert Gates to have the Honorary rank of Captain; from 18th July, 1889.
77th Bn.—No. 6 Co.—To be Lieutenant, prov., William J. Wells, vice J. O. Ryckman, who resigns.
 To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., John Finch.
79th Bn.—No. 2 Co.—To be Captain, prov., George Davidson, vice A. J. Whitehead, who retires retaining rank.
 To be Lieutenant, prov., Frank Davidson, vice S. S. Martin, appointed Quarter master.
83rd Bn.—No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Beaumont Joubert, vice George Faribault, failed to qualify.
 No. 4 Co.—To be Lieutenant, Lieut. H. Olivier, R.S.I., from No. 6 Company, 84th Bn., vice P. C. Lacasse, who resigns.
 2nd Lieut. J. P. Brissette resigns.
86th Bn.—No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Joseph Leopold Daveluy, vice Adolphe Gauthier, who resigns.
 No. 2 Co.—Lieut. L. T. Caron and 2nd Lieut. G. F. X. Lambert, resign.
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Sapper W. Melville, Brighton Co.....	2	S	B	67
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Pte. J. Hallan, Co. Mounted Inf.....	2	S	B	.52	.54	.53
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Capt. W. J. Brown, 45th Bn.....	1	Sp	A	.71	.73	.72
Lieut. J. G. Ross, 22nd Bn.....	2	Sp	A	.82	.59	.70
2nd Lieut. A. L. Jarvis, G.G.F.G.....	2	Sp	A	.59	.56	.57
2nd Lieut. J. H. Herring, 13th Bn.....	2	Sp	A	.65	.52	.58
2nd Lieut. J. J. Zealand, 20th Bn.....	2	Sp	A	.70	.60	.65
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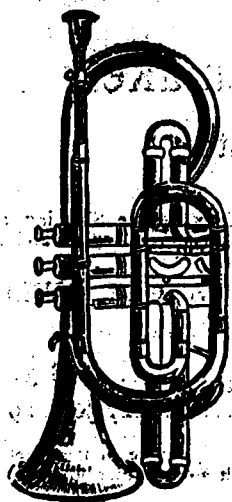
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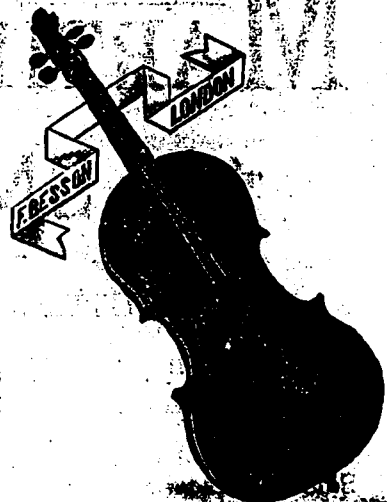
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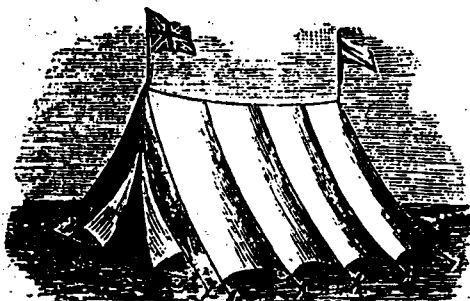
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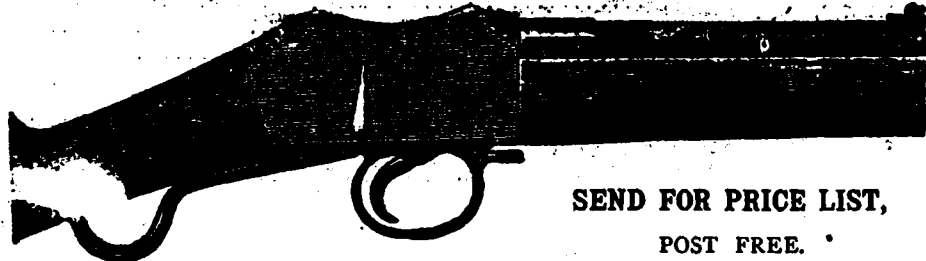
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