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LIEUT.-COL. GEORGE T. DENISON.

We are happy to present to our readers in this issue with a portrait of the officer commanding that fine corps of Dragoons, the Governor-General's Body Guard, Toronto, Lieut.-Col. George Taylor Denison. His grandfather, Lieut.-Col. George Taylor Denison, born at Dovercourt, Harwich, England, in 1783, was one of the most influential pioneers of Toronto. He arrived in Canada with his father (Capt. John Denison), in 1792, and from the beginning of the present century till his death, in 1853, was prominently associated with the growth of the city. He served in the war of 1812, and in the rebellion of 1837, and did much towards the organization of the Volunteer Force, what is now known as the Governor-General's Body Guard having been created mainly through his efforts and largely at his cost. Col. G. T. Denison (the second of the name), who resided at Toronto, was born in 1816, and, like his father, devoted much time to the improvement of the volunteer service. He did duty in 1837-38 as an officer in his father's cavalry troop, of which he ultimately obtained the command, and, in 1855, on the passage of the new militia law, he had a leading share in establishing our military system on its actual basis. Col. Denison died in 1873. His eldest son and namesake, the subject of this sketch, was born at Bellevue, Toronto, on the 31st August, 1839, and was educated at Upper Canada College and Toronto University, taking the degree of LL.B. at the latter institution. In 1861 he was called to the Bar. In 1877 he was appointed Police Magistrate for the city of Toronto. His military career began in 1855, when he was gazetted as Cornet. In 1862 he was made Major, and in 1866 became Lieutenant-Colonel of the Governor-



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General's Body Guard—a rank which he still retains. In 1866 Lieutenant-Col. Denison served during the Fenian raid, commanding the outposts on the Niagara river under Col. (now Lord Viscount) Wolseley. In the same year he published his "Manual of Outpost Duties," and later a "History of the Fenian Raid." In 1868 his "Modern Cavalry" (long known in both hemispheres as a standard work on the subject of which it treats) was published in London, England. It was translated into German and published at Munich in 1869. In 1872, by the late Czar's command, it was translated into Russian, and an edition brought out at St. Petersburg. In 1880 a Hungarian version appeared at Buda-Pesth. In 1874 the late Czar offered prizes for the best "History of Cavalry," and Lieut.-Col. Denison, having competed, was

awarded the first prize of five thousand roubles. On that occasion the Canadian prize-winner was presented to the Emperor and Empress of Russia, who treated him with much consideration. The work is one of widely recognized value, and like its predecessors has been translated into Russian, German and Hungarian. It is used as a manual at several of the great military training schools of Europe. Lord Dufferin presented the author with a bronze medal *in memoriam rei*. Lieut.-Colonel Denison is one of the original members of the Royal Society of Canada, and has been president of the second section of English Literature, History and Archaeology—his colleagues showing their esteem for his abilities and character by electing him to that position during his absence in the North-West helping to put down the rebellion of 1885.

RICHMOND FIELD BATTERY.

It is common talk that the Richmond (P.Q.) Field Battery is in a thoroughly disorganized state; certain it is that it has put in no annual drill last or this year, and is not even mentioned in the Inspector of Artillery's report for 1891. Yet in the Militia List of 1st January, 1892, the Battery appears to exist in fairly good shape, so far as officers are concerned; and it would be interesting to know what is the real state of the corps now, and if in a fit state for service. It is more than probable that the military strength available in Richmond and vicinity can be well absorbed by the 54th Batt., and that little or none can be spared for a Field Battery. The frontier is too important to be garrisoned by corps which exist only in the pages of the Militia List.

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The remedy is obvious. Thirty miles west of Richmond lies Sherbrooke, the capital of the Eastern Townships,

and a city with a population of 10,000. It has one battalion, the 53rd, well officered, and always recruited to full strength of four companies, which, we may add, is the total strength which the wisdom of the Department permits, although an increase of two companies has been repeatedly requested. Here is the proper place for a Field Battery, and hither, we venture to think, the one nominally now at Richmond will eventually be moved. Such a step will be in the best interests of our defensive system, and will probably lead to a decided improvement in the 54th Battalion. It is stated that the change would have taken place some time ago but for the interference of an over-zealous politician, who sacrificed the good of the service to an attempt to retain popularity in the county in which the Battery nominally exists.

TORONTO.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Toronto Field Battery held a meeting Tuesday evening, 28th June, at the Old Fort and organized a rifle association. They commenced with thirty-five members. The officers are: President, Sergt.-Major Spry; vice-president, Sergt. Carter; secretary-treasurer, Bombadier Pullan. Rifle Committee--Sergt. Blair, Corpl. Martin, Gunner Browning, Bombadier Warrington.

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The non-commissioned class of the Royal Grenadiers held their examinations Tuesday evening, 28th June, with Major Mason, Capt. Harston and Capt. and Adjt. McLean as an examining board. Some six skeleton companies were formed of recruits under Sergt.-Major Cox, the positions of guides and markers being filled with the members of the class. Battalion drill was practised for about three quarters of an hour, the balance of the time being given up to squad and company drill, with the non-commissioned officers as instructors. I thought the plan a very good one, demonstrating more clearly that skeleton drill with ropes would shew the duties of guides and markers, and it also served the purpose of giving the recruits considerable insight into battalion drill, prior to their being posted to their respective companies.

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It is rumoured that steps are being taken to ensure the recognition by the Royal Humane Society, of Corpl. Muir's (48th Highlanders) gallant act on the night of 24th May, in jumping in and saving the life of a man who fell from the head of Yonge street dock.

INSPECTION OF THE MONTREAL FIELD BATTERY.

The twelve days camp of the Montreal Field Battery broke up on Wednesday last, as it commenced, amid intermittent showers of greater or less

intensity. The Battery had a trying time, owing to the remarkably wet season, and one bad result was that only about half the drill could be put in. But in spite of this the inspection showed the corps to be well up to its traditional efficiency. The field state showed a total of eighty, the officers being: Major J. S. Hall, Capt. Hooper, Lieutenants Costigan and Benson, Surgeons Sutherland and Veterinary-Surgeon McEachren. Lieut. Reid, of the Garrison Artillery, was attached to the camp for drill purposes, and Sergt. Slade, of "B" Battery, acted as instructor. The inspecting officer was Major Wilson, of "B" Battery, Quebec. He arrived in camp at half-past eight a.m., and shortly after the *visu voce* examination was proceeded with. The inspecting officer assured our representative that he was very well satisfied with the result, as showing that the instruction had been well imparted and equally well profited by. Shortly after eleven the Battery paraded on the plateau in rear of the camp. This presented the appearance, in parts, of a ploughed field, and showed the hard work horses and men alike had been subjected to during the week. In fact, as one of the officers stated, "the wheels were up to the hubs" on some of the wet days. And even on Wednesday, Major Wilson said the state of the ground was "enough to pull the horses' shoes off." The inspecting officer, after having received the customary salute, made a critical examination of each sub-division, and found guns and harness in almost perfect condition. The battery then marched past, in battery, at the walk and trot, and next ranked past in good style. The sword exercise was fairly well done, some imperfections being due to the untrained horses. It was evident that the men knew their work. A number of field movements were then executed with steadiness and precision, considering the condition of the ground. Major Wilson, for a short time, took command himself, and afterwards expressed himself as well satisfied with the efficiency of the Battery. After a brief halt, the blown condition of the horses showing it to be sorely needed, the Gzowski drive and drill competition followed. This is sufficiently well known to artillerymen to omit particularization. In the present case the times were as follows: 1st sub-division, 2m. 36s.; added 5s., 5s. and 3s. for errors, total, 2m. 49s. 2nd sub-division, 2m. 46s.; added 5s., 5s. and 2s. for errors, total 2m. 58s. 4th sub-division, 2m. 18s.; added 5s., 5s. and 5s. for errors, total, 2m. 33s. The third sub-division was ruled out. The kits were later on duly inspected and favorably reported on. The awards for officers prizes were given as follows: The first prize for the best turned out sub-division, with state and placing of gun fittings, equipment, etc., No. 3 sub-division; second, to No. 1 sub-division. For the best lead and wheel horses and

harness, No. 2 sub-division won both first prizes, while No. 3 won the second for lead and No. 1 for wheel. The competition was a very close one throughout. The inspection was attended by many friends of the corps, among them ex-Col. Stevenson and Captain McGibbon. The former called attention to the fact that the present was the thirty-eighth annual inspection of the Battery.

GARRISON ARTILLERY GUN PRACTICE.

REGULATIONS FOR 1892.

The Firing and Shifting Ordnance Competitions will be held at Halifax, N.S., commencing Monday, the 1st August.

Transport will be provided by the Militia Department from local headquarters to Halifax and return, for detachments of not more than two officers and seven N. C. officers or gunners from each affiliated battery, the British Columbia Brigade excepted.

The Batteries of the British Columbia Brigade are authorized to perform their annual gun practice at local headquarters.

The N. C. Officers and Gunners of each detachment must have attended at least one annual drill, and be *bona fide* members of the Brigade or Battery they represent, and be accompanied by at least one officer thereof.

An allowance of *seventy-five* cents will be paid to each N. C. Officer or Gunner for each day necessarily absent from Battery headquarters.

The following will be the order of firing of the several detachments,—subject to necessary modifications at the discretion of the Camp Commandant:—

	Detachments.
Monday, August 1st—Halifax.....	3
Tuesday, 2nd—Yarmouth.....	1
Digby.....	1
Mahone Bay.....	1
Wednesday, 3rd—Montreal.....	3
Montreal Shifting Ordnance.	
Thursday, 4th—Montreal.....	3
Friday, 5th—Quebec.....	3
Saturday, 6th—P. E. I. Brigade.....	3
Halifax Shifting Ordnance.	
Monday, 8th—P. E. I. Brigade.....	2
Cobourg.....	1
P. E. I. Shifting Ordnance.	
Tuesday, 9th—N. B. Brigade.....	2
Pictou.....	1
N. B. Shifting Ordnance.	
Wednesday, 10th—N. B. Brigade.....	3
Thursday, 11th—Halifax Brigade.....	4

BISHOP'S COLLEGE CADETS.

The cadet corps of Bishop's College school, Lennoxville, P.Q., was inspected on 24th ult., by Lieut.-Col. Pope, of Bury, and Capt. Young, R.C.I., St. Johns. They paraded 80 strong, and passed a very creditable inspection in company and physical exercise drill. It is rather surprising that the cadets of a school of the social standing of Bishop's College should not have uniforms.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dominion Rifle Association, held on Tuesday last, the programme for this year's Dominion Rifle matches, to begin on the 29th August, was definitely decided upon.

The following is a synopsis of the matches, prize money and time tables :

abolished, and one team of five men will be allowed from each affiliated association. The team prizes in the Dominion of Canada match have been done away with, and are replaced by a special battalion team competition for six men teams, with unlimited entries. The individual prizes in this match

Cup will be fired for this year as a match separate from the Bisley match, and a 900 yds. Martini, extra series shooting, has been introduced. In the Revolver match the conditions have been altered allowing the use of any revolver with a calibre of 32 or upwards, a length of barrel of not more than 7½ inches, and a pull of trigger of not less than three pounds.

The team aggregate has been abolished, as a team aggregate is

MATCH.	NO. PRIZES.	VALUE.	WHEN FIRED.	CONDITIONS OF MATCH.
1.—Nursery	70	\$350	Monday, 9 to 10	5 rounds at 500, Snider.
2.—Hamilton Powder Co.	74	500	" 10 to 12.05	7 rounds at 500, Snider.
3.—Macdougall	75	Cup, Badge and 530	" { 1.30 to 3.10	5 rounds at 400 and 600, Snider.
4.—Standing	70	350	" { 3.30 to 5.10	7 rounds at 200, standing. Snider.
5.—Dominion of Canada	90	Badge and 650	Tuesday, { 8.30 to 10.30	7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600, Snider.
6.—Minister of Militia	Teams 8	Cup and 185	" { 10.30 to 12.30	7 rounds at 500 and 600, Snider.
	Incl. 75	483	" { 1.30 to 3.30	Association teams of 5.
7.—Battalion match	Teams 6	Cup, Badges and 198	Wednesday, { 3.45 to 5.45	7 shots at 200, 500 and 600, Snider.
8.—Snider aggregate	50	250	" { 8.30 to 10.30	Battalion teams of six, unlimited entries.
9.—Nursery aggregate	20	100	" { 10.45 to 12.45	Scores in matches 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
10.—Rideau	75	500	" { 1.45 to 2.30	Scores in matches 1, 2, 4 and 6.
11.—Henshaw	75	525	" { 2.45 to 3.30	10 rounds at 500, Martini.
12.—Gzowski	Teams 6	200	Thursday, { 3.45 to 4.30	15 rounds at 600, Ma tini.
13.—British Challenge Shield ..	6	150	Thursday afternoon.	{ 20 rounds skirmishing, } Snider.
14.—Grand aggregate	100	600	Thursday, after Gzowski.	{ 5 rounds volley firing, } Snider.
15.—Governor-General's Match.	3	Badges and 500	Friday, 9 to 11	{ 5 rounds independent, } Snider.
16.—London Merchants' Cup ..	Teams 2	Cup and 180	Friday, 11 to 1	20 rounds skirmishing, Snider.
17.—Bisley	Friday afternoon.	Ties fired on Thursday afternoon.
18.—Extra series A	35	200	Throughout meeting on special targets.	7 rounds at 200, 500 and 600 Ma tini.
19.— " B	35	200	" " " "	Do. Teams of 5.
20.— " C	35	200	" " " "	Do. " " "
21.— " D	35	200	" " " "	Do. " " "
Aggregate	1	Rifle	" " " "	5 rounds at 500, Martini
22.—1	29	150	" " " "	5 rounds at 600, Martini.
23.— "	29	150	" " " "	7 rounds at 800, Martini.
24.—Revolver	9	From entries.	" " " "	7 rounds at 900, Martini.
		Total cash...\$7,351		Best score in A, B, C and D.
				5 rounds at 500, Snider.
				5 rounds at 600, Snider.
				7 rounds at 25, Re olver.

The chief changes made in the programme this year consist in a general overhauling of the distribution of prizes so as to make the amounts correspond better with the entries, and to better grade the several prizes. In doing this the higher prizes have been somewhat reduced, and the intermediate prizes materially increased.

In the Minister of Militia's match unlimited team entries have been

have been increased in number to ninety.

A nursery aggregate of \$100 has been introduced for the purpose of encouraging young shots to fire through the meeting. The 500 yds. Martini match has been increased to 10 shots and the 600 yds. to 15 shots. In the grand aggregate 100 prizes are given, but the prize money has not been increased. The London Merchants'

offered by the Canadian Rifle League similarly to last year. The Lansdowne Cup is consequently utilized as a first prize in the battalion team match. Making independent team matches of this and the London Merchant's Cup will permit scientific coaching.

WM. P. ANDERSON,
Lieut.-Col.

Chairman Programme Committee,
OTTAWA, 7th July, 1892.

QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, July 4, 1892.—The annual rifle matches of the 8th Royal Rifles took place on the 29th of June, at the St. Joseph Ranges, and the attendance both of riflemen and spectators was good. The following is a summary of the matches, with the names of the first five prize winners in each competition :—

Commencing at 9 o'clock the " Nursery match was fired.

7 shots. 400 yards. 7 prizes.
1st. Private Hossack, D Co., 25 points.

2nd. Private Wilson, D Co., 25 points.
3rd. Private McNaughton, D Co., 24 points.
4th. Private Quirouet, D Co., 22 points.
5th. Corporal McHugh, E Co., 20 points.

2nd.—Regimental Match :
200, 500 and 600 yards : 7 shots at each, 12 prizes.

Change of wind and light during the match prevented high scoring.

1st. Sergt. Hartley, E Co., 82 points.
2nd. Col.-Sergt. Goudie, B Co., 81 points.
3rd. Sergt. Davidson, D Co., 80 points.
4th. Corporal Norton, C Co., 79 points.
5th. Lieut. W. H. Davidson, D Co., 78 points.

The team prize, consisting of the magnificent silver cup presented by

Major G. R. White last year, was won by the team from D Co. with the score of 355 points; E Co. 2nd, with 306 points. D Co. having won the cup two years in succession, it now becomes their property.

3rd. Association Match.
500 and 600 yards : 7 shots at each, 15 prizes.

1st. Lieut. W. H. Davidson, D Co., 58 points.
2nd. Corporal Hawkins, C Co., 56 points.
3rd. Sergt. Douglas, C Co., 52 points.
4th. Lieut. O. B. C. Richardson, C Co., 51 points.
5th. Sergt. W. Champion, D Co., 50 points.

4th.—The Open Match.

In this quite a number of competitors from different corps in the district took part; it resulted as under:—

500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each, 17 prizes.

- 1st. Sergt. R. Davidson, 8th R.R., 55 points.
- 2nd. Sergt.-Major Richard, L.R.A., 55 points.
- 3rd. Corporal T. W. S. Dunn, 8th R.R., 53 points.
- 4th. Lieut. W. H. Davidson, 8th R.R., 51 points.
- 5th. Sergt. W. Champion, 8th R.R., 51 points.

5th.—Extra Series.

5 shots. 500 yards. 20 prizes.

- 1st. Sergt. Douglas, C Co., 23 points.
- 2nd. Sergt. R. Davidson, D Co., 22 points.
- 3rd. Private Thomson, F Co., 22 points.
- 4th. Sergt. Hartley, E Co., 22 points.
- 5th. Sergt. Hay, E Co., 21 points.

6th.—Extra Series.

5 shots. 600 yards. 15 prizes.

- 1st. Asst-Surgeon Parke, 22 points.
- 2nd. Sergt. Davidson, D Co., 22 points.
- 3rd. Corporal T. W. S. Dunn, D Co., 19 points.
- 4th. Sergt. W. Champion, D Co., 19 points.
- 5th. Lieut. W. H. Davidson, D Co., 19 points.

The grand aggregate consisted of the scores made in the Regimental, Association and Open, and was won as follows:—

- 1st. Lieut. W. H. Davidson, D. Co., 187 points.
- 2nd. Sergt. R. Davidson, D Co., 184 points.
- 3rd. Sergt. W. Champion, D Co., 176 points.

The first prize consisted of a magnificent \$20 field glass, presented by G. Seifert, Esq.

The 2nd class Aggregate was won by

- 1st. Lieut. O. B. C. Richardson, C Co., 120 points.
- 2nd. Sergt. Hay, E Co., 107 points.

This concluded one of the most successful rifle meetings held by the Regiment, and the committee are deserving of thanks for their untiring efforts, which materially helped in making the day pass very pleasantly.

R. M. C. No. 47.

CLOSING DAY AT THE ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE.

The grounds and buildings of the Royal Military College were gaily decorated on Tuesday, 28th instant, in honour of the great College event of the year, the annual Inspection and presentation of prizes. A large number of notabilities in the social and military world witnessed the proceedings, which opened with a series of athletic events in the gymnasium, under the direction of Sergeant-Major Morgans. Some wonderful feats of strength and skill were performed, and were greeted with rounds of hearty applause. The events showed that the cadets are given a first-class education from a physical point of view, as well as in other respects.

After a short interval the cadets marched to the parade ground in artillery uniform, under Captain English, and manned a battery of four guns, which were loaded, fired, and moved from place to place with splendid military precision.

The large crowd then adjourned to the shore of Navy Bay, and witnessed a fine example of engineering skill. At a given signal an electric battery set off a mine which had been constructed under an old poplar tree. There was an explosion, and the old tree, which had stood the storms of many winters, was lifted bodily into the air, and then fell head-long. This experiment having been so successfully made, the attention of the spectators was directed to a boat which was anchored in the middle of the bay. It contained what at first sight appeared to be a cadet, but eventually proved to be only a "dummy," realistically arrayed in the college regimentals. A bugle call was the signal for another explosion. A solid sheet of water rose to an enormous height, and when it fell only a few scattered planks and fragments of cloth remained of the boat and its commander.

Meanwhile the cadets had clothed themselves in their infantry uniforms, and had lined up behind the gymnasium. Headed by "A" battery band they again marched to the parade ground and were put through their facings by Col. McGill. The march past to the tune of the "British Grenadiers" was done in a very creditable style.

This concluded the out-door proceedings and the assembly returned to the "gym," the cadets lining the walls. General Cameron, the commander, then delivered a very interesting address, which our limited space prevents us from publishing. The Lord Bishop of Ontario briefly replied and then presented the prizes to the successful cadets. The national anthem was then sung and the proceedings terminated with the carrying of the fourteen graduating cadets to the college on the shoulders of their companions, and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

ANNUAL CLASS PRIZES.

- 4th class—Cadet George Norton Carey.
- 3rd class—Cadet G. Folger Osborne.
- 2nd class—Corporal Charles Felix, Joseph Boucher de Boucherville.
- 1st class—Sergeant Francis H. Vercoe.

ENTIRE COURSE, SUBJECT PRIZES.

Mathematics and mechanics—Sergt. F. H. Vercoe.

Military engineering—Company Sergt.-Major James F. Fraser.

Surveying, military typography and practical astronomy—Sergt. Vercoe.

Military history, tactics and military administration—Battalion Sergt.-Major Wilfred Chatterton Dumble.

French—Corporal Joseph Eugene L. de Plessis.

English—Sergeant Vercoe.

Chemistry—Company Sergeant-Major Jas. F. Fraser.

Physics—Sergeant Vercoe and Company Sergeant-Major J. F. Fraser.

Geology—Company Sergeant-Major Fraser.

Free hand drawing and painting—Sergeant Robert Percy Rogers.

Civil engineering—Battalion Sergeant-Major Wilfred C. Dumble.

Drills and exercises—Battalion Sergeant-Major Wilfred C. Dumble.

Artillery—Cadet Henry Neville Black Hollinshead.

Engineering drawing—Sergeant Bert. Harold Oliver Armstrong.

Reconnaissance—Sergeant Vercoe.

EXTRA PRIZES.

Dominion Artillery Association—Cadet George Frederick Folger Osborne.

Ontario Artillery Association—Cadet Frank Nicholson Gibbs.

DIPLOMAS.

Sergeant Herbert William Clinch, Cadet William McKenzie, distinguished in civil engineering; Corporal Norman Berford McLean, distinguished in civil engineering; Cadet William Nassau Clark, Corporal Joseph E. L. du Plessis, distinguished in French; Sergeant Francis Ferguson Duffus, distinguished in civil engineering; Company Sergeant-Major Frank Duguld Reid, distinguished in civil engineering; Sergeant Clarence Henry Branscombe, Cadet Robert Visart de Bury, distinguished in French and civil engineering; Sergeant Wm. Henry Sullivan, distinguished in civil engineering; Sergeant Robert Percy Rogers, distinguished in frechand drawing, drills and exercises.

DIPLOMAS WITH HONOURS.

Battalion Sergt.-Major Dumble, distinguished in mathematics and mechanics, military engineering, military history, strategy and tactics, military administration, practical geometry and engineering, French, English, drills and exercises, civil engineering.

Company Sergt.-Major J. F. Fraser, distinguished in mathematics and mechanics, military engineering, practical geometry and engineering, drawing, French, English, physics, obligatory and voluntary, drills and exercises, chemistry, obligatory and voluntary, civil engineering and geology.

Sergeant Vercoe, distinguished in mathematics and mechanics, military engineering, military topography, reconnaissance and surveying, practical geometry and engineering, drawing, French, English, physics, obligatory and voluntary, frechand drawing, drills and exercises, civil engineering and geology.

STANLEY MEDALS.

Given for the highest aggregate of marks for the whole course:

Gold medal—Sergeant Vercoe.

Silver medal—Company Sergeant-Major Fraser.

Bronze medal—Battalion Sergeant-Major Dumble.

SWORD OF HONOUR.

Given for good conduct and discipline—Company Sergeant-Major Fraser.

THE LORD STANLEY PRIZE.

Given to the qualified graduate intending to pursue a military profession either in the Imperial forces or in the Dominion militia, for the highest proficiency in military engineering, military administration and law, strategy and tactics, military surveying, topography and reconnaissance—Battalion Sergeant-Major Dumble.

TO ENTER HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

The following were recommended for commissions in the Regular army:

Royal Engineers—Battalion Sergeant-Major Dumble.

Royal Artillery—Cadet Henry Robert Visart de Bury.

Infantry—Sergeant Francis F. Dufus, Sergeant Henry Wareham Clinch.

Under Canvas at the Capital.

The Ottawa troops have this year drilled in camp at their headquarters, with the exception of the Guards, who put in their drill in the usual fashion of city corps. The Exhibition Grounds, on the banks of the Rideau Canal, furnished an excellent camping ground, affording an ample well-sodded parade square, good stabling and buildings sufficient for all purposes. The camp lasted from the 21st June to the 2nd July.

The commandant was Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery, who had for Brigade-Major Lieut.-Col. D. A. Macdonald, of the Militia Departmental Staff. The three arms of the service were represented in camp, the force consisting of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, the Ottawa Field Battery, and the 43rd Battalion "Ottawa and Carleton Rifles." Sergt.-Major Lyndon, of B Battery, R.C.A., was Brigade Sergt.-Major, and Sergt. Instructor Bouthellier, of A Battery, Brigade Instructor. These non-commissioned officers discharged their duties intelligently and carefully.

THE PRINCESS LOUISE DRAGOON GUARDS.

The authorized strength of the Dragoon Guards is thirty-five, and they turned out complete, with their three officers, Capt. Gourdeau, Lieut. Brown and Lieut. Elliott. The Dragoons have always been a *corps d'elite*. A smart cavalry troop is a necessity at the Capital, where escort duties are required to be performed so frequently, in connection with the opening and closing of parliament, and various vice-regal functions. When, therefore, the old Ottawa Troop of Cavalry fell into disfavour and became disbanded, shortly before the arrival of the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, Capt. John Stewart, one of the leading young men of the city, promptly seized the opportunity to organize the present corps, who shortly afterwards received from the Princess Louise permission to adopt their present title, and they also received permission to wear the monogram L. L. (Lorne and Louise), which now appears on the armament of their uniform. Upon the removal of Capt. Stewart to the North-West the troop passed into the charge of his first officer, now Capt. Francois Gourdeau, who has ever since kept it up to a high

state of efficiency. A wise system of promotion keeps alive the interest of every member of the troop. Lieut. Robert Brown has served in every rank from trooper up. Lieut. Elliott, in the early days of the troop, earned promotion to the rank of Sergeant. He had to withdraw upon leaving the city, but returning lately accepted the vacant second lieutenantcy. Dr. A. O. F. Coleman, has from the first held the position of Veterinary Surgeon, an officer allowed to the troop by special arrangement, their numerous escort duties making this a necessity. Sergt. Major Arthur H. Powell has, like the officers, risen from the ranks, and his promotion to his present responsible position was highly popular with all his comrades. The members of the troop belong to the best families in the city, and their horses are of a very high class. The expense of the maintenance of the troop is altogether beyond the Government allowance, but is cheerfully borne, thanks to the pride taken by every member in the appearance and standing of the Corps.

THE OTTAWA FIELD BATTERY.

The Ottawa Field Battery is also in excellent shape: it recruits from the young men of both city and adjoining country, the latter contributing the fine horses of which they are the drivers. Major John Stewart has for years been the commanding officer. The other officers in camp this year were Lieuts. Gilmour and Eaton, and Surgeon-Major Bell. The Battery turned out in full strength.

FORTY-THIRD BATTALION.

The 43rd Battalion mustered only five of the six companies on the roll. No. 5 Co., at Arnprior, has suffered no doubt from its isolation from the rest of the Battalion, and this year, Capt. Macdonald being ill and there being no other officers, the company could not be mustered at all for camp. No. 4 company comes from Wakefield, in the backwoods district of the Upper Gatineau, but notwithstanding the disadvantage of its situation and the small encouragement received, this company always turns out numerically strong, with a sturdy intelligent class of men. No. 1 and No. 6 companies are recruited in the city, and Nos. 2 and 4 at Hull and Billings' Bridge respectively,

these places lying just outside the city limits. The 43rd had on this occasion their first turn out under their new commanding officer, Lieut.-Col. Joshua Wright, and his promotion raised also Capt. Billings to be Major, and Lieut. Mackay to be Captain, while Lieut. Sutherland is appointed Captain of No. 1. Sergt.-Major C. O. Wood arrived opportunely to fill that vacant position. He was at last camp a lieutenant in No. 4, but had left the limits and resigned his commission. Mr. Wood was about to rejoin as a private, when pressed to take the office of Sergt.-Major, the duties of which he discharged to everybody's satisfaction.

The 43rd Battalion is in the unfortunate position of being virtually a city battalion, compelled to go to camp for drill as a rural corps, while from the nature of their employment the members cannot get leave of absence to attend to their military duties. It is, however, one of the strongest shooting regiments in the Dominion, and it is the enthusiasm of the riflemen which keeps up the corps, despite official discouragement.

The camp passed off very well, close attention being paid to practical drill of the squad, company, and battalion. The only show parade was on Dominion Day, when the brigade marched into the city, and at noon fired the royal salute and *feu de joie* on Cartier square, after a march past. Thanks to the instruction received in camp this holiday parade passed off so smoothly that few would have believed that fully half the participants were this year's recruits.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin, who inspected the corps in camp, expressed entire satisfaction with the progress they had made there, and all ranks left with the satisfaction of having usefully and pleasantly spent their twelve days under canvas.

NOVA SCOTIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programme for this year's matches is out, and shows an excellent list of prizes and well varied competitions. Shooting commences at Bedford Range, Halifax on Tuesday morning, 16th August, with the

"Nursery" match, 20 prizes, value \$66.

Followed by "Affiliated" match, 23 prizes, value \$100.

"Provincial R. A. Challenge," 29 prizes, value \$160 and gold medal.

"Bankers' cup," 29 prizes, value \$160 and cup.

"All-comers, 28 prizes, value \$140.

"Laurie Challenge cup," 4 prizes, value \$62 and cup.

"General Williams," 28 prizes, value \$140.

"Ladies' match."

"Merchants of Halifax cup," 29 prizes, value \$160 and cup.

"Consolation," 15 prizes, value \$70.

"Laurie military matches," 6 prizes, value \$62 and silver bugle.

"Any rifle," 16 prizes, value \$100.

Revolver, 7 prizes, value \$20.

Aggregates, &c.

The D.A.G. of the district will be Umpire, Lieut.-Colonel Murray Range officer, and Lieutenant Jacques Medical officer.

The Compton Camp.

THE NEW INFANTRY DRILL BOOK.

(Volunteer Service Gazette.)

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The military representatives of the Eastern Townships have again put in the twelve days drill under canvas, as ordered by the powers that be. It cannot be said to have been an unqualified success; but that is largely the fault of the system under which the brigade camps are maintained—one utterly defective and inadequate to the purposes for which it was instituted. The atrocious weather that prevailed is also responsible for many shortcomings, especially in the prevention of a proper amount of target practice, a most essential feature of the instruction considering that fully fifty per cent of the men in camp were recruits.

The Brigade staff was an excellent one. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., was in command, assisted by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, as Brigade Major; Lieut.-Col. Pope, Supply Officer; Major Radiger, Musketry Instructor; Surgeon-Major Ives, P.M.O.; Capt. Kemp, Orderly Officer; and Capt. Young.

The Corps composing the camp were:—

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It is to be regretted that the Artillery branch of the service was not represented in camp, when two field batteries—Richmond and Shefford—exist within the district. We know that the latter is to be drilled under instructions yet to be issued by the Inspector of Artillery; but the existence of the camp gave an excellent opportunity for ascertaining whether the Richmond battery is efficient or useless. The work done by the brigade was confined to squad, company and arm drill, and musketry instruction. No battalion movements were attempted, and guard-mounting and sentry-go practically abolished. This is, we think, a mistake; guard and sentry duties constitute one of the three branches of drill which the Canadian militia would use on active service, to the almost total exclusion of the rest of the Red book. Target practice was carried out to as great an extent as possible, considering the persistent downpour of rain. Luckily the soil is a sandy one and the water was quickly absorbed; had it been otherwise, it is doubtful if much practical instruction of any sort could have been carried out.

The camp broke up on the 2nd inst. The conduct of the men was excellent throughout their stay, and no serious cases of drunkenness or misconduct were apparent.

5. Instructors will explain that natural or artificial objects and undulations of ground, however small, afford protection to the soldier from the enemy's fire, and will practically demonstrate to the recruit how he should make the best use of any cover available.

The move from cover to cover, unless specially ordered to the contrary, must be made in an upright position, in which the movements and signals of the fire unit leader can be most readily observed.

It must be impressed on the recruit that cover is only a means to an end, and that when he has been launched in the attack, he must push forward at all hazards; he must be taught that, when the decisive zone is reached, the chances not only of victory, but of personal safety, are increased by adopting a bold and aggressive attitude.

6. Men in extended order must ever be on the alert for the word of command, bugle sound or signal, and move as soon as they clearly understand the order.

7. The squad will be instructed with arms and will represent the smallest fire unit. Men in extended order will work in single rank.

The regulations for the actual extension, closing, and the movements in extended order, of a squad, are virtually the same as those for "skirmishers" in the old book, with such modifications as are necessary to provide for the extension being always made in single rank. It seems unnecessary to print these regulations. The paragraphs on forming rank entire and for forming files are, of course, omitted, as the rear rank men now always move up abreast of their front rank men when extending, and presumably, always resume their places in rear of them on closing. All reference to "groups" is also omitted. We notice that "when halted, unless directed to kneel down," the men in battle formation will "stand at ease;" but, that, when they close from the halt, they will "stand easy" when they reach their places.

After the squad has been taught to extend, to close, to advance, retire, &c., it is to be instructed in firing, as directed in the "Rifle Exercises." The following regulations are laid down:—

The necessity for fire discipline must be carefully explained to the recruit. Hasty unaimed fire is worse than useless, being a mere waste of ammunition, doing no harm to the enemy, and, on the contrary, encouraging him.

The necessity, therefore, for care in expenditure of ammunition must be thoroughly explained.

At this stage the instructor must be most careful to see that sights are

properly adjusted, and that the rifles are directed upon the named object.

The squad will be exercised in individual and collective fire.

Fire will be delivered from the kneeling or lying down position as ordered, but the latter position is not to be practised at decisive ranges.

A few men will be placed to represent a defending force, and blank ammunition will be used after the first day or two's instruction.

1. *Firing when advancing.*—On the word or bugle sound *Fire*, the extended line will halt, and the selected men, or the entire squad, will open fire in the position, and at the distance and object named by the instructor, who will give the order to advance when the required fire has been delivered.

2. *Firing when retiring.*—The selected men or the entire squad will halt, front, and deliver fire as ordered. If a portion only is ordered to fire, the remainder will continue the retirement, the selected men rejoining the general line as soon as they have delivered their fire.

The remarks upon Cavalry attacks have been re-written, and are now as follows:—

It should be impressed upon the men that on open ground a foot soldier has nothing to fear from a single trooper, and that on broken ground the advantage is on his side, provided he remains calm and collected. It is to be explained that groups of well disciplined infantry on broken ground or with their backs to banks, hedges, &c., may defy relatively larger numbers of Cavalry.

The immediate presence of bodies of Cavalry will demand a closer formation than that of the extended line.

In such cases the men of the fire unit may be ordered to form round their leader. At drill this will be signified by the command *Cavalry*, when the men will double to their leader, form round him, fix bayonets and turn outwards. If ordered to do so, they will practise receiving Cavalry as directed in the *Firing Exercises*.

To be continued.

SECOND LEAGUE MATCH.

In our issue of June 23rd we published the results of the second match, fired on 11th of same month. Since then the following competing teams have been good enough to favour the secretary with the returns of that match: No. 1 Co, R.C.I., 6th Batt. (2 teams), 50th Batt., King's County R.A. (2 teams), and Assiniboia Provincial R.A.

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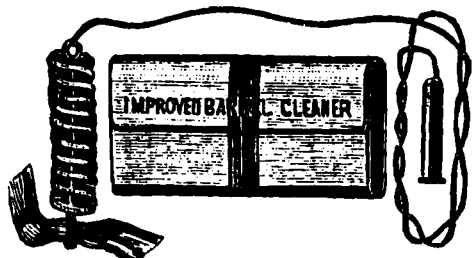
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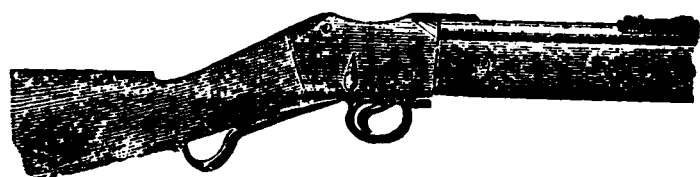
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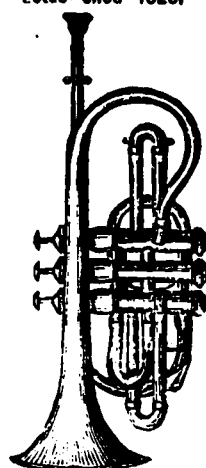
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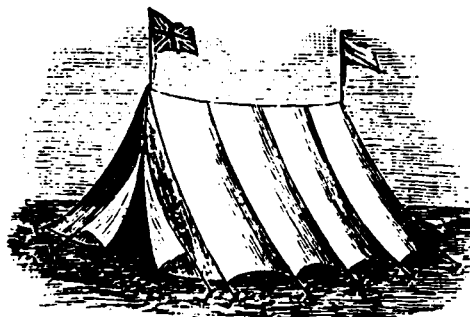
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