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Comment and Criticism.

JOW that another camping season is in progress, we would repeat our suggestion that commandants or inspecting officers should speak plainly about any faults or abuses they may see in the course of their official duties. Indiscriminate praise is in nowise calculated to promote efficiency, yet it is far too prevalent, and we have a better opinion of the average militiaman than to think him so touchy that he cannot brook to have his faults pointed out to him, if the thing is done in a kindly spirit. Last spring we praised some officers for telling the truth in their annual reports, and remarked on the need of more wholesome blame, a view which elicited the following endorsement from the United Service Gazette: "We agree with the spirit of the above remarks, and can recall how until recently a similar state of things existed in our midst: The inspection of our auxiliaries, militia, yeomanry and volunteers alike, was invariably concluded with adulatory remarks on their especial fitness. A healthier tone now exists, and praise and blame are meted out as the merits or demerits of corps demand. 'Praise undeserved is censure in disguise,' and our Canadian contemporary has done good service in directing official attention to the subject."

VERY favorable report on the new Canadian Snider ammunition is that contained in the letter of Capt. Macdonald, published elsewhere in this issue. But we would like to put the author right upon one point, for setting him astray on which perhaps we are responsible. This is, that there is not one grain of Canadian powder in the new ammunition. It had been intended that Canadian powder should be used' and we announced the fact, but for some reason the original intention was departed from, and English powder in store at the factory was used instead in the special D. C. ammunition now being served out and tested in all parts of the country.

S has been chronicled in the daily press, the Canadian artillery A team continue to meet with marked success in the Shoeburyness competitions. They are receiving a royal welcome in England, and are all the more cordially received on account of the remembrance of the treatment the British team received at the hands of the Canadiansa couple of years ago. In donnection with the series of victories of the Canadian team, the letter on the subject which appears in our correspondence column will repay perusal. We would like to hear others opinions also on this point.

THE Provincial rifle matches at Montreal which came off last week presented many features which were different from those of the past; and this being the first of such occasions when sighting shots were done away with and the extra series matches introduced, it would not be fair to criticise too closely. There is no doubt that there were many things which might have been better and which a little foresight ought to have prevented. On the first day there was a good deal of grumbling at the extra series being closed ten to fifteen minutes before the regular matches commenced, thus depriving a great many visitors of the opportunity of getting their sighting. Then many of the register keepers seemed new to their work, and rumors were frequent of "bulls" being given for "mags" and "inners" for "outers." The Guards seemed particularly unfortunate, one man being ruled out of the aggregate for a score which both he and the man who shot with him aver was what the register keeper called out, while another, through an error in addition, had ten points struck off. This was fortunately discovered in time. An old shot belonging to the Prince of Wales regiment and another belonging to the 85th protested against being ruled out for being a few seconds late, while others shot half an hour or more after the time marked on their cards. A great deal of valuable time was also lost between matches and in changing targets. Under ordinary circumstances this would not have mattered much, but on the present occasion, when four days' shooting was crowded into two, it was an injury to both the association and the competitors. The former lost money by having to make a refund for tickets which could not be shot, and the latter were obliged to shoot so very late that it was hardly possible to see the targets. No doubt all this will be remedied another year, and the council will see that every competitor leaves the ground perfectly satisfied. Personally we are much indebted for kindness received to the secretary, Major Blaiklock, the treasurer, Lt.-Col. Martin, the chief executive officer, Lt.-Col. Mattice, and others, all of whom we hope to meet on many similar occasions.

THE lists of prize-winners at the annual prize meeting of the Manitoba rifle association, held last week, will be published in our next issue, as the particulars of the last day's shooting did not reach us in time for this and we think it better to publish the complete list in

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one issue. The meeting seems to have been a very successful one, in point of attendance and otherwise.

THE general orders of the 18th of June, published in this issue, are not only long, but contain many interesting changes. Lt.-Col. Matheson assumes command of the 42nd Brockville Infantry, in the stead of the veteran Col. Buell, who has well earned his retired rank. Major Macdonell resigns from the same corps and Dr. Vaux resigns the surgeoncy and is succeeded by Dr. Fraser. In the Montreal Garrison Artillery the well known rifleman Capt. W. H. Laurie succeeds to a majority, and Lt.-Col. Poitras gets the command of the 64th Voltigeurs de Beauharnois. C. D'Amour and T. L. Alexander are promoted to the substantive ranks in their respective corps, the 76th and 71st. Surgeon Ryall, of the 13th, becomes surgeon-major by lapse of time, and Dr. Brown, surgeon of the 54th, drops his profession to take combatant rank as captain commanding No. 2 company. From what we know of his energy we are sure that whatever the corps may have lost as a surgeon, they will have gained a good company officer. The appointments show twenty seven promotions, thirty-nine losses and forty-three new appointments, or a net gain of four. Of these only four are qualified, six are non-combatants, and thirty-three are provisional appointments.

Personals.

Major Anderson, 43rd, left town on Saturday night with the Minister of Marine, for the Pacific Coast, on business connected with the light-house service, necessitated by the increase of traffic consequent upon the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway. He expects to be gone three or four weeks and is bemoaning his fate in having to relinquish all hopes of winning a place on the Wimbledon team of 1887.

Capt. Coutlee, Winnipeg F.B. was on the Point St. Charles ranges during the Quebec matches, and bears eloquent if silent testimony to the healthfulness of the Winnipeg climate in the case of at least one native of Ottawa.

The Colonies—Federation or Disintegration.

THE presence among us at the present time of so many illustrious and able representatives of the outlying dependencies of the empire, combined with the wonderful exhibition of colonial products and manufactures now offered to public view, is in itself calculated to arouse interest in one of the mightiest problems in statecrast which has ever offered itself for solution, the problem of Imperial Federation. Nor are other circumstances wanting to draw all of our attention that can be spared from the pressing consideration of the hour, and the result of the coming election, in a like direction. The intelligence that the French flag had been hoisted at the New Hebrides was well calculated to rouse feelings of anxiety and irritation not only in this country, but also in Australia, where the feeling that her best interests had been neglected, if not actually betrayed by the Home Government in the matter of the German annexations in New Guinea, is probably by no means forgotten. It is fortunate as singular that our means of forming an opinion upon the merits of the important question of our colonial relations should have been recently augmented by the contributions to the literature of the subject made by Mr. Froude in Oceana, and likewise by a foreigner—Baron Hubner—whose life has been passed in the diplomatic service of his country, and who is therefore peculiarly qualified to judge of the future of our rule in those mighty dependencies which the energy and enterprise of the Anglo-Saxon race has scattered so plentifully over the surface of the globe. Nor is the divergence of opinion between these eminent writers less remarkable. For while Mr. Froude would have us confide in a sentimental affection which, he believes, if well be only let alone, will continually increase in strength, Baron Hubner bids us remember that the colonies cannot remain as they are. It is important to bear in mind that in a go-ahead and distant community the ties of mere sentiment, which bid those of a younger generation to look to the rock whence they have been hewn, rapidly grow weaker. The traditions of a land which he has never seen, and which is so very far away, exercise a vastly less sway over the feelings of the young colonist than they did in the minds of his fathers, who ever retained in memory the bitterness of parting with kinsmen and accustomed scenes and habits of life in going to an unknown land.

It is no less certain that the two movements—separation, belonging to the past, and federation, the offspring of times more recent—have a common origin, in the conviction that things cannot much longer remain as they are. The policy of masterly inactivity, so belauded by a certain school among our Indian statesmen, has never yet borne luxuriant fruit, even in the land of its birth; but as regards the connection between the colonies and ourselves, Baron Hubner tells us plainly that the mechanism has broken down, and must be replaced by something new. It is time that we should rouse ourselves from the state of feeling, described by Professor Seeley as a fit of absence of mind, in which we have peopled half the world, and yet have not ceased to think of ourselves as merely a race inhabiting an island off the north coast of the continent of Europe. Meantime our exports to foreign countries are rapidly decreasing, and our exports to the colonies are rapidly increasing; nay, in the course of another half century the population of the colonies bids fair to exceed that of the mother country. Nor is it possible to shut our eyes to the many important questions which must be dealt with in connection with the mighty Anglo Saxon Empire of the future; of such are the questions of emigration, intercolonial relations, currency, and the rehabilitation of silver; but above all, as first and foremost, the question of Imperial defence. It is of little purpose that the sentiment which prompted the Roman of old to cry Civis Romanus sum prevade the hearts of English colonist, if at the same time there be no Imperial machinery adequate to protect the enormous commerce of the colonies, now very nearly equalling that of the mother country herself. The mineral treasurers of Australia, first discovered by Count Streletzki, are apparently endless; the coal-fields of New South Wales are of far greater area than our own, and the population of the "Giant Ocean Isle" is already three millions, as against the five millions of British North America. Few have been the occasions of probable war which have not evoked eager expressions of martial spirit, and a desire to participate in the perils and glories of the "Old Country" on the part of the colonies. There was no flinching among the scattered loyalists of Canada when the threat of invasion from the South was carried into execution in 1813; nor when the "shadow of war moved like eclipse" in the days of the "Trent outrage" was there any lack of enthusiastic arming in defence of hearth and home. And in more recent days have we not seen a contingent from New South Wales aiding, on the arid sands of the Soudan, to stem the onslaught of the followers of a false prophet; boatmen from Canada toiling amid the rapids of the Nile; and a rebellion in the North-west successfully repressed with colonial troops and resources under the command of a British general? Nor is it of less moment to remember that the great choice of the future—no dim and distant one—lies between federation and disintegration. We are very near the parting of the ways, the watershed, as it has been described, of English history; existing relations can scarcely be expected to endure more than a few years longer, and in the lifetime of the present generation of men the momentous problem of Imperial unity or disintegration must unquestionably be solved. - Broad Arrow.

The Quebec Provincial Rifle Matches.

THE eighteenth annual prize meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held on the 10th and 11th, all the programme being got through in two days, in consequence of the abolition of sighting shots and the furnishing of additional target accommodation, and this notwithstanding that the number of competitors was greatly in excess of any late year. The following Quebec corps and rifle associations were represented: the Montreal G. A., Engineers, Field Battery, P. W. R., Victorias, Royal Scots, 6th Fusiliers, Grand Trunk Rifle Association, Montreal Rifle Association; 8th batt., Quebec; 6oth batt., Missisquoi; 53rd, Sherbrooke; 85th, Laprairie; 53rd batt., Huntingdon; 50th, 51st, 52nd, 54th, 58th and 79th battalions. Also the following large representation from Ontario: Governor General's Foot Guards, Ottawa; Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton; Metropolitan Rifle Association, Ottawa; 43rd batt., Ottawa; Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa; Queen's Own, Toronto; 44th batt., Niagara Falls, and the 37th batt. The presence of these last is due to the liberality of the association in throwing open all their prizes to the whole Dominion, an example worthy of imitation by other similar associations.

The weather during the meeting was anything but favorable for good scores; a strong five o'clock gusty wind prevailing on both days. On Tuesday it was oppressively hot, the sun shone brightly, the targets lighting up splendidly in the afternoon, but on Wednesday the light was very variable. While the volley firing competition was in progress, about noon, a heavy shower fell, and after four o'clock it required a good eye to make out targets and sights distinctly, and many a high aggregate came a cropper in consequence; and it was a matter of speculative surprise how Capt. Aylmer achieved 32 points at 600 in the Active Militia match, and Sergt. Dalrymple 33 at the same range in the Martini-Henry.

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· —		KES-7 SHOTS AT 400 YARDS. Sergt. McNaughton, 51st 29 \$3
Staff-Sgt. Cleveland, 54th 32 Pte. Russell, 60th 32	\$15 10	Sergt. McNaughton, 51st 29 \$3 Corpl. R. Kough, M.F.B 29 8
Pte. Hall, 79th	8	Gunner E. Wilson, M.G.A 29 3
Bugler McNaughton, 51st 30	7	Mr. Crothers, M. Co'y R.A 28 3
Corpl. Champion, 8th 29	6	Trooper Hardy, P.L.D.G 28 3
Pte. Angus, G.G.F.G 29	5	Lieut. Busteed, Vics 27 3
Pte. C. Davies, P.W.R 29	4	Pte. Rice, 60th 27 3
Pte. T. Scott, 6th 29	3	
SECOND MATCH-FRO	NTIE	R-7 SHOTS AT 500 YARDS.
Pte. McGowan, 5th 31	\$ 20	Capt. Aylmer, 54th 28 \$4
Sergt. Wynne, 5th 31	15	Lieut. Jameson, 60th 27 4
Pte. Geo. Cooke, 5th 31	12	Lieut. Busteed, Vics 27
Lieut. Edwards, 58th 30	10	Pte. Russell, 60th 27
Lieut. Kincaide, 6th Cavalry. 30	8	Sergt. Chamberlin, 43rd 27 3
Corpl. McFarlane, Vics 29	6	Gunner Wilson, M.G.A 27 3
Pte. Bangs, 5th 29	5	Sergt. Booth, 79th 27 3
Major Anderson, 43rd 29	5	Sapper Hunter, M.E 27 3 Staff-Sgt. Armstrong, G.G.F.G 26 3
Capt. Lulham, M.G.A 29 Sot. Major Wilson, M.G.A 29	5 5	Staff-Sgt. Armstrong, G.G.F.G 26 3 Piper Clark, 5th 26 3
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Pte. Mailleue, G.G.F.G 23	4	Capt. Lulham, M.G.A 20	3
Sergt. A. Thompson, 8th 23	4	Sergt. Marks, 6th 20	3
FOURTH MATCH ASSOCIATION—IND	IVIDUA	l prizes—7 shots at 500 and 600 y	ARDS.
Sergt. Marks, 6th (silver cup). 57	\$ 20	Lieut. McKay, 6th Cavalry 50	\$4
Capt. Lulham, M.G.A 56	15	Mr. J. Walton, G.T.R 50	4
Lieut. Danielson, 60th 55	10	Corp. Currie, 5th 50	3
Pte. Morrison, G.G.F.G 55	8	Corp. Hartley, 8th 50	3
Pte. Cunningham, 50th 54	6	Staff-Sgt. McAdam, 3rd V.R. 50	3
Lieut. Adams, 51st 54	5	Pte. Kimmerley, 49th 50	3
Sergt. A. Thompson, 8th 54	5	Lieut. Edwards, 58th 49	3
Capt. McArthur, 6th Cavalry. 53	5	LtCol. Miller, 8th 49	3
Pte. Tink, G.G.F.G 53	5	Sergt. Matthews, 3rd V.R 49	3
Corp. Champion, 8th 53	5	Major Macpherson, G.G.F.G 48	3
Major Laurie, M.G.A 52	4	Corp. Kough, M.F.B 47	3
Pte. Riddell, 6th 51	4	Sergt. Rolston, 37th 47	3
Corp. McNaughton, 51st 51	4	Pte. Stanton, 60th 47	3
Pte. Russell, 60th 51	4	Ptc. H. Beattie, 60th 47	3
Capt. Trenholme, 58th 51	4	Capt. Wright, 43rd 47	3
Major Anderson, 43rd 51	4	Sergt. Goudie, 8th 47	3
Lieut. Gray, G.G.F.G 50	4	l'te. Scott, 6th 47	3
Pte. Smith, 5th 50	4	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	

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		Team	Prizes.	
6th Fusiliers (silver cup)	235	\$ 25	Other corps made the following scor	es
60th Battalion	227	20	Victoria Rifle Club, Hamilton	210
GovGen's Foot Guards	224	17	Royal Scots	208
8th Battalion	222	12	43rd Battalion	
Montreal Garrison Artillery.	214	10	3rd Battalion Victorias	205
Metropolitan Rifle Assoc'n .	213	5	Montreal Rifle Association	204
•			53rd Battulion	203

The Sixth Fusiliers having won it the second time, now retain the cup. Their score is 40 points lower than that made last year by them.

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FIFTH MATCH-ACTIVE MILITIA AND	D BAT	TALION—7 SHOTS, 200, 500 AND 600 YA	, RTN#
let Serie		dividual Prizes.	0
Capt. Aylmer, 54th 88	\$ 30	Pte. Farrar, 6th 74	\$4
Pte. Smith, 5th 82	25	Pte. Phelps, 60th 74	~4
Staff-Sgt. Armstrong, G.G.F.G. 81	20	Pre. Mailleue, G.G.F.G 73	4
Staff-Sgt. Wynne, 5th 79	15	Pte. Scott, 6th	4
Capt. McMicking, 44th 79 Staff-Sgt. Margetts, 13th 78	10 6	Capt. Wright, 43rd	4
Capt. Thomas, 54th 77	5	Pte. Clark, 53rd 73	4
Sergt. Goudie, Sth 77	5	Pte. Thompson, 12th 72	. 4
Lieut. McFarlane, 50th 77	5	Sergt. Mountain, 8th 72	4
Ptc. Riddell, 6th	5	Staff-Sgt. Alex. Thompson 72	3
Pte. Morrison, G.G.F.G 76	5	Major Laurie, M.G.A 72	3
Staff-Sgt. McAdam, 3rd V.R.C. 76 Pte. Stanton, 60th 75	5 5	Staff-Sgt. Anthony, 6th 72	3 3
Pte. G. Cooke, 5th 75	5	Sergt. A. Thompson, 8th 72 Sapper C. Hunt, M.E 71	3
Pte. Russell, 60th 75	5	Pte. Cunningham, 5th 71	3
Corp. Brown, 3rd V.R.C 74	5	Corp. Hartley, 8th 71	3
Staff-Sgt. Cleveland, 54th 74	5	Pte. Taylor, G.G.F.G 71	3
Lieut. Gray, G.G.F.G 74	4	Corp. McNaughton, 51st 71	3
2nd Services		Sattalion Prizes.	
	\$ 30	3rd Victoria Rifles	404
8th Battalion	20 15	Montreal Garrison Artillery	392
6th Fusiliers	15 10	Royal Scots53rd Battalion	384 378
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First S	eries-	-Skirmishing.	
60th Battalion \$25	86	The other scores were as follows	
M. G. A 20	80	8th Royals	47
G. G. F. G	$\begin{array}{c} 76 \\ 62 \end{array}$	G. G. F. G	4 l
V. R. C. (2nd team)	49	6th Fusiliers	38
•		Royal Scots	35
Second S	'& <i>FlC</i> \$ -	-Volley Firing Other scores were as follows:	
8th Royal \$20	75	6th Fusiliers	57
43rd Battalion 15	64	60th Battalion	57
V. R. C. (2nd team) 10	64	V. R. C. (1st team)	49
		Royal Scots	43
SEVENTII MATCH-MART	IN I-II	ENRY-7 SHOTS AT 600 YARDS.	
	\$ 20	Pte. Kimmerley, 49th 25	\$4
Major Anderson, 43rd 30	15	Lieut. Gray, G.G.F.G 25	4
Lieut. Edwards, 58th 30	10	Sergt. Currie, 6th 25	3
Pte. Smith, 5th 29	6	Lieut. Jameson, 60th 25	3
Sergt. Johnston, 85th 28 Sergt. Pratt, M.E 28	5 5	Ptc. Bellingham, 5th 24 Sergt. McNaughton, 51st 24	3 8
Capt. Wright, 43rd 28	5	Pte. Brocklesby, 3rd V.R.C 24	3:
Capt. Edwards, 3rd V.R.C 28	5	Capt. 1bbotson, 5th 24	8.
Sergt. Goudie, 8th 28	5	Capt. Newton, 5th 24	3.
Pte. Scott, 6th 27	4	Ptc. Russell, 60th 24	3
Sergt. Goodwin, 13th 27	4	Pte. Douglas, 8th 23	3
Staff-Sgt. Wynne, 5th 26	4	Capt. Thomas, 54th 23	3.
EIGHTH MATCH-		OPTIONAL-500 YARDS.	
Staff-Sgt. Sutherland, G.G.F.G. 33	\$25	Pte. Rice, 60th 30	\$4
Staff-Sgt. Armstroug, G.G.F.G. 32	20	Pte. Kimmerly, 49th 29	4
Pte. Hall, 29th	15 10	Staff.Sgt. McAdam, 3rd V.R.C. 28 Lieut. Edwards, 58th 28	4
Sergt. Jamieron, 43rd 32	6	Pte. Harvey, 54th 28	4
Lieut. Gray, G.G.F.G 32	5	Sergt. Kennedy, Q.O.R 28	3
Capt. McArthur, 6th Cavalry. 32	5	Major Macpherson, G.G.F.G 28	3
Capt. Themas, 54th 31	5	Capt. Sylvester, 85th 28	3
Pte. Thompson, 12th 31	5	Pte. Kambery, 5th 28	3
Pte. Ward, 6th 31	5	Staff-Sgt. Ross, P.W.R 27	3
Pte. Smith, 5th	4	Pte. Phelps, 60th 27	3
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Pte. Cunningham, 58th 30	4	Corp. Currie, 5th 27	3
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Staff-Sgt. Margetts, 13th	22	Staff-Sgt. Margetts, 13th Ptc. G. Cooke, 5th	. 20 . 20
Sergt. Anthony, 6th	22	LtCol. Miller, 8th	. 20
Major Anderson, 43rd	22	Capt. Newton, 5th	. 20
Pte. McCowan, 5th	22	Staff-Sgt. Armstrong, G.G.F.G	. 20
Lieut. McFarlane, 50th	22	Licut. Healy, 54th	. 19
Capt. Sims, 3rd V.R.C		Corp. Kough, M.F.B	. 19
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43rd Battalion (silver cup).. 788 \$20 60th Battalion 773 \$10 6th Fusiliers...... 783 15

[The Metropolitan rifle association of Ottawa returned a total score of 790, which would have made them first in the team aggregate. The statistical officer reported, however, that the score of one of the members of the team had been incorrectly given, 26 points being credited him in the Frontier match, whereas the register ticket was said to show that he had made only 21. In accordance with the rule his score was disallowed entirely, thus destroying the team aggregate and throwing himself out of the high place in the individual aggregate to which he had attained. The competitor in question is prepared to make affidavit that he really made 26 points, and the man who shot with him bears him out in this. He had left for home before the aggregates were published, but a protest has been sent by mail. The members of the 4-rd battalion constituting the team which has been awarded the first place, were the sole representatives of that corps present at the meeting, and are on that account all the more to be congratulated on their success.]

4th Series - The Governor-General's Medals.

First prize, the Governor-General's silver medal, won by Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th Royal Scots, with 81 points; 2nd, the Governor-General's bronze medal, won by Pte. Smith, 5th Royal Scots, with 75 points.

5th Series - The Lieutenant-Governor's Medal.

First prize, the Lieutenant-Governor's silver medal, won by Sergt. Thompson, 8th Royal Rifles, Quebec, with 86 points.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The presentation of the leading prizes took place on Wednesday evening, in the Victoria rink, which was brilliantly decorated for the occasion, and where had gathered a large representation of Montreal citizens including many ladies. Representatives of all the local corps were present in uniform. In the absence of the Lieut.-Governor, who on account of illness had a few hours previously to return to his home in Sherbrooke, Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzie, D.A.G., presided. Before proceeding with the presentation he called v pon Mr. J. J. Curran, Q.C., M.P., for a speech, in the course of which that gentleman paid a graceful tribute to the citizen soldiery of Canada, and of Montreal in particular, and also complimented the officers of the P. Q. R. A. upon the happy manner in which the meeting had been conducted. The band of the Victoria Rifles admirably played a choice selection of music during the evening.

Correspondence.

REGULARS ON THE SHOEBURYNESS TEAM.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

Str,—The Canadian artillery teams that have visited Shoeburyness on each occasion have succeeded in winning in the chief competitions with those of Great Britain. This appears very gratifying to us Canadians, but when we reflect on the reasons it becomes not quite so pleasant to contemplate. The competitions under the National artillery association of England are open to the volunteers only of the British Isles, and lately the Canadian militia were allowed to send a team. This was all very well, but unfortunately we have not adhered to the rules, or the spirit of the rules, of the mother country. In order to explain, I will mention the fact that only volunteers are privileged to compete at these meetings; not even the militia of England are allowed to enter, much less the regular forces, but generally a match is arranged at the end of the meeting for any of such who may be employed about the ranges, &c., the reason of course being that trained soldiers are not considered fair antagonists for volunteers. Another rule existing reads as follows: "No paid instructor can compete." That is, no n.c.o. or officer from the regular forces, or otherwise acting as an instructor under pay, can actually take part in the contests, though he may coach the teams previously, prior to the matches. Now, how do we proceed in forming our team? We select twenty men from the militia, but in these we include very cleverly four men from A and B batteries, two from the Royal Military College, a staff-sergeant from the Royal School of Artillery, and an officer, generally the adjutant of one of the schools, as second in command, who looks after the actual discipline and working of the squads; Thus we have six regular soldiers, picked men at that, a staff-sergeant and an officer of the same stamp on our team. What would be the result at Shoeburyness if an English squad was to borrow a staffsergeant, an officer, and half a dozen gunners from the royal school of gunnery there? Some maintain it is fair play on our part, because our men are all members of the D.A.A.; but, unfortunately, they are not. Last year, when the English team visited us, why were the n.c.o's, and gunners of A and B batteries not allowed to enter in the contests at Orleans island? Because they are not volunteers. And quite right too. Is it not peculiar that also in our own matches under the D.A.A. the permanent corps and the R.M.C. are never allowed to test their powers with the rest of the militia? Why are they, then, slipped into a team contrary to rules for the home competitions? Some day the Englishmen will see this, and then some Canadians will feel the uncomfortable position when an explanation is necessary. How it can be explained with credit to us I fail to see. Would it not be well to tackle the British volunteers on a fairer footing, in order to feel that a victory obtained is clear of all advantage on our part, and blessed with the feature of fair play? The only supporters of the present custom are those who uphold the maxim, "Win at any cost." I say so too, but let us do it with a clear conscience.

SIX-BY-NINE.

THE NEW AMMUNITION.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—I observe that in your paper some remarks have been made as to the quality of the Canadian Snider ammunition, and as the competitors at the annual matches of the Western District rifle association, held at London on the 11th and 12th inst., used it, it may be of interest to know how it worked, and how it was spoken of by competitors. The ammunition was 1886 issue, dominion make. I myself, and several of the experienced marksmen who have been successful at the

dominion matches and at Wimbledon, examined some of this ammunition, taking the cartridges to pieces and comparing the bullet, powder and general make up with the English ammunition, some of which we had. We found the powder very clean, but more irregularity in size of grains than with the English, which was not so clean, and on being rubbed between the hands sciled them, while the Canadian powder did not. On the whole it was considered that the Canadian ammunition, 1886 make, on examination compared favorably with the best English ammunition. The matches lasted two days, and about eighty-five marksmen competed. The weather was not favorable for large scores, wind and light being variable, yet fair scores were made, and not one complaint was heard about ammunition. There was an absence of drop shots, the general difficulty being with the wind and high shots, perhaps caused by the moist atmosphere owing to a rain storm on the morning of the second day. It was observed by some whose opinion I value, that there seemed to be less fouling than with English ammunition, but in hot, dry weather this might not be the case. I may say that the previous issues of dominion ammunition were not regarded as entirely satisfactory by the competitors here; they preferred the English, but though enough of the best English ammunition could have been obtained for long ranges this year, they did not care to change, and were content to go on with Canadian 1886 issue, which, I understand, is to be used at Toronto and Ottawa; where it will be more fully tested.

W. MACDONALD, Captain retired list, late 1st Brigade F.A., Guelph.

GUELPH, August 17th, 1886.

RETIRED OFFICERS' PAY.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette.

SIR,—In a previous number of the GAZETTE I noticed an article on the injustice of depriving me of my pension, earned by thirty years' service to the empire in every quarter of the globe. As I had been regularly paid my pension for more than a year after I had taken up arms at the request of Her Majesty's government in Canada, for the maintenance of Her Majesty's supremecy, I informed you that I had not been deprived of my pension. I am sorry to say that I must now inform you that your surmise was correct. Last June I received a letter from the war office stating that as my pension was partly earned by my service under the Canadian government, I was not entitled, under article 991 of the pay warrant, to such pension for the period during which I was employed by the Canadian government in suppressing the rebellion in the North-west, and directing me to refund the amount, my pension being stopped untill I had done so. I would wish to avoid commenting on the action of Her Majesty's government towards me, but I have a right to give the words of the paragraph referred to by the war office, and your readers may judge for themselves: Para. 991. "Retired pay shall not be issued to an officer under article 990, unless it shall have been earned by the completion of the period of actual military service required to entitle him to such retired pay." Can there be any question as to my having completed the period of military service required? Otherwise I would not have been granted the pension. In no way would my case come under the warrant quoted. It is exceptional. I accepted no appointment of profit under the Canadian government. The pay I received did not cover the losses I incurred. I received no bonus from the Dominion government, nor compensation in any form. I had been a soldier, I was a civilian, I left my private business and temporarily took up arms in an emergency at the urgent request of the Dominion government. The service I was rendering was no secret. I reported it to the Imperial government before drawing my pension, and stated the net pay I had received. No objection was made at the time and my pension paid regularly for over a year, when I am suddenly ordered to refund on a clause of which the Queen's English as well as the Queen's justice is perverted. And this is the sole recognition I have received for my services to both governments. On this point I make no comment, except as to the troops I commanded. They saved a province from anarchy and bloodshed. Would the Canadian Pacific railway have been completed at this moment, giving an imperial highway to the east, if Alberta had not been held in a firm grasp, and rebellion rolled up from the frontier to "Frenchman's Butte," by the marching and fighting of the gallant troops I had the honor to command? They, like myself, have not yet been paid their just claims.

> T. B. STRANGE, Major-General, Late commanding Alberta field force.

Military Colonization Ranche, P.O. Gleichen, ALBERTA, N.W.T., August 12th, 1886.

THE 18TH AND 50TH BATTALIONS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR, I see it stated in the papers that the once famous 50th Battalion, or "Huntingdon Borderers," are likely to be wiped out as being disorganized. This is too bad, after all the bravery they showed during the Fenian campaigns of both 1866 and 1870, especially the latter one, where for their good services they were granted the honor of carrying "Trout River" on their colors and given the regimeetal motto, "Watch the front; watch well." I sincerely trust this fine old corps may not be so dead as we are led to believe by the newspapers. Certainly an effort should be made, if reports are true, to resuscitate it, and without delay, too. And what of the 18th or Prescott Battalion? Where is it? Echo answhers where? Here is a corps that has been notoriously dead for several years past, and is still dead (except on paper), from causes that are well known at headquarters, and the battalion to-day consists in reality of the lieut.-colonel, paymaster and quartermaster, paymaster and quartermaster one combatant and two non-combatant officers! This fact is notorious, and the late efficient brigade major, as well as the present one, are both fully aware of it. Why, then, should such a state of things be permitted to exist for three or four years and nothing done by the authorities that be? There is more cause or reason to wipe out the supposed 18th Battalion by far than the brave 50th, who have done noble duty in defence of their country both on the frontier and in aid of civil power upon various occasions. When did the 18th Battalion appear on parade last? When did it go to camp last? How many men does it actually muster to day? are all pertinent questions; but who can answer them? It is time something were done in the matter, as the united counties of Prescott and Russell contain just as loyal men to-day as they did in 1866, when the then fine 18th Battalion did its share of active service.

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L'Orignal, Aug. 9, 1886.

The Target.

(When not otherwise expressly stated, scores given in this column will be the result of seven shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards with Sniders, without sighting shots—Wimbledon regulations. We will not publish scores which are not accompanied by full particulars as to the conditions under which they were made.)

DUFFERIN RIFLES' RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual matches of the Dufferin rifles' rifle association took place on Wednesday of last week, at Brantford. The prizes were in cash and were numerous, aggregating a considerable amount. The following list of prize winners and their scores is condensed from the Brantford Expositor, which published an excellent detailed report:

- 1. "Association."-Open to all members of the association resident in the city of Brantford or county of Brant; 200 and 600 yards; 7 rounds. Merchants' challenge cup to be won two years consecutively before becoming the property of the winner.—Merchants' challenge cup, value \$18, and \$8 cash, I'te. Donahuc, 48; Pte. Taylor, 47; Capt. Harris, 44; Major McMichael, 43; Col. Jones, 42; D. C. Wallace, 38; Pte: McDonald, 38; Lieut. Neller, 37; Major Ballachey, 87; Col. Sergt. Wood, 36; Sergt. Malcolm, 35; Lieut. Leonard, 34; J. A. Wallace, 34; Col.-Sergt. Strowger, 34; Pte. McKinnon, 32; Sergt. Porter, 32; Pte. W. Ellis, 31.
- 2. "Nursery."-Open to members of association or regiment who have never won a prize at any association, battalion, provincial or dominion match; 200 yards; 5 rounds.—Pte. E. Armitage, 17; Pte. Dunlop, 17; Pte. Strowger, 17; Pte. McKinnon, 15; Capt. Sweet, 12; Corpl. Ridley, 12; Pte. W. R. Wallace, 11; Sergt. Dickson, 10; Lieut. Leonard, 9; D. C. Wallace, &; Corpl. Swain, 8; Capt. Rothwell, 5.
- 3. "Regimental."—Open to all efficient members of the regiment.—Officers' challenge cup, value \$22, and \$8 cash, Col.-Sergt. Wood, 23; Capt. Harris, 19; Lieut. Nelles, 17; Pte. Taylor, 10; Pte. Donahue, 16; Sergt. Ince, 16; Lieut.-Col. Jones, 14; Pte. Dunlop, 14; Sergt. McCubbin, 13; Pte. McDonahd, 13; Pte. Moore, 11; Pte. Deegan, 11; Sergt. Malcolm, 10; Capt. Sweet, 10; Pte. Ellis, 9; Lieut. Kilmaster, 9; Pte. Clark, 8; Pte. Mckinnon, 8; Sergt. Wilson, 8; Pte. Ritchie, 8; Corpl. Ridley, 8; Sergt. Porter, 8; Corpl. Thompson, 7; Sergt. Dickson, 7; Col. Sergt. Strowger, 7; Lieut. Leonard, 7; Major McMichael, 6; Pte. Strowger, 6.
- 4. "Company."-Open to teams of previously named officers, non-com. missioned officers or men from any company of the regiment. All companies competed except "F" company. The following are the scores and names of the competed except "F" company. The following are the scores and names of the teams:— 'B" company Capt. Sweet, Ptes. Donahue, Ellis, Dunlop, McDonald. Score, 62. "A" company, Lieut. Kilmaster, Color-Sergt. Wood, Sergt. Wilson, Ptes. Taylor and Harper. Score, 58. "D" company, Lieut. Nelles, Color-Sergt. Strowger, Ptes. Stephenson, Clarke and Strowger. Score, 42. "E" company, Capt. W. D. Jones, Color-Sergt. McCubben, Sergt. Malcolm, Sergt. Porter, Corpl. Swain. Score, 35. "C" company, Capt. T. H. Jones, Corpls. Bernhard and Thompson, Bugler O'Malley and Pte. McKinnon. Score, 22. The prize won by "B" company was the Company Challenge Cup. presented by Indee Louis value. "B" company was the Company Challenge Cup, presented by Judge Jones, value \$20.00, and \$8.60.
- 4. "Officers' Match." Open to all officers of the regiment and to all officers who have retired from the regiment retaining rank. A silver medal valued at \$10 to be awarded to the officer making the highest score in the Association match. Captured by Capt. Harris with a score of 44.
- 6. The "Dufferin Medal."—Open to prize winners in the Regimental Match. Range 500 yards; ten rounds. 1st Pte. Donahue, 36. Col. Jones and Corpl. Taylor followed closely with 35 each.
- 7. "Extra Series." Series "A," Suider. Open to members of association and regiment. Lieut. Slater, 17; Sergt. Malcolm, 17; Capt. Harris, 17; Col. Jones, 14; Corpl. Thompson, 14; Lieut. Nelles, 14; James A. Wallace, 14; Sergt. Porter, 13; Pte. Strowger, 12. Series "B," Martini. Sergt. Malcolm, 17; Col. Jones, 13; Capt. Sweet, 10; Capt. Harris, 10; Lieut. Nelles, 9.
- 8. "Bull's Eye Match."-Bull's Eye Cup, value \$25, awarded to the competitor msking the greatest number of bull's eyes in Association, Regimental and Dufferin matches. Pte. Donahue won with a score of 8 "bulls."
- 9. "Skirmishing."-Open to teams of five previously named officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any company of the regiment-silver cup presented by Queen's Own Rifles, value \$250. 100 to 500 yards. 5 rounds advancing, 5 retiring. Position—any, at all ranges. "D" company's team, Capt. Rothwell, 132; "B" company, Capt. Sweet, 122; "C" company, Capt. T. H. Jones, 98; "E" company, Capt. W. D. Jones, 80; "A" company, Capt. Stratford, 49; "F" company did not compete.
- 10. "Grand Aggregate."—Highest aggregate score Association, Regimental and Dufferin matches. Dominion Rifle Association medal and \$4 cash, Pte. Donahue, 100; Ontario Rifle Association medal and \$4 cash, Pte. E. P. Taylor, 98; 3rd, \$4 cash, Col. Jones, 91; 4th, \$1 cash, Capt. Harris, 88; 5th. \$5 cush, Sergt. Wood, 86.

SIXTH FUSILIERS ANNUAL MATCHES.

The annual matches of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, took place at the Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday last, and were carried out very successfully. There was a large attendance of all ranks. The Star says: "The officers and men of the regiment presented a very smart and serviceable appearance in the new field service forage caps, manufactured for the regiment in England and imported by John Martin & Co., military furnishers of St. Paul street. There was not the slightest hitch throughout the day, thanks to the efforts of Major Mooney, the efficient range officer of the day, Capt. Denison, the energetic secretary of the rifle association, and Capt. Pettigrew, adjutant of the regiment, who attended to the arduous duties of the office, assisted later on in the day by Lt.-Col. Sinton, who still shows his affection for his old regiment by taking advantage of every opportunity to work for its welfare. The prize winners were as follows:-

1. "Maiden Stakes."—Range 200 yards; 5 shots. Pte. Howard, C company, 21; Lieut. E. J. Chambers, F, 19; Major G. A. Mooney, 16; Sergt. L. G. Lewis, C, 14; Pte. Wm. Ayles, C, 13; Pte. J. Thomson, F, 13; Pte. D. Barnes, B, 12; Lt.-Col. Massey, 12.

2. "Nursery Match."-Range 200 yards; 5 shots. Ptc. G. Lavers, band, 20; Corp. W. Currie, A company, 19; Col.-Sergt. H. W. Todd, A, 19; Pte. H. Howard, C, 18; Pte. C. Arnold, A, 18; Corp. W. Hunter, F, 18; Pte. J. Scott, A, 18; Sergt. B. Howard, B, 17.

- 3. "Temperance Match."—Open to members of the Regimental Temperance Association; range 200 yards; 5 shots; Pte. J. Riddle, A company, 21; Pte. Farrar, A company, 18; Pte. T. Scott, A, 18; Col. Sergt. H. W. Todd, A, 17; Sergt. D. Currie, A, 15; Corp. W. Currie, A, 14.
- 4. "Battalion Match."—Open to bona fide members of the regiment; ranges 200, prize), 84; Sergt. J. W. Marks, E (Major Gray's prize), 81; Pte. T. Scott, A (Capt. Adjt. Pettigrew's prize), 77; Sergt. D. Currie, A, 76; Corp. W. Currie, A, 74; Capt. G. Denison, D, 69; Pte. A. Harrison, A, 68; Pte. C. Arnold, A, 68; Pte. J. Farrar, A, 67; Staff Saget J. Authous F. 67; Dte. J. Ward F. 67; Saget J. J. Ward F. 67; Saget J. Authous F. 67; Dte. J. Ward F. 67; Saget J. J. Ward F. 67; Dte. J. Ward F. 67; Saget J. J. Ward F. 67; Saget A; 67; Staff-Sergt. J. Anthony, E, 67; Pte. J. Ward, E, 67; Sergt. P. Howard, B, 62; Col.-Sergt. H. W. Todd, A, 62; Col.-Sergt. J. McDonald, F, 62; Pte. J. Scott, A, 62; Pte. J. P. Clark, A, 61; Pte. G. Lavers, band, 59; Pte. E. N. Graham, A, 57.
- 5. "Skirmishing Match."-Open to all members of the regiment. Team competition. Competitors to be divided into two teams, to be drawn by lot on the ground; number of rounds 10; four rounds volley firing at 150 yards and six rounds skirmishing at unknown distances between 450 and 100 yards, advancing at the double, halting and firing at the word of command; position any with head to target. Won by No. 1 squad—Capt. Denisch, D company, Sergts. Anthony, E, McDonald, F, Marks, E, Howard, B, Ptes. Clark, Farrar, Riddle and Harrison, A, Mabon, C, Ward, E, and Lavers, band—315 points. No. 2 squad—Lieut. Stanway, A, Sergts. Beattie, C, Pettigrew, D, and Todd, A, Corp. Curne, A, Ptes. T. Scott, J. Scott, C. Arnold and Graham, A, Barnes, B, Howard, C, and Thompson, F-221 points.
- 6. "Association Match."-Open to members of the 6th Fusiliers rifle assocition; ranges, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each:—Col.-Sergt. J. McDonald, F company, 44; Staff-Sergt. J. Anthony, E, 41; Pte. J. Ward, E. 38; Sergt. J. W. Marks, E, 37; Pte. J. Riddle, A, 36; Pte. T. Scott, A, 36; Pte. A. Harrison, A, 34; Pte. J. P. Clarke, A, 31; Sergt. D. Currie, A, 30; Corp. W. Currie, A, 30; Capt. G. Dennison, D, 29; Sergt. B. Howard, B, 28; Col.-Sergt. H. W. Todd, A, 28; Corp. W. Hunter, F, 25; Pte. G. Lavers, band, 24; Pte. C. Arnold, A, 21.
- 7. "Challenge Match." Open to all comers for individual prizes, and to teams of five bona fide members of any battalion or rifle association for the team prizes. Ranges 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each. - Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 5th R.S., 56; Mr. McCrae, M.R.A., 52; Pte. Scott, 6th F., 50; Mr. Waters, M.R.A., 48; Sergt. Drysdale, M.G.A., 46; Corpl. Ibbotson, 5th R.S., 45; Color-Sergt. H. W. Todd, 6th F., 45; Corpl. Λ. H. Sims, 3rd V.V.R., 44; Staff-Sergt. J. Antheny, 6th F., 44; Mr. Ross, M.R.A., 44; Pte. A. Harrison, 6th F., 42; Sergt. D. Currie, 6th F., 42; Pte. G. Lavers, 6th F., 41; Pte. Kambery, 5th R.S., 41; Pte. Desbarats, 3rd V.V.R., 40. Team prizes.—Montreal rifle association, 206; 6th Fusiliers, 1st team, 204; 5th Royal Scots, 195. Nine teams entered, representing the several city regiments, the 85th Batt., and Montreal and Grand Trunk rifle associations.
- 8. "Aggregate Prizes."-For the highest aggregate score in matches 4, 6, and 7, N.R.A. medal, won by Pte. T. Scott, A company, 163 points; 2nd, D.C.R.A. wedal, Pte. J. Riddle, A, 154; 3rd, P.Q.R.A. badge, Staff-Sergt. J. Anthony, E, 152. For highest aggregate score at 500 yards in matches 4, 6 and 7, gold and silver medal, presented by Mr W. M. Massey, of New York, Pte. J. Riddle, A, 69. For highest aggregate score in matches 1, 2 and 4, gold and silver medal, presented by Mr. George Massey, of New York, Corpl. W. Curric, A, 93.
- 9. "Extra Series."—Open to all members of the regiment. 500 yards, 5 shots; any number of entries; the highest score of each man to count. Pte. J. Ward, E company, 23; Col.-Sergt. H. W. Todd, A, 23; Pte. T. Scott, A, 22; Col. Sergt. J. McDonald, F, 21; Pte. J. Riddle, A, 20; Sergt. J. W. Marks, E, 19; Pte. J. Lavers, band, 19; Pte. E. N. Graham, A, 18; Sergt. D. Currie, A, 18; Corp. W. Currie, A, 18; Lance Sergt. J. Anthony, E, 18; Sergt. B. Howard, B, 18; Pte. A. Harrison, A, 17; Pte. C. Araold, A, 17, Pte. J. Farrar, A, 16.

Halifax .- The Evening Mailof Monday last says: The rifle match between teams of the non-coms, and men to which the First Scottish challenged the Second Scottish, was fired at Bedford on Saturday and resulted in a decided win for the challengers. The match was fired with the short Suider, and considering the weapon and that so many of the competitors are young shots, the averages are very good, that of the winning team being 69.50, and that of the other 62.50. This match will doubtless lead to others between companies and thereby tend to improve the shooting standard. The following is the score:-

SECOND SCOTTISH.

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Corp. Taylor 3	1	31	25	87	Pte. Blackmore	26	25	23	74
Pte. Longuiel 3					Pte. Corbin	28	26	20	74
Sergt. Stenhouse 2	9	30	23	82	Pte. Blackwood	21	12	10	74
Pte. Lear 2					Sergt. Dixon	21	24	18	65
Sergt, Myers 3	ı	23	22	76	Lance Corp. Gibson	25	22	17	64
Pte. Kelley 2	4	13	27	60	Pte. Moir	25	21	15	63
Corp. Kennedy 2	8	17	10	64	Pte. Bertram	2.1	18	18	60
Lance Corp. Mackintosh 2	0	23	14	57	Ptc. Romans, S.H				
Pre. Wilson 2	1	18	13	52	Bandsman Jost				
Sergt. Downie 2					Lance Corp. Tully	21	16	6	43
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Total26	0	233	203	696	Total	242	231	152	625

FIRST SCOTTISH.

All the companies of the 63rd H. R. have completed their "annual target prac-The firing this year was done 10 rounds standing at 200 yards, 5 rounds kneeling at 300 yards and 5 rounds prone at 400 yards, the possible number of points being 80. Corp. Taylor who made 87 points in the above match, scored 65 in company, the highest made by any member of the battalion, and he is therefore this year "best shot."

Ottawa. -- The annual class firing of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards took place last Saturday afternoon on the Rideau range. To add interest to the affair a number of prizes in kind were offered, and each range and the aggregate was considered a separate match, as follows:

Standing match, 200 yards, 5 shots, open to all--1st prize, silver medal, presented by Capt. F. Gourdeau; 2nd, silver napkin ring, presented by Lieut. A. O. F. Coleman: 3rd, Indian rug, presented by Messrs. Russell & Forbes.

Nursery match, 400 yards, 10 shots, open to men who have never won a prize-1st prize, silver medal, presented by Lieut. 11. Keefer; 2nd, cane, presented by Mr. J. Roos; 3rd, silk handkerchief, presented by Messrs. Seybold & Gibson.

Match at 500 yards, 5 shots, open to all -1st prize, silver medal, presented by Mr. Rosenthal; 2nd, box of cigars, presented by Mr. J. H. Spencer; 3rd, camp chair, presented by the National Manufacturing Co.

Grand Aggregate—1st prize, silver medal, presented by Corpl. Macleod; 2nd, pipe, presented by Mr. A. H. Taylor; 3rd, dozen photos, presented by Ions Bros.; 4th (lowest aggregate), presented by Lieut. A. O. F. Coleman.

The following were the scores made:

 Sergt. Thomson
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 15—30

 Trooper Olmsted
 4
 24
 2—30

 Q.-M. Sergt. McGovern
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 17
 2—28

 Trooper McNutt
 6
 16
 3—25

 Trooper Lane
 5
 13
 6—24

 Pay Sergt. Botterell
 2
 8
 6—16

 Trooper Gordon
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 6—10

 Trooper Senecal
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 2—5

Captain Gourdeau generously refused to claim the prizes won by him, which consequently passed to the next highest scorer. The rifle used was the Snider

Regimental Notes.

Durham, Ont .- The west division of the Durham Field Battery commenced drill on Thursday evening preparatory to going to camp. Two detachments were drilled by Sergt.-Major Metheral and Sergt. Snyder.—Review.

"B" Company, I.S.C.—Major-General Sir F. Middleton, with Capt. Wise, A.D.C., arrived in St. Johns on the 7th, to inspect this coprs. Accompanied by Lieut. Col. d'Orsonnens, commandant, he inspected the men's quarters, library, sergeants' mess, canteen, etc., and was well pleased with their clean and neat appearance. On Monday the company paraded at 6.30 a.m. in review order, Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens in command. The Major-General was received with the customary salute, after which a critical inspection of the clothing, arms and accourrements

Major Vidal then took command, the company marched past, and after the manual and firing exercises were gone through, Lieut. Freer, the adjutant of the school, put the men through the bayonet exercise. Two companies were then formed, and a number of battalion movements were made. Capt. Coursol, of the corps and Lieut. d'Orsonnens, 87th Batt, attached to the school for a "long course," were called upon in succession to take command; the movements were performed smartly, showing careful training on the part of both officers and men. Lieut. Freer having assumed command extended the right half companies for attack, the left half being in support. The extended line advanced by rushes and sections and were re-inforced by the support; the attack was supposed to be an unsuccessful one, so the companies had to retire; this they effected by firing volleys and retiring by alternate companies. All this was perfectly done; intervals were preserved; all available cover promptly taken advantage of. The company and section commanders and the men thoroughly undestood what they were doing.

The Major-General expressed himself well pleased with the morning's work, particularly with the attack drill, and the commandant and officers are to be congratulated upon the efficient state of the corps.

Governor General's Foot Guards.—The second of a series of three moonlight excursions, organized by the officers of this corps in aid of the band fund, was held on Thursday evening last. The attendance was even larger than the week previous, and again the excursion proved quite as pleasant to the participants as profitable to the originators. The route was up the Rideau for about eight miles and return, the trip occupying about three hours. The band were present and furnished delightful music. The third and last excursion takes place to-night. Last evening the band gave an open air concert on Cartier Square, and attracted to that spot a very large number of citizens.

95th Batt.—The Manitoban says: "Capt. Wastie, of 'B' company 95th, states that he will bring his full strength (42 men) to Winnipeg from Brandon on the Civic Holiday, and that he could bring 50 men if he had the uniforms for them.'

Winnipeg Light Infantry.—The size rolls of six companies of the Winnipeg light infantry have at length been forwarded to headquarters. Of the remaining two companies, one—the Kildonan—has never been recognized since its return; and the other—the Minnedosa—is, it is understood, to be transferred to the 95th Manitoba grenadiers.

Winnipeg Mounted Infantry.—The School of Mounted Infantry are being instructed in their particular branch of the service, i.e., attack by mounted men acting as infantry. It is a great pity that more horses have not yet been supplied to the school. It is stated, however, that it is owing to want of stable accommodation and that this will be remedied very shortly. In view of the controversy which is now going on in English journals the experiment of a permanent corps of mounted infantry will be of interest on both sides of the Atlantic. - Manitoban.

Cobourg Garrison Aatillery.—On Friday last, says the World, the Cobourg Battery of Garrison Artillery concluded their annual drill, and on that day were officially inspected by Lieut. Col. Cotton, commandant of "A" Battery, now stationed at Kingston. The inspection took place at the Lakeside Park. Besides the inspecting officer, there were also present Lieut-Col Villiers, D A G, of Military District No. 3, accompanied by Lieut-Col Graveley, Lieut-Col Smith, Capt Snelgrove, and other officers of the 40th Batt, and several officers of the United States Army, whe are staying at the Arlington. These gentlemen were highly pleased with the manœuvres of the little corps, which were skilfully executed and demonstrated that the men were proficient in their drill, and responded with promptness and precision to the various commands of their officers—Capt Dumble, Lieut E A Macnachtan and Lieut D McNaughton. Atter the inspection Col Cotton made a brief address to the men. He spoke of the satisfaction the inspection had given him, and complimented them upon the thorough training which they must have received from their officers. He said, in conclusion, that it would be a pleasant duty for him to forward a savorable report to the Department of Militia.

Target practice with the big gun took place in the afternoon. The firing squad consisted of eight picked men. Lots were drawn for the order in which they were to fire. We give the names of the squad in that order:—Corp Lunn, Sergt-Major Service, Sergt Russell, Sergt Mulrenin, Corp Brooks, Corp Tripp, Sergt Archer, Bomb Campbell. Each man fired three solid shot, one common and one shrapnel shell, the latter with time fuse. The target, six feet square, was placed 1,200 yards away. Two flags were placed, one 180 feet in front and 30 feet to the left of the target, the other, 120 feet in rear and 30 feet to the right. No shot counted which did not strike within the limits of the flags. The shooting resulted as follows:—Sergt Archer, 36; Sergt Russell, 33; Bomb Campbell, 27; Corpl Lunn, 26; Corpl Tripp, 25; Sergt Service, 20; Sergt Mulrenin, 19; Sergt Brooks, 19. Total, 205.

Time, 50 min., 3 sec.

Militia General Orders of 18th June.

No. 1.—REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE MILITIA, 1883.

Salutes.

With reference to paragraphs 588 and 589 Regulations and Orders, 1883, it is to be understood that the salutes therein mentioned are to be fired by the artillery at the station, when available.

Clothing and Equipment.

Applications to headquarters for sets of "saddlery uniform G. S. pattern" are to be accompanied by the deposit receipt to credit of Receiver General, for the amount

Schools of Military Instruction.—Certificates.

Memo. - Adverting to sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 553, and paragraph 556 Regulations and Orders, 1883, the certificate granted by the Commandant of the Royal Military College in connection with a "long course, grade A" under the provisions of paragraph 556, will, on its receipt at headquarters, be forwarded by the Adjutant-General to the Commandant of the school by whom the "long course" certificate is to be issued. The Commandant of the school then transmitting to headquarters the "long course" certificate for registration, will return, attached to it as forming part, the certificate issued, in relation thereto, by the Commandant of the Royal Military College.

No. 2.—DISTRICT STAFF.

Changes in the district staff having been authorized the following officers are permitted to retire on 1st July, 1886, retaining their respective ranks in the militia, viz.: Lieut.-Colonel Robert Britton Denison, Deputy Adjutant-General Military Dis-

trict No. 2, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel.
Lieut. Colonel Thomas Milsom, Brigade Major 3rd, 4th and 5th Brigade Divi-

sions, Ontario, with rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

The Commandant of the School of Infantry at Toronto (C company, Infantry School Corps) will, in addition to his duties as such commandant, take over from 1st July, 1886, until further orders, the duties of Deputy Adjutant-General, Military District No. 2, and of Brigade-Major 3rd, 4th and 5th Brigade Divisions, Ontario.

No. 3.—Active Militia.—Regulations for the annual drill of 1886-87.

Adverting to paragraph under the heading "camps" of No. 2 of General Orders (11) 28th May, 1886, the "places and dates of the several encampments" are as follows:-

> District No. 1 London, Ont., on the 22nd June, 1886. " 3 Kingston, Ont., on the 7th September, 1886. " 4 Prescott, Ont., on the 22nd June, 1886. 5 Richmond, Que., on the 26th June, 1886. "

6 Longueuil, Que., on the 1st July, 1886.

9 Aldershot, N.S., 14th September, 1886.

No. 4.--

8th Cav., "A" Troop.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. George Stopford Maunsell, S.C., vice Wedderburn, transferred to and promoted in "F" Troop.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Charles Chillis McMonagle, vice Maunsell,

promoted.

"C" Troop.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Daivd Sears, S.C., vice Sharp, retired. "F" Troop.—To be capt., Lieut. Frederick Vernon Wedderburn, S.C., from "A" Troop, vice Scovil, retired.

Toronto Bat. Gar. Art.—2nd Lieut. Andrew Hill Malloch resigns.

Gananoque F. B. Art .-- To be lieut. prov., Sergt. Samuel Alex. McKenzie, vice Gillies, promoted.

Late Ste. Catharines B. G. Art .-- No. 2 of general orders, 14th November, 1868, is amended by permitting Capt. James Wilson to retire retaining rank.

Ottawa F. B. Art.—Adverting to the appointment of T. A. D. Bliss in No. 5 of general orders (10) 21st May, 1886, read "to be 2nd lieut." instead of "to be

Montreal B. G. Art.—To be major, Capt. Walter Hunter Laurie, R.S.A., vice Fraser, promoted.

To be capt., Lieut. William Henry Lulham, G.S., vice Laurie.

Newcastle F. B. Art.—To be veterinary surgeon, Q.M.-Sergt. John Morrissy, vice James Brown, who resigns.

New Brunswick B. G. Art., No. 2 Bat.—To be capt., Lieut. John James Gordon, R.S.A., vice Langan, appointed adjutant.

To be adjutant, Capt. Charles Frederick Langan, G.S., from No. 2 Battery.

Charlottetown Engr. Co.—To be lieut., Serg. Maj. George Morton Moore, E.C. (1st B.), vice Weeks, promoted. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Hugh McLean Davison, vice Horne, resigned.

Kildonan Infantry Co.-Lieut. William R. D. Sutherland is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

This company having become non-effective is removed from the list of corps of

1st Batt.-To be capt., Lieut. Arthur Scott Henshaw, S.I., vice John Ogden Wllgress, who retires retaining rank;

and lieut. Charles Herbert Godfrey, S.I., vice Turpin, retired.

To be lieut., 2nd lieut. Frank Scott, S.I., vice Paul, resigned;

William Abbott, prov., vice Cooke, promoted.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Benjamin Taylor Andrew Bell, vice Nelles, resigned. To be adjt., Capt. Stewart Campbell, S.I., vice Butler, appointed major.

9th Batt., No. 5. Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Joseph A. W. LeBel, vice Dorion.

To be adjut., Lieut. Lucien Gilbert Elzear Fiset, S.I., from No. 3 com., vice Pelletier, transferred to Regiment of Canadian Artillery.

11th Batt. No. 8 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., Sergt. William Williamson, S.I. (1st B), vice Sittlington, promoted.

12th Batt., No. 3 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., John Edward Verral, vice George Sutherland, who resigns.

No. 5 Co.—To be capt., Walter John Crosthwaite, M.S., vice Frank Geddes Tremayne, who retires retaining rank.

Lieut. Murdoch Seth Chapman, resigns.

No. 6 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., John McConnell, vice John A. Wismer,

To be quarter-master, James Gower, vice Smith, transferred to 35th Batt. To be assist.-surgeon, William Hincks Boultey, vice Henry P. Machell, who

13th Batt.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Frederick Blyth Ross, vice William John

Coulson, who retires retaining rank.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Corpl. Joseph William Bowman, vice Ross, promoted. Surgeon Isaac Ryall to have the rank of Surgeon-Major, from the 6th April, 1886.

15th Batt.—To be lieuts., prov., Cecil Mayham Bird, vice Metzler. Color-Sergt. Donald George Henderson, vice Halliwell, promoted.
John Franklin Wills, vice William Halloway Wallbridge, left limits.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Private Albert Edward Overill, vice James McGregor Young, who resigns.

21st Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Staff-Sergeant Alanson William Botsford, vice John H. C. Leggatt, who resigns.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. John Salmoni Mears, vice Joseph David Burk, who resigns.

23rd Batt., No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Charles Francois Xavier Blanchet, vice Charles Bignell, left limits.

26th Batt., No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., George Robert Shirley, S.I. (sit B),

vice Billington, promoted.
No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Charles Wakefield Sarvis, vice John McFarlen, who has failed to attend annual drill.

No. 7 Co.—To be lieut, prov., Private Frederick L. E. Evans, vice Ethelwolf Scatcherd, who resigns.

29th Batt., No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., George Collins, vice M. Collins. No. 6 Co.—To be capt., prov., Staff-Sergt. James Ewart Stanton, vice Foote. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Paymaster-Sergt. John McQuillan, vice Charles Haberlandt, who resigns,

32nd Batt., No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Ross Frederick Robertson, vice Henry Collins, who resigns.

No. 8 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Private Francis Dever, vice McAuley.

36th Batt., No. 6 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Private Arnold McLaren.

37th Batt., No. 5 Co.—Capt. William Ryan retires retaining rank.

42nd Batt.—To be lieut.-col., Major Arthur James Matheson, M.S., vice Jacob D. Buell, who retires retaining rank.

Major Donald Greenfield Macdonell resigns.

No. 1 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Sergt. John Mohr Ramsay, vice Williams, pro-

To be quarter-master, 2nd Lieut., prov., Francis Coulter, from No. 1 Co., vice James S. Lanskail, who having the relative rank of major is permitted to retire with the honorary rank of major.

To be surgeon, Harry Donald Fraser, vice Harry Edward Vaux, who resigns.

49th Batt., No. 1 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Private John Alexander Forin, vice Johnston, appointed adjutant.

54th Batt., No 2 Co.—To be capt., prov., Surgeon Thomas Louis Brown, vice James McLean, left limits.

To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. William John Booth, M.S., vice John T. Eames, left

55th Batt.—To be assistant-surgeon, William Thompson, vice Hurdman, promoted. 56th Batt., No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Color-Sergt. David Wellington

Beckett, vice Sloan. 58th Batt., No. 5 Co.-To be capt., Lieut. Donald Beaton, V.B., from No. 3

Co., vice Ramage, promoted. 2nd Lieut. Robert McLeod being over age is placed on the retired list retaining rank.

To be quarter-master, Robert Wright, vice Charles Patton, left limits.

62nd Batt.—To be 2nd licut., prov., George Mills Cleveland, vice Goddard,

64th Batt.—To be lieut.-col., Major Lucius Poitras, M.S., vice Prudhomme, placed on retired list.

66th Batt .- To be 2nd lieut., prov., William Darley Bentley, junior, vice Germaine, resigned.

67th Batt., No. 3 Co.-To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. James Renfrew Kirkpatrick, S.I., vice Hemphill, resigned.

70th Batt., No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Private Richard Stanislas Lacourciere, vice Beaudry.

71st Batt.—To be major, Capt. and Brevet Major Thomas L. Alexander, V.B.,

from No. 5 Co., vice Wilkinson, retired.
No. 1 Co.—To be capt., Lieut. Jared Boone, S.I., vice William Anderson Barker who retires retaining rank.

o be lieut., 2nd Lieut. John Vicars Johnston, S.I. vice Boone.

No. 5 Co.-To be capt., 2nd Lieut. William Dill Hartt, S.I., vice Alexander, promoted.

Lieut. George A. Hoyt retires retaining rank.

74th Batt., No. 4 Co.-Lieut. David Simpson having left limits is placed on the retired list, retaining rank.

76th Batt.—To be major, Capt. Charles D'Amour, M.S., from the adjutancy, vice Beaudreau, promoted.

81st Batt.—2nd lieut. and Adjutant Joseph G. Cote, M.S, to have the rank of captain from 11th February, 1886.

82nd Batt., No. 8 Co.-To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. George Bynon, vice Isaac Ives, who resigns.

83rd Batt., No. 4 Co -To be capt., Lieut. Francois Xavier Onesime Lacasse, M.S., vice Auguste Guilbault appointed paymaster.

No. 5 Co.—To be capt., Lieut. James Henry Burns, M.S., vice Thomas Blair, who retires retaining rank.

To be lieut., 2nd Lieut James C. Mason, M.S., vice Burns, promoted. To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. James C. Norrish, vice Mason, promoted. To be paymaster, Capt., prov., Auguste Guilbault, from No. 4 Co., vice Charles B. H. Leprohon, who having the relative rank of captain, retires with the honorary rank of captain.

85th Batt., No. 1 Co.-To be Lieut., prov., Camille Laviolette, vice Eugene Grignon, left limits.

91st Batt .- 2nd Lieut. John Arthur Tracy Thirkell is hereby permitted to revert to the retired list of captains.

Capt. W. B. Pilsworth and 2nd Lieut. Thomas D. Deegan having left limits, their names are removed from the list of officers of the Active Militia.

3rd Batt., No. 2 Co.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Levi Borden Donkin, S.I., vice William C. Phillips who being over age is placed on retired list retaining rank.

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