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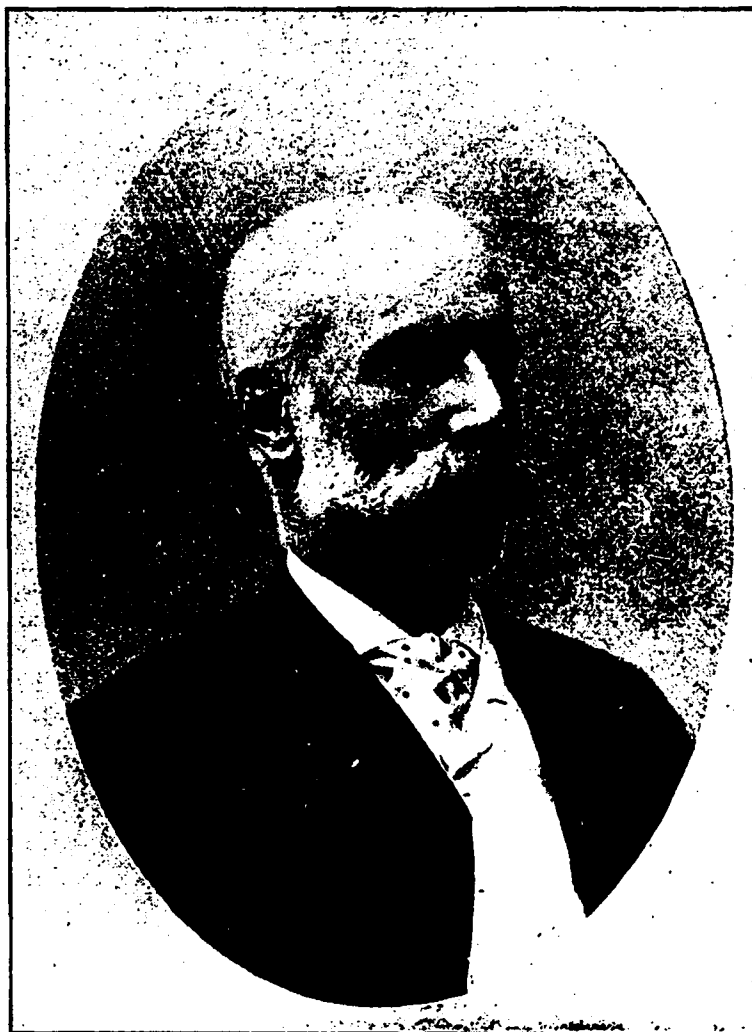
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## LIEUT.-COL. BACON.

What competitor at the D.R.A. does not know the energetic secretary—the man on whose shoulders falls the direction and responsibility of the great amount of detail work necessarily connected with the business of such an association. It is at the annual matches that he comes specially to the front; and it is to his zeal, systematic plans, and personal oversight that much of the success of recent meetings is undoubtedly due.

He was born and educated at Cambridge, Eng., and adopted civil engineering as a profession; was engaged on the South Eastern Railway during the heavy blasting operations at the Abbotscliffe and other tunnels of that railway, and was also employed at the Atmospheric Railway between Croydon and Epsom; when the Great Northern Railway was commenced was appointed resident engineer on it. He was next a contractor's engineer under Messrs. Peto, Brassey & Betts, on various works, and in 1854 came to this country and was employed by the same firm on the Grand Trunk Railway until its completion. He joined the Victoria Rifles in 1861, and in 1862 was made Adjutant and then Captain of No. 1 Company, serving twice during the Fenian Raid of 1866, at Cornwall and St. Johns, Que. He was again on active service in 1879, and in 1867 was appointed Brigade-Major, 1st Brigade Division Military District No. 5. In 1878 the Montreal Brigade went to Quebec, on call, under command of Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, D.A.G. Colonel Fletcher being recalled to Montreal, the command of the Montreal force devolved upon Col. Bacon, who, on the 15th June, in front of all the troops on duty, received an address of thanks from the Mayor and Corporation of Quebec to the Montreal force for their alacrity in answering to the request of



LIEUT.-COL. BACON, Secretary Dominion Rifle Association.

Quebec for assistance. In 1881 Lieut.-Col. Bacon was transferred from Montreal to Ottawa, and performed the duties of Brigade-Major there until December 1883, when he was transferred to the store branch of the Militia Department. When in Montreal he, for a number of years, held the secretaryship of the P.Q.R.A. In May, 1885, he was elected secretary of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, and has acted in that capacity ever since. In 1886 he had command of the Canadian contingent to Wimbledon—a team of exceptional shooting merit, and which brought back the much-coveted but seldom-won Kolar-pore trophy. We feel confident that we voice the sentiments of all shooting men in hoping that the Association may have for many years yet the services of its present energetic and capable secretary.

## DOMINION DAY.

The fact that Dominion Day comes this year on a Friday should in itself be a strong reason for an attempt to bring together at Toronto a strong force of troops for field manoeuvres. There is also to be considered that special eclat should accompany this year's celebration of our great national holiday, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of Confederation—the first quarter-century mark in our existence as a united people. On both these grounds, a military display is especially desirable this year. It would afford an excellent opportunity to get together a number of corps for three full days with very little interference with the business duties of the men, and at a time of the year when they can easily go under canvas and thus get excellent training in camp duties and routine. That the weather is usually very hot at such a time may be urged as an objection; but, on the other hand, should such be the case, active work could be suspended during the most heated hours of the day and gone on with morning and evening—the days being at their longest at this season. We commend this to the Major-General commanding and to the officers of the Toronto force. Montreal will have its military day next week; it will then be the turn of the western metropolis.

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It is much to be regretted that the city corps in the Maritime Provinces seldom, if ever, take advantage of holidays to meet together at some central point such as Moncton—for field manoeuvres or practical camp work. The country battalions get a certain amount of this in the annual camps; but the city infantry corps are never brought together for practice in what would be all-important if called on active service. Why could not something of the sort be arranged for the coming Dominion Day?

# REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## THE ANNIVERSARY OF BATOCHÉ.

As Thursday last, the 12th instant, was the 7th anniversary of the victory at Batoché, a few words about how it was celebrated in Toronto, by the Ex-Members Association of the Royal Grenadiers, may not be out of place. But first of all I would like to give a short sketch of the Association since the time of organization a year ago. At that time a few ex-members of the regiment, who had seen service during the late rebellion, came to the conclusion that as the anniversaries were celebrated by the officers and sergeants only, while those who came under the head of "full privates" were entirely lost sight of, it was high time to organize. A meeting was called at the Drill Shed, at which officers were elected, constitution and by-laws drafted, and arrangements made to hold meetings on the second Friday of each month. Our membership has increased since then to about fifty members, several of whom served in '66. As the anniversary approached, a supper to celebrate the event was proposed, and a committee having been appointed, they determined to leave no stone unturned to make it a grand success. How well their efforts were rewarded may be seen from the fact that over one hundred sat down to the well-filled tables. President Allen occupied the chair, and seated at his right and left respectively were Capt. Manley, Royal Grenadiers, and Lieut. Spence, 34th Battalion. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the president read two letters, one from Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, written from Moorside Yately Hants, England, in which he wished the Association every prosperity and success, and one from Lieut.-Col. Grassett, late commanding officer Royal Grenadiers, written in a similar strain, both regretting their inability to be present. These letters were received with great enthusiasm, after which the toast list was disposed of. "The Queen" was responded to by all rising and singing the National Anthem, with that vigour for which the men of the 10th Grenadiers are famous. "Our Regiment and Sister Corps," coupled with the name of Lieut. Spence, 34th Battalion, was the signal for another round of applause. Ex-Corp. Skippon, of the old 10th Royals, replied to "Our Regiment," and reviewed its progress from its organization to the present, and concluded by calling on all his old comrades to join the Association. Lieut. Spence followed in replying to

"Sister Corps." His remarks were to the effect that he was proud to be among the ex-members, and complimented them on their large turn-out. "The Ladies" was received with applause; "The Press" was responded to by a representative of the *Globe*. Much praise is due those who contributed to the musical programme, viz.: Capt. Manley, President Allen, Messrs. Pollard, McGowan, Bond, Master J. Scholes, Mr. Smedley, who gave an imitation of a military band advancing and retiring, on the banjo, and Mr. Coghill, whose recitation, "Gentleman Dick of the Greys," was exceptionally good. After passing votes of thanks to the host and committee, the singing of the National Anthem, with cheers for the Queen, brought to a close the first annual supper. Before dispersing it was announced that the church parade of the regiment, which was to be held on the 15th, was postponed indefinitely. Those present then decided that they would meet in the Queen's Park on that day and proceed in a body to Mount Pleasant Cemetery and decorate the graves of their comrades who fell in '85. This was accordingly done, about sixty taking part, although the majority were disappointed, as only six were allowed to enter the cemetery; the rules being "that no public body could gain admittance without a written order from the trustees." The members felt very indignant over it, and thought the caretaker might have been courteous enough to allow them to enter and bring a written order on a future occasion.

T. R. STANLEY, Secretary.

## QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, MAY 16, 1892.—The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars paraded every afternoon at five o'clock during the past week, and proceeded to the Plains for mounted drill.

The annual inspection of the Seminary of Quebec Drill companies took place on Thursday afternoon, the 12th instant. Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G. of this district was the inspecting officer, who was accompanied by the following staff: Lieut.-Colonels Turnbull, R.S.C.; C. E. Montizambert, R.C.A.; J. Elton Prower, 8th R.R., and Taschereau, brigade major, and Captain Rutherford, R.C.A. A large number of spectators had gathered in the drill hall to witness the manoeuvres, which consisted of the march past in quick and double time; manual, firing and bayonet exercises, bayonet exer-

cises, infantry and cavalry sword exercises, physical drill, etc. Music was furnished by the Seminary Band.

A meeting of the committee of the 8th Royal Rifles Association was held on Thursday evening last and was very well attended. The committee are to be congratulated upon the work they have decided upon for the shooting season. It was decided to fire the annual matches on the 29th June. Three teams will compete in the Military Rifle League. The shooting will be divided into three classes instead of two as in former years. There will be a grand aggregate of the season's shooting in each class, as well as monthly prizes, consisting of silver spoons. In the former case the prizes will consist of Martini-Henry rifles, etc.

It was decided to affiliate with the Dominion, Province of Quebec and Province of Ontario Rifle Associations, and it is expected the regiment will be well represented in each case.

The following were elected as captains of teams: 1st class, Lieut. Davidson; 2nd class, Staff-Serjt. Mountain; 3rd class, Private A. Thomson, No. 6 Company.

During the parade of the regiment on Friday evening last Capt. Walter J. Ray was called out and put the battalion through a number of interesting movements, which were well performed.

The following promotions were notified to the regiment:—

"A." Co.—To be corporal, Private Power, vice Morrison, discharged.

"B." Co.—To be corporal, Private J. Malone, vice Boyd, promoted.

Signal Corps.—To be corporal, Signaller Scott, vice Charles Scott, reverted to the ranks of "D." Co.

"E." Co.—To be corporal, Private J. M. Collier, vice Potvin, discharged; to be lance-corporal, Private Hope S. McHugh.

"D." Co. To be sergeant, Corporal R. Davidson, vice VanFelson, commissioned lieutenant; to be corporal, Lance Corporal David Watson, vice Davidson, promoted.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., the 8th Royal Rifles attended divine service in St. Andrew's Church. The muster was large and the marching very good. The weather was simply perfect, and large numbers of the citizens turned out to see the regiment.

R.M.C. No. 47.

The 14th Battalion, Kingston, have been drilling hard lately, preparatory to the trip to Peterboro' on the Queen's birthday. A large number of recruits have come in, and a very strong muster is anticipated.

# "RAMROD" ON THE PERMANENT CORPS

AND

## THE MONTREAL BATTALIONS.

The report of the Major-General commanding the Canadian Militia has naturally been the chief topic of discussion during the past month among the officers and men of the Montreal force. It has, I think, been very generally received in the very best spirit, and there exists a feeling that eventually it will be productive of good. There are, however, some points alluded to by the General which while their truth cannot be denied, might have been toned down a little, for the fault lies at the door of the Militia Department, and others upon the shoulders of the entire Government; not where the words of the General would place it. As the General first takes up the "Schools of Instruction and Permanent Corps," and as I have been at one of the "Schools," I know the opinion of the officers and non-commissioned officers on some of the points which he condemns. He complains of the great waste caused by desertions and purchase; so that practically the majority of the recruits are men of a year's service or less. I have often heard this fact discussed, and the cause was said to be two-fold: 1st, the absolute want of a future for the men, there being no pension as in the Mounted Police; 2nd, the worry which the men experience from the mistakes made by attached officers while drilling them. A sergeant in the school I was at, who was at one time an Imperial soldier, told me upon one occasion that the men would rather drill the whole day under their own officers than for a brief hour under an attached officer. This can be readily understood, for an officer undergoing instruction is like a young chess player—often making mistakes in his moves. My advice is to give the officers and men of the Permanent Corps the same pension as the Mounted Police. We will then have fewer desertions, and fewer putting in their purchase money. We must have a small body of permanent soldiers in Canada. Let the Government recognize this, and treat them as the soldiers of every country in the world are treated, except in Canada. The General says, "Their administrative system \* \* \* \* is marked by a want of uniformity." This I have heard discussed, and the remedy suggested; which was to form the four companies of the Infantry School corps into a regiment, with a colonel at its head, who would be Inspector of Infantry. This has been done in the Artillery, and is, I believe, certainly part of the reason

for the efficiency of the regular batteries and Militia batteries to which General Herbert alludes, for this colonel is Inspector also of Artillery. I hope that the committee of officers detailed to elaborate a scheme for uniformity will give at least a passing thought to my suggestion. I now come to that portion of the report headed "Active Militia," and I have read over certainly more than a dozen times the General's definition of the Volunteer and the Militia system, with a view of thoroughly understanding it, and I believe I have succeeded. The Volunteer in Great Britain is, I judge, a man who gets nothing for himself, but all for his regiment, while the Militiaman gets daily pay for service done during a certain number of days. Canada clearly then has—as I think it is termed—a Militia force. The General apparently condemns the officers for requiring the men to transfer the whole or portion of this money into a regimental or company fund. It would be better, certainly, if this money remained in the pockets of the Militiaman, but then the best is not always obtainable. In most rural battalions I think the money remains the property of the receiver, but in city battalions, where expenses are high, and the great majority of officers not men of wealth, it is practically a necessity. If the recruit on joining his corps agrees to so dispose his funds, who has the right to object? Officers and men are enrolled for the defence of their country. I think the burden should fall proportionately on each. I fancy that the General will find it a pretty hard matter to change this particular point, as regards officers and men bearing a proportionate share of the burden. The remainder of the report is such as must commend it to all well-wishers of our national force, and I am sure I but re-echo the sentiment of not only the Montreal force, but also of the public of Montreal, when I say that unless the Government acts on the suggestions of the General at as early a date as possible they will assume a heavy responsibility.

The discussions and the ill-temper produced in the various Montreal corps over the Queen's Birthday manoeuvres still continues, and I fear will in the end act injuriously. If the General Commanding thinks such movements necessary, instead of the usual review of that day, in the name of all that is fair and reasonable why does not the Government pay the, to them, paltry sum necessary for expenses. Why call

upon the Montreal officers to put their hands into their slim money-bags and contribute from \$25 to \$10 to enable them to go through what will be about as hard a day's work as they have put in for many and many a day.

The various city battalions are busy at work preparing for their inspections, which, I may say, are this year not looked forward to with the same confidence that they formerly were. None of the regiments are, I think, shining up in such good numbers as I would like. The "Vics," who have always boasted of "over-strength," looked very weak the last time I saw them march from their armoury to the Champ de Mars.

May 16, 1892.

RAMROD.

### ITEMS.

It is announced that Col. T. J. Walsh will retire from active service, and has resigned his command of the 63rd Rifles. The colonel has been over 31 years in the regiment; he was enrolled 8th February, 1861; promoted to the rank of sergeant 28th July, 1865; was on active service during the Fenian raid; promoted to colour-sergeant 22nd July, 1868; ensign, 17th May, 1871; captain, 23rd October, 1874; major, 20th August, 1880; served as junior major of the Halifax provisional battalion at the North-west during the Riel rebellion of 1885; and was promoted lieutenant-colonel 18th April, 1890. Lieut.-Col. Walsh has also been a successful rifle shot; among other prizes he has been a winner of the president's prize at D.R.A. Ottawa, and of the final of the P.R.A. challenge gold medal; he is also the holder of several other medals.

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No expense is to be spared in fitting out the regimental band of the 48th Highlanders. The best instruments and most brilliant uniforms have already been ordered, and Mr. Griffin—formerly bandmaster of the H. M. 62nd regiment (1st Battalion), will take charge. This is as it should be. A richly-uniformed and well-trained band is a powerful factor in attracting recruits and maintaining the efficiency of a corps. With few exceptions, the best bands in the Queen's service belong to regiments of well-earned reputation for popularity, efficiency and valour.

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The 13th, Hamilton, will parade with the 48th Highlanders, at Toronto, on Her Majesty's natal day, on the occasion of the presentation of colours to the 48th, by Lord Stanley. A large turnout of the former corps greeted Col. Gibson at the Drill Hall last Friday evening; the colours were trooped, and some general battalion drill performed.



# MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

## HEADQUARTERS.

OTTAWA, 12th May, 1892.

### GENERAL ORDERS (9).

#### *Inspections.*

1. Inspection reports of all arms will be sent in to headquarters within eight days of the completion of the inspection. Those of Artillery and Engineers will be filled in, as far as possible, by the Inspecting Officer at the time of inspection, and transmitted to the Deputy Adjutant General of the District, who will complete them (if necessary) and forward them to headquarters. The comparative efficiency return will be made out and sent in with the Inspection report.

2. Inspections will be divided into two parts:

1. In quarters.
2. In the field.

In making the inspection in quarters, the Inspecting officer will examine the regimental, troop or company armouries, the reserve arms, equipment and clothing held on charge by the corps, and the ledgers and other books connected therewith. He will examine the system pursued for the issue of orders, register of correspondence and regimental records, and all other matters connected with the discipline and interior economy of the corps. He will inspect the company company service rolls and company record of discharges, and report how far the provisions of the Militia Act and the regulations in respect of enlistment and discharge are carried out. He will likewise examine the officers *viva voce* in the general principles of drill and tactics.

At the Inspection of Infantry in the field, the Inspecting Officer will dismount and inspect each company individually, in order that he may be able to judge of the condition of arms and clothing, and of the physique of the men. The Captains will then be called to put their companies through the movements and formations of a company. When the companies are of a less strength than sixteen files, the drill will be in single rank. The Commanding Officer and Majors will be called upon to drill the battalion, giving the instructions for each movement. There are few places where ground is not available for drill of a practical kind, and where it is necessary

to march some distance to such ground, an inspection in the principles of route marching and advanced and rear guards can be carried out.

At the inspection of Cavalry in camps of instruction, one day is to be allotted to the drill of individual squadrons, and another to that of the regiment under the Commanding Officer and Major.

3. It is not necessary that the inspection in quarters and that in the field should be carried out on the same day. The former, as well as the examination of officers, can be made in the evening, and with due consideration for the general convenience of officers.

4. The form to be used in making the comparative efficiency return of Infantry and Cavalry is attached hereto.

5. Inspecting Officers are reminded that a review and a march past, or other ceremonial movements, do not constitute an inspection, nor are they even a necessary part of it. The object of an inspection is to ascertain and record the state of organization, and the value of the work done in each corps.

## HEADQUARTERS.

OTTAWA, 13th May, 1892.

### GENERAL ORDERS (10).

#### No. 1.

#### DRESS REGULATIONS.

Adverting to General Orders (7) 3rd May, 1889, the sword-belt, pouch-belt and instrument case to be worn by Veterinary Surgeons, will be of the pattern prescribed in Army Dress Regulations, 1891, for Veterinary Surgeons.

#### EXTRA SHORT COURSES OF INSTRUCTION:

Short courses of instruction will be opened at the Royal Schools of Infantry, on 1st of July and 1st October, instead of, as heretofore, on 1st September only.

Commandants of these schools are authorized to grant leave of absence during the period of these courses of instruction, subject to the limitations contained in paragraph 1044 Regulations and Orders for the Militia, 1887.

#### No. 3.

#### MOBILIZATION.

The following change in Headquarters is authorized:

77TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, No. 2 Company, from "Bartonville" to "Waterdown."

#### No. 4.

#### ACTIVE MILITIA.

#### PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

#### *Cavalry.*

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S BODY GUARD FOR ONTARIO, Toronto.—To be Paymaster: Alfred Edward Sheriff Thompson, Esquire.

8TH "PRINCESS LOUISE'S NEW BRUNSWICK" REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.—"A" Troop, Hampton.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Private Edward Harrington, *vice* F. B. Black, promoted into "E" Troop.

#### *Artillery.*

OTTAWA FIELD BATTERY OF ARTILLERY, O.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant Edward Theodore Barclay Gillmore, R.M.C., *vice* W. G. Hurdman.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Daniel Isaac Vernon Eaton, Gentleman, from retired list of Lieutenants, *vice* E. T. B. Gillmore, promoted.

DURHAM FIELD BATTERY OF ARTILLERY, O.—To be Veterinary Surgeon, from 8th September, 1891: James Walton Fisher, Gentleman, V.S., *vice* Samuel Sydney Dickinson, failed to attend annual drill.

1ST "HALIFAX" BRIGADE OF GARRISON ARTILLERY, N.S.—To be Captains: Lieutenants Joshua Snowdon Dimock, R.S.A., *vice* Brevet Major W. A. Purcell, retired. Lieutenant Charles Robinson Reynolds, R.S.A., *vice* A. Anderson, retired.

To be Lieutenants: 2nd Lieutenant Frederick Ernest Halls, R.S.A., *vice* John Charles De Wolfe, who resigns his commission. 2nd Lieutenant James Edwin Gordon Boulton, R.S.A., *vice* J. S. Dimock, promoted. 2nd Lieutenant George Tracey, R.S.A., *vice* C. R. Reynolds, promoted.

MONTREAL BRIGADE OF GARRISON ARTILLERY, Q.—To be 2nd Lieutenant: William Norval King, Gentleman, S.G., *vice* R. Costigan, promoted.

#### *Infantry and Rifles.*

3RD BATTALION "VICTORIA RIFLES OF CANADA," Montreal, Q.—Major C. W. Radiger resigns his commission.

To be Paymaster, with Honorary rank of Major: Charles William Radiger, Esquire, *vice* Louis Sutherland, who is permitted to retire with the Honorary rank of Captain.

5TH BATTALION "ROYAL RIFLES," Quebec.—To be Lieutenant: Sergeant George Lee Van Felson, M.S., *vice* P. P. Myles, resigned.

9TH BATTALION RIFLES "VOLTIGEURS DE QUEBEC," Q.—The following officers resign their commissions: Captains Lucien Gilbert Elzear Fiset, Arthur Blouin, and Lieutenant Joseph Docile Brousseau.

2nd Lieutenants Jules Paradis and Albert Fiset resign their provisional appointments.

To be Captains: Lieutenant Leonce Francois Ludovic Stein, M.S., *vice* P. J. Jolicœur

Sergeant-Major Edmond Trudel, M.S., *vice* L. G. E. Fiset.

To be Lieutenant: Lieutenant Joseph P. G. Ouellet, R.S.I., from No. 5 Company, 89th Battalion, *vice* J. D. Brousseau.

To be 2nd Lieutenants, provisionally: Quartermaster Sergeant Charles Hector Valin, *vice* J. Paradis. Staff Sergeant Louis Germain Chabot, *vice* A. Fiset.

10TH BATTALION "ROYAL GRENADIERS," Toronto, O.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant Cesare James Marani, R.S.I., *vice* A. H. Macdonell, appointed to the Infantry School Corps.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Arthur Wellesley Croil, Gentleman, *vice* A. C. F. Boulton, promoted.

Lieutenant Alexander Claude Forster Boulton resigns his commission.

2nd Lieutenant John William Seymour Corley retires from the service.

13TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Hamilton, O.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Ralph King, Gentleman, *vice* J. Harvey, promoted.

Lieutenant James Harvey resigns his commission.

2nd Lieutenant Walton Gibbs Townsend retires from the service.

14TH BATTALION "THE PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN RIFLES," King-ton, O.—To be Lieutenant: Lieutenant Wallace Bruce Matthews Carruthers, R.M.C., *vice* N. P. Joyner, promoted.

15TH BATTALION, "ARGYLE LIGHT INFANTRY," Belleville, O.—To be Captain: 2nd Lieutenant Stephen Dunbar Lazier, R.S.I., *vice* John Henderson, left limits.

25TH "ELGIN" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 1 Company, St. Thomas. To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Frank Thomas Stacey, Gentleman, *vice* H. B. H. Travers, left limits.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Archie Fulton McLaughlin, Gentleman, *vice* T. H. Paddon, resigned.

26TH "MIDDLESEX" BATTALION OF LIGHT INFANTRY, O.—No. 8 Company, Ilderton. Lieutenant Joseph William Taylor retires from the service.

27TH "LAMBTON" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, "ST. CLAIR BORDERERS," O.—No. 4 Company, Warwick.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Private Thomas Lemon Swift, *vice* J. Bryson, resigned.

29TH "WATERLOO" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 4 Company, Galt.—Lieutenant Sylvester Moyer retires from the service.

31ST "GREY" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 4 Company, Durham.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Private William Ramage, *vice* Richard Beatty Irvine, left limits.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Fred F. Hunter, Gentleman, *vice* W. A. Machaffie, left limits.

32ND "BRUCE" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 1 Company, Port Elgin.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Robert Stewart Muir, R.S.I., *vice* J. W. Stafford, promoted.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Quartermaster Sergeant William Henry Marrs, *vice* R. S. Muir, promoted.

36TH "PEEL" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 4 Company, Albion.—The appointment of 2nd Lieutenant F. L. Thompson, notified in General Orders (6) 22nd April, is cancelled.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally, from 22nd April, 1892: Fordyce Luke Thompson, Gentleman, *vice* W. C. V. Chadwick, appointed Adjutant.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Thomas Albert Hicks, Gentleman, *vice* Emil William Risch, left limits.

37TH "HALDIMAND" BATTALION OF RIFLES, O.—No. 4 Company, Hagersville.—2nd Lieutenant George Hudson retires from the service.

41ST "BROCKVILLE" BATTALION OF RIFLES, O.—No. 1 Company, Brockville.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Colour Sergeant

James Crozier, *vice* Benjamin Robert James Norris, who retires from the service.

46TH "EAST DURHAM" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Port Hope, O.—To be Adjutant: Captain John A. Victor Preston, R.S.I., *vice* Brevet Major H. A. Ward, promoted.

48TH BATTALION "HIGHLANDERS" Toronto, O.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Charles Albert Hunter, R.S.I., *vice* James Wilson Gray, who retires from the service.

To be Lieutenants: William House Orchard, G.S.I., from retired list of Majors, and John Frederick Ramsay, Gentleman (provisionally).

To be 2nd Lieutenants, provisionally: Charles Alfred Campbell and John Aeneas Thompson, Gentlemen.

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No. 5.

CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

Rank, Name and Corps.	Class.	Course.	Grade.	Percentage of Marks Obtained.		
				Written.	Practical.	Average Percentage.
<i>Royal Schools of Artillery.</i>						
Lieutenant H. E. Burstall, Regiment Canadian Artillery... Distinguished by Special Mention in Strategy and Tactics, Military Administration, Military Surveying and Military Engineering. Obtained at Royal Military College.	1	Lg	A	75	72	73
Sergeant J. Williams, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	71	82	77
Sergeant W. Bramah, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	73	84	79
Sergeant A. Fellows, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	70	82	76
Sergeant F. Rimbault, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	60	82	71
Sergeant J. Carroll, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	2	Lg	B	59	77	68
Sergeant J. Slade, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	69	84	77
Corporal J. Pearson, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	85	83	84
Corporal E. Dunlop, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	81	89	85
Corporal W. H. Reid, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	S	B	81	77	78
Bombardier R. Buteau, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	80	76	78
Bombardier F. Tresham, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	2	Lg	B	56	75	65
Bombardier A. Van Wart, Woodstock F.B.	1	S	B	75	79	78
Acting-Bombardier R. W. Marriott, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	Lg	B	88	84	86
Acting-Bombardier A. Whittemore, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	S	B	78	78	78
Gunner S. Jordan, "B" Battery, R.C.A.	1	S	B	64	80	74
Gunner K. Ferguson, Sydney F.B.	1	S	B	86	82	84
<i>Royal School of Instruction, Winnipeg.</i>						
Private H. A. Wilkes, 90th Battalion.	2	S	B	53	59	56
<i>Royal Schools of Infantry.</i>						
Captain A. Megraw, 32nd Battalion.	1	Sp	A	82	71	76
Captain T. Walker, 37th Battalion.	1	S	A	74	76	75
Lieutenant J. B. Tyrrell, G.G.F.G.	2	Sp	A	73	58	65
Lieutenant R. S. Muir, 32nd Battalion.	2	Sp	A	64	55	58
Lieutenant W. H. Russell, 40th Battalion.	1	Sp	A	83	76	79
2nd Lieutenant J. F. O'Neil, 27th Battalion.	2	S	A	82	74	78
Sergeant-Major J. H. Redmond, 42nd Battalion.	1	S	B	69	61	65
Colour Sergeant G. Jacobs, 26th Battalion.	2	S	B	81	61	71
Colour Sergeant W. C. Forrester, 32nd Battalion.	2	S	B	72	88	64
Sergeant L. Sherman, 32nd Battalion.	1	S	B	73	67	70
Sergeant G. Mitchell, 39th Battalion.	2	S	B	77	59	67
Sergeant J. Jackson, 49th Battalion.	1	S	B	80	69	74
Corporal D. Cranston, No. 1 Company, I.S.C.	2	S	B	75	55	64
Corporal W. T. Ulens, 26th Battalion.	2	S	B	79	52	65
Corporal T. Knight, 27th Battalion.	2	S	B	58	50	54
Corporal E. W. Hicks, 30th Battalion.	1	S	B	82	55	67
Corporal D. A. McLeod, 32nd Battalion.	2	S	B	69	53	61
Corporal J. Mowat, 33rd Battalion.	2	S	B	71	55	62
Lance Corporal W. L. Gibling, No. 1 Company, I.S.C.	2	S	B	78	70	74
Lance Corporal J. B. Duff, No. 1 Company, I.S.C.	2	S	B	81	67	74
Private C. M. Halley, 30th Battalion.	2	S	B	64	44	53

## THE RIFLE.

### THE NORTH-WEST RIFLE LEAGUE.

We are informed by Mr. K. Graburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the above League, that all arrangements have been made for an active shooting season, and it is to be hoped that its work will greatly promote steady practice and good scores during the coming summer. The annual general meeting was held in the early spring, and the office-bearers of last season were re-elected.

A substantial increase in the number of entries this season is looked for, and as the dates and ranges are arranged to fit in with those of the Military Rifle League, there is apparently no reason why teams who enter one should not enter the other.

The dates and ranges of the competition are as follows :

May 28.....	200, 400 and 500 yards
June 11.....	200, 500 and 600 yards
June 25.....	200, 500 and 600 yards
July 9.....	200, 400 and 500 yards
July 23.....	200, 500 and 600 yards
Aug. 6.....	200, 400 and 600 yards
Aug. 20.....	200, 400 and 500 yards
Sept. 17.....	200, 500 and 600 yards
Oct. 1.....	200, 400 and 500 yards

Conditions.—Best five scores to count. Entrance fee \$5.00 for each team of five men. Rifles: Long or short Sniders and Winchester carbines. In all other respects the rules of the Military Rifle League to govern.

Mr. Kingsforth Graburn, of the Dominion Lands Commissioners office, and Secretary of the North-West Rifle League, Winnipeg, was, on the 5th instant, presented with the gold medal offered by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, for the best scores in the Provincial match of 1891. The presentation took place at Government House, and was witnessed by the D.A.G. and a number of officers of the Manitoba R.A. Mr. Graburn's career as a soldier and a marksman has been a long one. He enlisted in the Governor-General's Foot Guards in 1874, and was gradually promoted through the various grades to the rank of Lieutenant, which he attained in 1880. Five years later he removed from Ottawa to Winnipeg, and retired from the service, re-entering it, however, in 1888, as Orderly-room clerk in the 91st Battalion—a position he still holds. During all these years he maintained his interest and skill in rifle shooting, winning at different periods the Governor-General's bronze and silver medals, the N.R.A. medals, and many other trophies.

### MONTREAL.

The Cote St. Luc ranges were bright and busy on Saturday afternoon (16th).

Three matches were fired, resulting as follows :

#### Montreal Rifle Association—May Competition.

Sergt. Binnore, V.R.C. . . . .	85 points . . . . .	Ladle
Col-Sergt. Marks, 6th . . . . .	85 points . . . . .	Table spoon
Pte. D. McMartin, V.R.C. . . . .	84 points . . . . .	Dessert spoon
Pte. Keough, V.R.C. . . . .	82 points . . . . .	Tea spoon
Green Prize won by		
Pte. Robertson, V.R.C. . . . .	80 points . . . . .	Spoon
200, 500 and 600 yards; Martini.		

#### "A" Company, Royal Scots.

Three highest scores were :		
Q. M. Sergt. M. O'Brien . . . . .	83 points	
Col.-Sergt. D. O'Brien . . . . .	75 points	
Hospital Sergt. Moore . . . . .	72 points	
200, 400 and 500 yards; Snider.		

#### Grand Trunk Rifle Association.

Five highest scores were :		
J. W. Marks . . . . .	87 points	
J. Riddle . . . . .	83 points	
M. O'Brien . . . . .	83 points	
E. Pratt . . . . .	80 points	
J. Scott . . . . .	79 points	

### OTTAWA.

The Guards and the O. R. C. held competitions last Saturday. Highest scores were :

#### Guards Rifle Association.

Staff Sergt. J. A. Armstrong . . . . .	82 points
Col.-Sergt. G. A. D. Mailleue . . . . .	80 points
Sergt. Wm. Short . . . . .	71 points
Corporal J. Mullin . . . . .	70 points
Corporal C. C. Rogers . . . . .	70 points
200, 500 and 600 yards.	

#### Ottawa R. C.

1st Class	
Lieut. Col. Wright . . . . .	92 points . . . . . Dessert spoon
F. W. Smith . . . . .	91 points . . . . . Tea spoon
Major A. P. Sherwood . . . . .	87 points . . . . . Tea spoon
M. Rooney . . . . .	84 points . . . . .
Thomas McJanet . . . . .	84 points . . . . .
J. A. Armstrong . . . . .	82 points . . . . .
2nd Class—	
D. McMartin . . . . .	81 points . . . . . Teaspoon
3rd Class—	
R. A. Helmer . . . . .	81 points . . . . . Dessert spoon

### EDITORIAL NOTE.

The CANADIAN MILITIA GAZETTE will in future be published in Montreal. It will continue to give a weekly summary of all news relating to the military forces of Canada, and items of interest and use to all branches of the Service. The practical aid of every officer is essential to make the paper a success; if sufficient encouragement be given it will be enlarged and well illustrated. Commanding officers are earnestly requested to arrange that items of regimental news be sent in for publication.

All communications should be addressed,

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Montreal.

53RD "SHERBROOKE" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Walter Byron Neil, Gentleman, to complete establishment.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Charles John Edgar, Gentleman, *vice* John David Lloyd, resigned.

2nd Lieutenant Richard Fairlie Morris retires from the service.

57TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, "PETERBOROUGH RANGERS," O.—Quartermaster C. W. Forbes resigns his commission.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Charles Wallis Forbes, Gentleman, *vice* G. A. Schofield, promoted.

65TH BATTALION "MOUNT ROYAL RIFLES," Montreal, Q.—To be Lieutenants: 2nd Lieutenant Joseph Rosaire Lucien DeBlois Thibaudau, R.S.I., *vice* J. H. Labelle, promoted; 2nd Lieutenant Henri Etienne Normandeau, R.S.I., *vice* A. R. L. Roy, promoted; 2nd Lieutenant Louis Joseph Tarte, R.S.I., *vice* J. M. A. Gravel, promoted; and Pierre Pie Marie Joseph Trudel, Gentleman (provisionally), *vice* Augustin Trudel, who retires from the service.

To be 2nd Lieutenants, provisionally: Benoit Joseph Jean Berchmans Prevost, Gentleman, *vice* J. R. L. DeBlois Thibaudau, promoted; Louis Joseph Maurice Loranger, Gentleman, *vice* H. Normandeau, promoted; and Jean-Baptiste Octave Hubert Desjardins, Gentleman, *vice* L. J. Tarte, promoted.

80TH "NICOLET" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 3 Company, Becancour.—To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Louis Edwin Hall, Gentleman, *vice* Alexandre Paradis, who retires from the service.

#### Confirmation of Rank.

Lieutenant Henry Edward Burstall, R.S.A., Regiment Canadian Artillery; from 18th April, 1892.

Lieutenant Robert Stewart Muir, R.S.I., No. 1 Company, 32nd Battalion; from 23rd April, 1892.

Lieutenant Joseph Burr Tyrrell, R.S.I., Governor-General's Foot Guards; from 24th April, 1892.

2nd Lieutenant John Fitzgerald O'Neil, R.S.I., No. 2 Company, 27th Battalion; from 4th April, 1892.

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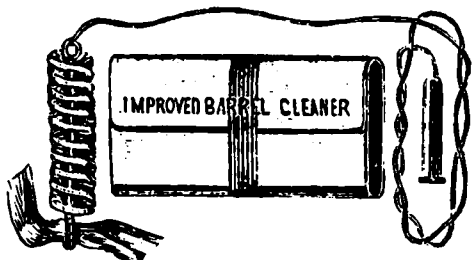
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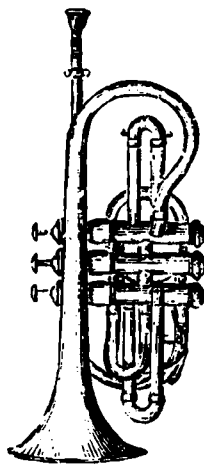
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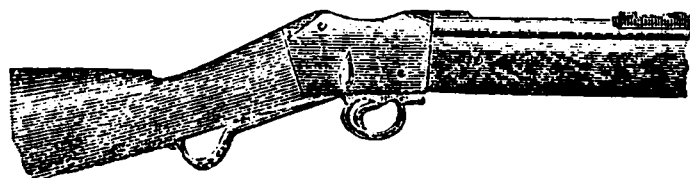
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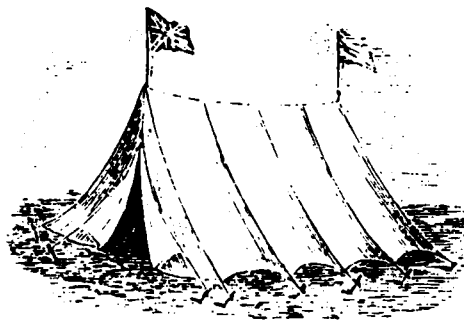
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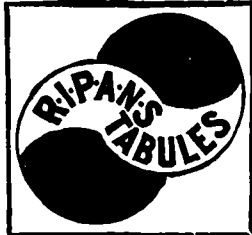
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