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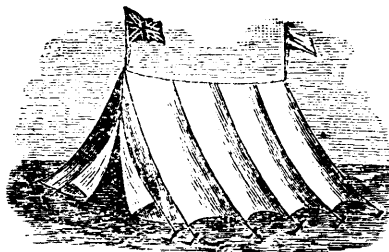
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**Notes and Comments**

It is to be hoped for the sake of public honesty, if for nothing else, that there is good foundation for the report that the Minister of Militia has decided to reconsider the decision to grant only eight days' pay to the city militia corps, and to allow twelve days' pay as usual. Meantime incalculable harm has been done by the feeling of uncertainty produced by the original decision of the government. The allowances to the militia have always been slim enough in all conscience, and the financial responsibility of the officers of city battalions very great even with a fixed annual revenue from pay to depend upon. Now that the government has established the principle that

at any time, even after annual drills have been performed, it can either reduce this revenue at will or cut it off altogether, and moreover has only been prevented by strong political influence just before an election from putting this principle into effect, the responsibility is vastly increased, and it is to be naturally feared will operate to weaken the already depleted ranks of the commissioned officers.

However, and we still presume that the story about reconsideration, which is given on very good authority, is correct, there is a silver lining to the cloud. It is most satisfactory to reflect, while the militia force is staggering under the succession of hard blows, dealt it by an indifferent or grossly incapable departmental administration, that the minister at present at the head of the department has the courage to acknowledge a mistake and the power and the will to promptly correct it.

Coupled with the statement of the government's reconsideration of its decision to cut down the pay this year, is a sinister report that only eight days pay will be allowed next year for the rural corps as well as the city battalions. If there is anything in the report it should certainly be communicated to the force at once, so as to give officers of corps ample time to think over their battalion financial arrangements before hand and other contracts for next year are negotiated.

There is meantime not the least doubt but that any reduction of the pay will result in at the best a cor-

responding reduction in the present efficiency of the force. The members of our battalions have been supplementing the sums formed by the funding of their annual pay to the full extent of their means to provide means for maintaining respectable bands, attractive armories and live regimental rifle associations, to equip and maintain bicycle, signalling and ambulance corps, etc., besides full dress head dress, leggings, overcoat straps, water bottles and other necessary articles of equipment which an indifferent country is too penurious to provide. The officers and men can do no more than they have been doing financially, even if the country would wish them to, and it is this, while appreciating the fact that the Canadian militia is not mercenary and does not drill for its paltry pay, that leads us to declare that any reduction in the allowance of annual pay will result in a great reduction of the efficiency of the force, and there is not much room for a reduction, goodness knows.

The government has never devoted to the militia force the attention it deserved or the money it required. At its very best the force never attained the degree of efficiency which local Dominion interests and the important position held by the militia in the great scheme of Imperial defence demands. It has not been the fault of the officers and men of the force. They have worked night and day and with a perfectly astounding devotion, have sacrificed both money and energy to bring the force to the very highest notch of efficiency. Patriotic self-sacrifice

appears to have reached its very highest development in the Canadian militia, for these efforts far from being encouraged have been met at every turn by official ignorance and departmental discouragement. And this, under a government owing its present lease of power to its supposed devotion to the Old Flag, with all of the responsibilities which fealty to that venerable bit of burning implies.

And now we are told that this same aggregation of political wisdom and abnormally developed loyalty has determined in cold blood to still further lower the standard of the efficiency in the militia. Well, all we can say, and we say it advisedly and with full knowledge of the facts and of the feeling among the members of the militia, is that any lowering of of the present standard of efficiency will produce a force utterly beneath contempt as a military body, a disgrace to this fair Dominion of ours and utterly useless as a portion of the defensive system of the great empire of which this country forms a part.

We are firmly of the opinion that the present trouble is due altogether to a failure on the part of the government to devote that consideration to the subject of national defence that it deserves. The members of the government have their time taken up with details of administration they should hardly require to meddle with, and would not but for the desire to keep the departmental patronage under personal control. They have not the time to devote to the consideration of big questions like that of national defence. The public, which would otherwise compel the government to act in the matter, is ignorant of the true position of affairs, and those who are alone able to expose the rottenness of the present system, the members of the force, are gagged by law. The only hope of a satisfactory solution of the difficulty lies in the possibility of securing the return to parliament of a phalanx of able representatives, posted on the present position of the militia, appreciating the immense importance of putting the force upon a satisfactory footing, and determined that it shall be done. We really cannot

imagine why one or the other of the great political parties of the country does not make militia reform a prominent plank in its platform, for a vigorous militia policy would be popular with the people of Canada, who, apart altogether from sentimental considerations, appreciate the value of British connection and would be willing to pay the piper.

A prominent retired member of the militia force remarked the other day that he was surprised that the Imperial government did not intervene to insist upon the Dominion government doing its duty towards the system of Imperial defence by maintaining the militia force in some sort of an efficient state. The mother country certainly has every right to expect Canada to do her duty in this respect, for at time of confederation millions of pounds sterling worth of property were handed over to the Dominion on the express stipulation that the defence of the country should be efficiently maintained. What a state of things an Imperial commission would reveal!

The Imperial authorities do things in a queer way some times; but we can discount them with great facility over here. When the Lee-Metford rifle was adopted for the army the ammunition had not been decided upon. The militia department has imported and installed in the cartridge factory at Quebec the necessary machinery for making small bore cordite ammunition, and our force is still armed with our venerable friend the Snider. The government does not appear to have decided yet that re-armament is necessary.

By the bye, what has become of the money saved on last year's estimates by failing to turn out the rural corps for camp? It was said at the time that the money was to be devoted to the purchase of the first installment of a modern rifle. While asking questions, too, what has become of the several thousand stands of Martin-Henry rifles we used to have in militia stores, which were sent to England to be converted into the discredited counterfeit Martini-Metfords?

The government organ at Ottawa gravely suggests that an inquiry

be instituted to ascertain why the number of admissions to the Royal Military College at Kingston has fallen off. The editor of the *Citizen* can easily get all the information he requires if he will but turn up the militia list, note what a small proportion of the commissions in the permanent force have been allotted to graduates of the Royal Military College, and then think for a moment what the college is maintained for.

### Programme of Province of Quebec Rifle Association Matches.

The 27th annual prize meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association will be held on the Cote St. Luke ranges, Montreal, beginning on Wednesday Aug. 7th and lasting three days. The programme as will be seen by the following resumé, will be a very attractive one, and should induce a large attendance of outside riflemen.

The reduction in the number of men composing the Carlslake teams to five men should bring down a number of both western and eastern riflemen, and thus increase if possible the interest which this match always creates.

Another change for the better is the abolition of sighting shot tickets the charge for sighting shots being included in the entrance fees.

Altogether this meeting promises to be one of the most successful which this association has ever held.

#### PROGRAMME.

##### AUGUST 7TH 1ST MATCH.

Nursery—7 shots at 500 yards, entrance fee 50 cts., 15 prizes—value \$63.00, 1st \$10.00.

##### 2ND MATCH.

Merchants, series A—7 shots at 200 and at 600 yards, 200 yards kneeling, 600 yards usual. 40 prizes value \$223.00, 1st prize \$20.00. Entrance fee \$1.35.

Merchants, series B, open only to those who enter and shoot through the whole series of matches and who have never won a \$5.00 prize in any previous Dominion or provincial meeting. Entrance fee 25 cts. No. of prize 10, value \$65.00, 1st prize \$10.00.

##### 3RD MATCH.

Association—7 shots at 500, and 10 shots at 600 yards. 42 prizes, value \$233.00, 1st prize \$20.00. Also 4 team prizes for teams of 5 men, value \$65.00, 1st prize silver cup presented by Messrs. Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co., and \$20.00.

##### 4TH MATCH.

Active militia—7 shots each at 200, 500 and 600 yards, standing or kneeling at 200 yards, 42 prizes, value \$233.00, 1st prize \$20.00. Also 4 team prizes for teams of 6 men, value \$60.00, 1st prize \$24.00.

Corporation of Montreal Jubilee Cup, will be awarded to Montreal team making highest score in this match.

5TH MATCH.

The Carslake—7 shots at 200 and 400 yards and 10 at 600 yards, standing at 200 yards—42 prizes, value \$233.00, 1st prize \$20.00.

Also 4 team prizes of teams of 5 men, value \$70.00. 1st prize Carslake trophy and \$25.00.

6TH MATCH.

Military—On afternoon of 3rd day, for teams of 5 men (officers, non-com. officers or men).

1st Series, skirmishing—4 prizes, value \$57.50, 1st prize \$20.00.

2nd series, volley firing—4 prizes, value \$57.50, 1st prize \$20.00.

Aggregate of 2 series, Lt.-Col. Houghton's silver challenge cup and two prizes, cash value \$20.00, total value \$135.00.

7TH MATCH

Aggregate, 1st series—20 prizes, value cash \$101.00 besides medals and badges, 1st prize \$10.00 cash.

2nd series, Nursery A., individual 3 prizes, value \$19.00.

Nursery B, teams 5 men, Martin Nursery challenge shield—2 prizes cash value \$25.00 and shield.

3rd series, teams 5 men, 3 prizes, value \$45.00, 1st prize \$20.00.

Also Sims challenge cup for 10 highest aggregate scores in matches 2, 3, 4 and 5, open to the Dominion.

EXTRA SERIES.

A. 500 yards, 1st prize cash \$15.00, 2nd \$10.00, 3rd \$5.00, and about 15 prizes in kind.

B. 600 yards, same prize list as above.

C. 800 yards, 5 prizes, value \$30.00, 1st prize \$10.00.

D. 900 yards, the same prize list as C.

Aggregate of 4 extra series matches.

For the highest aggregate score, of each of above series 1 prize donated by Lt.-Col. Massey, store value \$40.00.

No sighting shots will be allowed in the extra series matches.

The Martini-Henry rifle will be used.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The D.A.G. and the Y.M.C.A.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

DEAR SIR,—In the Star of 28th ult. it is stated that the D.A.G. of the 6th Military District, in camp at Richmond, has refused to allow the Y.M.C.A. to erect a tent on the camp grounds.

Anyone who has attended the military camps during the last 10 or 12 years knows what an inestimable boon the Y.M.C.A. tents have been to the men in camp. It is the only place where the men can get the daily papers free, write their letters, and rest comfortably when off duty, and be away from the profane and foul language only too often heard round the soldiers' tents.

I have frequently seen the D.A.G.'s and their staffs, (of other districts), drop into the Y.M.C.A. tent and take up the papers, or chat pleasantly with the young men in charge.

Can this be the same D.A.G. of the 6th Military District, who only two weeks ago turned out the permanent corps at St. Johns in full uniform, and with fixed bayonets escorted the Corpus Christi procession through the streets as a guard of honor? If so, it looks very like religious intolerance that has no place in Her

Majesty's service. I enclose my card.

ENQUIRER.

[Lieut.-Colonel d'Orsounens has already given explanation of his position with regard to the application for a Y.M.C.A. tent in Richmond camp, which have apparently satisfied even the officials of the Y.M.C.A. themselves, that he was not actuated by any feeling of hostility or religious intolerance in refusing a militia marquee for use as a prayer meeting and recreation tent.—ED. C. M. GAZETTE.]

Liquor in Camp.

To the Editor of CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE:

Dear Sir, I noticed in a copy of your paper dated July 1st, some reference to annual camps, in which it was stated to the effect that the sale of intoxicating liquors in camp had not effected any improvement for the better. The annual training in camp at Wolseley Barracks, London, has just been completed, and I am in a position to state that the regulations in this regard have proved to be a wonderful improvement in maintaining order and discipline as compared with previous years. The writer has attended camps off and on for the past twenty-five years and has never seen so little drunkenness and so few coming up before the commanding officers for breach of discipline of various sorts; in fact only one case of drunkenness came under my notice the first day in camp, which I presume the transgressor brought with him. In previous years there was grumbling about food, and various minor complaints were made much of, more because of the fact that they had more or less liquor in them, than any real ground for complaint. These complaints are very worrying to officers commanding regiments and companies, hence I do not like the statement to go abroad that no improvement is effected, where as so far as the camp in London was concerned, it had the entirely opposite effect.

Yours sincerely,

WM. GARTSHORE, Lt.-Col.,  
Can. Hussars.

Our Team At Bisley.

The shooting is well under weigh at Bisley and already reports are coming in of good shooting by the Canadians. Unfortunately we have also to record that the mother country team has again captured the Kolapore cups with a score of 638, against Canada's 618, and Guernsey's 596.

In other matches the following scores have been telegraphed to this country.

PIBBRIGHT.—500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Captain Mercer.....	33
Lieut. T. Mitchell.....	33
Capt. U. S Russell.....	33
Capt. Spearing.....	33

FUXLEY.—600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Lt. Thos. Mitchell (beginning with an outer).....	32
Sergt. J. Broadhurst.....	31
Capt. W. S. Russell.....	31
Capt. Spearing.....	31
Sgt. Boville.....	31
Sgt. Broadhurst.....	31

HENRY.—200 YARDS.

Gunner J. C. Chamberlain.....	34
Lieut. Thos. Mitchell.....	34
Pte. A. Tink.....	33
Capt. W. T. A. White.....	33
St. Sgt. Simpson.....	33
Pte. J. Rolston.....	33
Gunner Chamberlain.....	32
Lieut. T. Mitchell.....	32
Capt. Mercer.....	32
Capt. Spearing.....	32
Col. Sgt. E. S. Redden.....	31

RAILWAY.—200 AND 500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Col. Sgt. Meadows.....	200—32	500—34	60
Gunner Chamberlain.....	200—32	500—34	60

KYNOCH.—500 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Lt. Thos. Mitchell.....	32
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EXTRAS.—600 YARDS, 7 SHOTS.

Lieut. Thos. Mitchell.....	31
Pte J. Rolston.....	31

CANADIAN SCORES IN KOLAPORE CUP MATCH.

	200	500	600	Ttl
Lt. Boxville.....	30	19	17	66
Lt. T. Mitchell.....	32	30	18	80
Capt. W. Russell.....	31	27	13	71
Capt. Mercer.....	30	26	16	72
Capt. Spearing.....	28	31	24	83
Pte Hayhurst.....	28	31	27	86
St. Sgt. Simpson.....	28	30	18	76
Pte. Rolston.....	31	27	26	84
	238	221	159	618

The range totals of the English Team were 233, 227, 178=638.

The despatches state that bad weather prevailed, and a rifleman's eye, will not need to see this when he looks at the score made by the Canadian Team at 600 yards.

Canadian Military Rifle League.

3RD MATCH.

The third match was shot on Saturday 6th inst. In a few instances the camps interfered, and prevented teams from firing, but these will have completed their scores during the past week. High scoring is still the rule, and the weather must have been generally favourable, to allow such excellent scores to be made. The 13th Batt. first Snider teams got 900, and are safe for first place in the Snider series. That enthusiastic and well known shot, Major Mason made the century.

In the Martini series the 45th Batt. Bowmanville and the Guelph R.A., both went over nine hundred, and in the individual scores, Capt. Dillon, of the Oshawa, R.C., broke the record by making 102.

MARTINI SERIES.

45TH BATT., 3RD TEAM BOWMANVILLE.

	200	500	600	Ttl
Pte D Campbell.....	31	34	33	98
Lt-Col Hughes.....	32	33	33	98
Sgt J B Mitchell.....	30	33	32	95
Lieut W C King.....	29	32	33	94
Surgeon Wm McNaughton.....	31	30	33	94
Pte E Prout.....	29	31	31	91
Pte J Curtis.....	28	33	30	91
Pte J Morris.....	29	32	29	90
Capt W Brown.....	30	30	28	88
Pte W Woodley.....	30	29	21	80
	299	317	303	919

Weather fine, wind light and steady, light hazy.

GUELPH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

C R Crewe.....	31	32	34	97
W Gould.....	30	33	32	95
John Ogg.....	35	33	27	95
Geo Sleeman.....	28	32	32	92
Geo A Sleeman.....	29	32	31	92
A D Cartwright.....	33	24	30	91
H B Hiller.....	31	31	29	91
John Crowe.....	33	32	26	91

F W Sleeman .....	27	34	28	89
W McDonald .....	31	26	28	85
	308	313	297	918

Weather fine, wind light, light clouds and smoke.

## 18TH BATTALION.

Pte A Myrdoch .....	32	31	32	95
Pte A Robertson .....	31	31	31	93
Sgt T Mitchell .....	32	26	33	91
Sgt D Mitchell .....	29	30	32	91
Lieut W L Ross .....	29	31	30	90
Pte T A Bartram .....	32	31	27	90
Sgt Major S J Huggins .....	30	29	30	89
Sgt D Garson .....	29	28	29	86
Sgt A Miller .....	32	28	26	86
Lieut A Pahn .....	31	24	30	85

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Weather fine, wind light, light good.

45th 1st team, Lindsay .....	801
43rd 1st team, Ottawa .....	886
59th Cornwall .....	885
10th Toronto .....	877
B C, B G A, No 4 Co, New Westminster .....	890
Truro, R C, 1st team .....	854
Q O R 1st team, Toronto .....	853
48th Highlanders, 1st team, Toronto .....	853
7th, London .....	849
6th, 1st team, Montreal .....	847
1st P W R, 1st team .....	844
43rd, 2nd team .....	843
12th Batt, 2nd team, Toronto .....	841
Co. Grey, R A, Owen Sound .....	838
Oshawa R A .....	838
3rd V R C, 1st team .....	835
Halifax G A, 1st team .....	834
63rd, Halifax .....	821
77th, Dundas .....	819
Sussex Vale R C, Sussex .....	818
57th, Peterborough .....	810
King Co R A, 1st team, Kentville .....	807
20th .....	801
G G F G, Ottawa .....	798
14th, Kingston .....	798
5th R S, 1st team; .....	791
Q O R 2nd team .....	786
Telbury East R A, 1st team .....	784
Halifax G A, 2nd team .....	781
3rd V R C, 2nd team .....	775
43rd, 3rd team .....	772
A Troop Manitoba Dragoons .....	766
45th, 2nd team, Lindsay .....	762
Sudbury R A .....	761
1st P W R, 2nd team .....	754
48th, 2nd team .....	749
71st, Fredericton .....	736
Frontier R A, Huntingdon .....	719
B Squadron R C, Dragoons, Winnipeg .....	715
69th, 1st team .....	704
Pembroke R A, 4th team .....	701
13th .....	695
Halifax G A, 4th team .....	693
72nd, 1st team .....	691
69th 2nd team .....	689
Mattawa R C .....	686
37th Batt .....	682
Telbury East R A, 2nd team .....	661
King's Co R A .....	660
Montreal G A .....	657
Halifax G A, 3rd team .....	653
72nd, 2nd team .....	643
G G F G, 2nd team .....	639
1st P W R, 3rd team .....	629
6th, 2nd team .....	592
Truro R C, 2nd team .....	562
72nd, 3rd team .....	547

The following are some of the high individual scores in addition to those detailed in the leading teams.

Capt Dillon, Oshawa R C .....	35	31	33	102
M D Campbell, do .....	33	31	33	100
Sgt Robt McVittie, 10th Batt .....	30	33	35	98
Corpl C Windatt, 10th Batt .....	32	34	31	97
Pte E H Brown, 59th Batt .....	32	29	35	96
Pte A A Smith, 59th Batt .....	29	32	34	95
H C Blan, Truro R C .....	30	31	34	95
Sgt J A Armstrong, G G F G .....	30	33	32	95

## SNIDER SERIES.

## 13TH BATT. 1ST TEAM, HAMILTON.

	200	400	500	TOT
Major J Mason .....	32	35	33	100
Sgt McNielly .....	29	34	31	94
Sgt E F Rymal .....	29	33	31	93
Sgt W G Will .....	33	33	27	93
Pte C Madgett .....	30	32	29	91
Pte J Cleaves .....	32	25	32	89

Capt E G Zealand .....	29	33	27	89
Sgt A Hopkins .....	28	32	26	86
Sgt E G Mason .....	26	31	26	83
Pte E Elmes .....	27	33	24	82
	295	321	284	900

Weather fine, wind light, light good.

## 77TH BATT. 1ST TEAM, DUNDAS.

Pte John Reid .....	31	33	22	90
Lieut J McRobert .....	30	34	30	94
Pte T Mullock .....	30	32	31	93
Pte W Ryckman .....	33	30	30	93
Pte A E Alton .....	28	34	30	92
Buglar P Muzger .....	28	33	29	90
Pte W W Alton .....	29	28	30	87
Pte W Harvey .....	29	32	27	85
Corpl N Langton .....	26	30	24	80
Pte H Kelley .....	29	30	20	79

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Weather fine, wind gentle, light bright.

## GRAND TRUNK RIFLE ASS. 1ST TEAM MONTREAL.

T Dalrymple .....	29	31	31	91
J Ward .....	28	33	31	92
G Long .....	32	33	26	91
C Morrice .....	31	33	25	89
A Reid .....	26	34	28	88
L Jehu .....	28	32	28	88
M O'Brien .....	31	33	23	87
W Jehu .....	26	33	27	86
A Harrison .....	30	30	25	85
J Farrar .....	28	31	24	83
	289	326	268	883

## ORILLIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

W H Hammond .....	31	29	35	95
G E Whiten .....	31	31	30	92
T Millechamp .....	28	33	31	92
T Reid .....	34	35	21	90
C Wood .....	29	30	30	89
A Paine .....	28	31	27	86
A Stewart .....	29	31	25	85
Wm J M Paine .....	30	31	21	85
H Bingham .....	30	26	27	83
F Toogood .....	27	28	27	82
	297	311	271	882

Temiscouata R A, 1st team, Fraserville .....	841
13th Battalion, 2nd team .....	840
13th Battalion, 3rd team .....	829
Saskatchewan R A, Prince Albert .....	829
13th Battalion, 4th team .....	823
Co Grey R A, Owen Sound .....	812
20th Battalion, 2nd team, Campbellville .....	811
20th Battalion, 1st team, Burlington .....	794
57th Battalion, Peterborough .....	793
G T R Rifle Association, 2nd team .....	789
20th, 3rd team, Trafalgar .....	764
13th, 5th team .....	751
10th, Toronto .....	741
13th, 6th team .....	728
40th, Campbellford .....	722
Temiscouata R A, 2nd team .....	708
13th, 7th team .....	685
Co Perth R A, Stratford .....	641
77th, 2nd team .....	611
G G F G, Ottawa .....	605
Mont G A, No 3 Co (9 men) .....	545
38th, Brantford .....	538
29th, 4th team, Norval .....	533
Montreal G A, No 1 Co (8 men) .....	459
New Brunswick G A. (8 men) St John .....	429
77th, 3rd team (8 men) .....	421
Mont G A, No 2 Co (8 men) .....	387

## Military Rifle League Matches.

The third match of the series took place all over Canada on Saturday, July 6th. each team firing on its own ranges; weather dry and warm with a light wind. The following are the scores made by the Frontier Rifle Association team, Huntingdon, Martini series; ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots and one sighter at each range:

	Points.
G. W. Cunningham .....	91
G. L. Macfarlane .....	89
D. G. Macfarlane .....	88
George Wright .....	84
D. Macfarlane .....	78
J. J. Bryson .....	77
J. W. Stark .....	76
An Irew Stark .....	75
C. Harrigan .....	62
Total .....	720

## News of the Service.

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## St. John, N. B.

The John "Boys' Brigade" are encamped at Camp Aberdeen (thus named by special permission of His Excellency Lord Aberdeen) and are under command of Major Sturdee. The boys are about 65 strong and are under command of the following officers: Commandant, Major E. T. Sturdee; Acting Major, Rev. A. D. Dewdney; Adjutant, Capt. J. A. Cassidy; Quarter Master, Rev. R. Mathers; Sergt.-Major, F. W. McNichol.

## Halifax.

The third match of the Military Rifle League was shot at Bedford on Saturday, July 6th. The day was all that could be desired, but the riflemen are evidently not in good form yet, the scores being considerably below what is expected in such weather. The scores of the H. G. A. follow:

## H. G. A.—1ST TEAM.

Capt. Dimock .....	89
Gr. J. D. McEachran .....	88
Gr. Campbell .....	87
Major Maxwell .....	86
Capt. Flowers .....	85
Sergt. Case .....	85
Major Garrison .....	80
Gr. Fader .....	79
Corpl. Faulkner .....	78
Sergt. Harris .....	77
	824

## H. G. A.—2ND TEAM.

Gr. A. Morton .....	85
Gr. Boutiller .....	84
Sergt. Melvin .....	82
Corpl. McCallum .....	82
Sergt. Crossley .....	81
Capt. Harris .....	80
Sergt. Murray .....	78
Gr. Clark .....	77
Gr. Burbidge .....	76
Corpl. Maxwell .....	56
	781

The team of the 63rd Rifles made 521 points.

Very many members of the Active Militia, and also those who have long since laid aside their war like trappings will hear with regret that Sergt. Major Edward Kennedy, of the 66th Battalion, was to-day buried with "military honours" by the corps in which he had served so long and faithfully, and loved well. Colonels Worsley, Irving, Bremner, and Humphrey attended in "mufti." The pallbearers were the Sergt. Majors of the H. G. A., 66th and 63rd and the Q. M. Sergt. 66th. Quite a large number of British veterans, members of the other corps, and civilians paid a well deserved tribute of respect by following the remains of their late comrade to their last resting place. The deceased joined H. M.'s 36th Regt. in 1862, and later on volunteered to the 62nd Regt. then in the Crimea, where he commenced an honourable career in the trenches before Sebastopol. At the termination



of the war he came to Canada with his Regt. and soon after we find him braving the winter snows of Canada riding in an open sleigh from this province as far as Montreal as a member of the expeditionary force sent from here to take part in what is now called "The Trent Affair." In '62 he left the 62nd with the rank of Sergt. and accepted the position of drill instructor in the Nova Scotia militia in which capacity he instructed almost every Regt. and Company in this Province and P.E.I., and many of our present officers of rank will remember him as the genial and competent instructor who put them through the "goose step." After Confederation he joined the 66th P. L. F., as instructor and caretaker. He resigned the caretakership 10 years ago to accept the position of messenger at the Militia Brigade office, he continued to serve in Fusiliers until a short time before his last illness which was career in the neck. As a soldier he was brave and manly, as an instructor he has left an indelible impression on the militia of this Province, and as a friend ever faithful. His memory will long be cherished by all who had the honour of his acquaintance. He was long the darling of the Fusiliers, and the city corps in general, and it was with a full heart, and downcast eyes we gazed on the face of our departed comrade for the last time as the cover was removed from the glass cover of the casket just before lowering it into the grave. He was in his 59th year, and a native of Portarlington, Kings Co. Ireland.

The three city corps are pegging away at drill as usual. The several companies of the 63rd are engaged in marching competitions, the marches are about 6 miles, and the dress drill order. I understand Col. Egan is donating prizes to the winning teams. Will send particulars for your next issue.

**At Bedford Range.**

On Saturday a very interesting shooting match took place at Bedford range between mixed teams of the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants of the R. A. and Garrison staff, the rifle used being the short Snider, kindly loaned by the H. G. A. The ranges were 200, 300 and 400 yards, five rounds at each. The shooting was remarkably good considering it was the first time any of the competitors fired from that pattern rifle. Sergt.-Major Gibbs, H. G. A., was umpire and score-keeper, and gave entire satisfaction. The teams desire to thank the militia officers present (especially Majors Garrison and Oxley) for courtesies extended to them. The possible points attainable was 60. Below are the totals:

**NO. 1 TEAM.**

Garrison S. Major Haines, Capt.	18
Q. M. Sergt. Saville, R.A.	50
Q. M. Sergt. Thomas, Garrison Staff	52
Col. Sergt.-Major Edwards, R.A.	45
Laboratory Sergt. Clarke (Nobby), R.A.	47
Sergt. Osman, R.A.	49
Sergt. Deening, R.A.	56
Sergt. Hooper, H.G.A.	58
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>365</b>

**NO. 2 TEAM.**

Master Gr. Gurney, Capt., R.A.	47
Q. M. Sergt. Wilson, Garrison Staff	48
Sergt. Gidding, Garrison Staff	47
Sergt. Vassie, R.A.	49
Sergt. Slade, R.A.	50
Sergt. Smith, R.A.	47
Sergt. Kerr, R.A.	45
Sergt. Hancock, R.A.	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>354</b>

—Evening Mail, July 5th.

**Militia Instruction School.**

All the officers attending the school of instruction for militia officers at Wellington barracks, the term lasting from April 1st to June 30th, received certificates, all of them except one being first-class. Major Mellor was commandant of the school and Lieut. Knight, adjutant. The percentages made by the officers in attend-

ance were as below, the last one being granted a second class certificate:

Capt. C. C. Hole, 68th	80.41	per cent.
Lieut. J. A. Harrington, 66th	84.83	"
Lieut. J. J. Ritchie	77.00	"
2nd Lieut. H. Sawyer, 65th	70.16	"
2nd Lieut. A. Oliver, 66th	70.25	"
Capt. G. A. Lecain, 66th	86.75	"
2nd Lieut. G. E. Morse, 68th	91.06	"
2nd Lieut. J. E. Harris, 66th	76.83	"
Lieut. M. S. Elliott, 72nd	87.91	"
2nd Lieut. W. L. Phinney, 72nd	79.59	"
Lieut. G. M. Sutherland, 78th	84.33	"
Lieut. G. A. Sutherland, 78th	79.25	"
2nd Lieut. K. Macpherson, 78th	72.16	"
Capt. J. P. McNeil, 94th	75.16	"
2nd Lieut. A. J. McNeil, 94th	82.00	"
2nd Lieut. R. J. Mackenzie, 94th	78.50	"
2nd Lieut. J. A. Ross, 94th	83.83	"
Lieut. H. S. Jacques, 63rd	85.25	"
2nd Lieut. W. H. Conrod, 63rd	88.60	"
2nd Lieut. W. S. Denrocher, 75th	77.75	"
2nd Lieut. J. C. Fletcher, 75th	70.5	"
Lieut. R. W. Crowe, H.G.A.	85.16	"
Lieut. C. R. McDonald, 65rd	68.58	"

—Daily Echo, July 10th.

What's the matter with the Royal Canadian Infantry at Fredericton? Has its usefulness as a Military School ceased, or is the school full of students and unable to accommodate more?

(GRAVELORUSHER.)

**Hamilton.**

Spring drills are now closed, and all the members of the 13th from the colonel down are enjoying a well-earned rest.

As usual the 13th sends its complement of men to strive for laurels on the field at Bisley. Col.-Sgt. Skedden, one of the best shots in the regiment, makes his initial trip. Pte. Haybust, whose record as a shot is well known is there and the third of the trio is the veteran shot Sgt Manis who is making his 9th trip, as full of vigor and as steady as ever.

Rifle practice goes merrily on at the ranges, every company in the battalion putting in practice at least once a week.

It is welcome news to the city battalions, to learn that as usual they are to receive their 12 days pay for the annual drill, (? Ed.) the city volunteers work hard to make themselves proficient and should be encouraged in every possible way by the government.

D Company had its annual outing on June 29th, visiting Port Dover the picturesque little town on Lake Erie, and returning home on July 1st.

The boys cannot speak enough of the way in which they were treated by the people of Port Dover one and all.

For beauty and wit the ladies of Port Dover rank amongst the best in this fair province of ours, so the boys of D company think.

Besides the regular work of guard mounting, at which every man had his turn, and learnt that most particular of all duties, when on the field the company put in some good drill.

Capt. Ross is to be congratulated upon having a company that can take the field at a minute's notice, pitch tents, mount guard and perform all the hundred and one little things necessary on the field, the company also is fortunate in possessing for its commander, a captain who is so thoroughly posted and is such an efficient instructor.

**St. Thomas, Ont.**

An object lesson of the value of cadet corps as a training for future militiamen was given to the numerous spectators present and the annual inspection of the Collegiate Institute Cadet Corps, on the Institute lawn on June 13th.

Lt.-Col. Smith, D.A.C. and Capt. Den-

nison who were present expressed themselves as being very much pleased at the drill and Lt.-Col. Smith in the course of his remarks stated that they were the best drilled and equipped school company in the Dominion. When it is remembered that this proficiency is acquired without trenching on school studies that the drill is only the systematic and organized form which the boys' necessary relaxation takes, it will be admitted that the corps deserves every encouragement and support.

**London, Ont.**

The loneliness which has invaded the walls, parade grounds and even the sentry boxes at the Military School is so thick just now it could almost be cut with a knife. Officers and men alike are glum, without knowing exactly why, but it is all traceable to the event of a couple days back when thirty-six of the men stepped out of the ranks, while the company were halted on the green.

It was indescribably pathetic, the whole thing. The Militia Department had found the expense too heavy, and the only way to effect a saving was by reducing the permanent corps. There had been whisperings of the coming "draft" for weeks before, and the men wondered which of them would be fortunate enough to remain. All felt that they would dislike to leave Wolseley Barracks. But a change came over the whole company at the last moment. The soldiers almost to a man expressed a willingness to leave for the sake of their comrades.

And the dreaded "draft" never came. The commanding officer was aware of the heroic sentiment prevailing, and the men thought they noticed a tremor in his voice as he made the official announcement. Thirty-six men stepped out of the ranks one after another, while the very air on the Heights seemed to have become leaden.

The Wolseley Barracks Band marched around the Company playing "Auld Lang Syne," and concluding with "God Save the Queen." And then the band itself was no more. Only three of its members remain to day. The stirring music the band was wont to play is missed, and it almost seems that the very Barracks have been deserted.

So severe is the sense of loneliness pervading the ranks numerous applications to be allowed to leave are daily received from the men. But of course discharges now are only obtainable under the usual rules.

A rumor is abroad that the company will soon be again materially reduced.—London Free Press.

The Camp No. 1 District which has been held on Carling Heights has been a very successful one, the following corps composing the camp:—No. 1 Co., R. S. C. I., the 1st Hussars, consisting of two troops from this city, one from Kingsville and another from Moretown, Lieut.-Col. Garthshore; the 21st Essex, Lieut.-Col. Beattie; the 22nd Oxford, Lieut.-Col. Munroe; the 27th Lambton, Lieut.-Col. Ellis; the 29th Waterloo, Lieut.

Col. Cowan; the 32nd Bruce, Lieut.-Col. Scott. The Staff consisted of Lieut.-Col. Smith, D. A. G., of No. 1 District, in command;—Lieut.-Col. Vidal, of the R. S. C. I., Chief of Staff; Lieut.-Col. Irwin, of the 26th, Brigade Quartermaster; Lieut. Col. White, of the 30th, Supply Officer; Lieut.-Col. Lindsay, of the 7th Fusiliers, Musketry Instructor.

On June 25th at about 7 o'clock in the evening the 32nd Bruce Battn. the last to arrive marched into camp and the Brigade was complete, with a muster roll of some 1600 officers and men. The messing arrangements were not very perfect at first and it is said quite a few men went to bed supperless on the first night under canvas but this was remedied afterwards.

On Dominion day, the camp was well under way and ordinary routine of drill was interrupted to celebrate our national holiday by a review and sham fight at 1.30.

### Truro, N. S.

The third competition of the Canadian Military Rifle League, took place on the Salmon River Range Saturday afternoon. There was some excellent shooting, as will be seen by the following good scores:

#### FIRST TEAM.

	200	300	400	Total
H. C. Blair.....	30	31	31	95
E. C. Cribb.....	30	33	31	94
J. Doyer.....	31	25	27	83
T. A. Blackburn.....	28	32	28	88
H. Cook.....	31	30	25	86
E. E. McNutt.....	21	32	26	82
John Suckling.....	27	30	21	81
Wm. Richardson.....	28	32	21	81
A. S. Black.....	29	30	21	80
D. C. Blair.....	31	29	20	74

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#### SECOND TEAM.

H. V. Kent.....	27	28	28	83
G. A. Christie.....	28	28	27	83
G. A. Layton.....	29	29	23	81
H. T. Laurence.....	21	19	22	65
C. S. Ross.....	21	21	17	65
M. G. Atkinson.....	20	10	16	46
M. K. Langille.....	23	16	7	46
H. Gass.....	21	11	7	39
B. L. Douglass.....	21	4	6	31
F. L. Fuller.....	11	2	7	20

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### Kingston.

KINGSTON, July 9th.—The different companies of the 14th Batt., P. W. O. R., will be inspected on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and the battalion inspection will be held on Friday next.

Although Major L. W. Shannon will leave the city shortly, he will retain his rank in the battalion, and will be present at all important parades.

It is rumored that several of the present officers of the corps will resign in the near future. Among those who are said to be contemplating retiring are Lieut. W. H. Macnee and Lieut. W. B. Skinner.

The 14th P. W. O. R. spent Dominion Day in Pictou, in company with the 15th, Argyle Light Infantry, and the 57th Peterboro Rangers. Major Shannon was in command of the 14th. The turnout was not as large as could have been desired, but the corps made an excellent impression upon the Pictouians and the officers and men of the two sister bat-

talions. It was generally conceded that the 14th was the steadiest and best drilled of the three corps, although both the 15th and the 57th made an exceedingly creditable showing.

The splendid band of the 14th was by long odds the best of the three, and was honored by being chosen to play at the ball tendered in the evening to the visiting officers.

Lieut. C. M. Strange of "B" company came from Montreal to be with his company on the trip. He was given an enthusiastic reception by the men of No. 2.

On the evening previous to the departure of Capt. and Quartermaster W. J. B. White, for Montreal, to join the Bissley team, he was tendered a farewell dinner at the Hub, by his brother officers of the 14th and the regiments of Military Rifle League team on behalf of whom Capt. Hora asked Major Skinner to present Capt. White with a fine new Martini Henry rifle.

The recipient made a happy response and assured his entertainers that he would do his utmost to maintain the reputation of his regiment.

Forty-nine men of "A" Battery, signed the list of those who wished for their discharges, recently.

A draft of five gunners from Quebec arrived a few days ago, in charge of Staff-Sergt. Bridgeford, an old Kingston man, who was heartily welcomed by his old friends. The men have been attached to "A" Battery.

The recent contest between Sergt.-Major Morgans, of the Royal Military College and Sergt.-Major Kelly, of the Army Gymnastic Staff, Halifax, N.S., was won by Morgans, with a score by 22 to 18. Kelly was "not in" the bout with bayonet vs bayonet, which is his strong point.

Morgans declares his intention of retiring from the field. He again holds the championships of Canada, and of America. Kelly was seconded by Staff-Sergt. Long, of "A" Battery. Morgans by Staff-Sergt. Boutellier, of the Royal Military College, and Capt. Gaudet of "A" Battery.

The contest was witnessed by many officers of the Brigade Camp, and also by Major-General Cameron, R.M.C., and Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Militia, who congratulated Morgans on his victory.

Messrs. Dalton and Strange, merchants of this city have presented Morgans with a handsome pair of foils as a trophy of his victory over Kelly, and there is talk among the citizens of presenting the champion with a medal.

Quartermaster General Lake arrived in the city on June 27th to inspect the camp arrangements at Barriefield and went over next morning. He spent the forenoon in going over the camp and found everything in satisfactory working order.

To your correspondent, he stated that he was satisfied with the arrangements as far as he could see them. He leaves

this afternoon for Niagara to inspect the camp there.

Asked to the truth or otherwise of the report that the Field Artillery will be drilled later in the season the Quartermaster General said that he could not make any statement concerning the matter, as the Minister had not yet spoken officially on the subject. He had heard, however, that Hon. Mr. Dickey had made up his mind that the artillery should drill this autumn.

It is stated on apparently good authority that the Field Batteries will be brigaded on Barriefield common early in September.

The Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Militia and Defence, inspected "A" Field Battery, R.C.A., on Wednesday, June 26th. He appeared to be very much pleased with the appearance and efficiency of officers, men and horses, although, he made no address after the inspection.

He attended the closing exercises of the Royal Military College, and inspected the militia brigade in camp Barriefield, in the afternoon of the same day.

It was Staff-Sergt. Long, not Low as the compositor made it in the last issue of the MILITARY GAZETTE, who fired the signal shot to the steamer Northcote, at Batoche, on May 9th, 1885.

Capt. Sweatman, of the Royal Grenadiers Toronto, was attached to the 4th Hussars of Kingston, during the Brigade Camp just closed. Capt. Sweatman is applying for a permanent transfer from the Royal Grens to the Hussars.

A little daughter of Riding Instructor Gimlett of "A" Battery, was seriously burned the other day. Her clothes caught fire from the flames of a burning pile of rubbish, and before assistance could reach her, was severely injured. She is now making a satisfactory recovery.

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### Toronto.

Outside of the visit of the Montreal Garrison Artillery to the city on the 30th June and 1st July, there has been little to excite the least interest in affairs military. The Garrison Artillery, through a delay in starting, did not reach Toronto until about 10 o'clock Sunday morning. They detained at the Exhibition grounds, and in a few minutes were told off to their tents, which had been pitched for them by a squad from G company, Q.O.R.

After a hurried dip a very hungry battery paraded for breakfast and thoroughly appreciated the menu provided by the caterer, Harry Webb.

The balance of the forenoon and up to 1.30 was wiled away in camp, receiving visits from representatives of the city corps and brushing up in preparation for the church parade.

This was formed a little after 3 o'clock, and the battalion moving in column of fours proceeded via Dufferin, King and Spadina streets to St. Philip's church,



where a short service was held.

On returning to the grounds, and immediately upon the parade being dismissed, supper was served, after which the men were free to go where they pleased

After a quiet night in camp everyone awoke ready for any pleasure that a fine day suggested, and although some few took the boat to Niagara the majority were satisfied with visiting the numerous points of interest around the city.

The battalion paraded at 8 o'clock at night and marched to Parkdale station, where their train of Colonist sleepers was waiting for them. After a little unavoidable delay everything was safely stored away and the train pulled out amid the cheering of a great number of spectators who lined the platform of the station.

On all sides nothing but the highest praise was heard in reference to the artillery. Their physique was good, their clothing and accoutrements clean and in good shape, and while their parades did not show by any means that the discipline that is so marked in the city corps exists among them, this should hardly have been expected from a corps who are making a pure and simple country trip.

The officers were driven around the city in a couple of four in hands, and afterwards entertained at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club by the officers of the Garrison on 1st July.

The sergeants visited the Drill Hall and the different messes on the morning of the holiday and spent the afternoon taking in the sights and pleasures of the island.

To the great credit of Lieut.-Col. Cole and his crack corps not a citizen of Toronto saw a member of his regiment under the influence of liquor.

Sergt.-Major Fellows is a credit to any corps, and supported by such a good willing crowd of sergeants ought to make a big success as far as their work is concerned, out of the M.G.A.

It was very unfortunate that the trip was made at a time of the year when the drill of the Toronto corps had been completed, otherwise the quiet time which distinguished the trip might have been changed, although a little more attention could have been given by some of the members of the different organizations who spent the holiday at home.

At the Rosedale grounds, on the occasion of the Toronto Athletic Club games on the 6th instant, the team from the Queen's Own Rifles won the military team race.

The first of a series of team races, for a trophy presented by Messrs. J. E. Ellis & Co., was held on the island track on Saturday night, the 6th instant. The distance was two miles and teams consisted of three men a side.

The Queen's Own and Grenadiers were the only competitors, and the race was won by the Queen's Own by 12 points to 9. The 48th Highlanders entered a team

but failed to compete, thereby causing quite a bit of comment on their unsportsmanlike action.

The greatest success which ever attended a brigade camp at Niagara has been gained by the last camp, held under Lieut.-Col. Buchan, acting D.A.G. The duties, while arduous, were satisfactorily and heartily performed, commendable progress in all cases and surprisingly satisfactory progress in some being made during the twelve days' existence of the camp.

The social side was by no means neglected, and the courtesies extended to the officers of Fort Niagara, and the reciprocity indulged in by them, more than made amends for the hard and tiresome work of the parade ground.

On all sides, male and female, and from all ranks, (I am afraid I can't say male and female), were heard the highest praise for Lieut.-Col. Buchan and the efficient and popular staff by whom he was surrounded.

I was rather amused to read a complaint against some of the officers of the brigade camp which appeared in the Toronto World on a recent Monday morning. It seems that a certain Bugle Major took the corps he is connected with on a self-invited visit to the camp. After serenading headquarters at a time when only one or two were around, and finding that the ordinary routine of the camp was being observed, and no elaborate arrangements being made for himself or his corps, they departed by the 7 o'clock boat that evening instead of the one they expected to have placed at their disposal for the next day, reaching Toronto in great indignation, and as the paper put it, "with a poor opinion of the hospitality of certain officers of the camp."

The item referred to has caused quite a bit of merriment among the members of his own and other regiments, and great surprise was expressed that any member should have been allowed to take any part of a regiment on such a trip and afterwards set himself in judgment of the officers of the brigade camp as this man has done.

Rifle League Match.

Yesterday a team from No. 2 company, Royal Regiment Canadian Infantry, fired its match in the Dominion Rifle League at the Long Branch ranges. The Martini-Metford rifle was used, but, owing to the coarse sighting of the weapon and the difficulty of securing proper elevation the men were severely handicapped. The detailed scores were as follows:

	200 yds.	300 yds.	400 yds.	Total
Pte. Major.....	28	32	29	89
Pte. Tiggman.....	29	31	27	87
Pte. R. B. ....	30	30	27	87
Pte. G. V. ....	29	29	29	87
Pte. Family.....	25	32	27	84
Sergt. Thompson.....	29	26	22	77
Pte. Wain.....	26	31	17	74
Pte. Pearson.....	27	30	16	73
Quill, Corp. T. Barkland.....	26	22	20	68
Pte. Patman.....	24	21	13	58
Grand total.....				772

In a practice shoot over the three ranges yesterday, Sergt. Milligan, of the

48th Highlanders, made the remarkable score of 90 out of a possible 105. His score at 200, 300 and 400 yards was 33, 33, 33. This is one of the highest scores made on the Long Branch rifle range this season.

Lake Shore Ranges.

The following are the top scores in the Miller Spoon competition at 200, 300 and 400 yards: Capt. Orchard 97, Lieut. Davidson 95, Lieut. Crooks 95, Pte J. McVittie 93, Lieut. Cartwright 90, Mr. Bayles 90, Major Bruce 89. [Omitted in our last issue.—Ed.]

Ottawa.

DOMINION DAY IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa was "en fete" for the national holiday and with the G.G.F.G., Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, the Ottawa Field Battery, and the 43rd all parading and the 5th Royal Scots of Montreal, the city had a most martial aspect.

In the afternoon most of the military attended the games at Lansdowne Park, the following being the results of the events in which militiamen participated.

Heads and posts, tilting at the ring.—1, Sergt. Coleman; 2, Sergt. Landells; 3, Trooper O'Connor, all of the P.L.D.G.

Victoria Cross race, 300 yards and return, imitating the saving of life by men on horse back, riding at full speed.—1, Sergt. Atkinson; 2, Sergt. Caldwell; 3, Sergt. Alexander.

THE GUARDS GOT THERE.

A particularly interesting feature was the physical drill with arms, open to squads of 20 rank and file. Squads were entered from the Royal Scots and G.G.F.G. The contest was won by the G.G.F.G. men, who did splendidly under the guidance of Drill Instructor Bloxar. The excellent standard attained by the men is greatly due to the efforts of Mayor Jarvis. Lieut.-Col. Aylmer acted as judge, his decision being 12 out of a possible 20 points, for the Guards and 10 for the Royal Scots.

The field day order race was warmly contested. Col.-Sergt. Blaikney of the 43rd Battalion won first place, Lance-Corp. A. Langlois of the 43rd second, and F. A. Morse of the P.L.D.G. third.

The sword exercise competition was taken part in by the P.L.D.G. and one from the Battery. The former won, securing 18 points out of a possible 20, to the Battery men's 15. The exercises were splendidly gone through, both squads received warm applause from the spectators.

Quebec.

5th July, 1897.

The inspection of the Queen's Own Canadian Hussars took place on the 28th of June, and was made by Lieut.-Colonel T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G. Major Methrington was in command of the Squadron. Outside of the staff Captain R. E. W. Turner and Lieut. Drum "A" Troop appear to have been the only other officers present, necessitating the former officer having to take command of each troop in turn, putting them through several movements. The squadron was under inspection for about two and a half hours.

The Band of the Royal Canadian Ar-

tillery performed on the terrace on the evening of the 29th of June. As usual on such occasions the citizens turned out in large numbers.

The District Camp will be through with their work at the beginning of the week, and from all accounts, it appears to have been a very successful one, Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, D.A.G., having done all in his power to see matters carried out in a manner to reflect credit upon all hands. All the fatigues, guards and pickets are furnished by the Royal Canadian Artillery under the command of Lieut. J. H. C. Ogilvy. The corps under canvas are the 61st Bn. Lieut.-Col. P. Landry; 23rd Bn. Lieut.-Col. J. Geo. Bignell, 70th Bn. Lieut.-Col. N. P. Massicotte, and the 89th Bn. Lieut.-Col. L. E. Hudon. Among other officers attached are the following: Major L. N. Laurin of the 87th Bn., Capt. O. Evanturel of the 9th Bn.

The N. C. O's for the camp are: Brigade Sergeant, Sergt.-Major Rimbault; Quarter Master Sergeant, Sergt. Jordan; Hospital Sergt., Sergt. O'Hagan, Musketry Sergt., Sergt. Buteau; Police Sergt., Sergt. Sutherland.

A few men were sent home as unfit for duty. The results of the camp may be considered very favourable inasmuch as can be learned in the time at their disposal.

The 65th Rifles of Montreal came to the city for a couple of days, having come by boat, and returned in a similar manner. During their stay the regiment messed on board. There was no reception tendered them by the other corps which is accounted for in a manner owing to the camp at St. Joseph de Levis at which the Brigade Staff were in attendance and part of the Royal Canadian Artillery. As for the other corps, having completed their annual training, and returned their arms, accoutrements and clothing into store, it was not possible to have a turn out, as one can easily understand the inconvenience and difficulties attached to an issue of the necessities for a day or two, necessitating much work on the part of the officers and men and a thankless piece of work for the former. The honors might have been tendered inasmuch as concerns the officers of the local corps, and which appears to have been overlooked if not entirely at least to a great extent. The 9th Bn. naturally were looked upon as the ones to move in the matter, but failed to do so.

The 65th Bn. paraded for divine service to the Basilica on Sunday morning. The Bicycle Corps, ten strong preceded the corps pushing their bicycles, followed by the splendid band which played the whole way up Mountain Hill, which must have tried the bandsmen considerably as those acquainted with the length and the inclination of the hill can tell. The appearance of the Bn was very favorable and their marching viewed by a large number of the citizens.

On Dominion Day they proceeded to the Q. A. grounds for sports and for a competition in company drill. This had to be confined to two companies of the

corps in question as no others appeared, which is accounted for in the reason given above. Having had fine weather it is presumed that their trip was a pleasant one.

Gentleman Cadet LaRocque of the Royal Military College, came down with the 65th Battalion

Gentleman Cadet Courtney, of the Royal Military College, has been spending a few days in the city.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars have lost one of their officers in the person of Captain Geo B. Lawrence, who died very unexpectedly on Tuesday afternoon. Having been ill but for a very short time, a matter of but a few days, it was a great surprise to the people. The loss sustained by this corps will be a difficult matter to replace. The supply of officers for the local militia has been a matter of difficulty for some years, as but few young men care to go to the expense of providing themselves with the necessary uniform, etc.

The late Captain G. B. Lawrence will be buried with military honours on the afternoon of the 6th inst.

Among other visitors registered at the Garrison Club during the month of June were: Lieut-Col. Prevost and Major A. El Labelle of the 65th Bn. Montreal; Mr. K. J. R. Campbell, 6th Dragoon Guards, Captain A. Fages R. R.C.I., St. Johns, Que., and Mr. H. Burstall, R.C.A. Kingston, Ont.

Mr. Kenneth J. R. Campbell sailed for England on the 30th June.

#### PATROL.

### Montreal.

The Montreal Garrison Artillery were inspected in gun drill on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday even by Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, and they did remarkably well; but when on Saturday afternoon June 29th they met that same inspecting officer on the Champ de Mars to pass an inspection in infantry drill they did not show so much efficiency. They did very fairly well however and the strong muster 33, meaning that many recruits were in the ranks doubtless accounted for what unsteadiness was shown at drill.

The officers on parade were Lieut.-Col. Cole in command, Majors Ogilvy and Reid, Captain and Adjutant Featherstone, Major Torrance, pay-master; Capt. Wynne, quartermaster; Surgeon Elder and Assistant Surgeon Finley.

No. 1 company, Major McEwan, Capt. Hibbard, Lieuts. Barton and Howard, and 98 strong.

No. 2 company, Lieuts. Collins and Buchanan, and 92 strong.

No. 3 company, Capt. King, Lieuts. England and Cole, and 92 strong.

Lieut.-Col. Montizambert was accompanied by Major Des Troismaisons.

The battalion looked smart and well dressed and will doubtless do credit to Montreal when in Toronto.

The 65th marched on the Champ de Mars as the M. G. A. departed and drew up for inspection.

The muster was a strong one. Lieut.-Col. Prevost was in command, and the other officers on parade were Majors La-

belle and Hebert, Major and Adj. D'Orsonnens, Capt. Ostell, paymaster; Quartermaster Laroque, Surgeon-Major Roy, and Assistant-Surgeon Archambault.

No. 1 company, Capt Mackay, and Lieut. Gelinas.

No. 2 company, Capt. Trudel and Lieut. Pelletier.

No. 3 company, Capt. Labelle and Lieut. St. Louis.

No. 4 company Capt. Desnoyers and Lieut. Tarte.

No. 5 company, Capt. Thibaudau and Lieut. Ouimet.

No. 6 company, Capt. Pelletier and Lieut. Parent.

No. 7 company, Capt. Laframboise and Lieut. Beauchamp.

No. 8 company, Capt. Le Tonancourt and Lieut. Loranger.

The inspection was a creditable one in every way, the drill exhibition given by No. 2 company being as fine a piece of work as any ever seen on the Champ de Mars.

With the Garrison Artillery in Toronto and the Royal Scots and Highland Cadets in Ottawa, the 65th battalion in Quebec and none of the other corps parading, Montreal was decidedly quiet on Dominion Day—from a military point of view.

There were a good many marksmen at the ranges, but the pleasure of most of them was rather spoiled by the fact that there was no range officer present, the one whose tour duty it was having failed to put in an appearance, and consequently while some men fired unlimited ammunition, others had but little chance to fire a shot at the targets.

### The P. Q. R. A.

The annual meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held in the quarters of the 65th Batt., at the Drill shed, on Thursday the 11th July, Lt. Col. Houghton, McEachern, Massey, Starke, Hood, Fraser, Majors Blaiklock, Radiger, Busted and Ibbotson, Capt. Andrews and Lieut. Desbarats being present.

The usual routine of business having been gone through, the reports of the secretary and treasurer having been carried, the meeting proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following officers being chosen.

Chairman, Lieut.-Col. Houghton; treasurer, Major Radiger; secretary, Major Blaiklock; finance committee, Lieut. Cols. Fraser, Brosseau and Burland; auditors, Cpts. Ross and Ostell.

Representatives to the Dominion Rifle Association, Lieut.-Col. Burland, Lieut. Col. Hood, Major Busted, Major Blaiklock and Major Sims.

Executive Committee, Lieut.-Cols. Hood, Prevost, Burland, Cole, Fraser and Massey; Majors Blaiklock, Sims, Ibbotson and Busted; Captain Finlayson and Lieut. Desbarats.

The executive held a meeting immediately afterwards and decided on the programme for the annual matches, which is published elsewhere. The association is in a better financial standing than it has been for years.

### At the Ranges.

There was a large muster of riflemen at Cote St. Luke ranges on Saturday the 6th, when the 3rd match of the Can. Mil. Rifle League was fired.

The following were the leading team scores:

#### MARTINI SERIES.

6th Fusiliers—No. 1 Team—Grand total, 847.

Prince of Wales Rifles—1st Team—Grand total, 844.

Victoria Rifles—1st Team—Grand total, 835.

Royal Scots—No. 1 Team—Grand total, 791.

Victoria Rifles—2nd Team—Grand total, 780.

Prince of Wales Rifles—2nd Team—Grand total, 754.

Montreal Garrison Artillery Battalion Team—Grand total, 657.

The 25th annual meeting of the Victoria Rifles Association was held at Cote Ste. Luke ranges on Saturday, July 13th. The weather was fine, the light bright, and a strong puffy wind varying from 11 to 1 o'clock. Following are the results:

1.—MAIDEN STAKES.

To commence at 8:15 a.m. sharp. Range, 200 yards; 5 shots; position, kneeling; open to all members of the association, except those who have won 1st or 2nd prize in maiden stakes, or any prize in battalion or open matches (not including spoon competitions). Entrance free. Entries close on train. Six prizes. Choice according to score.

1. Pte. Jackson.....	21
2. Pte. H. Desbarats.....	21
3. Pte. Bolt.....	20
4. Corp. Harrison.....	20
5. Pte. W. A. Hamilton.....	19
6. Pte. Thomas.....	18
7. Pte. Cooke.....	17

2.—ASSOCIATION MATCH.

To commence at 8:45 a.m. sharp. Open to all members of the association, ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards; 7 shots at each. Entrance 25 cents. Entries close at 8 a.m. Position: standing or kneeling at 200 yards; at 400 and 500 yards, any with head to target. Fifteen prizes. Choice according to score. First prize presented by Lieut.-Col. Starke.

TEAM PRIZE—"QUEEN'S OWN" CHALLENGE CUP.

To be competed for in conjunction with Association match by teams of six from each company, and held by winning company till annual matches. Entrance \$1.50 per team.

NO. 3 COMPANY.

Teams.	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Ttl
Lieut. Brown.....	32	35	25	92
Pte. Mathews.....	31	33	26	90
Pte. Binnore.....	28	31	22	81
Capt. Meakins.....	24	28	30	82
Pte. Gascoigne.....	32	33	23	88
Pte. Desbarats.....	26	30	24	80
Total.....				513

NO. 2 COMPANY.

	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Ttl.
Sgt.-Major Gorman.....	20	29	28	77
Staff-Sgt. McCrae.....	27	29	23	79
Pte. Thompson.....	31	32	31	94
Pte. Hough.....	29	31	32	95
Pte. Copping.....	27	29	20	76
Pte. Bolt.....	29	30	20	79
Total.....				500

NO. 1 COMPANY.

	200 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Ttl.
Capt. Pope.....	29	31	22	88
Pte. Thomas.....	27	29	26	73
Sgt. McLennan.....	28	29	29	86
Staff-Sgt. Belcourt.....	32	30	21	83
Pte. Lannigan.....	22	27	27	76
Pte. McArthur.....	20	26	19	65
Total.....				471

NO. 4 COMPANY.

	100 yds.	400 yds.	500 yds.	Ttl.
Capt. Rodden.....	25	27	25	77
Pte. Mills.....	30	29	31	90
Pte. Jackson.....	30	24	11	65
Pte. Mathewson.....	30	26	32	88
Pte. Wright.....	25	21	22	68
Pte. Jordan.....	23	25	19	67
Total.....				451

INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

Pte. Kough.....	95
Pte. Thompson.....	94
Lieut. McAdam.....	93
Lieut. Brown.....	92
Pte. Mills.....	90
Major Busted, staff.....	90
Pte. K. Mathews.....	88
Pte. Mathewson.....	88
Capt. Pope.....	88
Pte. Gascoigne.....	88
Sergt. McLennan.....	86
Staff-Sergt. Belcourt.....	83
Corpl. Meakins.....	82
Pte. Lewis.....	81
Pte. Binnore.....	81

3.—CHALLENGE MATCH.

Open to all members of the association. Ranges 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Position: any with head to target.

Entrance 25 cents. Entries close 11:30 a.m. Twelve prizes. Choice according to score. First prize presented by Major Sims.

NO. 3 COMPANY.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Meakins.....	22	10	38
Brown.....	28	29	57
Binnore.....	18	20	48
Mathews.....	30	18	48
Gascoigne.....	27	25	52
Desbarats.....	23	15	38

NO. 2 COMPANY.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Gorman.....	26	29	55
McCrae.....	16	21	37
Thompson.....	29	22	51
Kough.....	26	22	48
Copping.....	24	24	48
Bolt.....	25	14	39

NO. 1 COMPANY.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Capt. Pope.....	27	21	48
Pte. Thomas.....	21	16	37
Sgt. McLennan.....	19	14	33
Staff-Sgt. Belcourt.....	27	25	52
Pte. Lannigan.....	30	21	51
Pte. McArthur.....	17	..	..

OPEN TEAM.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Capt. Pope, 3rd V.R.C.....	32	30	62
Lieut. McAdam.....	29	29	58
Pte. Thompson.....	29	22	51
Pte. Mathews.....	29	29	58
Pte. Binnore.....	26	29	55

PRINCE WALES RIFLES.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Lieut.-Col. Hood.....	27	32	59
Drysdale.....	28	35	63
Clarke.....	29	32	61
Smith.....	30	32	62
Drysdale.....	27	29	56

43RD BATTALION.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Rogers.....	26	29	55
Jamieson.....	30	34	64
Helner.....	26	28	54
Taylor.....	30	33	63
Sutherland.....	29	25	54

SIXTH FUSILIERS.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
Andrews.....	29	25	54
Marks.....	31	30	61
Lavers.....	30	30	60
Riddell.....	29	27	56
Pratt.....	27	31	58

ROYAL SCOTS.

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Ttl.
J. Currie.....	23	30	53
J. Hansberry.....	29	34	63
W. A. Smith.....	27	26	53
D. Currie.....	23	28	51
McNair.....	25	30	55

4—CONSOLATION MATCH.

1. Capt. Rodden.....	19
2. Staff-Sergt. McCrae.....	17
3. Pte. Jordan.....	17

5—EXTRA SERIES (OPEN.)

1. Pte. Mills.....	25
2. Color-Sgt. Marks.....	24
3. Pte. Thompson.....	24
4. Capt. Rogers.....	24
5. Capt. Pope.....	24
6. Capt. Andrews.....	24

INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

Lieut. Brown.....	57
Sgt.-Major Gorman.....	55
Pte. Lannigan.....	51
Staff-Sergt. Belcourt.....	52
Pte. F. A. Gascoigne.....	52
Pte. Thompson.....	51
Lieut. McAdam.....	49
Pte. Copping.....	48
Pte. Kough.....	48
Corpl. Pope.....	48
Major Busted.....	48
Pte. Binnore.....	48

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

1st aggregate in matches 2, 3 and 6. D. C. R. A. silver medal, 1895—Lieut. Brown.

NURSERY AGGREGATE.

1st aggregate in matches 1, 2 and 5, Major Busted's prize. Won by Pte. H. Desbarats, 139 points.

TEAM AGGREGATE.

To be won by the aggregate of three highest scores from any company. Won by No. 3 company.

Annual Matches of the Victoria Rifles.

On July 13th, the Vics held their 25th annual prize meeting in weather which was very varied and not conducive to high scoring. No. 3 Co. came off with flying colors winning all the team trophies. The following were the prize winners:

No 1. Maiden stakes; range, 200 yards; 5 shots.	
Pte. Jackson, No 1 company.....	23
Pte. Desbarats, No 3 com.....	21
Pte. Bolt, No 2 com.....	20
Capt. Harrison, No 1 com.....	20
Pte. W. A. Hamilton, No 3 com.....	19
Pte. Thomas, No 1 com.....	18

No. 2 Association match, open association; ranges 200, 400 and 500 yards; 15 prizes; first presented by Lieut.-Col. Starke.

Pte. Keough, No 2 com.....	95
Pte. Thomson, No 2 com.....	94
Lieut. McAdam, No 6 com.....	93
Lieut. Brown, No 3 com.....	92
Pte. Mills, No 4 com.....	90
Major Busted, staff.....	90
Pte. Matthews, No 3.....	90
Pte. Mathewson, No 4 com.....	88
Captain Pope, No 1 com.....	88
Pte. Gascoigne, No 3 com.....	88
Sergt. McLennan, No 1 com.....	86
Staff-Sergt. Belcourt, No 1 com.....	83
Capt. Meakins, No 3 com.....	82
Pte. Lewis, No 6 com.....	81
Pte. Binnore, No 3 com.....	81

Team prize "Queen's Own" Challenge cup; in conjunction with Association match by teams of six from each company.

No 3 com.....	513
No 2 com.....	500
No 1 com.....	471
No 4 com.....	454

No 3 Challenge match, open association ranges 500 and 600 yards, twelve prizes; first prize presented by Major Sims:

Lieut. Brown, No 3 com.....	57
Sgt.-Major Gorman, No 2 com.....	55
Pte. Lannigan, No 1 com.....	54
Staff-Sgt. Belcourt, No 1 com.....	52
Pte. Gascoigne, No 3 com.....	52
Pte. Thomson, No 2 com.....	51
Lieut. McAdam, No 6 com.....	49
Pte. Copping, No 2 com.....	48
Pte. Keough, No 2 com.....	48
Capt. Pope, No 1 com.....	48
Major Busted, staff.....	48
Pte. Binnore, No 3 com.....	48

Team prize; the Sims challenge shield; competition in conjunction with challenge match by teams of six from each company, and held by winning company till the next annual matches:

No 3 com.....	281
No 2 com.....	278
No 1 com.....	247
No 4 com.....	230

Consolation match, 5 shots at 500 yards; open to all members who have shot through the previous matches without winning a prize:

Capt. Rodden, No 4 com.....	19
Staff-Sergt. McCrae, No 2 com.....	19
Pte. Jordan, No 4 com.....	17

No 5, extra series open; 500 yards, 5 shots.

Pte. Mills, V R C.....	25
Col-Sergt Marks, 6th Fus.....	24
Pte. Thomson, V R C.....	24
Capt. Rodgers, 3rd.....	24
Capt. Pope, V R C.....	24
Capt. Andrews, 6th Fus.....	24

In the open team competition of 5 members each from any company or battalion, the Prince of Wales 1st team scored first with 419 points; the 6th Fusiliers 1st team was second with 418 points; the 43rd Ottawa, third with 416 points; the Vict Rifles, 1st team, fourth with 416 points and M. R. R. fifth with 411 points. In Individual prizes Col-Sergt. Marks, 6th Fusiliers was 1st with a score of 92, Pte Rambery, 5th Royal Scots, came second with the same score, and Staff-Sergt Bell, M.G.A. third with 91 points. The 1st aggregate prize was taken by Lieut. E. H. Brown, of No. 3 Company.

Ontario Rifle Association.

The Ontario Rifle Association will hold their 27th annual prize meeting at the Long Branch Rifle Ranges, commencing at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20th, and the two following days. There are in all fourteen matches in which there is the sum of \$3218 in cash prizes and \$850 in silver cups. It is expected that this year the attendance will be large, and the usual arrangements have been made to carry competitors at single fare on all the railways. Competitors from the west who intend going to the Dominion Rifle Association matches to have the privilege of a stop over.

The following is the prize list:

1st—"The Canada Company," Tuesday, Aug. 20th, 10 a.m., Ranges 200 and 400 yards, 5 rounds, 4 team prizes aggregating \$80. 35 individual prizes aggregating \$135. This match restricted to members of the active militia of Ontario who have never won

a prize at any Provincial, Dominion or National Rifle Association Match.

2nd—"The Gilmour," open to members, range 500 yards, 7 rounds, 55 prizes aggregating \$244.

3rd—"The Gibson," open to members, ranges 500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each range, 60 prizes aggregating \$285.

4th—"The Macdonald," open to members, range 200 yards standing, rounds 7, 50 prizes aggregating \$229.

5th—"The Gordon," open to members, range 600 yards, rounds 7, 55 prizes aggregating \$244.

6th—"The Walker," open to members, range 500 and 600 yards, rounds 7 at each range, 60 prizes aggregating \$305.

#### TEAM PRIZES.

To be competed for by five members of any one affiliated association. Five prizes aggregating \$100. The Ladies' Challenge Cup to go to the winning team. Unlimited entries.

7th—"Tait-Brassey," open to the active militia of Canada, H. M. Army and Navy and officers of the active force who have retired retaining rank, ranges 200 yards kneeling, 500 and 600 yards, rounds 7 at each range, 100 individual prizes aggregating \$512.

#### BATTALION TEAM PRIZES.

Five prizes aggregating \$200. The Tait Challenge Cup valued at \$250 presented by Sir Peter Tait of London, England to go to the winners.

#### COMPANY TEAM PRIZES.

Three prizes aggregating \$1500. The Brassey Cup (to be won three times consecutively) to go to the winners.

8th—"The Mulock" (aggregate), open to members. The highest aggregate score in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th matches, 40 prizes aggregating \$232. This aggregate includes the Elkington Cup, value \$255. The N.R.A. silver medal. The Governor General's silver and bronze medals, the D.R.A. silver and bronze medals.

9th—"The Gzowski," open to the active militia of Canada. Skirmishing and volley firing, ranges 200 to 500 yards, rounds 20. This prize aggregating \$149.00 "The Gzowski," presented by Colonel Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen, valued at \$200 awarded to the winning team.

10th—"The Revolver Match," open to members, range 25 yards, rounds 7. Unlimited entries, 6 prizes aggregating \$27.

11th—"Extra Series Matches," prizes amounting to \$130 in cash will be divided into four matches. Open to members.

No. 1 extra series, 200 yards, standing and kneeling, 5 rounds at each range, aggregate of two scores to count, 25 prizes aggregating \$127.

No. 2, extra series, 500 yards, rounds five, 19 prizes aggregating \$101.

No. 3, extra series, range 600 yards, rounds 5, 19 prizes aggregating \$101.

No. 4, extra series, special, range 800 yards, rounds 5, 22 prizes aggregating \$101.

In the regular matches one sighting shot is allowed at each range. No sighting shot allowed at the extra series.

The association has been fortunate in securing Lieut.-Col. W. E. Higgins of the Governor General's Foot Guards of Ottawa, to act as executive officer, during the meeting. Colonel Hodgins's experience at the Dominion Rifle Association Matches makes him a valuable acquisition in assuring the success of the Ontario meeting.

The following gentlemen have consented to act as range officers: Lieut.-Col. White of the 30th Batt., Major Delemere of the 2nd Q.O.R., Major McLaren of the 13th Batt., Major Sankey of the Retired List and Major Manley.

The special match committee is composed of the following officers: Lt.-Col. Wright, 43rd Batt. Ottawa; Major Mason, 13th Batt. Hamilton; Major S. Hughes, 45th Batt. Lindsay; Major Macdonald, 45th Highlanders, and Capt. Miner, 2nd Queens Own Rifles.

Lieut. E. P. McNeill, 2nd Queens Own Rifles, is in charge of the statistical office.

For further information about the matches, programmes, etc., application should be made to the secretary, Mr. A. D. Cartwright, 37 Yonge street, Toronto.

# THE SERGEANT'S STORY

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A BIT OF HISTORY

## Concerning the North-west Rebellion.

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### EASTER DAY ON THE NORTH SHORE.

The next day wuz Easter Sunday, altho' it might have slipped by unbeknownst to us any enough, fer all the eggs we got. We left Port Monroe at eight o'clock in the mornin', an' marched about 20 miles along the ice of the lake to McKellar's Harbour, gettin' there at half-past two or thereabouts, if I remember right. Then we tuck thim beautiful "Ice Palace" flat cars agin as far as Jack Fish Bay, a run ov about 12 miles. It wuz half-past six, by "Fiddler" Burke's watch, when we got there. Then we had supper an' turned in fer the night. Next mornin' by half-past eight we wuz off agin, travellin' by "Shank's mare," an' marched over the ice agin as far as Winstons. That little jaunt tuck us till half-past two.

The next 53 miles we done on cars agin, an' an' this brung us to Mackay's Harbour at 9 o'clock at night. There wuz only seven miles now bechume us an' "Red Rock," where we wuz to git the cars fer Port Arthur, but, by the Lord Harry, sor, thim seven miles wuz holy terrors, an' no mistake. Still there wuz no use kickin' nor hangin' back, so we jist pushed on, makin' a start about eleven o'clock. The trail wuz a sleigh track in the ice an' snow, all ov holes that wuz made by the horses' hoofs. Ye see, sor, if we stepped off the trail--an' it wuz moighty hard fer to see, because the night wuz as dark as pitch--down we'd go, jist loike McGinty, up to our waist belts in snow. We wuz up to our knees in ice water most ov the toime--wet an' weaty--sinkin' into the holes at nearly every step. Sleet, snow an' rain wuz beatin' in our faces, so that we cud scarce make any headway at all, at all. We were floppin' around loike fish out ov water, only we wul in the water, worse luck. Me and Sargint Johnson, that's "Curly," sor me an' him wuz marchin' soide be soide, each holdin' on to the wan broom stick. If he'd slip I'd kind ov brace him up like, an' if I'd slip "Curly" wud jist give his end ov the stick a bit ov a boost an' put me to rights. Oh, it wuz a great scheme, an' it warked loime.

Well, sor, we kept on trudgin' an' slippin' an' slidin' till at last we reached Red Rock at half-past foive in the mornin'. Jist think, sor, it had tuck us over six hours fer to march seven measley miles; but we wuz there at last, after the most tantallizin', cruel an' tiresome experience ov the whole expedition. It wuz loike cruelty to animals, so it wuz, nothin' more nor less. At Red Rock we tuck the tram fer Port Arthur, an' arrived there at eight o'clock. We had a rattin' foine breakfast there, an' pushed right on to Winnipeg. We arrived at Winnipeg at seven o'clock on the mornin' ov the 8th, a tough lookin' lot, I'm thinkin'. We were billeted at hotels, an' got another square meal, the third since leavin' Toronto. So far we had travelled 1,518 miles, on fer, in cars, an' in sleighs, an' still we were feelin' loike fightin' cools.

### ON TO THE "TOUCHWOOD HILLS."

At half-past four, by "Fiddler" Burke's watch, we left Winnipeg, an' reached Qu'Appelle the next day. We found the Quane's Own in camp there, an' it wud have done yer heart good to have heard the roasin' cheer they give us when we joined thim. Sure an' "Blood's thicker than water," after all, isn't it, sor? We didn't stay there no toime, though, but pushed on 19 miles to Fort Q'Appelle, breakin' away from Kurnel Otter's column, as Kurnel Grasett had bin ordered fer to take the Granideers an' shove on through the Touchwood Hills, over the Salt Plains an' join Gineril Middleton at Clarke's Crossin'. The Gineril wuz two or three days ahead ov us wid the Ninet'h Battalion, two batteries of artillery an' some scouts. Ye see, sor, Gineril Middleton's idea wuz this: His own column wuz to march from Q'Appelle to Clarke's Crossin' by way ov the Touchwood Hills, the Salt Plains an' the "B. P." Ye see, sor, that wuz what we called the "Boundless Prairie." Kurnel Otter's column was to march to Swift Current an' from there to make fer Clarke's Crossin', where they were to join the Gineril. Then, startin' from the Crossin' both ov the columns wuz to march down the Saskatchewan, one on each soide, an' attack "Batoche." Then the two columns wuz to go together an' march on an' relieve Prince Albert, an' after pullin' Mister Poundmaker's nose an' teachin' him a lesson they wuz to push on to Fort Pitt an' join Gineril Strange. After that the whole outfit wuz to attack Big Bear. That, sor, wuz the scheme, but ye know the old sayin', "Man proposes an' sometimes gits left." So at the last minnt the plans wuz all changed loike. Kurnel Otter wuz ordered fer to march straight to Battleford an' hold Mister Poundmaker in check until the Gineril comes up.

### LO THE POOR INDIAN.

The Gineril he makes straight fer Batoche by the way of Clarke's Crossin' an' ordered us fer to follow him. When we wuz at Fort Q'Appelle I seen the first real Injun I ever seen in all me loife, an' by Hivins I wuz disappointed loike. I had heard so much talk about "the noble red man," an' "Lo the poor Indian" an' all them folks, an' I expected somethin' fine, but these wuz dirty lookin' Crees from the File Hills, an' 'pon me sowl, sor, I've seen better lookin' Injun standin' outside of cigar stores. There wuz wan thing about them Injuns though--they're not afraid ov work. I know, sor, fer I've seen thim lay right down by the side ov it an' go to sleep. They had bin leavin' a snowdrift or somethin' ov the kind out on In-a-Pot's reserve, an' they were all painted up fer to beat the band. One wuz an' wooly young buck wuz starin' at Bob Newman fer about five minutes, an' then he sez he, "Ritake - lop-wat-akowe-yau-ke-tap-wal-akowe-yat-sakehikoa. Yikowa-lookwa-ke-tap-

wat," he jabbered so fast I cudn't make out what he wuz sayin', but Bob understood him, I guess, because he turns around to me an' he sez, "Well, I'll be damned," just loike that, sor. Well, we reached Fort Q'Appelle about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, an' wint under canvas fer the night, an' bright an' early next mornin' we were again on the trail followin' up the Gineril, who wuz two or three days ahead of us, ye'll moind, sor. We wint swingin' along at a foine pace, an' that night camped at a spot about five miles beyond Houghton. At half past four next mornin' we were agin on the move an' didn't halt that night till we reached the Touchwood Hills, where we pitched our tents, got a bit ov supper an' slept. The next day we struck the Salt Plains an' camped there fer the night. Damfino why they do be callin' it the Salt Plains though, because it's nothin' more nor less than an alkali swamp about 32 miles wide, an' divil a thing on it aither in the way ov trees an' things, barrin' a little row ov scraggy bushes in the middle ov the swamp, that they call stoneberry bushes.

OVER THE SALT PLAINS.

On the 13th of April, the next day like, we camped at a mail station in the centre ov the Salt Plain an' reached the west end ov the swamp. On the 14th we passed the city ov Humboldt, a foine flourishin' place, a mail station an' a log house. The next day we kep up the tramp an' on the 16th we marched 25 miles, on fut moind ye, an' camped 29 miles west ov Humboldt. The day after that we were stirrin' bright an' early in the mornin', it wuz more early than bright jist the same sor, on the trail agin eager to catch a glimpse of the Gineril who wasn't far ahead of us by this toime, ye see. Durin' the day the fife an' drum band got thawed out an' jollied us along a bit wid some ov them roilbeckin' tunes they play, an' no music ever sounded sweeter or wuz more welcome than them simple little tunes to us fagged out an' fu-sore divils that day. That night we halted about 35 miles north-west of Humboldt an' camped there that night. Revallay sounded at half-past four next mornin' an' soon all wuz hub-bub agin. We had breakfast, that is if ye kin call hardback an' pork "breakfast," struck camp an' were soon promachin' the trail agin. About foive o'clock the same evenin' we marched into Gineril Middleton's camp at Clarke's Crossin' in a blindin' snow storm, an' got a good hearty reception from the

Ninetieth, Boulton's scouts an' the artillery. Well, sor, we found Clarke's Crossin' to be a much foiner city than Humboldt, yes indade, sor, it had a stone house on' two log huts, wan ov thim wuz a boardin' house where bread wuz 50 cents a loaf an' butter a dollar a pound.

THE FIGHT AT FISH CREEK.

Since we'd left Fort Q'Appelle we had marched 192 miles, marched it on fut, moind, lastewise it wuz supposed to be 192 miles, but it wuz really 192 moiles an' a "bit." I'm thinkin'. Ye see, sor, out in that part ov God's country if ye ask any wan fer to teil ye how far it is from wan place to another, he'll scratch his head, squint up his oie, an' teil ye, "Oh, I dunno, about a mile an' a 'bit,' I shud say," an' upon me sowl, sor, it generally turned out that the moile wuz about 1,760 yards, an' the "bit" wuz about a moile an' a half. Thim's the koind ov little loies that the Gineril nicknamed "Nor-westers." Gulliver's ghost stories didn't come under that headin', though. Not long after we got to Clarke's Crossin' some ov the scouts brought three Injins into camp. They belonged to "Whitecap's" Band, an' were on the warpath. Now, thim Injins looked somethin' loike Injins. We pitched our tents on the bank of the Saskatchewan. I s'pose ye know, sor, what the Saskatchewan is, don't ye? Well I'll teil ye, anyhow. It's a great big river, an' the name means "swift runnin'," an' by the Lord Harry, sor, it's well named, fer it has a 2,40 gait an' no mistake whin it gits goin'. We stayed at Clarke's Crossin' until the 21st, waitin' fer supplies an' fodder, an' fodder, an' repairin' the wire cable that wuz used to work the ferry scow over the river an' back.

On the 19th we had a "drum-head" church parade, an' on the 20th there wuz a tug-ov-war bechuene the Grandydeers an' the Ninetieth. I s'pose there ain't no use tellin' ye who won, far I wudn't be after sayin' anythin' about it if the Grandydeers had come out second best I'm thinkin'. All the toime we wuz at the Crossin' we wuzn't brothered wid any too much a'm', an' wan day Private Whitin' starts off on a "hustlin' expedition," as he called it, fer to git some "extras." He struck a log house about a moile off, an' goes up to the doore an' hangs away wid his baynit. A Half-breed woman comes to the doore, an' sez:

"What it is?" sez she.  
"Cud ye lind me the loan ov a bag

or a pilly case or somethin' fer to carry some biscuits in?" sez Whitin'.

"Oh, yes, I s'pose so," sez the woman. An' in she goes, an' purty soon out she comes an' hards a pilly case to him. Whitin' takes it, an' lucks at it, an' lucks at it, an' turns it insoide out, an' lucks at it agin. Then woman she sez:

"What's the matter?" sez she. "Is there anythin' else cud be don' fer ye?"

"Well," sez Whitin', wid a grin, "if ye cud be after lendin' me the loan ov somethin' to put in it," he sez, "I'd be mighty ob'ged to ye."

An' by Hyvans, sor, she gave him the ful ov it. Least to Whitin' sed. Mebbe he wuz loyin'. Anyhow I'll swear he came into camp in the early mornin' wid a pilly-case full of biscuits an' a pail ov milk, wheriver he got thim. Oh! Whitin' wuz a hustler, an' no mistake, sor. On the 21st we crossed over to the west soide ov the river, wid the Winnipeg Field Battery an' Frenches Scouts. We formed the West division, under Kurnel Montezambert, while the 90th, "A" Battery, "C" Company an' Boulton's Scouts remained on the east side wid the Gineril. The 22nd wuz spent in practisin' signallin', an' on the 23rd we moved off down the river towards Batoche--the Gineril's division on wan soide

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an' us on the other, wid the old scow floatin' down bechume us. We halted an' bivouacked that noight at a place called "MacIntosh's," about 18 miles from Clarke's Crossin', an' on the mornin' ov the 24th we pushed on fer Batoche. We were moving along at a good steady pace, an' had jst got opposite to a place called Fish Creek, which wuz on the other soide ov the river, whin Bang, Bang, goes the rifles across the river, an' we knew that the Gineril had found what he wuz lookin' fer. Thin came the boom ov the artillery, an' a short whoile afterwards a galloper roides down to the east soide ov the river an' shouted out fer the Infantry fer to come over quick. Well, ye see, No. 1 Company wuz thrown out as an advanced guard at the toime, so Kurnel Grasett orders Captin Mason fer to take No. 2 Company over first. Now this wuz the very chance we wuz lookin' fer, an' ye may be sure we lost no toime in gettin' into shape. We wuz soon packed into the scow an' me an' Lord Melgund an' Liftinint Hays wuz pullin' loike the very divil on wan ov them big oars that wuz cut out ov a tree wid an axe. It took many a long pull an' many a strong pull but we got over in pretty short order considerin', an' scrambled up the steep bank as best we cud. "Well done, Grasett" sez the Gineril, "I didn't expect ye so soon," an' that's all there wuz sed, there wusn't no toime fer makin' purty spaches such as ye read ov in story books, there vuz work to be done. We wuz hustled right over to the right cin-tre ov the ravine, or the "hornets' nest" as the byes called it, an' tuck up an' advanced position extuded in skirmishin' order. We soon found where the inemy

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wuz, they wuz down in the ravine well under cover wid the goth "A" battery, "C" company an' Boulton's scouts pumpin' lead into thim from the crest ov the high ground. The first thing me oie lit on wuz a dead Injin an' an artilleryman that had bin killed early in the game loike, they were lyin' widin 20 paces ov wan another. By the Lord Harry, sor, me heart lept into me mouth like a flash an' I almost let a yell out ov me. Oh, sor, o'll swear oi wuzn't scared but it all seemed so suddin' loike that I wuz tuck unawares, but I pulled meself together an' I wuz meself agin in no toime, an' ready fer bizness. We wuz shoved over to the extreme roight where we relaved some ov the little black divils" as the goth wuz called, who had bin kapin' up their ind ov the stick in foine stoile, but wid wid considerable loss more's the pity. Soon after two more compantes ov the Granideers came across the river an' things got more interestin' loike. Captain Mason offered fer to take his men an' clean out the ravine, but the Gineril he sez, "No, no;" sez he, "We've lost too many good men already." Things went hummun' along in a kind ov give an' take sort ov a way. Bechune the shots we cul hear Gabriel Dumont jollyin' on the rebels an' telling fer to "fire higher," to "fire lower," for to

"keep back" an' all that sort ov thing. He wuz directin' thim wid whistle sounds an' as the Gineril sed to Kurnel Grasett "it wuz fer all the world loike the popin' ov a bo'sun." Durin' the day the Gineril got a bullet in his cap an' his two aidy camps wuz hit. About 4 o'clock the "Cease Fire" sounded an' the scrap wound up in a kind ov a "saw off."

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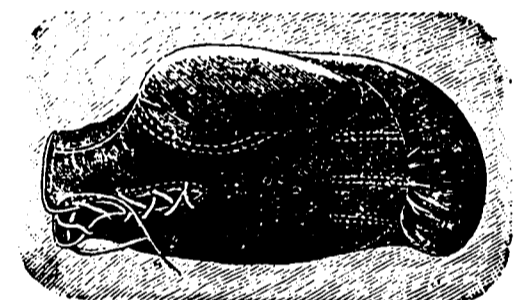
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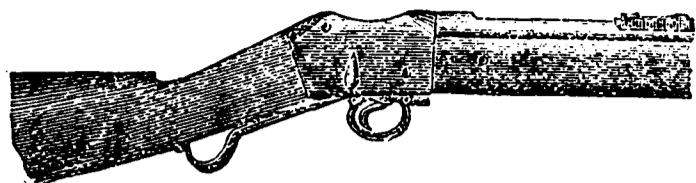
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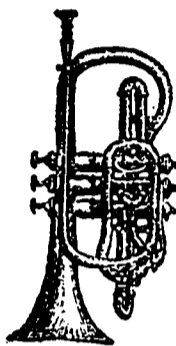
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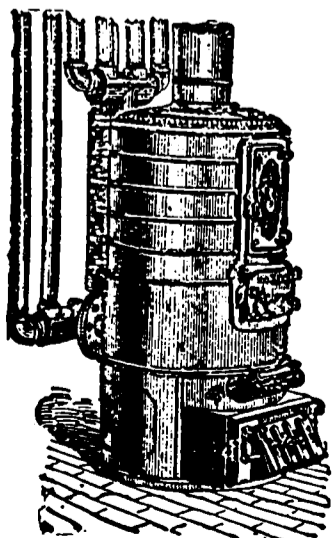
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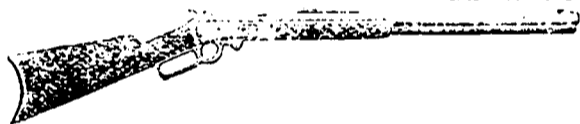
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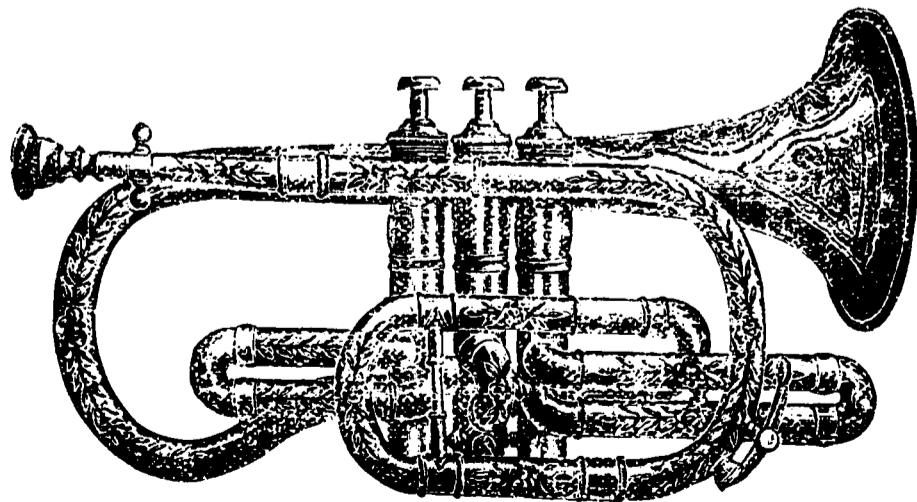
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