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#### Note and Comment.

In the matter of drill corps in connection with educational institutions, Quebec continues to show a commendable spirit of enterprise which might profitably be emulated in the other Provinces. When it was decided that the Militia Department should give assistance to these corps, in the shape of equipment and a grant for instruction, their total number for the whole Dominion was limited to seventy-four. Thirtyfour were allotted to Ontario; twenty-four to Quebec; thirteen to the Maritime Provinces; two to Manitoba, and one to British Columbia. Quebec has not only taken full advantage of her allotment, but has already several corps in addition to the number authorized, this increase being allowed on account of the failure of Ontario to maintain the full quota named for that Province. There is no lack of military enthusiasm amongst the boys of Ontario, for in nearly every public school the elements of military drill are now taught and readily picked up by the boys ; but there seems little disposition to provide uniforms, a requisite in order to obtain recognition by the Department. In Quebec, on the other hand, a great many of the educational institutions insist upon uniforms being worn for the ordinary classes, and the Department recognize any formally adopted college uniform as sufficient for drill purposes.

As will be seen from the report appearing elsewhere in this issue, the annual field day of the Toronto troops appears to have been the most successful yet held, and fortunately the expense involved had not the effect of spoiling the affair. It is pleasant to read of the cordial demonstrations made by the two great rival corps so handsomely supported by the Queen City, who seem to take the common sense view that there is plenty of room for both, and that whatever benefits one, at least in directly tends to the advantage of the other also. The Thirteenth of Hamilton showed commendable enterprise in participating as a body, and a number of officers of other corps in the vicinity had themselves attached to the participating regiments so as to have the valuable experience of the field day. The secrecy preserved as to the battle ground did much to abate the friendly nuisance caused by a crowd of sightseers

papers compared the times made at Halifax and Quebec, under totally different conditions, and praised the Halifax men for their seemingly superior performance. The comparison was unfortunate, but we are sure it was not made with any intention of doing injustice to the Islanders. Their fame as expert and efficient artillerymen is so well established that no one will be disposed to question their right to the first prize they secured at Orleans, or to take it for granted that had others there competed the result would have been different. There were five entries for the shifs-P. E. Island and Montreal one battery each, and Halifax three batteries. The first named completed the shifts in very good style and time, considering the adverse circumstances; Montreal, after commencing, abandoned the undertaking on account of the unfavourable conditions of weather and ground; and the Halifax batteries, after vainly waiting for two or three days for the weather to improve, had then to go home without a trial. Under the circumstances the second and third prizes would have been left with the Association had not application been made and permission granted for the three batteries to compete at home for these honours; but in doing this, and attempting to make the best showing possible, we are sure they had no desire to detract from the credit attaching to the performance of the Prince Edward Island Brigade.

Our correspondent "Nap" must not forget that, however excellent a plan it might be to have an officer of the Permanent Corps on the staff of the General Officer Commanding, the militia are not, by any means, without a well posted and keenly interested representative on the Headquarters Staff. We refer to Col. Walker Powell, the Adjutant-General, who has watched and very materially assisted in the growth of the force from infancy to its present proud proportions, and who may be relied upon to communicate to each successive Commandant the local knowledge necessary for the intelligent exercise of the duties of his office. Col. Powell's has been a labour of love, and no one could be more thoroughly posted concerning all the details of his charge than he has become by reason of his long years of zealous service.

The command of next Bisley team having been definitely located at least geographically, speculation is now being indulged in concerning the adjutancy-the prime qualification for which is, of course, intimate

Exception has been taken on behalf of the Prince Edward Island Garrison Artillery, winners of the recent shifting ordnance competition at the Island of Orleans, Quebec, to the published report of the subsequent competition held by permission at Halifax, between three batteries of the 1st Brigade, for second and third places. In the report the local acquaintance with all that concerns rifle shooting and the conduct of large meetings. It may be taken for granted that having the command the Maritime Provinces will not this year look for the adjutancy; the extreme West had a share of the honours this year, when Col. Prior held the command, and the choice is thus narrowed down to Ontario and Quebec, with the important fact to bear in mind that Ontario had a turn this year, to say nothing of the additional circumstance that the prowess of her riflemen has given that Province no less than thirteen representatives on the shooting strength of next year's team. But this very circumstance may induce the argument that Ontario has thus won the right to recognition, against which, no doubt, would be placed the result of the inter-provincial match, in which Nova Scotia and Quebec were respectively first and second; and as Nova Scotia is to have the first

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prize it might fittingly be urged that Quebec should have the second, in the shape of the adjutancy. It is not a good principle to be governed too much by geographical considerations in deciding an appointment of this kind, but an effort should be made to secure a really good officer, and if he happens to belong to a province presently deserving a share of the honours, so much the better.

From the report of the annual meeting appearing elsewhere in this issue, it will be seen that the Nova Scotia Rifle Association have determined upon the reintroduction of sighting shots. It will be remembered that a similar step was recommended to the Dominion Rifle Association at the last meeting of competitors. Sighting shots were abolished in Canada because of similar action at Wimbledon, but the National Association this year reintroduced them. The competitors seem to feel that the sighters give the best men a better chance to get to the top, and the argument against them in Canada has been their expense, while the prime cause of their temporary disallowance in England is said to have been the limited target accommodation at Wimbledon, rendering necessary a reduction in the number of shots to be fired.

It will be observed with regret in the same report, that two distinguished members of the Council of the Dominion Association, Sir John Thompson and Hon. C. H. Tupper, have by request been replaced, the pressure of other duties being urged as the reason for retirement. The Association would be the better of having a larger number of prominent public men taking an interest in it, and it is always a matter of regret when any retire. It is true the two Ministers named above are not military men, and therefore may feel the less keenly interested in the Association, but its welfare should be the concern of every citizen of the Dominion, and those who have not time or inclination to join the militia themselves may help the force by assisting the rifle associations, which contribute very largely to give vigour to our military organization.

#### Correspondence.

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

#### CAVALRY ASSOCIATIONS.

EDITOR MILITIA GAFETTE,-I was much pleased to see your editorial suggesting the formation of a Cavalry Association, which is certainly much wanted as we have tarried too long in neglect. I have no other object in view in writing, but to endorse anything that will improve instruction among cavalry leaders. The incomplete instruction and tactical training of many officers in the Canadian Cavalry, together with insufficient exercising, hampers this arm at present, and gives very generally imperfect results as compared with the Artillery and Infantry. The true spirit of cavalry slumbers in the profession, tactics get chilled in peace time into agreeable forms, which triumph over the disagreeable study and work required of the disciples of Mars. and so the whole thing drifts along, and it is not an easy task to wake a nation. Still the success which has attended the formation of a U.S. Cavalry Association among our neighbours and the Quarterly Journal published at Fort Leavenworth by that association is most timely, so that I for one am glad to see this awakening spirit in Canada.

A CAVALRY SOLDIER.

#### THE MANITOBA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—In closing our last letter on Rifle Associations we gave it to be understood that we had more information to impart, and no doubt some will think it strange that we have not completed the work. An explanation is necessary, and as there are rumours afloat that "we' have been suppressed, we hasten to clear ourselves. When we entered upon this work it was for a purpose. We have determined that our affairs here must be done right, and think—for two reasons—that the end aimed at will be accomplished after next annual meeting. The reasons are : That we have not been answered. Second,

that those in authority show a disposition to amend matters. In speaking to these points it must be said that having the controversy all on one side is monotonous. No matter how righteous the cause, one's pity is ever evoked for the weak, and cowardice is rampant when the fallen continue to receive punishment. Far from being of the blood-thirsty class we hail with pleasure the promise of reformation. We shall be ready as the readiest to assist in placing our shooting affairs in a practical and business-like condition. For the present, therefore, we do not intend enlarging on these topics, but trust to be able to send occasional items of general interest during the winter. In closing permit us to say that we do not court silence, that our pen will always be found ready in the cause espoused, but for the present the game is hardly worth more powder, certainly not both powder and

BUCKSHOT.

#### AN EXTRA AIDE FOR THE G.O.C.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—It may perhaps be timely, now that we are about to welcome a new General, to point out, that the whole service would be benefitted by having an intelligent officer of the Permanent Corps attached to his personal staff, under whatever name it might seem appropriate to term it. An officer who would fulfil the duties of Military Secretary to the G. O. C., and who knows not only the wants but the shortcomings of the militia, could not be otherwise than useful to the whole H. Q. staff; and such an appointment would I think be recognized as a compliment to Canada. I do not of course intend to suggest that the A.D.C. of the Imperial Service should be superseded, but an officer of the Permanent Corps in addition could be seconded for this duty at *no extra expense* to the country.

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#### The Rifle.

On Thanksgiving Day a match was fired between B Co., 7th Fusiliers, London, and B Co., of the Infantry School corps, St. John's, Que., resulting in a win for London by 15 points—331 to 316. The scores of B Co., Fusiliers, were as follows:—

			500	
Capt. Hayes	23	20	21	64
Pte. T. Hiscott	17	21	23	61
Pte. W. Hiscott				
Pte. Ross				
Corp. Price	13	17	12	42
Corp. Allen	11	18	11	40
Total	••••	••••	• • •	331

#### NOVA SCOTIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association was held on the 4th inst. A large number of the shooting men of Halifax and vicinity were present. A resolution was passed to allow two sighting shots at each range for which a charge of ten cents each is to be made. It was decided to allow the captain of the Ottawa team to select the eight men who are to compose the team to fire for the Merchants' Cup, instead of taking the eight highest in the aggregate, as at present. A motion to increase the entrance fee from two to three dollars was voted down. It was decided to appoint a surgeon for the range, and Dr. Jacques was elected to the position. The desirability of obtaining passes for the country members attending the annual shooting was strongly urged so as to place them on the same footing as the members of the city corps. Sir John Thompson and Hon. C. H. Tupper having expressed their wish to be relieved as representatives of the province at the Dominion association, as their parliamentary duties prevented them from giving it the attention they wished, the meeting being held during the session of parliament, the association elected T. E. Kenny, M. P., J. B. Mills, M. P., and Lieut-Col. C. J. Macdonald as representatives in their places. The following compose the council for the ensuing year:-Lt.-Col. Murray, Lt.-Col. Curren, H. G. A.; Lt.-Col. Walsh, 63rd; Major Garrision, H. G. A.; Major Barnhill, 78th; Major Weston, 66th; Capt. Harris, H. G. A.; Capt. Adams, H. G. A.; Capt. Crane, 63rd; Capt. Cunningham, 63rd; Lieut. Dixon, 63rd; Lieut. Stevens, 66th ; Sergt. Lockhart, 63rd ; Sergt. Spencer, H. G. A. ; Sergt. Gibson, 66th.

The council in their annual report refer with gratification to the fact that owing largely to the system of affiliation adopted at the last annual meeting, their was an increase of thirty-three per cent. in the attendance at the prize meeting. Under that system affiliated membership was granted to fifteen of any regiment who had never won a prize at any meeting of the association, on payment of \$10. Two competitions were set apart for the affiliated and nursery members, with prizes to the value of \$166.

#### BELLEVILLE.

Teams of ten men of the 15th and 49th Batts. had a return rifle match at Belleville on Thanksgiving Day, when the former result was reversed, the 15th winning by 56 points, whereas before there were 29 against them. The scores were as follows, the range being 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots :-

#### ISTH BATT

15тн Ватт.	49тн Ватт.
Capt. Ponton.       62         Sergt. Landon.       59         Lieut. Vermilyea.       83         B. M. Riggs.       68         Corp. Thomas.       58         SergtMajor McRae.       69         Capt. Donald.       68         Capt. Merrill.       65         Pte. Rowan.       55         Sergt. Russell.       67	Staff-Sergt. Tammage.58Sergt. Hogle.46Sergt. Marshall.41Major Hambly56Sergt. Masson87Pte. Clarke.81Pte. Robinson.52Lieut. Ketcheson43Pte. Pepler.65Lieut. Biggar.69
 Total654	 Total

#### Militia General Orders (No. 13) of 31st October, 7890.

NO. 1.-ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

Captain William Huskisson, Royal Engineers, lately appointed to the Staff of the Royal Military College as Professor of Military Engineering, &c., has been taken on the strength of the establishment, from 15th October, 1890.

No. 2.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

- INFANTRY SCHOOL CORPS.—Lieut. J. D. Roche has been transferred from B Company to A Company, with effect from 21st May, 1890.
- IST BRIG. GAR. ART.-2nd Lieut. T. L. Harvey, R. S. A., is confirmed in his rank from 21st October, 1890.
- 2nd Lieut. J. A. C. Mowbray, R.S.A., is confirmed in his rank from 21st October, 1890.
- 2nd Lieut. H. W. Freeman, R.S.A., is confirmed in his rank from 21st October. 1890.
- LEVIS GARRISON ARTILLERY. \_Brevet-To be Major: Capt. G. S. Vien, G.S., No. 2 Battery, from 9th October, 1890.
- 6TH FUSILIERS. To be Lieutenant, from 26th September, 1890: 2nd Lieut. V. F. Mitchell, R.S.I., vice E. J. Chambers, promoted.

7TH FUSILIERS .- Capt. N. P. Graydon resigns.

- 10TH ROYAL GRENADIERS .- To be Lieutenant : 2nd Lieut. J. D. Maclennan, R.S.I., vice F. W. G. Fitzgerald, who resigns.
- To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov. : Alexander Claude Forster Boulton, vice J. D. Maclennan, promoted.
- 13TH BN. OF INFANTRY .- To be Lieutenants : 2nd Lieut. G. D. Fearman, R.S. I., vice W. O. Tidswell, promoted.
- and Lieut. W. H. Bruce, R.S.I., vice J. W. Bowman, promoted.
- Capt. James Adam, from the Retired List, has been placed upon the Active List for duty with this Battalion whilst employed by it as Musketry Instructor.
- 16TH PRINCE EDWARD BN. OF INFANTRY .- To be Major : Capt. F. J. Horrigan, R.S.I., from No. 1 Company, vice J. R. Cunningham, deceased.
- No. I Company-To be Captain : Lieut. E. B. Merrill, R.S.I., vice F. J. Horrigan, promoted.
- No. 3 Company- To be Captain, prov. : James E. Glenn, vice B. A. Wycott, transferred to No. 4 Company.
- No. 4 Company-To be Captain : Capt. B. A. Wycott, R.S.I., from No. 3 Co., vice A. Lighthall, appointed Adjutant.
- To be Adjutant : Capt. A. Lighthall, R.S.I., from No. 4 Company. vice M. D. Strachan, promoted.
- 19TH LINCOLN BN. OF INFANTRY.-No. 1 Company : 2nd Lieut. W. A. Collins having left limits his name is removed from the list of Officers of the Active Militia.
- 20TH LORNE RIFLES. No. 1 Company : To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergeant William McDonald, R.S.I. (2nd B.), vice W. Anderson, resigned.
- 26TH MIDDLESEX BN. OF LIGHT INFANTRY .- No. 2 Company: To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Richard Walter Moyle, vice G. R. Shirley, promoted. Lieut. G. W. Marsh, R.S.I., No. 1 Co., is confirmed in his rank from 15th
- September, 1890.

28TH PERTH BN. OF INFANTRY.-No. I Company : To be Lieutenant, prov., Bugler John Elley Harding, vice S. R. Robb, left limits.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov. : Sydney Munnings Johnson, vice Robert James Chrystal, who resigns.

- 33RD BN.-Capt. R. S. Hays, R.S.I., No. 5 Co., is confirmed in his rank from 13th August, 1890.
- Lieut. J. W. Shaw, R.S.I., No. 5 Co., is confirmed in his rank from 15th August, 1890.
- 2nd Lieut. Alex. Wilson, R.S.I., No. 3 Co., is confirmed in his rank from 16th August, 1890.
- 39TH NORFOLK BN. OF RIFLES. No. 7 Company : To be Captain, Lieut. T. Bayley, R.S.I., vice H. W. Ansley, who resigns. No. 8 Company : To be Captain, Lieut. S. Rossell, R.S.I., from No. 3 Com-
- pany, vice W. S. Wood, who retires retaining rank.
- 45TH BN.-Brevet-To be Major: Capt. James Evans, M.S., No. 5 Company, from 8th October, 1890.
- 51ST HEMMINGFORD RANGERS.—No. 3 Company : This Company having be-come non-effective, it is removed from the list of corps of the Active Militia.

54TH RICHMOND BN. OF INFANTRY. -- No. 5 Company : To be Lieutenant, prov., Pay Sergeant James McManus, S.I. (2nd B.), vice Frederick Goddard, failed to attend annual drill.

57TH PETERBOROUGH RANGERS.—The Christian names of Surgeon Halliday are James Thomas Innes, and not as described in General Orders (10) 31st July, 1890.

69TH IST ANNAPOLIS BN. OF INFANTRY, N.S.—No. 3 Company: To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov., Sergeant Arthur John Bustin, vice J. C. Withers, who resigns.

78TH HIGHLANDERS.-No. 3 Company: To be Lieutenant, George William Kenny, M.Q., vice J. L. Barnhill, promoted.

86TH THREE RIVERS BN. OF INFANTRY .- No. 2 Company, Rivière du Loup (en haut) - To be 2nd Lieutenant, prov. : Jeremie Desaulniers, vice J. Dufresne, resigned.

90TH WINNIPEG RIFLES.- To be Major, from 9th October, 1890: Capt. H. M. Arnold, S. M. I., from the Adjutancy, vice William Clark, who retires from the Corps,

being retained for other duty holding his present rank. To be Lieutenant : 2nd Lieut. F. H. Allardyce, R.S.M.I., vice Henry Edward Macdonell, who resigns.

91ST MANITOBA LIGHT INFANTRY.—To be Major : Gerald Francis Brophy, V. B., from Retired List of Captains, vice Walter T. Kirby, who resigns.

HONORARY.-Captain Edward Palliser, late 7th Hussars, to have the honorary rank of Major in the Militia, to date from 13th October, 1890.

No. 3.—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

		·		Percentage of marks obtained		
Rank, Name and Corps.	Class.	Course.	Grade.	Written.	Practical.	Aggregate Percentage.
Royal School of Cavalry.					1	
Tp. Sgt. Major W. Wanless, 1st RegtCorp. G. B. Hoag, 2nd Regt	I I	Lg Lg	B B	·87 ·67	•89 •76	•88 •73
Royal Schools of Artillery.						
Lt. J. C. DeWolf, 1st Halifax Bde.Obtained at R. M. College.2nd Lt T. L. Harvey, 1st Halifax Bde.do J. A. C. Mowbraydo H. W. Freeman	2  I I I	Lg S Sp Sp	A  A A A	•67 •80 •74 •76	•59 ;91 •66 •82	·62 ·61 ·87 ·70 ·80
Royal Schools of Infantry.						
Capt. W. B. T. Macaulay, 6th Bn do J. E. Halliwell, 15th Bn do T. H. Jones, 25th Bn do R. S. Hays, 33rd Bn do R. S. Hays, 33rd Bn do G. W. Marsh, 26th Bn do D. Holmes, 33rd Bn do J. W. Shaw, 33rd Bn do W. J. Hamilton, 40th Bn do W. J. Hamilton, 40th Bn do W. H. Floyd, 40th Bn	I I 2 I 2 I 2 I 2 I 2 I 2 I 2 I 1 2 I	Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp Sp	A A A A A A A A A A A		·79 ·71 ·70 ·57 ·79 ·57 ·73 ·49 ·70 ·52 ·68	-80 -75 -71 -66 -80 -66 -77 -59 -71 -60 -70

Military Qualification Certificates have been granted to Walter Douglas, Frederick Mitchell Scadding and George William Kenny, formerly Gentlemen Cadets Royal Military College of Canada.

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A First Class Equitation Certificate has been granted by the Commandant Royal School of Cavalry to Major Crawford Lindsay, Quebec Field Battery, with '95 as the aggregate percentage of marks obtained.

The Long Course Certificate granted Lieut. V. A. S. Williams, Company of Mounted Infantry, published in General Orders, 5th Septemher, 1890, is amended by adding "Military Engineering" as one of the subjects in which that officer obtained special mention at the Royal Military College.

No. 4.--RESERVE MILITIA.

REGIMENTAL DIVISION OF 3RD ST. JOHN, N.B.-To be Lieutenant Colonel: Major Henry Laurance Sturdee, vice John V. Thurgar, deceased.

No. 5.—Associations for Drill in Educational Institutions.

LAVAL NORMAL SCHOOL OF QUEBEC DRILL COMPANY .-- To act as Captain : Joseph Dubé, vice C. A. Gariepy, left the school.

To act as Lieutenant : Prudent Vallée, vice G. La lante, left the school. To act as 2nd Lieutenant : Eudore Gobeil, vice N. A. Filion, left the school.

SEMINARY OF QUEBEC IST DRILL COMPANY .- To act as Captain : Joseph F.

X. Bossé, vice Bernard Deschenes. To act as Lieutenant : Joseph Veilleux, vice Frederic Boulanger.

SEMINARY OF QUEBEC 2ND DRILL COMPANY .- To act as Captain : Edgard Morris, vice Léon Fiset.

To act as Lieutenant : Alphonse Lessard, vice A. P. Audet. To act as 2nd Lieutenant : Pierre Garneau, vice C. A. Pariseault.

All future campaigns must be of short duration, and any office

who cannot make up his mind to live upon the same fare as his me had better remain at home with his mother-Soldiers, like missionarie must be fanatics. An army thoroughly imbued with fanaticism can b killed but never suffer disgrace.-Let us sink, as far as possible, the respective titles of officers, sergeants and privates, merging them into the one great professional cognomen of soldier, causing all ranks to feel that it is a noble title, of which the general as well as the private may well be proud. - The Soldier's Pocket-Book.

THE ANNUAL FIELD PRACTICE.

Great Work by the Banks of the Humber on the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Red Coats Make a Gallant Attempt on the City.-But the Rifle Pits were well Defended and the Attack did not Succeed. A Brief Story of the Engagement.

The most hopeful militiaman of either Toronto or Hamilton could not have expected such weather as that ushered in on the morning of the eventful 6th of November. Although early in the day indications seemed to point to rain the clerk of the weather proved to be generosity itself, and the finest day for many weeks was spent studying warfare in the most approved manner.

At an early hour members of the Queen's Own Rifles and Grenadiers were to be seen hurrying to their parade grounds in response to the call to arms; and none, to see the looks on the faces of the men, would imagine that in a few short hours they would be in the heat of engagement.

The Q. O. R. paraded at the Queen's Park in two battalions. Col. Hamilton was in command of the rifle brigade, having for A.D.C.'s Lieuts. Peuchen and Mercer.

#### 1st Battalion.

A Company.—Capt. H. D. Jones, Dufferin Rifles; Lieut. Baird, Q. O. R.; Lieut. Knight, Oxford Rifles; with 56 men.

- B Company.—Lieut. Ince, Lieut. Lloyd, 50 men. C Company.—Capt. Greene, Lieut. Rennie, Lieut. Robertson, 34 men. F Company.—Capt. McGee, Lieuts. Lee and Wright, with 48 men. H Company.—Capt. Gunther, Lieut. Mowat, Lieut. Matthewson. Prace band under Randwaster Bailey and Serge Cauldwell
- Brass band under Bandmaster Bailey and Sergt. Cauldwell.

#### 2nd Battalion.

- D Company.—Capt. Mason and Capt. McGlashan, Dufferin Rifles. E Company.—Lieut. Knifton, Lieut. Dupuis, 14th Battalion, 42 men. G Company.—Capt. Bennett, Lieut. Burnham, 57 men.
- K Company.—Capt, Brock, Licut. Coleman, Licut. Badgerow. I Company.—Capt. Murray and Licut. Crean, 42 men. Bugle Band.—Bugle-Major Swift and 31 men.
- Ambulance corps, 9 men ; pioneer corps, 7 men.

The 1st battalion was in charge of Major Delamere and staff, composed of Major Jones, Dufferin Rifles; Capt. Mutton, acting adjutant. The chief officers of the 2nd battalion were Major Sankey, Capt. Pellatt, acting major, and Capt. Macdonald, adjutant. The scouts were Sergt. Thorn, Corp. Simpson and Ptes. Cogswell, Morrison and Russell. The strength was 574 exclusive of officers.

#### THE ATTACKING FORCE.

The Grens. paraded at the drill shed at 8.30 and at 9.15 took special train for Humber, reaching there at 9.30. They paraded as follows :---

A Company.—Capt. McLean and 32 men. B Company.—Capt. Howard, Lieuts. Windeyer and Cameron (36th), and 37 men.

C Company.-Capt. Caston, Lieut. Gibson, Lieut. McMahon, 40 men.

D Company. — Lieut. Lowe, Lieut. McLennan and 38 men. E Company. — Lieut. McKay, Lieut. Dickson and 40 men. F Company. — Capt. Elliott, Lieut. Heward and 41 men.

G Company.—Capt. Michie and 23 men. H Company.—Capt. Trotter, Lieuts. Macdonnell and Denroche (36th), 36 men. Band under Bandmaster Waldron, 29 men.

Buglers, 28 men ; pioneers, 9 ; ambulance, 17.

Lieut.-Col. Dawson was in charge, assisted by Majors Mason and Harrison, Capt. Manley (adjutant), Capt. Bruce (paymaster), Quartermaster Tassie, Surgeon Ryerson and Assistant-Surgeon King. The strength of the regiment was 399.

The 13th Battalion was made up as follows :- Lieut.-Col. Hon. J. M. Gibson, Majors Moore and McLaren, Capt. Stuart, Adjutant; Major Mason, Quartermaster ; Sgt.-Major Athawes.

- A Company.—Capt. Stoncham, Lieut. Herring, Lieut. Hobson and 40 men. B Company.—Capt. Bowman, Lieut. Powers and 34 men. C Company.—Capt. Zealand, Lieuts. Pain and Osborne and 44 men.

D Company.-Capt. Ross, Lieut. Wettin and 48 men.

E Company. - Capt. Read, Lieuts. Robertson and Domville and 40 men. F Company. - Capt. Tidswell, Lieuts. Laidlaw and Fearman and 38 men.

G Company. - Capt. Mewburn, Lieut. Labatt and 35 men. Lieut. Cline (77th), and Lieut. Duncan (H. F. B.) were attached.

H Company.-Capt. Moore, Lieut. Bruce and 33 men.

Band, 35; bugle hand, 23; 15 in charge of commissariat, Total, 400.

The strength of the attacking force, including C Company, I. S. C., was about 860 against that of the defending body of 574. The whole of the operations were under the directions of Lt.-Col. Otter, D. A. G., with Lt.-Col. Gray Brigade Major, second in command. Capt. Hay, R. G., and Lieut. Laurie, I. S. C., acted as galloppers to the D. A. G. The umpires were :

Attack.	Defence.
LtCol. Gwyn	LtCol. Wayling 12th
Lt. Col. Jones	Major Vidal
Major MeadT.F.B.	Major McSpadden 12th
Major KingW.F.B.	Surgeon Strange I.S.C.
Capt. Thompson12th	Capt. Beatty T.F.B.
Capt. Macdougall	Lt. Dickson
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Thanks to the secrecy maintained previous to the affair, the troops were not so woefully harassed as last year, when the civilians had several times to be ordered out of the way in order to leave a clear front for firing. The plan of attack, briefly summed up, was as follows : A force was encamped south of West Toronto Junction, prepared for an attack from a large force which was expected to move northward from the The boundaries were : On the West, the Humber Humber Bridge. River; North, Dundas Street; East, Indian Road. No part of the attacking force was to move before 10.30, by which time the defending force were to have all dispositions made for defence. The principal object of the defence, and one which appears to have been lost sight of by the war correspondents of the dailies, was that of strengthening and holding its final position. Although scouts, outposts and reconnoitering parties could be pushed out as far as possible, they had to retire before a superior force, unless they could point out to an umpire that in actual warfare the advantages gained would not render such a move necessary. Unfortunately the umpires were not numerous enough, for often when the outposts had been driven in, positions were taken by them and the second line which were as unassailable as the final stronghold, places where the umpires could not possibly get on account of being mounted. The 13th arrived shortly before 10 o'clock, and no time was lost in effecting a junction with the Grenadiers.

Lt.-Col. Gibson was in charge of the attacking forces with Capt Morrow, R G., and Lieut. Duncan, H.F.B. as galloppers. C School and the 13th Battalion were sent up the road past the river, and H Co. were instructed to try and push through to Bloor and then work east. The remaining companies were disposed of between the river and Howard Lake. The Grens were between Howard Lake and the eastern line and were divided into two battalions.

A and F Co's R.G. formed their advance covered by scouts, while B and E were supports, with C and D as reserve. An idea may be formed as to how far the Q.O.R. scouts must have pushed from the fact that before the Grens had gone 200 yards they sighted the green coated scouts and desultory firing occurred, reinforcements followed and a stand was made only to be displaced by Capt. Elliott's Co. The Grens drove back part of Capt. Greene's Co., who had gone down Indian Road ; while the 13th performed a similar favour for Capt. McGee who had been sent westward along Bloor. The Grens who were on the right of the line had been in action some time before the 13th had become actively engaged on the left. The scouts of the Q.O.R. bothered this regiment quite considerably, but a large party of the 13th came to the assistance of the Grens and executed a clever bit of military strategy.

A body of the Queen's Own were ambushed in a wood overlooking a road running between steep and wooded cliffs. A. company of the Grens marched up this and not until the hillside was wreathed in flame did they discover the enemy. A. Co. 13th hearing the firing executed a flank movement and so intent were the Queen's Own on the Grens that a raking fire was poured into the wood, compelling them to retire. The firing now became general and the first line rapidly retired on the second, which fought with great stubborness, contesting every foot of ground. Often and often a stand was made and in many cases in commanding positions capable of holding the enemy in check for a considerable period, but before superior numbers "retire" was sounded, and very often on the double. The 13th working eastward formed a junction with the Grens on the summitt of a cliff about 400 yards from the Queen's Own stronghold, and heavy firing took place all along the line at the trenches occupied by the Rifles. Orders had been issued to the effect that the attacking party were not to cross Bloor street, but Capt. McLean, of the Grenadiers, with commendable bravery led his company almost in a section of fours down the open side of the cliff, and to the bottom of the one on which the enemy had thrown up their fortifications. This company was promptly ordered back, but not ruled out of action, although they were exposed to the fire of 300 rifles at almost point blank range. In fact the larger part of the line acted with great boldness, considering that they were exposed while the Queen's Own were snugly ensconced in rifle pits and trenches, with breastworks of 24 inches supposed to be bullet proof. A little before one the umpires decided that at least a force of 2,000 men were necessary to take THE

the entrenched position, and the "cease fire" was ordered to be sounded. At one point an error appeared in which the Queen's Own were said to have gone out of bounds on the east. C company were on the road, but were retired and sent over to the left, leaving B company about 100 yards to the west of the road, which was not crossed by them in their retiring.

#### WITH THE DEFENCE.

The Rifle brigade marched out to the continuation of Indian Road from Bloor, halted and waited for information from the mounted scouts, who soon located the enemy, one of the scouts watching the 13th detrain at the Humber. Captain McGee was sent to reconnoitre Bloor street west with his company, while Capt. Greene was sent down Indian Road, I company acted as an independent company and watched the banks of the river; turther mention will be made of this company. The hill south of the junction and commanding all the roads and ravines from the south and west was selected on as the stronghold and K. company (University Undergrads) with the Buglers were employed in digging shelter trenches and right nobly did they do their work. The pits covering about 300 yards from the extreme left to a point on the west being unassailable.

F. company formed the entire scouting line.

The first line was formed of C D A and G companies, while B E and H companies occupied the second. F company was first engaged and inside of half an hour the whole of the companies on the defence were maintaining a stubborn defence and retirement was often ordered, when it seemed as if the attackers were in decidedly the worst position having to cross a couple of ravines in the face of an ambushed enemy. Gradually the firing came nearer to the stronghold and the red coats gleaming through the brushwood became denser and denser compelling the Queen's Own to retire into the cover of the trenches. From these a clear ground which the enemy occupied enabled them to fire with comparative safety protected as they were by the earthworks; and a good many were of the opinion that without the protection the enemy could not possibly have had provided in the way of trenches, etc., heavy execution could have been done.

It was not until after the engagement closed that a company of the Grens and one of the 13th joined their main body and it appears altogether likely that they were both drawn away by some very clever manœuvring by Capt. Murray and Lieut. Crean with I company, who in retiring drew them towards the north-west while the defence was entirely in the north-cast.

After a rest of about an hour for lunch, the review took place in High Park, and after the march past and inspection of the brigades column of route was formed, and the 2nd Batt. Queen's Own leading, the march home was started at 4.15. The 13th broke off at the Lake Shore Road and entered the special awaiting them, thus getting into Hamilton shortly after supper.

Col. Otter, in addressing the mounted officers, congratulated one and all on the successful day's outing. He stated that the defence was particularly good, and was noted for care, caution and coolness. The attacking party moved steadily and were well under control, while those retiring were equally careful. Mistakes of course, had been made, but only in minor details. He closed by thanking the umpires, who held no sinecures, and expressed himself highly satisfied that all plans were carried out in a most intelligent and satisfactory way.

The Queen's Own were the first to reach the shed and were quickly dismissed, after Col. Hamilton, in conveying the D.A.G.'s message, had expressed pride in the conduct of the regiment. He alluded to the strength of the regiment at muster roll the previous evening, when 618 answered to their names, eclipsing all previous records. The Queen's Own were hardly dismissed when the Grenadiers marched in and were cheered for fully five minutes by their comrades in green. After this had subsided, Col. Dawson called for three cheers for the Queen's Own, which were given in a manner that made the old tumble-down shed fairly shake, and the men of both regiments returned home tired and happy, with a good stock of anecdotes of the day, sufficient to last until the next cruel war.

In the evening Col. Otter entertained the commanding officers at the Fort, and the Queen's Own held their annual inspection dinner at Webb's. "BREECH BLOCK."

Capt. Sears of the South Staffordshire (Imperial) Regiment, and lately of our Infantry School Corps, is in Toronto on a visit, and is the guest of Lt. Col. Otter, D.A.G.

The Miramichi Advance devotes a well-merited complimentary paragraph to the good showing made by the Newcastle Field Battery in the General Efficiency competition, in comparison with many more favoured batteries. The paper notes with pride, and compliments Lt.-Col. Call upon the fact, that in officers, horses, gun drill and field manœuvres, the battery rated at the top.



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#### Regimental and Other News.

On Friday evening last a brilliant assembly was held at Toronto, under the auspices of the officers of the Royal Grenadiers. It was the first of a series of three that the committee of officers purpose holding during the season. The second will probably come early in the new year, and the third just before Lent. The three or four hundred people who crowded the splendid rooms included many of the officers of the city corps, whose uniforms gave brilliance and variety to the scene. If in the sham fight on Thanksgiving day the Grenadiers' scarlet tunics made them conspicuous marks for the sharp-shooting rifles of the enemy, now, at least, they gave their wearers an advantage and there was no grumbling if they were conspicuous marks for the sharp-shooting of bright eyes. Government House was represented by Miss Marjorie Campbell and Commander and Mrs. Law. The band of the regiment furnished capital music. The committee, to whom fell the work connected with the affair, is composed of six of the Royal Grenadiers' officers :-- Major Mason, president ; Capt. Elliott, Lieuts. Gibson, Lowe, Cameron and Heward.

#### Winnipeg.

His many friends in Eastern Canada, as well as here, will learn with regret that Lieut. C. L. Benedict, of the 90th, is now a patient in the hospital at Kingston, Ont., suffering from a hurt sustained by his knee whilst skating a couple of years ago. He has been absent from here for some months on "sick leave" from the Bank of Montreal, in whose employ he is.

Winnipeg is apt to be represented on the Bisley team of 1891, as it is altogether probable that Coulson Mitchell, Governor-General's prize man, will accept the place he has won.

The Ninetieth and Troop of Cavalry paraded for church on Sunday, 26th ult. The L. B. D's. to the number of one hundred rank and file, together with the band, under the command of Lt.-Col. Boswell, and the Cavalry under Capt. Knight, met at the armoury on Portage Avenue and marched to Holy Trinity church. The cavalry looked well in their splendid uniform. Dean Grisdale was the officiating clergyman, and preached an appropriate sermon. There was a full choir and the rendering of the anthem "With Humble Faith," was very fine indeed.

#### Montreal.

On the 1st instant, the 65th Mount Royal Rifles had their annual inspection, before Lt.-Col. d'Orsonnens, D.A.G. Lt.-Col. Dugas was in command, and the muster was 276 strong. The inspecting officer expressed himself as pleased with the result of this his first inspection of the battalion. There was, however, he said, room for improvement, which he hoped to see next year, and especially in the matter of strength, They were the only regiment in Montreal allowed to have a strength of eight companies, and it behooved them to take advantage of that privilege by becoming the full authorized strength. They had a thorough soldier for a colonel, and he was assisted by officers who had proved their efficiency. He knew they had many drawbacks to contend against but they should make it a point of honour to transform the French-Canadian regiment into the finest in the city. The men were then dismissed, and at 6 o'clock sat down to a substantial dinner, spread in one of the armouries, which was done full justice to. Lt.-Col. Dugas and the officers entertained Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnnes, Major Roy and Capt. d'Orsonnens and several other invited guests to a recherche dinner in the officers' mess. Only two toasts were proposed—"The Queen" and "Success to the Sixty-fifth." In the evening the annual sports were held and proved a decided success. The galleries of the drill hall were crowded with friends of the regiment.

On the afternoon of Thanksgiving Day the Cadets of St. Mary's (Roman Catholic) College and the Highland Cadets united in an entertainment in the Victoria Rink in aid of the funds of the Athletic Club House. The St. Mary's Cadets were 160 strong, in four companies, under command of Capt. Trudel, their instructor; and the Highland Cadets were 60 strong, in one company. The programme was opened with the trooping of the colours, the band of the Royal Scots supplying the music. It was a very pretty scene, and evoked rounds of applause from the spectators. The St. Mary's Cadets were then inspected by Lt.-Col. Houghton, Deputy Adjutant General, and Lt. Col. Mattice, Brigade Major, who were accompanied by Lt. Col. d'Orsonnens, D. A. G. of the Sixth district. Rev. Father Drummond was also present. The Cadets went through the arms manual and several battalion movements, the echelon being particularly well performed. All the movements were characterized by smartness and regularity, and Lieut.-Col. Houghton complimented them very highly upon their proficiency.

The visit of the Guelph cadets, resulting as it did in the formation of several cadet corps in this city, and the drawing of public attention to the benefits of physical drill, was of inestimable value to the youth of Montreal. The recognition of those corps by the Government gave an additional impetus to the good work, which is shown almost daily. On

Friday, 7th inst., Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., inspected the Lady Alexander Russell's Own, formed in connection with the school of St. John the Evangelist. Many of the cadet corps were greatly troubled by the desertion of boys after the novelty of "soldiering" had worn off, and the routine of drill made itself apparent. But from this defect the Lady Alexander Russell corps do not appear to have suffered. Recognizing the value that the training connected with a corps of this kind would be, the masters made it a part of their curriculum, and the result is a full justification of their departure. Lieut.-Col. Houghton addressed the boys, congratulating them upon the manner in which they had performed both the physical and company drill, and assuring them that he would, in his report to headquarters, refer very favourably to their condition. He impressed upon them the importance of the drill they were receiving. Some of them wanted uniforms and he would see that they were obtained, as well as arms, which he had been informed had been purchased in England. Lieut.-Col. Crawford and Lieut.-Col. Henshaw both made short addresses complimenting the cadets on their proficiency, and the head-master, Rev. Arthur French, thanked them, and said that he hoped they would be successful in carrying off the colours presented by His Royal Highness Prince Arthur for the best drilled corps. Lieut.-Col. Henshaw asked for a half-holiday next week for the boys and Lieut.-Col. Houghton asked that it be made a whole one, which Mr. French granted, naming Monday, an announcement which was received with cheers. The boys were then dismissed. The whole inspection was a very creditable one, reflecting no small credit upon the instructor, Major Atkinson, and his assistant, Mr. Coule.

The Vics' bazaar, which is to open on December 8, is expected to be fully as successful as that which they held a couple of years ago. That was of a Japanese character, but the present will be Moorish in its design, the Armoury being made to represent a Babylonish trading court, over which the ladies of the Vics will preside, dressed in the costumes of that once great country. There will be eight of these courtst, one for the staff, one for the reserve, and one for each of the six companies. The staff sergeants have undertaken the sale of admission tickets, and will superintend the recreation room. A tombola has been organized, in which several very valuable prizes have been offered.

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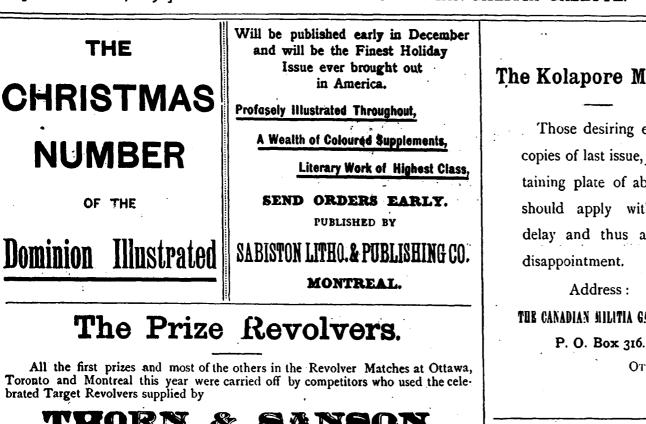
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