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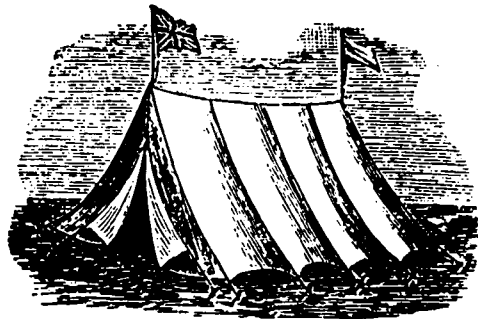
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NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute to this department all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as not enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate, forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades. Address.

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Amherst, N. S.

COMMERLAND RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual shooting of the association took place on the Amherst range on Tuesday and Wednesday Oct. 1st and 2nd. The number of competitors was larger than usual. A strong, variable wind prevailed during most of the time. The range was in charge of Lt.-Col. Harrison. From the following results it will be seen that the 93rd well maintains its record as a fine shooting battalion. Outer counts 2, magpie 3, inner 4, bull's-eye 5 :

TUPPER COMPETITION.

Ranges 200, 400, 500 yds., 7 shots Medal and cup to be property of persons winning them twice.

	200	400	500	TI
1 Gold medal value \$40, presented by Sir Charles Tupper, and \$4, Lt. B Bent.....	26	30	35	91
2 Silver cup, valued \$21.50, presented by W M Chesley, and \$3, Sgt J F Christie.....	29	30	30	89
3 Sgt C E Lockhart, \$4.....	0	30	27	87
4 Sgt W Baird, \$3.50.....	25	32	29	86
5 Lt R S Carter, \$3.....	29	30	28	86
6 Pvt M McElmon, \$2.50.....	27	32	26	86
7 Major Church, \$2.50.....	32	28	23	83
8 Sgt B Carter, \$2.....	24	32	25	81
9 Sgt J H Letcher, \$3.....	28	18	83	70
10 Sgt T Trenholm, \$1.50.....	27	24	25	76
11 Lt R A Christie \$1.50.....	23	31	16	73
12 Major J Alb Black, \$1.....	27	17	27	71
13 Pvt O S Moffat, \$1.....	27	24	18	69
14 Sgt C Nelson, \$1.....	26	26	17	69
15 Sgt F Brown, \$1.....	24	16	21	61
16 Pvt R Lowerison, \$1.....	18	23	15	56
17 Pvt W Gillis, \$1.....	4	16	24	45

Lt Bent won the medal last year with a score of 93, and now becomes its owner. The second last year was Sgt Carter, 92.

The cup was won last year by Sgt Lockhart, at 200 and 400 only, with a score of 64.

MINISTER OF MILITIA COMPETITION.

Ranges 200 and 400 yds., 7 shots. Cups to be won twice.

	200	500	TI
1 Silver cup, value \$25, presented by Hon A R Dickey, Minister of Militia, and \$3, Pvt O S Moffat.....	29	31	69
2 Silver cup, value \$10, presented by Capt William Oxley, and \$4.....	29	30	58
3 Lt Bent, \$4.....	29	27	57
4 Lt Carter, \$3.50.....	37	29	56
5 Sgt Christie, \$3.....	27	29	56
6 Lt Christie, \$2.50.....	27	29	56
7 Pvt McElmon, \$2.50.....	27	27	54
8 Sgt Trenholm, \$2.....	25	27	52
9 P'mr H J Harrison, \$2.....	26	26	52
10 Sgt Carter, \$1.50.....	28	24	52
11 Sgt Nelson, \$1.50.....	29	23	52
12 Sgt Baird, \$1.....	23	28	51
13 Sgt Letcher, \$1.....	27	24	51
14 Major Black, \$1.....	21	20	51
15 Sgt James Harrison, \$1.....	29	20	49
16 Major Church, \$1.....	30	19	49

The leader is a son of James Moffat, Amherst.

ALL-COMERS' COMPETITION.

Range 400 yds., 10 shots. Including militiamen and civilians 27 competed for a variety of articles and for cash generously subscribed by citizens of Amherst desirous of encouraging good marksmanship :

1 Capt Jephtha Harrison.....	48
2 Lt Carter.....	48
3 Lt Bent.....	47
4 Sgt Baird.....	47
5 Sgt Lockhart.....	47
6 Pvt McElmon.....	46
7 Pvt G Chapman.....	45
8 Q'mr Barrison.....	45
9 Sgt Christie.....	45
10 Lt Cheistie.....	45
11 Sgt Letcher.....	44
12 Sgt T Trenholm.....	43
13 F A Quigley.....	43
14 Major Church.....	42
15 Sgt Nelson.....	42
16 Sgt Fleming Brown.....	41
17 R H Tremaine.....	41
18 Lewis Allen.....	41
19 Sgt Carter.....	40
20 Pvt J Harrison.....	38
21 Blair Johnson.....	38
22 Pvt W Gillis.....	37
23 Sgt Arthur Fillmore.....	37
24 Pvt O S Moffat.....	36
25 Asa Martin.....	33
26 F A Wilson.....	33
27 Pvt R Lowerison.....	32

28 Lt.-Col Harrison.....	31
29 Frank Tuttle.....	30
30 W W Pipes.....	28
31 Alex Baird.....	27
32 Major Black.....	27
33 George Weir.....	25
34 Samuel Coates.....	24
35 Corp H Fillmore.....	23
36 Pvt W Embree.....	20
57 W A Tennant.....	15

NURSERY MATCH.

200 yds., 7 shots, for those who have never taken one of the association's prizes :

1 Sgt J Morrison.....	29
2 Pvt O S Moffat.....	20
3 Pvt F Tuttle.....	24
4 Pvt R Lowerison.....	22
5 Sgt A Fillmore.....	19
9 Corp H Fillmore.....	16
7 Pvt W Gillis.....	10

At the close of the meeting the following, moved by Major Black, and seconded by Lieut Bent, was heartily endorsed and unanimously passed :

Resolved that the cordial thanks of the association be extended to Sir Charles Tupper, who for many years has contributed gold medals for competition, replacing them as often as they have been won ; to Hon. Senator Dickey, who has for a great many years sent us his contributions ; to Lt.-Col. C J Stewart, Hon. A R Dickey, Minister of Militia, Capt Wm Oxley (who presents this year his second silver cup) and to all others who have contributed to our Association and to the encouragement of good marksmanship.

Barrie.

The 35th Batt. Simcoe Foresters held its annual matches, over the Spring Creek ranges at Barrie on 8th ult. The weather being cold and stormy with a very strong left wind blowing which accounts for the very low scores.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL MATCH.

One hundred dollars donated by the County Council of Simcoe, open to members of a company of infantry, troop of cavalry or battery of artillery whose headquarters are in the county ranges. 200, 400 and 600 yards, 5 rounds to be fired at each ranges. The position at each

range was standing at 200 yards, kneeling at 400 yards, at 600. Any position with head to target.

1—\$18.00—Corp. Wanless, 6th co., 36th batt.....	47
2— 16.00—Sgt. Timmons, 5th co., 36th batt.....	44
3— 14.00—Sgt. Bellmy, 6th co., 36th batt.....	42
4— 12.00—Pte Ewan, 4th co., 35th batt.....	39
5— 10.00—Corp. Hart, 4th co., 35th batt.....	39
6— 8.00—Sgt. Sproul, 5th co., 35th batt.....	39
7— 7.00—Corp. Parker, 5th co., 36th batt.....	39
8— 6.00—Pte Meyers, 4th co., 35th batt.....	37
9— 5.00—Sgt Price, 7th co., 35th batt.....	37
10— 4.00—Sgt Peak, 8th co., 35th batt.....	34

JUNIOR'S MATCH.

Open to members of 35th Batt. who have never won a prize in the battalion-Range 200 and 400 yards. Score in bounty match to count.

1—\$6.00—Sgt Peak, 8th co.....	29
2— 4.00—Corp Hart, 4th co.....	29
3— 3.00—Pte Meyers, 4th co.....	29
4— 2.00—Pte Ewan, 4th co.....	27
5— 1.00—Pte H. Moore, 4th co.....	26
6— 1.00—Pte Houle, 4th co.....	24
7— 1.00—Pte Mr. Kellop, 5th co.....	23
8— 1.00—Pte Pratt, 4th co.....	23
9— 1.00—Pte Robertson, 4th co.....	22
10— 1.00—Pte McCarrell, 7th co.....	31

TEAM MATCH.

1—\$15.00—No. 4 Co. Vespra.....	154
2— 20.00—No. 8 Co. Midland.....	133

ALL COMERS MATCH.

Rifle—Martini-Henry or Snider, 7 rounds at 500 yards.

1—\$8.00 and O. R. A. medal—Pte H Meyers, 35th Batt.....	29
2— 6.00—Sgt W Campbell, 35th batt.....	29
3— 5.00—F Toogood, Orilla Rifle Club.....	28
4— 4.00—Capt T Reed, 35th batt.....	28
5— 4.00—Col-Sgt R O Stokes, 35th.....	26
6— 4.00—W H Hammond, O. R. C.....	25
7— 3.00—John Coffery, Barrie Rifle Club.....	25
8— 3.00—Pte Scott, 35th batt.....	23
9— 3.00—Sgt J Sproul, 35th batt.....	22
10— 2.00—T Millichamp, O. R. C.....	21
11— 2.00—G E Whithen, O. R. C.....	21
12— 2.00—Sgt Carter, 35th batt.....	20
13— 1.00—A Paine, O. R. C.....	20
14— 1.00—Sgt Major Stewart, 35th batt.....	19
15— 1.00—Major Ward, 35th batt.....	19
16— 1.00—Pte Ewan, 35th batt.....	17
17— 1.00—Capt Sneath, 35th batt.....	17
18— 1.00—Pte Peak, 35th batt.....	15

Halifax, N.S.

H. G. A. Battalion Inspection.

HALIFAX, Oct. 25th 1895—The annual inspection of the 1st Halifax Battalion Garrison Artillery took place at headquarters on 14th, 15th and 16th insts. The duty was performed by Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, R. C. A., inspector of artillery, in a very thorough and painstaking manner. On Monday the officers were examined individually in theoretical work, and in the evening eight detachments from No. 1 Co., Major Garrison, and a like number from No. 4 company, Major Stewart, were examined in gun drill, which was performed under service conditions, as in a battery consisting of A group (two 64 pr. R.M.L. guns) and B group (one 9 in. R. M. L. gun, and one 7 in. R.M.L. gun) with group details, followed by an examination of the men individually in their duties, etc., and later on, each sergeant and corporal answered questions on gunnery and materiel. On Tuesday evening the same course was pursued with No. 2 company, Major Hesslein, and No. 3 company, Major

Maxwell. Last night the battalion paraded for roll call and examination in infantry work, mustering 330 of all ranks. After going through several battalion movements, which were very satisfactory, considering the cramped condition of the parade ground, each company was inspected and drilled by its own company officers. The inspection closed at 10:30 Lt.-Col. Montizambert expressed himself as being well pleased, a marked improvement being noticeable in all departments. The officers had supper together at the Halifax hotel.

The companies are waiting anxiously for the promulgation of the inspecting officers marks. Competition was keen between them and a very close race is looked for.

The 66th P. L. F. were inspected in the drill yard on the 22nd inst., by Lt.-Col. Irving, D. A. G. The battalion made a fine appearance, as the men turned out in force. Each company was inspected separately, and F company, under the command of Capt. King, carried off the honors. It was after 11 o'clock before the inspection was finished and the majority of the men who had to stand in the yard waiting to be inspected suffered considerably from the cold, as some of them were there for over two hours. Major Osdey H.G.A. was detailed in district orders as orderly officer to the inspecting officer.

The bluejackets from the flagship Crescent had a sham fight on the common this morning 25th. During the manoeuvres one of the men was run over by a gun carriage and had foot badly crushed. He was conveyed to the naval hospital on a stretcher.

GRAVELCRUSHER.

Kingston.

KINGSTON, Oct. 25th.—Capt. English of the Royal Military College here has written the following to the Mayor and council: "There are at present some four or more tombstones, in memory of officers and men of the Royal engineers, Royal artillery, and 83rd regiment, lying in a heap in Aberdeen park, off Queen street. From appearances they have been very recently damaged. As an officer to the Royal artillery, I should be glad to know if the city council means to relay these stones, either in the park or any other cemetery. Until such necessary steps are taken I trust you will be able to prevent any further damage."

The letter is timely, and the council should take immediate steps to have the tombstones relaid. No city in this portion of Canada is as rich in the sacred memories of the British army, as is Kingston. Traces of the occupation by British troops are still plentiful, although they are fast disappearing, and nothing has been, or is being done to save them from utter obliteration. An interesting and valuable historical museum could easily be formed here, with relics of the days when Imperial regiments garrison-

ed the city. But, alas! although we have so-called Historical Society, no move has been made to preserve them.

The Daily British Whig, which is now the only paper in the city in which military matters are intelligently discussed, says:

"It is now quite a long time since the roofs were blown off the martello towers on Cedar Island and Fort Henry, and, as yet, there has been no indication of any intention to repair the damage. If the towers are allowed to remain unroofed all winter, they will be hardly worth repairing afterwards. The roofs should be put on, even though the towers are not useful but as memorials of the past. The historical society should take the matter up and the council might ask to have the damage done by the cyclone repaired."

Fort Henry is crumbling into ruins, the guns on its walls are being eaten away with rust, and the carriages are rotting.

Now two of the Martello towers have started on the road to destruction. It is high time that our city council bestirred itself.

"A" Field Battery R.C.A., the cadets of the Royal Military College, and the 14th Batt. P.W.O.R, took part in the ceremony of unveiling the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald here on Wednesday last. Major Drury commanded the battery, Capt. Leslie had charge of the cadets, and Lt.-Col. Smith was in command of the rifles.

While they were drawn up in front of the speakers' stand on which were Premier Bowell, Hon Geo. E. Foster, Hon. Dr. Montague and other prominent statesmen, a number of the men of the 14th became so noisy and unruly as to call forth repeated rebukes from the chairman. They broke their ranks, hooted, moved about on the grounds, thumped the butts of their rifles on the planks of the platform on which they stood, and, in short, made a most disgraceful exhibition of themselves. One of their officers excused their scandalous conduct by saying that the men's hands were cold.

At the armory before the battalion marched up to the park, two blank cartridges were fired by men in the ranks. Such disgraceful conduct should not go unpunished.

Lt.-Col. Cotton D. A. G. was in command of the troops at the unveiling of Macdonald memorial statue. Major Drennan, of the Kingston Field Battery acted as his A. D. C. Lt.-Col. Duff, 4th Hussars, was on the staff, and among the visiting officers were Lt.-Col. Geo. Hunter, 47th batt.; Major Todd and Major Knight, 4th Hussars. Sergt.-Maj. A. Horsey, of the 47th Frontenac battalion, wore the uniform of his corps for the first time, and he looked well therein. Major-General Cameron was present and so also was Lieut.-Col. McGill. Capts. Lee and Twining also were on parade.

Bomb. McBeth and Gr. Pringle, of "A" battery, left on Tuesday last, for Barrie, to bring back a deserter who has been missing for several years.

Lt.-Col. Cotton, D. A. G., inspected the 57th Batt., at Peterboro, last week.

Sergt. D'Amour, of "A" Battery has returned from England, where he spent the past three months taking a course of instruction in gunnery, equitation, etc.

Charlottetown.

The last fortnight has been a busy one in military circles in Charlottetown, first on the 10th came the inspection of the city batteries of the P. E. I. Brigade Garrison Artillery by Lt.-Col. Montizambert, commandant Royal School of Artillery, Inspector of Artillery, and Lieut.-Col. Moore, D.A.G. The weather was fine, the muster full strength and the drill, according to the local papers, perfect. Lt.-Col. Longworth was in command of the battery and too much credit cannot be given to him and his officers for the state into which they have worked their brigade. As says the Charlottetown *Examiner*, "Lieut.-Col. Moore, D.A.G., and Lieut.-Col. Longworth are enthusiastic military men who seem to possess the happy faculty of inspiring their men with so much of their own spirit that the study of military tactics becomes a pleasure to them—hence their very great success. May they continue in giving our province a name and a place, as a military power, among the greater provinces of this vast Dominion."

The following officers were on parade at the inspection: Major Morson, Surgeon Jenkins, Paymaster Hodgson, Quartermaster Cameron and Sergeant-Major Hartz. No. 1 Battery was under the command of Capt. Davison, with Lieutenants Carvell and Bartlett; No. 2 Battery being commanded by Capt. Moore, with Lieutenants Peake and Richarde. The District Paymaster, Major George L. Dogherty, was also present. The Brigade Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Worth, was also on parade, and furnished suitable music for the occasion.

In the afternoon the city batteries performed their annual target practice at Keppoch, with two 50 pounder rifled breach loading guns.

The shooting match of the No. 1 Company, 82nd Batt., came off on the 9th. Notwithstanding a very heavy cross wind the scoring was good, Staff-Sergt. M. Allen won the medal, presented by B. Rogers, M.L.A., and Pt. J. A. Stewart won the medal given by Capt. Hooper to the recruits. Ranges—200, 400 and 500 yards; 7 shots at each.

Staff-Sgt. M. Allen 89, Capt. D. L. Hooper 88, Pte. F. Jones 88, Corp. Henry Hooper 85, Pte. F. B. McRae 85, Pte. Donald McMillan 84, Sgt. Jas. Walker 75, Sgt. A. Rodd 72, Lieut. J. M. Jones 63, Pte. J. A. Stewart 63, Lieut. Mellish 50, Pte. R. Hughes 48, Pte. Holcey Hooper 43, Pte. Lem. Henry 40, Pte. Lewis Rodd 37, Pte. Robt. Edwards 27, Pte. Roberts 25, Pte. W. Rodd 24, Pte. Thos. Diamond 23, Pte. Geo. Rodd 19.

On the 21st the Charlottetown Engineers, under Capt. Weeks were inspected at Victoria Park by Lt.-Col. Moore, D.A.G.

Among the military men present were Major Dogherty, district paymaster; Capt. Stewart, of the 82nd Batt.; Capt. H. M. Davison, No. 1 G.A.; Lieut. Bartlett, No. 1 G.A.; and Lieut. Ewen McDougall, R.L.

The weather though cold was fine, and favorable for inspection.

The men looked well, their uniforms fitting well and looking neat and soldierly. Capt. Weeks, and Lieutenants Moore and Leigh each took the company in hand and put it through the different exercises.

Truro, N. S.

Fourteen members of the Truro Rifle Club were on the range Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12th, to shoot the sixth monthly spoon competition. The weather was all that could be desired, except a

very strong wind blowing across the range. Lieut. E. C. Cribb did some very fine shooting over the range, making a possible, at 500 yards, only one shot anywhere near the edge of the bull's eye. Private H. Cook, at 600 yards, made the big score of 84, his "inner" being a very close one. This match also decided the aggregate prize presented by Black & Co., of this town—a barrel of choicest Canadian flour. Lieut. E. C. Cribb won the aggregate with a total of 515.

Military College Notes,

The following graduates, recently commissioned into the Imperial service have been posted as stated against their names.

2nd Lieut. G. R. Frith R. E. to the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, for a course of instruction.

2nd Lieut. R. J. F. Hayter, Cheshire Regiment to the 1st Battalion at Bellary, Madras.

2nd Lieut. G. N. Cory, Royal Dublin Fusiliers to the 2nd Battalion at Ouetta, East Indies.

Lieut. A. C. de L. Joly de Lotbinière R. E., Executive Engineer, Military Works Department, Bangalore, who received his commission on January 6, 1886, has recently been promoted Captain.

2nd Lieut. B. H. O. Armstrong R. E., upon completion of his course of instruction at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, has been posted to Aldershot for duty with the 23rd (Field) Company, Royal Engineers.

Toronto.

TORONTO, October 24th.—The rank and file of the different regiments are filled with wondering as to when the bowling alleys will be open for use. The brigade orders of a recent date left the matter in such shape that it now rests with the commanding officers to perfect details.

If any real benefit is to be derived from the alleys this winter, no time should be lost in perfecting arrangements now that the regiments are drilling and communication with all ranks of an easy nature.

Nothing has yet been done towards fitting up the targets in the Morris Tube Galleries.

It seems very strange that the bowling alley, requiring about three times the work and expense, should be completed, and the rifle galleries neglected. If the contractor is at fault an easy remedy could be obtained, but if the government is responsible, a gentle reminder should be all that is necessary in such a small, yet to the regiments, a very important matter.

If the weather is at all favorable the Garrison church parade, called for the 3rd of November, should be the largest ever seen in Toronto.

Each regiment will do its best to make a pleasing impression on the new Major-General, and it is safe to say that the military spirit of the Toronto regiments, as displayed by them on this occasion, will not disappoint the new G.O.C.

There was a sale of condemned stores held at the Old Fort the other day, which, unlike lots of these affairs, had considerable of a go-bang about it.

A package of 50,000 Enfield caps exploded during the progress of the sale, causing quite a panic among those in attendance. Those in charge had soaked the caps in lye and water, thinking thus to render them harmless, but a lighted cigar stub carelessly thrown into the package demonstrated that they were anything but mustered out.

Sergt. Instructor Page, R.C.D., and Color-Sergt. Galloway, R.C.R.I., have both returned to duty, having completed their course of instruction in the old country.

The Royal Grenadiers are having the hardest kind of luck in trying to put in their shooting for the efficiency competition, and just now it looks as if they will be forced to give up all hopes of completing their returns. With scant notice of the difference in the conditions of the competition as compared with former years, they were unable, as intended, to finish their shooting on the occasion of their regimental match, and were compelled to postpone the class firing until some future date. The ranges were used by the 48th Highlanders and the Queen's Own on the two Saturdays which followed, the weather on the third Saturday necessitated a cancelling of all arrangements and the fourth Saturday the ranges were bespoken for Q.O.R. company matches. The season is now so far advanced that even if another attempt be made the most sanguine do not look for results that would in any way fairly represent the shooting ability of the Grenadiers.

The sergeants mess of the 48th Highlanders are at present occupying the mess rooms in the drill hall.

Their old quarters in the old Upper Canada buildings are being turned into a factory, and in the short time allowed them to get new quarters they were unable to get a location that would be suitable to their requirements. In all probability they will store most of their property and use their quarters in the drill hall until the winter is over.

The Q.O.R. Revolver Association are looking forward to some interesting practices this coming winter. If the Morris Tube Galleries are completed an attempt will be made to arrange for target accommodation in one of the galleries for certain nights.

Owing to the impossibility of securing suitable practice grounds the association has done nothing for the past two seasons, but now that it is possible to get a range in the drill hall, prospects ahead of the association are very bright.

In speaking of revolver shooting the secretary of the Q.O.R. Revolver Association states that his association will endeavor to have a Brigade Revolver Association formed among the corps in the drill hall, and endeavor to make revolver shooting popular among the officers and staff-sergeants of the different regiments.

There seems no reason why the idea of the Queen's Own should not show profitable results, and going farther, it should be made compulsory for every officer and staff-sergeant to put in as much practice with the revolver as the rest of the regiment does with the rifle. In the event of being required for service it is the weapon they would have to depend on almost altogether, and it does seem rather absurd when you think that if any trouble arose, and the services of the revolver required, that the majority of our officers not only have never fired a military revolver, but at any distance from 12 to 25 yards would be unable to stop their man. One or two revolvers to each regiment need not cost much, and the ammunition can be procured cheaper than ammunition for the rifle.

The papers this morning convey news that will prove a great surprise to many throughout the Dominion.

Lieut.-Col. Gibson, the popular commander of the 13th Battalion of Hamilton, has expressed a desire to retire from the command of the battalion with which he has been identified since 1866.

As a recognition of his long service in the militia, and his hard and painstaking work on behalf of the shooting interests of the riflemen of the Dominion, he has been allowed to retire but will retain the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the active militia.

The loss of their able commander will be a serious one to the battalion, and no place will he be missed more than on the rifle range, a place where the foundation was laid for the magnificent record the 13th hold to-day. Continued service since 1860 in the active militia, and since 1866 in the one regiment, is a record of which any man may be proud, and added to this the enviable position his regiment occupies to-day both as the holders of the Gzowski cup and the possession of the winner of the Queen's prize, of a certainty entitles him to any honor that can be bestowed upon him by the militia authorities.

Congratulations are now in order to Col. Moore, and that the regiment may prove as successful under his administration as it did under his predecessor is the hearty wish of the many friends of the 13th in Hogtown.

The sergeants mess of the Q.O.R. are now installed in their new quarters on Queen street opposite Osgoode Hall.

They are now in possession of the finest quarters of any sergeants mess in the Dominion, and look forward to as successful a future in their new home as the past proved to be in their old.

In all possibility a formal house warming will be given this month.

If the Gzowski cup depended upon the shooting of some of the companies, last Saturday's prospects for reducing that one-fourth of a point would be very blue for the Q.O.R.

Some of the companies fired their annual match as well as put in their efficiency returns on the 19th October, and in the teeth of a gale of wind that was almost strong enough to shave a man it is not to be wondered at that low scores were the prevailing ones.

Below are some of the scores of the different companies:

"A" COMPANY.

General match, five rounds, at 200 and 400 yards, and ten at 500 yards.

	Score.
1 Col-Sergt W H Meadows.....	68
2 Lieut Crooks.....	60
3 Pte C Jarvis.....	60
4 Pte F C Neal.....	58
5 Staff-Sergt Donnelly, G.M.....	58
6 Pte F Westman.....	56
7 Pte A N Skill.....	56
8 Pte C F Collett.....	55
9 Pte P G Blatchley.....	54
10 Corp R Dee.....	54
11 Pte E Westman.....	51
12 Gugl Cuthbert.....	48

Nursery match, decided by scores in the General match.

1 Pte A N Skill.....	56
2 Pte A McCulloch.....	47
3 Sergt A P McCollum.....	41
4 Pte J Kennedy.....	35
5 Pte J Randall.....	35
6 Pte A Ringham.....	33
7 Corp Blatchley.....	29
8 Pte McCausland.....	29

Standing match (consolation), five rounds at 100 yards.

1 Pte J Ledingham.....	21
2 Pte W Loriman.....	18
3 Pte F Baxter.....	17
4 Pte E B Cottell.....	17
5 Pte A H Grupe.....	17

Aggregate match, decided by score in Battalion match and Company, General and Standing matches.

1 Col-Sergt W H Meadows.....	162
2 Lieut A D Crooks.....	157
3 Staff-Sergt Donnelly.....	147

Ex-Members' match—

1 Ex-Col-Sergt J G McMaster.....	55
2 Ex-Pte John Smith.....	54

Section match—

Won by No. 4 section, commanded by Sergt G E Embrey.....	343
Next in order, No. 1 section.....	313

"G" COMPANY.

STANDING MATCH.

	Value.
1 Pte Cusack.....	\$ 6 00
2 Sergt Norrie.....	3 00
3 Pte Libby.....	2 00

NURSERY MATCH.

1 Pte Carrie.....	\$ 9 00
2 Pte Strange.....	6 00
3 Pte Neild.....	4 50
4 Corp Meredith.....	3 00
5 Pte F W Larter.....	1 50
6 Pte Keith.....	1 00

GENERAL MATCH.

1 Color-Sergt Worthy.....	\$20 00
2 Staff-Sergt Williams.....	18 00
3 Pte Champion.....	13 00
4 Pte McNaughton.....	12 00
5 Pte Baynes-Reed.....	8 50
6 Pte Libby.....	5 50
7 Pte Neild.....	5 00
8 Pte Mellway.....	4 00
9 Sergt Norrie.....	3 50
10 Pte Larter, A.C.....	3 00
11 Pte Cusack.....	3 00
12 Pte Keith.....	3 00
13 Pte Larter, F.W.....	3 00
14 Corp Meredith.....	2 50
15 Pte Rooke.....	2 50
16 Pte Carrie.....	2 00
17 Sergt Hills.....	1 25

AGGREGATE MATCH.

1 Color-Sergt Worthy.....	\$10 00
2 Staff-Sergt Williams.....	5 00

EX-MEMBERS' MATCH.

1 Capt Mercer.....	\$ 5 00
2 Ex-Pte Champion.....	1 50

"H" COMPANY.

Standing match, five rounds at 100 yards.

	Points.
1 Pte Ballard.....	18
2 Pte Teats.....	18
3 Sergt Small.....	18
4 Pte Rosebatch.....	18
5 Pte Matthews.....	17
6 Pte Milre.....	17
7 Pte Pemberton.....	16
8 Pte Thorne, A.S.....	15

General match, five rounds at 200 and 400 yards' ranges, and ten rounds at 500 yards.

	Points.
1 Sergt H C Small.....	60
2 Corp R W Hoskin.....	48
3 Sergt H D Hulme.....	47
4 Pte Matthews.....	46
5 Pte Pemberton.....	45
6 Pte Howland.....	45
7 Col-Sergt Darby.....	44
8 Corp Dixon.....	43
9 Pte D Hardy.....	41
10 Pte Milre.....	41

11 Pte Baliard.....	41
12 Pte Yeats.....	41
13 Pte Rosebatch.....	40
14 Pte D Harding.....	38
15 Pte Adam.....	37
16 Bandsman Crysedale.....	37
17 Pte Stephenson.....	33
18 Pte Tyner.....	32
19 Sergt Middleton.....	30
20 Pte A P Miller.....	28
21 Pte Rowland.....	27

Nursery match, decided by scores in General match.

	Points.
1 Pte Matthews.....	46
2 Pte A W Milne.....	41
3 Pte Adam.....	37
4 Bandsman Crysedale.....	37
5 Sergt E L Middleton.....	30
6 Pte Thos W McGaw.....	26
7 Pte W Hales.....	22

Range prizes, for highest individual scores at each range.

	Points.
200 yards—Sergt Small.....	20
400 yards—Corp Hoskin.....	22
500 yards—Col-Sergt Darby.....	26

Ex-members' match, ranges and rounds as in the General match.

	Points.
1 Col-Sergt Boyd.....	46
2 Pte D M Harman.....	37
3 Pte J D Dyas.....	27
4 Pte W J M Taylor.....	21

Company section match, open to five men from each section. Each member of the winning team was awarded a silver medal.

	Points.
1st—No. 2 Section.....	299
2nd—No. 3 Section.....	293
3rd—No. 1 Section.....	247
4th—No. 4 Section.....	219

"K" COMPANY.

GENERAL MATCH.

Five rounds at 200 and 400 yards; ten rounds at 500 yards.

\$25.00—Sergt A E Kirkpatrick.....	73
12.00—Pte J L Leask.....	70
9.00—Sergt H E Sampson.....	69
7.50—Sergt C L Foster.....	59
7.50—Pte R F Berthon.....	54
6.00—Col-Sergt J A Cooper.....	54
6.00—Pte A C Casselman.....	50
6.00—Pte A Ward.....	49
5.00—Pte S W Band.....	49
4.00—Pte H Whitt.....	48
2.50—Pte F E P McMain.....	48
2.50—Pte J W Payne.....	47

NURSERY MATCH.

Five shots at 200 and 400 yards.	
\$6.00—Pte F E P McMain.....	30
4.00—Pte R F Berthon.....	28
3.00—Pte E A Laver.....	26
3.00—Pte J Docker.....	23
2.50—Pte H Witt.....	22
2.00—Pte G Ward.....	20
2.00—Pte E W Monkhouse.....	20

AMBULANCE CORPS.

The Ambulance Corps of the Queen's Own Rifles held their annual match at the ranges on Saturday, and in spite of the cold wind about half the corps braved it out, and some good scores resulted. The detachment prize falls to the lot of No. 4 stretcher, they beating No. 1 by 8 points, making a total of 116. No. 1 stretcher, 2nd, 108.

The Nursery match—200, 400 and 500 yards; seven shots at each range.

	Points.
1 Pte Ashton.....	44
2 Pte Stephenson.....	43
3 Corp Pringle.....	42
4 Corp Hathoway.....	40
5 Pte Bigg.....	27
6 Pte Chambers.....	26
7 Corp Murphy.....	25
7 Corp Hudson.....	24

GENERAL MATCH.

Same ranges and shots as in Nursery.

	Points.
1 Pte Parvis.....	56
2 Pte Ashton.....	44

3 Pte Stephenson.....	43
4 Corp Pringle.....	42
5 Corp Hathoway.....	40
6 Pte A G A Fletcher.....	39
7 Pte Begg.....	27
8 Pte Chambers.....	26
9 Corp Murphy.....	25
10 Corp Hudson.....	24

TORONTO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual matches of this association were shot at the Long Branch ranges on October 19th. The weather was bad yet the attendance was large and shooting high. Following are the scores :

MERCHANTS' MATCH.

200 and 400 yards ; 7 rounds at each range.

\$20.00—W Mowatt.....	64
10.00—T S Bayles.....	63
6.00—A W Mishaw.....	63
5.00—Tom Mitchell, Hamilton....	62
5.00—A T Kirkpatrick.....	61
5.00—R Rennie.....	61
5.00—W Harp.....	61
5.00—A Bell.....	61
4.50—H Kerr.....	60
4.00—T Mitchell, Toronto.....	60
3.00—A Curran.....	60
3.00—W J Davidson.....	60
3.00—G Mortimer.....	60
3.00—Pte Graham.....	58
2.50—W P Milligan.....	58
2.80—J K Fairbairn.....	58
2.50—A D Cartwright.....	56
2.00—F Brown.....	56
2.00—N S Young.....	56
1.00—A D Crooks.....	55
One 55 counted out.	

PRESIDENT'S MATCH.

Seven rounds at 600 yards, and the result was :

\$20.00—J M Davison.....	33
15 00—A W Mishaw.....	32
6.00—Tom Mitchell, Toronto.....	31
5.00—Major Orchard.....	30
5.00—Captain Rennie.....	29
5.00—W P Milligan.....	29
5.00—W J Davidson.....	29
5 00—W J Mowat.....	29
5.00—T S Bayles.....	29
5.00—Tom Mitchell, Hamilton....	29
4.50—A Bell.....	28
4.20—A Curran.....	28
4.00—H Kerr.....	28
3.50—A T Kirkpatrick.....	27
3.00—J K Fairbairn.....	27
3.00—Pte Graham.....	26
3 00—A Elliott.....	25
3.00—N S Young.....	25
2.50—A D Cartwright.....	25

EXTRA SERIES.

In the extra series 10 rounds are fired at 1500 yards. Entries unlimited. No sighting shot allowed.

\$7.00—Alf Curran.....	49
5 00—Tom Mitchell, Toronto.....	49
4 00—W P Milligan.....	49
5.00—W J Davidson.....	48
5.00—J M Davison.....	48
3.75—A D Cartwright.....	48
3.00—A D Crooks.....	47
3.00—H Kerr.....	47
3.00—T S Bayles.....	47

A. W. Mishaw, with 95, won the Q. R. A. medal for aggregate of the first two matches.

Quebec.

QUEBEC, October 21st.—The annual meeting of the ordinary members of the Quebec Garrison Club was held on Wednesday evening, the 9th inst., at 8 o'clock, at which were present : Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., president, who occupied the chair, Capt. Charles J. Dunn, 8th Battalion, secretary-treasurer, and the following members : Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, Majors G. E. Allen Jones and J. Secretan Dunbar, Captain W. J. Ray,

Messrs. T. W. S. Dunn, and W. S. Champion of the 8th Royal Rifles; Lieut.-Col. Roy, 9th Battalion; Major Hethrington, Q.O.C. Hussars; Lieut.-Col. J. B. Aymot, Major C. Lindsay, Lieut.-Col. E. G. Scott, Captains Ernest F. Wurtele, A. Ahern, A. F. Hunt, T. Aylwin, H. D. Morgan, of the retired list; and Messrs. E. J. Hale and H. T. Machin. The Royal Canadian Artillery were not represented. After the reading of the minutes of the previous year, and the adoption of the report, Captain Charles J. Dunn was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Captains L. F. Pinault, 9th Battalion, Ernest F. Wurtele, R.L., re-elected auditors. Major Charles Pentland, R.L., was re-elected member of the committee on behalf of the retired list. A vote of thanks was tendered to the popular president, Lieut.-Col. Duchesnay, after which the meeting adjourned. The annual meeting of the privileged members was held on the evening of the 16th instant.

The question of telephone communication with the drill hall has frequently been referred to in these notes, and as the matter has never been acted upon it would be well if some action could be taken to ensure a favorable result before the annual training of the local corps is at hand. The convenience to all parties interested would be so marked that it is wondered at that the authorities have not taken the necessary steps when the present hall was completed, and it is to be hoped that the near future will find a change for the better in this respect.

The Shifting Ordnance competition between companies 1 and 2 of the Royal Canadian Artillery resulted in a victory for the former company. Time, 8 minutes 6 seconds and 12 minutes respectively.

On the evening of the 7th inst. Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay inspected No. 1 Battery of the Levis Garrison Artillery.

The annual sports of the Royal Canadian Artillery took place on the 8th inst. on the Q.A.A.A. grounds. The judges were : Lieut.-Col. J. F. Wilson, Major A. A. Farley and Captain O. C. Pelletier. Starters, Captain W. Imlah and Messrs. H. A. Panet and J. H. C. Ogilvy. Time-keepers, Messrs. H. Cyril Thacker and Benyon. Register-keeper, Captain T. Beusou.

Mr. Henri A. Panet carried off the championship trophy for 1895, having taken four prizes, two seconds, one-third and two-fourths.

The following were the events and the prize winners :

1. Putting 16 lb. shot—Br. Reade 1st, 28 feet 10 inches; Dr. Thompson 2nd; Dr. Johnson 3rd; Dr. Drew 4th.
2. High jump—Br. McGillivray 1st, 4 feet 7 inches; Lt. Panet 2nd; Gr. Kennedy 3rd; Br. Reade 4th.
3. Kicking football—Lt. Panet 1st, 144 feet; Dr. Withey 2nd; Br. Reade 3rd; Dr. Brennan 4th.
4. Hop, step and jump—Dr. Thompson 1st, 36 feet; Gr. Nilant 2nd; Br. McGillivray 3rd; Lt. Panet 4th.
5. Throwing 23 lb. hammer—Br. McGillivray 1st, 43 feet 5½ inches; Gr. Kennedy 2nd; Gr. Rousseau 3rd; Lt. Panet 4th.

6. Mile race (open)—Dr. Thompson 1st, 5:32 1-5; Tr. E. Robert 2nd; Gr. Lamarche 3rd; Tr. Thompson 4th.

7. Old soldiers' race—Dr. Johnson 1st; Gr. Fecteau 2nd; Sergt. Jordan 3rd; Gr. Gordon 4th.

8. Running long jump—Tr. Sheapher 1st, 15 feet 4 inches; Lt. Panet 2nd; Gr. Nilant 3rd; Br. McGillivray 4th.

9. Throwing cricket ball—Gr. Nilant 1st, 97 yards 6 inches; Gr. Proctor 2nd; Lt. Panet 3rd; Tr. Sheapher 4th.

10. Mile race—Dr. Thompson 1st, 5 minutes 20 seconds; Gr. Lamarche 2nd; Tr. Robert 3rd; Tr. A. Robert 4th.

11. Mile walk—Tr. Thompson 1st, 9 minutes 50 seconds; Tr. E. Robert 2nd; Br. McGillivray 3rd; Dr. Johnson 4th.

12. Egg and spoon race—Gr. Lamarche 1st; Br. Nott 2nd; Gr. S. Pugh 3rd; Tr. A. Robert 4th.

13. One hundred yards dash—Lt. Panet 1st, 12 seconds; Tr. Sheapher 2nd; Dr. Thompson 3rd; Br. Reade 4th.

14. Sack race—Br. T. Pugh 1st; Tr. A. Robert 2nd; Gr. Nilant 3rd; Gr. Fecteau 4th.

15. Quarter mile (open)—Dr. Thompson 1st, 1 minute 1-5 seconds; Br. Reade 2nd; Tr. Sheapher 3rd; Tr. A. Robert 4th.

16. Obstacle race—Br. T. Pugh 1st; Tr. Sheapher 2nd; Gr. S. Pugh 3rd; Tr. A. Robert 4th.

17. Quarter mile race—Lt. Panet 1st, 59 4-5 seconds; Dr. Thompson 2nd; Gr. Lamarche 3rd; Br. Reade 4th.

18. Three-legged potato race—Cpl. Agins and Gr. Fecteau 1st; Tr. Robert and Tr. Thompson 2nd; Dr. Thompson and Tr. Sheapher 3rd; Gr. Lamarche and Gr. Langford 4th.

19. Tent race—Sergt.-Major Raimbeault's team 1st; Hospital-Sergt. O'Hagan's team 2nd.

20. Hurdle race (120 yards)—Lieut. Panet 1st; Tr. Sheapher 2nd; Dr. Thompson 3rd; Br. McGillivray 4th.

21. Gun-wheel race—Gr. Kennedy 1st; Dr. Brown 2nd; Cpl. Small 3rd; Cpl. Agins 4th.

22. Bicycle race (1¼ mile)—Gr. Langford 1st; Gr. Masse 2nd; Gr. Lamarche 3rd.

23. Tug-of-war — Sergt.-Major Raimbeault's team 1st; Hospital-Sergt. O'Hagan's team 2nd.

24. Consolation race—Gr. McMillan 1st; Gr. Conway 2nd; Dr. Taylor 3rd; Sergt. O'Hagan 4th.

A dinner is to be given to Major-General Gascoigne by the officers of the district on the evening of the 29th inst., which will take place at the Quebec Garrison Club.

PATROL.

(News of the Service continued on page 11.)

Lieut.-Genl. Sir Evelyn Wood, quartermaster-general, who completed his fortieth year of service in the army on Saturday, has taken part in as many campaigns as any living soldier. He entered the Royal Navy in 1852, and served with distinction in the Naval Brigade during the Crimean War. Though severely wounded in the assault on the Redan, this taste of campaigning led him to transfer his services from the navy to the army. In 1855 he was gazetted ensign in the Light Dragoons, and rose rapidly to the rank of major. During the Indian mutiny Sir Evelyn gained the V.C., and distinguished himself especially as commander of irregular horse. The Ashantee war, the Zulu war, the Boer war, and the Egyptian campaign are also among his records. Not content with being a soldier, the quartermaster-general must needs also be a barrister. In 1874 he was called to the bar at the Middle Temple, and quite recently he has rivalled Kinglake as historian of the Crimean war. Sir Evelyn is 58 years of age, and looks 40.—*The Naval and Military Record.*

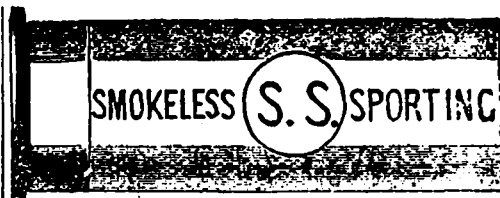


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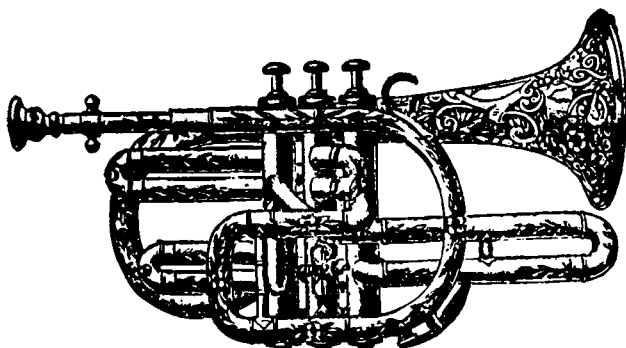
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Notes and Comments

It is pleasing to notice that in his note to the Deputy Adjutant General expressing his satisfaction at the turn out at the divine service parade of the Montreal brigade on Sunday, the 27th, Maj.-Gen. Gascoigne, besides complimenting the men on their cleanliness, smartness and steadiness, took occasion to remark upon the punctuality with which the various corps had paraded. Punctuality is a most important virtue in military matters, and it is to be regretted that it has not always been firmly enough insisted upon in the Canadian militia. Commanding officers have thoughtlessly encouraged the natural tendency to disregard the practice of punctuality by calling parades for a quarter of an hour or even half an hour before they had any intention of having the "fall in" sounded. Men may soon get to look for this sort of thing always, and strict punctuality cannot be expected. The "fall in" should be sounded at the very second for which parades are advertised.

It is sincerely to be regretted that the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of the Chateaugay monument were not better managed and made more of. But for the presence of the Montreal garrison artillery the ceremony would

have been a very small affair and altogether unworthy of the occasion. Lieut.-Col. Cole and his officers deserve every credit for the assistance they rendered in making this occasion memorable. But the event warranted a demonstration of much larger proportions. As the battle of Chateaugay saved Montreal from capture for the time being, the municipal authorities of Montreal might well have been invited to participate in the ceremony, and as a matter of fact surprise was expressed in the city council that an invitation had not been received. It is well that we should mark our national battlefields with monuments to recall to posterity the fact that Canadian blood has been shed to keep the old flag flying; but we should certainly give to the inauguration of these memorials some dignity and importance.

The brigade church parade at Montreal furnished an eloquent object lesson on the blissful disregard of the standard cadence by the regimental bands of the Canadian militia. There were no two brass bands of the six on parade that observed the same temps, and there was almost as much diversity of opinion on the same vital subject among the bugle and fife and drum bands. The whole way to and from church the greatest difficulty was observed in preserving the intervals between corps. Quick marching regiments would catch up to the slower ones in a few minutes, and orders to mark time and to halt were rendered frequently necessary. Standard metronomes should be furnished to all of the regimental bands in the service, and the observance of the regulation tempos and length of space strictly insisted upon. A thorough musical inspection of regimental bands and a regulation of their repertoires of marches would appear to be very much needed. Our bands are given too much to playing florid American and European marches, frequently of very trashy style and generally destructive of steady and comfortable marching.

The presence of Mr. Duff-Grant, of the Smokeless Powder Company (limited), in Canada with a view of inducing the government to at

least give rifleite a trial with the Lee-Metford rifles naturally gives rise to the expression of the wish that the militia department will not act hastily in blindly following the lead of the war office at home in adopting cordite as the explosive for the new arm. It is to be hoped that the department before taking any steps will probe the old cordite scandals to the bottom, and insist upon being advised as to the success attending the use in India of the large quantity of rifleite which Lord Roberts insisted upon having sent out for the Indian troops. The most serious charges against cordite are that its corrosive influence upon rifle and gun barrels is very destructive, and that it is itself so seriously damaged by extreme climatic changes such as we have in Canada as to render it completely useless. If these charges are true we do not want cordite in Canada.

Now that the infantry of our force is in fair way of being armed with a modern rifle, what does the department propose to do towards effectively re-arming the field artillery? The present muzzle-loading nine-pounder field guns are about as antiquated now as the old Snider, and according to the reports of Maj.-Gen. Herbert, the artillery is the most efficient branch of the service.

It is pleasing to notice by the reports of Maj.-Gen. Gascoigne's speech at the brigade mess at Montreal that the General has so soon discovered that in the Hon. Mr. Dickey the militia has a political chief intensely devoted to the interests of the force. The force had already a pretty shrewd opinion that in Mr. Dickey they had at last a minister who took a real, lively interest in the militia, and we are all pleased to find that our good opinion of Mr. Dickey is borne out by the General. Whatever Mr. Dickey's good intentions may be, however, he will not be able to accomplish much without he has the backing of parliament, and we should make it our personal business to see that he has all the support he wants. Between this and the opening of parliament we can do much towards securing parliamentary recognition of the requirements of the militia by influencing our local members of parliament to

support the minister of militia in the measures he can safely be counted upon to introduce for the benefit of the force.

The destruction of the old *Alert* at Quebec the other day by permission of the department of marine was an act of national vandalism for which there is no excuse. It is astonishing that an outcry was not raised to save the historical old craft from destruction, and it is not surprising that the British service papers express their indignation at the way the destruction of the British ship which had the honor of getting nearer to the north pole than any other vessel, was accomplished. The *United Service Gazette* contains a sample expression of indignation.

Our well-known contemporary remarks:

"It is not without a strong sentiment of regret that it is learnt that the *Alert*, one of the most famous of the many vessels that have been engaged in Arctic exploratory surveys, an historic ship, has sailed her last voyage and become the prey of flames—not accidentally, but intentionally applied. Purchased at auction for less than £1,000 from the Canadian government a few weeks ago by a ship-builder of Quebec, the *Alert* was beached on the Beauport shoals, in Quebec harbor, by her purchaser, and after being dismantled was fired for the sake of her old metal. There is a strong feeling that some better use could have been found for a vessel to which so many interesting memories attached. She came into possession of the Canadian government some ten years ago, when she was presented by the British authorities for use by Canada in exploring, with a view to ascertaining the practicability of the navigation of Hudson Straits. On this expedition she was caught in an ice-floe for nearly a month, but escaped serious danger.

"The *Alert* possessed the record of having anchored in lat. 82 deg., or nearer to the pole than any other ship. At this time she formed part of the Nares polar expedition of 1875 and 1876, and was commanded by Captain (now Admiral) Sir G. Nares. Her sister ship was the *Discovery*. For over four months the members of this expedition never saw the sun. They reached the grave of Capt. F. C. Hall, of the United States ship *Polaris*, and erected a memorial plate over it. The return of the two ships to Southsea gave rise in England to quite a national ovation. In 1883 the *Alert*, having been found so

well adapted for navigating the Arctic seas, was borrowed from the British admiralty and thoroughly refitted by the commission appointed in 1883 by the United States congress to arrange the expedition for the relief of Lieut. Greely and party. It is remembered that this was the expedition which reached Lieut. Greely and the survivors of his party when they were all on the point of succumbing to famine and cold, having subsisted for over a month on nothing but lichens and boiled strips of sealskin. The *Alert* was the supply boat of the expedition.

"The welcome that awaited her on her return to the United States, with the seven survivors and the bodies of the eighteen who had perished of Greely's party, will not soon be forgotten. Had the rescuing party arrived at Greely's headquarters a few hours later not one of them would have been found alive. Had the old ship been preserved as a relic of the past, it would have given satisfaction to many; and it is thought that the Canadian government might have found her a berth, for it is recognized that, after the experience gained in the case of the *Foudroyant*, no individual would have been likely to take up the *Alert* as a speculation."

We hope that it may not be too late yet to recover at least some of the metal fittings of the *Alert* as souvenirs of the brave old ship. Relics of the *Alert* would be well worthy a place in some of our numerous young yet promising public museums.

There has been an excellent illustration given in Montreal lately of the absurdity and injustice of some of the comparisons which the lay papers are so fond of making in connection with militia matters. A certain sensational paper, discussing the resignation of an officer from one of the local regiments, launched out into an invidious comparison between the present state of the gallant corps in question and its condition some years ago, the object being to indicate a falling off in the efficiency of the corps and to discredit the present commanding officer. All that it is necessary to say as to the justice of the comparison is to remark that officers and men of the regiment are alike indignant at the comparison. It has been hard work to keep the corps up to its high standard of efficiency, but that has been due to numerous retirements of officers

and non-coms such as take place in every regiment in the service some time or another. It is to be hoped that the papers will some day see that the ever recurring attempt to discuss the private affairs of regiments is as once ridiculous, unpatriotic and positively indecent, for they cannot have thorough information on the points they pretend to discuss.

Correspondence.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 23, 1895.

To the Editor of MILITARY GAZETTE, Montreal:

Dear Sir.—In your issue of Oct. 15th, I notice a correspondence has sent you the names of the first Wimbledon team of 1873.

I have in my possession a photograph of the Canadian team at Wimbledon in 1871, and I have since interviewed one of the members of that team, one who was the father of rifle shooting in this district, and who had much to do with the organisation of a Canadian Wimbledon team.

I now enclose a letter and also a list of the names of some of those on the team which may be of interest to the readers of your valuable paper.

I remain, yours sincerely,

FRED. W. MACQUEEN,
Major 22nd Batt.

WOODSTOCK, Oct. 18, 1895.

My dear Major MacQueen.—As you have called my attention to an almost forgotten affair, allow me to say that the first suggestion of a Canadian representation at Wimbledon came from myself in the columns of my paper. It came to me in this way: our mutual friend Fortesque Graham, Esq., then resident in England, was good enough to send me in 1870 a small brochure—a highly interesting account of the experience and performance of an English team that had competed in Belgium. At that time, being an enthusiastic amateur shot and a member of the Dominion and Ontario Rifle Association, I brought the matter up at the meeting of the latter and was strongly supported by the late Col. Skinner of the 13th Batt. The idea was not encouraged by the president, who thought such a step should proceed from the Dominion Association. At the meeting in Ottawa, Col. Skinner and myself urged the project; on the strength of Col. Skinner's offer to raise the funds necessary for the expense of the team he was allowed to proceed. A circular emanated from the association, eschewing all responsibility as to expense submitted to the various Ontario local rifle associations, four names asking for a choice as to the gentleman who should take charge of the team and assume the responsibility. Col. Skinner, whose name stood second on the list, was a country gentleman and having made an offer of a most gracious

character was by a small majority the choice of the bodies consulted.

Upon this decision the colonel put himself in communication with the municipal councils of the province and solicited assistance in every direction, and met with such success that he took steps for a selection of his team. A competition took place at London, at Hamilton, at Toronto, and at Kingston and ten men from each place met and competed at a final competition at Hamilton. I attended the London competition solely for the purpose of assisting a friendly shot, who was anxious to return to the old country, but by chance was one of the ten sent to the final contest at Hamilton. I was sixteenth, and of course had the offer of a place on the proposed team. The twenty chosen exerted themselves with energy and with success in securing funds for the promise was given them whatever their winnings and whatever balance of public money was left after expenses were paid, that balance would be equally divided amongst the members of the team. On that promise we took passage, and after spending a couple of weeks at the Alton ranges, we found ourselves on the Wimbledon common with horse blankets generously loaned for the occasion by Sir Peter Tait. Very few of the team possessed small bore rifles and our competition was in a measure limited to such matches as Col. Skinner choose to enter for and although our shooting was with the Snider Enfield it was quite as good as that of our successors. I was the winner of Sir Peter Tait's cup and £25; and the proud satisfaction exists that mine is the only name that will ever appear on the trophy.

The papers of 1871 had not a little to say in regard to the way the team was treated in the light in the engagement made by Col. Skinner; but as the Ontario Rifle Association pocketed a sum considerably in excess of 2,000, having refused to contribute a dollar to the enterprise, no regard was paid to the condition upon which the team, as citizens and shots engaged in the project.

From these few details you have the first of an important feature of our military economy originating with one of your own regiment; who owes, to dear old "Forty" Graham, matter for the inscription, that in the grand achievement of Private Hayhurst, of the 13th Batt., in securing for a member of the Canadian Militia the great honor of winning the Queen's prize—a close connection with the past and present making Hamilton conspicuous. I am very dear major.

Yours truly,

A. MCCLENECHAN.

Lieut. Col. Skinner, Hamilton, Ont.; Capt. McCleneghan, 22nd Batt., Woodstock, Ont.; Capt. Bell, Brockville; Capt. Gibson, Toronto; Lt. Little, 13th Hamilton; Lt. Harris, Ottawa; Lt. Warner, Kingston; Lt. Birtch, Stratford; Lt. McDonald, Guelph; Lt. Jennings, Toronto; Lt. McNachten, Coburg; Dr. Oranatheha, Stratford; Sgt. Murrison, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Omond, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Sach, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Adams, 13th Hamilton; Sgt. Waste, 7th London; Sgt. McMullen, 10th Toronto.

They Appreciate the Military Gazette.

SUDBURY, October 19th, 1895.

The CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE, Montreal.

Dear sirs.—I know that I am considerably in arrears with my subscription and I have no excuse excepting my own carelessness. I also know that a paper cannot be supported and run successfully if it has many like myself. I enclose you P. O. order for three dollars and hope in a very short time to be ahead instead of behind. In my opinion you have done more for the militia than all the other papers put together, because you know what you are talking about whereas the others in most cases do not. More power to you.

Yours truly,

Capt. ———

HALIFAX, N. S., October 21st, 1895.

Editor and Proprietor of the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE.

Dear sir.—Enclosed please find \$2.00 being for my subscription for current year to your excellent paper. I am always glad to see it and get posted in the doings of our brother militiamen in all parts of the Dominion.

Yours truly,

Major ———

News of the Service.

(Continued from page 7.)

Ottawa.

Last week was one of unusual activity in local military circles. On Friday, the 18th Oct., Major General Gascoigne made his first official appearance as the Major General Commanding the Militia, when he made an informal inspection of the Governor General's Foot Guards and presented the regimental badges to the successful teams in the competitions for the Gzowski cup and British challenge shield. A very large number of invited guests were present and great interest was taken in the proceedings by the friends of the regiment. The regiment was under the command of Lt. Col. Hodgins and the parade state showed 248 of all ranks on parade. The regiment was drawn up in line at open order received the Major General with a general salute, after which column to the right was formed, and a minute inspection of companies was made. The Major General was accompanied by Col. Powell, Adj.-Gen.; Col. Lake, Qr. Mr. Gen.; Lt.-Col. Hon. Mr. Aylmer, A.A.G., commanding M. D. No. 4, and Lieut. A. McLean, A. D.C. After inspection the regiment formed a hollow square for the presentation of the regimental badges. Before proceeding to this part of the ceremony, Col Hodgins, commanding the regiment, addressed the Major General as follows. He said:

Major General Gascoigne:— Before proceeding to the pleasing duty which has brought us together this evening, I desire, with your permission, Sir, to take advantage of this, your first official appearance amongst us, to offer to you, on behalf of the Governor General's Foot Guards, our respectful congratulations on your appointment as the Major-General commanding the Militia of Canada, and to extend to yourself and Mrs. Gascoigne a very hearty welcome to Canada and to the city of Ottawa, which is to be your home during your period of command.

We trust that your stay in Canada may be not only most pleasant and agreeable to you, but of profit and advantage to the force whose welfare and interests have

been, in conjunction with the able Minister of Militia and Defence, committed to your care. That your stay will be pleasant and agreeable, we have your own personal assurance, and that it will be of profit and advantage to the Militia of Canada, we entertain not the slightest doubt. You come to us from the Mother Country, having been trained in the best school in the world—the British army—with its reputation, its history and its glorious traditions. Your services and long experience in the Imperial force, and your connection with the volunteers in England have given you that knowledge and experience which eminently fit you for the responsible position which you now occupy.

I have no hesitation in assuring you that your task in Canada in connection with the force will be rendered a comparatively easy one, for you will find, as time goes on, that you will have in the discharge of your duties not only the good will, but the assistance and hearty co-operation of every officer, N. C. officer and man of the Active Militia. The Active Militia of this country are composed of men, who, in spite of many disadvantages and drawbacks, are actuated and bound together by a love of country.

Their objects in serving her are the maintenance of law and order in our midst, the protection of our homes and firesides from invasion, the preservation of Canada as a colony of Great Britain, for British subjects we were born and British subjects we will die. Not only that, Sir, but the Canadian Militia are as ready to-day as they have been in the past to assist in the maintenance of that Empire on which it is our proud boast that the sun never sets, and of which we in Canada proudly feel that we form no small or insignificant part. Actuated by such motives you need have little fear but that the Militia with a little more encouragement, and led by you, will do everything in their power to meet your demands upon them and to make themselves as efficient as possible, so that when your time comes to go, you will feel regret at parting from us, and we in addition to a similar regret, feel that the force is immeasurably the better for your having commanded it.

THE GENERAL'S REPLY.

Major General Gascoigne acknowledged in kind words the words of welcome from the regiment. He remarked that this was only an informal and not an official inspection, but he would say that he was exceedingly well pleased with the appearance of the men, and their steadiness on parade. While he would know no particular city or district or regiment, as the Major General commanding, but would treat all alike, he looked upon Ottawa, being headquarters, as a city should be regarded as a model to all other Canadian cities in military matters, and he looked to the G.G.F.G. to be an example and model to the rest of the militia. He said he expected a higher standard of efficiency during his regime than they had ever attained under any former general, and he felt perfectly sure they would comply with his request. As for himself he would help them in every way possible to accomplish this end.

The badges were then presented by Major General Gascoigne. Among those who figured frequently as winners of the coveted trophies were: Staff S Sgt. Armstrong, Capt. Sutherland, Pte. R. Tink, Pte. W. Tink, Capt. H. H. Gray, Staff Sgt. Short, Staff Sgt. Nutting, Staff Sgt. Malleue, and Messers. J. Deslauriers, J. Brown, Carroll, Cawdron, Morrison, Dawson, Newby and Reardon.

The regiment were afterwards dismissed, when the officers gave a reception to their friends. The guests were received by Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Hodgins and refreshments were served in the mess room. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were introduced to Major-General and Mrs. Gascoigne. The splen-

did band of the regiment numbering 33 men, under the leadership of Bandmaster Lewis, played during the inspection and the subsequent reception. They came in for much praise for their excellent music. The whole affair was a great success and we understand the General and Mrs. Gascoigne were much pleased with their reception.

THEIR RECORD.

The record of the Guards in the Czowski, British challenge shield and skirmishing matches since 1868:

Team skirmishing match—First instituted in 1878: G. G. F. G.—2nd in 1878, 2nd in 1879, 1st in 1880, 1st in 1881.

Czowski Cup—First shot for in 1882 G. G. F. G.—1st in 1883, (tie for first with 10th R.G.), 1st in 1884, 2nd in 1885, 3rd in 1886, 6th in 1887, 2nd in 1888, 1st in 1889, 1st in 1890, 1st in 1891, 1st in 1892, 1st in 1893, 1st in 1894, 2nd in 1895.

British Challenge Shield—First shot for in 1883: G. G. F. G.—2nd in 1883, 1st in 1884, 4th in 1885, 7th in 1886, 1st in 1887, 1st in 1888, 2nd in 1889, 5th in 1890, 1st in 1891, 2nd in 1892, 1st in 1893, 1st in 1894, 1st in 1895.

THE TEAMS.

The teams in the various years were composed of:—

1883—Staff Sergt. Armstrong, Capt. Sutherland, Pte R Tink, Pte W Tink Capt H. H. Gray.

1884—Armstrong, Sutherland, R Tink, W Tink, J Deslauriers.

1889—Armstrong, Short, Staff Sergt Nutting, Staff Sergt Maillene, Brown.

1890—Armstrong, Short, Nutting, Maillene, Tink.

1891—Armstrong, Short, Nutting, Tink Morrison,

1892—Armstrong, Short, Nutting Tink, Capt Carroll.

1893—Armstrong, Short, Nutting, Tink Staff Sergt Cawdron.

1894—Short, Nutting, Tink, Morrison, Dawson.

BRITISH CHALLENGE SHIELD.

1884—Armstrong, Sutherland, Deslauriers, R Tink, W Tink.

1887—Armstrong, Sutherland, Short, Newby, Maillene.

1888—Armstrong; Short, Sutherland, Reardon.

1891—Armstrong, Short, Tink, Nutting.

1893—Armstrong, Short, Tink, Nutting.

1894—Short, Nutting, Tink, Dawson.

1895—Short, Tink, Nutting, Dawson.

Of fifteen winning teams S-Sgt Armstrong and Short and Pte Tink have been members twelve times, and S-Sgt Nutting ten times.

The teams in both competitions were captained throughout by Captain H. H. Gray.

CHURCH PARADE.

The militia of Ottawa was seen at its best on the occasion of the annual brigade church parade on Sunday the 20th October. The different corps turned out in stronger numbers than ever heretofore and, with uniforms bright and clean, made a display that reflected the greatest credit upon every soldier taking part. The entire brigade displayed such a standard of efficiency that it was generally admitted that the parade was the finest that has ever been seen in Ottawa. The Dragoon Guards, who led in the parade, never looked better. Their trappings were white as pipe clay could make them, their brass shone resplendently and they marched as one man. After them came the Ottawa Field Battery, whose appearance won for them general admiration.

Both the G. G. F. G. and 43rd Battalion made a splendid showing. Their uniforms were bright and clean and their marching all that could be desired.

ON THE MARCH.

Leaving Cartier's Square at half-past two, the brigade went along Gloucester

street to Lyon, thence to Sparks. Arriving at Christ Church, the Roman Catholic portion of the brigade was detached and marched to St. Jean Baptiste church headed by the band of the 43rd Battalion

Christ Church was crowded to the doors. Service was conducted by the curate and the sermon preached by the Ven Archdeacon Launder, D.D, chaplain of the G.G.F.G. The collection taken up was in aid of the Children's Hospital.

AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Dominican Fathers met the Roman Catholic detachment at the doors of their church. Benediction was sung by Rev. Father Jacques. The detachment was in command of Major Gourdeau, of the Dragoon Guards.

Returning the brigade marched to the Drill Hall via Sparks, Lyon, Wellington and Elgin streets.

There were 576 men in the parade.

Col. Aylmer, assistant Adjutant-General, was in command, Major A. L. Jarvis of the G.G.F.G., being Brigade Major.

Lt.-Col. Hodgins commanded the G.G. F.G., and all the other officers were also present. Lt Col. Burland, of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, attended the service with the regiment.

Lt-Col. Wright was in command of the 43rd Battalion, with all the officers in attendance. Major Harrison, of the 49th Battalion, was attached.

Capt. Gourdeau was at the head of the Dragoons, Sergt-Major Powell, who recently met with an accident, being absent.

Major Bliss, commanding officer of the Battery, was with the artillery corps, Capt Bowie, Lieuts Eaton and Klock and Veterinary Surgeon Harris also being in the turnout.

THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH.

The numerical strength of the various corps taking part as follows:

Dragoon Guards, 33.

Field Battery, 59.

Governor-General's Foot Guards, 248. 43rd Battalion, 228.

Major-General Gascoigne was also present at the service. He was attended by his A. D. C., Lieut A. MacLean, and accompanied by Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Militia; Mrs. Gascoigne and the following officers in uniform: Col. Powell, Adjutant-General; Col. Lake, Quartermaster-General; Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery.

The Major-General and party viewed the brigade from a vantage point in front of the City Hall when it was returning to the Drill Hall. The Major-General was afterwards heard to say that he was well pleased with the showing made by the volunteers.

Before being dismissed the men of the various corps were thanked by the commanding officers for turning out, and congratulated, not only for their excellent appearance, but also for the steadiness with which they marched.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Lady Tupper and Hon. T. Mayne Daly and Mrs. Daly, viewed the parade from cabs.

GARRISON MESS DINNER IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL GASCOIGNE.

The turnout at the Russell on the evening of Thursday the 25th October on the occasion of the Garrison mess' dinner given by the staff officers and the officers of the local force was the largest ever brought together in Ottawa. With the exception of five or six absent from the city, the attendance embraced all the officers of the different branches of the service, so that the company sitting down to dinner numbered over sixty persons.

Lt-Col. Aylmer occupied the chair, and on his right sat the general, and on the left Hon. Mr. Dickey, minister of militia, while his worship the mayor occupied a position opposite the general, with Sir James Grant, Mr. Robillard, M. P., Col. Ross and two or three other invited guests occupied prominent positions also at the centre of the table.

The bill of fare was one of the best ever produced at the Russell, and did infinite credit to Mr. St. Jacques, who was cheered on entering the dining room to give personal superintendence to the elaborate menu provided.

It was half-past eleven when this portion of the programme was over, and the chairman, after the usual introductory toasts of the Queen and the Governor General proposed the health of Hon. Mr. Dickey, which brought the minister to his feet amid such applause as clearly exhibited the hold the political head of the department had already secured among the officers and the representatives of the people present.

The hon. gentleman in a brief address spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present on the occasion, at the introduction to the officers of the local force and the distinguished guests present of their new commanding officer, Major General Gascoigne, whose meritorious services in the army had caused his selection to the high command of the Canadian militia. He felt proud of the efficiency of our militia in the past and stated that it was the intention of the government to give no less care to the interests of the force in the future, but to endeavor to erect a higher standard of efficiency by equipping the militia with the most improved arms, which would be the first step in that direction, and to do all else possible for the welfare and advancement of the force. He felt assured that as the ministerial head he would have an able and enthusiastic supporter in reforms in the service in Major General Gascoigne, who was no stranger to this country or to the requirements of a high militia standard, and he therefore concluded that the general might be heard for himself.

The toast of "our guest," the Major General commanding, was most enthusiastically received and was drunk with highland honours, and three times three.

The Major-General in reply after thanking those present very warmly for their kindly welcome, delivered an excellent address. In the course of it he said that an erroneous impression might have been taken from what appeared in a local newspaper to the effect that he hoped to have a happy time while in Canada. It was true he hoped to have a happy time, but his greatest happiness would come from promoting the interests of the volunteer forces. If he thought that at the expiration of his term his services had not been useful in Canada, he would leave their midst an unhappy and sorry man. He had implicit confidence in the militia of Canada, who had demonstrated their bravery and loyalty when called upon to defend their country.

Lt-Col Aylmer, A A G, presided; Major General Gascoigne and Sir James Grant, M P, being on his right, and Hon A R Dickey, Minister of Militia, and Mr. H. Robillard, M P, on his left. Others present were Col Pauet, Deputy Minister of Militia; Col. Powell, Adjutant General; Col Lake, Quarter-Master General; Lt-Col Aylmer, Inspector of Artillery; Lt-Col Wright, Major Sherwood, Capt S M Rogers, (Adjutant), Capt Jamieson, Capt Parker, Capt Sutherland, Capt McKay, Capt Nesbitt, Capt Bell, Lieuts Boville, Helmer, Hutcheson, F Stuart, Maclean and Bollard, and Surgeon Scott, of the 43rd Batt. Lt-Col Hodgins, Major Hodgins, Major Jarvis, Major Heron, Capt P B Taylor, Capt Roper, Capt Winter, Capt F F Taylor, Capt Tyrrell, Lieut Lawless, D H MacLean, Gallway, Street and Matheson, and Surgeon Horsey of the G G F G, Major Gourdeau and Lieuts Brown and Elliott, of the P L D G, Major Bliss, Lieut Eaton, Surgeon Bell, and V S Harris, of the Battery: Lt-Col Ross, Lt-Col White, Lt-Col Toller, Lt-Col Bacon, Lt-Col John Macpherson, Lt-Col Macdonald, Majors Walsh, Wicksteed, Donaldson and Harrison, Lieut McDonald, 63rd Halifax; Mayor Borthwick and A S Woodburn.

THE TOAST LIST.

The programme of toasts follows :

The Queen.

The Governor-General.

The Parliament of Canada, proposed by Lt-Col Aylmer; responded to by Hon A R Dickey, Sir James Grant and H Robillard, M P.

Our Guest, proposed by Lt-Col Aylmer; responded to by Major-General Gascoigne.

The Mayor and Corporation, proposed by Lt-Col Aylmer; responded to by Mayor Borthwick.

The Adjutant-General, proposed by Sir James Grant; responded to by Col Powell.

The chairman, proposed by Mayor Borthwick; responded to by Lt-Col Aylmer.

Deputy Minister of Militia, proposed by Sir James Grant; responded to by Col. Panet.

Lt-Col Hodgins, Major Gourdeau, Capt Rogers, Capt Macdonald and Lt Stuart sang in excellent voice during the evening, and Lt Helmer recited in his usual entertaining manner.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell was unable to be present owing to indisposition. Hon Dr Montague was absent for the same reason.

The Guards' Band, under Bandmaster Lewis, rendered a choice programme of music during the evening.

The dinner was in charge of the Garrison Mess committee, consisting of Col. Aylmer, Majors Sherwood and Bliss, Capt Roper, G G F G, and Lieut Ellsott, P L D G's, who deserves every credit for the splendid arrangements made.

Montreal.

The event of the month, in fact of the year, so far as the Montreal Militia is concerned was the brigade church parade on Sunday 27th. The turn out was a success in every way. With so many different regiments, so many bands and so many different uniforms the Montreal brigade makes a very brave and picturesque appearance on parade, whatever difference of opinion there may be as to the practical utility of so many regiments of such small numerical strength. Several of the regiments were not up to full strength, but is never possible to count on a full parade for Sunday. The Royal Scots, Victoria Rifles and Fusiliers had very good bands on parade, the others very indifferent ones. The difference in step and time between the regiments was very marked. The 6th Fusiliers had the quickest and most correct step, the Victorias were considerably slower, the Prince of Wales Regiment slower still, then the 65th, then the Scots and slower than all the Garrison Artillery. The route marching in fours was steady on the whole, though the men were generally huddled too much together and a tendency on the part of the men to look to the right and left was marked and pretty general. Lieut.-Colonel Stevenson and Major Hall, formerly of the Field Battery, Lieut.-Col. Bond, formerly of the Prince of Wales Regiment, and Lieut.-Colonels Crawford and Caverhill former commanding officers of the Royal Scots turned out with their old corps.

The *Star* published the following detailed account of the parade on Monday 28th.

The church parade of the Montreal brigade of active militia yesterday afternoon resulted in the thronging of the city streets with the densest crowds that have gathered in Montreal for years. The Champ de Mars, where the brigade was formed up, was so densely packed with humanity that it was with the greatest difficulty that the General and his staff could pass from one corps to the other to conduct his inspection. The whole way

along the lengthy line of march to St. George's church, the streets were so jammed with spectators that the troops barely had room to pass through, while the southern half of Dominion square was black with people. A fact which was emphasized by the parade was the incapacity of the police to handle big crowds or their lack of will to do so. Not the least attempt was made at keeping the Champ de Mars or the streets along the route clear. The ranks were squeezed in all the way along the route and at cross streets electric cars and other vehicles were allowed to cross the line of march with impunity.

The brigade as it formed up on the Champ de Mars, presented a very picturesque and soldierly appearance. It was formed up in line of quarter columns of corps, the parade from right to left flank being as follows: Duke of Connaught's Own Canadian Hussars, No. 1 Troop, Capt. Whitley, 30 men; Montreal Field Battery, Major Hooper, 50 men; Montreal Garrison Artillery, Lieut.-Col. Cole, 270; 1st Prince of Wales Regiment, Lt.-Col. Butler, 250; 3rd Victoria Rifles, Lt.-Col. Starke, 305; 5th Royal Scots, Lt.-Col. Strathy, 302; 6th Fusiliers, Lt.-Col. Burland, 249; 65th Mount Royal Rifles, Lt.-Col. Prevost, 200.

The brigade was in command of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., who was accompanied by the following staff: Major Roy, B. M.; Lt.-Col. Mattice, inspector of stores, and Capt. Fraser, adjutant of the 63rd Battalion, Sherbrooke.

The new Commander-in-chief was accompanied by the complete Headquarters' Staff, comprising Col. Walker Powell Adj.-General; Col. Lake, Quartermaster-General; Lieut.-Col. John Macpherson, Lieut.-Col. Irwin, and Lieut. McLean, A.D.C. It was the most brilliant staff which has surrounded a general on a Montreal parade ground for many a day. The General made only a superficial inspection of the different corps in the brigade. Sergeant-Bugler Glover, of the Fusiliers, who acted as staff-bugler, sounded the advance, the corps formed fours right and marched off parade in succession, headed by the Deputy-Adjutant-General and his staff, General Gascoigne and his staff proceeding to St. George's church in carriages.

The 65th Battalion left the brigade at St. James Cathedral, where a special service, consisting of vespers and the Benediction was held.

At St. George's church, which was uncomfortably crowded, a shortened form of evening prayer was given, followed by an eloquent sermon by His Lordship Bishop Bond, senior military chaplain in the city.

At the conclusion of the service the brigade marched past the General, who took up his position in the balcony of the ladies reception room of the Windsor Hotel. All of the corps did very well considering the cramped space at their disposal, the Victoria Rifles and the two red coat regiments receiving the heartiest reception from the crowd, which was not inclined to be demonstrative. After marching past, the corps kept along Dorchester street, thence proceeding direct to their armories.

Major-General Gascoigne with the headquarters staff was entertained at dinner at the Windsor Hotel on Saturday evening 26th, by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and officers of the local force. The D.A.G. presided and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The toast of the evening was that of Major-General Gascoigne, and it elicited in reply a speech which will be read with great interest throughout the force.

Major-General Gascoigne, on rising to reply, was greeted with much enthusiasm

He said: Brother officers of the Montreal militia, I must be hard of feeling if I were not inexpressibly touched by your exceedingly kind reception. I assure you I am exceedingly touched. It heartens me up exceedingly in my present position. I look upon it as an exceedingly kind and flattering thing that you should have come here to night to pay me this compliment. I feel my name has been mentioned by Col. Houghton too flatteringly, but I feel also you welcome me not only personally, though I am deeply grateful for that, but in this as in everything out of loyalty to Her Majesty. You welcome me who am practically unknown to you, and you show, as I say again loyalty to the Queen, and as her humble representative I thank you on her behalf. It is only the same welcome which I have received everywhere in Canada. When I talk over things as I do with my officers my friend, Col. Houghton, talking over things with me gives me many excellent hints. One day, speaking about Montreal, he said, "There you must be careful. You must not show partiality there in one place above all others." I do not intend to show any favoritism, I feel myself called upon to look after those corps furthest away from me equally with those at Ottawa and Montreal. But I must say this, in spite of all, that Montreal was the place where I myself first saw active service. It was, I believe, with every regiment in 1870 as it was with myself, that I then first saw a shot fired in anger. Gentlemen, I am proud to say I first saw active service in the Fenian raid of 1870. So that Canada is not strange to me, and it was a pleasure, therefore, to come to Montreal and be so welcomed as Montreal has welcomed me.

When I was first appointed in England there was a great deal of talk about my coming, which I heard, and, among other things, one newspaper said: "Major-General Gascoigne's best plan will be to flatter the Canadian militia, and then he will be able to be a successful commander." I altogether differ from that. If I know men at all, and I have had great experience of regulars and volunteers, I don't think you can pay them a worse compliment than by flattering them in such a way that they can recognize it for flattery. Far, far better to make myself disagreeable and talk sharply to you than flatter you in such a way as you would see it was false. I don't mean to act on these lines at all. I mean to exact the highest standard possible of perfection in drill and bearing, and shall not exact it, but shall get it. I am perfectly certain you will tumble to it and like me all the better for it. One thing more I have quite made up my mind about there is no royal road to benefiting the militia. There are here the men who have built it up step by step from the beginning till you are what you are, and therefore I am certain in my own mind that neither I nor others have found or can find a royal road by which we can improve the militia. You can do many things, and I can do much to be of mutual benefit. First of all, as he is not here to-night, and I am sorry he is not, I can say from the short time I have been here that you have got an excellent Minister of Militia in Mr. Dickey. . . .

"You must assist us by being honest yourselves in all work. Take steps to make the militia the great end and put down all political and private influences. That must come from you. What are we at Ottawa to do when we hear any man named for any appointment whatever in the service if we have found that he has fulfilled all the requisite tests? We may think possibly he is not quite the best man, but if his name be submitted to us, what are we to do? But you, the active and the senior officers, all more or less

can help to keep down private interests. You know the best officers, and you can mark by the popular feelings that those claims shall be recognized. And then as to private soldiers, who, are not here, but may hear me through the press, let each man remember if he goes about in at all a slovenly way, not not neatly dressed, that ten thousand eyes are on him. Therefore, every man who goes about in a slovenly way and not doing credit to his regiment pulls down that regiment and the whole force in more ways than he thinks.

I must put the example of the English volunteer before you. They are, to a great extent, your half-brothers. There is only a distinction without a difference. Thirty-five years ago they were laughed at and ridiculed, but those in charge of them went on and made them a fine body, so much so that now the public, the whole nation, takes them so seriously that no power on earth can touch the volunteers. This country has far greater difficulties to contend against than England. There is the money to be thought of. Vast claims are made on the Exchequer these times, and it is difficult to get the money needed. Therefore, the whole thing is for you yourselves to get hold of public opinion in such a way that each town will be so proud of the militia, so proud of such-and-such a regiment, that they will be willing to pay for them, and the thing is done. There will be no cutting down of money then. If they don't help you now it is because of yourselves.

I will say no more to-night, but beg again to thank you with all my heart for the reception. I had no idea in coming to Canada, and I have no fear, and I am perfectly certain before you and I part you will see the wisdom and justice of every word I say, and I feel certain before a couple of years have passed the difference will be so marked that the people in the street and towns will say, 'By Heavens, he has improved the militia.'

Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., was the presiding officer, and on his right was the guest of the evening, Major-General Gascoigne, and on his left Col. Powell, quartermaster general. Round the board were the following: Deputy Surgeon-General Campbell, Col. Irwin, Inspector General of Artillery; Lieut.-Col. Cole, Montreal Garrison Artillery; Col. Lake, quartermaster general; Lieut.-Col. Starke, Victoria Rifles; Col. Macpherson, superintendent of stores; Lieut.-Col. Burland, Sixth Fusiliers; Lieut.-Col. Strathy, Royal Scots; Brigade Major Roy, Lieut. MacLean, A.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. McArthur, Duke of Connaught Canadian Hussars; Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles; Lieut.-Col. Massey, president Canadian Military Rifle League; Lieut.-Col. Turnbull, R.L.; Lieut.-Col. Lyman, R.L.; Lieut.-Col. Denis, St. Hyacinthe; Lieut.-Col. Stevenson, R. L.; Lieut.-Col. Provost, 64th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. Dixon, 86th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. Aubry, 85th Battalion; Lieut.-Col. Butler, Prince of Wales Rifles; Lieut.-Col. Crawford, R.L.

The following officers of the several battalions were also present: Victoria Rifles—Majors Sims and Busteed, Captains Meakins, Ogilvie, Hamilton, Pope, Surgeon Lorne Campbell and Lieutenants Leslie, Wilson Sutherland, R. Starke and MacAdam. Montreal Field Battery—Major Hooper, Captain Costigan and Surgeon C. W. Wilson. Prince of Wales Rifles—Major Cooke, Lieut.-Col. Hood, Captains Finlayson, Dobbins and Armstrong and Lieut. Robinson. Mount Royal Rifles—Major Labelle, Captains Ostell, Desnoyers and Pelletier and Lieutenants Tarte, Dansereau and Thibaudau. Royal Scots—Major Bagg, R. L., Major E. B. Ibbottson, Major Blacklock,

Captains G. Cameron, Cantlie, J. Ibbotson, Simms and Brown, Lieutenants G. J. Armstrong, Miller, Oliver, Burns and Meighan and Surgeon Rollo Campbell. Duke of Connaught Canadian Hussars—Lieutenant Whitley. 11th Argenteuil Rangers—Lieutenant Fred. Cushing. 62nd Battalion—Captain Goddard. 53rd Sherbrooke—Majors Worthington and Fraser. Sixth Fusillier—Major Seath, Atkinson and Baynes, B.L., Captains Mitchell and Henderson, Lieutenants Geo. Burland, Witt and Herriot. Montreal Garrison Artillery—Major Ogilvie, Major Reid, Captains Hibbard, Featherston, Collins and King, Lieutenants England, Howard, Barton and E. Cole. 85th Battalion—Major Troismaisons, Captain Rosenvinge and Lieutenant J. J. Barry.

After dinner the toast of the Queen was loyally honored, the orchestra playing the National Anthem, while all present joined in the words. During the evening songs were rendered by B. G. Cunningham, J. Venables and J. Saucier.

Lieut.-Col. Houghton, in proposing the toast of "The Major-General," said the best officer possible had been selected for the position, and he was the very man wanted for Canada. Until his arrival Gen. Gascoigne was a stranger to him, but thirty-five years ago he had served under the general's father in Ireland. A member of that family could not but be a gallant officer. (Applause.) He reminded them that that day was the anniversary of the battle of Chateauguay. The sons of Canada had not degenerated since then, and the general would find them as loyal as ever, and every sword as ready to leap from the scabbard as they were then. (Hear, hear.) There was at that table descendants of the men who fought under de Salaberry, and who were proud that though a British officer he was a Frenchman.

The following was communicated in brigade orders by Major Roy, B.M.:

Brigade Office, 5th Military District,
Montreal, October 28th, 1895.

The following has been received this day from Major-General Gascoigne, commanding the militia of the Dominion of

Canada, and is promulgated for the information of all concerned.

By order,
A. ROY, Major,
Brigade Major.

To the Deputy Adjutant-General, Military District No. 5:

Please convey to all ranks of the Montreal Garrison my extreme satisfaction at the turn-out at yesterday's divine service parade.

I know well the difficulties which have to be contended with at this period of the year, but these were successfully overcome, with the result that I was able to witness a most satisfactory parade of the Montreal Garrison.

The men turned out clean and smart; were steady and punctual on parade, and the performance was most creditable to all concerned.

V. J. GASCOIGNE,
Major-General,
Commanding Canadian Militia.

Lieut. Whitley was on parade with the Hussars for the first time at the big church parade. He promises to be a capable and popular troop commander.

Major Macaulay has resigned his commission in the Sixth Fusiliers.

The Field Battery have begun their winter drills.

The Garrison Artillery participated in the ceremony of inaugurating the monument on the battle-field of Chateauguay. The battalion presented a very soldierly appearance as it marched down St. James street to the G. T. R. depot. There was a very good muster for a business day, and the rolled overcoats worn by the men gave the parade a serviceable looking appearance. At Chateauguay the artillery were brigaded with a detachment of the 76th Chateauguay Battalion, the whole force being under command of Lieut.-Col. Cole.

The world's record for railway speed over a great distance was broken Friday by a special train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern railway, which ran from Chicago to Buffalo, a distance of five hundred and ten miles, in four hundred and eighty-one minutes and seven seconds, an average speed of 63.63 miles an hour.

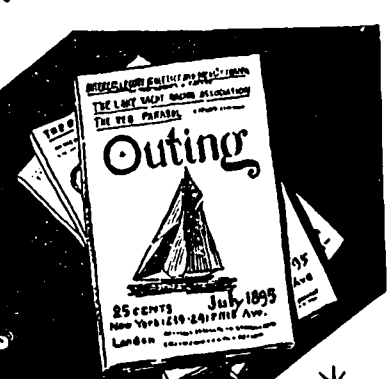
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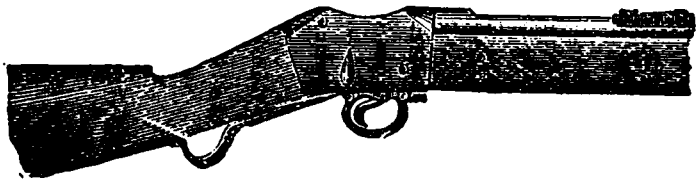
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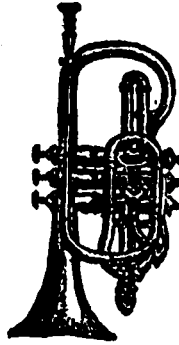
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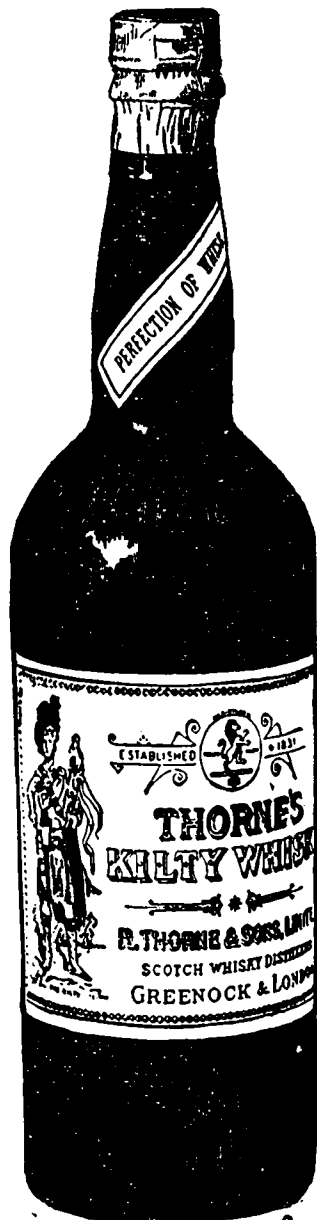
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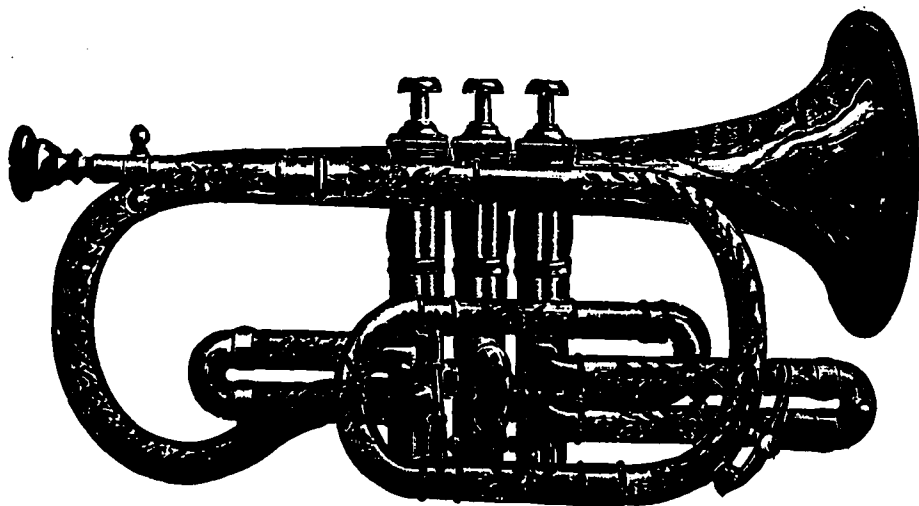
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