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NOTE AND COMMENT.

We direct the attention of all concerned, to the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, which will be held in the Railway Committee Room of the House of Commons, on Wednesday next, the 16th inst., commencing at eleven o'clock. His Excellency the Governor General, who takes a warm personal interest in the Association, has signified his intention to attend as usual.

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An excellent portrait of Major-General Ivor Herbert has just been issued from the "Elite" studio of Mr. S. J. Jarvis. It is of large size, mounted on card 18 x 24 inches, and is finished in the best style of the photographic art, as well as being an excellent likeness. There are two styles, one taken sitting, the other standing. This is, we believe, the first large portrait of the General taken for a great many years, and copies ought to be in demand to grace the quarters of the many corps with whom General Herbert has already achieved an enviable popularity.

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The annual meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association is to be held on Wednesday next, the 16th inst. At this meeting, and the Council and Executive Committee meetings which follow it, the principal business of the year is usually transacted, as there is a fuller and more representative gathering than at any subsequent meeting, unless something of unusual urgency occurs to call the members together.

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It is desirable then that representatives attending these meetings should be posted as to the opinions of members upon points of interest to themselves and to the Association; and that they should be given an opportunity to know something of the wishes and ideas of the members generally

before they definitely decide upon the programme for the work of the year.

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The approach of the annual meeting of the National Rifle Association fills the columns of the service papers at home with letters from well known practical shots offering suggestions for alterations, additions and improvements to the programme of that association which are always a valuable assistance to those entrusted with the management in guiding them to adopt a course in touch with popular feeling so far as feasible.

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The D. R. A. is admitted to be a well-managed concern, and the competitors or "grumblers" meeting held during the annual matches is supposed to give an opportunity to ventilate grievances and suggest reforms. At these meetings, however, it is occasionally found impossible to keep accurate minutes of all suggestions or complaints, and as the meeting is held some months in advance of the annual meeting the opinions expressed are often buried in oblivion before the time for their consideration has arrived.

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It would therefore be a decided advantage to the association and to members if those who have either improvements—for even the D.R.A., satisfactorily as it is found to run—might doubtless be improved—to propose or alterations to suggest, would do so through the columns of this paper previous to the date of the annual meeting. This would give others opportunity to express their views either of approval or otherwise, and the Council might be able to obtain an intelligible idea of the popular feeling upon many points on which they now have to work in the dark.

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The regimental orders of many Volunteer corps in England include notices of

Morris tube practices to be held semi-weekly or oftener. If a similar course was introduced here and made a part of the annual training more benefit would accrue to the force from it than from any other portion of the duties performed. We maintain, and the question does not admit of discussion, that with the very limited training which the Government find it in their power to give the Militia it is impossible to obtain a thoroughly trained, well disciplined force.

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It is, however, quite possible to have a large force of men thoroughly trained with their rifles who could be easily knocked into shape in a very short time if needed. This can be accomplished at very little expense and without much difficulty by a liberal distribution of Morris tubes and ammunition, followed by a more liberal issue of ball ammunition than now allowed. This will enable the men to practise in their armouries, and get some idea of how to hold, and pull, and how to use their sights, before they are brought before the targets and told to shoot, without having any previous knowledge of their rifles, as is now too often the case.

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It is currently rumoured that the Government have now in store and issued on loan a sufficient number of Martini-Henry rifles to arm the force with if it was desired to do so. If this report is true it is unfortunate that pressure is not brought to bear to have the old Sniders withdrawn and the Martinis issued. The facts might be ascertained by an enquiry of the Hon. the Minister of Militia, and if the report circulated is found correct it ought not to call for much persuasion to have the old gas pipes called in, particularly as the cartridge factory at Quebec is now making Martini-Henry ammunition.

THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the National Rifle Association is never without interest to Canadians, who to a large extent follow in the footsteps of the parent institution in the preparation of their annual programme.

The meeting just held is than more of ordinary interest, as proposals have been made by the Council which a few years ago would have been considered altogether too radical changes to introduce.

H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, President of the Association, presided, and in the course of his address announced that it had been decided for this year to condense the principal M. H. competitions into the last week of the meeting.

Under this arrangement the last Saturday will be the most interesting day of the meeting as it will contain the 3rd stage of the Queen's and other interesting competitions, and end with a presentation of prizes.

The rapid firing competitions will this year be excluded from the aggregates, as there was much grumbling and dissatisfaction over them in consequence of the luck element entering into them too freely.

What will be read with most interest, however, by very many of our volunteers is the fact that the Council have decided to allow retired volunteers to enter, under certain qualifications, for all competitions included in the Volunteer Aggregate, and to be eligible for all prizes in them except any prize in the Queen's and the first in the St. George's and Martins.

It has been urged for years upon the authorities of both the Dominion and Provincial Associations here that some provision ought to be made to allow retired volunteers to compete in the same matches as are open to retired officers, and now that this principle is being introduced by the N.R. A. we may hope to see some move made in the same direction by our own associations.

Major M'Kerrell in seconding the adoption of the report suggested that the Council would do well to go one step further with regard to the veterans and allow them to compete for the Queen's Prize, etc., as well as for the Volunteer Aggregates. Although this has not been adopted for this year there is every probability that a move having been made in favour of

retired volunteers it will be enlarged as time goes on and these "veterans" will enjoy the full privilege of shooting in all competitions.

This course ought now to be followed here. At present retired officers have the privilege of competing for everything except Bisley; the same rights ought to be extended to N.C.O.'s and men. The term of service which it would be necessary for them to put in in order for them to obtain this privilege might be made eight or ten years or even more, but there ought to be a period of service fixed after which a man should be allowed to retire, and have a right to take part in the annual rifle matches if he wishes to do so.

The council announced that efforts would be made to ensure a better supply of M. H. ammunition than had been served out last year, and the announcement was received with much pleasure and considerable applause.

It was stated by a member that a detachment of American, French and Belgian riflemen were going to Bisley this year, and Mr. C. F. Lowe advocated that they should be allowed to take part in the Volunteer competitions with their regulation rifles.

It was determined to largely increase the target accommodation and the list of prizes for the revolver competitions, owing to the liberal support these matches received last year.

There are to be two classes of revolvers—military and army—with a series of prizes for each.

Other suggestions we will call attention to in a later issue.

Letters to the Editor.

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

A VOICE FROM THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

DEAR SIR.—I read the letter in last issues of your esteemed paper re Martini-Henry ammunition, and thought how well it would be if the Bisley team could take some of our Quebec make over this year, and prove (in the practices at least) that it was superior to the English manufacture. We have learned by experience how to manufacture Snider, and perhaps the young apprentice, Canada, can now give the master workman a few pointers about Martini-Henry.

Anent the team: I supposed your excellent paper would have been filled with correspondence containing all sorts of ad-

vice and suggestions not only for the members of the team themselves, but also for the Executive of the D.R.A., as to the selection of the officers to command, but presume it is too early in the season. Though living so far away from the centre of things I know the innate modesty of the leaders of opinion in our shooting world, and do not desire to injure their well earned reputation in that particular, else I would relieve the Ex. of all responsibility by nominating and electing the Commandant and Adjutant at once, and settle the matter, giving New Brunswick both officers this year, as a matter of tardy justice. It is we think a correct theory that the Adjutant should have been on the team before—a good business man, and one in whose ability and fairness the team have the highest confidence; and as to the Commandant, he should surely be one (other things being equal) whose interest in and services for the cause of rifle shooting, is a matter of record. Judging by the names of which the prospective team is to be composed it may be said it is a fairly good one, and if properly handled will give a good account of itself; but "one never can tell, you know," and "Bulls' eyes speak louder than words." We read the honour list and wish we were "in it," and that it may be highly successful is the desire of
A. PLUNGER.

THE LATE MAURICE SHEA.

SIR,—There seems to be a good deal of misapprehension as to the claims of the late Maurice Shea to be regarded as a survivor of Waterloo. As "Lieutenant" Maurice Shea he had none. His discharge from the British army is with the rank of corporal, and is signed "M. C. O'Connell, Colonel Lt.-Col. commanding 73rd Regiment." His rank of lieutenant was for service in Spain under Sir DeLacy Evans. His Waterloo medal has inscribed on its rim "M. Shea, 2nd Batt., 73rd Regiment." The 73rd Regiment was a Waterloo regiment. The Waterloo medal is such an one as any person who has ever seen one can identify and swear to.

As I write I have before me the certificate "that Corporal Maurice Shea, late of the 73rd Foot, is an out-pensioner of Her Majesty's Royal Hospital at Chelsea at the rate of fifteen pence per diem," &c. This is signed "George Hatt, secretary and registrar, Royal Hospital, Chelsea." He has been in receipt of this magnificent pension up to the time of his death. Any incredulous person can refer to the Chelsea commissioners as to his claims to be regarded as a survivor of Waterloo.

Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen has a photograph of the old soldier, and the old soldier had a letter of thanks from Sir Henry Ponsonby stating that "the Queen was much interested in seeing the portrait, and hopes that he may live to enjoy many anniversaries of Waterloo."

Maurice Shea was born in the city of Cork August 1st, 1794. Joined the Kerry militia in 1812, volunteered for foreign service in July, 1813, served nine years in the 73rd regiment, and afterwards in Spain; came to Canada in 1848. Met there and was intimately known to a number of Montreal gentlemen who had served in the Spanish legion, and has always sported his medal unquestioned.

I write this in the interest of his widow, for whose benefit a gratuity or continuance of the pension may be allowed. His Excellency the Governor General has kindly said he would do all he could in the matter, and it is certain the War Office or the Chelsea Commissioners will tully inquire into the validity of the claim. It is a pity that Maurice Shea has been referred to in connection with Waterloo as a "Lieutenant," but Corporal Maurice Shea was not in any way responsible for that. His rank in the Spanish Legion was Lieutenant, as the papers now in possession of the family testify. He died on Feb. 4, 1892, in Sherbrooke, and was given a military funeral by the 53rd Battalion, *with permission*. Mrs. Shea will be 83 in a few days—17th March.

E. D. WORTHINGTON.

Sherbrooke, P.Q., 3rd March, 1891.

Regimental News.

MONTREAL.

The two amateur dramatic entertainments given at the Queen's Theatre on the 26th and 27th of February, under the auspices of the Royal Scots, were very successful and would, I believe, have been even more so had those in charge placed the tickets earlier in the hands of the officers and friends of the corps. The acting was very creditable indeed, and with a little more study, under competent directors, I would expect them to approach very close to the Social and Dramatic Club, which a few years ago, under the direction of Mr. Buckland, was the pride of high social life in Montreal. The "Bonnet Fund" of the "Scots," I hear little of now, and I fear is not making much progress. This I regret— for being a Scotchman, though not a "Scot," I would feel a pride in seeing the complete uniform of a Highland regiment worn by this corps. If I might make a suggestion— it would be to appeal directly to the Scotch of this city for aid. I am much mistaken if a month would not see the required amount in hand. I would willingly give something if this plan was adopted.

The 65th Battalion entertained Lieut.-Col. Dugas, who has just retired from its command, at a dinner in the City Club, on Thursday, the 25th February. The compliment was well deserved, for Col. Dugas has kept the regiment well in hand during the period of his command and was indefatigable in looking after its inter-

ests. During the course of his reply to the toast of his health, he is reported in the *Gazette* to have said, "referring to the fact of officers qualifying—the school at St. John's (R.S.L.) should be in Montreal, which is the centre of the forces of the 5th and 6th Military Districts. The school would be more encouraged in Montreal than in the out of the way place in which it was at present." The *Gazette* says these words were greeted with great applause. In replying to a toast, Lieut.-Col. D'Orsonnens, one of the guests, and commandant of the School of Infantry, and D.A.G. of No. 6 District is reported by the *Gazette* to have said, "as to moving the school to Montreal, he was opposed to it." This statement has astonished not a few for there are many who have heard the Colonel frequently express a contrary opinion. This question of the removal of the School of Infantry from St. John's to Montreal, is one which is certain before very long to press for a settlement. So long as Sir Adolphe Caron was at the head of the militia, it was felt that he could hardly be expected to favour a removal— for such action would be an admission of a serious error of judgment on his part. This was in my opinion a mistake, for it is pretty generally believed that at the time the school was established he was in favour of Montreal, but felt that he could not go against the report of two officers who specially reported in favor of St. John's. Now, however, that the militia has a new head, the situation ought to be carefully considered, and if the Montreal force can prove, as I believe they can, that its welfare, by far the largest force of any city in the Dominion— demand its removal, it should be effected as speedily as possible. It would necessitate a considerable expenditure, but surely when we think of what was expended at London, Ontario, for the school established there, Montreal has some right to demand that the government should answer its claims. I have been told by a prominent member of the council, that that body would be prepared to do something to secure the school to Montreal. You, Mr. Editor, have upon several occasions written on the subject, favouring our city. Do not let the subject drop, I pray you.

The non-commissioned officers of the Royal Scots, had a most successful social on Wednesday, the 25th February.

The Vics held the second of their handicap matches on Saturday evening last, when one or two good scores were made, Corp. Napier putting on a possible at 500 yards, and winning the spoon, with a score of 44 and his handicap points. The principle scores following this were: Sergt. Gascigne, 45; Capt. Clarke, 43; Sergt. Binnmore, 39. The ranges were 200 standing and 500 prone; 5 shots at each.

The Victoria Rifles Hockey club have issued a sweeping challenge to all the

military hockey clubs in the province. By the way, this sport seems to be on the increase in all the corps. The Scots, Prince of Wales, Cavalry, beside the above, have teams now organized.

Lieut.-Col. Mattice, Brigade Major No. 5 District, continues to perform most satisfactorily the duties of D. A. G., during the absence on leave of Lieut.-Col. Hoguhton, whose recent bereavement is deeply regretted by all the Montreal force.

The recent marriage of Major Vidal, of C. Company, I. S. C., to Miss Taschereau, was conducted very quietly. Even his most intimate friends were not invited. The happy couple are now sojourning in Bermuda, the Major having been granted two months' leave. It is rumoured that he may again resume command of his old company at St. John's, in place of Captain Coursol, who it is said is about to resign. "RAMROD."

QUEBEC.

Quebec, 5th March.—The published statement of the receipts and expenditure in connection with the military tournament held here in February represent a deficit of \$91.69. The receipts were: sale of tickets, \$514.95; donations, \$43; total, \$557.95. The expenditure amounted to \$649.64, made up as follows: Carpenter's work re grand stand, etc., \$200; R. Mole & Son, tournament equipment, \$175; prize money, \$128; incidental expenses, \$146.64. Deducting the tournament equipment from the expenditure would leave a balance in favour of the receipts of \$83.31, which, if applied on account of the cost of the equipment leaves a balance to provide for of \$91.69, the deficit mentioned. It is to be regretted that the receipts were not sufficient to cover this difference, in view of the efforts put forth by the gallant Colonel and his officers in the interest of his corps and the public generally. It is to be hoped that the tournament will become an annual matter, and that in future no deficit of any kind may exist.

The drill hall in Quebec from an outside view no doubt presents as fine an appearance as any building of the kind in the Dominion, but unfortunately the same cannot be said of the interior. Upon entering the Hall one is immediately confronted with the bare brick walls on all sides, and with a large area of roof supported by a mass of beams, rafters, etc., all tending to darken the interior. If the authorities would move in the matter and have such improvements made as would remove the existing trouble, such as a liberal use of paint, or, if too costly, at least a coating or two of whitewash, the many corps who have occasion to use the hall from time to time would be very grateful for the change.

The annual meeting of the "Royal Military College Club" is called for Friday, the 11th inst., and will be held in

Kingston. Owing to the fact that the old "limestone city" has been selected on this occasion will in a measure tend to bring together a larger number of the members than is usual when held in Montreal, Toronto or Ottawa, as many of the ex-cadets have not had an opportunity presented to them of visiting the college since the date of their graduation. The energetic and popular President, Capt. Septimius A. Denison, Infantry School Corps, London, has signified his intention of being present.

R. M. C. No. 47.

TORONTO.

Q. O. R. SERGEANTS' NINTH ANNUAL DINNER.

The ninth annual dinner of the Queen's Own Sergeants' Mess was held in their mess rooms Friday evening, 26th February, and was the most successful in the history of the mess. The decorations formed not the least interesting part of the appearance of the room, and expressions were heard on all sides of the admirable taste displayed by the decoration committee, composed of Colour-Sergt. World, Sergts. Brash and Berthon. Within a few minutes of nine the sergeants' mess dinner call was sounded, and shortly after Sergt.-Major Kennedy was presiding over about 150 members and guests. Supporting the Sergt.-Major were Lt.-Col. Otter, D.A.G.; Lt.-Col. Gray, B.M.; Lt.-Col. G. T. Denison, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Lt.-Col. Gibson, 13th Bn.; Lt.-Col. Brophy, 91st Man, Major Mason, late 10th R.G., Major Macdonald, 48th, Major Delamere and Mr. Warring Kennedy. A spirited discussion of the good things provided by caterer Tasker occupied the time of the guests until about eleven o'clock, when the toast of the Queen was proposed, and honoured as only her loyal sons can and know how to honour it. The toast of the D.A.G. was proposed by Colour-Sergt. Cooper, and briefly responded to by Lt.-Col. Otter, who took this occasion to acquaint those assembled with the fact that the Queen's Own had won first place in the Gzowski competition, being closely followed by the 13th Batt., of Hamilton. As might be supposed this intimation was gladly welcomed. The first song of the evening, was the "Union Jack of Old England," splendidly sung by Staff-Sergt. Williams.

The next toast, that of "Our Commanding Officer and Staff," proposed by Sergt. Pearson, was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, Major Delamere, Major Sankey, Quarter-Master Heakes and Capt. Mercer, who on rising was greeted with hearty cheers, it being Capt. Mercer's first appearance as Adjutant of the regiment. He spoke very briefly, yet to the point, and his remarks found a responsive chord in every heart, with the exception of the one he made in reference to trying to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. This brought forth the remark from Lieut.-Col. Gray that it was to

be hoped he would do nothing of the kind, because if he did he would go and join the Kilties.

"The Canadian Militia" was proposed by Quartermaster-Sergeant George in a very neat speech, and was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Gray, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, and Lieut.-Col. Brophy.

"Imperial Federation," proposed by Staff-Sergt. Duncan, was responded to by Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison, but owing to the lateness of the hour the speaker cut his remarks very brief, promising in the near future to give a lecture when the demands for time were not so pressing.

"Our Brother Non Com's" was proposed by Sergt.-Major Kennedy, who took this occasion of welcoming to the Mess Rooms, Sergt.-Major Cox, 10th R.G., Sergt.-Major Spry, T.F.B., Sergt.-Major Baker, Princess of Wales, Kingston; Sergt.-Major Robinson, 57th Peterboro; all of whom on behalf of themselves and the Sergeants of the Corps they represented presented their hearty thanks for their kind reception.

Colour-Sergt. Agnew proposed the health of "The Mayor and Corporation," which was responded to by Ald. McMurrich and Capt. Leslie, 12th Batt.

The next toast, that of "Our Guests," was responded to by ex-Mayor Clarke, Mr. J. Earls, Mr. Warring Kennedy, Capt. Pellatt and Major Macdonald. When the last speaker arose to his feet, the impromptu chorus of "He'll be Colonel by and bye" greeted him, and he was forced to desist from speaking until the last word had been sung. He then thanked the members of the Mess most heartily for the kind reception accorded him and also for the chance of saying his farewell to the old regiment. He congratulated the Sergeants on the able manner in which they had performed their duties during his term of office, and closed his remarks by wishing that the same success that has followed in the past should fall to the share of the Queen's Own for the future.

The toast of "The Ladies," proposed by Sergt. Burns and responded to by Sergt. Pafford, and "The Press," proposed by Colour-Sergt. Higinbotham, brought the toast list to a close.

A splendid musical programme was rendered between the toasts by Mr. J. Bayley (violin solo) Major Manley, Col.-Sergt. Creighton, Sergt. Pearson, Sergt. Woods and Mr. Kane.

After the tables had been cleared, dancing, card playing, etc., was the order of the evening, the visiting N.C.O.'s being given the Royal Bourice degree.

Q. O. R. REVOLVER ASSOCIATION.

The fourth and last match of the season was held at the Drill Shed Friday evening, 4th March, and was the most successful in the history of the association.

In the competition for medals presented by Lieut. Elliott, the conditions of which

were announced in last edition, the following were the successful competitors:

1st Class, Gold Medal, Sergt. G. Thompson, 12th Batt.

2nd Class, Silver Medal, ex-Staff-Sergt. Walker, Q.O.R.

3rd Class, Bronze Medal, P. C. J. Phillips, Toronto Police Force.

The remaining matches with the names and scores of successful competitors are as follows:

Match 1.—25 yards; rounds, seven; entries limited to two scores, highest score to count. Series 1. Sergt. G. Thompson, 12th, 34; Capt. H. M. Pellatt, Q. O. R., 32; Lieut. R. Rennie, Q. O. R., 32. Series 2.—Ex Staff Sergt. S. F. Walker, Q. O. R., 37; 2nd Lieut. J. B. Miller, Q. O. R., 31; Staff-Sergt. Graham, 12th, 24. Series 3.—P. C. J. Phillips, T.P.F., 32; Lieut. A. Elliott, 12th, 31; Mr. H. G. Osler, ex-Q.O.R., 28. No. 1 series open to members. No. 2 series open to members who have never made a score of 30 points or over in a match of this association. No. 3 series open to members who have never won a prize at any Revolver match.

Match 2.—Aggregate of scores in No. 1 match to count. Ex-Staff-Sergt. S. F. Walker, Q. O. R., 60; 2nd Lieut. B. Miller, Q.O.R., 58; Sergt. G. Thompson, 12th, 57; Capt. H. M. Pellatt, Q. O. R. 57.

Match 3, Teams.—I. Three officers right-half battalion v. three officers left-half battalion:

Right-Half Batt.	Pts.	Left-Half Batt.	Pts.
Capt. H. M. Pellatt	32	Capt. M. S. Mercer	29
		2nd Lieut. A. D.	
Lieut. R. Rennie	2	Crooks	27
Capt. J. Knifton	10	Capt. C. C. Bennett	16
	74		72

II. Five non-commissioned officers or men right-half battalion v. five non-commissioned officers or men left-half battalion:

Right-Half Batt.	Pts.	Left-Half Batt.	Pts.
Staff-Sergt. G. M. Donnelly	22	Staff-Sergt. W. S. Duncan	17
Sergt. G. Bailey	25	Coldir-Sergt. N. B. Sanson	24
Pte. H. H. Brown	17	Sergt. H. McLaren	27
Pte. J. Leadingham	12	Pte. D. A. Clark	24
Pte. J. Leadingham	22	Pte. H. Small	25
	101		117

III. Five officers non-com. officers or men Q.O.R. and five from any battalion or revolver association.

1. Q. O. R.	Pts.	3. 12th Batt.	Pts.
Capt. H. M. Pellatt	32	Sergt. G. Thompson	34
Capt. M. S. Mercer	29	Lieut. A. Elliott	31
Lieut. R. Rennie	32	Staff-Sergt. Graham	24
2nd Lieut. A. D.			
Crooks	27	Pte. Davidson	33
2nd Lieut. J. B. Miller	31	Substitute	31
	151		135
2. ex-Mem. Q. O. R.	Pts.	4. R. Grenadiers.	Pts.
Mr. S. F. Walker	37	Lieut. W. R. Pringle	23
Mr. H. G. Osler	28	Col.-Sergt. Fowler	21
Mr. W. Harp	28	Sergt. Brooks	26
Mr. A. B. Barke	26	Sergt. Towers	22
Mr. A. R. Scott	20	Substitute	26
	139		118

Extra Series.—3 rounds. 2nd Lieut. J. B. Miller, Q.O.R., 19; Mr. H. G. Osler, ex-Q.O.R., 18; Lieut. Elliott, 12th, 17; Capt. H. M. Pellatt, Q.O.R., 16; Capt. Mercer, Q.O.R., Col.-Sergt. N. B. Sanson, Q.O.R., tie, 16.

NOTES.

Bugle Major Swift and the buglers of the Q.O.R. presented Major Macdonald with a slight testimonial as a token of their regard and the esteem in which he is held by them. The presentation took place at their handsome mess rooms on Wednesday evening, 2nd inst.

The last regimental orders of the Queen's Own announce that Color-Sergt. A. D. Crooks, Privates J. B. Millar and W. G. Mitchell have taken out commissions.

Sergt. Duncan, of "A" Co., has been appointed Sergeant-Instructor of Musketry *via* Harp, transferred to 48th Highlanders.

"BREECH BLOCK."

VICTORIA.

Under the direction of Major Peters and some of the officers, the racquet courts at the barracks have been transformed into the coziest kind of a little theatre. A movable stage has been erected and a full set of scenery painted. Major Peters was the artist, and has accomplished some good effects. One of the backgrounds is a view of the straits, the Olympics in the distance and the wrecked San Pedro in the middle distance. No amateur theatricals are being rehearsed at present, although some to take place immediately after Lent are talked of.

Among the many beautiful floral offerings laid upon the grave of the late Mrs. Houghton, at Victoria B. C. where she died, was one, if anything, more beautiful than the rest. It was placed there at the special request of Lt.-Col. Mattice, Brigade Major at Montreal, who telegraphed Lt.-Col. Prior, at Victoria, asking him to obtain a floral tribute for him, as a token of esteemed remembrance from the officers of military district No. 5.

To show the high regard in which the deceased lady was held, it may be mentioned that telegrams of sympathy were received by Col. Houghton from every regiment in his district.

Col. Houghton, in acknowledging, sent the following telegram to Col. Mattice:

"Please thank officers and men, 5th district, for kind sympathy expressed through several telegrams, and former for beautiful floral offering through Col. Prior."

C. F. HOUGHTON."

The Philadelphia Swimming Club is the largest organization of water polo players in America. There are 312 members. The club expects to build a new club house in the near future with all modern improvements, and one of the largest swimming tanks in the country.

ATHLETIC

Sports and Pastimes

The Bicycle Century Club has encountered its first serious difficulty in the question of whether recognition is to be taken of rides made on Sunday. It appears the executive of the club are anxious to recognize Sunday runs, but that many members are opposed to doing so, and a split is threatened which may be fatal to the success of the scheme.

While sympathizing fully with those whose business engagements will prevent them from obtaining century bars unless Sunday records are countenanced, yet I cannot help feeling that the stand taken by the members who oppose the motion, is the right action in the matter, and must be supported. If competition on Sunday is to be countenanced, why should it be confined to bicycling? Why not have cricket, baseball and football matches? Why not do away altogether with the peace, quiet and sanctity of our Sundays?

The plea that certain members will not be able to win bars unless Sunday rides are recognized is no valid reason for entertaining the proposition. There is not a sport or pastime indulged in from which men are not debarred by business or other engagements who, if they could compete, would outstrip those who carry off the laurels. There is no reason why cycling should be an exception to the rule, and those who cannot compete for century bars on week days must content their souls in patience with the thought of what they could do if only they had the chance.

The Ottawa Hockey Club have again won the championship of Ontario. There was never much doubt of their ability to retain their title against any club Ontario could produce, barring accidents, and the confidence of their admirers was not misplaced.

The final match was played against Osgoode Hall in Toronto, and was, as last year, a revelation to the western players, as well as the spectators, who left the rink convinced that hockey players in Toronto have a great deal to learn yet before they can claim to understand the game.

An impression prevailed before the game started that the Osgoode Hall men would make it a rough one, as that was the character they had earned from the clubs they had previously met. There was no difficulty,

however, on this score, for the simple reason, as one of their opponents said, they would have been killed if they had tried it. The great impetus which the quicker skating of the Ottawa men enabled them to get on would have driven their opponents through the board fence which enclosed them if they had attempted any rough checking.

In connection with this competition it is claimed by the Ottawas that the cup given by Mr. Cosby last year was presented as a challenge trophy, and that when presenting it the donor expressed regret that in future it would not be played for in Toronto. The Ontario Union, however, determined this year that the cup should again be played for in the ties, and thus the O.A.A.C. were obliged to travel to Toronto.

The matter has been brought to Mr. Cosby's attention, and it is understood he has reiterated his announcement that the cup was intended as a challenge trophy, and has asserted his intention of seeing the Ottawa A.A.C. righted in the matter for the future.

After defending their title to the championship of Canada all through the season, the Ottawa Hockey Club were unfortunate enough to lose it to the M.A.A.A. at the very last moment.

The hockey season for the championship ends on the 8th of March, and on the night of the 7th the two crack clubs of the Dominion struggled for victory.

The game was not what it would have been if the ice had been fit to play on. The weather was almost warm, the temperature in the rink even after 8 o'clock being above 36, and the water was quite deep in many places.

The game started with a determined rush on both sides, and it was soon evident that each club had concluded that the first goal scored would decide the match, and such eventually proved to be the case.

The quantity of water on the ice made it nearly impossible for the puck to be struck any distance, and did much to spoil the game.

The Montrealers had several faces on their team that have not been seen on a hockey team for a long time, and if the game had proceeded without interruptions the better training of the O. A. A. C. would probably have told more in their favor. The game was stopped, however, for some time, most opportunely for the M.A.A.A., just when they wanted it, and the delay greatly benefited them.

The M.A.A.A. scored one goal after about twenty minutes' play, and no other advantage was secured until the conclusion of the match.

Militia General Orders (No. 4) of 19th Feb., 1892.**No. 1.—STAFF.**

His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General, has been pleased to make the following appointment upon his Staff:

To be an Extra Aide-de-Camp; from 30th January, 1892: Lieutenant Colonel Charles Musgrove Roswell, 90th Battalion, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Lawrence Bedson, 91st Battalion, deceased.

No. 2.—INFANTRY SCHOOL CORPS.

Administrative Distinction of Companies. Companies of the above corps will henceforth be distinguished and distributed as follows:

No. 1 Company, London, O. No. 3 Company, St. Johns, Q.
No. 2 Company, Toronto, O. No. 4 Company, Fredericton, N. B.
The use of letters as distinguishing marks on the clothing and equipment, will be discontinued.

Enlistments will be for the "Infantry School Corps, on General Service."

No. 3.—ROYAL SCHOOLS OF MILITARY INSTRUCTION.

Non-commissioned officers and men joining. Commanding officers of corps wishing to send non-commissioned officers and men to a School of Military Instruction, under the provisions of paragraph 1054, Regulations and Orders, 1887, are to forward their applications through the Deputy Adjutant General of the District, who will transmit them to the Commandant of the School concerned. The Commandant of the School will make all replies and notifications relating to such non-commissioned officers and men through the same channel of communication.

No. 4.—MOBILIZATION.

The following changes in Headquarters are authorized:
2ND REGT. OF CAVALRY.—From "Oak Ridges" to "St. Catharines."
31ST BATTALION OF INFANTRY.—No. 3 Company, from "Leith" to "Owen Sound."

91ST BATTALION OF INFANTRY.—No. 5 Company, from "Rockwood" to "McGregor."

No. 5.—ACTIVE MILITIA—PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS. CAVALRY.

3RD PROVISIONAL REGIMENT OF CAVALRY, "THE PRINCE OF WALES' CANADIAN DRAGOONS," O.—"B" Troop, Millbrook.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: William David Johnston, Gentleman, *vice* Alexander Cowan, deceased.

ARTILLERY.

1ST BRIGADE FIELD ARTILLERY, O.—No. 2 Field Battery, Guelph.—To be 2nd Lieutenant: Battery Sergeant Major John William Gilchrist R. S. A. (1st B.), *vice* J. A. Ross, appointed Adjutant.

INFANTRY AND RIFLES.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS, Ottawa, O.—To be Lieutenants: 2nd Lieutenant Henry Pearce Hawdon Brumell, R. S. I., *vice* L. M. Lambe, retired.

2nd Lieutenant Reginald Munro Moore Gallwey, R. S. I., *vice* S. C. D. Roper, promoted.

Charles Donough O'Brien Watters, Gentleman (provisionally), *vice* J. H. Fairweather, retired.

Sergeant Charles Downing Fripp (provisionally), *vice* D. A. Macpherson, promoted.

2ND BATTALION, "QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA," Toronto, O.—To be Adjutant: Captain Malcolm Smith Mercer, R. S. I., *vice* William Campbell Macdonald, promoted into 48th Battalion.

To be 2nd Lieutenants, provisionally: Colour Sergeant Alexander David Crooks, *vice* H. M. Mowat, promoted.

Private William George Mitchell, *vice* H. F. Wyatt, promoted.

Lieutenant Herbert Macdonald Mowat resigns his commission, and is permitted to revert to position formerly held by him as Captain on Retired List.

Lieutenant James Ince is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

9TH BATTALION RIFLES, "VOLTIGEURS DE QUÉBEC."—No. 4 Co., Quebec.—Capt Philippe Joseph Jolicœur, resigns his commission.

12TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, "YORK RANGERS," O.—No. 5 Company, Richmond Hill.—Lieutenant Thomas Archibald Noble, having left limits, his name is removed from the list of officers of the Active Militia.

14TH BATTALION, "THE PRINCESS OF WALES' OWN RIFLES," Kingston, O.—To be Captain from 25th of August, 1891: Lieutenant William John Albert White, R. S. I., *vice* J. Murray, deceased.

Major Joseph William Power, resigns his commission.

Captain William George Hinds is permitted to retire retaining rank.

2nd Lieut. Henry Herchmer Gildersleeve retires, from the service.

16TH "PRINCE EDWARD" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 5 Company, Demorestville.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Merritt Baker McFaul, Gentleman, *vice* S. J. Cotter, resigned.

31ST "GREY" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 6 Company, Flesherton.—To be Captain: 2nd Lieutenant Casper James Sproule, R. S. I., *vice* A. G. Campbell, appointed Adjutant.

33RD "HURON" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Goderich O.—To be Major: Lieutenant John A. Wilson, R. S. I., from the Adjutancy, *vice* R. Crockett, retired.

34TH "ONTARIO" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Whitby, O.—To be Quartermaster, with Honorary rank of Major: Captain William H. Browne, from No. 6 Company, *vice* C. W. Smith, retired.

No. 2 Company, Greenwood.—Lieutenant Frederick William Webber is permitted to retire retaining rank.

2nd Lieutenant Forrest Alexander Beaton retires from the service.
No. 3 Company, Oshawa.—Lieutenant Frederick William Warren retires from the service.

No. 6 Company, Brooklin.—To be Captain: Lieutenant John Frederick Grierson, R. S. I., *vice* W. H. Browne, appointed Quartermaster.

36TH "PEEL" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 2 Company, Glencairn.—2nd Lieutenant Maitland Ernest Stewart having failed to qualify, his name has been removed from the list of Officers of the Active Militia.

39TH "NORFOLK" BATTALION OF RIFLES, O.—No. 1 Company, Simcoe.—Lieutenant Thomas Rollo Slaght retires from the service.

No. 7 Company, Port Dover.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally: William McBrien, Gentleman, *vice* F. E. Beaupré, resigned.

40TH "NORTHUMBERLAND" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 2 Company, Cobourg.—To be Lieutenant: 2nd Lieutenant William Herbeat Floyd, R. S. I., *vice* Cephas Guillet, who is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

To be 2nd Lieutenant, provisionally: Rufus Fulford, Gentleman, *vice* W. H. Floyd, promoted.

48TH BATTALION, "HIGHLANDERS," Toronto, O.—To be Major: Captain and Adjutant William Campbell Macdonald, V. B., from 2nd Battalion.

To be Captains, provisionally: Donald Murdoch Robertson, Donald Macgillivray, William Hendrie, John Allister Currie, and James William Gray, Esquires.

To be Quartermaster: James Adams, Esquire.
To be Surgeon, William Theophilus Stuart, Esquire, M. D., C. M.

54TH "RICHMOND" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—Major Edward S. Bernard is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

No. 6 Company, Kirkdale.—To be Captain: Lieutenant William Richard Stevens, R. S. I., *vice* Thomas Somers Blackwell, who is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

74TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, N. B.—No. 5 Company, Sackville.—To be 2nd Lieutenant provisionally: Ernest Pascoe Goodwin, Gentleman, *vice* F. B. Black, transferred to 8th Regiment Cavalry.

77TH "WENTWORTH" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, O.—No. 5 Company, Saltfleet.—Lieutenant Arthur Lee retires from the service.

81ST "PORTNEUF" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Pont Rouge, Q.—The services of Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Beaudry and Major Joseph G. Côté, having been dispensed with, their names are removed from the List of Officers of the Active Militia.

85TH BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Q.—No. 2 Company, St. Jean-Baptiste Village.—Captain Marie Joseph Edmour Chagnon, resigns his commission.

88TH "KAMOURASKA AND CHARLEVOIX" BATTALION OF INFANTRY, Rivière Ouelle, Q.—Major W. Joseph Tremblay, resigns his commission.

91ST BATTALION, "MANITOBA LIGHT INFANTRY."—No. 5 Company, McGregor.—To be Captain, provisionally: William James Stinson, Esquire, *vice* Henry Field, out of limits.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: Richard Fitzgerald Pennefather, Gentleman, *vice* John McQuatt, out of limits.

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SAINT JOHN RIFLE COMPANY, N. B.—To be Captain: Lieutenant Edward Atherton Smith, M. S., *vice* John Thomas Twining Hartt, who is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

BREVET.

To be Major from 13th of January, 1892: Captain John Jacques Stuart, V. B., Adjutant 13th Battalion.

CONFIRMATION OF RANK.

Captain Henry Joseph Woodside, R. S. I., No 2 Company, 95th Battalion; from 1st February, 1892.

2nd Lieutenant Edward Hartley Port, R. S. A., No. 1 Battery, British Columbia Brigade Garrison Artillery; from 14th January, 1892.

2nd Lieutenant Robert Larter Meadows, R. S. I., 90th Battalion; from 1st February, 1892.

No. 6—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

Rank, Name and Corps.	Class.	Course.	Grade.	Percentage of Marks obtained.		
				Written.	Practical.	Aggregate Percentage.
<i>Royal School of Cavalry.</i>						
Private C. Isaac, 1st Regiment	2	S	B	55	50	51
<i>Royal School of Instruction, Winnipeg.</i>						
Captain J. McLaren, 90th Bn	1	S	A	78	84	81
do H. J. Woodside, 95th do	1	S	A	85	78	79
2nd Lieut. R. S. Meadows, 90th do	2	Sp	A	62	71	67
<i>Royal Schools of Artillery.</i>						
2nd Lieut. E. H. Port, British Columbia Brigade	1	Sp	A	79	72	78
Sergeant J. Bourassa, No. 1 Lévis Battery	2	S	B	61	74	69
Corporal J. Allen, "C" Batt. R. C. A.	1	S	B	59	82	73
do T. McCarthy do	1	S	B	67	86	79
Bombardier J. C. Clowe do	1	S	B	63	75	71
do I. Hamilton do	1	S	B	69	82	77
do F. L. Englefield do	2	S	B	48	59	55
Act. Bombr. J. L. Hughes do	2	S	B	44	72	61
Gunner R. P. Davies do	2	S	B	53	71	64
do L. E. Denison do	1	S	B	68	85	79
do A. Gordon do	2	S	B	54	77	68
do G. O. Leask, Br. Columbia Brigade	1	S	B	56	81	71
do W. D. Cook, P. E. Island Brigade	2	S	B	65	68	68
<i>Royal Schools of Infantry.</i>						
2nd Lieut. C. C. Dunlop, 12th Bn	1	S	A	91	89	90
Corporal W. K. Clarke, 28th do	2	S	B	57	53	55
Private W. H. Magwood, "D" Co. I. S. C.	2	S	B	78	66	70
Private R. A. McCulloch, 30th Bn	2	S	B	65	46	55

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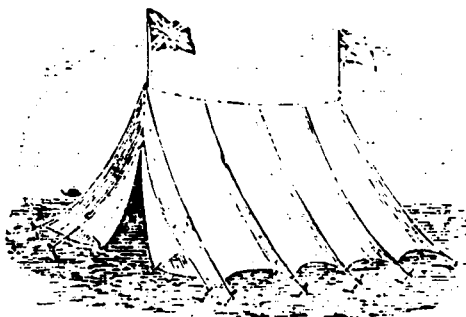
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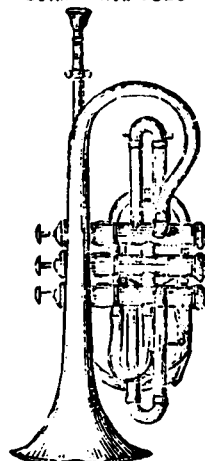
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