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Comment and Criticism.

WE have been asked to announce that the tug-of-war in the Montreal Garrison Artillery's Jubilee Tournament, to be held in the Victoria Rink on the evening of the twenty-first, is open to teams of five (four and a captain) members of any military corps in the Dominion. We hope that many outside corps will send representatives, so as to make the event as national in character as possible. Write for particulars to R. H. M. Bremner, honorary secretary.

NEWS of preparations for military celebrations of the jubilee are coming in more slowly than we could desire, but we hope before the anniversary arrives to hear of general preparations throughout the Dominion. There is to our mind no form which a celebration could take more appropriate than displays of the force which is intended not to make war, but is organized specially to maintain peace. The fact that a large number of troops will be in camp on the 21st June will to some extent facilitate large gatherings, and we earnestly hope that some action worthy of the country may speedily be taken. We will place our columns unreservedly at the service of any organization proposing a demonstration, and will render assistance to it in any way in our power.

THE tournament at Halifax, of which we publish the skeleton programme, promises to be exceptionally good, for that city is the only one in Canada where the help of the Imperial army and navy can be

invoked to aid the militia. We are particularly glad to see a regular officer consenting to act as secretary. We would draw special attention to the shifting ordnance competition, and as there are many garrison artillery organizations within easy reach of Halifax we hope they will unite to make that feature a brilliant success.

THE reception which Ottawa accorded the Governor-General on his return last Thursday was a most magnificent success, and sufficiently demonstrated the failure of Mr. O'Brien's visit to the Capital to secure the sympathy of any of our citizens of standing. From beginning to end of the preparations the kindest feeling prevailed, and at the reception the absence of any formality and the smoothness with which things worked were conspicuous. The militia corps, though they did not participate in their official capacity, anxiously pressed forward to honor the Queen's representative, and while one corps manned his carriage shafts, two others formed the majority of his mounted escort. While the action of some young men in other cities in resenting Mr. O'Brien's meddlesome visit is quite understandable, Ottawa certainly chose the more dignified way to vindicate her loyalty.

BY the tariff of Customs which has been in force up to the present time all articles when imported by and for the use of the army, navy, and the Canadian militia, viz: "Arms, military and naval clothing, musical instruments for bands, military stores and munitions of war", were admitted free of duty. In the resolutions which were recently adopted by the House of Commons and which were put in force by the Customs Department on the 13th ultimo, the words "Canadian militia" were left out. At first sight this would appear to be nothing more serious than a clerical error, but two cases have come to our notice during the last few days in which clothing and band instruments imported by commanding officers for the use of their regiments have been refused free admission, and we understand that the Department of Customs state that the change was made intentionally, and owing to some members of the force interpreting the act in a too liberal manner. If any abuses have taken place in the past—and we cannot see how they could to any great extent—the department would be justified in taking steps to prevent their recurrence in the future, but to saddle the whole force with a duty of nearly 50 per cent. upon those articles of uniform and equipment for which they pay out of their own pocket, would be a most serious blow to its efficiency. We hope that it is only necessary to point this out. We are quite certain that any abuses that have occurred or could occur are not at all likely to be as great as those which are open to occur in connection with the two favored services, where the greatest latitude of construction has always been allowed.

NOW that the date for the annual camps is drawing near it may be profitable to ponder on what the general officer commanding has to say in his last annual report respecting the system. He says: "Having only these two camps to see I was able to make myself thoroughly ac-

quainted with the working of them, and having first recorded my astonishment at what these nearly all untrained men are able to do with such hurried and short instruction, I must place on record my deliberate opinion that looking at it as a means of forming a force that might be able to take the field, this system of bringing the rural regiments together for so short a time (only 12 days every other year) is nearly, if not altogether, useless. The most important part of a soldier's work, that of shooting correctly, is necessarily imperfectly and so hurriedly carried out as to be nearly useless, except that it compels every man to discharge his rifle a certain number of times, for I am perfectly confident from what I saw in these two camps that many of the men had never before pulled a trigger. Then I found that in accordance with paragraph 415, regulations and orders, 1883, men who missed all five rounds at 200 yards were moved back to the next distance where they again failed to hit the target and then back to 500 yards, naturally again missing at a greater distance. This is not only a pure waste of ammunition, but tends to dishearten the men and disgust them with shooting altogether. I put a stop to this proceeding at these camps, being able to do so, as the rifle ranges were commodious, but at many other camps I should have been unable to do so, owing to there being too few targets, and thus proving the necessity for good arrangements for rifle practice at all the camping grounds." It is almost useless to expect any improvement in the abuses—shall we call them—above referred to, and acknowledged by every officer who has studied our system, but perhaps constant reiteration may eventually do some good, who knows?

THE composition of this year's Wimbledon team has at length been definitely settled. The following twenty men have been chosen by the D. R. A. and have signified their intention of going, viz.:

1. Pte. A. S. Kimmerley, 49th Hastings Rifles, Napanee, Ont.
2. Qr.-Mr. Sergt. John Ogg, 1st Brig. Field Artillery, Guelph, Ont.
3. Lieut. W. Mitchell, 32nd Bruce Infantry, Port Elgin, Ont.
4. Sergt. D. M. Loggie, 73rd Northumberland Inf., Chatham, N.B.
5. Corpl. W. Langstroth, 8th Cavalry, Hampton, N. B.
6. Lieut. Geo. Crockett, 82nd Batt., Little York, P.E.I.
7. Pte. H. Marris, 13th Batt., Hamilton, Ont.
8. Sergt. J. Goudie, 8th Royal Rifles, Quebec, P.Q.
9. Pte. Jas. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, Que.
10. Lieut. D. Hooper, 82nd Batt., Charlottetown, P.E.I.
11. Col.-Sergt. C. N. Mitchell, 90th Rifles, Winnipeg, Man.
12. Pte. H. Graham, 13th Batt., Hamilton, Ont.
13. Lieut. A. D. Cartwright, 47th Batt., Kingston, Ont.
14. Sergt. W. C. King, 45th Batt., Bowmanville, Ont.
15. Sergt. A. Thomson, 3rd Victoria Rifles, Montreal, P.Q.
16. Pte. W. Gamble, 46th Batt., Port Hope, Ont.
17. Pte. J. Kambery, 5th Royal Scots, Montreal, P.Q.
18. Lt. W. Hora, 14th Princess of Wales' Own Rifles, Kingston, Ont.
19. Corpl. W. Taylor, 63rd Rifles, Halifax, N.S.
20. Pte. A. Gillies, 90th Rifles, Stony Mountain, Man.

It is within the bounds of possibility that one or two may yet drop out, in this case Staff-Sergt. McAdam, Victorias, Lt. Smith, 71st., and Sergt. Fairbairn 43rd., are the next waiting men.

WE think it will be conceded that the team is both a strong and a representative one. It contains a fair sprinkling of the old reliables, as for instance Kimmerley, Ogg, Loggie and the Mitchells, while the new men, from a Wimbledon point of view, are nearly all known here as men who have gained a reputation for steady shooting. Under Capt. Hartt's adjutancy we hope to hear of the team of 1887 doing credit to the Dominion, and they may depend upon it that their progress will be watched with interest by their home-staying comrades.

In Parliament.

ON the 13th May the Governor-General transmitted to the Senate a copy of a despatch detailing arrangements adopted by the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to meet the views of colonial governments in relation to the Imperial pay and pension of Imperial officers employed by colonial governments. These arrangements are substantially the same as given in our issue of 17th March last; the full text of the despatch can be seen in No. 11 of the minutes of the Senate.

On the 16th there was read in the Senate a petition of from mayor and 380 citizens of St. Thomas, Ont., praying that Joseph Swisher be compensated for injuries received by him in the rebellion of 1837.

On the 17th another petition was read, also in the upper house, from Lieut.-Col. David Smith and other volunteers on duty during the Fenian raids of 1866-70, praying that their services might be rewarded by medals or grants of land. A similar petition from Capt Thomas Jull and others was read in the House of Commons on the 18th, but the Speaker pointed out that granting the prayer would involve the disposal of public property, and consequently it could not be received.

On the 25th May Col. O'Brien asked the Government in the House of Commons whether any application had been made for kit allowance to the York and Simcoe battalion, what answer was made, and why no allowance had been made? Sir Adolphe Caron replied that Col. O'Brien had applied on the 2nd March, 1886, on the ground that all other battalions engaged were either supplied with underclothing or made an allowance, which statement was at variance with the facts. On the 4th January, 1887, the general commanding replied that this battalion had no claim as they had been provided with kits by the county, and that if payment was made it should be to the municipality. Some battalions had been made allowances, but they proved beforehand that they had expended the amount for the purchase of kits.

Mr. Rinfret, for Mr. Préfontaine, asked whether Gabriel Dumont was included in the amnesty of 17th July, 1886, and what the Government would do with him if they caught him. Mr. Thompson explained that the amnesty extended to all except such as had committed homicide otherwise than in actual warfare, and that Gabriel Dumont himself would know whether or not that covered his case.

In the Commons, on the 26th, Mr. Fiset asked the government whether they intended to provide for the payment of losses incurred owing to the North-West rebellion, as ascertained by the commission, to which Mr. White replied that a sum would be put in the supplementary estimates for that purpose.

On the 27th the item of \$42,100 for salaries, etc., in the Department of Militia, was passed without discussion, Sir Adolphe explaining that the increase of \$900 was caused by fourteen statutory increases of \$50 each and by a promotion of a third-class clerk to the second-class, at an increase of \$200.

Records of Our Militia Corps.—VII.

The Quebec Volunteer Cavalry.

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PRESENTATION OF A STANDARD TO THE QUEBEC TROOP OF CAVALRY
THE following is an extract from a file of the Quebec *Mercury*, 16th June, 1828:

On Sunday last His Excellency the Governor-in-Chief presented a standard, which His Lordship had caused to be procured in England, to the Quebec troop of volunteer cavalry. The ceremony took place on the exercising ground on the Plains of Abraham, and was attended by the Countess of Dalhousie, and most of the fashionables and gentry of Quebec, and by far the most numerous concourse of spectators remembered to have been collected on any similar occasion. The parade was formed at 5 p.m., the volunteer companies on the right in the following order: First the Cavalry, next the Artillery, and the Rifles on the left, then the Regulars, the Royal Sappers and Miners on the right, the Artillery, the 15th Regt. and the 66th on the extreme left. Shortly after the line was formed His Excellency, attended by the officers of the general and of his personal staff, entered into the square on horseback, opposite to the centre, and was received with presented arms, and the accustomed honors due to his rank. These paid he proceeded to the right of the line, attended by his suite, and passing down the front returned to the right by the rear, and took his station in front of the Volunteer Artillery. His Excellency then directed that Capt Gagy, with the cornet of the troop, should be called to the front, and also Capt. Price, of the Volunteer Artillery, and Walker, of the Rifles, who, having come forward, His Excellency addressed them as follows:—

Col. Bell, Capt. Gagy, Capt. Price and Capt. Walker,—I have long felt it a duty incumbent on me to express to you the satisfaction with which I have observed the formation of the three corps of volunteers

which you severally command, and I have taken this opportunity and this mode of performing an act of justice due to you all. I have seen your exertions and your perseverance, and now consider these corps as the foundation of a system of Yeomanry in Canada, which may yet render distinguished service to your King and Country.

This beginning made, I have been anxious to present to each of these corps some mark of my personal approbation, which might at once testify to the past, and incite to continued perseverance in this spirited undertaking. I have obtained a standard for the Troop of Cavalry, but the custom of the service does not admit of any military badge being carried either by the corps of artillery or riflemen. I have felt it necessary thus to explain the only reason why I do not present the same compliment to each of you.

To you, gentlemen, who command these corps, I feel particularly obliged, and I beg to present to you the only public mark of my approbation in my power to offer, a commission of advanced rank in the militia of the province. Accept of that commission of major with my warmest thanks for the support you have given me in this object of my wishes for the public welfare.

And now, Major Guky, in presenting this standard to the troop of volunteer cavalry of Quebec, I beg their acceptance of it, on the distinct understanding that it is a gift from the governor, as an individual desirous to encourage perseverance and union of sentiment, in the duties for which you are associated. You must bear in mind, and still look forward to the highest honor—"The approbation of his Majesty the King." This standard is only meant to point the path by which to attain that object of the ambition of all soldiers.

May all happiness and success attend you, gentlemen, and the corps which you command. Major Guky having received the standard in that silence prescribed by military etiquette, and with the two other majors, the commissions which His Lordship had been pleased to deliver to them, they severally returned to their respective corps, when Col. Bell expressed the sense entertained by the volunteers of the honor conferred upon them in a speech of which the following is the substance:—

My Lord Dalhousie,—I beg leave to offer thanks for the high honor which Your Lordship has been pleased to confer on the volunteer corps under my command.

Under the auspices of your lordship these corps have been brought forward, and from the very distinguished manner in which you have this day publicly approved of their exertions, I cannot but feel proudly conscious that they have deserved the approbation of Your Lordship, who is so fully capable of appreciating the good intentions of a loyal people, who will ever be found ready to protect the rights of their beloved Sovereign, and I say it, my Lord, with the firmest confidence, that there is not one among us in whose heart sentiments of gratitude and attachment to Your Lordship will ever cease to exist.

I again request Your Lordship to accept from myself, the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates, our most sincere thanks for the very distinguished honor this day conferred upon us.

His Lordship again returned opposite the centre and the line wheeled into column, and marched past in ordinary and quick time, which done, they again formed line upon their original ground, opened ranks, and presented arms, the band playing "God Save the King." His Excellency received the salutes, and having retired, Colonel Nichol, of the 66th Regt., commandant of the garrison, ordered the ranks to be closed, and the troops to march to their private parades.

The day was unusually fine and the whole ceremony went off remarkably well; the volunteers made a very military appearance and marched with great regularity; the troop of cavalry excited general attention; they are well mounted and their appointments were strictly uniform.

The standard with which they have been honored is of rich crimson silk, surrounded with silver fringe, with handsome bullion cords and tassels from the head of the standard staff; in the centre of the color bears a double G. R., richly embossed in gold embroidery and surmounted by the crown, also embroidered and in its proper colors. It is a very handsome military gift, and is worthy of the noble donor. We feel warranted in saying that the honors which his lordship has conferred upon the Quebec volunteers are proudly felt by every individual composing those public-spirited corps.

On the breaking out of the rebellion of 1837-38 the Quebec volunteer cavalry were placed on full pay and taken into the service of the British government, and during the whole of these stormy times co-operated with Her Majesty's regular forces in maintaining order—the other Quebec volunteer corps at this date were as follows, viz:—

Queen's Own Light Infantry.

Quebec Light Infantry, 5 companies.

Quebec Royal Engineer Rifles.

Quebec Loyal Artificers, or Faugh a Ballaghs.

The Sailors' Company, or Queen's Pets.

Quebec Highland Company.

The Queen's Volunteers.

Royal Volunteer Artillery.

Upon all occasions when employed in aid of the civil power the volunteer cavalry in their conduct were distinguished by temper, patience and forbearance, not only proving themselves a valuable acquisition to the crown, but also their usefulness to the country, and their popular officers at that period, Captains A. D. Bell and David Burnet were much esteemed by all parties, both French and English.

In 1855 the Imperial government, having previously withdrawn nearly all the regular troops on account of the Crimean war, were very anxious that an auxiliary volunteer force should be organized in Canada; and to encourage the Canadian government to take up the matter, agreed to hand over all the ordnance lands to them, upon the understanding that Canada should rise, equip, and maintain some 7,000 or 8,000 men. The militia law of 1855 was accordingly passed, providing for such an organization, and in the autumn of that year, an advertisement appeared in the columns of the *Quebec Morning Chronicle*, asking for a meeting of young men who owned or were willing to supply their own horses, and desired to take advantage of the new act, and form themselves into a troop of volunteer cavalry, the meeting to be held at the Albion hotel in Palace street, to sign a roll and to organize without delay. The result was a good attendance; Arch. Campbell, jr., and Dr. MacFarlane were elected officers, John Anderson and W. W. Scott, sergeants; B. L. Prior, and J. F. Turnbull, corporals, and W. Marsden, M.D., surgeon. All members joining bound themselves to supply their own uniform and horse, with saddlery, and pay into the treasurer's hands an entrance fee of \$10. Subsequently the drawing room flat of the old Payne's hotel in the Place d'armes was hired for the winter months as drill rooms, and a n.c.o. from the Life Guards was obtained as instructor. Disputes, however, arose, resulting in the resignation of the officers, and the rank and file offered their services to Capt. A. D. Bell to recruit his ranks and amalgamate the two organizations, which, being accepted the old officers of Bell's cavalry, viz.: Capt. A. D. Bell, Lieut. W. H. Jeffery, and Cornet J. B. Forsyth, took command and secured the services of Adj. Kelley. The corps was gazetted on 17th January, 1856, and formed into a squadron on 13th Nov., 1856. It also had the honor of being inspected by Col. de Rottenberg on the Plains of Abraham who at a dinner given to him the same evening at the Kent House St. Louis street, made sundry promises, which induced the officers to immediately construct a riding school at their own expense. Major Bell, Captain Jeffery and Lieut. Forsyth having received promotion, Capt. Jeffery retired on the 8th June, 1858, with the rank of Major and Capt. J. B. Forsyth was gazetted to No. 1 troop.

(To be continued.)

The New Brunswick R. A. Programme.

THE programme for this year's prize meeting, which is to take place at Sussex on the 23rd August next, has just been issued, and so far as we can see is identical with that of last year. Snider rifles, except in one match; ammunition sold on ground only allowed; no sighting shots; D. R. A. positions, except that the 200 yards of the Prince of Wales' is to be fired standing; rules, generally, similar to D. R. A. rules. Any British subject may become a member of the association.

PRIZE LIST.

"Nursery and Maiden."—The cup presented by Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D. A. G., and \$110 added by the association. Cup open only to efficient members of the active militia of New Brunswick who have never won a first prize at any previous provincial competition. Money prizes open only to such efficient members of the active militia of New Brunswick as have not won a money prize larger than one of \$5 at any previous Provincial or Dominion competition. The maiden team prizes open to teams of five previously named officers, n.c.o. or men from any corps in the province, who have not attended a previous competition of the P.R.A. Entrance fee per team \$1.50, individual 25c.; 5 shots at 400 and 500 yards. First team prize \$25, second \$15, third \$10. Individual prizes; cup and \$10, \$8, \$6 and \$5; twelve smaller; 16 individual prizes, \$60.

"All-Comers."—Entrance fee 25c.; 7 shots at 500 yards—Prizes, \$15, \$10, two of \$7; three of \$5, three of \$4, four of \$3, six of \$2; 20 prizes \$90.

"Domville."—The cup presented by Lieut.-Col. Domville, 8th Cav., and \$100 added by the association. The cup restricted to *bona fide* residents of the province and to be held for the year by the winner. Entrance fee 25c.; 7 shots at 500 and 600 yards. First prize cup and \$15; other prizes \$10, \$8, \$6, five of \$5, five of \$4, eight of \$2; 22 prizes, \$100.

"Prince of Wales."—The Prince of Wales cup, medal and \$145. Open to efficient members of the active militia of N.B., and to officers retired therefrom retaining rank. Team prizes to be competed for by five previously named members of any regiment of cavalry, field battery, brigade of artillery, and any battalion or independent company of the active militia. The names of the men composing the teams to be given in before the commencement of the competition. Entrance fee per team, \$2.50, per individual, 25c.; 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Team prizes \$20, \$15, \$10; first individual prize, cup, medal and \$10, other prizes \$12, \$8, \$7, four of \$5, four \$4, five of \$3, six of \$2, 23 individual prizes, \$100.

"Provincial."—Cup presented by the Hon. David McLellan and \$102 added by the P. R. A. Cup to be competed for at five consecutive meetings of the association, and the winners at the ensuing annual matches to shoot off. Entrance fee 25 cents; range 600 yards; number of shots not stated; last year seven were fired. First prize cup and \$15; second \$12, third \$10, two of \$7 three of \$5, ten of \$2; 22 prizes, value \$102.

"Elder."—The challenge cup presented by late Hon. Wm. Elder. Open to teams of eight from each county association affiliating with the P. R. A. Those only eligible to shoot on a team who shall have been resident in the county which they represent for at least six months. The names of the team to be given in before the commencement of the competition. The cup to be held during the year by the highest scorer in the winning team and to be returned to the secretary of the P. R. A. before the next annual matches. Entrance fee, per team, \$4; 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards; cup and \$32, \$24, \$16; 3 prizes, \$72. Unless more than three teams compete the third prize will not be offered.

"Association."—The association challenge cup and \$200. Entrance fee 50 cts; 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards. First prize cup and \$15, second \$10, third \$9, fourth \$8, fifth \$7, sixteen of \$5, nine of \$4, nine of \$3, four of \$2; 43 prizes, \$200.

"Maiden Aggregate."—Open to competitors who have never attended a previous meeting of the association. For the highest aggregate scores in the Nursery, All-Comers, Domville and Association matches, \$5, \$4, three of \$2. Five prizes, \$15.

"Governor-General's Medals."—The silver and bronze medals presented by His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-General of Canada. Open to all members and affiliated members being residents of the Province. For the scores in the All-Comers, Domville and Provincial matches, together with the 500 and 600 yard scores in the Association match, which make up the highest aggregates.

"Grand Aggregate."—To be awarded to competitors whose respective scores in the All-Comers, Domville, Association and Provincial matches, together with the 500 and 600 yard scores in the Prince of Wales' match, make up the highest aggregates. Entrance fee 50 cts. All entries to be made before six of the first day of the meeting. First prize N.R.A. medal and \$8, second D.R.A. medal and \$8, third P.R.A. medal and \$8, fourth \$6, six of \$5; ten prizes, value \$60.

"Ottawa Team."—Team of 20 men to represent the association at the matches of the D.R.A., at Ottawa, August 29th. The Provincial Government grant of \$300 to be divided amongst the team which eventually goes to Ottawa. Open to such efficient members of the active militia of the province and such officers retired retaining rank as may enter in the Grand Aggregate. Places shall be taken according to scores. There will be no division of the Ottawa winnings. The team will be under the control of a captain to be selected by the team from amongst its members, and shall be governed by such rules as may be framed for its guidance by the Executive Committee. As the Dominion matches open on Monday, August 29th, it will be necessary for the team to proceed direct to Ottawa, on the conclusion of the provincial shooting.

"Snider" Extra Series.—Competitors may enter as often as they wish. Entrance fee 25c each entry, 7 shots at 500 yards. Prizes \$12, \$10, \$8, \$7, \$6, two of \$5, three of \$4, five of \$5, 15 prizes, \$75.

"Martini" Extra Series.—Competitors may enter as often as they wish. Entrance fee 25c each entry, 7 shots at 500 yards. Prizes \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8, \$7, two of \$5, four of \$4, four of \$3, 15 prizes, \$90.

Grand Jubilee Tournament.

BY permission and under the patronage of General Lord Alexander Russell, C.B., commanding troops, B.N.A., and also under the patronage of Vice-Admiral A. M. L. Lyons, commander-in-chief, N.A. Station and His Honor the Lt-Governor, will take place at the exhibition Building, Halifax, N.S., during the celebration of the Queen's Jubilee on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of June, 1887. Probably 200 competitors will take part in the following

PRIZE COMPETITIONS.

1. Musical ride by a troop of Life Guards.
2. Sham fight with British troops vs. Egyptians, by men who took part in the late Egyptian war; a grand charge will be made by the Life Guards.
3. Mounted competitions by officers of the army and navy: Tent pegging; lemon cutting, tilting at the ring; cleaving the Turk's head; sword vs. sword; sword vs. bayonet; wrestling on horseback.
4. Tug-of-war open to army and navy; tug-of-war open to amateur athletic clubs.
5. $\frac{1}{4}$ mile race, professional; pole jump, professional; $\frac{1}{4}$ mile race, amateur; 3 mile walk, amateur.
6. Open to army and navy—Sword vs. sword; bayonet vs. bayonet; single stick, *melée*.
7. Field gun drill by teams from Her Majesty's navy.
8. Shifting ordnance—A prize is offered by the City Council to be competed for by the Canadian artillery militia. The following teams have been invited to take part in the competition viz. Halifax G.A., Quebec, Montreal, St. John, N. B., Prince Edward Island, Yarmouth, Digby and Picton garrison artillery.

COMPETITION IN SHIFTING ORDNANCE BY DOMINION ARTILLERY.

Drill Shift.

1. A 64 pr. R.M.L. gun mounted on a standing carriage to be dismounted down the rear on watered skids, passed through a narrow passage (formed for the purpose) and then mounted on another similar carriage by parbuckling up the side. That detachment to be considered the winner which performs the operation in the shortest time; points being deducted for errors in drill, unsteadiness, etc.

"Go-as-you-please" Shift.

2. The above gun to be dismounted from its carriage, passed through the obstacle, and mounted on the other carriage—that detachment to be considered the winner which performs the operation in the shortest time, without reference to drill, etc.

In both cases the detachments to consist of nineteen members including the commander.

9. Teams who are going to compete are requested to communicate as soon as possible, for further information, with

Col. Lane, A. M. Sec., Headquarter Office, Halifax, N.S.

In addition to the above the City Council are making preparations for other jubilee events viz. athletic sports, regatta and yacht races. Horse races will be held on the 21st. Firemen's torchlight procession, illumination of the city, etc., etc., during the above three days.

R. B. LANE, Col., A.M.S.

Halifax, 28th May, 1887.

Queen's Birthday Celebrations.

St. John, N.B.—The 62nd Fusiliers assembled at the drill shed at 11 a.m., when a fairly good representation of the corps was present, though, as it was not known that the battalion was to turn out until a day or two before, many of the men had gone out of town to spend the holiday. Colonel Blaine was in command, and all the officers were present, except Major Tucker, confined to his house by illness. After forming up, with colors and fife and drum band, the regiment was put through some battalion movements, and at noon the usual *feu de joie* was fired, the musketry alternating with the artillery under Capt. Crawford, from the seaward battery. After the salute and orthodox cheers the parade was dismissed.

A royal salute was also fired from Fort Dufferin by Captain Gordon's battery of artillery. In the evening a display of fireworks was made from the front of the 62nd club room, Charlotte street.

St. Johns, P.Q.—The 65th battalion, of Montreal, under Major Dugas, and the Infantry School under Lt.-Col. d'Orsonnens, celebrated Her Majesty's birthday here. The 65th left Montreal by train on Monday night at 9.30, and were quartered in the old drill shed at St. Johns shortly before midnight. Reveille was sounded at 5.30 and at 6 o'clock they went on parade, and continued drilling until eight o'clock. At 11 o'clock, in company with B School of Infantry, the 65th were drawn into line in the barrack yard, and after a short drill, during which the school band played, Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens inspected the parade. The men of the infantry school presented a fine, soldier-like appearance, being above the average height, uniform in size, and remarkably robust. The uniforms were neat, well-fitting, and as well kept as any of the regulars. The 65th also showed to good advantage, and the officer inspecting appeared to be well pleased with what he had seen. The column then marched in fours to the common outside the barracks in the following order:—

Band of 65th battalion, band of Infantry School, B Co., under Capt. Coursol, The 65th under Major Dugas, No. 1 Co., Capt. Robert; No. 2 Co., Capt. des Trois Maisons; No. 3 Co., Capt. Villeneuve; No. 4 Co., Capt. Roy; No. 5 Co., Capt. G. Villeneuve; No. 6 Co., Capt. Giroux; No. 7 Co., Capt. Labelle. The acting adjutant was Capt. Ethier; quarter-master, A. Larocque; surgeon, L. A. Paré, asst.-surgeon; Dr. Lalonde, Capt. Engelke, 6th, attached.

At noon a *feu de joie* was fired, and the firing was remarkably even. The band played "God Save the Queen," and Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens led in three hearty cheers for Her Majesty. The men marched past at the quick and double. The 65th require more drill at the double. At the conclusion of the march past the officers of the 65th were called to the front and Lieut.-Col. d'Orsonnens, after thanking them for joining him and his men in the celebration, complimented them on the splendid appearance of their different companies and on the efficiency they had obtained.

In the afternoon a large number assembled on the common, where military foot racing, took place, Major Dugas, Major Prexost and Capt. Coursol acted as judges. The races were all well contested. The following is the list of winners:—

Mile race, open to 65th and I.S.—1st prize, Pte. McLennan, I.S., 2nd, Pte. Crowley, do.

Tug-of-war, between eleven of the 65th and eleven of I.S.C., won by the latter in two straight tugs.

Quarter-mile hurdle race—1st prize, Pte. McLennan I.S.C.; 2nd, Pte. Bernard, do; 3rd, Pte. Bertram, 65th.

Potato race—1st prize, Pte. Fournier, I.S.C., 2nd, Pte. Degagné, 65th. Quarter mile race, in heavy marching order—1st prize, Pte. McLennan, I.S.C.; 2nd, Pte. Crowley, 65th.

Half-mile race for members of 65th—1st prize, Pte. Beupré; 2nd, do., Pte. Degagné.

Mile race for members of I.S.C.—1st prize, Pte. Fournier; 2nd, Pte. Bernard.

Three-legged race—Robert and McLennan, I.S.C., Fournier and Crowley, do., dead heat, prize divided.

Half-mile race, open—1st prize, Pte. Roberts; 2nd do., Stephane. All-comers (civilians) half mile—1st, H. Allan; 2nd, R. Hay.

The prizes were, at the conclusion, distributed to the winners. They consisted of cigars, silverware, and various description of chinaware.

At eight o'clock the officers of the 65th were entertained at a sumptuous dinner in the officers' mess.

Hamilton.—The field battery fired a royal salute at noon.

Guelph.—No. 2 Batt. P. B. F. A. fired a royal salute.

Toronto.—The garrison artillery fired the authorized royal salute at Riverdale park.

Several thousand people assembled in the grounds of the University of Toronto for the purpose of seeing the ceremony of trooping the colour performed by the Royal Grenadiers. His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne arrived about 11 o'clock, and the fact was announced by the band of the Grenadiers playing the National Anthem. The Grenadiers were drawn up facing the University at the extreme end of the lawn, with "C" company, Infantry School, at their right. Major-General Middleton was in command. His Excellency, who was mounted, witnessed the whole of the ceremony and expressed great pleasure at the manner in which it was carried out. In honor of the day the exceptional compliment of a royal salute was paid His Excellency. Major Dawson officiated as field officer of the day, and under his direction the trooping of the color was performed. The troops then marched past His Excellency, the precision with which they executed their movements eliciting much applause. The column being halted His Excellency rode up and addressed a few complimentary remarks to them in acknowledgment of their efficiency. The people cheered, the band struck up "God Save the Queen." His Excellency and staff left the park en route for Government house and the troops marched down to the drill shed, the band playing the British Grenadiers and other inspiring marches. The ceremony in all occupied about an hour.

The Queen's Own trip to Napanee was in every respect a successful one. Leaving here late on Saturday night they had a church parade on Sunday and a review on Tuesday. They reached here on their return at 7 on Wednesday morning. They disembarked at the foot of Jarvis street and marched to the drill shed, where they were congratulated by Major Hamilton upon their excellent behaviour during the trip, which the men say was one of the pleasantest on record. On their departure from Napanee they were heartily cheered by the residents.

Quebec.—It is a long time since so dense a throng of people has been seen on and around the Esplanade as attended the review of the troops at ten o'clock. Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, D.A.G., was present, attended by a large staff, and inspected them, the brigade being under the command of Lt.-Col. Montizambert. Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, was also present. "B" Battery, as usual, presented a splendid appearance, so did the men of the Cavalry School Corps under the command of Lt.-Col. Turnbull, and the 8th Royal Rifles in charge of Lt.-Col. Miller. A royal salute of twenty-one guns was fired, and after each seven guns came a well fired *feu de joie* from the infantry, and the National Anthem played by the bands, those of "B" Battery and the 8th being amalgamated for the occasion. Another royal salute was fired at noon from the guns of the Citadel while the Royal Standard waved from the King's Bastion.

In the evening a grand concert was held in the new drill hall. The feature of the entertainment was the presence and playing of the 7th Regiment band, N. G., State of N. Y. The *Chronicle* says the New York band arrived at the drill shed at 7.45 p.m., and was received by the local bands playing the American national airs. The firing of guns announced the arrival of the Lieut.-Governor and the commencement of the concert, of which the first item was the splendid new march "The Queen's Jubilee." The performance of this march by the band of the 7th Regiment of New York, was all that could be desired, and there is no doubt that the music itself is destined, like Mr. Vezina's other compositions, to become quite popular. When the air of the National Anthem was first introduced into the march, with cannon accompaniment, the effect was really grand. The enthusiasm of the audience was raised to a very high pitch, and all present rose immediately to their feet."

Halifax.—The holiday was very quietly observed here. There was no review on the Common, but a *feu de joie* was fired by the Royal artillery from the Citadel. A royal salute was also fired from the saluting battery at 12 o'clock. A great deal of the shipping in port displayed flags and bunting, and the citadel and many private residences and business establishments made a similar display.

Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

DOMINION AMMUNITION.

DEAR SIR,—As you very truly remark in your editorial of 12th ult.: "That this dissatisfaction and uncertainty about the Quebec ammunition is in a great measure responsible for the disaster into which the Snider shooting seems to be gradually falling."

So all the shooting men of Canada say.

Now, Mr. Editor, is it fair that we should be obliged to use these cartridges which have been repeatedly condemned and cannot be depended upon. The Snider is not a bad weapon up to 600 yards, and as we are obliged to use it, should we not make the most of it? The new issue does not seem any better than the old, men are already complaining of ricochet shots and short shots, the reason for which one has not far to go to find.

If the marksman is to be forced to use no other ammunition, as we are led to believe, then farewell to rifle shooting. It will not only affect our home competitions, but also the practice of our Wimbledon men, and so lessen their chances of success.

VOLUNTEER.

Regimental Intelligence.

We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?

Montreal.—A notable feature of the Royal Scots' entertainment on the 20th ult., which was omitted from our account last week, was the drill and bayonet exercise by C company. For the benefit of other corps contemplating similar achievements, we give the movements undertaken in full. Their spectacular effect was particularly good:

The company's piper led the squad on to the stage and played while the men marched about the stage, 12 files all told. They came on one rank from each side, meeting in the centre, turning to the front, advancing, countermarch, turn to the front, wheel to the right, turn into file, left about form, advance, wheel to right by half companies, right about form, advance, wheel outwards by half companies, retire in file, form inwards about, advance in double files from the centre, front form, retire in double files from the centre, rear form company, turn to the left, wheel to the left and at the halt front form company, prepare for bayonet exercise, bayonet exercise, reform line, and march off; all of which was done without word of command.

Ottawa.—The 43rd battalion announce an assault-at arms and military concert, in the presence and under the patronage of His Excellency the Gov.-General and Lady Lansdowne, Sir Adolphe Caron, Gen. Sir Fred. Middleton, His Worship Mayor Stewart, for Thursday evening, 9th June, in the Opera House. The programme will contain the following interesting features:—Mounting and dismounting ordnance competition, between squads from Ottawa field battery; exhibition of sword exercise by squad P.L.D.G.; bayonet exercise by No. 1 Co., 43rd battalion; tug-of-war contest for silver cup, championship of No. 4 military district, (open to any troop, battery or company); tug-of-war will take place between teams of the Dominion and city police forces; vocal and musical contributions by Ottawa's best amateurs, winding up with a grand military sketch entitled "camp life," introducing scenes around the camp fire, songs, choruses, stump speeches and other specialties.

St. John.—The officers of the 62nd Fusiliers have completed all arrangements to produce the military comedy of Ours during exhibition week, rehearsals have been in progress and the cast is now complete. Some of the best lady amateurs have kindly consented to assist, and the gentlemen's parts will be taken mainly by officers of the Fusiliers. The exhibition building will have a large stage built capable of accommodating the whole battalion with band, drums and horses, and seats will be arranged to the number of about 1,500. In the way of scenic effects, such as The Departure. The Battle Field and the Crimean Camp, every detail will be carried out, and this play will be one of the attractions for Jubilee week; the dates fixed are 24th and 25th June.

Arnprior.—No. 6 Co. 43rd battalion will drill every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening till further notice in preparation for brigade camp, which assembles on the 21st. The company made nothing by the Queen's Birthday celebration, in consequence of the rain.

Hamilton.—The 13th battalion attended divine service at St. Thomas' Church on 22nd May.

Toronto.—At 3 p.m. on Sunday the 15th May the Royal Grenadiers, under Major Dawson, mustered at the Queen's Park for the purpose of attending divine service at Mount Pleasant Cemetery and witnessing the unveiling of the monument to Privates Moor & Hughes. Nearly every officer and man turned out for this important occasion, and both bands were in full strength. The park and streets were crowded with admiring spectators, and the regiment never looked better. At the cemetery Rev. Dr. Potts and Mr. Warring Kennedy were awaiting the troops around the monument, which had been veiled. There was an immense concourse of people, who listened with attention to the eloquent words of the preacher as he recounted the events that led up to the erection of the monument. He paid a high testimony to the valor of the citizen soldiery, and stated that he knew what a fond place they held in the hearts of the people. Then, after remarking that the memory of those who had fallen would always be warmly cherished in the hearts of the people, he said: "I now unveil this monument." The veil flew off and the shaft was displayed to view.

A few hymns were sung under the direction of Mr. Wright, in which the multitude joined heartily. The regiment then marched then marched round the memorial and started for home *via* Young and Grosvenor streets to the Park, where they were dismissed.

The monument is about 14 feet high and of beautiful design, reflecting great credit on Mr. Frank Darling, ex-captain of the Grenadiers, who has given the matter a great deal of time.

On the evening of the 20th all the active militia officers in Toronto, numbering about 80, were entertained at dinner by His Excellency the Governor-General. Sir Fred. Middleton and his A.D.C., Capt. Wise, and Col. Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen, were also present.

On the 20th the colts of the Toronto cricket club played a one innings match with men of C school, and got badly left, the military securing 146 runs to 55 of their opponents. Sergt. Hamilton with 80 runs, Sergt. Galloway, 26 and Pte. Hinds 10, made the best stand for the winners; for the Torontos, Phillips, 25, was the only one who reached double figures.

The Target.

[We will gladly publish all scores sent in properly vouched for. Correspondents will remember that scores unaccompanied by full details as to conditions are useless. When no range or rifle is mentioned the record will be the result of seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, kneeling at 200, Snider rifles, no sighting shots.]

Lindsay.—The annual spring prize match of the Victoria rifle association was held over their range on May 12th. The weather was unfavorable there being a very strong, variable wind. Sergt. Robinson succeeded in capturing the much coveted cup presented by the County Council, while Sergt. Williamson carried off the medal presented by Col. Deacon, president of the association. Major Hughes, of Cartwright, won the silver cup presented by Adam Hudspeth, Esq., M.P.

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards.

Sergt. Robinson.....	28	29	57	J. H. Oliver.....	28	23	51
Major Hughes.....	27	24	51	Turner Brisbin.....	29	21	50
Thos. Brisbin.....	28	23	51	Capt. Brown.....	28	21	49

CITIZENS' MATCH.

Seven shots at 400 and 600 yards.

Sergt. Williamson.....	30	22	52	Copt. Brown.....	25	20	45
Major Hughes.....	30	21	51	R. Sylvester.....	23	21	44
Thos. Brisbin.....	31	17	48	Sergt. Williamson.....	20	22	42

EXTRA SERIES.

Five shots at 200 yards.

Thos. Brisbin.....	24	Major Hughes.....	27
Capt. Brown.....	23	Capt. S. Hughes.....	21
M. Maybee.....	23	Sergt. Williamson.....	21

Halifax.—On the 14th inst. a number of the 63rd went to Bedford to compete for the silver spoons given by the officers of the battalion. The day, although fine, was not favorable for high scoring, as a cold, north-east wind was blowing quite strong. In addition to the 63rd about thirty of the Royal Engineers had a day's practice.

SPOON COMPETITION. RANGES 200 AND 500.

Corpl. Taylor.....	56	Sergt.-Major Lockhart.....	47
Corpl. Elliott.....	51	Lie.-Corpl. Gibson.....	41
Sergt. Mumford.....	50	Pte. Corbin.....	41

Ottawa.—The rifle club held their regular spoon competition on Saturday afternoon. The day was a fine one, but the disasters met with provoked general merriment. Mr. Fairweather put a bull's-eye on the wrong target, which, if added to his, would have put him at the head of the list. He only lost the junior spoon on shooting off the tie.

J. E. Hutcheson (dessert spoon).....	26	27	23	76	C. F. Lightfoot.....	23	16	23	62
E. D. Sutherland.....	39	23	23	76	Dr. Geo. Hutchison.....	30	27	5	62
F. W. Smith (junior spoon).....	29	24	21	74	E. Clementi-Smith.....	30	8	23	61
T. Carroll.....	28	26	20	74	C. H. Brown.....	23	19	19	61
J. H. Fairweather.....	28	30	16	74	Capt. Sherwood.....	28	20	12	60
Lieut. Gray.....	30	23	18	71	Capt. Wright.....	25	26	5	59
J. H. Ellis.....	27	20	21	68	Lieut. Geo. White.....	30	14	12	56
N. Morrison.....	28	19	19	66	W. A. Jamieson.....	29	13	12	54
G. H. Duncan.....	30	19	16	65	Capt. Bell.....	25	17	7	49
Major Anderson.....	29	22	14	65	R. Stewart.....	27	11	5	43
J. T. Junkin.....	28	19	17	64					

The Guards' rifle association also had a spoon competition on Saturday afternoon, the leading scores in which were as follows:

Sergt. Ross.....	30	21	22	73	Pte. Morrison.....	20	21	15	66
Col.-Sergt. Mailleue.....	27	19	23	69	Lance Corpl. Mailleue.....	25	18	8	51
Corpl. McCarthy.....	26	20	20	66					



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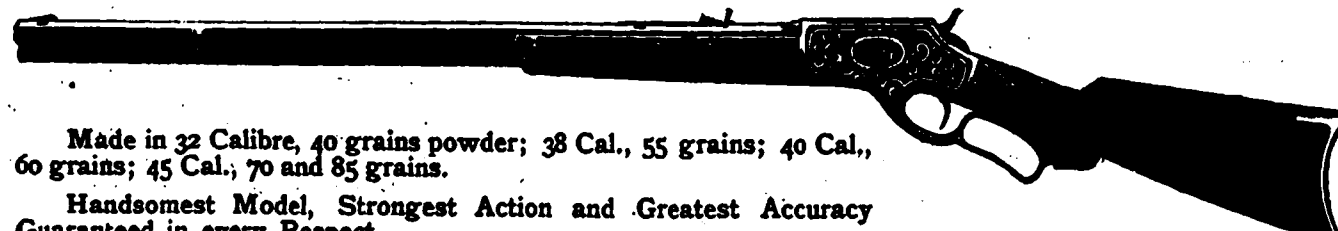
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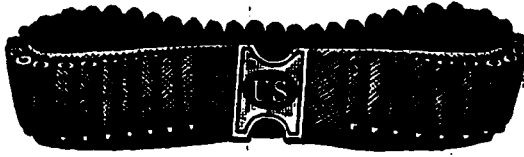
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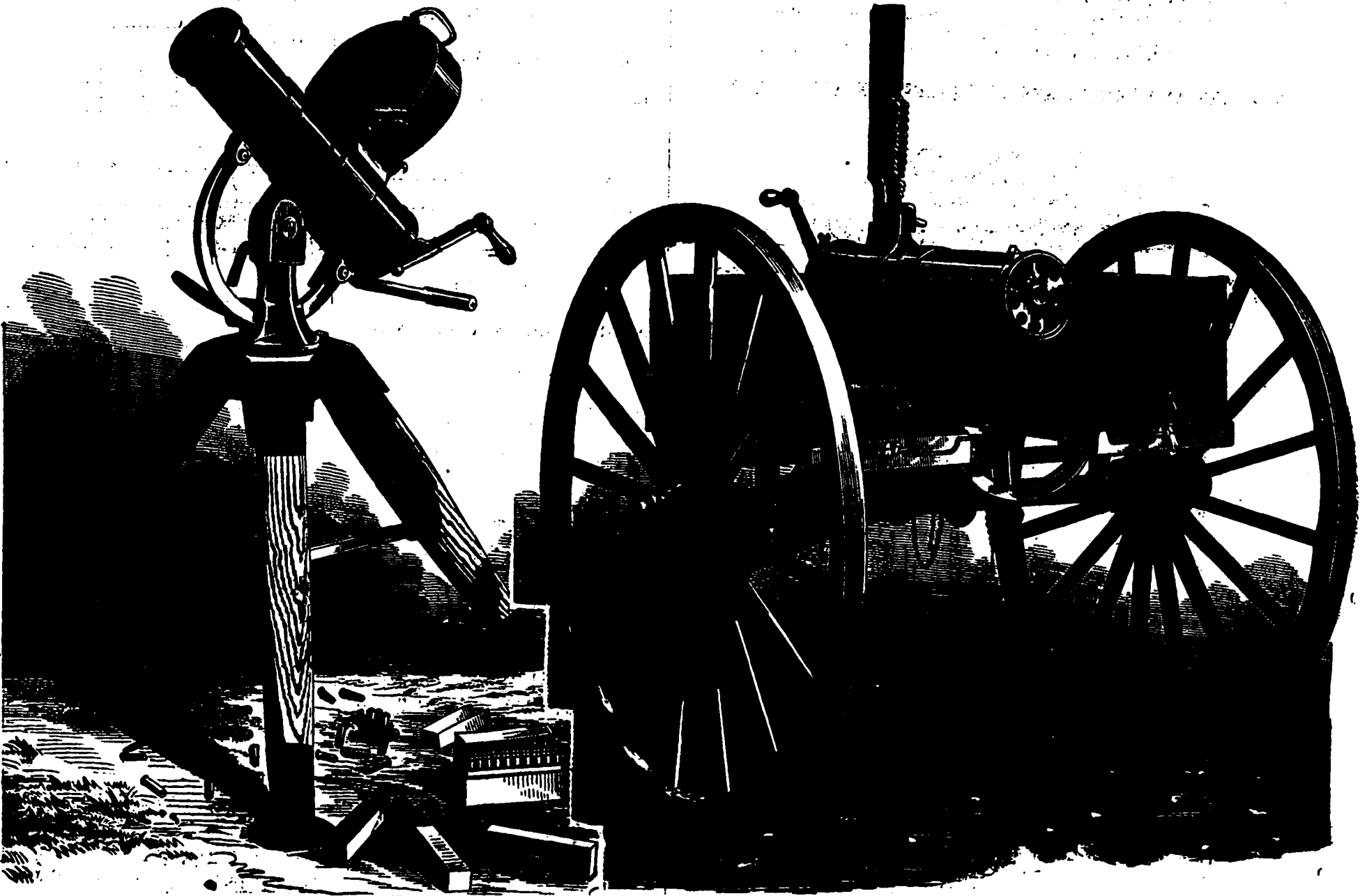
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