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## Comment and Criticism.

THE annual report of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association has just been published, showing that the last season's work was in every way most successful. Starting the year with a balance to the good of only \$24 the association has now \$320 on hand and \$190 worth of ammunition left over, and this notwithstanding the abolition of sighting shots. The hurry with which the matches were got through is referred to, and it is conceded that it would be unwise to attempt to fire them again in two days. The pamphlet includes, besides the report proper, which we propose reproducing, the constitution and by-laws of the association and the record of the prize meeting, as well as the scores made at the prize meetings of all affiliated associations.

ALL our readers interested in rifle shooting, and we hope that every militiaman is an enthusiastic believer in the importance of musketry instruction, should bear in mind that the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association takes place on the 4th May next. We hope to see a large attendance, but there is no reason why those unable to be present should not have their views or wishes brought before the meeting. There are amongst the members of council living in Ottawa representatives of every province, and it is their duty to attend to requests sent in by those whom they represent, and we are sure that they would in every case be found ready to carry out in this way the wishes of their constituents. So if any member has any proposition to make he will have an opportunity of bringing it forward even though personally unable to attend the meeting.

NOT all the beauties of red tape are confined to the British army, it seems. The case of the Indian officer who sent in a certificate that he was alive in July, but who could not get his pay until a certificate that he was alive in June was also forwarded, is cast in the shade by a recent case at Washington. A wharf under the charge of an army officer took fire, and a tug used its steam pump to extinguish the flames. When the bill for this service came before a Treasury official he refused to pay it because the service had not been advertized for in advance in accordance with regulations. This decision was ultimately overruled, it is true, but not before another brilliant official record had been made.

THE English volunteer papers are in the midst of their discussion of the forthcoming Easter manoeuvres, and they are over there so interested in them that it makes us feel that it would be a good thing could we get up something similar here, perhaps not at Easter, when roads would possibly be muddy (if not still deep in snow), but at some convenient holiday season. This year the Queen's birthday falls on a Tuesday. Why might not some enterprising corps arrange to start out on Saturday and march and camp out till the Tuesday night, stealing a holiday on the Monday, and incorporate in the programme sufficient outpost duty and sham fighting to give snap to the experience. The camping out and moving camp alone would be a valuable lesson, to say nothing of the glorious uncertainty, in the present state of quartermasters' and commissariat departments in Canada, of the troops getting any rations, or having them cooked if *par hasard* they were secured. We have done our share, thrown out the idea, who will elaborate it?

STOCK is still rising with rifle shots—their value is being every day more appreciated. The last recognition of their importance is a new scheme of attack formation, proposed by Lieut.-Col. McDonald, R.A., in which one-fourth of each company should be composed of the best shots, and the four sub-divisions would form a company column, with the shooting sub-division leading. This is something like the German regulations in force since 1876, which divides a company into three Zugs, the leading one or "Schutzen Zug" being formed of the picked shots of the company, who normally form a third rank. Cannot everybody see what all this means? that rifle practice and skill in marksmanship are above all and beyond all the most urgent requisite in the training of troops.

WHENEVER we go to Toronto, we drop into W. M. Cooper's fine gun shop, and he usually has some new notion to show us. This time it was Johns' automatic shrapnell, for shot guns. The shrapnell consists of a charge of shot enclosed in two hemispheres of sheet brass, which are held together by a straight wire, one end inserted perpendicularly into the centre of a thick wad, the other end passing through holes in the brass case and projecting free. The wad is placed over the powder charge in an ordinary cartridge so that when the piece is loaded the free end of the wire projects half an inch or more into the barrel. When the shot is fired the shrapnell travels some distance before the

resistance of the air to the wad withdraws the wire and allows the shot to spread, consequently good close patterns can be made at 120 yards or more, which gives of course a great increase in the effective range of fowling pieces. Someone lately suggested buckshot as the best projectile for magazine rifles, in repelling the final rush in battle; perhaps the shrapnell principle might be successfully adapted to military as well as sporting use.

WE have been advised by Messrs. Maynard, Harris & Co., whose advertisement appears in our columns, that they have again sent a representative of the firm to Canada to exhibit samples and take orders. Mr. Baxter will be in Quebec till the 6th inst., Sherbrooke till the 8th, Montreal till the 12th, Ottawa till the 19th, Kingston till the 23rd, Toronto till the 29th, Hamilton till May 2nd, Port Arthur till the 5th, Winnipeg till the 10th, and Regina till the 12th. We are sure the many customers in Canada of the above firm will be pleased at the opportunity thus afforded of ordering uniforms, &c.

WE publish this week, as promised, a tabulated synopsis of the new militia list, with a recapitulation, in which the state of the several districts as regards numbers and qualifications of officers is compared with last year. We have drawn special attention to vacancies and irregularities in the appointment of field officers and adjutants, but the whole list deserves the most careful study, in that it shows the relative efficiency of the several districts, and the general efficiency of the whole active force. On the whole we find surprisingly little change from the totals of last year; there is just about the same proportion of vacancies, and the same proportion of unqualified officers. Indeed, if the Algoma battalion, the 91st and 95th, which were not in last year's list, were omitted from this year's reckoning, the totals would be almost identical. The facts most strongly emphasized are that there are too many vacancies, especially amongst field officers, who require the highest qualifications, and that the seven schools of instruction are not able, with their present facilities, to do anything towards increasing the proportion of qualified officers. They have been utilized to their utmost capacity throughout the past year, yet neither the proportion nor absolute number of unqualified officers has in the least diminished. All the old officers which the active force is losing are men holding some qualification, and they are disappearing apparently quite as rapidly as newly certificated men are filling their places.

### Personal.

Commissioner L. W. Herchmer, of the Mounted Police, has been in town for some days on duty connected with his command.

Capt. Anstruther, of Portage la Prairie, who was recently promoted to a majority in the Suffolk regiment, left Manitoba for England last week to attend the annual drill. He will be absent about three months.

We learn that Lieut.-Col. Crawford has resigned the command of the 3rd Victoria Rifles after a service in that position of only three years. He will be succeeded by Major C. P. Davidson, the well-known advocate.

Major S. W. Ray, commander of the newly organized Algoma battalion, was in town early this week, after having successfully passed at the Toronto school for a first class certificate. We will be greatly disappointed if Major Ray does not make a splendid success out of his command.

The Province of Quebec Rifle Association have decided to increase the allowance to their secretary from one hundred to two hundred and fifty dollars a year. All those who know how energetic and efficient Major Blaiklock has always been will be glad to hear of this mark of appreciation, which is certainly no more than his valuable services deserve.

Captain W. E. Russell, late 8th R.R., has lately taken a good deal of interest in the training of carrier pigeons, and now owns an efficient roost of trained birds, their loft being situated over the Quebec Music Hall. Last year Captain Russell flew birds successfully from beyond Three Rivers, which is ninety miles distant from Quebec.

There will probably soon be several vacancies in the list of officers of the Ninetieth. Major Forrest, at present senior major of the regiment, it is expected will retire in May, retaining rank, and Capt. Worsnop and Wilkes intend leaving, the latter to return to Brantford, Ont., where he will practice his profession. He is now commander of C company.

Captain Clark writes sympathetically from England respecting Col. Mackeand's sad and unexpected death, and recalls an incident when he himself was lying wounded on the Saskatchewan, "when he came quietly and kindly into the tent after the 24th at Fish Creek, and lying down beside me wrote to my wife, to my dictation, adding his own cheering comments and giving her the hope—providentially realized—that I should live. I love to recall this, with the more melancholy pleasure, now that he has gone." He adds, "it was meet that he should be laid beside the men who fell under his command on those well-fought fields. In any expression of sympathy from his officers or regiment to his sorrowing wife and family, you know, though absent, I claim my share."

### Contents of our Contemporaries.

*The Rifle* for April comes to us still further enlarged and improved, and we foresee for it a brilliant future. It is devoting a good deal of space to revolver shooting. Its first article this month is a record of Ira Paine's performances as a revolver shot; the following will also prove interesting to our readers: The Bullard Rifle Match, in which it is shown that the Canadian club, originally credited with first place, fired off the knee instead of standing; Articles on Telescope Sights; A New Hammerless Revolver; Rifle Practice in European Armies; and Franc Tireur's regular English Letter.

The *Army and Navy Journal* (N.Y.) for 2nd April is received and is full, as usual, of short and interesting news items. An editorial on armor is the only long article likely to interest Canadian readers.

*Forest and Stream* for the 31st March is also here, and contains an editorial on European arms and the record of a muzzle vs. breech match, besides the usual load of interesting sporting news and stories. You can always depend on finding good yarns, well told in every issue. We would specially commend Sam Lovell's Thanksgiving, by Rowland E. Robinson, which appeared in the issue of 17th Feb. as being the most exquisite piece of description and dialect, and the strongest appeal to one's natural sympathies that we have read in many years.

The English weeklies for March 26th are to hand, and the following are among the principal articles of interest contained in them:—

*The Broad Arrow*.—The Brennan Torpedo; The Present and Future of the Volunteers; The Strategical Outlook on the North-West Frontier of India; The Black Watch (2nd Batt.); Convoys: Are they any longer possible? Burmah; Correspondence; Editorial Notes and Comments; Naval and Military Intelligence.

*United Service Gazette*.—The Bones of our Waterloo Heroes; The German Emperor's Ninetieth Birthday; The Physique of Recruits; Horse Artillery Reductions; Convoys: Are they any longer possible? Foreign Service Gossip; Reviews; Naval and Military Intelligence; Gazettes and Editorial Notes.

*Volunteer Service Gazette*.—The Easter Manœuvres; The Queen's Jubilee at Edinburgh; Notices of Books; Notes of the Week; The Jubilee and the Volunteers; The Jubilee Reviews; The Volunteer Capital Grant; Correspondence; Reconnaissance, a lecture by Captain Bloomfield.

*The Volunteer Record*.—Biographical Sketch of Major-General Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G.; The Easter Manœuvres; Regimental Orders; Editorial Notes; Gossip; Roughing it (continued), by Dr. Rae.

### Recent Deaths.

Of Dr. D. D. Harrington, whose untimely end we announced a couple of weeks ago, a friend writes us:—

"During the North-West campaign the doctor was a general favorite, both with the officers and men, and at Saskatchewan Landing, where he was medical officer with Major Walsh's detachment of the Halifax battalion, his services were constantly being called upon; sprains, cuts and bruises being easily acquired with the heavy fatigue work done at that place. His kindness in looking after the welfare of those under his charge will long be remembered by those who served with him there. His many friends in Winnipeg, Toronto and Sarnia will also hear of his sudden death with deep regret."

About two months ago there was an early morning fire in the premises on Hollis street where his office and sleeping apartments were located. He was just recovering from an attack of typhoid fever, and the exposure consequent on the fire still further affected his health and finally resulted in his death. The immediate cause of death was paralysis of the throat.

Synopsis of the New Militia List,

SHOWING the corps in the several districts and their strength in companies, the number of qualified and unqualified officers and vacancies in each, the commanding officers and the length of time they have held command.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Table for District No. 1 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Table for District No. 2 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Table for District No. 3 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Table for District No. 4 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Table for District No. 5 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

This district has no cavalry, artillery or engineers.

Table for District No. 6 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Table for District No. 7 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Table for District No. 8 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Table for District No. 9 listing corps, headquarters, commanding officers, years in command, number of officers, vacancies, and remarks.

DISTRICT No. 10.

CORPS.	Headqu'ers.	No. of Troops, bat-teries or companies.	Commanding Officers.	Years in command.	No. of Officers.	No. of vacancies.	Qualified Combatant Officers.	Prov. Appts.		REMARKS.
								Above Lieuts.	Lieuts.	
Winnipeg Tr'p	Winnipeg	1	Capt. Knight...	5	3	...	3			No vacancies; C.O. since dead. Only one major, no adjutant. Since disbanded. Majors and adjutant not qualified.
90th Batt	"	6	Major Coutlee	1	5	...	1	2	5	
91st "	"	7	" Smith	2	21	8	7	1	9	
Emerson In Co.	Emerson	1	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	
St. Jean Bte.	St. Jean Bte.	1	Capt. Thibault	8	3	...	1	...	2	
In. Co. ....	St. Boniface	1	" Prud'homme	7	3	...	2	...	1	
St. Boniface	St. Boniface	1	Lt.-Col. Scott	2	31	1	10	5	11	
In. Co. ....	Winnipeg	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
95th Batt	Winnipeg	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
		26			94	11	43	6	30	

DISTRICT No. 11.

B.C. Bg. G.A.	Victoria	4	Lt.-Cl Wolfenden	1	15	3	7	1	3	No captain.
Rifle Co	"	1	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	
"	New Westminster	1	Capt. Peele	10	3	1	...	1	1	C. O. not qualified.
		6			20	5	8	2	5	

DISTRICT No. 12.

P. E. I. Prov. Brig. G. A.	Charlottetown	5	...	...	16	4	7	...	5	No Com. officer,
Engineer Co	"	1	Capt. Weeks	1	3	...	2	...	1	No majors.
82nd Batt	"	7	Lt.-Cl. Dogherty	1	26	3	10	1	11	
		13			45	7	19	1	17	

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICT.	No. of Companies.		No of Officers.		Vacancies.		Qualified Officers.		Unqualified Officers.			
									Above.		Lieuts.	
	1886	1885	1886	1885	1886	1885	1886	1885	1886	1885	1886	1885
No. 1	93	93	344	344	46	44	154	146	19	20	117	124
" 2	131	127	404	455	85	70	241	246	16	12	133	129
" 3	70	70	260	255	42	47	129	130	9	7	75	75
" 4	48	48	174	479	36	31	97	98	8	6	36	41
" 5	108	108	387	395	71	61	227	226	9	6	100	98
" 6	50	50	186	182	29	32	100	102	4	6	53	47
" 7	83	83	293	303	58	47	188	191	...	2	56	59
" 8	50	50	188	185	22	26	126	127	...	...	31	24
" 9	75	75	283	279	22	21	188	187	6	8	49	46
" 10	26	12	94	42	11	5	43	30	6	...	30	7
" 11	6	5	20	20	5	4	8	9	2	1	5	4
" 12	13	13	45	44	7	7	19	17	1	1	17	20
	753	735	2738	2683	434	395	1520	1509	80	69	702	674

Correspondence.

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

HONORS FOR THE FIELD FORCE.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—An article which appeared lately in the Montreal Gazette, intitled "White's Window" has led me to ask you for such space as will bring before the public the facts that I wish them to note. That able article refers to the Victoria Cross and to the fact that that distinction is borne by all ranks, and that it "at least is a distinction which favors cannot gain, which money cannot purchase." It also repeats celebrated sayings of such great leaders as Wellington, Nelson and Napoleon to show that at least one of the ways of the past, and of the present, that nations have chosen as a reward for bravery is the public mention, by competent authority, of the brave act and the granting of some honor, reward, or special decoration to the soldier for that act. Now that is a rule of the Imperial service and of all countries in the world, be they despotic or republican; the only difference being as to the mode and extent of their being granted. It is a recognised fact among soldiers of experience, that the best troops in the world are beneficially affected when on service by the possibility that is constantly before each man, of his winning a name and a decoration that will be an honor to him through life. Of these honors there are various grades, to suit in degree the act for which it is conferred. In every war, big or little, in which English troops have fought for years back, there have been won and granted a number of such rewards for valor and for faithful intelligent service. But so far no member of any of the columns of the North-West field force have been found worthy by the department of any special honor. No one of all the 5,000 is held to have done better work or been more useful than his fellow. No act of bravery calling for special honor has been gazetted. In short, sir, no Canadian officer of rank has been granted a C.B., or a C.M.G., no promotions for bravery at the front or for splendid forethought and action at the base, have been made, and no one has been thought worthy of a V.C. or medal for distinguished conduct, or Order of Merit. There were those who at "Duck Lake" with Crozier did, before all, deeds of greatest bravery; with Otter at "Cut Knife Creek" who were seen by all to render service and do acts of personal daring; with Strange at Frenchman's Butte who did well and valiantly; and with Sir Fred. Middleton at "Fish Creek" and "Batoche" during those 5 days fighting, to whom special attention was drawn again and again. There were those at Qu'Appelle and on the line of communication whose previous training and intelligent hard work made them examples to all. But so far as the public is concerned, none of this is officially granted, and this, for some reason or other, in spite of precedents and examples without number, is apparently to continue to be the case. Will the press be in this case the "White's Window" that will bring justice to those who in time of need were found to be worthy of honor. MERIT.

PROMOTION IN THE PERMANENT CORPS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—Since the institution of the different permanent corps the thought has frequently occurred to me "what reward, in the way of promotion, are the officers of these corps to live in hopes of?" A natural enough answer suggested was that, as the organizations were extended and increased, promotions would be made from the senior schools, and the vacancies there filled by new material. This, apparently, seemed the only way in which deserving merit, hard work, and zeal could be fostered and encouraged. At the organization of A and B batteries their officers must have understood that promotion would necessarily be slow; but in 1883, when three companies of infantry and a troop of cavalry were formed, not one of Canada's professional soldiers was given any promotion in the new branches of the service. The corps being of distinct arms might be offered as an explanation. Again when the mounted infantry corps was formed none of the longer service officers were promoted. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and if the militia of the Dominion is not merely to exist, but to be, as it certainly ought, a strong chain of security for internal or external disorder, it ought to be tutored and inspired by the various permanent corps, commanded and officered by the ablest and most zealous men and those of longest service.

No men, especially those who might be termed still young, can possibly be expected to keep up a high effort if the hopes of a higher goal are denied him, more especially in the life of a soldier, which at best is one of mechanical monotony, stirred may be now and again by a prospect of active service.

As I have had the pleasure of noting the zeal and ability of the officers in several of the different permanent corps, I can only say that their work speaks for itself, and that I trust the Honorable Minister of Militia will institute a scheme of promotion whereby these worthy servants of the country may duly receive the rewards they so well earn, and which will render them, if possible, more zealous, energetic and devoted, and not mere candidates for dead men's shoes.

30th March, 1887.

EX-VOLUNTEER.

ENCOURAGING YOUNG SHOTS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

SIR,—An editorial in your issue of 31st ult., advises rifle associations to offer more general encouragement to young shots. The Prince of Wales Rifle Association contemplates, with the permission of Lieut.-Col. Bond, the popular commanding officer of the regiment, taking a step in this direction, and with this end in view it is proposed to muster the whole regiment on three Saturday afternoons to meet at the armory, march to the butts, and there combine the annual target practice with the annual regimental matches—the open match to be fired on a separate Saturday afternoon. The regimental matches will be somewhat re-arranged as to details, in order to give younger shots a fair chance. We hope thus to get a good muster of the men and have them all shoot in the different matches. Any suggestions you may make towards making the experiment a success will, I am sure, be thankfully received.

1ST. P. W. R.

Queries and Replies.

THE STRIPE IN INFANTRY TROUSERS.

Q.—The British army dress regulations allow only 1/8 inch crimson welt in centre of stripe for pantaloons, while the Canadian regulations distinctly state 3/8 inch welt. (I have got mine and the tailor followed the Canadian regulation, but though it makes a very fine showy stripe it is almost "too-too.") Kindly state if the Canadian regulation is a misprint—the 1 changed to 3 or not.

A.—I am sorry for your gorgeous trousers. The 3/8 inch welt in the dress regulations is a misprint for 1/8. Grenade noticed this. See his article on page 554.—EDITOR.]

Regimental Notes.

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?

Ottawa.—At a well attended meeting of officers and men of the 43rd battalion, on Thursday evening last, a regimental cricket club was formed with officers as follows: honorary president, Lieut.-Col. White; honorary vice-presidents, Majors Walsh and Anderson; president, Capt. Evans; 1st vice, Bandmaster Greenfield; 2nd vice, Capt. Wright; secretary, treasurer, Pte. A. W. Huband; captain, Lieut. B. T. A. Bell; committee, Lieut. Bradbury, Color-Sergt. Grant, Color-Sergt. Perroton and Pte. P. J. Jones. The club, which contains good cricketing material, will commence practice as soon as the weather will permit.

The two vacant lieutenantcies in the Wakefield company of the 43rd battalion have been awarded to second Lieut. B. T. A. Bell, formerly of the 1st P.W.R., as lieutenant, and Mr. W. T. Lawless, formerly corporal in the Hull company, as second lieutenant. These gentlemen are both very popular in the regiment, and their appointments have been favorably received. Both are enthusiastic athletes and sporting men.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

The G.G.F.G. commenced the season's drill on Monday evening, when there was a fair muster of the battalion. Lieut.-Col. Macpherson addressed the men relative to the proposed trip to Kingston for the 24th of May, and asked them whether or not they were in favor of it. As a result it was found that those present were almost unanimously desirous that the trip should be undertaken. It is proposed that the battalion shall leave Ottawa on the evening of Saturday, the 21st May, and returning leave Kingston on the evening of the 24th. Drill will be actively carried on from this out so that the regiment may present as fine an appearance as possible. There will be two drill nights per week, Monday and Friday. Major Tilton will be in command Monday evenings, and Major Weatherley on Fridays.

The tablet to be erected by No. 1 company, in memory of their comrades, Ptes. Osgoode and Rogers, killed at Cut Knife, is expected to be in position by the next anniversary of their death, May 2nd. The tablet will be of rolled brass, imbedded in dark marble, to contrast with the white walls of the drill hall. It will be placed adjoining the entrance to the company's armory.

In the regimental orders read on Monday evening, notification was given that the Guards would be required to furnish a guard of honor for His Excellency the Governor-General, on the occasion of the opening of parliament, either on the 13th or 14th inst., or possibly on both days. This being a new parliament it is anticipated that on the 13th, the day upon which it is called to meet, no speech from the throne will be de-

livered, but that the deputy governor will merely instruct the Commons to elect its speaker, and that His Excellency will attend on the 14th and read the speech.

No. 1 company has been asked to volunteer for a guard of honor to the Governor-General on the 20th inst., when His Excellency will attend at the opening of the World's Fair to be held in the drill hall in aid of the funds of the Ministering Children's League. The company, it is expected, will turn out in full strength on the occasion. The officers of the guard will be Major Todd and Lieuts. Gray and Winter.

The final examinations in connection with the non-commissioned officers' class will take place within a fortnight.

Sergt.-Inst. McIntyre, who three or four months ago sustained a severe paralytic stroke, has now almost recovered his wonted strength, and was able to appear on parade on Monday.

At a meeting of officers held after Monday night's parade, committees for the ensuing year were struck as follows:—

Band Committee—Major Wicksteed, Capt. Heron and Lieut. Shannon.

Finance Committee—Major Todd, Capt. Toller and Capt. White.

Mess Committee—Capt. Waldo, Capt. Heron, Capt. Hodgins, Lieuts. Thompson and Gray.

Committee of Management for the trip to Kingston—Major Tilton, Major Wicksteed, Capt. Waldo, Capt. White and Lieut. Shannon.

**Toronto.**—The N.C.O's. of the Queen's Own rifles have been drilling under Sergt. Munro, I.S.C., for some time back.

The regiment will parade in drill order at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, beginning 6th April, until further orders.

The 10th Royal Grenadiers begin annual drill on 8th April.

The Body Guard have been drilling all winter in St. Lawrence Hall.

The last drill of the session by the Upper Canada College Rifles, 70 all ranks, took place at the college grounds last week. The boys appeared in their new uniforms and armed with their new issue of rifles. The uniforms are of gray cloth, with U.C.C. R. on the shoulder straps; the belts are white. Under command of Lieut. Scott, late Q.O.R., the company was put through squad and company drill and the manual exercise. Considering the short practice the movements were well done. The bugle band, under Sergt. Parr, supplied first-class marching music. The drill was witnessed by the principal and masters, Col. Gzowski, Col. R. B. Denison, late D.A.G., Capt. Meall, T.F.B., Adj. Manley, R.G., and many civilians. Col. Gzowski addressed the boys at the close, congratulating them and the college on their nice appearance.

Capt. Mason, of the Royal Grenadiers, (chairman of the Public Library Board) delivered a lecture on "The British Conquest of India" in the Public Library building, on Tuesday evening of last week, to the sergeants mess of his regiment. It was a very instructive and entertaining discourse and was thoroughly appreciated.

The lecture was made more interesting by the display of some handsomely illustrated books on India. A large number of other finely illustrated books and works of art belonging to the library were laid on the tables for the inspection of the sergeants.

Among the curiosities exhibited was a matchlock that must have seen considerable service and had evidently been at one time a very handsome weapon. At the siege of Delhi, during the great mutiny, it was observed that one of the enemy had taken up a good position in a corner of a building within his lines and was potting our men. Some Highlanders were directed to watch him, and as he rose up to fire, knocked him over. After the city was taken the place was examined and the dead body of the marksman found; it proved to be that of a native chief, and this matchlock together with some richly ornamented daggers, were found on him. The weapons were got by Dr. Laing, surgeon-major on the staff during the siege, and the matchlock was presented to Mr. R. S. Cassels, of Toronto, by the doctor when the latter was leaving Ottawa some time ago.

The annual election of officers of the sergeants' mess takes place on the 24th of April, the anniversary of the battle of Fish Creek.

**Hamilton.**—There was a jovial gathering at the Franklin House last week, the occasion being the first annual supper of the non-commissioned officers of the 12th battalion. With Sergt. Stannard in the chair, Corpl. Hancock in the vice-chair, and Major Moore, Major McLaren, Lieut. Moore and Bandmaster Robinson gracing the head of the table, the company applied themselves diligently to a splendid repast. Among the non-coms. present were Color-Sergts. Denew, Rice and Walters, Drum-Major Bailey, Sergts. Reid, Bismarck, Barnard, W. Harris, Baker, Brettingham, Blake and Hamilton, and Corpls. Bettles, Mills, Woodard, Coombs, Henning, Marris and Allen. Before proceeding with the toast list, Sergt.-Major Wodehouse assumed the chair. To the toast, "The Colonel commanding and Officers of the 13th Battalion," Major Moore responded. He apologised for the absence of Col. Gibson, whose parliamentary duties kept him away from the city, and then gave the non-commissioned officers, whom he termed the backbone of the battalion, some good advice as to keeping up the record of the regiment. From the non-commissioned officers, he said, had come the best commissioned officers the battalion had ever had. Major McLaren and Lieut. Moore also responded. The toast of the "Band of the Battalion" was received with tremendous cheers, and in response Bandmaster Robinson made a very neat speech, alluding to the fame the band had achieved all over Canada and the United States. Many other toasts were drunk and suitably responded to. During the evening songs were sung by Sergts. Stannard and Blake, Drum-Major Bailey, Sergt.-Major Wodehouse, Corpls. Hancock and Henning and others, and recitations given by Sergts. Reid, Denew and Baker. Sergt.-Major Wodehouse, Sergt. Stannard, Sergt. Reid, Color-Sergt. Rice and Sergt. Baker composed the committee which brought the event to such a successful issue.

The Hamilton field battery are making good progress under Sergt. Kerley; they confidently expect to carry off the general efficiency prize this year.

**Montreal.**—The work on the Victoria Rifles' new armory is being pushed forward very rapidly, and it is reported that the edifice will be finished in time to allow of its being opened on the 21st June, Jubilee day.

**Windsor, Ont.**—The officers and men of the 21st Essex Fusiliers have issued invitations to a banquet and ball to commemorate the jubilee of the fiftieth anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty. They are to come off on the 24th May next in Windsor, the banquet at 7 o'clock in the town hall, and the ball at 9 o'clock in the Essex Music Hall. The invitations are neatly got up in colors, with the crest of the regiment at the top and the colors at the bottom. We wish the new battalion a most enjoyable and most successful celebration.

**Arnprior.**—The officers and members of No. 5 company, 43rd rifles, are making extensive preparations for the reception of their comrades of the 42nd and 43rd battalions when they visit Arnprior on the 24th. The enthusiasm of the volunteers has spread to the citizens generally, who will vie with each other in furnishing a royal bill of entertainment for our military visitors.

Capt. Macdonald has been exceedingly fortunate in securing the services of Sergt. P. Barrett, late of the 68th Brigade Depot, Galway, as instructor for No. 5 company of the 43rd. Sergt. Barrett is taking particular pains with the men, and as he is well up in every portion of the drill, the corps is making rapid progress under his able tuition. No. 5 will be in fine form for the manoeuvres on 24th May. New busbies have been ordered for the company from Messrs. Maynard, Harris & Co., of London, England, which are expected to arrive in time for the jubilee celebration. Leggings will also be procured for the men.

Capt. Macdonald has received a communication from Lieut.-Col. Matheson, of the forty-second battalion, stating that the Perth, Almonte and Pembroke companies of his regiment have signified their intention of coming to Arnprior on the 23rd of May to take part in the jubilee celebration on the 24th. Col. Matheson anticipates that Capt. Sparham's company, of Brockville, will also be present. Special arrangements are being made by the local committee for the reception of their military guests. In all probability there will also be five companies of the forty-third rifles present, together with the fine band of the battalion.

The programme for the 24th, it is expected, will include a grand military display in the forenoon, a regatta, sports, and games in the afternoon, and a promenade concert by the 43rd battalion band in the evening. The grounds in which the band concert will take place overlook the lake, a beautiful sheet of water, which will be grandly illuminated by colored fires and a splendid display of fireworks from boats and rafts during the evening.

CORP. O'KALL.

## The Target.

**Arnprior.**—The annual meeting of the Arnprior Rifle Association was held at the Campbell House on the evening of March 24th. The following officers were elected for the year:—President, Dr. J. G. Cranston; first vice-president, Capt. J. A. Macdonald; second vice-president, Claude McLachlin; secretary-treasurer, Alex. Menzies; committee, R. D. Featherston, Dr. Ward, and Lieut. W. B. C. Barclay. The regular practice days were fixed for every Saturday during the season. It was decided that the association should purchase a silver cup, to be shot for by members of the association, the marksman who wins the trophy twice to become its final possessor. The association is in splendid shape financially, and as the membership will in all probability be largely increased from the ranks of the rifle company, this year's matches will be the best ever held here. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, Mr. J. W. McDonald, for the energetic manner in which he fulfilled the duties of his office during the past year. The association has a splendid range on the east side of the Madawaska, convenient to the town. The annual matches are well attended, as good prizes are invariably given. Last fall about eighty marksmen contested in the several matches, and this year, as the interest has greatly increased since the formation of No. 5 company, a very successful meeting is anticipated. The association have both iron and canvas targets, and the markers' butts have been improved at considerable outlay. A number of special prizes are awaiting winners as soon as the snow disappears. The crack of Sniders and Martinis will then be heard night and morning. Some of our riflemen make "possibles" quite of en, and may, perchance, be heard from at Wimbledon at no far distant day.

CORP. O'KALL.

**Brandon.**—The annual meeting of the Brandon Rifle Association took place on the 28th ult.; it was largely attended and much enthusiasm was displayed by those present. The president gave notice of his intention of offering a silver medal to be competed for by young shots, i.e., riflemen who have never won a prize of the value of \$5.00 at a prize meeting. The best aggregate of 10 scores for season's practice to take the medal. It is expected that this will be the means of adding many new names to the membership roll. The following gentlemen compose the association executive for 1887:—Patron, His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Aitkins; vice-patrons, T. M. Daly, Esq., M.P., S. L. Bedson, Esq., President of Manitoba Rifle Association, J. Smart, Esq., M.P.P.; president, Lieut. E. Clementi-Smith; vice-presidents, Judge Walker, T. W. Ferguson; council, Captain Michell, R. S. Park, Dr. McDiarmid, C. Cliffe, J. Parker; secretary-treasurer, A. W. Reynolds; auditors, Messrs. Douglas and Sutherland.

**Calgary.**—At the annual meeting of the Alberta rifle association His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was elected patron; Major Walker re-elected president; J. Collins, vice-president; I. S. Freeze, treasurer; T. Ede, secretary; and the following members were elected as council: Messrs. Dick, Mortimer, Dr. Lindsay, James Martin, Hambly, Burch, and Blunt.

## EIGHTH ROYAL RIFLES' ASSOCIATION.

**Quebec.**—The annual general meeting of the 8th Royal rifles' association was held in the orderly room, drill shed, after the regular parade on Tuesday evening, the 29th March, and was largely attended by all ranks.

The secretary-treasurer, Capt. Dunbar, submitted his report of the proceedings of the association for the year 1886. The membership consisted of 16 officers, and 51 N.C.O's. and men.

Practice was begun on the 10th April, and ended on the 25th September. Twenty-five practices in all were held, the average attendance being 20.

Six monthly and four extra competitions were held during the season, at which \$107.50 were distributed in prizes. The Regimental Championship Badge and \$10, given by the officers, open to the two highest scores in the annual company matches, was fired for at Levis on the 1st May, and was won by Color-Sergt. A. W. Colley, with a score of 64 points.

On the 11th May, the retiring president, Lieut.-Col. Scott, presented a cup for monthly competition during the season, which was to become the property of the N. C. O. or man who would win it three times out of five monthly competitions. Sergt. Goudie was the winner, having won it at the competitions of May, August and September. Color-Sergt. Thompson was the holder of the cup in June, and Corpl. Hartley in July.

The annual matches were held at Levis as usual on 29th June, and were by far the most successful in the history of the association, both as regards the number of competitors and the programme open for competition, the latter being due, no doubt, to the fact of our citizen friends and well-wishers contributing such a large amount as they did for prizes. It is almost unnecessary to mention that the weather was all that could be expected on St. Peter and St. Paul's day, high winds and rain.

The prize list amounted to \$207, with the "Gilmour Cup" and P.Q.R.A. badge of 1885.

1st. Green Match, won by Pte. Cotman, C company.

2nd. Battallion Match and "Gilmour Cup," won by Pte. Douglas, C company.

2nd Series, company team, won by C company.

3rd. Association Match, won by Pte. Brown, B company.

4th. Open Match, 200 yards, won by Sergt. Goudie, B company.

5th. Open Match, 500 and 600 yards, won by Pte. Brown, B company.

2nd Series, teams of four, F company 1st, 17th battalion 2nd. Grand Aggregate, P.Q.R.A. badge, Pte. Brown 1st; Color-Sergt. Thomson 2nd. The D.R.A. medal for 1885, prize for the ten highest scores made during the season, was won by Sergt. Goudie with 794 points. The "Balfour Medal," given for the eight highest scores during season regular practices, was won by Sergt. Goudie with 643 points. According to the conditions on which the medal was presented, it having been won now two years by Sergt. Goudie, becomes his property.

In the Dominion and Provincial matches the attendance was the same as last year, 11 attending the Provincial and 8 the Dominion. In the former the team won 1st prize for volley firing, 2nd in battalion match, which was open to teams from the whole Dominion instead of to teams from the province as formerly, and 4th prize in the association. The different members of the team did fairly well in individual shooting, Sergt. A. Thomson being 3rd in the grand aggregate, he also won the Lieutenant-Governor's silver medal for the best 500 yards aggregate. At the provincial matches \$84 were won by individuals, and \$52 by teams, and also four extra series prizes. At the Dominion \$105 were won by individuals and \$80 by teams, \$321 in all.

The team took 1st place for the "British Challenge Shield," making the best score on record, and 4th place in the Gzowski Military Match. The following composed the team: Color-Sergt. Thomson, Sergts. Goudie and Dewfall, Corpl. Hartley and Pte. R. Norton, with Lieut.-Col. Miller as captain.

The "London Merchants' Cup" was won by the Province of Quebec team, the 8th furnishing two members thereof, Sergts. Goudie and Thomson, who upheld the reputation of the regiment, being well up in the list. They also took good places in the grand aggregate, Sergt. Goudie being 16th and Sergt. A. Thomson 27th on the Wimbledon team.

The finances of the club are in a flourishing condition, the balance on hand being \$50.20.

The following committee of management was elected for the coming year: president, Lieut.-Col. H. J. Miller; vice president, Capt. J. F. Burstall; hon. secretary-treasurer, Lieut. T. Inglis Poston; committee, Capts. Dunbar and Montizambert, Sergt.-Major Argue, Color-Sergt. Mountain, Sergt. Dewfall, Ptes. Thomson and Bell.

**Gleanings.**

The employment of bicycles by orderlies was suggested in the columns of *The Broad Arrow* some years back, and their possible utility was discussed at Aldershot and elsewhere, but without any practical result accruing. General Boulanger, if sometimes indiscreet through *trop de zele*, is always, however, alive to any question of reform or invention, and he has carried into effect what we suggested long ago. The Joinville training school is a well-conducted institution, and is kept well *au fait*, both by literature and lectures, with the current military novelties which appear and disappear from time to time in the French capital.

Several of our best military authorities are of opinion that orderlies, trained and mounted on bicycles, would be of great advantage at Aldershot, Shorncliffe, the Curragh, and other large centres. The art of managing these useful machines is not difficult, and wherever tolerable roads are available, the saving in horseflesh would amply compensate for the expense of furnishing the vehicles. The duties of mounted orderlies in Aldershot, Dublin, and our large garrisons are severe; while the employment of such in the crowded streets of London is a cruel and ridiculous anachronism, dangerous alike to horse and rider. Few more painful spectacles to the eye of a cavalry or hunting man can be imagined than the sight of a lancer or hussar, especially the former, trotting, in the orthodox riding-school manner, on a foggy afternoon, through some crowded portion of the city, over the slimy and treacherous asphalt pavement, where even the best horsemanship and the most careful riding will not always prevent a dangerous fall.

If the War Office officials find the telephone and telegraph insufficient for the transmission of orders and messages, and insist upon employing soldiers, why should they not be trained to the use of the bicycle, and a certain number of these useful machines become part of the equipment of all corps and detachments? At Aldershot, at the Curragh, and especially in certain parts of Ireland where regiments are much split up into detachments, intercommunications could be easily maintained, and even certain patrol duties carried on, by means of this popular method of travel. Our cavalry are over-taxed in the numerous calls made upon their services. All our regiments are under-horsed and over-weighted, and the man on wheels would save a considerable amount of wear and tear of horseflesh, while leading probably to the future employment of the machine as a means of pushing forward infantry where roads were available, either for reconnaissance or scouting, or to seize villages or advanced posts where cavalry are not available.—*Broad Arrow*.

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The cost of announcements in this column for each insertion will be one cent per word for the first ten words one-half cent for each additional word. Each advertisement will have a register number in our books, and all communications regarding it must be forwarded through the GAZETTE, but it must be distinctly understood that this office incurs no other responsibility or liability in connection therewith. Address, with stamp for return postage, Canadian Militia Gazette, Box 316, Ottawa.

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Printed forms of tender, containing full information as to the articles and quantities required, may be had on application to the undersigned.

No tender will be received unless made on such printed forms. Patterns of all articles may be seen at the office of the undersigned.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian bank cheque for an amount equal to ten per cent. of the total value of the articles tendered for, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

No payment will be made to newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority having been first obtained.

FRED WHITE,  
Comptroller N.W.M. Police.  
Ottawa, March 25th, 1887.



**NOTICE.**

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Indian Supplies," will be received at this office up to noon of SATURDAY, 30th April, 1887, for the delivery of Indian Supplies during the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1888, consisting of Flour, Bacon, Groceries, Ammunition, Twine, Oxen, Cows, Palls, Agricultural Implements, Tools, etc., duty paid at various points in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

Forms of tender containing full particulars relative to the Supplies required, dates of delivery, etc., may be had by applying to the undersigned, or to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, or to the Indian Office, Winnipeg.

Parties may tender for each description of goods (or for any portion of each description of goods) separately or for all the goods called for in the Schedules, and the Department reserves to itself the right to reject the whole or any part of a tender.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a Canadian bank in favor of the Superintendent General of Indian Affairs for at least five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into a contract based on such tender when called upon to do so, or if he fails to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted, the cheque will be returned.

Tenderers must make up in the money columns in the Schedule the total money value of the goods they offer to supply, or their tender will not be entertained.

Each tender must, in addition to the signature of the tenderer, be signed by two sureties acceptable to the Department, for the proper performance of the contract.

When implements of a particular make are mentioned it is because the articles so designated suit the Department for the purpose required better than others; in such cases the competition between tenderers must, of course, be in the transportation to the place of delivery.

In all cases where transportation may be only partial by rail, contractors must make proper arrangements for supplies to be forwarded at once from railway stations to their destination in the Government Warehouse at the point of delivery.

Tenderers will please note carefully the following conditions—

1. Supplies will not be paid for until the Department has been assured of the satisfactory delivery of each article for which payment is claimed.
2. No tender for supplies of a description different to that given in the index will be considered, and supplies which are found, on delivery, to be of a kind or quality different to those described, will be rejected by the agents of the Department; and the contractor and his sureties will be held responsible for any loss entailed on the Department through failure to deliver in accordance with terms of contract.
3. It must be distinctly understood that supplies are to be delivered at the various points for the prices named in the tender; that no additional charge for packing or any other account will be entertained, and that an invoice must accompany each separate delivery of supplies. An invoice for each separate delivery must also be sent to the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, and one to the Indian Commissioner at Regina, if the supplies are for the North-West Territories. When the supplies are for points in the Manitoba Superintendency the triplicate invoice should be sent to E. McColl, Winnipeg.
4. Prices must be given for articles to be delivered at each point of delivery named in the Schedule for each article for which a tender is submitted, and not an average price for each article at all points of delivery; no tender based on a system of averages will be considered.

5. Tenderers should understand that they must bear the cost, not only of sending their samples to the Department of Indian Affairs, but also freight charges incurred in returning such samples to the tenderer.

6. When supplies are to be delivered "equal to sample," tenderers should understand that the sample is to be seen either at the Department of Indian Affairs, at the office of the Indian Commissioner at Regina at the office of the Inspector in charge at Winnipeg, or at any one of the undermentioned Indian Agencies.

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- W. C. de Balinhard..... Sarcee Reserve.

and that no attention will be paid to a sample of any article which may accompany a tender, if a standard sample of such article is on view at the Department of Indian Affairs or any one of its Offices or Agencies aforesaid.

7. These Schedules must not be mutilated—they must be returned to the Department entire even if the supply of one article only is tendered for—and tenderers should in the covering letter accompany their tender, name the pages of the Schedule on which are the articles for which they have tendered.

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L. VANKOUGHNET.

Deputy of the Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs.

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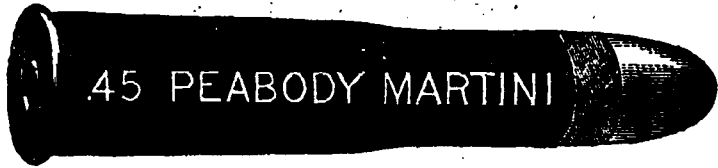
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Upon payment of an office fee of ten dollars, surveyed agricultural land, of the class open to homestead entry, may be homesteaded in any one of the three following methods:—

1. The homesteader shall begin actual residence on his homestead and cultivation of a reasonable portion thereof within six months from date of entry, unless entry shall have been made on or after the 1st day of September, in which case residence need not commence until the first day of June following, and continue to live upon and cultivate the land for at least six months out of every twelve months for three years from date of homestead entry.

2. The homesteader shall begin actual residence, as above, within a radius of two miles of his homestead, and continue to make his home within such radius for at least six months out of every twelve months for the three years next succeeding the date of homestead entry; and shall within the first year from date of entry, break and prepare for crop ten acres of his homestead quarter section, and shall within the second year crop the said ten acres, and break and prepare for crop fifteen acres additional; making twenty-five acres; and within the third year after the date of his homestead entry he shall crop the said twenty-five acres, and break and prepare for crop fifteen acres additional, so that within three years of the date of his homestead entry he shall have not less than twenty-five acres cropped, and shall have erected on the land a habitable house in which he shall have lived during the three months next preceding his application for homestead patent.

3. The homesteader shall begin the cultivation of his homestead within six months after the date of entry, or if the entry was obtained after the first day of September in any year, then before the first day of June following; shall within the first year break and prepare for crop not less than five acres of his homestead; shall within the second year crop the said five acres, and break and prepare for crop not less than ten acres in addition, making not less than fifteen acres in all; shall have erected a habitable house on his homestead before the expiration of the second year, and on or before the commencement of the third year shall have begun to reside in the said house, and shall have continued to reside therein and cultivate his homestead for not less than three years next prior to the date of his application for patent.

In the event of a homesteader desiring to secure his patent within a shorter period than the three or five years, as the case may be, he will be permitted to purchase his homestead, or homestead and pre-emption, as the case may be, on furnishing proof that he has resided on the homestead for at least twelve months subsequent to date of entry, and in case entry was made after the 25th day of May, 1883, has cultivated thirty acres thereof.

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Any homesteader may at the same time as he makes his homestead entry, obtain entry for an adjoining unoccupied quarter-section as a pre-emption, on payment of a fee of ten dollars.

The pre-emption right entitles the homesteader to purchase the land so pre-empted on becoming entitled to his homestead patent, but a failure to fulfil the homestead conditions forfeits the pre-emption right.

#### INFORMATION.

Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, and copies of the Regulations, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Ontario; the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Land Agents in Manitoba or the North-West Territories.

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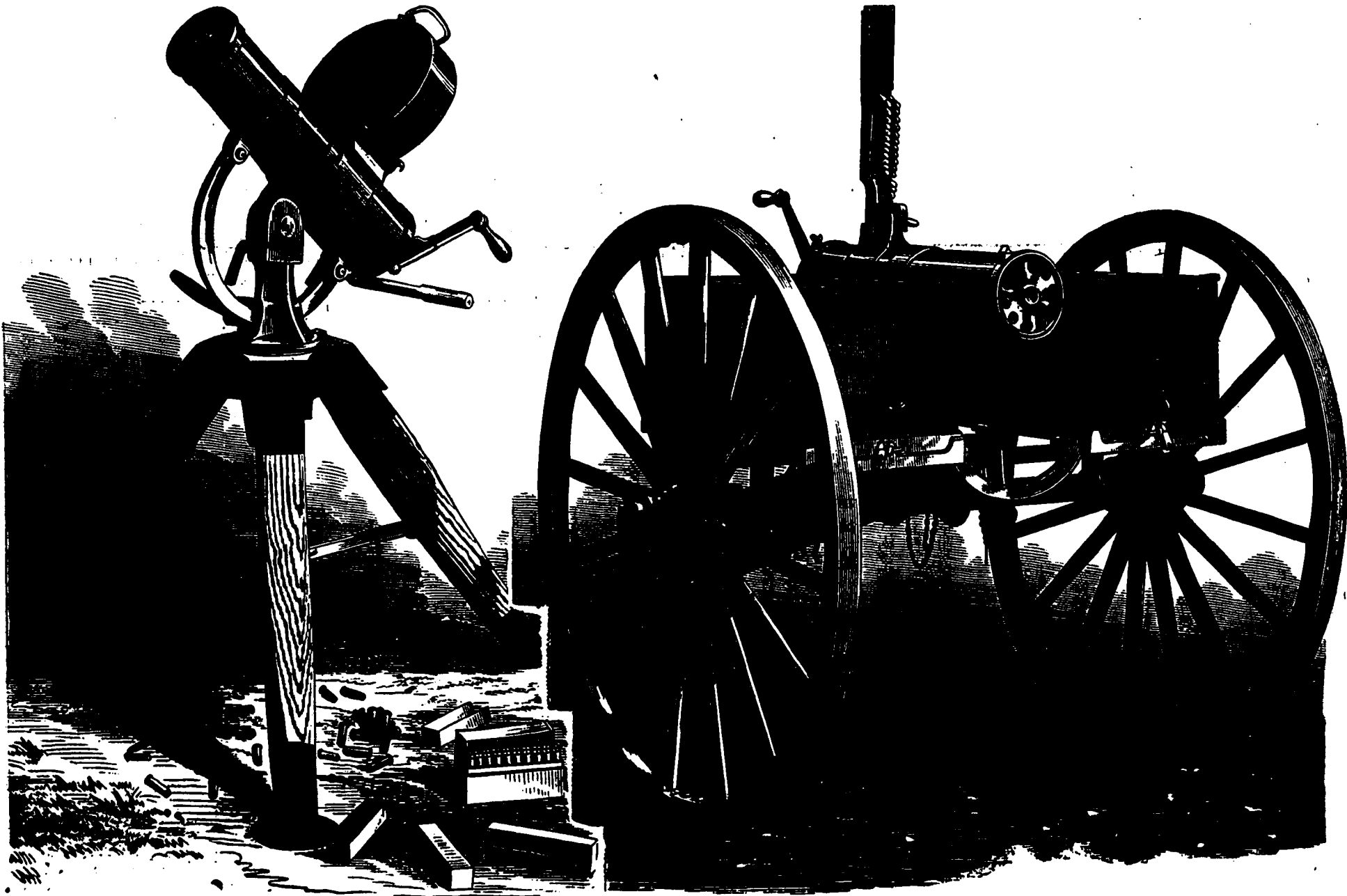
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