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## Comment and Criticism.

It is with pleasure that we make a correction respecting the paragraph which appeared in last issue, connecting the attendance of "A" company, I.S.C., at the New Brunswick camp with the district order reducing to 37 the number of men authorized for drill per company in No. 8 district. It seems that our informant did not fully understand the cause of this economising. But the Infantry School Company were ordered to camp in addition to the strength authorized for drill in the district, and the slight extra expense involved by their attendance comes out of a different fund to that for the annual drill.

THE National artillery association of Great Britain have been obliged to decline the invitation extended to them by the Dominion association to send a team to participate in the grand artillery competition to be held at Quebec in September. The secretary, Major J. I. Rutley, writing to Capt. J. B. Donaldson, secretary of the D.A.A., states that events in connection with the jubilee celebration at home make it impossible to accept this year. An invitation was also sent to the Scottish artillery association, but they have not so far been heard from.

THE Fifth Royal Scots of Montreal were the only corps besides the 43rd Battalion of Ottawa, having enterprise enough to enter a team of twelve men for the bayonet exercise competition in connection with the jubilee sports held in this city on Dominion day. The rest of the Ottawa corps, and those assembled at the district camp at the time, held aloof. The Scots have reaped a reward for their pluck, and we congratulate them. They came, we believe, without the intention of

competing and without preparation, and it was not surprising therefore that, according to the judge's decision, their team was a few points behind another in the competition. But a protest was entered against the leading team, and this being referred to Major-General Middleton has been upheld by him, and in consequence the trophy, a handsome silver cup, goes to the Fifth. The kilted visitors made an excellent impression during their visit here, and the citizens generally were glad to see them winners of the several prizes which fell to them at the sports.

THE programme for the annual prize meeting of the Quebec provincial rifle association appears in another place in this issue, together with a brief statement showing the changes from that of last year. The prize list has been increased, and the shooting will once more extend over three days in place of being crowded into two, which last year proved to be too short a time to satisfactorily carry out the programme.

THE military matches have a prominent place. We like the principle of unlimited team entries from any corps which the Quebec association have adopted in connection with these matches. It is hard to bring about practice skirmishing or volley firing for competitions such as those in the D.R.A. programme, for which only five from each corps may enter. Unless a man feel pretty sure that he will be one of the five chosen to represent his corps, he will not waste time and money in practice, and as a result teams enter trusting solely to luck rather than experience to carry them through.

OF course a difficulty in the way of having unlimited entries in the D.R.A. military matches would be that this would give corps within easy reach of Ottawa an advantage over those from a distance, inasmuch as the former could enter four or five teams to one from the latter. But a question which might well be discussed is, whether it would not be in the interest of the force as a whole to encourage general training in this highly practical form of shooting, even though the chances of profit to distant teams are thereby lessened. Perhaps some equivalent could be offered to the men from the outlying provinces. They come at a tremendous expense to themselves, their associations, or both, and we would greatly regret to see them placed at any disadvantage compared with their fellow competitors from central Canada.

THE Militia General Orders of the 15th inst. are published in this issue. These are more than usually interesting. They deal largely with the Royal Military College, comprising lists of the class graduating from that institution in June, with the marks obtained by each, the names of those who have accepted commissions in the army, and also the list of successful candidates for admission to the college. The number to be admitted is twenty-six, in place of twenty-four as prescribed, the results of the examinations having been such as to justify the issue of a special order for the increase in the class. The popularity of this useful institution continues as great as ever.

A SHARE in the jubilee honors has fallen to the lot of the Canadian militia. The Orders tell us that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to signify her approval of the cavalry and infantry schools in the Dominion being in future designated "Royal." The favor is one which will be fully appreciated, and doubtless the pleasure of attendance at the schools, and the possession of certificates from them, will be enhanced by the more imposing name they will bear.

THE gains and losses shown in the changes amongst the officers of the active militia about balance each other. There are several noteworthy promotions. Major J. G. Bignell becomes Lieut.-Colonel commanding the 23rd "Beauce" battalion, in place of the late Lt.-Col. Duchesnay, who had held the command for seven years. Major J. F. Nott, the senior major of the 1st Batt., Prince of Wales Regiment, retires retaining rank, and the Adjutant, Capt. S. Campbell, is promoted to the vacant majority.

ANOTHER series of promotions has to be chronicled of the Victoria Rifles, consequent upon the elevation to a judgeship of Lt.-Col. C. P. Davidson, who only a few months ago succeeded to the command. He now retires retaining rank. The Vic's cannot well afford to lose the services of officers so enthusiastic, efficient and popular as is Col. Davidson, but a worthy successor has been appointed in the person of Lt.-Col. F. C. Henshaw, just promoted from the majority, to which rank he attained in 1884. The new commanding officer, who is comparatively a young man, has grown up with the regiment, and been actively identified with the many enterprises designed and carried out by it of late years. Capt. J. P. Edwards, the zealous adjutant, has been promoted to the vacant majority.

#### Our Riflemen at Wimbledon.

THE Canadian team at Wimbledon have again this year well sustained the credit of Canada in competition against the three thousand picked shots of the empire. Day by day news has come of members winning places on the several prize lists, but these minor victories are dwarfed by the announcement that three Canadians have won places in the hundred entitled to shoot in the final stage for the Queen's prize. This competition furnishes a severe test of a man's shooting powers, for he cannot secure a place through one or two lucky scores. The ranges for the first stage are 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven shots at each, and owing to the great number of competitors the shooting at each range occupies a day. This means three successive days' good shooting to win places, as five of our team did this year, in the three hundred who shoot in the second stage. Those who thus continue in the competition receive no prizes for the first stage, but the next hundred receive £2 each to console them for their exclusion. The conditions for the second stage are ten shots at 500 yards and fifteen at 600. The scores here made are added to those of the first stage, and the hundred highest aggregates entitle their owners to shoot in the third and final test. The second hundred are dismissed with prizes of £4 each, and the third hundred with £3 prizes. Then the Queen's hundred fire ten shots at 800 and ten at 900 yards, and their scores at these ranges are added to those for the other two stages, their positions on the prize list being determined by the aggregate. The first man receives the Queen's prize of £250, and the N.R.A. gold medal and gold badge. The second gets the N.R.A. badge and £60; the third £40; the fourth £30; the fifth £20; the next ten £15 each; the next thirty £12 each; the next fifteen £10 each; the next twenty £8, and the remaining twenty of the hundred £5 each.

Of the five Canadians who got into the second stage, Ogg and Langstroth each finished with an aggregate of 189; and Thomson had 187. These three won places in the first hundred, but the coveted prize is not for Canada this year, having been won by Lieut. Warren of the First Middlesex Regiment. Of the other two, Gillies had a total of 180, and C. N. Mitchell had 179.

The Prince of Wales' prize of £100 has been won by Pte. Gillies of the 90th, this making the third occasion upon which the handsome gift of His Royal Highness has fallen to a Canadian. The other winners were Lieut. W. Mitchell of the 32nd, in 1882, and Lieut.-Col. Gibson of the 13th, in 1879. Lieut. Mitchell is home with the team this year, and had the honor of an invitation, along with Pte. Gillies, to dine with the Prince. The Canadians have rather a better show for this prize than for most others, as entry is restricted to winners of N.R.A. medals, and the number of competitors is usually only about four hundred. It seems that six of the Canadian team were entitled to compete this year. Pte. Gillies has three times been the winner of the N.R.A. medal, in 1883, 1885 and 1886, at the matches of the Manitoba rifle association. The conditions of the Prince of Wales' match are seven shots at 200 yards and fifteen at 600 yards. There are nineteen prizes offered, aggregating £200.

Great things had been expected of the team for the Kolapore Cup competition, and something great was accomplished, though unfortunately the Mother Country team proved too much. The Canadians came second, scoring 663, against the magnificent total of 710 for the home team. The Canadians take the £80 prize awarded to the highest colonial team. The scores this year are unprecedentedly high. In 1886 the Mother Country won with 666 points, and in 1885 with 650. In 1884 Canada won with a score of 665. In the seventeen contests for the cup which have taken place Canada has won on four occasions and the Mother Country team on the other thirteen.

We defer attempting to give particulars of the minor prizes won by the Canadians until, upon the arrival of the English mails, further details are obtainable than the meagre information which has come by cable.

#### Personal.

Major Henry Smith, of "C" Royal School of Infantry, Toronto, has been appointed commandant of "D" school, about to be established at London, Ont. Major Smith is a very popular and highly efficient officer. He commenced volunteering in 1856, as a member of the Cobourg rifle company, afterwards No. 1 company of the 40th Northumberland battalion, of which he became captain. He went through a course of instruction in the old military school, Toronto, in 1864, and there obtained a first-class certificate. From October, 1866, to June, 1872, Major Smith was adjutant of the 40th battalion, and at the last named date he was appointed brigade-major of No. 3 military district, which he held until the reduction of the staff in 1876. He was appointed captain in "C" Company School of Infantry in December, 1883. He served in the last North-West campaign in command of the right wing of the company, with the Major-General's column, and remained out with the field force until it was all recalled.

Pte. A. Gillies, of the Ninetieth battalion, has had a great run of luck during the week past. Fortune has smiled upon him at home and abroad. The message from England announcing his capture of the Prince of Wales' prize left almost simultaneously with one to him from this side the water, conveying the intelligence of the advent of his first born, a bouncing baby boy. Mrs. Gillies is an Ottawa lady, and was spending the time with relatives here during her husband's absence in England.

Major Wicksteed, the paymaster of the G.G.F.G., has just obtained superannuation from the position of accountant of the Post Office Department, after faithful service in the employ of the government for nearly half a century. He is close upon four score years of age.

Lieut. C. F. Winter, of the G.G.F.G., was married at Orangeville yesterday to Miss Nellie Wilkins, daughter of Mr. John Wilkins of that place. Lieut. Winter is one of the most popular officers in Ottawa. He has seen a lot of service for a young man, and wears medals for the Egyptian campaign, in which he participated with the 7th Fusiliers, and the Northwest rebellion.

#### The Levis Camp.

THE brigade camp of military district No. 7, at Levis, was inspected by Major-General Middleton on Friday last. A large number of ladies and gentlemen crossed over from Quebec to witness the inspection. The Quebec Field Battery, the 17th of Levis, the 23rd of Beauce, the 70th of Champlain and the 89th of Temiscouata and Rimouski, drawn up in line on the parade ground, received Sir Fred. Middleton with a general salute. The General was accompanied by Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia; Capt. Wise, A.D.C., Col. Turnbull and Major Short. After inspection General Middleton addressed the commanding officer in flattering terms. He said this was the ninth camp he had inspected this season, and though he would not say that it was the best, it was certainly quite equal to any of the others. He was surprised at what

had been accomplished in so short a time with so many raw recruits, of whom such a large proportion could not understand instructions in the English language. He congratulated the camp upon its cleanliness and the men generally upon their physique. He also complimented the officers.

The Quebec Field Battery were on the same day inspected by Major Short, and after a thorough inspection that officer expressed himself as highly pleased with the manner in which the battery acquitted themselves.

### A Centennial Match at Sydney, N. S. W.

LIEUT.-COLONEL BACON, the Secretary of the Dominion rifle association has just received a circular letter from Lieut. William Foskett, secretary of the New South Wales rifle association, inviting Canada to send a team of riflemen to that colony to compete in a grand centennial match to be held in February next. The letter reads as follows:—

Sydney, N.S.W., 25th May, 1887.

SIR,—The New South Wales rifle association has decided to celebrate the centenary of the formation of this colony by a special prize meeting, to be held at Sydney, early in February next. I have the pleasure to forward conditions of the two matches arranged, one of which is for individuals, and one for teams. The council is desirous of receiving visitors to take part in these matches from all parts of Her Majesty's dominions, and I respectfully request you will submit this matter to the volunteers or other members of the defence forces of the Dominion of Canada, and endeavor to arrange for a team from your colony to visit Sydney for the occasion. Should it be inconvenient to organize a team, I may assure you that individuals accredited from your association will be heartily welcomed by all ranks here. Should we be able to augment the prize list full particulars will be forwarded.

The match for individuals is to be fired at three stages—1st, 300 and 500 yards; 2nd, 500 and 600 yards; 3rd, 500, 600 and 700 yards; seven shots per range in each stage. Stage and aggregate prizes are offered, the competitor being limited to winning one of each. They number all told 310, and aggregate in value £1,250, the individual prizes ranging from £100 to £2. The team prizes are to be competed for by teams of eight. England, Ireland and Scotland, or the three combined; India and any colony or dependency of Great Britain to be at liberty to enter one representative team. The match will be fired with the Martini-Henry rifle, at 300, 500 and 600 yards, 15 shots at each, and one prize is offered—£100 to the team making the highest score.

### Metropolitan Rifle Association.

THE annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Rifle Association was held at Ottawa on the evening of Monday, the 18th inst., Major H. F. Perley in the chair. The secretary-treasurer, Lieut. H. H. Gray, read the annual report, which showed the association to be in a flourishing condition financially and otherwise. The election resulted in the old office bearers being returned, with the exception of two who declined re-election to the committee. The list is as follows: Patron: Sir A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia; vice-patron, McLeod Stewart, Mayor of Ottawa; president, G. B. Pattee; vice-presidents, Lt.-Col. Thos. Bacon and Allan Gilmour, jr.; secretary-treasurer, Lieut. H. H. Gray; assistant do., E. D. Sutherland; committee, Capt. J. Wright, Capt. A. P. Sherwood, Lieut. P. N. Thompson, Jas. Grant and J. W. de C. O'Grady; auditor, Lieut. C. F. Winter. It was decided to hold the annual prize meeting on Friday and Saturday the 19th and 20th prox., the matches to be in progress all day Friday and during the afternoon of Saturday. The programme will be substantially the same as last year, with the exception that a match at 400 yards will be introduced. Competition is restricted to residents in No. 4 military district. The association will this year affiliate with the N.R.A. of Great Britain, as well as with the Canadian associations.

### The Quebec Provincial Matches.

THE nineteenth annual prize meeting of the Quebec provincial rifle association opens on the 9th August, and the shooting will continue during that and the two succeeding days, on the Point St. Charles ranges, Montreal. The programme shows an addition of some \$250 to the cash prizes offered, their value now approximating \$2,000, besides which there are the cups and medals, and prizes in kind for the extra series matches. There has been an increase all round in the value of the individual prizes, the lowest series in each match being now \$4 in place of \$3 as formerly.

A Martini match has been introduced in the militia aggregate, the Merchants' at 600 yards being shot with that weapon in place of the Snider as formerly. There are two Martini matches besides the "Optional" on the programme, but one of these, the Martini-Henry of last year, is still outside the aggregate, and its range has been changed from 600 to 500 yards. The aggregate consists of seven shots at 200,

21 at 500 and 14 at 600 with the Snider, and seven shots at 600 with the Martini rifle.

Other noteworthy changes in the programme may be briefly summarised. A couple of team prizes have been added to the Nursery list, which will doubtless add not a little to the interest in the match. In the Association match a change in the regulations concerning the challenge cup for teams makes it necessary to win it twice *consecutively* in order to retain it. Disqualification takes the place of a fine of three points for each infringement of the rules in the military match. Two "jubilee" prizes are offered, a trophy open to the Montreal brigade, to be competed for by teams in the Battalion match; and a cup for association team aggregates. The general regulations no longer specify that waist belts need not be worn as part of the uniform, and make it permissible to take exception to a competitor's dress *while he is shooting*. If he appear partly in uniform and partly in plain clothes disallowance of his score is involved. Fouling shots will this year be allowed, to be fired in pits specially provided for the purpose. Attendance at the formal presentation of prizes is made compulsory for the three highest prize winners in each match, on pain of having their prizes held over until next year. They must appear in the full dress uniform of their corps.

### THE PROGRAMME.

1ST MATCH—NURSERY—9 a.m., Tuesday, 9th August—Open to all members of the P.Q.R.A. (whether by direct contribution or through affiliated associations), who have never won an individual prize at any Provincial or Dominion match. 400 yards; 7 rounds. Rifle, Snider. Position, any, with head to target. Entrance fee, 35c. 1st prize \$15; 2nd, \$10; 3rd, \$8; 4th, \$7; 5th, \$6; 6th, \$5; nine prizes of \$4. Team prizes, for the aggregate scores of four previously named members of any affiliated rifle association—1st, \$12; 2nd, \$8. Total 15 individual and two team prizes; value, \$107.

2ND MATCH—ASSOCIATION—Open to all members. 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots at each range. Rifle, Snider. Entrance, 70c. for individuals and \$2.50 for teams. Holders of the provincial badges are allowed free entry for the individual prizes the first time they attend, after being duly reported as the winners. 1st prize, mahogany album, presented by J. H. Steward, Esq., and \$25; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$10; 5th, \$8; 10 of \$5; 20 of \$4. Team prizes, for the aggregate scores of five previously named members of any affiliated rifle association.—1st, silver challenge cup and \$30; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$18; 4th, \$12; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$5. Total, 35 individual and 6 team prizes; value, \$308 besides cups. The silver cup to become the property of any association winning it twice consecutively. The affiliated associations' aggregate jubilee cup is shot for in this match.

3RD MATCH—MILITARY.—To be competed for by sections of five officers, non-commissioned officers or men from any militia corps affiliated with P.Q.R.A. (See special regulation in competition 4.) Any number of sections may enter from the same corps. Uniform, as in other competitions. Entrance fee, \$3.50 per section. One entry for the two series. Snider rifles. 1st Series—Skirmishing.—Distance, from about 500 yards to about 200 yards. Number of rounds, 10. Size of target, 4 ft. x 2 ft. 6 in., divided into three belts—the lower belt, 15 inches deep, scoring 5 points, the centre belt, 10 inches deep, scoring 3 points, the upper belt, 5 inches deep, scoring 2 points. The targets will be exposed 15 seconds at a time. Two targets will be allowed each section. 1st prize, \$30; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$20; 4th, \$15. 2nd Series—Volley Firing—To be competed for by the same sections and at the same size as 1st series. Volleys by command of the officer in charge. Distance, 300 yards. Number of rounds, 5. Position, kneeling in single rank. Targets will be lowered and holes patched after each round.\* For each shot fired out of time, 3 points will be deducted from the score of that section. 1st prize, \$20; 2nd, \$15; 3rd, \$10. Total, 7 prizes, value \$135.

4TH—ACTIVE MILITIA AND BATTALION—9 a.m., Wednesday, 10th August. Open to the active militia of the Dominion of Canada, the staff and officers who have retired retaining their rank—being members of the P.Q.R.A., by direct contribution or through affiliated associations.—200, 500 and 600 yards; 7 shots. Rifles, Snider. Position at 200 yards, standing or kneeling; at 500 yards and 600 yards, any position with head to target. 1st prize, \$30 and Dolan cup; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$20; 4th, \$15; 5th, \$10; 2 prizes of \$8; 10 of \$5; 18 of \$4. Team prizes—For the aggregate scores of six previously named officers, n.c.o's. or men of any battalion affiliated with the P.Q.R.A. These competitors must have been at least six months members of the corps they represent, and be certified as such by their commanding officer. Entrance fee, \$3. 1st prize, \$30; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$10. Total, 35 individual and 4 teams prizes; value, \$313. Dolan cup, restricted to active militia of the province of Quebec, to be won twice in five years. When a local rifle association is composed principally of one regiment, that regiment will be allowed to compete in the Battalion and Skirmishing matches, although the affiliation be in the name of the local association.

MONTREAL JUBILEE CHALLENGE TROPHY.—The city of Montreal Jubilee Challenge Trophy is presented by the corporation of the city of Montreal, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Jubilee, to the Montreal brigade of active militia, for annual competition at the matches of the P.Q.R.A. The trophy is to be held by the commanding officer of the winning battalion for the year, and returned to the association in good order before the 1st August following. The team of a Montreal corps making the highest score in the above match wins the trophy.

5TH MATCH.—FRONTIER, 9 a.m., Thursday, 11th August—Open to all members. Snider rifles. 500 yards, 7 shots. Entrance fee, 60c. 1st prize, \$25; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$12; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$8; 5 of \$6; 6 of \$5; 19 of \$4. Total, 36 prizes, value, \$226.

6TH MATCH.—MERCHANTS.—Open to all members. 600 yards; 7 shots. Rifle, Martini-Henry. Entrance fee, 65c. 1st prize, \$25; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$12; 5th, \$10; 6th, \$8; 5 of \$6; 6 of \$5; 19 of \$4. Total, 36 prizes; value, \$226.

7TH MATCH—MARTINI-HENRY.—Open to all members. 500 yards, 7 shots. Rifles, Martini-Henry. Entrance, 65c. 1st prize \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10, 4th \$6, 10 of \$5, 11 of \$4. Total, 25 prizes. Value, \$145.

8TH MATCH—OPTIONAL.—Open to all members. 500 yards, 7 shots. Rifles, Snider or Martini. Number of entries unlimited, only one score in all to count. Entrance, 60c Snider and 65c Martini. 1st prize \$25, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$15, 4th \$10, 5th \$6, 5 of \$5, 20 of \$4. Total, 30 prizes. Value, \$181.

**9TH MATCH—EXTRA SERIES.**—Open to all members. Snider Rifles. Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. At least 15 separate prizes for each range, amongst which is a first-class Martini-Henry rifle, presented by Messrs. John Martin & Co., and a sporting rifle, by Captain Howard. Number of shots, 5. Entrance, 35c. Number of entries, unlimited, one score at each range to count. Winners to choose prizes according to score.

**10TH MATCH—AGGREGATE.**—Entrance for whole series, \$1.00, to be made before one o'clock on first day's shooting. Open to all members, except that the National and D.C.R.A., the Governor-General and Lieut.-Governor's medals and champion badge are restricted to active militia of the Province of Quebec. *First Series—Militia.*—For the aggregate scores in matches 2, 4, 5 and 6. 1st prize N.R.A. medal, P.Q.R.A. championship badge and \$10, 2nd D.C.R.A. medal and cash \$10, 3rd \$10, 4th \$6, 5th \$5, five of \$5, five of \$4; also tickets to Ottawa for those of the first ten who attend the D.C.R.A. matches, and are eligible to shoot for the Provincial cup. *Second Series—Nursery.*—For the aggregate scores in matches 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6; restricted to those only whose names do not appear in any of the P.Q.R.A., or D.C.R.A., reports as winners of individual prizes. 1st prize \$8, 2nd 6, 3rd \$5, two of \$4. *Third Series—Team.*—For the aggregate scores in matches 2, 4, 5 and 6, of five previously named members of any affiliated association. 1st prize silver cup and \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10. The silver cup to become the property of any association winning it twice, not necessarily consecutively. *Fourth Series—The Gov.-General's Medals.*—For the best aggregate in matches 2, 4 and 6, at 600 yards. 1st prize the Gov.-General's silver medal, 2nd the Gov.-General's bronze medal. *Fifth Series—The Lieut.-Governor's Medal.*—For the best aggregate in matches 2, 4 and 5, at 500 yards. 1st prize the Lieut.-Governor's silver medal. N.B.—The team to represent the province in the match for the London Merchants' Cup at Ottawa, during the D.C.R.A. meeting, shall be chosen as follows: "The first five from the highest aggregate during the present matches, and the other three by the first five.

The individual membership fee is \$2. Affiliating associations are entitled to ten members tickets and one badge on payment of \$10. This must be paid on or before the 5th of August, when entries also close. After that date 20 per cent. extra will be charged. The fees to be sent to the Secretary, Major W. M. Blacklock, P. O. Box, No. 1,367, Montreal.

**Winnipeg's Jubilee.**

A MILITARY demonstration in honor of Her Majesty's jubilee took place at Winnipeg on Friday last, that day being set apart by the Lieut.-Gov. as a holiday for the celebration in the Province of Manitoba. First on the programme was the inspection of the 90th Rifles of Canada under command of Lieut.-Col. Boswell, by Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G. Military District No. 10, which took place at the drill hall at 8 a.m. The inspecting officer was received with the usual general salute, and after the regiment shouldered arms he made a minute inspection of the arms, accoutrements and clothing. The regiment then broke into column and the muster roll was called, which showed a total strength present of all ranks of 306; although the number allowed to draw pay for drill was only 268. The band was composed of 28; there were also a bugle band of 13 and an ambulance corps of 13. The D. A. G. highly complimented the regiment on their appearance and general efficiency. Although they have been promised their new equipment for some time, it had not arrived in time for the inspection, and the regiment could only turn out in review order. Even then to make a creditable appearance the regiment had to purchase a number of waist belts to replace those lost and worn out on active service. After the inspection the regiment marched to the brigade parade ground and took their place on the left, the Mounted Infantry and the 91st being on their right. The troops were formed up in a line of quarter-column with the Winnipeg field battery on the left. The brigade was deployed into line, the ranks opened and a *feu-de-joie* was fired, the Winnipeg field battery firing the usual seven rounds alternate with each round of the infantry. The brigade then shouldered arms and gave a royal salute, with the usual three cheers for Her Majesty. The ranks being closed quarter-column was formed on the right companies of the different battalions. The brigade then wheeled into position for marching past. The cavalry under command of Capt Knight and artillery under command of Major Coutlee passed at the walk; next came the Mounted Infantry on foot in four divisions in single rank under the command of Major Buchan; then followed the 91st in column under command of Major Thibadeau, and lastly the 90th Rifles in column with their ambulance in rear, under command of Lieut.-Col. Boswell. Ranks were then changed and the infantry and rifles marched past in quarter-column, ranks were again changed and the cavalry and artillery went past at "the trot;" then came the infantry and rifles at the double. The brigade then formed up on their original ground in quarter-column and advanced in review order. The marching past in column of the Mounted Infantry and the 90th won the plaudits of the spectators, while the 90th were credited with beating everything on the field at the double. The marching past of the cavalry and artillery at the walk and trot was also very good.

**THE SHAM FIGHT,**

which took place at the conclusion of the march past, caused a great deal of excitement, and in this feature of the programme the greatest public interest seemed to be taken. The campaign was first opened by an attack on Broadway bridge, which was supposed to be in the hands of an enemy. The cavalry acted as scouts and on discovering the enemy gave the signal, which brought up the 90th in skirmishing order, attack-

ing the enemy and driving them back until the bridge was reached, when they extended along the river back and kept up a heavy fire. In the meantime two guns from the battery had taken up positions on either flank of the 90th, and kept up a heavy cannonading. The school of infantry came up after the 90th, clearing the enemy on the bridge and capturing the position. They then extended along the river bank on the St. Boniface side and fired several volleys. The 91st, which had been held in reserve, was marched to the bridge and employed in volley firing, the cavalry supporting the artillery. About half-past eleven the demonstration was finished, and on the whole was considered to be a great success.

The strength of the different corps was: 90th—A Co., 46; B Co., 41; C Co., 44; D Co., 40; E Co., 43; F Co., 40; band, 28; bugle band, 12; ambulance, 12—total, 306, besides 26 officers. 91st—80 men. School of Infantry, 80. Cavalry, 20. Field Battery, 72. Making a grand total of 558 men, besides the officers, of whom there were over 50. The brigade was under the command of Lt.-Col. Houghton, with Lt.-Col. Taylor as chief of staff and acting as brigade major. The others on the staff were Lieut. Brophy and Lieut. Chambre.

**Militia General Orders, No. 13, of 15th July, 1887.**

**No. 1.—ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA—GRADUATES,—JUNE, 1887.**

The following gentlemen cadets have completed their full period of instruction at the college, and been granted "diplomas," dated 29th June, 1887.

Names.	Aggregate Number.		
Battalion Sergeant-Major Arthur Lowry Patrick Davis.....	45,347	Honors.	Distinguished in eight subjects.
Company Sergeant-Major Frédéric Mondelot Gaudet.....	42,407		Distinguished in four subjects.
Company Sergeant-Major Joseph Malcolm Clapp.....	37,477	do	in two subjects.
Company Sergeant-Major Joseph Major Alexander Adams.....	34,474	do	in one subject.
Sergeant Reginald James Macdonald.....	33,539	do	do
Company Sergeant Major Harold A. Morrow.....	30,488	do	do
Cadet Robert Brydone Jack.....	30,147	do	do
Sergeant Joseph Shepherd Bowie.....	24,964	do	do

*Commissions in the Army.*

The following graduates have elected to accept commissions in Her Majesty's Regular army, viz:

- Battalion Sergeant-Major Arthur Lowry Patrick Davis.
- Sergeant Reginald James Macdonald.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE OF CANADA.

*Admission as Cadets.*

The gentlemen undernamed having passed their examinations and been certified by the headquarters board of examiners, have been duly approved for admission as cadets to the Royal Military College of Canada:—

NAME AND RESIDENCE.	MARKS.		
	Obligatory.	Voluntary.	Total.
Duncan Sayer MacInnes, Hamilton, Ont.....	3497	5375	8872
Frederick Mitchell Scadding, Hamilton, Ont.....	3462	5015	8477
John Frank Edmond Johnston, Ottawa, Ont.....	3677	4155	7832
Wilfred James Mitchell, Montreal, Que.....	3246	4349	7595
Jeremy Brook Fennings Taylor, Ottawa, Ont.....	3095	4305	7400
Frederick Gamble Bingham Allan, Toronto, Ont.....	2717	4425	7142
George Burpee McLeod, Saint John, N.B.....	3603	3515	7118
Somerled Lorn Paterson, Montreal, Que.....	2930	3337	6267
Francis Bertram Wilson, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.....	2874	2780	5654
Marie Charles Edward Amos, Montreal, Que.....	2640	2945	5585
Henry Edward Burstall, Quebec.....	3089	2360	5449
Osborne Cluny Macpherson, Ottawa, Ont.....	2319	2691	5010
James Falconer Paterson, Kingston, Ont.....	2404	2370	4772
Walter Douglas, Quebec.....	2261	2196	4457
Paul Weatherbe, Halifax, N.S.....	2727	1550	4277
Reginald Mortimer Courtney, Ottawa, Ont.....	2494	1780	4274
William Hamilton Scarth, Winnipeg, Man.....	1685	2415	4100
Lauchlin Peter Morrison, Corunna, Ont.....	2311	1690	4001
David Ford Jones, Gananoque, Ont.....	1975	1986	3961
Henri Alexandre Panet, Ottawa, Ont.....	1999	1535	3534
Herbert Cyril Thacker, Toronto, Ont.....	2000	1435	3435
Joseph Elliott Smith, Halifax, N.S.....	2146	1260	3406
Robert Kellock Scott, Winnipeg, Man.....	2563	835	3398
Thomas Walter Van Tuyl, Petrolia, Ont.....	2227	1085	3312
William Josiah Hartley Holmes, Victoria, B.C.....	1865	1400	3265
George William Kenny, Halifax, N.S.....	2052	803	2855

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**No. 3.—RETIRED LIST.**

The honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel on Retired list, to date from 14th June, 1887, has been conferred, as a special case, on Major George H. Perry.

**No. 4.—ACTIVE MILITIA.**

**Royal Military College of Canada.**—The following graduates are appointed lieutenants in the militia, to date from the 26th June, 1887:

- Company Sergeant-Major Frédérick Mondelet Gaudet, R.M.C.
- Company Sergeant-Major Joseph Malcolm Clapp, R.M.C.
- Company Sergeant-Major Alexander Adams, R.M.C.
- Company Sergeant-Major Harold A. Morrow, R.M.C.
- Cadet Robert Brydone Jack, R.M.C.
- Sergeant George Shepherd Bowie, R.M.C.

**2nd Regt. Cav.—Errata.**—In No. 3 of G. O. (12) 30th June, 1887, read "William Henry Serpell" instead of "Joshua Upham Fowler."

**Sydney F. B. Art.**—To be lieutenant from 30th June, 1887, 2nd Lieut. Walter Crowe, R.S.A., vice Archibald McKinnon, who resigns.

To be 2nd lieutenant from 30th June, 1887, Charles Archibald Farquharson, vice Crowe, promoted.

**No. 2 Bat. Que. Gar. Art.**—2nd Lieut. Chas. E. Joncas resigns.

**Governor-General's Foot Guards.**—To be 2nd lieutenant prov., Thomas John Watters, vice S. L. Shannon, who retires retaining rank.

**1st Batt. P. W. Regt.**—To be major, Capt. Stewart Campbell, S.I., from the adjutancy, vice J. F. Nott, who retires retaining rank.

**3rd Batt.**—To be lieutenant-col., Major F. C. Henshaw, M.S., vice C. P. Davidson, who retires retaining rank, as a special case.

To be major, Capt. J. P. Edwards, V.B., from the adjutancy, vice Henshaw, promoted.

To be lieutenant, 2nd Lieut. Edward Desbarats, S.I., vice Macpherson, appointed adjutant.

To be adjutant, Lieut. Durcan Macpherson, R.M.C., vice Edwards, appointed Major.

**7th Batt.**—No. 7 Co.—To be 2nd lieutenant prov., Corpl. Hythenrauch Lauride, vice Pope, transferred to and promoted in No. 3 Co.

**17th Batt.**—No. 4 Co.—To be 2nd lieutenant prov., Joseph Bourget, vice J. E. Bitter, left limits.

No. 7 Co.—To be 2nd lieutenant prov., Joseph Paré (S.I., 2nd B.), vice Pacquet. To be paymaster, with honorary rank of captain, Chas. Géléon Beaulieu, vice P. A. Demers, who having the relative rank of captain retires with honorary rank of captain.

**23rd Batt.**—To be lieutenant-col., Major John George Bignell, M.S., vice Henri J. J. Duchesnay, deceased.

**26th Batt.**—Surgeon Geo. Billington, M.D., to have the rank of Surgeon-Major, from 17th May, 1887.

**29th Batt.**—No. 5 Co.—Capt. G. K. C. McGregor having left limits his name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

**30th Batt.**—To be assist.-surgeon, John George Mennie, vice Johnson promoted.

**32nd Batt.**—Surgeon W. S. Scott, M.D., to have the rank of Surgeon Major from 8th February, 1887.

**35th Batt.**—No. 3 Co.—To be captain, Lieut. John Gray, S.I., vice Clark, retired.

**36th Batt.**—No. 1 Co.—To be lieutenant, from 6th July, 1887, Wellington Wallace, V.B., (formerly 2nd Lieut, 2nd Batt.), vice Ballentyne, resigned. To be 2nd lieutenant, prov., from 6th July, 1887, Private James Scott Brown, vice Murray, promoted captain.

**37th Batt.**—No. 4 Co.—To be lieutenant prov., Wm. Carey Vanloon, vice Griffith, promoted.

**65th Batt.**—To be lieutenants, from 17th June, 1887, 2nd Lieut. Z. J. R. Hébert, S.I., vice Starnes promoted; 2nd Lieut. J. T. Ostell, S.I., vice J. A. G. Villeneuve promoted.

**71st Batt.**—To be surgeon David Richard Moore, vice J. Z. Currie who resigns.

**75th Batt.**—Paymaster Stephen Finck having the relative rank of captain to have the honorary rank of major, from 12th Aug., 1880.

2nd Lieut. and Adj. R. H. Griffiths to have the rank of Lieut.

To be surgeon, Asst.-Surgeon J. S. Jacobs, M.D., vice Aitken, retired.

**89th Batt.**—No. 1 Co.—To be 2nd lieutenant prov., Arthur Potvin vice J. O. Roy.

**CONFIRMATION OF RANK.**

Lieut. A. W. Botsford, S.I., No. 4 Co., 21st Batt., from 30th June, 1887.

Lieut. R. M. Hillary, S.I., No. 2 Co., 12th Batt., from 30th June, 1887.

Lieut. H. S. McKee, S.I., No. 1 Co., 35th Batt., from 30th June, 1887.

Lieut. John Gray, S.I., No. 3 Co., 35th Batt., from 30th June, 1887.

2nd Lieut. P. B. Taylor, S.I., Governor-General's Foot Guards, from 11th June, 1887.

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Capt. W. G. Mutton	2nd Batt.	.77	.73	.75
Major H. McLaren	13th do.	.88	.74	.80

Second Class "Short Course," Grade "A."

Lieut. R. M. Hillary	12th Batt.	.69	.71	.70
do A. W. Botsford	21st do.	.73	.73	.73
do H. S. McKee	35th do.	.66	.66	.66
do J. Gray	35th do.	.75	.73	.74

First Class "Special Course."

Capt. G. J. Ashworth	12th Batt.	.75	.70	.72
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Second Class "Special Course."

2nd Lieut. P. B. Taylor	G.G.F.G.	.63	.73	.68
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First Class "Short Course," Grade "B."

Sergeant W. Ross	31st Batt.	.73	.74	.73
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Second Class "Short Course," Grade "B."

Corpl. R. H. English	14th Batt.	.56	.61	.58
Pte. E. O. Swartz	32nd do.	.65	.60	.62
do A. Foster	35th do.	.63	.53	.58
Sergt. J. Mabce	47th do.	.50	.58	.54
do M. Hamilton	57th do.	.69	.52	.61
Pte. A. B. Charter	57th do.	.50	.50	.60

## The Target.

**Ottawa.**—The Ottawa rifle club's tenth spoon competition took place on Saturday 16th inst., the shooting being with Martinis at 800 and 900 yards, seven shots at each. A stiff wind was blowing from the left rear. The elevation was abnormally low, and many shots were lost at the first range before this was discovered. The highest scorer not having entered for spoons they went to the next in order:

J. H. Fairweather	26 21 47	J. W. de C. O'Grady	16 19 35
Lieut. Gray (dessert spoon)	23 20 43	T. Carroll	23 5 28
E. D. Sutherland (tea spoon)	23 19 42	F. C. Lightfoot	17 10 27
F. W. Smith	16 25 41	C. McDiarmid	24 0 24
J. P. Nutting	27 12 39	R. H. Brown	13 10 23
J. D. Taylor	14 23 37	W. A. Jamieson	6 15 21
Capt. Cox	21 16 37	Major Anderson	11 8 19
Capt. Wright	23 14 37	James Matthews	12 6 18
J. H. Ellis	30 7 37	N. Morrison	8 8 16
Major Perley	22 14 36		

The ninth spoon competition of the Guards' rifle association was held on Saturday last, Martini rifles being used. Corpl. Carroll had the leading score, but owing to a dispute about a shot, he and Pte. Morrison fired over again at the 600 yards.

Pte. Morrison, No. 3	30 26 28 84	Pte. Fairweather, No. 1	22 25 11 58
Corpl. Carroll, No. 4	26 29 16 71	Corpl. Watts, No. 1 (Snider)	23 21 13 57
Sergt. Cold, No. 2 (Snider)	20 21 20 61	Color-Sergt. Ross, No. 5	22 21 13 56

**Charlottetown, P.E.I.**—The interprovincial rifle match, between teams of eight men each representing each of the three maritime provinces, took place here on Thursday last and resulted in a victory for Nova Scotia, the scores standing as follows:

	200	500	600	Total.
Nova Scotia.....	229	226	199	654
Prince Edward Island.....	231	194	165	590
New Brunswick.....	229	190	152	517

The individual scores made by the men of the winning team were as follows: Blair 87, Adams 85, Faulkner 84, Weston 83, Maxwell 83, Corbin 81, Harris 80, Campbell 74.

**Montreal.**—The third monthly competition of the Montreal rifle association took place at Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday last, the conditions being 7 shots each range, 200, 500 and 600 yards, Martini-Henry rifles. Following is the list of highest scorers:

Sergt. W. Marks, 6th Fusiliers.....	87	Pte. D. Smith, 5th Royal Scots.....	84
Sergt. W. Brown, 5th Royal Scots.....	86	Capt. Hood, 5th Royal Scots.....	84
Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, Victorias.....	85	A. T. Patterson, M.R.A.....	83
Lieut. Vaughan, 5th Royal Scots.....	84		

**THE VICTORIA RIFLES' MATCHES.**

The seventh annual matches of the Victoria Rifles' association were fired at the Point St. Charles ranges, Montreal, on Saturday afternoon last, and were attended with great success, the number of competitors being large and the scoring good. The following is a list of the prize winners:

**NO. 1—MAIDEN STAKES.**

Range 200 yards, 7 shots, kneeling or standing; six prizes, presented by friends of the association. choice of prize according to score:

Corpl. Badgley, No. 3 Co.....	29	Sergt. Brown, No. 3.....	27
Sergt. McGoun, No. 6.....	28	Pte. Stewart, No. 1.....	27
Pte. Thynne, No. 1.....	28	Pte. Reynolds, No. 6.....	25

**NO. 2—ASSOCIATION MATCH.**

Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each; position standing or kneeling at 200 yards, at 500 and 600 any with head to target. Ten prizes, presented by friends, choice according to the score.

Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, No. 5 Co.....	74	Lieut. Desbarats, No. 3.....	66
Corpl. Badgley, No. 3.....	70	Corpl. Shaw, No. 6.....	65
Sergt. Common, No. 4.....	70	Sergt. Macfarlane, No. 5.....	64
Staff-Sergt. McAdam, No. 2.....	70	Pte. McInnes, No. 3.....	62
Capt. Busted, No. 6.....	67	Pte. K. Matthews, No. 2.....	62

**Fifth Medal Competition.**

The fifth monthly medal competition (handicap) was fired concurrently with the Association match. First prize medal; five other prizes.

Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, No. 5 Co.....	74	Staff-Sergt. McAdam, No. 2.....	70
Corpl. Badgley, No. 3.....	70	Capt. Busted, No. 6.....	67
Sergt. Common, No. 4.....	70	Lieut. Desbarats, No. 3.....	66

**3—SKIRMISHING MATCH.**

Individual competition, 5 shots advancing and 5 shots retiring at unknown distances, from 500 yards, at target exposed to view for fifteen seconds. Position any with head to target. Five prizes, presented by friends, choice according to score.

Sergt. Common, No. 4 Co.....	31	Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, No. 5.....	21
Sergt. Macfarlane, No. 5.....	28	Capt. Busted, No. 6.....	21
Pte. K. Matthews, No. 2.....	23		

**4—CHAMPION MATCH.**

Open to teams of six men from each company. Ranges 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range; position any with head to target. Team prize, Queen's Own challenge cup. Individual prizes, 1st medal presented by Col. Davidson, 2nd medal presented by Col. Henshaw, 3rd medal presented by Major Radiger.

**Team Prizes.**

1st. No. 3 Company.		Corpl. Badgley.....	31
Capt. Starke.....	37	Pte. McInnes.....	35
Lieut. Desbarats.....	52		
Sergt. H. Brown.....	26	Total.....	223
Sergt. Cameron.....	42		
2nd. No. 1 Company.....			217

**Individual Prizes.**

Lieut. Desbarats, No. 3 Co.....	52	Sergt. Macfarlane, No. 5.....	45
Color-Sergt. Gorman, No. 2.....	51		

**Sixth Medal Competition.**

The sixth monthly medal competition (handicap) was fired concurrently with the Champion match, with the scores at 200 yards in the Association match added. First prize medal; five other prizes.

Lieut. Desbarats, No. 3 Co.....	79	Pte. Thynne, No. 2.....	68
Sergt. Macfarlane, No. 5.....	72	Capt. Sims, No. 2.....	67
Staff-Sergt. MacAdam, No. 2.....	69	Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, No. 5.....	65

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\$8 Color-Sergt. McCrae, 1st P.W.R.....	25	2 Sergt. Johnson, 85th Batt.....	23
5 E. Pratt, Montreal Engineers.....	24	1 Lieut.-Col. Bond, 1st P.W.R.....	23
3 Sergt. Marks, 6th Fusiliers.....	23	1 T. Pratt, M.R.A.....	23

**6—OPEN MATCH.**

Ranges 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each range. Open to teams of five previously named members of any battalion or rifle association; rifles Martini-Henry for teams, optional for individuals.

**Team Prizes.**

\$15 First team Fifth Royal Scots.....	270	5 Montreal Rifle Association.....	258
10 First Team Sixth Fusiliers.....	258		

**Individual Prizes.**

\$10 Lieut. Vaughan, 5th Royal Scots.....	58	\$2 Sergt. Marks, 6th.....	54
8 Corp. Pratt, Montreal Engineers.....	56	2 Capt. Busted, 3rd.....	54
6 Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby, 3rd V. R. C.....	56	2 Color-Sergt. Dalrymple, 5th.....	53
4 Sergt. W. Brown, 5th.....	55	1 Color-Sergt. Deuchars, 5th.....	52
3 Pte. D. Smith, 5th.....	55	1 Sergt. O'Brien, G.T.R.....	52
3 Sergt. Johnson, 85th.....	55	1 Color-Sergt. McCrae, 1st.....	52
3 Capt. Hood, 5th.....	55	1 Sergt. Macfarlane, 3rd.....	52
3 Staff-Sergt. Cooper, M.G.A.....	55	1 Pte. Scott, 6th.....	52
3 Corpl. Currie, M.R.A.....	55	1 Pte. Lavers, 6th.....	52
2 Mr. Patterson, M.R.A.....	55	1 Mr. Bellingham, M.R.A.....	51

Several scores of 51 were counted out.

**AGGREGATES.**

Best aggregates in matches 2, 4 and 6, D. R. A. medal; 2nd, medal presented by Capt. Sims; 3rd, medal presented by Capt. Starke.

Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby.....	164	Sergt. Macfarlane, No. 5.....	161
Lieut. Desbarats, No. 3 Co.....	163		

Best aggregate in matches 2 and 4, P. Q. R. A. badge; 2nd, medal.

Lieut. Desbarats, No. 3 Co.....	118	Sergt. Macfarlane, No. 5.....	109
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Best scores in the six company medal competitions, gold medal presented by Capt. Sims, president of the association; 2nd, gold and silver medal presented by Capt. Starke, vice-president.

Staff-Sergt. Brocklesby.....	285	Pte. K. Matthews.....	285
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**Correspondence.**

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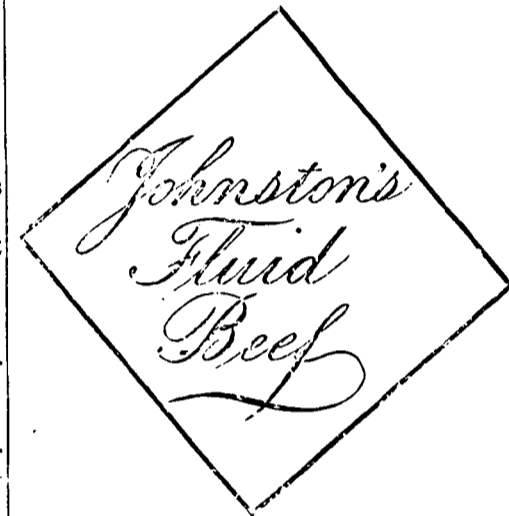
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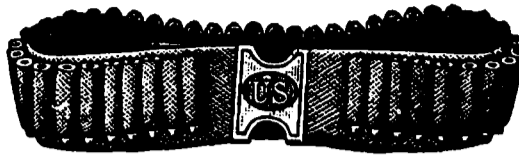
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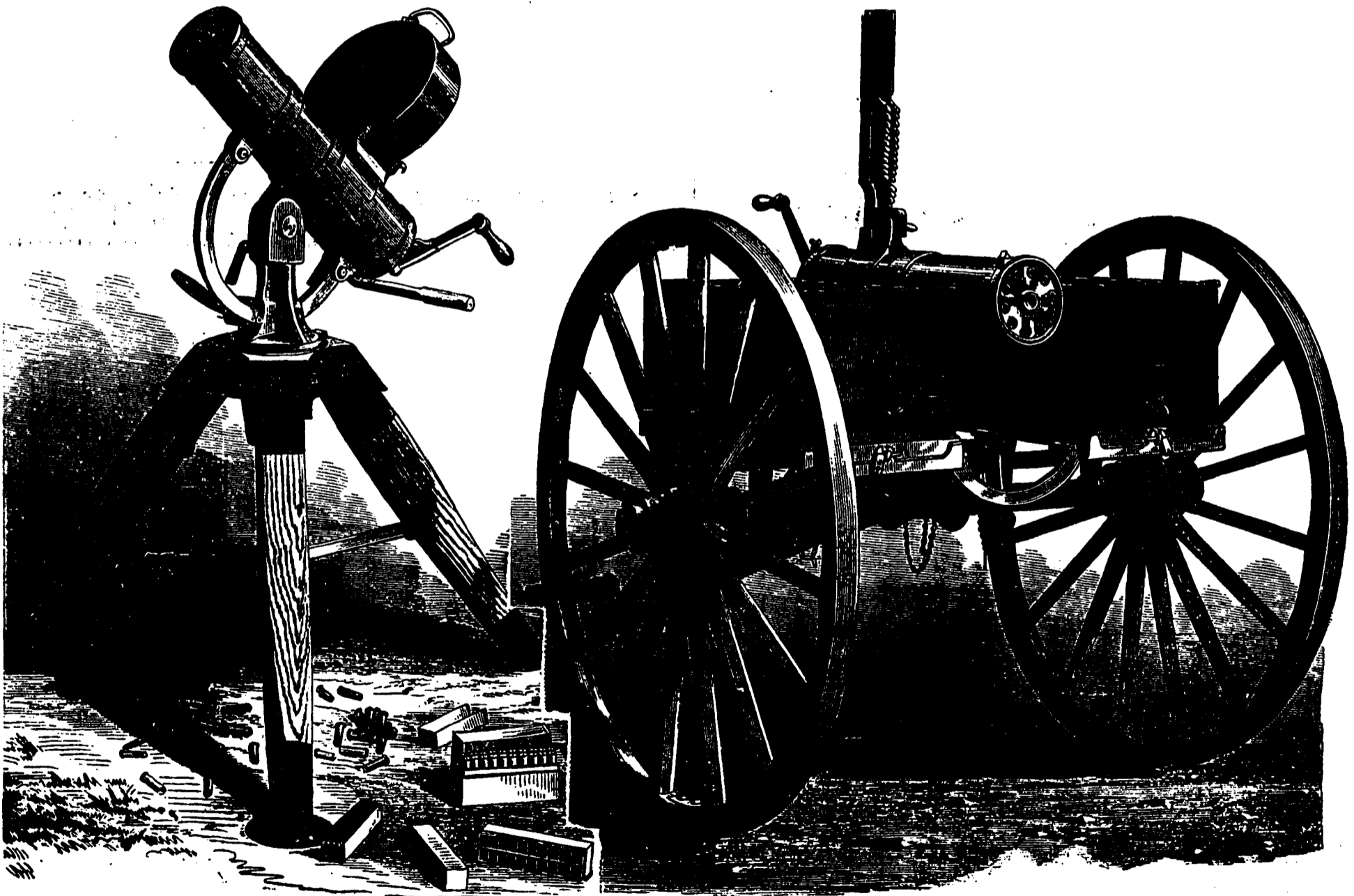
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