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Topics of the Week.

Apropos of the achievement of the Charlottetown team in the recent telegraphic rifle match, it is interesting to note that Prince Edward Island takes a front place in artillery matters also, its garrison brigade having taken every first prize for general efficiency given by the Dominion Artillery Association, and every first prize but one given for shifting ordnance. The Islanders' noteworthy victories at the Island of Orleans competition this year will still be fresh in the minds of our readers, and in this issue we publish the details of the Dominion Artillery Association general efficiency competition, showing both first and second places to have been this year captured by batteries of the P. E. I. brigade. Isolated as they are from the rest of the Dominion, the Prince Edward Island militiamen might be excused if they did not show as much interest in the work as some of the more favoured corps; but the very contrary is the case, as officers and men alike excel in the performance of the duty required of them. To the officer commanding the Brigade, Lt.-Col. Moore, it must be a source of no little pride to note that, without neglecting their duties as artillerymen, the members of his brigade successfully compete with the rifle against the marksmen of the whole Dominion.

We are pleased to have this opportunity of mentioning one feature of the Islanders' interest in military matters, which is peculiarly gratifying to the publisher of the MILITIA GAZETTE. This is, that in proportion to the military strength, we have more subscribers in Prince Edward Island than in any other district in the Dominion; and there are none more prompt in paying up.

A correspondent whose letter appears elsewhere in this issue criticises a recent appointment to a commission in the Regiment of Canadian Artillery, seeing in it a dangerous precedent. The appointee, we are told, recently failed in his examination at the Royal Military College, where he had been as a cadet. We know nothing of the circumstances attending that failure; possibly the cadet was unfortunate, and will redeem himself when he takes the course of instruction all officers of the permanent corps must undergo as a condition of their appointment. It would be well, therefore, to suspend judgment on his fitness for his commission until that time. If he then make a creditable showing, it will matter little, so far as the efficiency of the force is concerned, from what electoral district he hails; but in this connection we think

our correspondent will admit that no one locality has been unduly favoured in the appointments made of late, whatever may be said of those of a few years ago.

The prevailing idea seems to be that a Minister of the Crown is happy in the possession of office-giving patronage. As a general rule the case is quite the contrary. For every office to be disposed of, there are perhaps a score of applicants, each one backed by a politician or politicians with more or less influence with the administration. In gratifying one, the Minister disappoints all the rest; and they, having failed themselves in the use of this powerful lever, straightway lament to their friends that political influence should be considered in appointments to office. Until the Millennium, it is bound to rule. In filling existing vacancies, and providing a staff for the new Cavalry School, the Minister of Militia will have several appointments to make in the near future, and we sincerely hope that the best men amongst the applicants may be strongly backed politically.

A few weeks ago, it was stated in these columns that "an artillery commanding officer" had stopped his subscription, because, as he said, too much of our space was given up to rifle shooting. And as in this officer's corps there is a very keen interest taken in rifle shooting, we cited him as a representative of that class of commanding officers—lately written of by our outspoken friend of the *Victoria Warder*—who do not represent the sentiments of their commands. We find we did an injustice, having mistaken the communication of a humble Lieutenant for that of an influential Lieutenant-Colonel of the same name. To the latter gentleman we tender an apology, and this all the more readily as we have every reason to believe him a good friend of the paper. We mentioned no names in our previous reference to the subject, and will not name any person now, but would simply request those commanding officers who have been, so to speak, pointing out each other as the culprit, to be kind enough to take down their fingers.

As we understand there is about to be a change in the regulations respecting the issue of grants to rifle associations, we would respectfully suggest to the Minister of Militia that he consider the advisability of making the continuance of the grant conditional upon a certain average proficiency being attained by the members of the association assisted—that is, in the case of regimental and other associations, which are looked upon as the training schools for the men who subsequently will be in a position to compete for honours and emoluments offered by the larger associations. As we have said before, we are sorry that it is in contemplation to withdraw the grants from all the associations—Provincial and Dominion excepted—not under purely military control, because many of these are doing excellent work, and by arousing increased interest in inter-regimental or company competitions have done not a little towards increasing the number of marksmen in the militia. It is claimed, however, that some of these non-military associations are doing very little for the money received, and that in cutting off the dead limbs the

Department must sacrifice also several live branches. But we would submit that there are regimental associations quite as bad as, if not worse than, any of the non-military associations, and it would be in the best interest of rifle shooting in the militia if all had to do something more for the government grant than come together once a year and go through the farce of shooting for it, the majority of competitors having perhaps not fired a shot since last they were out at the government expense.

Reports from Hamilton indicate that the bold step recently taken by Col. Gibson, in summarily intimating to those members of the Thirteenth Battalion who were not content to drill without personally receiving their pay that they had better send in their uniforms, has had most satisfactory results. It seems that nearly one-half the members accepted the invitation to leave; but the better class remained and brought in their friends to fill the vacancies. The battalion is thus again at full strength, and has a membership of a better quality than ever before. Wherever tried, the system of funding the drill pay appears to have been eminently successful.

New Brunswick Rifle Association.

An important meeting of the Council of the New Brunswick Provincial Rifle Association was held at the New Brunswick cotton mills, on Thursday, 7th inst., Lt.-Col. Armstrong, vice-president, in the chair.

Capt. Hartt was unanimously re-elected secretary treasurer. The auditors selected were P. A. Melville, Lieut. Parks and Capt. McRobbie. The new executive is composed of P. A. Melville, Major Hartt, Capt. McRobbie, Capt. Kinnear, and Lieut. Smith, who were elected, while the president and secretary are ex-officio members.

The matter of the cup presented by the team of the 74th Batt., who had won it two years in succession and desired it to be placed in the provincial prize list, came on for discussion. The subject was referred to the executive with power to confer with Col. Beer.

THE PROPOSED NEW RANGE.

A report was submitted from the committee appointed at the annual meeting to procure information regarding an eligible site for a range in Sussex, to ascertain the cost of constructing butts and range houses, to obtain estimates therefor. The committee examined the property in rear of the Exchange Hotel, which has been used for a few years past as a chief range by the riflemen of Sussex. It is the property of D. M. Fairweather. In the opinion of the committee this will make a most suitable range. It much exceeds 1,000 yards in length and has a width of about 120 yards. It is practically level up to where the targets have been placed, from which point a hill rises, offering a safe back ground to catch the bullets. The property can be had at an annual rental of \$50.

The committee consider that a trench could easily be constructed to accommodate 15 targets. The space between targets could be made as much as 18 ft. if thought desirable. At Rideau the average distance is about 11 ft. Long range targets could be placed back of this trench so as to bring the 800 yards firing point in line with either the ordinary 500 or 600 yds. as might be thought best. At 500 and 600 yds. it would be necessary to erect a cross line of firing points from one to two feet high, as the ground is not quite level at these places. The spot which would form the 600 yard point is directly opposite The Knoll (Major Arnold's) and about 150 yards from the road leading past The Knoll. The property lying between the range and the road is also owned by Mr. Fairweather, and a right of way can be had probably without further charge. Thus the ordinary approach to the range would be by this road (which has a plank walk the whole distance) as far as The Knoll and then down on the range—a walk of about ten minutes from the station.

The committee are of opinion that the necessary range huts should be placed on this sloping piece immediately next to the range. They would then be in line with the 600 yards firing points and where they would be passed by all persons going on to the range.

The committee considered somewhat at length the best method of constructing the trench and also the kind of target to be used. They agreed that the mound in front of the trench could be securely constructed of the earth out of the trench with a bottom layer of cedar bushes, e'tc., the whole including the trench to be sodded. The markers' boxes could be separately constructed of cedar poles built into the mound. The committee are also in favour of retaining the present Beer

target, of which the association has at present some 24 in perfect repair. Hitherto those targets have been very roughly mounted with wooden levers and very clumsy counterweights. With suitable cement or iron weights and cast iron levers and bearings the present targets would be most satisfactory. They have been in use ever since '78; and are as good now as then. If wooden targets were adopted they would need repairs and in a few years would have to be renewed. If an 800 yard target is put up it would have to be constructed on the plan of the Bacon target at Rideau.

The committee would not recommend the construction of a repair butt on their range. In their opinion it would be better to have a storehouse for the plant, where it would be less exposed to damage from being broken into. The committee referred to Capt. Kinnear the duty of estimating the probable cost of putting the range in order. The estimate was made on the basis of accommodating 15 second and third class, and one first class targets with firing points at the various distances from 200 to 900 yards; also providing a suitable building for secretary's office, and for the accommodation of competitors when not at the firing points or when raining, also the putting up of telephone posts and wires, and in fact everything to make the range complete to carry on the provincial matches. The total estimate is \$787, a detail being given.

After a lengthy discussion of an informal character the following resolution was adopted:—

That the report be received and referred to the executive, with Lieut.-Col. Beer and J. D. Chipman, with power to take from Mr. Fairweather a lease of the range including a suitable right of way upon condition that a grant be obtained from the government sufficient to put such range in order; that such lease be at \$50 a year for ten years with the right to the association to renew for a further time at the same rent, and that application be made to the government for a sum sufficient to put the range in order and that such committee have full power to place the range in order according to their judgment.

Another resolution was adopted asking that Mr. Stockton be written concerning the old range and that a lease of it be taken for a year if the Fairweather range be not ready in time.

THE MARITIME TEAM.

When the question of selecting the maritime team came up there were several suggestions as to the method. It was considered by all those present that more practice was essential; one man thought the Nova Scotia plan was good as their team had won last year. It was resolved that all members selected for places in the maritime team be requested to perform a certain amount of practice as laid down by the executive committee and to satisfy the committee that such practice has been done.

It was decided that the selection of representatives on the executive of the D.R.A. be left to members already elected. The question of doing away with entrance in nursery matches was left to the executive.

Nova Scotia Rifle Association.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Provincial Rifle Association was held on Tuesday, Nov. 12th, in the Y. M. C. A. hall. There was a very large and representative meeting, a good number of members from throughout the province being present. Lieut.-Colonel Curren presided. The treasurer's report showed the financial statement of the association, the receipts and expenditures for the year, and that there is a balance of \$163.53 at the credit of the association.

Sir John Thompson, Hon. C. H. Tupper and Lt.-Gen. Laurie were elected members of the council of the Dominion Rifle Association.

In accordance with the recommendation in the council's report the entrance fee for the P. R. A. matches was reduced from \$3 to \$2.

It was determined to have an affiliation match to be shot for by members, entered from the different regiments, who have never won a prize, the entry to be \$10, and for that the regiments will be entitled to be represented by 15 men.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Lieut.-Col. Murray for his many services on behalf of and in the interest of the association.

The following fifteen were elected to constitute the council: Lt.-Col. Curren, H.G.A.; Lieut.-Col. Murray, superintendent of stores; Major Weston, 66th; Capt. Maxwell, H.G.A.; Lieut. Jacques, 72nd; Capt. Adams, H.G.A.; Major Garrison, H.G.A.; Capt. Barnhill, 78th; Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, retired; Capt. Harris, H.G.A.; Lieut.-Col. Mackinlay, retired; Lieut. Gen. Laurie, M.P.; Lieut.-Col. Mackintosh, 63rd; Lieut. Stevens, 96th; Capt. Anderson, H.G.A.

Ericsson's countrymen, the Swedes, are building the steel turret-ship *Gota*, with 3,070 tons displacement and an estimated draft of 10 ft. 1 inch, speed, 15 1/2 knots.

Regimental and Other News.

The annual rifle matches of the reorganized Seventh Fusiliers of London, Ont., were held on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. H. E. Burstall, of Quebec, has been appointed a lieutenant in the Regiment of Canadian Artillery, and detailed for service with "C" Battery, Victoria.

No. 1 company of the 43rd Rifles, of Ottawa, are opening a club room again this winter. They will have an additional attraction in the shape of a Morris tube gallery.

On Tuesday of last week the Royal Artillery, at Halifax, had their annual sports, in the presence of a large number of spectators, including General Sir John Ross. The prizes won were presented by Mrs. Ryan, wife of Col. Ryan, commanding R. A. staff in Canada.

Capt. Bell and the other officers of No. 6 company, 43rd Rifles, entertained the members, the staff officers of the battalion, and other invited guests, at dinner at the Bodega, Ottawa, on Friday evening last, when upwards of fifty persons met around the festive board.

In response to a challenge from No. 6, that company and No. 1 of the 43rd had a friendly match, twenty-five men a side, on Rideau range on Thanksgiving Day. Sniders were used, at 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots. No. 6 won handsomely, the totals being 1734 and 1578 respectively.

The Sixty-fifth Mount Royal Rifles, Montreal, are practicing twice a week at their Morris tube range in the drill hall. General interest is reported to be taken in the practice, and it is expected that next season the regiment will be able to send its quota of men to compete in the Dominion and provincial matches.

Halifax riflemen had a Martini-Henry match, 7 shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, on the Bedford range on Thanksgiving Day, for sweep-stake prizes. The chief scores were: Lieut. Flowers, H.G.A., 82; Lieut. Blackmore, 63rd, 82; Capt. Crane, 63rd, 79; Sergt. Elliott, 63rd, 75; Sergt.-Major Lockhart, 63rd, 75.

Lieut.-Col. Andrew K. Mackinlay, once the officer commanding the 63rd Halifax Rifles, died at London, England, last week, aged 58 years. A few weeks previously he had gone to England on a visit, accompanied by his daughter. He had been accustomed to spend the winter in London. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Capt. Clarke, the enthusiastic artillery officer who has brought his cadet classes at Guelph up to such a state of perfection as to be almost the envy of the whole Dominion, has recently been invited to exhibit his classes in Ottawa, under the auspices of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, but has been forced to decline for this season.

General Luke Lyman, secretary of the Dominion Bridge Company at Montreal, died last week in his 65th year. His rank was in the United States army. He served in the war as Colonel of the Massachusetts Regiment, in North Carolina, and for his services was given the rank of General. He had lived in Montreal since 1883.

The Queen's Own Rifles mustered at the drill shed last Thursday night for roll call. Six hundred and three men answered to their names, the largest muster for some years. It was pay night. The regiment was divided into half-battalions in order to accelerate the work undertaken by Col. Alger, district pay-master, and Col. Gray, brigade-major.

Members of the Order of the Sons of England in Canada are about to petition the Imperial Admiralty authorities for the establishment in the Dominion of two branches of the Royal Naval Reserve, one at some point on the Atlantic seaboard and the other on the lakes. The latter branch, it is claimed, would be readily joined by the Canadian lake seamen, who would man a lake flotilla more satisfactorily than ocean seamen unacquainted with the peculiarities of lake craft and inland navigation.

On Tuesday, last week, Col. Alger, D.P.M., and Col. Gray, B.M., attended a muster of the 38th Dufferin Rifles at Brantford, when three hundred and eleven men were in the ranks. It was the largest and best parade since their formation. Col. Gray was acting as judge in the competitive drill between the companies for the Hudson cup. "E" company (Capt. Jones) carried off the trophy, with "C" company (Capt. Leonard) a close second. The enthusiasm in the battalion is at the highest point in its history.

This is from the Hamilton correspondence of the *Toronto Mail*: "Those who accompanied the soldiers to Toronto agree in saying that the 13th bore itself as well as any regiment on the field, and assert that even the famous Queen's Own Rifles had to look to their laurels when the Hamilton men marched by. Be this as it may, there can be no doubt that the outing yesterday will bear good fruit. The 13th is now composed of men who volunteer for soldiers' work from patriotic and

praiseworthy motives, and the old class of men who had no higher aim in view than the annual pay has been abolished forever. With earnest willing men in the ranks, careful and popular officers, and an outing now and then to show themselves to other cities, and rub shoulders with other regiments, the corps here is bound to progress and succeed. The trouble in the past has been that the men were persistently kept at home, they never had a chance to show what they could do, and everybody ridiculed them as a lot of nincompoops. Let them be kept at home no longer. They are good men, and can hold their own, if allowed to do so, anywhere."

Lieut.-Col. Tilton, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, having been compelled to resign the command of the Governor General's Foot Guards, in consequence of a departmental order forbidding deputy-heads to hold such command, the regiment was this week formally handed over to the next officer, Major A. H. Todd. As, however, he does not desire to take promotion at present, Major Todd will only hold the command pending the appointment of a new Lieut.-Colonel. The present paymaster of the regiment, Capt. C. Berkeley Powell, is generally looked upon as the coming man.

Militia circles in Toronto are at present eagerly discussing a general order issued by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, commanding the Queen's Own Rifles, embodying a censure of Major Dealmer for issuing an order countermanding the recently ordered church parade without first obtaining the sanction of Col. Hamilton. The latter officer has been invalided since long before his promotion to the command, and Major Delamere has been virtually in charge, though all other orders have been signed by the Colonel. The order over which the trouble arose was hurriedly issued late on Saturday night, in consequence of the unpropitious appearance of the weather, and Major Delamere and the officers with whom he had consulted thought it best not to trouble Col. Hamilton at that hour, as he was an invalid.

Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, was amongst the distinguished personages present at the inspection of the Toronto police force on Saturday last. Sir Adolphe made a critical inspection of the men, and afterwards complimented the Chief, Lt.-Col. Grasett, upon commanding such a fine force—a credit to the city and country. He also congratulated the force upon having at their head such a man as Col. Grasett, "a soldier every inch, as he proved at Batoche." The Minister made an eloquent and pleasant speech and was frequently applauded by the large crowd assembled. He was accompanied by Lady Caron and Miss Caron; and Lady Caron gratefully presented to Policeman Scathe a silver cup awarded to him as the best revolver shot on the force. At the close of the proceedings Col. Grasett made a neat speech thanking Sir Adolphe and Lady Caron for the part they had taken in the day's proceedings.

While in Toronto last week Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, met a deputation from the committee of those interested in forming the Artists' Military Corps. The names of nearly 100 gentlemen representing the various professions have been received as desirous of joining the corps. The principal of Upper Canada College has signified the readiness of the college to send a cadet company of the older boys, numbering about 100 strong, and other colleges have also signified their intention of taking part in the movement by forming companies in the new corps. The deputation consisted of Messrs. Hamilton, MacCarthy, Erasmus P. Hostetter, A. J. Boyd, T. A. Spence, J. Q. Walpole, Principal Dixon, J. E. Thompson, Dr. Aikens, J. W. L. Foster, Col. Fred Denison, M.P., Jos. Fee Murray, Prof. Baker and W. A. Sherwood. Mr. MacCarthy, as chairman of the deputation, briefly outlined the position taken by the artists, and strongly advocated the scheme. He said that the corps would be self-sustaining, and would be an efficient as well as an economical one. He was backed up by Col. Denison, who considered that Toronto should be able to support another corps. There were two strong battalions in the city when the population was about two-thirds what it is now, and there was now plenty of room for another. Sir Adolphe promised to consider the matter. He at present could see no difficulty in the way of forming a thoroughly organized and well equipped corps. He had some objections to the proposed cadet company, as such companies have, by past experience, been a source of annoyance in case of being called out, and it was always a great difficulty to keep them supplied with the necessary uniforms. He would communicate his views on the matter in a few days.

THE VICTORIA MILITIA.

On Thursday, the 7th inst., the city corps of Victoria, B.C., mustered in the drill shed in review order, for inspection by Lieut.-Colonel Holmes, D.A.G. No. 2 Battery, Capt. Irving, turned out the strongest. Leaving the shed, headed by the fine band of C Battery, R.C.A., they arrived at Beacon Hill about 2.30 p.m., and deployed on the march, forming line facing the west, then took open order, and when, a few

minutes after the inspecting officer arrived, received him with a general salute. The batteries then formed column by the right on No. 1, and took up position for marching past. This movement was very well done by each of the three batteries, but in the double No. 2 was slightly the best.

Line being reformed, the force advanced in review order; this was splendidly done. The line halted and gave the present, and were then put through the manual and firing exercises by Lieut.-Col. Prior. This was also well done. The force was afterwards put through a few movements by Lieut.-Col. Prior, and then, headed by the band, marched to Clover Point range for the rifle practice competition.

The conditions of the competition were as follows: Twenty officers, n.c.o's. or men, were drawn up in line at 400 yards range, at the "ready." Position any. On the "commence fire" being sounded the target was raised and kept up for ninety seconds, then lowered for eighteen seconds (during which the team doubled to 300 yards range); raised again for ninety seconds, and lowered for eighteen seconds (during which the team doubled to 200 yards range); again raised for ninety seconds, then lowered finally. Each team fired as many rounds as possible during the time the target was visible. The score made was as follows:

No. 3 Battery.—Bullseyes 35, inners 38, magpies 53, outers 106; total points 698.

No. 4 Battery.—Bullseyes 24, inners 31, magpies 23, outers 76; total points 465.

No. 2 Battery.—Bullseyes 22, inners 21, magpies 29, outers 76; total points 433.

The prizes were \$60, or \$3 per man for the winner, and \$40, or \$2 per man for the second highest. The shooting on the whole was fair, although not of a style to show the men's best points.

The batteries deserve considerable praise for their turnout this year; the new drill has been well grasped, and no raw recruits were in the ranks to mar the efforts of older hands.

The Adjutant, Capt. P. Æ. Irving, has thoroughly grasped the "necessities" requisite to a good corps, and under his able administration there is no doubt that at the end of another year Victoria may boast of a corps equal in every respect to any of the crack eastern corps.

THE MONTREAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

One hundred and twelve members of the Montreal Brigade of Garrison Artillery, officers and men, met in their armoury last Friday evening to undergo inspection in artillery tactics by Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Dominion inspector of artillery. Lieut.-Col. Turnbull was in command and the other officers were Majors Laurie and Cole, Major and Adjutant Atkinson, Captains Finlayson, Howard, Ogilvy and Gregor, and Lieutenants Costigan and Anderson. The inspecting officer was received with a general salute by the brigade drawn up in line, and then Major Laurie put the men through their infantry drill, after which they were divided into batteries and gun squads. The officers and non-coms. having been put through a very stiff oral examination, they were inspected in the working of 64 pounder and 40 pounder guns, and at gun drill. Lack of time prevented an exhibition of shifting. At the close of the inspection the men were drawn up in the armoury and addressed by Lieut.-Col. Irwin. He said he thought it advisable that they should be given some idea of the inspection they had undergone so far as it went, and also of what he hoped would take place next year. In most other brigades each of the batteries turned out enough men to fill three gun squads, and in some cases four. That meant that every man was well trained. Gun drill was the foundation of all artillery drill, and should be known by every man. He was very glad to see that they took an interest in gun drill, but they must not forget shifting ordnance. This must be done if men were to be well trained. Those who had seen the exceedingly good work of the Halifax, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island brigades at the Isle of Orleans last summer, must have been proud of them, and he did not see why the Montreal Garrison Artillery should not do as well. As garrison artillery they should put artillery drill above all other. All the infantry drill they required was the routine and marching past. They had got the best equipment and best headquarters of any brigade in the Dominion, and he hoped to see them worthy of it. He must admit, however, that the time at their disposal was very short. Twelve days of paid drill was not enough. It takes a long time to acquire the information needed about their duties, and voluntary drill was most essential. If a man entered the brigade only to attend the paid drills he was of no value. They must give up their time to voluntary drill. The best proof they appreciated this was their attendance that night. He was sure they would re-establish their reputation as the best artillery brigade in the Dominion as they used to be. Next year their inspection in infantry drill would be confined to the routine, and then attention would be mainly devoted to artillery drill. He hoped that nothing would be left undone to ensure success. So far as their artillery work was concerned he was pleased to say that it had been good and the gun drill

was excellent. Next year efficiency as artillerymen would be the proof of success.

Lieut.-Col. Turnbull also said a few words of a complimentary character, referring also to the fact that it was seven years since they had been inspected before as garrison artillery, and that the parade was a purely voluntary one.

After the inspection Lieut.-Col. Irwin was entertained at St. James Club by Lieut.-Col. Turnbull and the other officers of the brigade.

Toronto.

The army and navy veterans are organizing a band, and have collected quite a sum for the purpose.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

Pte. Wm. Church, charged by Capt. Pellatt with neglecting to attend drill, has been fined \$5 by the Police Magistrate.

"F" Company turned out in large numbers for the presentation of prizes for attendance during the past year. The following are the successful medalists: Gold medal, Corp. Cockburn; silver medals, Pte. Crake, Pte. Sutherland, Sergt. A. R. Mackenzie, Pte. Fenwick, Sergt. Ham, Pte. Storie, Corp. Agnew, Corp. Bryant, Sergt. George, Pte. C. H. Foster, Pte. Niblock, Pte. E. Forster, Pte. Ledyard and Pte. McKinlay. A pleasant evening was spent, and before dispersing the company gave three cheers for Capt. McGee and Lieut. Wyatt.

Mr. Fred Brown, of the signal corps of the Queen's Own Rifles, was lately surprised in a very happy manner. Sundry of the competitors in the Dominion Rifle Association matches from the regiment had determined to pay him some tribute for the excellent services rendered them by Mr. Brown while at Ottawa. They therefore invited him to meet them at the Clifton House on Colborne street. After an admirable collation had been partaken of Staff-Sergt. Donnelly rose, and in a few words presented Mr. Brown with an address and a large photograph in a handsome frame, of himself, Staff-Sergt. Donnelly and Col.-Sergt. Kennedy. Mr. Brown fittingly responded, and an excellent evening's entertainment followed.

THE GRENADIERS.

Several companies of the Royal Grenadiers are working very hard in preparation for the drill competition for the Cumberland Cup. The competition takes place on the 26th instant and the company that wins will be in first class shape.

THE LATE COLOUR-SERGEANT JACK.

"D" Company, R.G., and in fact the whole regiment have lost a first class soldier, a careful and hard-working non-commissioned officer in Col.-Sergt. Jack, who died on Saturday last from a paralytic stroke, being the third he has experienced since 24th May last. He was interred with the full military honours to which his rank entitled him. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Thomas. The casket rested on a stand draped with the Union Jack, and was covered with flowers sent by the officers and men of the Grenadiers. Although it rained heavily there were fully 150 of the Grenadiers present, besides the firing party of 19 men under Col.-Sergt. Blake, and also a large number of members of the other city regiments and the gun carriage furnished by the Toronto Field Battery, and under command of Sergt.-Major Wordman.

The funeral procession was as follows:

Firing party with arms reversed.
Grenadiers' band.
Gun carriage bearing coffin on which rested dead soldier's busby and accoutrements.
Grenadier's muster.
Carriages.

They marched to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the customary three volleys were fired over the dead hero.

Col.-Sergt. Wm. Jack, a native Canadian of Scotch descent, was born at Fergus in 1854. While still young he removed to Toronto. When sixteen years of age he went to Cork, Ireland, and while there he joined a lancer regiment without his father's consent. When they got moving orders his father bought his discharge, and had him sent home. A short time after his return he joined the 10th Royals and served three years, rising to the rank of corporal. He then left the Royals and joined the Toronto Field Battery, and served four years under Major Gray. In the artillery he was promoted to the rank of Bombardier. He then retired from military life for a time, but when the 10th Royals were re-organized, his love for the regiment got the better of him, and when Capt. Mason was re-organizing one of the two new companies, he joined No. 4 Company, and has been in active connection with that company till the sickness which caused his death. He had risen to the rank of sergeant before 1885, and served as such in the North-West, where no doubt the exposure and fatigue planted the germs of disease

that eventually carried him off. On the return from the North-West he was promoted to colour-sergeant, which rank he held till about a month ago, when he was invalided. By his death the service loses an efficient soldier, a first-class non-commissioned officer and one who always had the best interests of volunteers at heart. The deceased leaves a wife and two young children to mourn his untimely end.

Athletic Sports, "C" Battery, Regt. C. A.

THE BARRACKS, VICTORIA, B.C., 3RD NOVEMBER.—The annual sports of "C" Battery, R.C.A., were held at Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, B.C., on the 18th September, commencing at 9 a.m. in beautiful weather. Every event was well contested with the following results :

1. Putting heavy shot, 24 lbs.—6 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 30 feet 4 inches ; 2nd, Gr. Michand, 27 feet 9 inches ; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston, 26 feet 8 inches ; 4th, Corpl. Soper, 24 feet 4 inches.
2. 100 yards' dash—9 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston ; 2nd, Gr. Wray ; 3rd, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy ; 4th, Gr. Rourke. Time, 12 seconds. This was a very well contested race, Gr. Wray leading for about the first half when he was passed by Sgt. Brimston, a good race resulting for first place. Staff-Sgt. Kennedy was a good third.
3. Tossing the caber—8 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 25 feet 10 inches ; 2nd, Gr. Michaud, 25 feet ; 3rd, Br. Sherhard, 24 feet 10 inches ; 4th, Sgt. Brimston, 23 feet 5 inches.
4. Running high jump—8 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston, 5 feet ; 2nd, Chamard, 4 feet 7¼ inches ; 3rd, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 4 feet 5 inches ; 4th, Gr. Olivier, 4 feet 2 inches. This was an easy victory for Sgt. Brimston.
5. Old soldiers' race—(200 yards)—3 entries—1st, Col. Holmes ; 2nd, Q.-M.-Sgt. Hewlett ; 3rd, Sgt. Proctor. Staff-Sgt. Hewlett took the lead but was soon passed by Lt.-Col. Holmes, who won with comparative ease. Proctor was a good third.
6. Hurdle race—(300 yards)—10 flights—7 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston ; 2nd, Gr. Wray. 3rd, Sgt. Chamard. 4th, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy. Gr. Wray lead the whole way round to the last hurdle, when he fell, on which Sgt. Brimston passed him, thereby procuring first place.
7. Egg and spoon race—5 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy ; 2nd, Sgt. Chamard ; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston. This race was productive of much amusement owing to the endeavours of the competitors to keep their eggs balanced.
8. Throwing hammer. 16 lbs.—11 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 67 feet 6 inches ; 2nd, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, 66 feet 9 inches ; 3rd, Br. Grant, 62 feet 5 inches ; 4th, Br. Sherhard, 61 feet 10 inches.
9. Donkey race—6 entries. Each competitor to carry on his back another man whose weight must not be less than 125 lbs.—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, (jockey Gr. Hall) ; 2nd, Corpl. Soper, (jockey B. Foote) ; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston, (jockey Gr. Rourke) ; 4th, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, (jockey Gr. McNamee). A great deal of amusement was afforded by this race owing to the number of falls, both at mounting and during the race. Sgt. Kennedy, however, won easily in the end.
10. Throwing cricket ball—10 entries—1st, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, 105 yards ; 2nd, Gr. Michaud, 85 yards ; 3rd, Corpl. Soper, 84 yards 2 feet ; 4th, Gr. McKenzie, 83 yards. An easy victory for Staff-Sgt. Kennedy.
11. Half-mile race—9 entries—1st, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, 2.17 ; 2nd, Sgt. Brimston ; 3rd, Gr. Olivier ; 4th, Staff-Sgt. Kennedy. Kennedy, Olivier and Kirkpatrick ran for the first quarter mile together when Kirkpatrick forged to the front and retained his position to the finish. Sgt. Brimston made a good spurt in the last hundred yards passing Gr. Olivier and Staff-Sgt. Kennedy, but not being quite able to get up to the leader.
12. Kicking the football—(place kick)—14 entries—1st, Gr. Hall, 43 yards 2 feet ; 2nd, Lt. Ogilvie, 43 yards 1 foot ; 3rd, Gr. Olivier, 40 yards 2 feet ; 4th, Br. Grant, 39 yards 2 feet.
13. Hop step and jump—9 entries—1st, Sgt. Brimston, 36 feet inches ; 2nd, Gr. Wray, 33 feet 4 inches ; 3rd, Gr. Hall, 32 feet 5 11 inches ; 4th, Corpl. Soper, 32 feet 3 inches.
14. Smoking race—200 yards—1st Staff-Sgt. Kennedy ; 2nd, Corpl. Kirkpatrick ; 3rd, Sgt. Brimston. There was a good deal of confusion in this race owing to the competitors insisting on running on wrong side of the hurdles.
15. Tug of war. Right Division and Band vs. Left Division. Won by Left Division.
16. Consolation race—300 yards—1st, Sgt. Kains ; 2nd, Gr. Peyto ; 3rd, Gr. Bames ; 4th, Br. Foote.
17. Yacht race—(sailed in Victoria Harbour, boats under 18 feet)—3 entries—1st, Corpl. Kirkpatrick, sloop "Brosie" ; 2nd, Sgt.-Maj. Mulcahy, canoe "She" ; 3rd, Sgt. Redding, sloop "He."

The trophy for champion athlete of the battery was won by Sgt. Kennedy with 35 points, Sgt. Brimston a good second with 32 points, Corpl Soper 3rd, 11½ points. Lt. Gaudet, R.C.A., acted as starter, while Captain Benson acted as judge, with Lt.Col. Holmes referee.

Correspondence.

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

PERMANENT CORPS APPOINTMENTS.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—I see in the newspapers of the 13th that a gentleman cadet who recently failed in his examination at the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been appointed to a lieutenancy in one of our permanent corps.

I suppose that those who do not succeed in getting a commission in the Imperial Army are considered good enough for our permanent militia, but does it not seem a little inappropriate that this gentleman who I am told failed in artillery should have received his appointment in an artillery corps in British Columbia.

As a militia man who may be examined in artillery by this same gentleman at some future period I am justified in putting in this small protest, and as one who is expected to look up to the permanent officers for example and advice in military matters, I may point out this affair as being at least a dangerous precedent, not to speak of its effect on the cadets.

In looking down the list of permanent appointments for the last few years, I find that eight out of something like twice that number have been given to gentlemen whose parents reside in the same electoral district as the gentleman in question, none of whom are Kingston cadets. Surely with our very small permanent force we should have the very best material the country can afford, and not have to depend so very largely upon the exigencies of the political situation.

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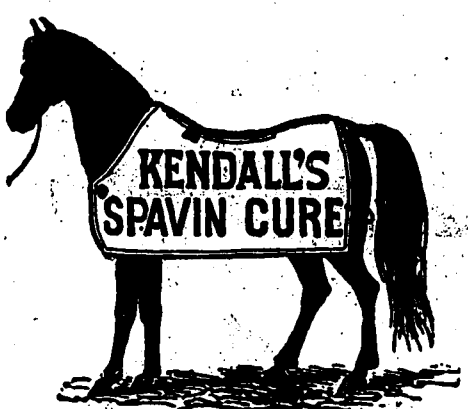
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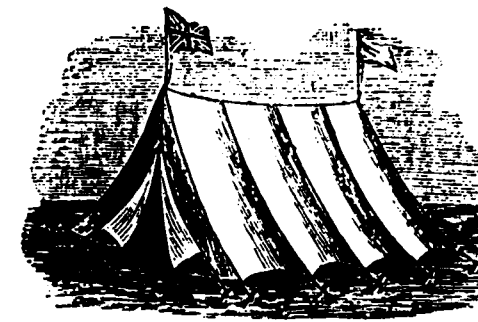
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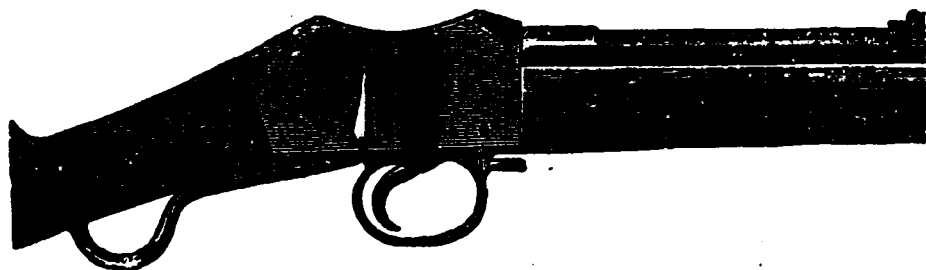
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