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NOTE AND COMMENT.

THE first match of the Canadian Military Rifle League, fired on Saturday last, 16th May, resulted in the teams who led last year coming to the front again with scores that give promise of a keen contest for the high aggregates. The immense number of 104 teams entered. Unfortunately many were prevented from firing, through incomplete arrangements or unavoidable occurrences, such as at Halifax, where fog obscured the targets, and these have received permission to fire their first match on Saturday of this week. Until these are fired and the complete scores are received we prefer not to publish any, as to most of our readers the news has been conveyed in the daily press, and for the purposes of future reference the record preserved in these columns should be as perfect as possible. In connection with the suggestion made last week that the free ammunition should be allowed to those militiamen who necessarily had to enter in the name of civilian associations, we are pleased to learn that the Militia Department has generously decided to make the issue to all League teams without reservation.

THE annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association, held on Wednesday, proved even less interesting than usual, the business transacted being absolutely nothing outside of the formal resolutions cut and dried and distributed round the room for presentation. The same will likely be the case at the Artillery meeting to-day. The affairs of both associations are in a very satisfactory condition, and hence the unanimity at the meetings. It seems a pity, however, in the case of the Rifle Association, to have the business meeting at a time when only a handful of members can attend, instead of during the week of the annual matches.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

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

THE NEW PATTERN BUSBY.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Your correspondent "Stadacona," referring to the new regulation pattern Rifle busby worn by the 8th Royal Rifles on the 10th inst., is under the impression that this was the first occasion on which the new busby has been worn in Canada. The Dufferin Rifles of Brantford paraded with the new pattern busby at their outing in Toronto on 1st July last year.

BUSBY.

Toronto, May 18th, 1891.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

The largest church parade in the history of the Queen's Own Rifles took place Sunday afternoon to St. George's Church. The total muster of all ranks was 623 men. Owing to the large number of the University men engaged in examinations, "K" Company was not able to turn out more than half its strength. From the armoury the regiment marched by way of Front, Wellington, Bay, King, Simcoe, Queen and John streets to St. George's Church, the entire route being thronged with crowds of onlookers. The service was conducted by the Rector, Rev. J. D. Cayley, Rev. A. A. Pitman and Rev. M. C. Dickenson, Rev. Mr. Pitman preaching a forcible sermon from Judges v., 23, "Curse ye, Meroz, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof." A special musical service was led by the choir, the crowded congregation joining most heartily in hymn and response. From the church the men returned by way of John, Queen, Yonge and King streets to the armoury. An unfortunate accident occurred just prior to the parade, in which Lieut. Crean, of "I" Company, met with a nasty fall, the effects of which are likely to confine him to the house for some days. Lieut. Peuchen was driving down Jarvis street to the drill shed in a Gladstone, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and Lieut. Crean, the latter occupying the rear seat. Turning the corner of King at a somewhat sharp angle, the Lieutenant was dislodged from his seat and struck with much force on his head on the car rails. He was quickly picked up and taken down to the shed, where it was found he had sustained a severe abrasion of the forehead and right temple, the ear, too, being deeply cut. Dr. Nattress examined the injuries and found there was a slight contusion of the brain, but after dressing the wounds the injured officer was able to be conveyed to his home in Deer Park.

The annual entertainment of the Queen's Own Rifles, which was given Friday night at the Grand Opera House, took the shape of a performance of Gilbert's comedy, "On Guard," by the Sheridan Club, an amateur organization of recent formation. The popularity of the regiment and the *personnel* of the club secured a large and fashionable audience.

THE 1866 VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

The members of the temporary organization of veterans of '66 met on Monday night in the prayer room of Upper Canada College. Col. Otter, the chairman, presided, and Capt. Wm. Fahey officiated as secretary. Amongst the large number of veterans present was Col. Gillmor, who commanded the Q. O. R. at Rideway. The report of the committee arranging details for the commemoration of Rideway on the 2nd of June was adopted. Invitations are to be sent to Major-General Herbert; Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia; the Lieutenant-Governor, Mayor and Corporation, the Public School Board, the various city corps, the Volunteer Monument Committee of '96, and to outside corps in Ontario who may desire to be

represented. Park Superintendent Chambers is to have charge of the floral decorations. The members of the Veterans' Association, and delegates from outside corps in mufti, are to muster at the Upper Canada College grounds at 3 p.m.; also members of the Public School Drill Corps, and, led by the band of C School of Infantry, will march to the Queen's Park, joined *en route* by the city corps. The veterans will wear an appropriate badge. The ceremonies will be inaugurated by the Lieutenant-Governor unveiling the monument or placing wreaths thereon, which will be followed by orations. The Mayor will be requested to proclaim a half holiday on that date. A constitution was adopted, and the by-laws were left to a committee. The title of the society was chosen to be the 1866 Veterans' Association. The election of officers was proceeded with and resulted as follows: Honorary President, Col. Gillmor; President, Col. Otter; Vice-Presidents, Lt.-Col. Gibson of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, and Col. Davis of the 37th Battalion, Haldimand; Honorary Treasurer, Capt. G. Mercer Adam; Secretary, Capt. Wm. Fahey; Executive Committee, Col. G. T. Denison, Col. Shaw, Major Bennett, Capt. W. F. McMaster and Col. Geo. McMurrich, with five more to be elected from amongst members in other localities.

A MILITIA POPULARITY CONTEST.

Prizes are offered by the *Toronto Mail* in a contest for the most popular commissioned officer in the Canadian militia and for the most popular corps of Canadian militia. They will be presented to the winners and are valued at \$250 each.

To the most popular officer will be presented a solid silver pitcher or claret jug and salver. The former is made of English sterling silver, hall marked, of antique pattern and fluted design. It stands thirteen inches high and has an ebonized handle, which dates back seventy-five years in age. The salver is a very handsome piece of work, elegant, yet plain and unique in pattern, and of the old style of hand-made salver. The waiter is of corresponding quality in material and design in finish, and is nine inches in diameter, with fluted edge and plain centre. Both claret jug and salver are satin finished. The entire outfit is of rare beauty, and would grace a royal household.

The prize to be presented to the most popular battalion or corps consists of two exceedingly handsome horn cups, finished in oxidized silver and gold. The horns are extremely beautiful in appearance, being highly polished and of perfect corresponding shape. Each is supported by a naiad or water nymph of exquisite proportions, attired in the simple unaffected manner of these maidens, and with golden tresses floating out behind. The water nymphs rest on a pedestal of gorgon-headed monsters of fierce and unrelenting aspect, who apparently realize the responsibility that rests upon them. One horn is surmounted by the figure of Fame holding in her hand the wreath of victory. The height of the cups from base to top is twenty-four and a half inches, being a fraction less than the length of the horn from tip to tip. The other cup has for its crowning ornament a young warrior, symbolic of modern warfare, with flaming torch and shield. Each horn bears a silver plate upon it, upon which may be inscribed the name of the winning corps. The cups will make admirable ornaments for a regimental mess or additions to a collection of trophies in any arm of the service.

We cannot all be first, but T. A. SLOCUM, of 186 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont., must feel more than ordinary pride in the success of his valuable preparation for the cure of lung diseases, viz: SLOCUM'S OXYGENIZED EMULSION OF PURE COD LIVER OIL. Their Laboratory at 186 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Ont., is kept constantly going, and every druggist in the country is supplied with the famous remedy.

THE DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association was held Wednesday morning, 20th inst., in the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons, Ottawa. There were present Lt.-Col. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P., President, in the chair; His Excellency the Governor-General and the Viscount Kilcourse, A.D.C.; Major-General Herbert, Lt. Col. Hon. J. A. Ouimet, M.P.; Col. Panet, Deputy Minister of Militia; Col. Walker Powell, Adjutant General; Lt.-Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery; Hon. Senators Girard and Macdonald; Lieut.-Cols. Denison, Prior and Tyrwhitt; Major Carpenter, Capt. Hugh J. Macdonald, and Messrs. Hazen, Davin, Macdowell, Taylor, Masson, Sproule, Marshall, Mara, Daly and Watson, Members of Parliament; Lt.-Cols. Vance Graveley, Todd, Tilton, Ross, Smith, Hood, John Macpherson (Treasurer), Thos. Bacon (Secretary), Brosseau, D. A. Macdonald and C. J. Macdonald; Majors Starke, Walsh, Sherwood, Sims, Ward and Guy; Capts. Gray and O'Grady, and Lieuts. Sutherland, Shannon, and others.

Lt.-Col. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick in his opening address complimented the Association on the success of the last annual prize meeting, the largest but one in its history, and from which everyone went away well pleased. He referred to the gratifying success of the Bisley team in upholding the credit of Canadian riflemen in England. The Canadian Military Rifle League he was pleased to regard as a useful sister association, brought into existence through the interest aroused by the D. R. A. and achieving marked success, as shown from the fact that in its first season fifty-one teams of ten men each competed, and in the first of this year no less than 104 teams, or 1,040 men. He expressed his thanks to the banks, manufacturers and others for their kind donations. The only cause for regret in the D. R. A., the Council realized, was the small number of members, which he thought was only one-tenth of what it ought to be, and he urged that efforts be made to secure an increase. He then moved, seconded by Hon. Lt.-Col. Ouimet, the adoption of the annual report, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. D. Hazen, M.P., moved a vote of thanks to His Excellency the Governor-General for his continued interest in the affairs of the Association and in rifle shooting generally, and spoke of the advantage it was to have the Governor-General taking an active interest in rifle practice. Capt. Hugh J. Macdonald, M.P., seconded the resolution in a neat speech in which he too spoke of the great advantage it was to rifle shooting to have His Excellency taking an active interest in it. In presenting the vote the chairman expressed his personal appreciation of His Excellency's interest.

Lord Stanley, in reply, expressed his sense of appreciation of the kind remarks of Mr. Hazen and Capt. Macdonald. He felt it was a happy augury for the success of the rifle association that the rising men of the House of Commons were found gathered together in this room annually to discuss its affairs. He endorsed Col. Kirkpatrick's suggestion as to an endeavour to secure more members. He thought it a matter of congratulation that the Rideau Range had been secured for another five years, as, while not perfect, he considered it the best available. As for the arm of the force, he hoped that the administration would before very long see its way clear to procure a better arm than the Snider, and that his friend Major-General Herbert would, as commandant, do his best to secure it.

Lieut.-Col. Hood moved a vote of thanks to Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, and to the members of the

Government and Parliament for their continued active interest in the affairs of the association.

Col. Panet, Deputy Minister, acknowledged the vote of thanks to the Minister, who could not be present himself on account of having to meet two deputations.

Lieut.-Col. Amyot moved, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Denison, a vote of thanks to the donors of prizes.

Lieut.-Col. Prior moved, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Todd, a vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Roberts for granting the use of the Cambridge University Rifle Range last year and this.

Lieut.-Col. Gravely moved, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Todd, That this Association welcomes Major-General Herbert to Canada, and trusts that the riflemen of the Dominion may receive his patronage and encouragement.

Major-General Herbert returned thanks for the compliment. He endorsed the opinion expressed by the Governor-General as to the extreme necessity of rifle practice and of a good arm for that purpose. Though the Snider was once a very good weapon, its day was long since past, and he thought we should substitute for it a weapon of perfect reliability. He felt that the authorities of this country were of the same opinion.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Lord Stanley rose to propose the re-election of Lt.-Colonel Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick as president of the association and in doing so made a graceful reference to the high honour just conferred upon that gentleman in being appointed a member of the Privy Council. General Herbert seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried. Lt.-Colonel Kirkpatrick spoke in acknowledgment, disclaiming any personal credit for the success of the association, which he felt was largely due to his able council and executive. He had so long held the office that he felt that another year he should have to retire to allow some one else to share the honour and responsibility.

The vice-presidents were then re-elected as follows:— Ontario, Lt.-Colonel Allan Gilmour, Ottawa; Quebec, Robert Hamilton, Quebec; New Brunswick, Lt.-Colonel Hon. A. E. Botsford, Sackville; Nova Scotia, Lt.-General J. W. Laurie, Oakfield; Manitoba, Hon. M. A. Girard; British Columbia, Hon. W. J. Macdonald, Victoria; Prince Edward Island, Hon. A. Macdonald. The last named is the only change, he taking the place of the late Senator Haythorne. In connection with the re-election of General Laurie it was mentioned that he was about to return to Canada.

The members of Council elected at last annual meeting were re-elected with a few changes. Lieut. Sutherland, 13rd, was added to the Ontario list, and Capt. O'Grady, 13rd, took his place on the Prince Edward Island list. Senator Ogilvie was the only new member for Quebec. Two new members, Mr. J. D. Hazen, M.P., and Capt. McRobbie were elected for New Brunswick; and two new members, Major Garrison and Major Barnhill, for Nova Scotia. For Manitoba, Capt. Hugh J. Macdonald, M.P., took the place of Mr. Scarth, his predecessor in the House.

Lord Stanley then moved, seconded by General Herbert, a vote of thanks to the chairman. This was carried and the meeting adjourned.

MEETING OF THE NEW COUNCIL.

The council then met, Lieut.-Colonel William White in the chair in the absence of Lt.-Col. Onimet, who was re-elected chairman but had to leave to attend another meeting. The first business was the election of an executive and last year's members were re-elected, with the substitution of the name of Capt. O'Grady for Major Perley and of Lt.-Colonel Massey for Major Bond. Much regret was expressed at the retirement of Major Perley, who on account of ill health had intimated that he could not continue to serve and a committee was appointed to prepare

an address to be suitably illuminated and presented to him.

Lt.-Colonel White, Lt.-Colonel Tilton and Major Toller were re-elected a finance committee.

Capt. O'Grady asked a reconsideration of the "efficiency clause" applied to competitors, holding that it discriminated unfairly in favour of the commissioned officers. The sense of the meeting was, however, against a re-opening of the question.

There being no further business the Council then adjourned.

The following were the reports presented and adopted:—

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council has the honour to submit the Twenty-third Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Association, and at the same time has pleasure in congratulating its members on a successful season.

Anticipating a large increase in the number of competitors, your Council considered it advisable to increase the shooting accommodation of the Rideau, so as to ensure the matches being completed in about the same time as heretofore. To insure this, the target trench was extended so as to make room for eight new targets, thus increasing the accommodation nearly one-third, making thirty-three targets, as compared with twenty-five previously; and other extensive and necessary improvements were made which entailed such heavy expense as to materially reduce the balance shown by the Treasurer to be at the credit of the Association last year.

The report of the commandant of the Bisley team will well repay perusal, and shows that Canada's representatives acquitted themselves well, as, although they did not succeed in carrying off the Kolapore Cups, they won the very handsome sum of £379 in money prizes, and had four competitors in the last stage of the "Queen's" Prize, an achievement which has never before been effected by any team.

The reference by the commandant of the team to the berth accommodation afforded to the members by the steamship company deserves consideration, and if arrangements can be made to secure upper cabin berths for all members of the team, a very great advantage will be gained.

The suggestion made by Col. Prior as to securing the range at Cambridge has been taken advantage of, and your Council has received a letter from Lt.-Col. Roberts, the officer commanding the Cambridge University Volunteer Rifles, promising the use of the range for this year's Bisley team's practice. The Association is much indebted to that officer for his continued interest in the Canadian team.

The annual matches of the Association, held at the Rideau Range, Ottawa, in September last, were largely attended, and more Canadian militiamen competed than on any previous occasion since the year 1868.

The shooting was very good, and an improvement on the previous year, as will be seen by a comparison of the scores in the Grand Aggregate and other matches. The prize list and general arrangement of the matches appeared to give satisfaction to the attendant competitors.

It is hoped that the impetus given to rifle shooting by the inauguration of the Military Rifle League last year will have the effect of largely increasing the attendance at the annual matches of the Association this year.

The thanks of the Association are again due to His Excellency the Governor-General, Lord Stanley of Preston, for his liberal contribution to the funds of the Association, and for the very great interest he takes in the welfare of the Association, and for his gift of silver and bronze medals to the different provincial rifle associations in the Dominion.

To the Government and members of Parliament the thanks of the Association are again due for the liberal grant voted last year.

To the Hon. Minister of Militia and Defence, Sir Adolphe P. Caron, K.C.M.G., the Association is indebted for his continued interest in the affairs of the Association.

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To the Presidents and Directors of the various banks the Association is greatly indebted for their continued support; also to the Canada Club of London, who, through their Secretary, Malcolm O. Sim, Esq., again presented a handsome silver cup to be competed for by the Bisley team; and to Mr. J. H. Steward, London, England, for a very handsome Graphoscope in Amboyna wood, which was made the first prize in the Snider Aggregate Match.

The total entries at the annual competition amounted to 9,107 last year, as compared with 9,413 in 1889. This reduction is more than accounted for by the absence of teams from Her Majesty's regular forces, army and navy, and it is hoped that, at the coming season's matches, they may again be represented.

The Council submit the Treasurer's statement of the finances of the Association, which have been duly audited:—The receipts for the year amounted to \$18,669.67, which, with the balance of \$2,292.34 brought forward from last year, exhibits a total of \$20,962.01 to the credit of the Association. The expenditure amounted to \$19,875.69, showing a balance of \$1,086.32 in favour of the Association at the end of the year. As will be seen by the detailed accounts under the head of ranges, a considerable expenditure was necessarily incurred for additional target accommodation, repairs and renewals, including drainage,—filling up gully at the 600 yard range, and work of a permanent character, towards which the Militia Department contributed a proportion of the cost, which was considered as properly chargeable to that department.

Affiliation fees from Rifle Associations, including \$69, value of 23 bronze medals issued, amounted to \$869, as against \$879 received in 1889. The number of affiliating Rifle Associations this year were 8 provincial and 50 local and other associations, showing a decrease of 1 provincial and an increase of 1 local Rifle Association, as compared with 1889.

The annual subscriptions for the year amounted to \$286, as against \$322 in 1889. The Council express the hope that members of the association will interest themselves, as far as possible, by inducing others to become members. The associate members' fees for the Annual Matches this year amounted to \$347, as against \$351 received in 1889. The receipts from special donations amounted to \$700, the same as last year. The special donations from banks amounted to \$825, an increase of \$25, as compared with 1889. The net receipts from entry fees, including post entries and fines, exclusive of the charge for ammunition, amounted to \$4,323.03, as against \$4,384.92 in 1889, a decrease of \$61.89. Receipts from the sale of ammunition this year amounted to \$1,226.60, as against \$1,161.90 in 1889, an increase of \$64.70. Cash prizes and badges amounted to \$7,519.30 this year, as against \$7,423.30 an increase of \$96.00 as compared with last year. The expenditure for the Bisley team this year amounted to \$5,811.27, as against \$5,753.73 in 1889, an increase of \$57.54. A statement of the expenditure made by Lt.-Col. Prior, M.P., commanding the Bisley team for 1890 is herewith submitted and will be found in the appendix. GEO. A. KIRKPATRICK, Lt.-Col., *President, Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.*

REPORT OF LT.-COL. E. G. PRIOR, A.D.C., M.P., COMMANDING BISLEY TEAM, 1890.

Victoria, B.C., October 30th, 1890.

Lt.-Col. Hon. Geo. A. Kirkpatrick, M.P., *President Dominion of Canada Rifle Association:*

Sir,—Having had the honour of being appointed commandant of the Bisley team for the year 1890, I now beg to hand you this my report of our proceedings.

The team, with three exceptions, embarked at Montreal on the evening of Tuesday, the 24th of June, 1890, on board the s.s. "Parisian."

A large number of our brother militiamen assembled to wish us *bon voyage*, and the officers of the Victoria Rifles very kindly allowed their band to serenade us.

I am sorry to say that a great deal of dissatisfaction was expressed by members of our team on finding that the same class of berths had not been allotted to every one. Four of them had to sleep down below the saloon in one cabin, although they knew that first-class passages had been purchased for all the team. This, I consider, is most unfair and not at all what members of the team have a right to expect. The consequence was that those who had such poor accommodation were ill the greater part of the voyage and thus were badly prepared on landing in England to uphold the honour of Canada. I sincerely trust that in future each member of the team will have an equally comfortable cabin, and this can be assured if the different steamship companies are brought into competition for the passages of the team. The berths might be secured months before the date of sailing, and thus all excuses as to there being an insufficient number of good berths left, be avoided.

At Quebec, the Hon. Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, honoured us with a visit on board ship, and spoke a few words of encouragement to us all: Col. Montizambert and officers of "B" Battery also saw us off and their band enlivened the leave-taking. At Rimouski two of the team joined the ship, so that, with the exception of Capt. Silver (who had leave to proceed to England previous to our sailing), we were all on board. Owing to four days of fog and the presence of icebergs we were detained a good deal and took twelve days crossing the Atlantic.

We arrived at Liverpool on Monday morning, the 7th of July. After clearing our baggage at the Customs, I sent the team under the command of the Adjutant at Cambridge, whilst I went up to London to make the necessary entries for the matches at Bisley and to look after several important matters connected with the team.

I found the offices of the N. R. A. in Pall Mall closed and had to go to Bisley to make entries. I there found Mr. A. P. Humphrey, the Secretary of the N. R. A. and made the entries; but he impressed upon me the advisability of making them earlier, as by being delayed to so late a date they were open to be charged as post entries.

I believe I am right in saying that it is the opinion of many experienced shots that there would be an advantage in being entered earlier, as there would be more chance of obtaining better hours of the day to fire in than when entering, as we now do, after all other entries are made. I would suggest that the Secretary of the D. R. A. correspond with the Secretary of the N. R. A., with the object of arriving at some agreement in regard to entering the team earlier. As the *personnel* of the team is not known until they assemble at Montreal, ready to embark, the entries might be made long before by numbers or letters, and these changed for the names on arrival of the team in England; or, as an alternative, half the team might be squadded for one time through the meeting, and the other half for a different time, so that the whole team would not be likely to shoot under any disadvantages, such as a bad storm, &c.

The team arrived at Cambridge University Ranges at five o'clock on Monday evening, and found their tents pitched on the range, and everything requisite to their comfort arranged through the courtesy of Col. Roberts, commanding the University Corps, and of Major Riddell, the Adjutant. Owing to the wet weather and excessive dampness of the locality the men suffered a good deal from colds. One man was completely crippled by rheumatism for a couple of days and unable to fire. To my mind it is very questionable whether being under canvas at Cambridge in such wet weather as we had is in the interest of practice and preparation for Bisley, but if maintained the tents most assuredly ought to be floored as a preventive against colds. It would cost the D. R. A. a very trifling sum to purchase these, and

they could be stored away when camp breaks up ready for the next year's use.

Major Scott, of the Cambridge University Corps, kindly entertained the officers on the team at his college rooms, which gave them an opportunity of getting an insight into college life and a view of the colleges and grounds, which was much appreciated.

Major Riddell notified the Adjutant that if the University ranges were to be secured in the future for the Canadian team to practice on it would be necessary to make application for them much earlier than has hitherto been the case, as other applicants are yearly becoming more importunate for their use. This, I trust, will be attended to, and application made some months ahead.

We left Cambridge for Bisley on Saturday, the 12th of July, at noon, but did not arrive in camp until about nine o'clock p.m. Owing to the fact that it was the first meeting at Bisley, and that many of the firms catering for the camp in various ways were not old Wimbledon hands, there was great confusion, and although I had spared neither trouble nor expense in endeavouring to have everything complete, it was simply impossible to get the camp quite ready for the men by the time they arrived. However, next day everything was obtained and the men were comfortably settled down in their quarters under canvas.

Bisley camp is about one hour's run from London. It is close to Brookwood Station, on the London & South Western Railway, from which station a line about one and a quarter miles long has been built right into the centre of the camp. Although it is nearly double the distance from London that Wimbledon is, still, as the train takes you right into the camp, it takes very little longer to get to the ranges now than formerly. This, however, the general public did not seem to be aware of, as the attendance of visitors was lamentably small. Large numbers of the wealthier classes of people who used to drive down to Wimbledon find it impossible to get to the present place in the same manner. I was informed that the loss to the N. R. A. this year, through the falling off in gate money, would be at least £3,000. However, the association is in hopes that when the place becomes better known this will, to a great extent, be remedied.

Here I must record my grateful acknowledgment to Sir Casimir Gzowski for his choice of locality and arrangement of camp quarters, in advance of our arrival at Bisley. The site set apart for the Canadian camp is, to my mind, on the whole, most satisfactory. Although my instructions informed me that floors for the tents were not allowed by the association, I felt sure, after the experience I had at Cambridge, that it was absolutely necessary for the ordinary comfort of the men, and in the interest of good shooting, that such should be supplied. I therefore supplied them at my own expense. I feel certain that, if the matter is discussed fully, the association will see that it is highly necessary that every advantage possible should be given to the men who are representing the country, even if it does cost a little more than heretofore.

I found it to be the almost universal opinion amongst old shots that the ranges at Bisley are more favourable for high scores than those at Wimbledon.

On Saturday, the 12th of July, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, came to Bisley to open the new ranges. Major Todd and myself were honoured with invitations, and the ceremony was a most brilliant one. H. R. H. the Princess of Wales made the proverbial bulls-eye from a rifle fired with the new smokeless powder.

It seemed to be the general opinion before we left Canada that the team this year was not, by comparison, a strong one. This impression may have been created by the fact that a great many who were first on the list were unable to go to Bisley. However, I am proud to say that the shooting by the team, as will be seen by the results, was

very good, indeed. In some measure I attribute this to the fact that, after consultation with the Adjutant, I came to the conclusion that it would be advisable to enter the members once in an extra series match of the same range as the regular match, just immediately before firing commenced, thus giving the men every possible chance in the regular matches.

The divided winnings of the team amounted to £379, being within 7s. per man of the divided winnings of the previous year's team.

Had there been a second prize in one of the chief competitions, viz., "The Standard," where but one prize of £105 was given, the winnings would have been largely increased, as our team took second place in this match.

The "Standard" match was a new feature in the programme, and is, I think, deserving of some notice here as being a purely military match adapted to the new attack formation. I may say that it excited quite as much general interest on the field as did the Kolapore Cup. The team consisted of twelve men, under command of the Adjutant, by whom all necessary words of command were given. They were drawn up in extended order at about seven hundred yards from the target, which was lined off as a second-class target for the purpose of scoring hits, but instead of having a black bulls-eye on a white target, two figures of men were depicted standing on either side of a field gun, with coloured foliage and sky worked in, which, at a distance, made a strange and difficult object to aim at. The firing and advancing had to be completed in eight minutes from the start—at about seven hundred yards to the finish—at about three hundred yards; that is to say, four minutes were allowed for advancing between the firing points, and the other four minutes were expended in firing as follows viz., one minute individual firing at 750 yards, one minute volley firing at 550 yards, one minute volley firing at 450 yards, and one minute individual firing at 300 yards.

Five teams competed. The home team came out first, and took the prize of one hundred guineas, and the Canadians were second.

I draw attention to this eminently practical military match in the hopes that our shots on next year's Bisley team may practise for it over their own ranges at home and so have a better chance in competition with the Home and Channel teams who practise months beforehand in preparation for it.

It gives me great pleasure to bring to your notice the unusual success of the Canadian team in the "Queen's." Four men succeeded in getting into the second and third stages, and came out in the following order, viz.: 26th, Lieut. Smith; 32nd, Capt. Bishop; 58th, Quartermaster-Serjt. Ogg; 62nd, Serjt. Hall.

It is impossible for me to adequately express my appreciation of the services rendered by my Adjutant, Major A. H. Todd. His large experience as a competitor in rifle matches and his thorough knowledge of what was necessary were simply invaluable. His constant and untiring attention to duty, and his tact in dealing with several questions involving diverse interests, was beyond all praise.

Of the conduct of the members of the team, I can only say that from first to last one and all of them was a credit to the country they so worthily represented. They seemed to vie with each other in showing what a true Canadian is, and if they have only as kindly a recollection of me as I have of them, I shall never regret the Bisley camp of 1890.

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(By Colonel H. B. Hanna, late Commanding at Delhi.—From the Broad Arrow.)

III.—COMMANDING OFFICERS.

“He should be steady in system, that which demands change must be bad. Change in itself is an evil of magnitude.”—SIR CHARLES NAPIER.

In a commanding officer that reverence for authority which I placed first among a soldier's virtues will take the form of a careful and conscientious use of power. Knowing, by experience, the difficulty of obedience, he will seek, on the one hand, to enforce it by steadiness of rule, and, on the other, to render it easy by the clearness, simplicity, and reasonableness of his orders. Both written and verbal orders should be clear and intelligible to the meanest intellect, and are none the worse for a little “damnable iteration.” When orders are intricate or of great importance, such orders should, as a rule, be in writing; but when given verbally the recipient should be made to repeat them, and if necessary more than once. Should they require further elucidation, let him ask any number of questions. Patience on these occasions repays itself a hundredfold. In the field orders have frequently been misunderstood and incorrectly delivered with disastrous consequences. When the orders, however, have been thoroughly mastered, the person receiving them should be left to work out the details for himself, unless it is clear that he is incompetent to do so. Original methods are carried out better than those suggested by another person.

Neglect of duty or inattention to orders should never be overlooked. Strictness in this respect will soon form habits of obedience in the most careless. Such habits can only be properly taught during peace. On service it would scarcely be possible to introduce a good system of discipline in a neglected regiment, as a commanding officer's time would be fully employed in other duties; besides, regiments on service are often broken up into detachments, which, in itself, is one of the principal causes of the deterioration of discipline. Sir Charles Napier declared that a colonel should be able to say to the general, “I cannot see this order executed with my own eyes, but, having taught my officers the necessity of obedience, I will be responsible for its execution.” A commanding officer must exact strict obedience from the senior officers if he hopes to maintain discipline amongst the juniors. In no profession is it so necessary to maintain a connected chain of responsibility as in the Army. If one link fails, it may lead to the collapse of the whole system. To maintain this chain of responsibility intact, commanding officers should not withhold the powers granted by regulations to company officers for the disposal of minor offences, except under very peculiar circumstances, or unless he is of opinion that the officers referred to cannot be trusted to properly exercise them. Not a few commanding officers are under the impression that, in according these powers, they weaken their own authority. No greater mistake could be made, for, as a matter of fact, it is undesirable that every petty offence should be dealt with by a commanding officer. These remarks apply also to indulgences.

One of the worst misfortunes that can befall a regiment is to have a commanding officer who conceals, or connives at the concealment of crime. Such conduct, whether it springs from weakness or indolence, or the desire to stand well with the authorities, is fatal to discipline, and a regiment will suffer from its evil influence long after the cause has been removed; for the bad characters in it, having so long enjoyed immunity from deserved punishment, will, for years, continue to set all constituted authority at defiance, and to corrupt their younger comrades. Commanding officers who desire to make the state of their regiments appear better than it really is, must themselves commit grave breaches of discipline; for example, they will award a few

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W. R. PRINGLE,

Toronto, 19th May, 1891.

Secretary

days' confinement to barracks for serious offences which they are forbidden to dispose of summarily ; or suppress all record for such offences ; or, worse still, fabricate false documents in order to hoodwink their superiors. No mercy should be shown to such men ; if detected, they should be summarily removed from their commands, for every hour they remain aggravates the evil, and adds to their successor's difficulties. And detection is not so difficult as it might seem at first sight, as, for instance, when there is a total absence of recorded crime in a regiment, and yet unpleasant rumours are afloat regarding its discipline ; be on the alert ; where there is smoke there is fire. The general appearance and conduct of the men in public, will sometimes give a valuable clue ; and their conduct when detached from headquarters, especially if not serving under their own officers, is often one of the best indications of the discipline of a regiment. Entries in defaulters sheets, and how crime is generally disposed of, is, perhaps, the most damaging evidence of faults being improperly dealt with. If, immediately following the departure of a commanding officer, there be a serious outbreak of crime in a regiment, it may as a rule be safely attributed to concealment, for it takes time to demoralize a regiment when it is in a high state of discipline. Many an excellent officer, succeeding one who has habitually concealed, or permitted the concealment of crime, suffers in reputation. Unexpected difficulties crop up on all sides ; perhaps every man's hand is against him, and even the officers themselves, though not directly opposing him, may not lend him that cordial support which he has a right to expect from them. Although naturally humane, he feels that, for a time at least, any show of leniency will be looked upon as a sign of weakness ; hence fairly good men—and even good men, for indulgences have to be curtailed—suffer alike with the evil-doers. Application after application for courts-martial have to be submitted, and the defaulters become alarmingly numerous. Suddenly the authorities awaken to the fact that the discipline of the regiment is rotten, but, ignorant of the cause, they censure, and perhaps disgrace the wrong man.

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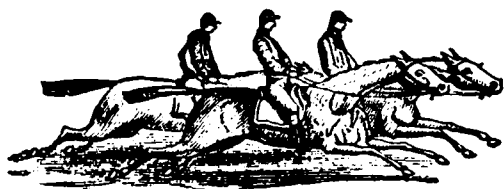
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