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## Topics of the Week.

Halifax joins in praise of the '88 Quebec ammunition, a letter received by the MILITIA GAZETTE from a crack shot of that city stating that a trial has resulted in general satisfaction.

Lieut.-Col. Lucius Poitras, the officer commanding the 64th Batt., Beauharnois, since 1886, died on Friday last, and was buried at Valleyfield with military honours. Col. Poitras was Chief of Police at Valleyfield, and also Chief of the Fire Department. He had been ailing for some time from disease contracted by hardship in the States when serving with the Southern army during the war.

In the House of Lords last week, Lord Sudeley having questioned regarding the defences at Esquimalt, the Colonial Secretary replied that the Government was awaiting a reply from the Dominion Government to a despatch of June 13, asking whether Canada assents to the proposed arrangement. If the answer is in the affirmative the Imperial Government will at once proceed with the defensive works. The guns are in a very forward state.

Upon his return from camp at Niagara, Col. Otter held the ordered investigation into the charges of carelessness at the Garrison Common ranges on the 9th of June. His report has been sent to the Militia Department, but no action has yet been taken concerning it, and the ranges yet remain closed. That is, upon complaint the justice of which has not yet been admitted by the department, the ranges have been closed for nearly a month, out of the four constituting the season of activity in shooting.

Lord Stanley has intimated to the Secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association his acceptance of the post of Patron of that body, held from the first by his predecessors in the office of Governor-General. His Excellency will also generously continue the annual gift of five hundred dollars, constituting the prize fund for the Governor-General's match, in which the competitors are the sixty who win the highest places in the aggregate of each season's D. R. A. competitions. Being a military man himself, it is expected that Lord Stanley will take a lively personal interest in the force in Canada.

The first number of *The Dominion Illustrated*, the promised appearance of which we hailed with pleasure some time ago, is to hand this week, and a creditable specimen it is. The illustrations, mainly of Canadian subjects, are of a high order of merit, and the letterpress makes delightful reading, an augury that the literary element is not to be neglected in attending to the pictorial. To quote from its own in-

troductory, "the object of the paper is to illustrate, by pen and pencil, the resources of the Dominion of Canada; to assist in its growth; to promote its prosperity; and to help the spread of its good name both at home and abroad." We wish *The Dominion Illustrated* success in its laudable mission.

We are pleased to note the appointment of Mr. R. McVittie, the world-famed rifle shot, as the sole agent in Canada of the Field Martini-Henry Rifle Company, and take this opportunity to call attention to his own announcement, which appears in our advertising columns. When a man with Mr. McVittie's record speaks or writes upon rifle shooting, his observations are well worthy of attention and consideration. Such has been the case in the past with his "Hints and Advice on Rifle Shooting," a useful booklet, of handy size for the pocket, and which has been in considerable demand ever since the first issue. The work thoroughly covers the ground, dealing with the choice and care of a rifle, the tests of ammunition, safest positions, method of sighting, the effects of light, wind, atmosphere, etc., and ending with a valuable chapter on team shooting. Such a work as this ought to be in the hands of every shooting man.

Lord Wolseley in an address delivered a few days ago, struck another blow at military traditional institutions when he declared with emphasis that "if the time devoted to the eternal polishing of harness were devoted to instruction in the technical use of arms and field training, both artillery and cavalry would be more useful in the day of battle. Instead of the inspections taking place in a back yard or in a small field, they should take place on the ranges. Instead of inspecting the infantry on the Queen's parade, they should be taken to Cæsar's camp, where their use at targets might be tested. Both battalions and batteries could be best tested at the ranges." Hear, hear! we say. Apply the principle to Canada. Have our General Officer Commanding express his opinion of the Militia after he has seen them at work upon the rifle range, instead of after they have spent an hour or so, dressed up to kill—in a less useful sense—parading on the most level spot to be found in the neighbourhood.

The death of General Sir Duncan Cameron, G.C.B., is announced. Sir Duncan, who was the son of Lieutenant-General Sir John Cameron, K.C.B., was born in 1808, and entered the army in 1825. Serving throughout the campaign of 1854-5, he commanded the 42nd Foot at the battle of the Alma, and the Highland Brigade at the battle of Balaclava, and received the medal with three clasps for the siege of Sebastopol, etc., where he took part in the assault on the outworks. For his service during the war he was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath and an Officer of the Legion of Honour. He was appointed colonel of the 42nd Foot in 1863, and in the same year proceeded to New Zealand in command of the forces there with the rank of Lieutenant-General. In 1864 he was made a K.C.B. He was governor of the Royal Military College at Sandhurst from 1868 to June, 1875. For several years he has been colonel of the Gordon Highlanders. Sir Duncan was appointed Major-General in 1858, Lieutenant-General in 1868, and General in January, 1875.

### The Militia Pastime.

A sweepstake match was shot by members of the Victoria Rifle Club at Hamilton on Monday afternoon. The ranges were 200, 500 and 600 yards; seven shots, Snider rifles. The veteran shot, Capt. James Adam, led with the creditable score of 29, 28, 29—86; H. Morris being a good second with 84, and the next being five points lower.

In a friendly match between the Halifax Garrison Artillery and the crew of H. M. S. "Pylades," fired on the Bedford Range recently, with eight men a side, Martini rifles, seven shots at Queen's ranges, the Artillerymen won by 93 points, the score standing 693 to 600. Major Garrison, H. G. A., led the field with the high score of 96—31, 32 and 33, in the order of the ranges.

A rear wind, varying from a gentle breeze to a gale, and switching off to the right with provoking irregularity, confronted the Ottawa Rifle Club when they assembled on Rideau range last Saturday afternoon for the regular competition. This was with Snider rifles, at 200, 500 and 600 yards, seven rounds of '87 ammunition at each range. The scores, which are omitted for want of space, were phenomenally small, Capt. Sherwood and Mr. F. W. Smith tying for first place with 68 points each, the tie being shot off and won by the former.

The first of the three competitions to decide this year's possession of the Ladies' Challenge Trophy, lately presented to No. 6 company of the 43rd Rifles by the ladies of New Edinburgh Ward, took place on Saturday last at Rideau range. The match was at 200, 400 and 500 yards, seven shots at each, with Snider rifles. About thirty members competed. The leading scores were: Pte. S. Short, 78; Pte. R. A. Brown, 69; Pte. W. Tink, 68; Corp. W. Dial, 64. The top man on this occasion, Pte. S. Short, is a young man likely to attain prominence in shooting circles, showing as he does a natural aptitude for marksmanship, and having as an example in persevering practice his brother, Sergt. W. Short, one of the crack shots of the Guards, and a member of the Canadian team now at Wimbledon. The other competitions for the trophy this year will be held on the last Saturdays of July and August.

Notwithstanding the strong east wind, the weekly practice of the 8th Royal Rifles Association, Saturday afternoon, the 23rd of June, at the St. Joseph range, was well attended, upwards of twenty-five members being present. The scoring was high, taking into consideration the high wind, as the accompanying ten top scores will show. Ranges 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 rounds at each; Snider rifles and Quebec ammunition, issue of 1888:—

Sergt. Hartley .....	31	30	25	86	Pte. Bell .....	23	23	19	65
Sergt. Goudie.....	29	31	25	85	Staff-Sergt. Perrett .....	22	28	13	63
Lieut.-Col. Miller .....	28	26	22	76	Sergt. Dewfall .....	27	21	14	62
Pte. Thomson.....	27	28	19	74	Pte. Clark.....	25	13	23	61
Lance Corpl. Hawkins..	25	20	21	66	Corpl. Douglas.....	27	27	8	61

The Halifax county rifle association held their semi-annual competition at Bedford on Saturday, 23rd June. Snider rifles, seven rounds at 200, 400 and 500 yards. The day was hot and cloudy with a varying wind, making good shooting difficult. Notwithstanding the disadvantages some good scores were made, as will be seen from the following list of those winning prizes:

Major Garrison, H G A..	29	30	33	92	Bnd'sm Defraytas, 63rd..	29	27	25	81
Lt. Blackmore, 63rd....	28	29	30	87	Capt. Crane, 63rd.....	26	26	28	80
Capt. Anderson, H G A..	29	27	29	86	Corpl. Taylor, 63rd....	28	28	23	79
Capt. Harris, H G A....	26	34	25	85	Sgt.-Mjr. Gibson, 63rd..	29	29	21	79
Sgt.-mjr. Lockhart, 63rd.	26	29	27	82	Capt. Bishop, 63rd.....	28	25	25	78
Lt. Dimock, H G A....	27	28	27	82	Pte. Mackenzie, 63rd....	31	20	26	77
Qm.-Sgt. Murray, H G A	28	28	26	82	Capt. Corbin, 63rd.....	24	28	25	77
Sergt. Corbin, 63rd....	29	29	24	82	Capt. Maxwell, H G A..	29	27	21	77
Capt. Shand, H G A....	27	32	23	81	Major Eagan, 63rd.....	29	28	20	77
Lieut. Flowers, H G A..	26	26	29	81	Bd. Faulkner, H G A... 26	31	19	76	

#### Halifax Garrison Artillery.

The annual rifle competitions of the Halifax Garrison Artillery took place at Bedford range on the 26th June. The weather was all that could be desired—no wind or sun. The weapon used was the short Snider. Following were the leading prize winners:

First competition—200 and 400 yards, 7 rounds (Bland medal with first prize).

Staff-Sergt. Harris.....	61	Corpl. Snow.....	52
Bat. Sergt.-Major Spencer.....	58	Gunner Morgan.....	51
Bomb. Fader.....	56	Bomb. Faulkner.....	51
Gunner Spence.....	56	Major Garrison.....	50
Sergt. Robinson.....	55	Qm.-Sergt. Murray.....	50
Bat. Sergt.-Major Moody.....	54	Capt. Anderson.....	50
Lieut. Dimock.....	53	Lieut. Flowers.....	50
Bat. Sergt.-Major Melvin.....	52		

Second competition—200, 400 and 500 yards, 7 rounds (D. R. A. medal with first prize).

Gunner Fader.....	87	Lieut. Flowers.....	76
Bat. Sergt.-Maj. Spencer.....	85	Capt. Maxwell.....	76
Lieut. Dimock.....	83	Staff-Sergt. Harris.....	75
Major Garrison.....	83	Lieut. Bland.....	74
Bat. Sergt.-Major Murray.....	81	Bomb. Faulkner.....	73
Capt. Anderson.....	80	Capt. Harris.....	72
Sergt. McLeod.....	79	Bat. Sergt.-Major Melvin.....	70

A battery team match, five men a side, seven rounds at 400 yards, was won by No. 7 battery with 143 points, No. 6 being second with 140. Besides the above the programme included a consolation match, 5 rounds at 400 yards, Gunner W. Anderson being top scorer in this.

#### Frontier Rifle Association Annual Competition.

The 26th annual prize meeting of the Frontier Rifle Association was held on Tuesday, June 12th, at Huntingdon. The attendance was smaller than usual. The day was fine, light, very bright, wind changeable. Snider rifles; ammunition, 1886, Quebec manufacture. The scores were below the average without perceptible reason.

#### TRIAL MATCH.

Open to members of 50th Batt. who have never won a prize of over \$2.00, 5 rounds at 200 yds.: 1st, Pte. Patton, 19 points, \$6.00; 2nd, Sergt. Lucas, 14 points, \$5.00; 3rd, Pte. St. Louis, 11 points, \$4.00; 4th, Pte. Thibault, 9 points, \$3.00; 5th, Staff-Sergt. Oliver, 7 points, \$3.00; 6th, Pte. McNaughton, 4 points, \$2.00; 7th, Pte. Castell, 3 points, \$2.00.

#### FRONTIER MATCH.

Open to all members of Association, 7 rounds at 200, 400 and 500 yds.:

Sergt. Baird, 50th Batt.....	84	\$10 00
Corpl. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	77	8 00
Sergt. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	76	6 00
Lieut. Sloan, 50th Batt.....	72	5 00
D. G. Macfarlane, 50th Batt.....	72	4 00
C. H. Wells, F.R.A.....	70	3 00
D. Macfarlane, F.R.A.....	67	3 00
Lieut. Macfarlane, 50th Batt.....	65	2 00
Lieut. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	65	2 00
Geo. Cunningham, F.R.A.....	63	2 00
Wm. Walsh, F.R.A.....	62	2 00
Wm. Puise, F.R.A.....	58	1 00
John Mills, F.R.A.....	58	1 00
Wm. Sloan, 50th Batt.....	54	1 00

#### ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to all members. 7 rounds at 500 and 600 yds.:

Lieut. Sloan, 50th Batt.....	47	\$10 00
Corpl. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	46	8 00
D. G. Macfarlane, 50th Batt....	45	6 00
D. Macfarlane, F.R.A.....	40	5 00
Lieut. Macfarlane, 50th Batt.....	39	4 00
Sergt. Baird, 50th Batt.....	36	3 00
Sergt. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	36	3 00
D. A. Cunningham, F.R.A.....	34	2 00
Geo. Cunningham, F.R.A.....	33	2 00
Wm. Puise, F.R.A.....	33	2 00
C. H. Wells, F.R.A.....	29	1 00
Wm. Walsh, F.R.A.....	27	1 00
Lieut. McNaughton, 51st Batt..	26	1 00

#### COMPANY MATCH.

6 men, 5 rounds. Volley firing.

No. 2 Co., 50th Batt.....	66	Cup and \$6 00
No. 3 " " ".....	42	8 00

#### EXTRA SERIES.

Open to all comers. 5 rounds at 500 yards. Unlimited entries. Highest score to count:

Sergt. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	23
Lieut. Sloan, 50th Batt.....	23
D. A. Cunningham, F.R.A.....	20
Geo. Cunningham, F.R.A.....	18
C. H. Wells, F.R.A.....	17
Corp. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	17

Aggregate score of matches 2, 3, and 5, Lieut. Sloan, D. C. R. A. medal, 142 points.

Our correspondent at Huntingdon, P. Q., writes respecting the late matches of their local associations: "I am almost ashamed to send the report of our meeting, the scores are so small. About a month ago our secretary sent to Montreal for a supply of ammunition; when it came it was of 1886 manufacture. Now, I have just read your last issue, containing a letter from "Rifleman" of Quebec, stating what splendid work the issue of 1888 was making. What, then, is the meaning of sending this stuff to rifle associations when they have better? What kind are

you using this year in Ottawa, and what do you think of it?" [The meaning is, perhaps, that it must be used up. Ottawa is now using 1887 make, and finds it little if any better than 1886. We are promised a full trial of the wonderful 1888 make, and hope to be able shortly to record an exhaustive and systematic test of it.—ED.]

### Dominion Artillery Association Prize List.

**F**OLLOWING will be found the prize list, just issued, for the season's competitions of the Dominion Artillery Association, details of which have lately been published, with the exception of those for the garrison artillery meet at Quebec in September, which appear in this issue. There are two new features in the list, both affecting garrison artillery only. One consists in the aggregate prizes for scores in the 64 pr. and 40 pr. competitions combined; and the other provides prizes for an officers' competition at local headquarters, for those officers whose batteries practise there in place of at Quebec. The complete prize list is as follows:

*Royal Military College.*—Firing competition.—Badges as for a field battery. Field glass, value \$25.

*Royal Schools of Artillery.*—Firing competition.—9-pounder R. M. L. guns.—Aggregate, \$16; individual, \$8. Badges as for field batteries. 64-pounder R. M. L. guns.—Aggregate, \$8; individual, \$8; shifting ordnance, \$25; total R. S. A., \$65.

#### *Field Batteries.*

Firing competition.—9-pounder R. M. L. guns.—Aggregate scores—1st, Oswald Cup and \$30; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$15; 4th, \$10; total, \$75. Cup to become the property of any battery winning it two years in succession. Individual scores—1 prize of \$15; 2 of \$10; 3 of \$8; 4 of \$5; 5 of \$4; 5 of \$3; 10 of \$2; total, 30 prizes, \$134.

Officers' competition.—1st prize, value \$25; 2nd prize, value \$15; 3rd prize, value \$10; total, \$50.

Shifting ordnance competition.—1st, Gzowski Challenge Cup and \$30; 2nd, \$20; 3rd, \$10; total, \$60. Cup to become the property of any battery winning it two years in succession.

#### *Garrison Batteries.*

Competitions at Island of Orleans.—64-pounder R. M. L. guns.—Aggregate scores—1st, \$50; 2nd, \$30; 3rd, 20; total, \$100. Individual scores—1 prize of \$20; 2 of \$15; 2 of \$10; 5 of \$4; 5 of \$2; total, 15 prizes, \$100. Quebec Merchants' Challenge Cup, value \$200, to become the property of any battery winning it twice in three successive competitions.

40-pounder B. L. R. guns.—Aggregate scores—1st, \$40; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$15; total, \$80. Individual scores—1 prize of \$20; 1 of \$15; 2 of \$10; 2 of \$5; 2 of \$4; 4 of \$2; total, 12 prizes, \$81. Montreal Challenge Cup, value \$250, to be the property of any battery winning it twice in three successive competitions.

Aggregate.—64 and 40-pounder guns.—1st, \$25; 2nd, \$10; total, \$35.

Officers' competition.—1st prize, value \$25; 2nd, value \$15; 3rd, value \$10; total value, \$50.

Officers' competition at local headquarters.—64-pounder—1st prize, value \$10; 2nd prize, value \$5. Batteries practising at local headquarters, prizes at the rate of *ten dollars* per battery entering into the competitions.

Shifting ordnance competition.—Shift A (as detailed)—1st prize, \$40; 2nd prize, \$25; 3rd prize, \$10; total, \$75. Shift B (go-as-you-please)—1st prize, \$40; 2nd, \$25; 3rd, \$10; total, \$75. One first prize if only 3 detachments or under compete; two prizes if only 4 detachments compete, and three prizes if 6 batteries compete.

*General Efficiency.*—To field and garrison battery making highest total points—prize list will be published subsequently.

*Voluntary Drills.*—Highest average attendance, field or garrison, \$20; second, \$10; total, \$30. Badges same as last year.

### D. A. A. Garrison Artillery Competition.

**T**HE following general regulations for the above have been issued by Capt. J. B. Donaldson, Secretary of the Dominion Artillery Association:—

1. With the approval and sanction of the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence and the Major-General commanding the Militia, a garrison artillery competition will be held at Quebec on the 10th of September and following days, under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association.

2. Transport will be provided from local headquarters to Quebec and return, for not more than four detachments from the Halifax and Montreal Brigades, and three detachments from the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Brigades, and for not more than one detachment from each other affiliated battery.

3. Each detachment to consist of two officers and seven non-commissioned officers or gunners, and those from brigades may be composed of representatives selected from the whole brigade.

4. Subject to the above provisions there will be no objections to detachments being sent from each battery in a brigade, but the number of detachments from brigades will be deducted from the number of batteries authorized to practise at headquarters.

Each competitor will be required to have performed the annual drill with his corps for 1887-88, or 1888-89.

5. An allowance of 75c. per officer and man will be paid for each day necessarily absent from local headquarters. Tents and blankets will be provided on the camp ground, Isle of Orleans, and officers commanding are requested to communicate with the Camp Quartermaster, Quebec, with reference to messing arrangements.

6. Officers commanding brigades or batteries are requested to notify the Secretary, Captain Donaldson, Militia Department, Ottawa, before the 15th August as to the number of detachments which will be sent to these competitions, and for which transport will be required. Affiliation fees must be forwarded at the same time.

7. A further notification will be sent to each commanding officer as to the date on which each detachment will be required to be present.

8. The following Firing and Shifting Ordnance Competitions will be held: Firing competition, with 64-pr. R.M.L. Gun and 40-pr. R.B.L. Gun. Four competitors selected from each detachment of seven n.c.o. or gunners. To fire each, common shell plugged, 4; sharpnel shell time fuse, 1—total, 20 rounds each nature of gun. Range for 64-pr., about 1,800 yds., and for 40-pr., about 1,600 yds.

Officers' competition, (64-pr. R.M.L. Gun). Open to all combatant officers present with detachments. To fire each: common shell plugged, 3; shrapnel shell, time fuze, 1.

#### *General rules for above competitions.*

(a). Each detachment to be present and complete ten minutes before the hour fixed, the officer in charge, who will remain with his detachment during its practice, to be provided with a list in duplicate of their names, one copy to be handed to the Register keeper and one to the Umpire.

(b). Detachments to parade in clean fatigue dress for competition.

(c). If considered necessary, two trial shots from each nature of gun may be fired by the Umpire at the commencement of each day's firing, or if target has to be shifted; the results to be signalled and fully recorded.

(d). The Umpire will have full discretionary powers to disqualify any detachment, or to inflict a penalty of from two to five points for each irregularity, or mistake at drill, noticed by him.

(e). Ties to be decided by (1) points for direction; (2) common shell score.

If still a tie, then by firing 40-pr., plugged shell at longer range.

(f). General rules for practice as published by Inspector of Artillery. Umpire's decision to be final. No appeal.

#### *Shifting Ordnance Competition, A.*

Open to one officer or n.c.o. as No. 1, and 18 n.c.o. or gunners selected from competing detachments of brigades. Independent batteries wishing to enter for this competition will be required to include their firing detachment in that for Shifting Ordnance, but no camp allowance can be paid to other than the firing detachments.

**RULES.**—A 32-pr. 58 cwt. gun on the ground, about 15 yards from the platform, to be mounted on a garrison standing carriage on the latter by parbuckling over the side, gun and carriage to be left in line of fire, run back, stores clear of platform.

The operation of mounting must be conducted in strict accordance with the Manual.

Stores as detailed in Manual parbuckling, page 669. From two to five seconds may be added to the time at the discretion of the umpire for each mistake at drill or other irregularity.

Umpire's decision to be final.

Prizes will be awarded to the detachments performing the above operations in the shortest total time.

#### *Go as You Please Shift, B.*

Open to detachments as above; same nature of gun will be used. Details to be published on the ground and no preliminary practice allowed.

Inspector and Assistant Inspectors Artillery will act as Umpires with power to add to their number.

Executive Officer and Camp Adjutant, Captain Rutherford, C.A.  
Camp Quarter Master and Transport Officer, Major Crawford Lindsay, Quebec F. B.

Register-keeper, Captain Donaldson, Sec'y D. A. Association.  
Range Officers and working parties furnished by B Battery, C.A.

# THE CAMPS OF INSTRUCTION.

## Notes of the Brigade Assemblages in Four Provinces.

### FAITHFUL WORK BY THE DWELLERS IN TENTS.

The annual camp of instruction for the First Military District was held this year at Stratford, Ont., from the 19th to the 30th June. It was the first under the command of the present Deputy Adjutant General, Lieut.-Col. Smith, the commandant of D School of Infantry, London. The strength of the corps encamped was made up as follows:

	N.C.O.			N.C.O.	
	OFFICERS.	AND MEN.		OFFICERS.	AND MEN.
London Field Battery..	4	69	27th Lambton Inf.....	28	320
Guelph A & B Bat's... 13	136		29th Waterloo ".....	18	204
21st Essex Fusiliers... 21	208		32nd Bruce ".....	33	334
22nd Oxford Rifles... 26	334		33rd Huron ".....	23	227
			Total.....	166	1,882

The following constituted the Staff: Brigade Major, Lieut.-Col. Hon. M. Aylmer; Orderly Officer, Major W. H. Lindsay, 25th Bn.; Paymaster, Lieut.-Col. M. D. Dawson; Quartermaster, Major W. W. White, 30th Bn.; Supply Officer, Major A. M. Smith, 7th Bn.; Principal Medical Officer, Surgeon Major V. A. Brown, London Field Battery; Musketry Instructor, Capt. T. R. Coogan, 24th Bn.

The camp was located on the heights north-east of the town of Stratford, and on the north side of the Avon river or rivulet. The site proved fairly good, both for camping and drill, but a great drawback existed in the shape of a lack of drinking water. The Stratford water supply system had been extended to the grounds, and there were numerous taps available, but the water proved anything but palatable, and was mainly used for washing purposes, the wells of neighbouring farm-houses being drawn upon for the drinking water. It appears that the residents of Stratford also use well water for drinking. The infantry lines were about four hundred yards each from the stream, and the artillery camp was laid out on the right front, between the infantry tents and the stream. The Staff tents were in a square, dividing the infantry into two camps, with the 21st, 22nd and 27th on the right, and the 29th, 32nd and 33rd on the left. The camp was kept in admirable order throughout, and strict discipline was manifested, the prescribed work being performed without a hitch. Practical movements in squad, company, and battalion drill, successively, occupied the time almost exclusively, there being none to spare for brigade movements, except on Friday last, when the final review took place, prefatory to breaking camp next morning. This review showed the troops to have attained a familiarity with their duties really wonderful, considering their limited opportunities for acquiring the knowledge, and the small encouragement given them. Marked *esprit du corps* prevails, however, amongst the troops of the First Military District, and a great many companies are found who drill every year and at all seasons, and come to camp the possessors of a more intimate knowledge of their duties than without other preparation they might naturally be expected to have upon concluding, rather than commencing, the biennial drill.

#### NOTES.

In the absence of Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, who was unable to attend camp, the 1st Brigade Field Artillery was in charge of Major Nicoll, the officer commanding No. 1 Battery. Lieut.-Col. Peters of the London Battery, was the commandant of the artillery division in camp, consisting of his own and the two Guelph batteries.

The 21st Essex Fusiliers are fortunate in the possession of an enthusiast such as Lieut.-Col. J. R. Wilkinson, as commanding officer. And he is doubly fortunate in having enrolled under him an energetic and capable body of men imbued with his own enthusiasm and working together to raise the regiment to the highest possible standard. Organized in 1885, the 21st has three times since been to camp, in '85, '86, and '88, and has won honours on each occasion, in '86 obtaining special praise from the Minister of Militia and the D. A. G. The regiment appear this year in regulation Fusilier busbies, which replace the white helmets and add greatly to the appearance on parade.

The 22nd Bn. Oxford Rifles is a quarter of a century old this year, having been organized in 1863. This was the only regiment of Rifles in camp. The rifle green uniforms looked shabby in contrast with the scarlet coats of the rest of the foot soldiers, but what the 22nd thus lack in appearance they make up in drill and discipline. The fact that there is only one commission vacant, in the eight companies, speaks for itself, being unmistakable evidence of the popularity and prosperity of the corps. Col. Munro has the honour to command. The 22nd are blest

with a Royal Military College graduate for adjutant, this being Capt. W. M. Davis, who has filled that post since 1885. The shooting men amongst our readers will be particularly interested in the fact that the paymaster of the regiment, Major A. R. McCleneghan—one of the 37-8 veterans—was a member of the Canadian team Col. Skinner took to Wimbledon in 1871, and which was the forerunner of the team since sent annually by the Dominion Rifle Association. The 22nd have sworn in a member of parliament as Quartermaster—Capt. Jas. Sutherland—but he is on the wrong side of the House to influence the supplies.

The 27th Bn. St. Clair Borderers—a smart corps all through—is the possessor of the best drilled company in the First Military District, for such the D. A. G., emphatically pronounces No. 7 Company to be. This is the Sarnia company, Capt. C. S. Ellis, who having served some time in the regiment of Canadian Artillery has carried away with him and put into practice in his company the snap which characterizes the artillery drill. At the regimental inspection in camp on the 27th June, they drilled with a wonderful precision which surprised and delighted all beholders; and Col. Smith, whose attention had several times previously been directed to the company, was unstinted in his praise of it when at the close of the inspection he addressed the officers of the regiment. No. 7 has a permanently live organization; the best young men of Sarnia are to be found in the ranks, and so numerous are the applications for admission that the ballot system of rejection or acceptance has been adopted, the possibility of the introduction of objectionable members being thus minimised. The 27th is a smart regiment all though being well officered and manned, and having in Lt.-Col. C. E. H. Fisher a thoroughly good soldier at its head.

A German-Canadian himself, and an exceedingly worthy representative, Lieut.-Col. George Hespeler commands, in the 29th Waterloo Bn. of Infantry, a corps recruited in the German stronghold in Ontario, and largely composed of men thoroughly imbued with the German love for military life. The colonel told the MILITIA GAZETTE representative who visited Stratford Camp that he contemplates early retirement from the command. By seniority this would then fall to Major E. J. Beaumont, who has held his present rank since 1884. The subject of support of the militia paper coming up, it was pointed out that the 29th occupied an exceptional position in this respect, Major Beaumont being the only officer whose name figures upon the subscription list. Whereupon the Colonel said he had been informed by his officers that they did not care to risk subscription, having already had experience of a paper which suspended publication before the term they had paid for had fully expired! Would comment be superfluous?

Lieut.-Col. Biggar being incapacitated, by a paralytic stroke, the 32nd Bruce Infantry came to camp this year in command of the next in seniority, Major B. B. Boyd, whose proud boast it was that his regiment appeared with every officer at his post and all the commissions filled—a state of affairs as exceptional as creditable.

The Stratford papers were exceedingly attentive to the volunteers, publishing each day three or four columns apiece of interesting matter anent them. The *Herald*, whose tent and art gallery were objects of interest to all visitors, embellished its reports with an excellent diagram of the camp. The MILITIA GAZETTE man is indebted to the Messrs. Dingman, proprietors of the *Herald*, for many courtesies.

General Middleton arrived in camp on Thursday afternoon, 21st ult., attended by Capt. Wise, A. D. C. That evening he lectured on "Outpost Duties" before the officers of the brigade, and the next day he made an informal inspection of the camp, there being no special parade.

The artillery inspection by Col. Irwin, Dominion Inspector of Artillery, took place on the 27th ult. There being no range available at Stratford, the batteries attending that camp have yet to perform their firing practice.

The Brigade Sergeant-Major was Sergeant-Major Munroe, of D Co., I.S.C., under whose able direction everything was as regular as clock-work. Sergeant Burns, of D Co., was chief of the camp police.

The citizens of Stratford entertained the officers at a ball at the skating rink on the evening of Wednesday, the 27th ult.

There was no church parade on the Sunday spent in camp. It had been intended to have service on the grounds at 9 a.m., but rain prevented the intention being put into effect.

Isaac Walton, of Stratford, fished Pte. Arthur Niven, of the 32nd, out of the Avon on Friday evening, 22nd ult., just as that volunteer, who could not swim, was drowning, he having ventured beyond his depth.

The 27th Batt. Band is represented by the regulation 21 men, out of a total of 38 men when at home. It is under the able management of W. Philp, band-master, J. J. Skeffington, sergeant, late of the 100th Prince of Wales Regiment, and Corporal W. Parsons, son of Major-Gen. Parsons of the British army. In the band are a few old timers who have done service in Zululand and India, and the band sergeant has been in

active service since 1858. Not a few of the band are in possession of decorations. John Buchanan wears a medal for long and faithful service in the 76th Infantry, and Billy Hunt wears one for being present with the 24th Foot at Rorke's Drift, when the Prince Imperial was killed.—*Stratford Herald*.

At the call of Mayor Symington, over twenty of the ladies of the town met in the Mayor's office Monday afternoon last, for the purpose of arranging for a reception to the Sarnia volunteers now in camp at Stratford, on their return home next Saturday. The ladies entered into the proposal heartily and undertook to make the refreshment part of the reception all that could be desired. The good name the Sarnia boys—No. 7 Co., and the Band—have earned in the camp has been a source of gratification to the citizens generally, and the Mayor has very faithfully proposed that a generous welcome home be extended to them on their return. We feel sure that the idea will be enthusiastically supported and that the boys will be received on their return in a manner befitting the good record they have made. The Town Hall is being tastefully decorated for the occasion.—*Sarnia Observer*.

#### The Gananoque Camp.

The best score made by the seven Ontario batteries who have so far performed their firing for this year stands to the credit of Gananoque, with 48 points more than the second battery—Welland Canal. The scores of those batteries firing at the Gananoque camp were:

	GANANOQUE.	OTTAWA.	DURHAM.	KINGSTON.
Preliminary.....	211	157	164	119
Final.....	167	132	106	78
Total.....	378	289	270	197

The total strength encamped at Gananoque, from the 19th to the 30th June, under Lieut.-Col. Van Straubenzee, D.A.G., was 194 officers and 1952 n.c.o. and men, made up as follows:

	OFFICERS.	N.C.O. AND MEN.
4th Regiment Cavalry.....	19	128
Prescott Troop of Cavalry.....	3	32
A Battery R. C. A.....	3	26
Kingston Field Battery.....	6	74
Durham " ".....	6	74
Ottawa " ".....	6	74
Gananoque " ".....	6	74
16th Battalion Infantry.....	26	252
42nd " ".....	26	252
47th " ".....	38	420
49th Battalion Rifles.....	26	252
59th Battalion Infantry.....	29	294
Total.....	194	1,952

The horses in camp numbered 329.

The camp was inspected by General Middleton on the 26th June. Along with the General came Sir Adolphe Caron, Minister of Militia, and during the week the volunteers had the pleasure of a visit from two other cabinet ministers, these being Sir Hector Langevin and Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, who when at Gananoque were the guests of Mr. Geo. Taylor, M.P.

#### Miscellaneous Camp Notes.

The following constitute the staff of the camp of the Eighth Military District, at Chatham, N.B.: Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., Commandant; Major Gordon, I.S.C., Brigade Major; Lieut.-Col. Blaine, 62nd Fusiliers, instructor of musketry; Surgeon Bishop, 73rd Batt., principal medical officer; Major A. Lipsett, 71st Batt., camp quartermaster; Capt. Seeley, N. B. Brigade Gar. Artillery, supply officer.

The camp for the Fifth Military District was formed at Sherbrooke, P.Q., on the 26th ult., the corps in attendance being: 5th Regt. Cavalry, Shefford and Richmond Field Batteries, 11th, 54th, 58th and 79th Battalions. The numbers were as follows: Staff and regimental officers, 120; n. c. officers and men, 1217; horses, 273; guns, 8. The camp was under command of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., whose staff was composed as follows: Lieut.-Col. Mattice, Brigade Major; Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles, musketry instructor; Capt. F. J. Dixon, supply officer; Capt. Wright, 58th Batt., camp quartermaster; Surgeon Major Mayrand, principal medical officer; Lieut. Guy, Victoria Rifles, orderly officer; Lieut.-Col. Fletcher, paymaster.

"On Saturday last the brigade camp at Niagara was broken up. The Orillia and Coldwater companies arrived here by special train early in the afternoon, under command of Major Burnet. After leaving knapsacks, rifles, etc., at the armoury, Capts. Drinkwater and Gray marched them to the West-street skating rink, kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Wm. Thomson, where dinner had been prepared. The edibles had been furnished gratuitously by merchants and ladies, and were served by Mesdames Bolster, Baker, Small, Tucker, Ware; Misses Burnet, Evans, Jennings, Stewart, and others, of the Church of England Temperance Society; Mrs. Miller and Miss Lawrence, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The rink was simply but tastefully dec-

orated with ensigns, the banners of the temperance societies, etc. As the Coldwater company had to remain until nine o'clock, they were invited to tea at the same place, and a second excellent repast was served at six. Great pleasure was expressed on all sides at the creditable record of the "Foresters" for sobriety and good conduct. Captain Drinkwater dismissed the Orillia company immediately after dinner, and the Coldwater men amused themselves until the arrival of the evening train, when they departed amidst cheers and songs, as merry a party as ever wore Her Majesty's uniform, but, so far as the *Packet* could see, not one under the influence of drink, although there was no lack of evidence among the spectators that drink could easily have been obtained in town. The ladies who carried out this reception to our volunteers deserve credit for their efforts. In addition to the encouragement it affords the volunteers, it is a very practical kind of temperance work.—*Orillia Packet*.

#### The Royal Military College.

Closing Ceremonies on Thursday last—Successful Candidates for Entrance.

THE closing exercises of the Royal Military College, Kingston, took place last Thursday afternoon, 28th ult., in the presence of the largest and most brilliant assemblage ever gracing these ceremonies. Amongst the visitors were the Premier, Sir John Macdonald; Hon. H. G. Joly, ex-Premier of Quebec, and the proud father of Company Sergeant Major Joly, the Governor-General's Gold Medallist; Lieut.-General Sir Fred. Middleton; Lieut.-Col. Bremner of Halifax; Captain Taylor of Burmah, India, and a large number of other officers, besides the leading citizens of Kingston.

A programme of athletics and military manoeuvres preceded the distribution of prizes, which was made by Sir John Macdonald, after the following list of winners and graduates had been read:

Diplomas with Honours.—Co. Sergt.-Major Joly, Governor-General's gold medal; Battalion Sergt.-Major Lesslie, Governor-General's silver medal; Cadet Farwell, Governor-General's bronze medal.

Ordinary Diplomas.—Cadet Heneker, Co. Sergt.-Major Grant, Co. Sergt.-Major Panet, Co. Sergt.-Major Bremner, Sergt. Mylne, Cadet Barker, Sergt. Cayley, Sergt. Hamilton.

Second-Class Diplomas.—Sergt. G. Johnston, Cadet H. Johnston.

English Prizes.—Subject prizes—Sergt.-Major Joly, drills, English, mathematics, geology, physics, reconnaissance; Cadet Farwell, military engineering, military history, geology, chemistry, military topography; Sergt.-Major Lesslie, civil engineering; Sergt.-Major Panet, French; Sergt.-Major Bremner, freehand drawing; Sergt. Rogers, artillery; Sergt. Fraser, engineering.

Drawing—Class prizes—1st class, Sergt.-Major Joly; 2nd class, Sergt. Rogers; 3rd class, Cadet Campbell; 4th class, Cadet McInnes.

Sword for good conduct and discipline, Sergt.-Major Lesslie.

Commissions in Imperial Army.—Cavalry, E. Hamilton; Royal Artillery, Bremner, Barker, Cayley, and G. Johnston; Royal Engineers, Joly, Lesslie and Farwell; Infantry, Heneker.

Promotions after graduation of present cadets.—Battalion Sergt.-Major, Sergt. Kerr; Company Sergt.-Majors, Rogers, Baker, Whitehead; Sergeants, Simpson, Murray, W. Hamilton, McLennon, Gilmore, W. Rose, Birmingham and Williams.

Major General Oliver, the commandant, who is about to end his connection with the College after ten years' valuable service there, made a short address, in which he held the increasing number of candidates who year by year present themselves for examination for admission to be an indication that the College is becoming better known and more popular. I consider, he said, the discipline and general conduct of the cadets during the present term to have been decidedly better than in any previous year, and this is, I think, acknowledged by all who know anything about the working of the College. I shall have the satisfaction of leaving it in first-rate order. I cannot let pass this opportunity of acknowledging my deep sense of the numerous expressions of good-will and regret which I have heard from Kingston people of all classes relative to my approaching departure from among them.

Sir John Macdonald presented the prizes to the winners amid great applause. Company Sergeant-Major Joly, the gold medallist, carried off enough to stock a small library, and looked a very proud man before the proceedings closed. His father stood beside him as the honours were lavished upon him and looked delighted. The Premier, in handing the first gift, said he did so with pleasure, "on account of the presence of my old friend, your father."

Sir John Macdonald before leaving made a brief but happy address. He congratulated Canada on having such an institution, and he did so with the greater degree of sincerity as he had doubts at first as to the necessity of such a college. "I give credit," he said, "to those who opposed me, in having been more far-seeing than I was, when they pro-

ceeded with its establishment." He joined with the fair sex, and also with the more ferocious looking class, in regretting the approaching removal of Major-General and Mrs. Oliver. He wished them prosperity wherever they went.

The ceremonies concluded with rousing cheers for Sir John and Major-General Oliver.

#### THE NEW CADETS.

The report of the examiners of the candidates for entrance to the Military College, in the term commencing in September next, shows the following to have been successful, the names appearing in the order of merit:—

Wm. Chatterton Dumble, Cobourg; Wm. Chas. A. Walkem, Kingston; Francis H. Varcoe, Toronto; Wm. Fredk. McLaren, Hamilton; Geo. L. Mattice, Montreal; Hy. Robt. Visart de Bury, Portland, N.B.; Clarence Hy. Branscombe, Picton, Ont.; Jno. Fred. K. Frazer, Kingston; Geo. A. Hamilton, Hawkesbury; Herbert W. Church, Rothsay, N.B.; W. N. Clarke, Osnabruck, Ont.; J. E. L. DePlessis, Sorel; Chas. Chatterton Middleton, Ottawa; Wm. Mackenzie, Sarnia; Wm. Hy. Sullivan, Kingston; R. P. Rogers, Peterboro; Frank D. Reid, Georgetown, Ont.; Norman B. McLean, Brockville; C. F. W. Thomas, Lister, Que.; Albert H. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg.

#### Regimental Notes.

The Montreal Field Battery have just performed their annual drill in camp at St. Helen's Island.

The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, Ottawa, had their annual inspection on Saturday afternoon last, before General Middleton. They pleased the General, who particularly admired the wheeling.

The Governor-General's Body Guard put in their annual drill last week in camp on Garrison Common, Toronto. Two members who did not attend were fined \$5 and costs each by the acting police magistrate at Toronto.

Companies 1, 5 and 6 of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, the only three still in competition for "the commanding officer's cup," drilled for points on Thursday evening last, before three judges—Lieut.-Cols. Ross, Bacon and Macdonald—and a large gathering of interested spectators. No. 5, in charge of Lieut. P. B. Taylor, drilled with the precision of an infantry school company, and materially increased their lead in the competition. No. 1 was a good second in the drill.

The Sixty-fifth Mount Royal Rifles have had a Dominion Day outing to Three Rivers. On Sunday they had a church parade, Bishop Lafleche officiating. In the afternoon they were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Lamontagne, D.A.G., who complimented Major Prevost and his battalion upon their splendid appearance and referred in appreciative terms to the new drums and bugles borne by the band which marched at the head of the regiment.

The 14th Princess of Wales Own Rifles, of Kingston, spent Sunday and Monday at Ottawa, in a Dominion Day celebration. On Monday morning the annual inspection of the regiment was made by General Middleton, on Cartier Square. He afterwards complimented Col. Smith, the officer commanding, upon the appearance of the regiment. The General ventured to remark that the money spent on annual trips of city corps might be more profitably used at home in teaching the men the daily duties of a soldier's life. He pointed out that dress parades were growing in disfavour in England, and that more attention was now being paid to matters of more importance. The 14th were well looked after by the Governor-General's Foot Guards during their stay in Ottawa. The Guards, it will be remembered, were entertained by the 14th at Kingston last year.

A committee of ladies, composed of Mrs. Cumberland, Mrs. Worthington, and a number of others, have requested permission from Lieut.-Col. Dawson and officers of the Royal Grenadiers to renovate and repair the colours of the regiment, and have the word "Batoche" inscribed upon the regimental colour, in accordance with the special permission recently granted. The colours were presented to the Grenadiers on May 24th, 1863, a little over twenty-five years ago, by the above ladies, acting on behalf of the ladies of Toronto. It is expected that when completed the colours will again be formally presented to the regiment.

Military sports formed an important feature of the Dominion Day festivities held at Lansdowne Park under the direction of the Ottawa Driving Club. For these Captains Donaldson and Bliss were judges. The programme opened with a bayonet exercise competition, won by No. 5 company of the Guards, under Lieut. Bowie, with No. 1 of the 43rd a good second, and No. 2 of the Guards bringing up the rear. Two squads of the Ottawa Field Battery took part in a mounting and dismounting ordnance contest, Sergt. Pröderick's winning in 1 m. 50 sec. This team also won a mounting ordnance race. Wrestling on horseback by members of the P. L. D. G. followed, ending in a draw between Troopers F. C. Chittuck and John Crawford. A tug of war for the military championship of the city, only brought out two teams, eight men each from No. 6 of the Rifles and No. 3 of the Guards. The riflemen won. A skirmishing race was won by Col.-Sergt. Pooler, 43rd, with his brother, L.-Corpl. Pooler, second. Out of six teams in a tent pitching contest—representing P.L.D.G., G.G.F.G., 14th and 43rd—the Dragoons came out ahead, in 2 min. 2½ sec., a squad of No. 1 of the 43rd being second. A Victoria Cross race was won by Trooper F. C. Chittuck, with Trooper Butler second. The sports were well managed, and proved exceedingly interesting.

The Victoria Rifles of Montreal, numbering 325, under command of Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, arrived in Toronto on Sunday morning last, and being taken charge of by the Queen's Own Rifles, spent that day and Monday in "doing" the city, being also assisted in their laudable effort by friends in the Grenadiers and by numerous ex-members of the Vics now resident in Toronto. The official programme included a parade to the Church of the Redeemer for Sunday, and for Monday it opened with a trip to Niagara Falls for those who felt so disposed, whilst abundant entertainment was provided for those remaining in the city. From 4 to 6 p.m., the officers of the Victorias were entertained at an "At Home" given in their honour by the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, at their club house on the island. The guests were entertained at bowling on the green and dancing. At 5 p.m., the sergeants of the Victorias were entertained to dinner at the sergeants' mess of the Q.O.R. Sergt.-Major Crean, who presided, in offering the toast of "Our Guests" made a neat speech, in which he dwelt briefly upon the friendly relations which had always existed between the two regiments, and which he was sure would always continue. He alluded to the hearty reception the Queen's Own had always met with when as the guests of the Vics they had visited Montreal. To this toast Sergt.-Major Gardner, of the Vics, responded, reciprocating on the part of his regiment the kind sentiments proposed by his fellow sergeant-major. He then gave the toast of the "Sergeants of the Queen's Own," which was ably responded to by Staff-Sergt. Strachan. At 6.30 the officers of the Victorias dined with the officers of the Queen's Own at the Reform Club. Capt. Sankey acted as president of the mess and Lieut. Baird as vice-president. The usual toasts of "the Queen," "the Army and Navy and Active Militia," "Our Guests" and "the Ladies" were received and responded to in an enthusiastic manner. At half-past eight o'clock the bugle sounded at headquarters to fall in, and about an hour later the visiting regiment, headed by their band, marched along King and down York streets to the Union station, where they embarked for home.

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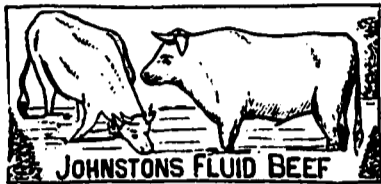
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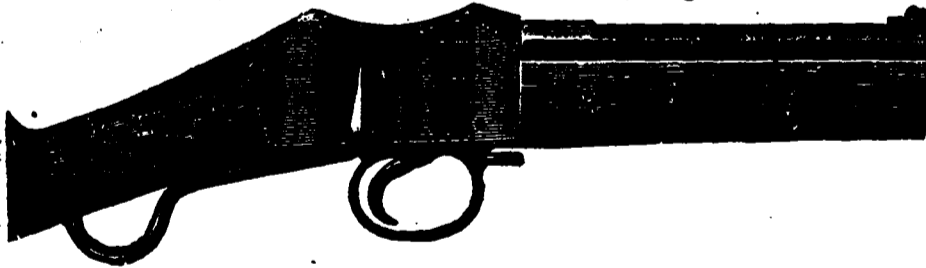
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