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## Topics of the Week.

Militia General Orders (6) issued last Friday contain the regulations to govern the annual drill of 1890-91. They are with a few unimportant exceptions identical with those issued last year. The dates for the camps are given, but the locations are not yet stated. The three Ontario camps open simultaneously, on the 17th of June; those for Districts 5 and 6, Quebec, on the 24th June; District 7, Quebec, 1st July; District 8, New Brunswick, 24th June, and District 9, Nova Scotia, some time in September.

There is an air of permanency about the latest enterprise of the Queen's Own Rifles—the Q. O. R. of C. Revolver Association, nearly thirty members having already purchased revolvers and commenced practice. Great interest is reported to be taken in the affairs of the association. The rules of the organization have been printed in neat pamphlet form. The Association recommend the adoption of a .32-44 revolver, as that best suited for the practice. The maximum length of barrel is fixed at 7½ inches, and the minimum pull of trigger is to be three pounds. The practice will be at 25 and 50 yards. Paper targets will be used, with seven divisions, the bulls-eye counting seven points. The Queen's Own would naturally like to see similar associations formed in other cities, and to facilitate revolver practice they will furnish targets at a reasonable rate and send any information desired on application being made to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. W. S. Duncan, at 32 King street West, Toronto.

Since our last issue, Lieut. Manning and Capt. Busted have accepted the places offered them on the Bisley twenty, which is now complete; the last acceptance coming from the thirty-third man on the list. Pte. Burns of the Vics, who distinguished himself by winning the Governor General's prize last year and who refused his place on the team, now finds that he might have accepted, and it is not improbable that should a vacancy occur between now and the time of sailing he will be given another chance. The team sail on the 25th June, on the *Parisian*, and the N. R. A. meeting at Bisley opens on the 14th July.

A commendable effort is being made to increase the military spirit amongst the French youth of Montreal, who are blamed for not keeping their one French regiment, the Sixty-Fifth, up to the standard to which it should attain. *L'Etendard* says in a recent issue: "How much better it would be for the entire community if our young men, instead of passing their time in bar-rooms or at their clubs, would give a little more attention to military exercises. It is necessary, however, that the best men amongst us should give the example, and the sons of our first families should consider it an honour to belong to our military corps. While we have but one French-Canadian battalion in Montreal it should be the finest in all the Dominion. But we know of families who, instead of encouraging their sons to go and enrol themselves in our militia companies, where in perfecting their health and strength they work for their country, prefer to see them frequent clubs, loaf in saloons and become demoralized in every sense of the word. Let us follow the example of our English-speaking compatriots, who form numerous regiments, and let it not be said that they are in a better position than we to defend our common country. It would be something new to see the English surpass the French in the defence of this Canada of ours, for in the past the French-Canadians were always the first to serve their country against a common foe."

An attractive feature of the Toronto *Globe* of Saturday last was a liberally illustrated article on the Military Institute recently established in that city. The writer takes occasion to review the military history of Canada from the time of Wolfe, and coming down to the present has this to say of the Institute: "The establishment of a Military Institute in Toronto will facilitate 'reading and discourse' amongst military men. It will be the means of disseminating knowledge, will familiarise the members with the latest developments in implements of warfare, the latest products of military science, and the latest accomplishments of military strategy. It may, if successfully conducted, be even hailed as the advent of a new era in the history of our citizen soldiery. The Institute is not of a pretentious character, but it has been brought into existence to supply a long-felt want. It will, it is hoped, be the vital centre from which the military thought of the day will radiate to all parts of the Dominion. It is intended to be the trysting place where the officers, past and present, who have patriotic instincts will gather to discuss whatever influences, benign or sinister, may be operating upon the profession of arms."

The MILITIA GAZETTE follows many a member or ex-member of the Canadian militia to his temporary residence beyond the bounds of the Dominion, and we are naturally pleased to know that the news it conveys is so well appreciated as is shown by a letter received this week from St. Paul, Minnesota. The writer says: "Herewith I send my renewal subscription. I welcome the GAZETTE more than any other paper I take, and I would not miss the opportunity of reading in its columns about the old corps with which I have had seventeen years connection. I am much pleased to note the increased interest in military matters throughout the Dominion, and I hope this will continue, and that the MILITIA GAZETTE will share in the prosperous future."

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

Details of the Scores of the First Match—The Returns not all Sent in.

The details of the scores made by the teams who participated in the first match of the Canadian Military Rifle League, held on the 17th inst., make very interesting reading, and if they do not show the relative superiority of the teams they do at least prove that the weather throughout the whole country was exceptionally unfavourable for rifle shooting. The conditions, it may be again stated, called for seven shots at 200 yards, standing or kneeling, seven at 500 and seven at 600 yards, the rifle used being the Snider. The "possible" individual score was thus 105, but dozens of men with good Wimbledon records appear with 50's or 60's to their credit, and one "old reliable," who regularly wins a place on the team, figures with a hard earned 35 at the three ranges. Small wonder is it, therefore, that the many teams of new shots made such absurdly low scores, and with ordinary weather conditions a marked general improvement may be looked for when the second match is fired, on Saturday of this week. We have again to request that the Captains of teams will be more prompt in mailing their score sheets. They might easily in each case be made up on the range, and mailed as soon as the person in charge gets back to town from the range. If all were mailed Saturday night, as they should be, we could publish the greater number of the scores in the first issue after the shooting; but in this instance, so great has been the delay, that the second issue has had to be held over a day in expectation of the arrival of the scores of some of the leading teams. And even now the record is incomplete, as will be seen.

The 54th Battalion report having used the 16-inch inner and 24-inch magpie at 200 yards. An examination of their shot for shot score, published below, shows that their possible loss by this was eighteen points, so it is fair to assume that with the larger inner and magpie they would have had nine or ten points more to their credit.

Preparations being made in St. John, N.B., for a great celebration on the 12th of July, the 62nd Fusiliers ask to be allowed to fire the fifth match on the 5th instead, a privilege already promised the Toronto corps. All others desiring a change in the date are requested to forward their notifications without delay.

In the totals published last week, as received by telegraph, there were a few mistakes which it is as well to note here. The Regina Rifle Association scored 571, not 570; the 10th R. G. second team 526, not 524; the 35th Battalion Orillia team 413, not 351; the 5th Royal Scots second team 292, not 342; the 1st P. W. R. 254, not 264; and "A" Battery R. C. A. with a score of 414, was omitted from the list. The second teams entered from the Governor General's Foot Guards and the 1st P. W. R. do not appear to have fired.

FIFTY-FOURTH BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Fifty-Fourth Battalion. Includes names like Corp. E. Swallow, Lieut. M. H. Healy, etc.

HALIFAX GARRISON ART. FIRST TEAM. B BATTERY R.C.A. (Fired in morning.)

Table with 2 columns of names and scores for Halifax Garrison Artillery and B Battery R.C.A.

Totals for Halifax Garrison Artillery and B Battery R.C.A.

SIXTY-THIRD RIFLES SASKATCHEWAN RIFLE ASSN

FIFTY-SEVENTH BATT. (Fired Friday.)

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Fifty-Seventh Battalion.

Totals for the Fifty-Seventh Battalion.

THIRTEENTH BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Thirteenth Battalion.

Totals for the Thirteenth Battalion.

FIFTY-THIRD BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Fifty-Third Battalion.

Totals for the Fifty-Third Battalion.

NINETY-SIXTH BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Ninety-Sixth Battalion.

Totals for the Ninety-Sixth Battalion.

CHARLOTTETOWN ENGINEERS.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Charlottetown Engineers.

Totals for the Charlottetown Engineers.

FORTY-FIFTH BATTALION, LINDSAY TEAM

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Lindsay Team.

Totals for the Lindsay Team.

TWELFTH BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Twelfth Battalion.

Totals for the Twelfth Battalion.

TENTH ROYAL GRENADIERS, FIRST TEAM.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Tenth Royal Grenadiers.

Totals for the Tenth Royal Grenadiers.

EIGHTH ROYAL RIFLES.

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Totals for the Eighth Royal Rifles.

NINETIETH BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Ninetieth Battalion.

Totals for the Ninetieth Battalion.

TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Twenty-First Battalion.

Totals for the Twenty-First Battalion.

FORTY-FIFTH BATT., BOWMANVILLE TEAM.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Bowmanville Team.

Totals for the Bowmanville Team.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES—FIRST TEAM.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Queen's Own Rifles.

Totals for the Queen's Own Rifles.

F Co. N. W. M. POLICE

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for F Co. N. W. M. Police.

Totals for F Co. N. W. M. Police.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S FOOT GUARDS.

Table with 4 columns of names and scores for the Governor-General's Foot Guards.

Totals for the Governor-General's Foot Guards.

EIGHTY-SECOND BATTALION. Stf.-Sgt. M. Allen... 32 27 18 77

HALIFAX GARRISON ARTY, SECOND TEAM. Bat. Sgt.-Maj. Melvin... 27 25 25 77

SIXTY-SECOND FUSILIERS. Col. Sgt. Henderson... 28 22 23 73

FORTY-THIRD BATTALION, FIRST TEAM. Lt. E. D. Sutherland... 29 19 24 72

REGINA RIFLE ASSOCIATION. R. Sweet... 30 26 23 79

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES, SECOND TEAM. Stf.-Sgt. Donnelly... 26 29 25 80

P. E. L. GARRISON ARTILLERY. Capt. Longworth... 72

VICTORIA RIFLES, FIRST TEAM... 528

FORTY-THIRD BN., SECOND TEAM... 528

ROYAL GRENADIERS, SECOND TEAM. Pte. H. Cochrane... 22 23 18 63

SIXTH FUSILIERS, FIRST TEAM. Pte. J. Waters... 29 29 15 73

C COMPANY INFANTRY SCHOOL CORPS. Pte. J. Reid... 12 28 29 78

THIRTY-SEVENTH BATTALION. Pte. M. Runchey... 27 21 19 67

FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS, FIRST TEAM. Capt. J. Hood... 22 24 13 59

MONTREAL GAR. ARTILLERY... 439

SIXTH FUSILIERS, SECOND TEAM. Pte. J. Armstrong... 21 24 9 54

FOURTEENTH BATTALION. Lieut. J. B. White... 16 19 25 60

Totals... 188 142 94 424

A BATTERY R.C.A. Sgt. Hewgill... 25 21 17 63

THIRTY-FIFTH BAT'N, ORILLIA TEAM. Corp. T. Reid... 26 22 21 69

NINTH BATTALION. Sgt. E. Gosselin... 27 22 10 59

FORTY-FOURTH BATTALION. Capt. G. A. McMicking... 30 12 26 68

THIRTY-EIGHTH BATTALION. Capt. C. M. Nelles... 21 20 15 56

Totals... 195 119 76 390

THIRTY-FIFTH BAT'N, BARRIE TEAM. Sgt. Sproule... 26 10 17 53

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S BODY GUARD. Tpr. Kennedy... 22 14 11 47

B COMPANY INFANTRY SCHOOL CORPS. Pte. Power... 22 20 8 50

FIFTH ROYAL SCOTS, SECOND TEAM. Sgt. D. O'Brien... 26 20 17 63

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Correspondence.

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

THE RULES OF THE LEAGUE.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Now that the smoke of the first great League Match is cleared away, we can see where there is a weak point in the otherwise admirable system of checking.



5th Royal Scots, the regiment being out that evening for drill parade. Subsequently Lt. Col. Caverhill and the officers of the Royal Scots paid the compliment of a visit to the City Club to meet the old members of the Rangers, which was duly appreciated.

All separated at 11.30 p.m. after singing the National Anthem and having spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### Hamilton.

There was a fair turnout of the 13th Battalion on Wednesday evening, 21st inst., for the regular battalion parade. Major McLaren was in command, and Captain Tidswell was acting adjutant. Major McLaren put the regiment through a number of movements, notably "changes of front" and echelon movements, which were performed with remarkable steadiness and precision. After drill the men were addressed by Major McLaren, who complimented them on their neat appearance and regularity in drill. The next battalion parade will be on Friday evening, May 30th, at 7.45.

"D" Company paraded about 70 strong, including the bugle band, on Friday evening at 7.15, and after being inspected by Majors Moore and McLaren they marched down to the station in command of Captain Ross and 2nd Lieut. Fearman *en route* for Niagara Falls. The men were the perfection of neatness, and all looked forward to a good outing. They camped in Bender's Grove. A large number of people went to the station to see them off, amongst the number being Majors Moore and McLaren, Captains Stoneman, Zealand, Moore and Tidswell, and Lieuts. Osborne and Laidlaw. Lieut. Witton went on at two o'clock with an advance party. They arrived back in Hamilton on Sunday afternoon about 4.30, sunburnt and looking like veterans, and all well pleased with their trip.

"B" Co., 13th Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Domville, with Lieuts. Osborne and Bruce, went to Brantford on Saturday morning. They were met at Brantford by a detachment of the Dufferin Rifles (with the bugle band), commanded by Lieut. Killmaster, and escorted to the camping ground. On Sunday they attended church with the Dufferin Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Jones in command, and arrived back in Hamilton on Sunday evening after spending a very enjoyable time, and feeling all the better for their trip.

After reading the verses by Rudyard Kipling in the *Mail* of the 21st inst., regarding the remnant of the noble Six Hundred. I at once came to the conclusion that it was the duty of every British subject to subscribe his mite, be it ever so small, in trying to smooth the path of the last of the Light Brigade. I would suggest that an officer in the militia be appointed at every militia headquarters to act as treasurer, and perhaps the Deputy-Adjutant Generals would act as treasurer for their districts, and by this means the militia of Canada as well as the public generally would be reached.

H. A. M.

#### The Queen's Own.

In this week's issue I shall endeavour to give you as full an account as my limited time will permit of the Queen's birthday trip of the regiment to Peterboro'. Punctually at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 23rd inst. the regiment paraded in heavy marching order, with great coats rolled, and after a short delay moved from the shed up Jarvis, along Carlton (passing Lt.-Col. Allan's house) and up Yonge to North Toronto station, reaching there at about 9.30. After giving the express sufficient start, the regiment entered into the long special train, and at 10.10 p.m. moved off amidst the cheers from the immense throng assembled to witness the departure of the "boys in green." Shortly after 1 a.m. the train drew into the station at Peterboro', where ringing cheers from the large crowd, assembled despite the lateness of the hour, assured us of our hearty welcome to their hospitality.

Immediately on the stopping of the train an address of welcome was presented to Col. Hamilton by the Mayor, on behalf of the citizens, upon the conclusion of which the regiment fell in and, to the music of the bands, marched to the camp grounds, followed by hundreds of the townspeople and members of the 57th.

The gray streaks of dawn were visible before any one turned in, and not more than a couple of hours' sleep could be obtained before reveille sounded, and everyone was out polishing and cleaning up for the march out. About 10.30 the men fell in, and headed by a detachment of cavalry, started for the review grounds. At Ashburnham Road the 57th were drawn up, 250 strong, and accompanied the Queen's own to the grounds. After the feu-de-joie was fired, and three hearty cheers for the Queen were given, the regiments formed into column and marched past. All the movements were exceptionally well performed, considering the exceedingly bad condition of the ground. After a brief rest the march back to camp commenced, after which the men were dismissed for the day.

On Sunday a church parade was held to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, which was attended by both regiments. A splendid service was given, the singing being especially good; and the band of the Queen's Own, stationed in the gallery, rendered "The Heavens are telling"

chorus from Handel with splendid effect. On the return to camp heavy black clouds betokened dirty weather, and the men were speedily dismissed and set to work unrolling tent curtains and preparing for rain, and none too soon, for in a few moments the "Heavens did tell," deluging any luckless individual whose duty called him from cover. The rain poured through a number of the tents, and gave the men an idea of how well the old tents would protect them should it ever be necessary to use them again for a campaign. Despite "Old Probs" endeavours to put a damper on the spirits of the men, the "cook's parade" was held, and torrents of rain did not mar the success of that feature of Queen's Own camps.

At 10 p.m. the bugles sounded the fall-in and by this time the rain had ceased and the column moved off en route for home. A very hearty send off was given by the Peterborough folk as the train steamed off. Thus a very pleasant trip as far as Peterborough hospitality was concerned, was brought to a close.

Nothing could exceed the kindness of the townspeople and the 57th, and the citizens vied with each other in their endeavors to make the trip as pleasant as possible. On Saturday the officers were tendered a luncheon by the mayor and councillors, and in the evening the non-coms were tendered a moonlight excursion by their brother non-coms of the 57th, which was acknowledged on all sides to be an exceedingly pleasant surprise, and certainly will ensure a very happy return at the hands of the Q.O.R. non-coms when they visit Toronto during carnival week. The regiment reached town about 4 a.m. Monday carrying with them a splendid report of the hospitality of the Peterborough people.

#### BUGLE NOTES.

The enterprising photographer was on hand and secured some splendid pictures of the men, prominent among which will be E Company arrayed in every conceivable costume and supporting their company crest.

A splendid wake was held early one morning over one of the men where evidently the "corpse revener" has executed its deadly purpose, and under the direction of "Ignalius" suitable services were performed, assisted by a full choral service.

G Co. mascot was the pride of the Peterboro small boy as resplendent in his uniform he favoured all comers to selections on the mouth organ.

Murray's dandies did not let the rain depress their spirits, and helped wonderfully to pass the dull time the rain had caused.

It remained for a Toronto man to cap the climax the rain had brought, and that man was Caterer Betts. Dissatisfaction reigned on all sides after every meal, and the majority of the bops wended their way into town sooner than sit down to the tables, which, they said, never contained a particle of food fit for eating.

Exclamations of delight were heard on all sides at the beauty of the scenery round the camp, and certainly never was a camp held in a prettier place; surrounded by three sides by water, the scenery was of the prettiest, and the time spent at that delightful spot was altogether too short.

In the meantime the boys will wait until the carnival week gives them a chance of returning, as far as possible, the good cheer dispensed to them with such a hearty hand by the members of the 57th.

Perhaps the neatest programme card of the season is the pocket folder issued by the Victoria Rifle Club of Hamilton, giving the details of the twenty-eight events for which they have arranged, from the 17th May to the 23rd August. These include a series of spoon competitions with Snider and Martini rifles alternately, and for which the membership is to be divided into seniors and juniors.

The band of the Seventh Fusiliers gave a concert in the Queen's Avenue Rink, London, on Monday evening, in celebration of the Queen's birthday. The concert passed off very happily. The band, under the skilful leadership of Mr. W. E. Hiscott, acquitted themselves excellently. They were assisted by several vocalists, besides a choir of seven hundred school children. A detachment of the 7th Fusiliers, under Sergt. Anderson, performed the physical drill to their own credit and the satisfaction of the spectators.

On Sunday, the 18th inst., Nos. 1 and 2 Batteries, P.E.I., Garrison Artillery, headed by their own band, attended divine service in Zion Church, Charlottetown. Rev. Mr. Sutherland, the pastor, preached a most appropriate and eloquent discourse from 1 Tim. : 6. 12 : "Fight the good fight of faith." The parade was commanded by Lieut.-Col. Moore, who was supported by the following officers: No. 1 Battery, Capt. H. McL. Davidson; 1st Lieut. Carvell; 2nd Lieut. Sterns; No. 2 Battery, Capt. Longworth; 1st Lieut. Moore. The staff officers were: Adjutant Morson, Paymaster Hodgson, Surgeon Jenkins, Quartermaster Cameron and Sergt.-Major Hartz. The officers and men looked well, and heartily participated in the service.

Militia General Orders (No. 3) of 21st March, 1890.

(Continued from last issue.)

No. 3.—CERTIFICATES GRANTED.

Table with columns: Rank, Name and Corps; Class; Course; Grade; Percentage of marks obtained (Written, Practical, Aggregate Percentage). Rows include Royal School of Cavalry, Royal Schools of Artillery, and Royal Schools of Infantry.

No. 4.—ASSOCIATIONS FOR DRILL IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

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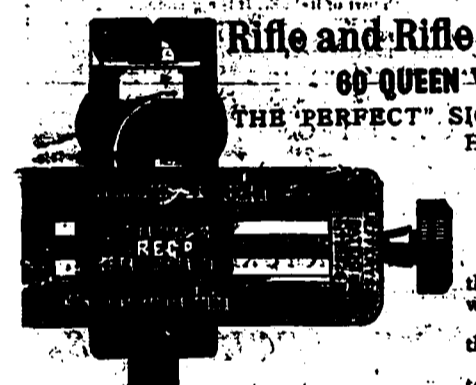
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