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NOTICE.

ONCE more we have the opportunity of offering the *Century* magazine and *St. Nicholas* as premiums, and these are such valuable publications that we think the offer should be largely taken advantage of. We will send the *Century* and the MILITIA GAZETTE for a year to any new subscriber for four dollars and a half; *St. Nicholas* and the MILITIA GAZETTE for a year for three dollars and a half, or all three for seven dollars, in each case a reduction of half a dollar on the price of each periodical. The *Century* is one of the two best illustrated magazines in the world; *St. Nicholas* is the best children's monthly. Need we say more. If you want them subscribe at once.

Comment and Criticism.

THE department of militia is considering the possibility of reducing the price of Martini-Henry ammunition, and we hope soon to be able to announce that it will be sold at twenty dollars per thousand rounds, instead of twenty-four, as heretofore. This can only be done (if at all) by the stores taking it out of the service boxes and either using rough temporary boxes or making purchasers supply their own. Such a reduction of price would be a great boon to all our rifle shots, especially this year, when the D.R.A. programme necessitates all intending D.R.A. competitors to practice with the Martini Henry.

TALKING of ammunition, Capt. Howard, manager of the new Dominion cartridge factory, exhibited at the D.R.A. meeting solid drawn brass-case Snider ammunition. The cartridges were neatly made and

finished, but were considerably shorter than the service coiled-shell or paper covered shell pattern. Capt. Howard assured us that this in no way detracts from their accuracy, despite the manifest theoretical objection. We hope to have an early opportunity of settling the point by the only convincing argument—actual experiment. If they prove reliable in quality, if Capt. Howard can furnish them at a low price, and if he can perfect arrangements for receiving back and reloading the fired shells, he can drive the government make, which does *not* give satisfaction, out of the market. We will charge him nothing for this hint.

LAST week's *Gazette* contains another long list of promotions and appointments. Analyzing it we find that it includes twenty promotions, twenty-one new appointments, made up of one qualified lieutenant, four non-combatants, and sixteen provisionally appointed company officers, while twenty-four names disappear from the list, a greater proportion than usual of these, unfortunately, by death. This leaves the balance on the wrong side as usual, there being a net loss of three commissions. The sixteen officers whose appointments have been confirmed exactly equal in number the newly appointed provisional officers. Besides the appointments there is little of note—the regulations for the jubilee salutes are not exciting reading. The officers on the special list at headquarters seem to experience some difficulty in getting their exact status satisfactorily settled, as the wording of the order establishing the list is changed periodically.

THE following items affect officers holding or promoted to field rank: Major Peters, for fifteen years past commanding No. 2 troop of the first regiment of cavalry, and Dr. Burdett, surgeon of the Argyle light infantry for the last nine years, are both placed on the retired list; Major Carlisle succeeds to the command of the 19th Lincoln, made vacant by Col. Thompson's death; Quartermaster Griffin, of the 39th, receives the honorary rank of major on the completion of ten, and Surgeon Phelan the rank of surgeon-major on the completion of twenty years' service; in the 41st Brockville Rifles Capt. Cole, the senior qualified captain, succeeds to the vacant majority, and probably has the distinction of being the youngest field officer in the service; Captains R. Cox, 47th, and J. Rorke, 31st, receive their brevet majorities from the date of completion of ten years' service; Major Lucas succeeds Col. R. Rogers, who has held command for 20 years, and who saw service in '37-38 in the command of the Hemmingford Rangers; Dr. Speer takes the vacant surgeoncy of the 54th; and Lieut.-Col. Thomas Scott has retired from the command of the Manitoba Grenadiers.

WE have received a catalogue of military books published by Messrs. Gale & Polden, Chatham, Eng., which appears to be very complete, comprising everything a soldier in any line could want from manuals on squad drill to tactics and courts martial, and hints for every rank from private to field marshal. We have no doubt the publishers would be glad to send copies to any militiamen or regimental associations wishing to purchase any military books, and, a chief recommendation, the prices seem to be low.

Personal.

By the death of Capt. J. C. Chamberlin, and the removal of his company's headquarters, the 43rd battalion and the active force have unfortunately lost the services of the whole family of Chamberlins, whose names as rifle shots were well known throughout the Dominion. Lieut. Henry Chamberlin twice represented Canada at Wimbledon, Sergeant John, who was only less successful than Henry, has gone to reside in the Western States, and Lieut. Horace, the youngest of the brothers, who promised to equal, or excel, his older brothers, is the only one of the three now residing at the old headquarters of the company.

In Parliament.

IN the House of Commons on the 28th April, Mr. Barron asked whether it was the intention of the Government to compensate J. C. Gilchrist of Woodville, father of the late W. C. Gilchrist of Frog Lake, killed by Indians during the rebellion of 1885, for the personal property of the deceased lost and destroyed. Mr. White said the Government did not propose to compensate persons for the loss of relatives. In Mr. Gilchrist's case proper sepulture had been secured at the public expense, and as regards effects lost, any claim under this head would be settled by the North-West commission.

A petition was read for Lieut.-Col. John Barwick and others asking for recognition of the volunteer services in 1866-70, but there being no signatures on the sheet on which the prayer of the petition was written the Speaker announced that it could not under the rules be recorded.

On the 9th instant Mr. Purcell asked the Government whether it was their intention to provide for the payment of pensions or the granting of scrip to the veterans who served the Crown in 1837, as has been done in the cases of the veterans of 1812, and of those who served in suppressing the recent North-West rebellion. To this the minister replied that it was not in the power of the Government to grant such recompense, as it was a matter that properly came under the Governments of Ontario and Quebec, having occurred previous to Confederation.

A petition from Lieut.-Col. Barwick was read and received.

On the 10th Mr. Wilson moved for petitions and applications of Joseph Swisher, a volunteer of 1837, for consideration on account of his health having been greatly impaired while serving then. The mover waxed eloquent in his advocacy of Mr. Swisher's claims, and went over the well-worn ground about the readiness of our citizens at all times to defend their country, and the success which always crowned their efforts. He contended that the volunteers of 1837 had quite as much right to be recognized by the Dominion as those of 1812 or of late years, who had been pensioned, and whatever might be thought of the rights of the quarrel they did what the Government of the day asked them to do. This man, Swisher, contracted a disease while on duty, and for fifty years has been incapacitated from ordinary duties. Mr. Wilson quoted Mr. Mowat's opinion that the matter came within Dominion jurisdiction. Mr. Swisher did not ask for knighthood, or a gift of \$20,000, but simply for something to make his declining years somewhat comfortable.

Mr. Purcell added a few words in favor of the volunteers of '37-38. Men who did not turn out were looked upon as disloyal, and many of the old volunteers were in straitened circumstances. Pensions were paid in 1874 to the veterans of 1812, and it was the federal government dealt with that question.

Dr. Dickey sympathised with Mr. Wilson, who had in 1884 brought the matter before the House, as had Mr. Dalton McCarthy previously. He thought it would be an honorable thing for the government to recognise the active service men, not only of 1837, but also those of 1866 and 1870. The volunteers of 1885 got medals and rewards, which they richly deserved, but the same recognition ought to be made in the case of those who served their country in 1837, though when the matter was previously discussed, both government and opposition united in the opinion that it was a matter for provincial settlement.

Mr. Curran was satisfied Mr. Swisher should receive compensation, and brought up again the claim of a widow named Martin, whose son died from the effects of exposure while on service in 1866.

Mr. Scriver could not understand why the government took the position they did on the question. He thought the loyalists of '37 entitled to consideration, and wondered at the difference in their treatment and that of the deputation of veterans of 1866 and 70, who had within a day or been cordially received.

Lt.-Col. Denison also endorsed the men of '37.

Mr. Jones thought the action of the Mackenzie government in pensioning the 1812 men could hardly be taken as a precedent, as that was a national war against a foreign invader, while the 1837 men had no claim, at least on the Maritime provinces and North-West, but only on old Canada.

Mr. Béchard coincided with Mr. Jones, and said the '37 troops had committed outrages in the rural districts and elsewhere to such an extent that an act of indemnity was passed. Any action recognising these men would be very unpopular in Quebec at least.

Mr. Somerville repeated the arguments of the last two speakers, and added that, as it was through the action of William Lyon Mackenzie and his friends that we were in possession to-day of liberal institutions, we ought, if we recognised any claims, to recognise those of the rebels. A reward of \$5,000 was placed on Sir George Cartier's head then; to-day we have a monument here to show that he was a true patriot. The existence of the Dominion parliament was only made possible by the rebellion, and it was no place to discuss the matter.

Sir John Macdonald pointed out the differences inevitable from bringing up such motions, thought it would be better to avoid them in future, and suggested that the motion should be withdrawn but Mr. Wilson wished to have the papers, so the motion was agreed to.

On the 11th Mr. Edgar asked, when the field allowance was paid to the Queen's Own and Royal Grenadiers, and what sum to each man, whether the pay sheets for field allowance had been signed by the members of the York and Simcoe battalion, and if so when they were received by the department, and, if the amounts signed for had not been paid to the men, why not? Sir Adolphe replied that the Royal Grenadiers had been paid \$8.10 per man on the 26th December, 1885, by District P.M. Alger, in lieu of boots and underclothing, and the Queen's Own at the same rate by departmental cheque on the 2nd May, 1886. No pay sheets for the York and Simcoe for kit money had been received, and no allowance made.

Mr. Jones moved for a return of correspondence respecting the purchase of military lands at Annapolis, with valuation placed on such lands by applicants, and explained that he understood parties were trying to get lands at the fort of Annapolis Royal, of great historical value, at a very low figure, which he thought the department should hold on to and improve.

Sir Adolphe agreed with the mover that such old landmarks were of great value and should be protected, and promised the papers.

Records of Our Militia Corps.—V.

The Quebec Volunteer Cavalry.

Extracts from a troop order book of Capt. Bell's troop, dated Quebec, 1st March, 1813.

Notes respecting the formation of the Troop.

(Continued from page 756.)

BELL'S CAVALRY, 1812—QUEBEC TROOP OF LIGHT CAVALRY.

THIS troop was first formed by Capt. Bell, under an order of H. E. Sir G. Prevost, dated 22nd April, 1812, as a part of the 3rd battalion, Quebec militia.

22nd May, 1812—William Sheppard and Hammond Gowan are appointed sergeants; Mr. Hale attached to the troop as cornet.

27th June—Intelligence of the declaration of war reached Quebec. The gentlemen composing the troop, to the number of 34, volunteered their services to act when and where the Government thought proper.

27 July—The troop declared independent of the 3rd battalion, Quebec militia. In case of alarm, to assemble on their private parade in front of the castle, by order of General Glasgow.

October—Mr. Hale appointed lieutenant and Mr. Sheppard cornet, dated 24th April last.

19th December—The troop to be held in readiness to march on active service early in the spring.

15th February, 1813—Orders received to add 25 dismounted men to the troop.

MUSTER ROLL, QUEBEC LIGHT CAVALRY.

1st March, 1813.

Officers.

Captain (commandant), Mathew Bell.
Lieutenant, Edward Hale.
Cornet, W. G. Sheppard.
Quarter-Master, Benjamin Racy (from the Ste. Marie Nouvelle, Beauce Battalion), attached to the troop.

Non-commissioned Officers.

Sergeant Hammond Gowan.
do William Henderson.
do Alex. Cowan.* } Acting.
do James Heath. }
Corporal Charles Hall.
do Wm. Sheppard.*
do G. Wilson.
Trumpeter Thomas Pearson.

Privates.

On the full establishment, furnishing horse, clothing, &c.:

William Turner,*	John Stanfield,	James Copper,*
William Thomas,*	James McCallum,	Robert Page,
John Patterson,*	John Conolly,	John White,
William Price,	Peter Burnet,	William Hoogs,
John Dempster,	James Dick,*	J. G. Clapham,
John Campbell,*	James Henderson,	George Chapman,
Andrew Moire,	George Cossar,	James Black,*
James Oliver,	John McQuay,*	William Henderson,
John Racy,	Archibald Campbell,	Amos Priest,*
William Moore,	James George,	James McCallum,
David Robertson,*	Webb Robinson,	John McCallum,
James Whyte,	Daniel Buckley,	Frank Bell.

Dismounted Party.

	Age.	Ft.	In.
James Winton.....	30	5	10
Frederick Petry*.....	19	5	10
George Burns*.....	19	5	10
Henry Conolly.....	16	5	10
Francis Martineau*.....	..	..	..
Daniel Baker.....	..	..	..
James Stewart.....	19	5	9
Frederick Wyse.....	27	5	9
John Menzies.....	27	5	9
David Flynn.....	29	5	8½
William Graves*.....	21	5	8
Richard Burns*.....	22	5	8
James Loan*.....	23	5	7½
Alexander Russell.....	..	..	..
William Parker*.....	..	..	..
Charles Gethings*.....	19	5	7
Thomas Burney*.....	21	5	7
John Chillas.....	26	5	7
George C. Ross.....	17	5	8
Godfroi Langlois*.....	20	5	10
George Patterson.....	..	..	..
Peter Legged.....	..	..	..
J. Dion.....	..	..	..
David Dewey.....	..	..	..
Wm. Hobb.....	..	..	..

*Reside in Upper Town.

TROOP ORDERS.

1st March.—Foot drills on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the Riding House at 12 o'clock, till further orders.

8th March.—The captain commanding desires that the following articles be provided as soon as possible by each person in the troop, to enable him to comply with the general orders of the Commander in Chief, dated 19th December last, viz:—Helmet, blue cloth forage cap, black silk handkerchief or stock, dress jacket, undress jacket (plain) linen jacket (stable), a pair of brown linen trousers, a pair of grey cloth overalls, a pair of grey cloth or stockinet pantaloons, a pair of half boots and spurs, two flannel shirts, two pair flannel drawers, three pairs of stockings, one pair of shoes, one razor, one knife, one brush, one curriecomb, brush and mane comb, one linen haversack, one linen nose-bag, one linen bag for necessaries.

The dismounted men may make their undress jacket of strong brown linen if they prefer it.

Quarter-master Racy will show patterns and give any information that may be required. The captain wishes the different articles to be good and strong, but not of an expensive kind.

28th March.—A detachment was ordered on service to Ste. Marie Nouvelle Beauce and St. Joseph, returning on the 31st, under the command of Lieutenant Hale, consisting of two officers, two sergeants, one corporal and eighteen privates; total twenty-three.

Estimate of subsistence for the detachment of Captain Bell's Troop, Quebec Light Cavalry, who marched to Nouvelle Beauce, and returned on Wednesday, 31st March, 1813:—

	£	s.	d.
1 Lieutenant, 4 days, 9s. and allowance for forage, &c.,			
2s. 4d.....	2	5	4
1 Cornet, 4 days, 8s. and allowance for forage, &c.,			
2s. 4d.....	2	1	4
2 Sergeants, 4 days, 4s. including forage, &c.....	1	12	0
1 Corporal, 4 days, 3s. 6d., including forage, &c.....	0	14	0
18 Privates, 4 days, 3s. including forage, &c.....	10	16	0
Army pay.....	£17	8	8

I certify that I have examined the foregoing estimate, and I have found it correct in numbers and rates.

(Signed)

MATTHEW BELL,
Captain.

Quebec, 1st April.

Garrison order by Major-General Glasgow:

Quebec, 1st May, 1813.

Captain Bell's Troop to furnish 1 subaltern, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal and 18 privates for guard every Tuesday, to commence on 4th instant.

(Signed)

A. H. PAUL,
Major of Brigade.

CAPTAIN BELL, }
Commanding the Troop. }

The above guard was furnished every Tuesday, up to the 27th July, 1813, except the subaltern, withdrawn on the 10th May.

TROOP ORDER.

Quebec, 30th July, 1813.

Major-General Glasgow, commanding the forces, has signified to Major Bell that the services, in garrison, of the troop may be for the present dispensed with.

Major Bell is happy at the same time to have it in command from the major-general to acquaint the troop with his perfect satisfaction of the regularity and their conduct when their services were required.

(Signed,)

MATTHEW BELL, Major.

TROOP ORDER.

5th August.

Major Bell has much satisfaction in communicating to the troop the following garrison order:—

Garrison order, 2nd August, 1813.—Major-General Glasgow returns his thanks to Major Bell and the Quebec cavalry under his command for their steady and soldier-like conduct during the time they have assisted (as volunteers) in the duties of the garrison, which the late augmentation of the troops enable him to dispense for the present.

(To be continued.)

Contents of Our Contemporaries.

AMONGST the monthlies for May we find the first number of the *American Magazine*, the successor of the *Brooklyn Magazine*. The new candidate is splendidly got up with good paper and typography, and what is of more importance excellent engravings (with one or two exceptions which may be put down to the difficulties inseparable for a start) and first class contributions. It promises to become a formidable rival of the older illustrated monthlies, and we wish the enterprising publisher much success with his venture. Prof. Denslow tells of an outing on the Raquette in 1885, Edgar Fawcett begins a promising serial, L. L. White has a chatty paper about the Senate, and W. H. Rideing tells us all about the literary lions of the Hub, all these papers being illustrated. The other papers alternate between grave and gay, and include a strong paper on land ownership and some capital short stories. A feature continued from the *Brooklyn*, the *American* pulpit, gives church militant sermons. If you have not seen the new magazine send to 130 Pearl street, New York, for a copy. The price is 25c, or \$3 per annum.

The service monthlies for May have arrived and are full of interesting matter.

The Illustrated Naval and Military Magazine is as usual a welcome visitor. The first contribution is one on Russian soldiers of 1760 and 1813 (illustrated), going into detail regarding their strength, their dress, &c. The strength in 1760 in round number was 335,500 regulars and with irregulars raised the total to 445,000. In 1813 the total had increased to 1,317,000. Colonel Babington, 3rd Bengal Infantry, contributes "Rough Notes on a new form of attack," which is accompanied by plates. General Mitford continues his article "Orient and Occident," this one being devoted to Japan. Then follows "The Early English Army," being part iii.—William III. and Anne—being a description of the British army as it then was; it is accompanied by illustrations showing the styles of uniforms the troops then wore.

The new French gun-boat "Gabriel Charmes" is given a short but concise description with plates. We next come to "A Canadian Fire" by General Cox. To those of our readers in Canada this will be unusually interesting, as it relates how fires used to be extinguished in our cities before the days of our efficient fire brigades. In those times the troops used to be called out and rendered valuable help not only in putting out the fire but in saving goods and buildings.

The old 90th Light Infantry and its heroes is well worth reading—for the household names of Lord Wolseley and Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., are among the gallant number of officers who have served in this corps.

Captain Gall continues his "Modern Tactics," chapters II. (Spaces and Time) and III. (Advanced Guards). We conclude our short notice with mentioning "Easter Manœuvres" and "Our Land Transport at Home."

Colburn's United Service Magazine and Naval and Military Journal.—"The old reliable" is again acceptable, being full of interesting reading. Colonel Knollys—whose name is so well associated with this magazine—is the author of the first article on "A Strategical Glance at Europe." The name of its author is a sufficient guarantee that it will be worthy of a perusal. Admiral Vincent continues his "Torpedoes, Naval Gunnery, and National Defence" (Part IV.) Captain O'Callaghan is again to the fore with his anniversaries of British victories—confining himself to the capture of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1780, the battle of Arass, in Gugerat, in 1775, and the capture of Bastia, in Corsica, in 1794. "Homeward Bound" is a short story, interesting but sad, as the hero dies on his voyage home from the effects of brandy, pawnee and liver; his story "was that of many a young fellow in our Indian army, and may be told in few words; a boy fresh from school; a slow station and a fast regiment; sick leave to the hills, followed by sick leave home; i.e., leave to die at sea."

An account of the preparation made for and the entertainment of the King at Portsmouth in June, 1773. Also the disgrace the Navy Board met with on the occasion—minuted and collected by one of His Majesty's principal officers and commis-

sioners of the navy. This article is communicated by one of his descendants and goes into all the details of the expense of such a reception, which nowadays would be very alarming. "Ruined," continued by C. G. H. Tenniswood, together with the usual reviews, and record of naval and military events, finishes as delightful a monthly as one would wish to read.

The Rifle, published in Boston, U.S., is also to hand, and the following are its principal articles. America's crack rifle shots, this number being a slight biography of Capt. Gindele, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Revolver shooting. An essay on the sporting rifle. National Rifle Association; the programme for the matches to be held in September, 1887. There are to be 18 matches with a prize list of about \$1,400 in cash, 2 cups, 4 trophies, a bronze statue, badges and medals. The Smith & Wesson target revolver and foreign notes.

The English weeklies for the 30th of April are to hand and the following are amongst the principal articles of interest in them:

Broad Arrow—Modern aggressive torpedoes; the army medical regularions; the volunteers and the jubilee review at Aldershot; a British soldier's life in the army; the Ghilzais; the Sherwood Foresters (Derbyshire regiment), 1st battalion; Burmah soldiers and their ammunition; accuracy of artillery fire; military, naval, and foreign notes; comments, &c.

United Service Gazette.—Jubilee honors for the navy; two British army corps; admiralty work; the Franco-German embroglio; Viscount Wolseley on army reorganization; the reduction of the horse artillery; the recent wrecks; foreign service gossip; reviews; naval and military intelligence; editorial notes, &c.

Volunteer Service Gazette.—Volunteer field batteries; opening of a new volunteer drill hall at Colchester; notes of the week; the royal review; firing parties at volunteer funerals.

Military Activity in Montreal.

ALARGELY attended and enthusiastic meeting of ex-volunteers of Montreal and its environs was held on the 10th in the Vics' armory.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. F. Scriver, secretary, who stated its object and gave a brief report of the recent visit of the veterans of 1866-70 to Ottawa. Lieut.-Col. Fletcher was called to the chair, and after a short discussion it was resolved: "That it is desirable that the ex-volunteers resident in this city, and in such other places as wish to participate, take part in the celebration of the Queen's jubilee."

A sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Campbell, Fletcher, Tees, Jarvis, Lyman and Scriver was appointed to consider and report on the best steps to be taken to forward the movement. Lieut.-Col. Campbell was elected commander of the ex-volunteers who should take part in the jubilee celebration.

An auxiliary committee, consisting of members of each corps represented, was appointed to act in conjunction with the general committee, the members of which are expected to act as recruiting sergeants, and from present appearances a successful muster on the occasion seems assured.

A meeting of the Imperial army and navy veterans was also held in the Prince of Wales Rifles' mess room, at which Lieut.-Col. Fletcher presided. The meeting was largely attended, representatives from the following regiments being present:—Royal horse artillery, garrison artillery, brigade of guards, 9th, 14th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 25th, 43rd, 52nd, 59th, 60th, 63rd, 66th, 71st, 78th, 83rd, 85th, 87th, 89th and 100th regiments, rifle brigade, Royal Canadian Rifles, East India company, and H.M. Royal navy. The badge committee reported and showed a sample badge which was approved of. A committee was appointed to organize a band from among the veteran musicians. It was suggested that the meeting be made a permanent organization and further steps taken towards that end. It was decided to take part in the jubilee celebration, the secretary to write to the Deputy Adjutant-General soliciting permission to do so.

The drill hall on Craig street is rapidly approaching completion. The following description of it is condensed from the *Witness*:

The 5th military district occupies the whole of the armories built along the west side of the drill hall, and part of the eastern, or right side, is reserved for the 6th district. The first apartment on the left side comprises a storeroom and a washroom, &c., for the officers, and a winding stairs lead thence to the offices of the officers in charge of the stores on the flat above. Next to the storeroom is the armory of the Prince of Wales' Rifles, followed by those of the Victoria Rifles and 5th Royal Scots. Immediately after these are washrooms, &c., for the use of the men generally. The next armories are those of the 6th Fusiliers and the Garrison Artillery.

The flat above, on the same side of the building, comprises, besides the store offices, special rooms for the officers of the several corps, and orderly and recreation rooms for each of the above-mentioned battalions placed immediately over their respective armories.

The right hand side is divided into a storeroom, with offices for the officer in charge, washroom, &c., for the officers, and stairs leading to the flat above. Then come the armories of the 65th, the 85th and the cavalry corps, followed by washrooms for the men. The Engineers' armory comes next, followed by the harness room and armory of the field battery, with an orderly room, special wash room, bath, &c., for the use of the battery.

The upper flat is devoted to similar uses to that on the left side. Between the recreation room of the cavalry and the orderly room of the engineers are the caretaker's lodgings, fitted up with all modern improvements. At the end of this wing is a private apartment for the officers of the field battery. Each of the armories and recreation rooms, for both districts, is about 60 feet long by 40 feet wide. Each battalion will be completely separated from the others. There appears to be one drawback, however, for which the officers have asked a remedy, but so far without success—-that is, that the two flats at the disposal of each corps do not communicate with one another, so that when the men of any of the battalions want to go from their armory to their recreation room they must use a common staircase for the whole district, placed at each end of the building.

At the rear of the hall, on Vitre street, is a gallery the full width of the building and thirty-seven feet deep. The galleries giving entrance to the recreation rooms extend the whole length of the building, and are seven feet wide. All these are provided with iron railings and are supported by rolled girders with wrought brackets.

The boilers for heating the building are placed in the basement, in the centre of each wing. The cost of the armories is about \$100,000. The drill hall itself cost \$125,000, and it is estimated that with the fixtures, &c., the total cost of the whole building will be about \$300,000.

Mounted Police News.

Banff.—Inspector Constantine arrived here on the 11th May with fifteen men and immediately went into camp, where they will remain until the barracks are built.

Correspondence.

The Editor desires it distinctly understood that he does not hold himself responsible for the opinions expressed by correspondents.

SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE D. R. A. RULES.

To the Editor of the *Canadian Militia Gazette*:

DEAR SIR,—One of your correspondents, in your issue of the 28th April, signing himself "A Member" invites discussion upon items in which he claims there is room for improvement upon the D. R. A.

Anent ammunition, "which he claims should be served out at the firing points." While it would tend in a great measure to place all on the same footing, in point of equality, yet it would not absolutely do so. What rifleman has not, upon examining his ammunition before going to the firing point, found cartridge after cartridge unfit for use, the bullets loose or the quantity of powder deficient. If it should so happen that you were unlucky enough to get possibly two or more in the seven rounds served out to you thus imperfect you have no recourse but to use them to your own disgust, with the positive certainty of a poor score.

While the N.R.A. at Wimbledon may do as "A Member" suggests, lock at the advantages they have in obtaining ammunition, the best possible issue and without having been trundled about upon miles of railway.

I note in another column of the same issue as above referred to, comments upon competitors using ammunition filled by themselves, and why not? For what purpose does the department issue refilling outfit, certainly as one would suppose to be made use of, and if the department cannot supply perfect ammunition, why should we not make use of the outfit they supply us and try to better ourselves? I do not approve of any one competitor having a vantage in that respect over another, yet until the department (who are to blame) can guarantee better ammunition, to my mind better rest as it is or else rescind the regulation permitting the refilling of the coiled shell, and carry out that one of the match rules bearing on ammunition, which says: "None, but D. C. ammunition purchased on the ground, &c., carry out that rule and none can complain."

Your correspondent calls for more information and facts in the D. R. A. report. I am sure our able secretary of the D. R. A. will be only too pleased to receive a suggestion from any of the members, but I also think from his many years of experience in connection with the working of rifle associations he is as competent a person to gather together facts which are recorded before him and present them in the best possible form in his report. I think the secretary of the D. R. A. is to be congratulated upon the report of the past year, certainly the most comprehensive and complete one we ever had. "MARTINI."

Regimental Intelligence.

We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?

Toronto.—At the last regular weekly parade the Queen's Own turned out 461 strong. The route of march was along Church to Shuter and thence to Moss Park rink, where the battalion drill was executed.

The weekly parade of the Grenadiers brought out about 300 men under Col. Grassett. They marched to the Mutual street rink, headed by both bands, where they practised trooping the colors. On Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the men paraded in the Queen's park and marched to Mount Pleasant cemetery, where a short field service was held, and the monument erected to the memories of their fallen comrades, Moore and Hughes, unveiled. On the Queen's birthday the colors will be trooped before Lord Lansdowne.

The annual sergeants' mess dinner of the Royal Grenadiers, commemorative of the second anniversary of Batoche, was held on the 12th at the Criterion restaurant. There was a large attendance of the sergeants of the Grenadiers and other corps of the city, and a jolly evening was spent.

At the head of the table were:—Paymaster Sergeant Curran, president of the mess; Sergeant-Major Granger, Governor-General's Body Guard; Sergeant-Major Munroe, C Company School of Infantry; Sergeant-Major Woodman, of the field artillery; Sergeant-Major Spence, garrison artillery; Sergeant-Major Crean, Queen's Own; Sergeant-Major Francis, Grenadiers; and Private William Canniff, ex-member of the 90th. About eleven o'clock Capt. Harstone, Dr. Ryerson and Lieuts. Michie, Lowe and Gooderham came in and took part in the festivities, which with toasts, songs, recitations, &c., were prolonged to a late hour.

Halifax.—The drum and fife corps of the 66th P.L.F., with the assistance of members of the York and Lancaster regiment, Gunner Newman, R.A., and other local favorites, is making preparations to give a minstrel and variety performance at the lyceum at an early date. The band of the regiment has kindly volunteered its assistance, and will perform choice selections during the evening.

Montreal.—The Royal Scots are going to give an entertainment in the Academy of Music on the 20th, under the patronage of Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, at which Miss Earle, of New York, Mr. Finley McGregor, of New York, Mr. Neil Warner, Mr. Robert Lloyd, Mr. Rush and many others will assist. Sergeant-Major Nevens is to dance a hornpipe; the local cavalry will go through the sword exercise and there will be a tug-of-war by teams from all the local regiments. Altogether it is expected to be a very grand affair. Lieut. A. Linton and the other officers on the committee are using every effort to make it a success. It is to be called the Scots' grand jubilee entertainment.

THE VICTORIA RIFLES.

Lieut.-Col. Crawford has issued the following farewell to the Victorias:

The painful duty devolves upon Lieut.-Col. Crawford of bidding goodbye as commanding officer to his comrades of the Victoria Rifles of Canada, some of whom have served with him continuously for nearly a quarter of a century.

His regret in retiring from active service is increased by the conviction that the regiment is entering upon the most brilliant period of its existence in consequence of the near completion of the new armory. But even this incentive to continued service was not, in his opinion, sufficient to outweigh his belief that a fairly active system of promotion should exist in the regiment. It affords him pleasure to feel that he transfers the command to an officer eminently fitted to further its best interests.

Lieut.-Col. Crawford need hardly say that the Victorias will ever command his active sympathy, and that he will, he trusts, remain throughout his life an active member of their reserve corps.

In taking over the command Lt.-Colonel Davidson by a regimental order says:

It is my first duty to give expression to the deep regret which accompanies Lieut.-Col. Crawford's retirement from the command of the regiment. He helped to organise it twenty-five years ago; and he has ever since been its active member and its eager friend. Few parades found him absent, and he was always among the foremost to fall into the ranks or to muster his men when occasion called the regiment to active service. So faithful a continuance of military duty deserves the imitation and receives the grateful acknowledgments of every officer, non-commissioned officer and man of the Victoria Rifles of Canada.

In taking over the command of the regiment, Lieut.-Col. Davidson is more than ever impressed with how largely he has to rely upon the patriotism of its members to maintain and develop its old time efficiency. He expects to receive rather than to exact a ready submission to discipline, and a full performance of the duties which attach to the honor of wearing the uniform of the regiment.

He will permit no shirker to remain upon the muster rolls, and he enters upon his command with a heartfelt confidence that he will receive from all ranks a full and generous measure of support, in his efforts to make the Victorias a credit to their country, and more than ever worthy of the reputation which they have earned in the past.

The Garrison Artillery will muster for church parade on Sunday, 22nd inst., at their armoury and march to St. Paul's church at 4.30 p.m., sermon to be preached by the Rev. Mr. Barclay. Many people having complained that the church parades interfere with the Sunday schools and afternoon services the adjutant has appointed an hour for the parade which he thinks will be a cause of annoyance to no one.

A detachment of this corps will be told off to fire a royal salute from St. Helen's Island on the 24th inst. The non-com's. intend to give an entertainment in the Victoria Park to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee on the 21st June, when a number of prizes will be given for running, fencing, tug-of-war and other such sports. The prizes will consist of six gold pins and a number of gold and silver medals. Invitations to other city corps to take part are being issued.

Rev. James Barclay, chaplain to the M.G.A., leaves next week for Balmoral, where he will preach by command before Her Majesty the Queen.

A bicycle corps, to consist of about ten men, is shortly to be established in connection with the Victoria Rifles.

Banff, N.W.T.—The volunteer company here will not be organized for some time, if at all, as the Government have only enough funds to keep up the present force, but the adjutant-general says that our application will be remembered.

The Target.

[We will gladly publish all scores sent in properly vouched for. Correspondents will remember that scores unaccompanied by full details as to conditions are useless. When no range or rifle is mentioned the record will be the result of seven shots at 200, 500 and 600 yards, kneeling at 200, Snider rifles, no sighting shots.]

Hamilton.—The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Victoria rifle club was held at the office of the president, Lieut.-Col. Gibson, M.P.P. The secretary-treasurer's annual report was most satisfactory. A number of new members were elected. Officers for the ensuing year:—Major J. J. Mason, president; Major H. McLaren, Capt. W. G. Reid, vice-presidents; Albert Pain, secretary-treasurer. Managing committee—Capt. Adam, Capt. Zealand, P. T. Robertson, O. Hancock, and W. H. Clarke.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Lieut.-Col. Gibson, who has filled the office of president since 1878, and now felt compelled, to the deep regret of the club, to resign on account of the many other demands on his time.

The ranges will be open for practice on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. At the opening practice a friendly match took place, Martini rifles, resulting as follows:—

	200	500	600	T'l.		200	500	600	T'l.
Staff-Sergt. Margetts.....	32	30	29	91	Pte. H. Graham.....	31	26	28	85
Staff-Sergt. Pain.....	25	30	25	84	Pte. H. Marris.....	27	31	23	81
				175					166

Waterdown, Ont.—At the weekly practice of the rifle association the reeve, Geo. Baker, led the score last week; Dr. McGregor this week. The association will miss John Cleave, who is moving to Hamilton. He will probably join the Victoria R.A. and keep up his record.

OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

Ottawa.—The first silver spoon competition of the season was held on the 7th at the Rideau range. The afternoon was warm but very dull, and a left wind, a most unusual one on the Rideau range, played havoc with the scores. At 600 yards the old hands would have given a fancy price for sighting shots, and an unobserved increase in the wind carried many a bullet past the right edge. The worst sufferer was Mr. Hutcheson who, bringing back the fine score of 62, only found the target his last shot.

	T'l.		T'l.
Capt. Sherwood (desert spoon).....	27	27	30
Lieut. Gray.....	25	30	26
Major Anderson.....	27	21	75
E. D. Sutherland.....	29	27	19
Dr. Geo. Hutchison.....	28	29	15
T. Carroll.....	26	23	22
A. F. Cotton.....	0	22	18
A. P. k.....	29	27	9
J. Hutchison.....	31	31	2
Major Perley.....	31	23	5
G. H. Duncan (tea spoon) junior.....	27	19	12
Lieut. Geo. White.....	25	15	16
F. C. Lightfoot.....	25	21	7
J. F. Junkin.....	17	22	9
W. A. Jamieson.....	28	5	4
Robt. Stewart.....	22	0	2
T. McJanet.....	18	2	0

On the 14th the club fired with Marini's at Queen's ranges, this time with a two o'clock wind and a fine bright day. There appeared to be no reasonable explanation (unless want of practice) for the poor shooting which was again so conspicuous at the 600 range.

	T'l.		T'l.
A. Pink (desert spoon).....	27	32	28
Major Anderson (tea spoon).....	28	26	28
T. Carroll.....	27	29	24
Dr. Geo. Hutchison.....	30	26	23
A. F. Cotton.....	33	26	19
Capt. A. P. Sherwood.....	31	25	2
J. E. Hutchison.....	27	23	25
H. H. Gray.....	22	39	22
F. Sutherland.....	30	26	18
Major H. F. Perley.....	28	32	13
R. Stewart.....	25	26	21
F. W. Smith.....	31	21	20
G. Duncan.....	28	22	20
F. C. Lightfoot.....	23	24	21
W. A. Jamieson.....	26	23	18
Capt. Cox.....	23	20	18
J. H. Ellis.....	27	13	13
H. O. E. Pratt.....	21	15	16
Geo. White.....	25	8	17
T. C. Boville.....	22	3	20
L. J. Coursoles.....	19	15	10

GUARDS RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The first of the regular series of spoon competitions which the G.G.F.G. rifle association will have this year took place at the Rideau range on the 7th inst. Two

spoons were offered for senior and one for junior shots, the last being won by Private Byng Hall, of No. 6 company, with 34 points out of the 105. The following were the leading scores in the senior match:

Sergt. Roes, No. 5 Co. (desert spoon).....	70	Lt.-Col. Macpherson.....	61
Co. H. McCarthy, No. 5 Co. (tea spoon).....	68	Pte. Morrison, No. 4 Co.....	52
Pte. French, No. 1 Co.....	65	Color-Sergt. Maillue, No. 2 Co.....	50

On the 14th inst. the second competition took place. The top scores were as follows:

Color-Sergt. Maillue, No. 2 (desert spoon).....	65	Staff-Sergt. Dawson.....	57
Pte. Fourweather, No. 1 (tea spoon).....	61	Sergt. Ross, No. 5.....	57
Sergt. Short, No. 2.....	60	Pte. Morrison, No. 4.....	55
Lance-Corp. Watts, No. 1.....	59	Corp. H. McCarthy, No. 2.....	50

Halifax.—The first competition of the silver spoon series in connection with the 63rd Rifles finished on the 7th, the following six being the highest:—Sergt. Inst. Power, 80 points; Sergt. Mumford, 78 points; Capt. Bishop, 76 points; Pte. Corbin, 74 points; Major Egan, 72 points; Lc.-Corpl. C. W. Gibson, 71 points. The spoons are given by the officers of the battalion, and are fired for, one each week, the competitors having the option of shooting either on Thursday or Saturday. At the end of six competitions the highest aggregate will be the winner of a silver table spoon. A competition will also be held for a silver spoon for recruits who have joined the battalion during the present year. The competition this week will be fired at 200 and 500 yards, seven rounds, no sighting shots.

Militia General Orders, No. 7, of 13th May, 1887.

No. 1.—SALUTES.—QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AND DOMINION DAY.

A salute of 21 guns is authorized to be fired at each of the undermentioned stations on the 24th May and the 1st July, 1887, viz: St. John, N.B.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Quebec, Que.; Montreal, Que.; Ottawa, Ont.; Kingston, Ont.; Toronto, Ont.; Winnipeg, Man.; Victoria, B.C.

As the salute at Halifax, N.S., will be fired by the Imperial troops on the 24th May, the only salute required to be fired at that station by the militia will be on the 1st July (Dominion Day).

The salute at Quebec and Kingston will be fired by "A" and "B" batteries. In other districts the D.A.G. will arrange for the salutes to be fired by active militia (artillery) as provided by regulations.

No. 2.—SPECIAL LIST.

Adverting to No. 2 of G. O. (10) 21st May, 1886, the following is substituted therefor:—

"The following officers holding appointments under the Dominion Government at headquarters, retain active militia rank on this 'Special List,' viz:—

- Colonel Charles Eugène Panet,
- do Darby Bergin,
- Lieutenant-Colonel John Macpherson,
- do Thomas Bacon,
- do Donald A. Macdonald,
- Major Willis Riddick Stowe Wainright,
- Captain James Ball Donaldson."

No. 2 of G. O. (7) of 2nd April, 1886, creating an 'Unemployed List,' and No. 3 of G. O. (9) 7th May, 1886—excepting that portion in which the rank of colonel, from 28th April, 1886, is given to Lieut.-Col. Panet and Surg.-Gen. Bergin—are hereby cancelled."

No. 3.—ACTIVE MILITIA.

1st Reg. Cavalry.—No. 2 troop.—Capt. and Brevet-Major Frederick William Peters is retired, retaining his brevet rank.

6th Reg. Cav.—No 3 troop.—2nd Lieut. Chas. McDiormid resigns.

Kingston F. B.—*Erratum.*—In No. 1 of G. O. (6th) 29th April, 1887, read "M. W. Sine," instead of "M. W. Line."

2nd Batt.—*Erratum.*—In No. 1 of G. O. (6) 29th April, 1887, with reference to the appointments, "to be 2nd lieut.," read "Peuchen" instead of "Penchen."

3rd Batt.—To be capt., Lieut. Edwin Botsford Busted, S.I., vice Edwards, appointed adjutant.

To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Henry Geo. Doucet, S.I., vice Busted.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Edward Wilgress Parker, vice Doucet.

To be adjutant, Capt. Jos. Plimsoll Edwards, V.B., vice Radiger, promoted major

8th Batt.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut Wm. Molson Dobell, S.I., vice Roche, transferred to I.S.C.

9th Batt.—No. 4 Co.—Adverting to No. 2 of G. O. (7), 14th March, 1884, Lieut. Geo. Améle Labranche being the holder of a 2nd class M.S. certificate, and a N.C.O., at the time of his appointment, his rank is confirmed from that date, 14th March, 1884.

15th Batt.—Surg. David Earl Burdett is retired, retaining rank.

16th Batt.—No. 4 Co.—The name of 2nd Lieut. Victor M. Burley is removed from the list of officers of the active militia for failing to attend annual drill.

19th Batt.—To be lieut.-col., Major Geo. Carlisle, V.B., vice Edward Henry Thompson, deceased.

22nd Batt.—No. 6 Co.—To be capt., Lieut. Alfred Servos Ball, V.B., from No. 1 Co., vice Sutherland appointed Qr.-Mr.

To be qr.-mr., Capt. Jas. Sutherland from No. 6 Co., vice Burgess, retired.

30th Batt.—This batt. has been authorized to adopt and use a badge of which the following is a description:—

A Maltese cross surmounted by the Imperial Crown, at each angle of the cross a British lion. In the centre of the cross the numeral 39, encircled by the regimental designation "Norfolk Rifles, Canada."

Badge for cross belt, to be a Maltese cross, as above described, encircled by a wreath of maple leaves surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

Badges to be silver for officers, bronze for non-commissioned officers and men.

Qr.-Mr. Wm. Ryerson Griffin having the relative rank of major, to have the honorary rank of major from 21st May, 1885.

Surg. John Phelan to have the rank of surg.-major from 17th Jan., 1887.

41st Batt.—To be major, Capt. Geo. Marshall Cole, G.S.I., from No. 4 Co., vice Teskey.

No. 2 Co.—To be capt., 2nd Lieut. Henry Mace Jackson, S.I., from No. 3 Co., vice Asselstine appointed adjutant.
 To be lieut. 2nd Lieut. George Henry Funnell, S.I., vice Asselstine promoted.
 To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. John Kee, vice Funnell.
 No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Thos. Arthur Elliott, vice Harrison, retired.
 To be paymaster, Pay-Sergt. Wm. Jas. Wright, vice Hon. Major David B. Jones, who retires retaining his honorary rank.
 To be adjutant, Capt. Wm. Howard Asselstine, S.I., from No. 2 Co., vice Cole appointed captain of No. 4 Co.

43rd Batt.—No. 3 Co.—To be capt., prov., from 29th April, 1887, Isaac Brown York, vice Wm. Fairbairn, deceased.
 To be 2nd lieut., prov., Corpl. Wm. Thewles Lawless, vice Fairbairn, resigned.
 No. 6 Co.—To be capt., prov., from 29th April, 1887, Corp. Basil Herbert Bell, vice John C. Chamberlin, deceased.
 To be lieut., prov., from 29th April, 1887, Benj. Taylor Andrew Bell, vice Henry Clifford Chamberlin, out of limits.
 To be 2nd lieut., prov., from 29th April, 1887, Wm. Moore McKay, vice Horace Walter Chamberlin, out of limits.

45th Batt.—No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Thos. Robt. Sherwood, vice John Morrison, who resigns.

50th Batt.—No. 7 Co.—Lieut. John Lucas retires retaining rank.

51st Batt.—To be lieut.-col., Major Richard Lucas, V.B., vice Robt. Rogers, who retires retaining rank.

52nd Batt.—To be Assist.-Surg. Hannibal Whitney Wood, M.D., (formerly surgeon in this batt.) vice Macdonald, promoted.

53rd Batt.—No. 2 Co.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Edward Wm. Farwell, S.I., vice Henry Wood Wilson who resigns.

54th Batt.—To be surgeon, Andrew Maxwell Speer, vice Brown, resigned.

56th Batt.—No. 1 Co.—Lieut. Jas. Rufus Froom resigns.

66th Batt.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Wm. Henry Stevens, M.S., vice Bremner, promoted.

To be 2nd lieuts, prov., Clifford Jack, vice Black, promoted.
 Jas. Donaldson Ritchie, vice Stevens, promoted.
 To be assist.-surg., Matthew Allison Curry, vice Daniel D. Harrington, deceased.

68th Batt.—No. 5 Co.—2nd Lieut. George Loomer resigns.

72nd Batt.—No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., from 29th April, 1887, 2nd Lieut. David G. Ritcey, M.S., from No. 5 Co., vice Harry M. Beckwith, left limits.
 No. 5 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., from 29th April, 1887, Staff-Sergt. Hartley Spinney Jacques, vice Ritcey, transferred to and promoted in No. 4 Co.

76th Batt.—No. 1 Co.—To be lieut., from 7th April, 1887, 2nd Lieut. Hilaire Côté, M.S., vice Reid, transferred to and promoted in No. 6 Co.

To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. François Pierre Laberge, vice Côté.
 No. 2 Co.—To be 2nd lieut., prov., Sergt. Pierre Bédard, vice Narcisse Gervais, left limits.
 No. 4 Co.—To be lieut., prov., Sergt. Narcisse Beaudreau, vice Laberge, promoted.
 To be 2nd lieut., prov., Zéphir Gagnier, vice Tresslé Bédard, left limits.

86th Batt.—No. 5 Co.—To be capt., Lieut. Henry G. S. Dixon, M.S., vice Chas. Levesque, who retires retaining rank.

87th Batt.—No. 4 Co.—2nd Lieut. Theodore Dubé having left limits his name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

90th Batt.—To be capt., Lieut. Geo. Wilson Stewart, V.B., vice Ruttan, promoted.
 Lieut. Frederick Chas. Campbell, V.B., vice Walter Alex. Wilkes, who retires retaining rank as a special case.
 To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. Mark Robt. Currie, S.M.I., vice Stewart.

93rd Batt.—No. 2 Co.—To be lieut., Pte. Daniel Isaac Eaton, S.I (1st B.), vice Donkin, appointed adjutant.

95th Batt.—Lieut.-Col. Thos. Scott is permitted to revert to the retired list of lieutenant-colonels.

Brevet and confirmation of rank as well as the certificates issued by the several schools of instruction are crowded out, and will be given next week.

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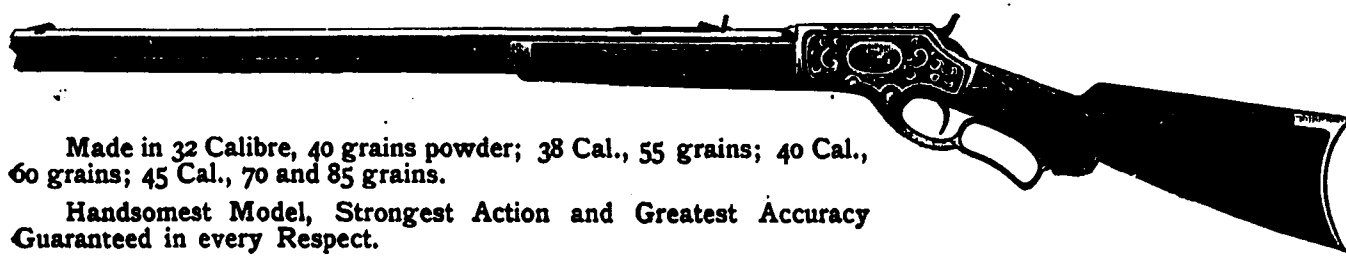
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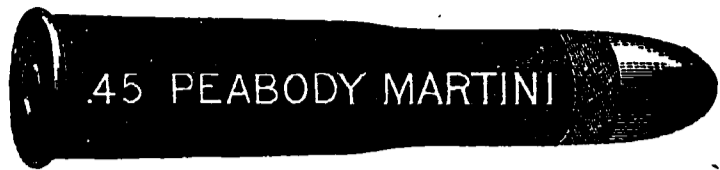
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1. The homesteader shall begin actual residence on his homestead and cultivation of a reasonable portion thereof within six months from date of entry, unless entry shall have been made on or after the 1st day of September, in which case residence need not commence until the first day of June following, and continue to live upon and cultivate the land for at least six months out of every twelve months for three years from date of homestead entry.

2. The homesteader shall begin actual residence, as above, within a radius of two miles of his homestead, and continue to make his home within such radius for at least six months out of every twelve months for the three years next succeeding the date of homestead entry; and shall within the first year from date of entry, break and prepare for crop ten acres of his homestead quarter section, and shall within the second year crop the said ten acres, and break and prepare for crop fifteen acres additional; making twenty-five acres; and within the third year after the date of his homestead entry he shall crop the said twenty-five acres, and break and prepare for crop fifteen acres additional, so that within three years of the date of his homestead entry he shall have not less than twenty-five acres cropped, and shall have erected on the land a habitable house in which he shall have lived during the three months next preceding his application for homestead patent.

3. The homesteader shall begin the cultivation of his homestead within six months after the date of entry, or if the entry was obtained after the first day of September in any year, then before the first day of June following; shall within the first year break and prepare for crop not less than five acres of his homestead; shall within the second year crop the said five acres, and break and prepare for crop not less than ten acres in addition, making not less than fifteen acres in all; shall have erected a habitable house on his homestead before the expiration of the second year, and on or before the commencement of the third year shall have begun to reside in the said house, and shall have continued to reside therein and cultivate his homestead for not less than three years next prior to the date of his application for patent.

In the event of a homesteader desiring to secure his patent within a shorter period than the three or five years, as the case may be, he will be permitted to purchase his homestead, or homestead and pre-emption, as the case may be, on furnishing proof that he has resided on the homestead for at least twelve months subsequent to date of entry, and in case entry was made after the 25th day of May, 1883, has cultivated thirty acres thereof.

PRE-EMPTIONS.

Any homesteader may at the same time as he makes his homestead entry, obtain entry for an adjoining unoccupied quarter-section as a pre-emption, on payment of a fee of ten dollars.

The pre-emption right entitles the homesteader to purchase the land so pre-empted on becoming entitled to his homestead patent, but a failure to fulfil the homestead conditions forfeits the pre-emption right.

INFORMATION.

Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, and copies of the Regulations, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Ontario; the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Land Agents Manitoba or the North-West Territories.

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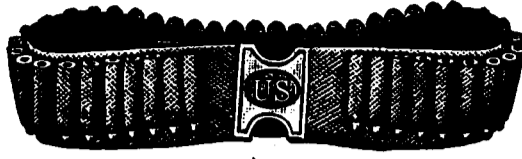
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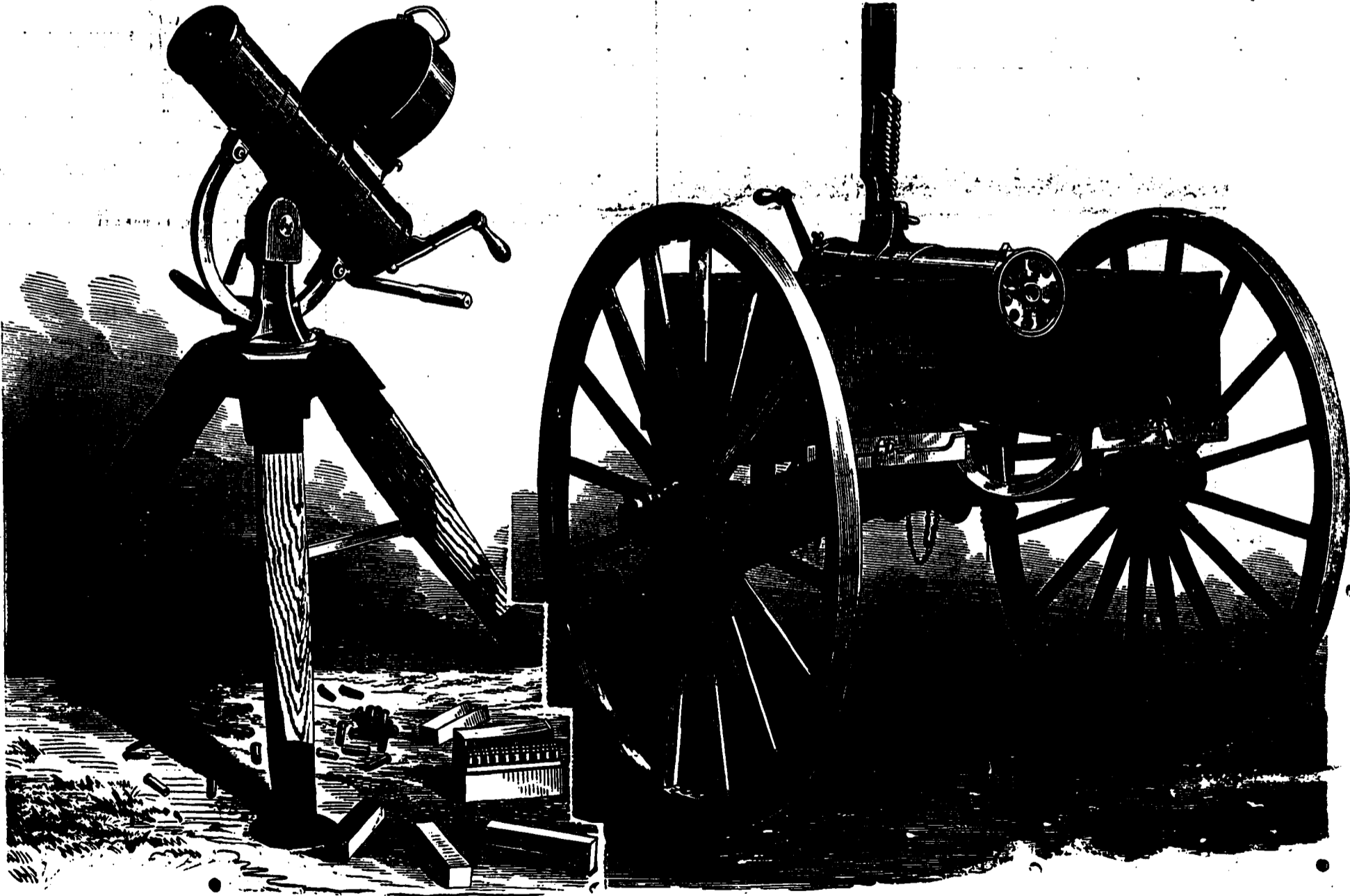
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