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COMMENT AND CRITICISM.

The flood of addresses of congratulation to Sir Adolphe Caron and Sir Frederick Middleton continues unabated, the latest being an address to the General at Kingston on the 13th by the Mayor of the city on behalf of the corporation and citizens, and one to the Minister of Militia on Saturday by the Junior Conservative Club of Montreal many of whose members came to Ottawa for the purpose of presenting it. In this action of all classes of the people there may be recognized the satisfaction of the country at large not only with the recipients of the congratulations but with the outcome of the insurrection and the way in which all concerned rose to the occasion. Sir Adolphe is very willing to acknowledge this on all occasions. In his reply on Saturday he refers to his subordinates in the Department as "men of great and wide experience, men whose devotion to their work was exhibited under very trying circumstances, men who night and day were always ready to do what was expected of them from the country to make the expedition a success."

The General, in his speech at Kingston, gave the highest possible praise to the Royal Military College, saying that it was not only the best college of the kind in Canada, but equal to any military college in the world, and he had seen many of them. It gave not only a military education, but an education that fitted the students for civil life as well. He delighted the citizens also by expressing himself as favorable to the future location of the district camp where it proved so successful this year.

The Guards' matches, a description of which we publish, suggest a novel way of making annual regimental rifle matches attractive, and evidently proved successful in this instance. It was a happy idea to order the regiment out so as to secure a good attendance, and the hint might profitably be taken by other city corps. Unfortunately rural battalions are not in a position to do the same, unless perhaps they could arrange their matches for the day their annual camp broke up, when the men might be kept together an extra day.

In our last few issues we have given the programmes of many rifle associations, and it will be found very interesting and instructive to compare them all, and to see the different ideas as to the best kind of matches to adopt. One association goes in for a large number of small matches, another for a very few large ones ; one has most of the shooting at 400 yards, another sticks close to Queen's ranges, and affects 600 yards; one makes a specialty of skirmishing, and another of nursery matches. Of course in many cases these details are arranged to suit the particular class of competitors who are likely to shoot, but there is no doubt THE GAZETTE is doing a good work by bringing them all together and giving each gathering an opportunity of comparing its methods with those of others, whereby they can improve their programmes for another year.

Captain Ponton renews Col. Bog's suggestion in our columns that the dispensing of the annual allowance of ammunition should be delegated to the rifle associations of the several battalions, and that this would ensure more systematic firing. More systematic-yes ; but more general-no. If there were any way in which the government could be assured that the same proportion of the force would fire as do at present we have no doubt they would gladly give over the ammunition, and even greatly increase the supply, but past experience in this direction has been unfavorable, especially in the case of a rural commanding officer, who was found to be selling ammunition at half price, although regularly made out target practice returns came in for the full amount supplied him. The officer was dismissed the service, but this method of serving out ammunition ended.

By the way, the erudition of Captain Ponton, in beginning his letter with an imposing Latin heading, rather awed us until a second glance disclosed a familiar old phrase that recalled our schoolboy days, when a sell of this kind was considered potius alauda.

In this number the publication of Capt. Perley's fourth and last lecture on "Rifles and Rifle Shooting" and with it a valuable feature of our paper heretofore, reaches its conclusion. The practical hints given by a practical rifle shot, and the varied information compiled respecting the history and theory of the rifle and the manufacture of ammunition, have been not only of the greatest interest but of the utmost practical value to young shots, and we hope they will be re-read and studied from the files of our subscribers. For the benefit of those who have not received the first numbers and who wish to have Capt.

Perley's article complete subscriptions will be received dating back from the establishment of the paper, and a complete file forwarded, to new subscribers who so desire it.

The general orders in Saturday's official Gazette contain the nomimations to the medical boards of the several military districts for investigating claims of those who last spring received wounds or injuries, or contracted disease which might wholly or partly incapacitate them. The personnel of the several boards is such that the most critical could not find fault with them, well known practitioners being selected in each city. The regulations under which these boards are to work, and the nature of the cases which they are to investigate are also fully stated, and it is as much as said that commanding officers and others concerned should look sharp and bring forward any cases that they may know of.

The Gazette also contains the usual promotions, etc. This week there is no change in any rank above that of major. One surgeon is appointed, one major is dismissed the service, and two captains are appointed majors, each of whom has been an adjutant—a position that seems lately to have become a fortunate opening for promotion. One of these is the indefatigable captain of the new Winnipeg School of Mounted Infantry, and we congratulate Major Buchan as heartily on his promotion as we did the service a few weeks ago on securing him for the school. Quite a number of young officers have been passed through the military schools and been confirmed in their ranks, and amongst them are no less than sevon of the 62nd, who succeeded in obtaining first-class special course certificates—lucky 62nd.

The appointments summed up show that eight new names have been added to the militia list, while nine have been dropped, so there is a net loss of one officer, a state of affairs that appears too frequently. There are besides ten promotions of officers already on the list.

The scores of the eastern field batteries have not yet come to hand, and we are reluctantly compelled to hold over the record of those which have made returns for a future issue.

RIFLES AND RIFLE SHOOTING.-XXIII.

W.-BY CAPTAIN HENRY F. PERLEY, HEADQUARTERS STAFF.

Be on hand at the firing point when wanted. Do not think just at that time that you are out of sighting tickets or cartridges. If away, do not run. As Captain Heaton says, "if you run, you may be in time, but you will have spoiled your shooting and will be sure not to win, whereas if you walk, you may be in time, and consequently win," to which may be added the advice, be at the firing point in ample time, always remembering that no person has any right to keep a squad waiting through negligence, dilatoriness, or sheer indifference; and men who are guilty in this respect should be visited with all the pains and penalties made and provided.

If beaten, never say "don't care," but come up smiling at the next match. Do not grumble at the rifle, or the cartridges, or the range, or the weather, because you are not successful, but turn your misses to good account by trying to ascertain why and how they were made. A grumbler is a nuisance anywhere, and is never so happy as when he can make his neighbors as miserable as himself.

Comply honorably with all the rules governing a match; and do not make any objection to another unless he is taking an unfair advantage, behaving dishonestly, or disobeying the rules. If you are a better shot, beat him, if not—complaints come with a bad grace from you. If, unfortunately, complaints have to be made, make them in a straightforward manner to the proper authorities, taking care at the outset that you are fully able and prepared to defend your cause.

Do not make any experiments during a match, reserve all that sort of thing for practice days, and take as much pains, if losing, with your Jast shot as with the first; do not throw a cartridge away, it is a waste, and it is better to retire than to do this.

When one has done his best and is beaten, then own up like a man, and do not attempt to blame the rifle, or the weather, or the ammunition, for being the cause of defeat, the cause must be looked for elsewhere.

There is one thing which should be borne in mind by all shooting men-that the rifles they use are those placed in their hands as members of the Active Force of Canada for the purpose of drill and becoming proficient as soldiers in their use, which is their legitimate place. The militia authorities do not consider it to be necessary that any corps in Canada shall undergo thorough instruction in musketry, drill takes the most prominent place, and how to march past is of more importance than knowing how to shoot the rifle; but be this as it may, every man to whom a rifle is issued should pride himself on becoming efficient in its use on the range, and on being as well one of the best drilled men in his company or battalion. Shooting men should remember that a systematical and intentional neglect of drill can only be construed as a slur on the corps to which they belong. The man who shoots because it pays, which is a mercenary feeling, and is always ready to engage in pot-hunting, scratch matches at a favorite range, or gambling for sweepstakes, makes but a poor soldier. Such as he shoot for the sake of winning prizes, perhaps to be sold at a future time, forgetting, it may be, that prizes should be viewed in their proper light, viz. : rewards for good, true and honest shooting. If this is to be deprecated in the private of any corps, it is to be deprecated in a ten-fold degree in the case of an officer, for, if officers who are shots do not drill, it can hardly be expected that their corps or company can excel or even be proficient in that for which they are enrolled, viz. : the duties of a soldier. It is to be regretted that so few of the officers of the force take an interest in shooting, forgetting that it is part of their duty to teach their men how to shoot.

It has been said "that many persons regard rifle shooting as an amusement." It is an amusement and something more also. It takes many qualities to make up the perfect marksman. He must have nerves of steel, muscles of iron, an intelligence prompt and unerring, a patience that cannot be exhausted, a courage capable of enduring under adverse circumstances, and that most valuable quality of all, of not being unduly elated by success. Men who fulfil such conditions are obliged to be abstemious, devoted to the work in hand, patient and untiring, and representatives of the true school out of which are turned manly men and good citizens. But this is only half of the work which rifle shooting has accomplished. It is the chief condition of success in war. It often happens that the results of the experience of many years, and the improvements of science are to bring men back to the point whence they started. So in war. In very ancient times the great quality of the soldier was personal skill in the use of weapons. Those who were successful were not so because of any particular system of tactics, but because every man exercised his highest control over his arms. In the middle ages, the yeomen of England swept the battlefield because they had been taught to use the long-bow with unerring skill; and the knight was victor in the lists who had the most perfect command of the animal he bestrode, and the lance he wielded. An unskilled warrior in armor and mounted on the horse of a Bayard, would only have made himself ridiculous. When powder began to be used, accuracy was not taught nor needed. Now, however, that the breech-loader, the weapon par excellence of accuracy, is in the hand of every soldier, it is an absolute necessity that each man should know his weapon thoroughly. The great point with the soldier of the present day is, not to waste a shot; that requisite can only be obtained by constant and careful practice in time of peace.

The following advice, clipped many years ago from Forest and Stream, may not be amiss as a conclusion to this series of lectures :-

"Treat your local editor and the reporter who comes on the ground during a match with the greatest courtesy. If he does not understand it all at a glance you may be sure he will be at the bottom of it in a remarkably short time. Above all remember that ranges and rifle associations are made chiefly for the soldier, and the element so unfortunately called 'the sporting man' must have no place in them. Sedulously keep down all bets or wagers, or anything likely to convert your association into a gaming club. So far in this country (U.S.), and it may be one of the reasons for the great success of the rifle movement, no missionary association has ever been purer and freer from gambling pollutions, than our rifle organizations."

THE END.

A few of Mr. Bedson's friends and admirers gave that gentleman a dinner on Saturday night at the Manitoba Club, as a slight recognition of their appreciation of his valuable services during the late campaign as chief transport officer of the North-west field force. There were about forty gentlemen present.—Manitoban.

CAMP OF THE 8T4 PRINCESS LOUISE NEW BRUNSWICK REGIMENT OF CAVALRY.

Owing to the Brigade Camp for New Brunswick being held at some distance from the head-quarters of the eighth, a Regimental Camp was held at Rothesay, beginning on the 29th September, when four troops (C. E. F. and G.) reported, the remaining three troops being relieved from drill. The camp ground was well chosen, being near the bank of the Kennebecasis River, and though the area for manœuvring was limited this defect was amply compensated by other facilities. The camp was in command of Lieut.-Col. James Domville, with Major A. Markham as Field Officer, and it is needless, therefore, to say that every detail was thoroughly and strictly carried out. For the first few days a daily riding school was held under Sergt. Dingley, of the Quebec Cavalry School, when every man underwent instruction in this important branch of his training. A new feature this year for the 8th was musketry instruction and practice, which were carried out under troop officers at a range laid out for the purpose. Heretofore no time could be found at the annual camps for shooting, but this year they "made time" and all ranks seemed much pleased with the result, not only in the matter of scores but from the fact that a number of prizes were offered by officers of the corps and prominent residents of Rothesay and vicinity. The weather was most disagreeable throughout the time they were under canvas, and interfered much with drill. The horses, as a rule, were well up to the average, and soon settled down to work, and although the weather was cold very little sickness among either horses or men was reported. The inspection was held on the 9th October and was witnessed by Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, D.A.G., and a number of officers of the Militia and citizens from St. John.

The morning was devoted to an inspection of the men dismounted and an examination of officers in their duties, &c., when each was required to put the troop through a few movements. After a lunch in the mess room, at which a number of guests were present, the whole force paraded in review order, and headed by their band marched to an adjoining field; when, after receiving the D.A.G. with a general salute, the force marched past in column of squadrons and column of troops, and again in the same formations at a trot, after which an advance was made in single file from right of troops and each man was examined critically by the inspecting officer. In these movements the distances and dressing were, as a rule, well kept and the horses held well in hand, though the saluting by the officers had not, in some cases, been sufficiently practised. Some skirmishing was then done, each alternate man firing and the others holding horses, the fighting line occasionally retiring and a troop charging and clearing the front. These movements were well done, though the ground was rough and rather limited. The D.A.G. then addressed the regiment, complimenting them on their proficiency, and the prizes were presented by W. Pugsley, Esq., M.P.P. The presence of the band in camp contributed much to the enjoyment of both soldiers and civilians, and all ranks seemed rather to regret the breaking up of the camp on the 10th inst.

N. B. PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual business meeting of this association was held in St. John on the 7th inst., Mr. J. H. Parks, president, in the chair. Capt. J. T. Hartt, secretary of the association, presented the report of the Council, which began by remarking on the great falling off in the number of competitors at the late matches. In discussing the reasons for this the report says :--

The only remedy which suggests itself to the council is the formation of regimental clubs in the several corps, which would lead to a greater interest in the relative shooting of the companies composing them. There is a noticeable lack of this interest in our own corps as compared with many of the corps elsewhere in Canada. In Ontario and Quebec the regimental clubs are most important auxiliaries of the provincial associations. With many of the battalions it is regarded as almost necessary to efficiency that they should furnish each year a fairly strong team to sustain the corp's cridit at the larger gatherings. The council, therefore, submits to the consideration of the members their opinion that the only effective means now remaining, by which the members of the provincial association can be enlarged, lies in the formation of shooting clubs or committees in the different corps, whose work it will be to encourage an interest in rifle practice.

What alterations in the present programme would likely aid in increasing the attendance, has been a question much considered by the members of the council. Many suggestions have been made, and some of these the council would beg to mention, though without offering any opinion as to their value. It has been suggested that a maiden team match be added to the prize list, open to teams of five from each corps, the teams to be composed of men who had never before attended a provincial meeting; also, that the squadding be so arranged that the matches may only occupy three days, so as to save time and expense tothe competitors; also, to restrict the nursery match to those who have never wona larger prize than one of \$5; also, that a nursery aggregate be provided, restricted in the same manner.

Owing to the lack of English ammunition, the association was compelled to accept that of Canadian make for use at the matches. It was, unfortunately, found very unreliable, and complaints about it were very general among those who shot it. The hope is expressed that immediate steps will be taken toremedy its defects, for unless its quality is improved the consequence must befatal to Suider shooting in the Dominion. The executive found it necessary toissue an order that only that ammunition should be used in the matches whichwas being sold at the office, so as to place all the competitors on the same footing. It would be well, for the future, to insert a direction to this effect in the regulations governing the meeting.

The association was fortunate in having a good representation at the Dominion matches, there being a team proper of 20 members, and five others who accompanied it. With much difficulty free passage over the Intercolonial was secured for the team. With much reason it is hoped that the authorities will continue to pass the maritime riflemen as far as Quebec free of charge. If it is ever refused it will be impossible for the association to furnish anything like a proportionate contingent for the Dominion meeting. The team captain's report: contains the detail of the team's success, in some particulars very gratifying. Its winnings were larger than those of any former N. B. team, and it brought backs. the chief prize in the Governor-General's match.

the chief prize in the Governor-General's match. Since the last annual meeting a five year's lease of the Stockton rance at the present yearly rental of \$60 has been procured. By its terms the occupation by the association must begin not earlier than the 18th of August in each year.

Acting on the suggestion contained in the last council report, the executive committee had an additional butt constructed for extra series matches, which gave all the accommodation that was required. The butt has been so built that it will mount a long range target, and the council consider that it might be advisable to include in the next programme a match at 800 yards for Martini rifles only.

Early in the year some correspondence took place between this association. and those of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, with reference to an annual inter-provincial team match. Both associations seemed desirous of seeing such, a match definitely arranged, but the occurrence of the North-west rebellion put an end to the further consideration of the matter. It is too important a match to be allowed to fall through, and the incoming council would do well to take the initiative in bringing it once more to the notice of the other associations. In view of the growing importance and necessity of Martini shooting, a match such as this shot with this rifle would be of the greatest benefit to the older marksmen of all three provinces."

The financial statement showed that there was a balance on hand of \$22.03, which, with receipts from other sources, makes the total \$2,377.13. The expenditure came within 68 cents of this sum. There is on hand ammunition valued at \$83.36; the claims outstanding are \$31.25, which is really an improvement over last year. The auditors' report confirming the above figures was read and both passed.

Capt. Hartt, who was in command of the Ottawa team, submitted a statement of the amount of money secured by the team in the last competition at Ottawa. The winnings in the return of prizes show that the total amount was \$664. There are also two badges in the Governor-General's match.

A matter that will be of interest in the future, as governing the Wimbledon men's expenses, came up. Lieut. Kirkpatrick and Sergt. Miner, the New Brunswick representatives, had paid the cost of their trip to Ottawa where they joined the Wimbledon team. They had been told by the Dominion Association that the money should be refunded by the N. B. Association. In the past the expenses had been paid—passes have been sent down since 1879—and the question arose as to whether the money could be got for the men, and from whom. No passes were issued at all this year. It was felt that the New Brunswick Association had no legal right to pay the claim. A resolution was, however, adopted that communication should be entered into with the Dominion Association to ascertain if the amount of expenses could not be returned.

On motion of Lieut. Kinnear it was decided to do away hereafter with sighting shots in all the matches.

The resolution of last year with regard to the time of firing was ordered to be carried out. It is as follows:—"That scorekeepers be instructed to allow each pair but 15 minutes wherein to fire their number of rounds, and that they notify each pair to that effect before they commence to fire."

In the election of officers for next year the president was re-nominated by Lieut.-Col. Beer and Lieut.-Col. Armstrong and was unanimously re-elected. Lieut.-Col. Armstrong was chosen unanimously to the office of vice-president. The representatives to the Dominion Association are Capt. Perley, Mr. Wood, M.P., and Lieut.-Col. Armstrong. The Council chosen are as follows :--Major Arnold, Capt. Hartt (Rifles), Lieut. Kinnear, Capt. Loggie, P. A. Melville, Sergt.-Major Carmichael, Capt. Arnold, Major Markham, Sergt. Bourne, Lieut. McMillan, Capt. Hartt (62nd), Lieut. Thompson, Lieut. Lordly, Lieut. E. A. Smith, Capt. Langstroth, Lieut. Botsford, Lieut. S. Langstroth, Lieut. Kirkpatrick, J. P. Macintyre, Paymaster G. F. Smith.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GALLUS TUUS EGO ET IGNIS VIA.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette:

-The 15th Battalion A. L. I. Rifle Association at their matches, held SIR.-September 25th, were, I think, the first to act on the suggestion to abolish sight-ing shots dropped by the Dominion Association. The results probably were more satisfactory to the successful than to the unsuccessful competitors; but all admit that much time was saved, less experimental and more careful shooting was done, and no appreciable revenue was lost. I would respectfully submit to the Depart-ment that the dispensing of the annual allowance of ammunition be delegated to the Rifle Associations of the different Battalions, and there would then be more systematic firing. The expense of ammunition militates against general or con-tinuous practice; and as long as ball cartridge costs more than one cent per round, crack shots and practical shots will be limited in number to the favoured few who can *afford* to pay a high price for their pleasure.

W. N. PONTON.

RIFLE SIGHTS.

To the Editor of the Canadian Militia Gazette :

Sir,-Perhaps your readers will be surprised to learn that the National Rifle Association of England permits the use on the back sight of the Martini-Henry of sliders in which the V is not cut in the *centre*, but to one side or the other; that under this permission it is possible for a competitor to have a number of sliders with the V cut to suit right or left winds of various strength. It appears from the Volunteer Service Gazette of the 3rd, page 827, that the N. R. A. granted this permission on an application made in July, 1883, by that well known shot, McVittie, in which he stated that he had reason to believe that some competitors were using a set of sights in which notches were cut to suit right and left winds.

The editor of the Volunteer Service Gazette, in commenting on this matter, expresses an opinion that the decision of the Wimbledon Committee of 1883 was wrong in itself, and that right or wrong it ought to have been publicly stated at the time, and incorporated in future regulations, which was not done. It appears from a letter by Mr. C. F. Lowe, in the issue of the Volunteer Service Gazette quoted, that the practice of having a set of sliding bars is not a novelty, that a competitor in pre-Martini days was so provided for his Snider, and he justifies their use by stating that the practice exists in Holland.

It is, in my opinion, to be regretted that any such permission has been granted, as the use of a set of sliders by a competitor has much the appearance of pot hunting, and an approach to sharp practice, if it be not sharp practice itself; and I trust that their use will not be sanctioned by any association or club in Canada; and further, that there will be in the future a much more rigid examination of the rifles used than has been in the past.

17th Oct., 1885.

HENRY F. PERLEY.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

TORONTO.-The Queen's Own paraded about 400 strong on Wednesday night (14th inst.), and, owing to the state of the weather, remained in the shed, where they were exercised in the manual and firing exercises. In dismissing the battalion, Major Allen referred to the return to the city of Col. Otter and the officers and men of "C" Company, Infantry School, who were expected to arrive in Toronto on Tuesday (20th inst.), and stated that the battalion would parade to welcome them. Major Allen hoped that employers throughout the city would be able to allow such men as were members of the Queen's Own to arsent themselves from their various places of business for the afternoon, or for the few hours necessary to take part in the reception. He had no doubt that employers would let the men off, even though some inconvenience might be occasioned thereby, and therefore expected to see a full turn-out of the regiment. As Col. Otter and his officers and men were unfortunate in not sharing in the magnificent reception given the North-west contingent of the Toronto volunteers, it was the duty, as it would be the pleasure, of the Queen's Own to tender to their old commander and to the officers and men of the Infantry School as hearty a welcome as in their power.

After Wednesday next no more men will be taken into the recruit class of the Queen's Own for this year.

BEAUHARNOIS.-The Adjutant-General has granted the petition of Lieut.-Col. Prudhomme, of the 64th Battalion, for a court of inquiry concerning certain charges made by him against his two majors, and has appointed Lieut.-Cols. Hughes, Worsley and Brosseau to constitute the tribunal.

MONTREAL.-Louis Kribbs, of the Torento News, against whom an action for criminal libel was taken by Capt. Robert, 65th Batt., failed to appear before the Police Magistrate on Saturday, and quite a complicated legal point arises out of this failure, which may end in a decision that the Montreal courts have no juris-diction in the matter.

It has been settled that "A" and "B" Batteries will remain in the Northwest until the spring, the first named at Battleford and the last named at Qu'west until the spring, the first named at Battleford and the last named at Qu'-Appelle. Col. Montizambert returns to Quebec. Major Short, Capt. Fages and 20 sub-officers and men of "B" Battery leave on the 19th inst. to relieve Col. Montizambert and an equal number of officers and men now in the North-west, whose term of service have expired. Major Wilson, Lieut. Benson and 23 sub-officers and men of "A" Battery have received orders to similarly relieve Capt. Drury, Lieut. Hudon and the men with them who have terminated their engagement.

THE TARGET.

COUNTY OF PETERBOROUGH RIFLE ASSOCIATION'S PRIZE MEETING.

The annual rifle competition of the association was held on the 6th and 7th instants. On Tuesday the Maiden and Volunteer matches were finished, and the association match was about half through when evening closed in. The weather seemed quite favorable on the first day, but owing to a peculiar waviness in the atmosphere it was very hard for the marksmen to make good scores. The second day the waviness had dissappeared and higher scores were made all round. An event in the first day's shooting was the winning of the New York gold medal by Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill, of the cavalry troop. Mr. Hill had held the

medal by Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill, of the cavairy troop. Mr. Hill had held the medal for two years and needed only to top the score this year to become the owner. This he did with a score of 42. This medal was presented to the asocia-tion in 1866 by Messrs. J. J. English, E. C. Lane, R. Niblock, Jas. Borrowman, W. D. C. Botham, J. H. Hughes, Wm. Donnelly, David English, and H. H. Hughes, Canadians then residing in New York, in consideration of the services rendered by the Canadian Militia during the Fenian raid. The medal was to be open to the town of Peterborough volunteers and to the companies commanded by Canadian the function of the services rendered by the town of Peterborougn volunteers and to the companies commanded by Capts. Rogers (Ashburnham), and Leigh (Lakcfield). For the first ten years the competiton for the medal was very keen. Lieut.-Col. J. Z. Rogers succeeded in holding it two terms of two years, but did not hold it for the winning third, Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill has won it this year, and is entitled to retain it in his possession. Compared with other years, the entries were numerous. There were 11 in the Maiden Match, 21 in the Volunteer Match, 31 in the Asseciation Match, and 26 in the County Match :--and 26 in the County Match :--

MAIDEN MATCH.

Open only to members of the association who have never won a prize at any rifle com-petition; five rounds, 400 yards.

Value.			Value.		
\$5 00	Wm. Reynolds	21	\$1.00	H. Evans	15
3:0	R. S. Henderson	17	50	W. A. Mason	. 14
2 00	N. Brown.	16	•••		

VOLUNTEER MATCH.

Open only to volunteers in uniform who are *bona fide* members of any corps of the County of Peterborough; five shots at 200, 400 and 500 yards.

Value.		Value.		
\$ 8 50	Sergt. J. Foley	\$1.00	Pte. Wedlock 27	
*5 00	Quarter-Master Sergt. Hill 42	1 00	Pte. Millar	
4 00	LieutCol. Harry Rogers	1 00	Trooper Scollie	
3 00	SergtMajor Stothart	1 00	Capt. Birdsall	
2 25	Lieut. Haultain 35	1 00	Lieut. Dennistoun	
. 2 00	Pet. W. Reynolds	1 00	Pte. N. Brown 23	
1 50	Major Bell	1 00	Trooper Hunter	
1 25	Pte. W. A. Mason 30	* And	New York gold medal, value \$50.	
COMPANY MATCH.				

Open to five members, any corps; subject to same requirements as in Volunteer Match; five rounds at 200, 400 and 500 yards.

\$15 00 Peterborough Cavalry..... 146 \$5 00 No. 1 Company, 57th Batt..... 123 The 57th Battalion cup, presented by Lieut.-Col. J. Z. Rogers, awarded to the company team of his Battalion, making the highest score in the Company Match, was won by No. 1 company, 57th Battalion. ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to members of the ascociation ; 7 shots at 200, 5 0 and 600 yards

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Value. Value. \$ 10 50 and Bankers' cup, 1877, \$ 3 00 W. Wedlock
COUNTY MATCH.
Open to members of the association; soven rounds at 400 and 600 yards.
Value. Value. \$\$ 00 and "Cox" cup, \$2 00 J. Foley
GRAND AGGREGATE PRIZES.
The highest scorers in the Association and County Matches.
Value. \$12 W. A. Bell
Open to all comers. Five rounds at 50 yards; any sporting rifle.
Value. Value. Value. \$5 00 W. H. Hill 23 \$2 00 R. H. Smith. 20 4 00 R. M. Dennistoun. 32 1 50 J. Fitzgerald 20 3 50 D. Cameron 21 1 00 W. A. Bell 18 2 59 J. Foley. 21 21

THE GUARDS' ANNUAL MATCHES.

One of the most successful meetings of the Guards' Rifle Association that has ever been held took place on Saturday the 17th inst. at the Rideau Rifle Range, there being one hundred and filty competitors. The regiment paraded at the drill hall at nine o'clock by order of the commanding officer and proceeded to the range under the command of Major Todd. The absence of the senior officers of the regiment was noticeable and freely commented on. About noon Col. Ross appeared at the range as a spectator. The officers plesent were : Major Todd, Captains White, Aumond and Hodgins, Adjt.; Qr. Mr. Heron; Lieuts. Hodgins, Sherwood, Gisborne, and Shannon (seoretary-treasurer); Surgeon Horsey and Assistant-Surgeon Grant.

A new departure was made this year in combining the annual class firing of the companies with the matches of the association, which allowed the association to dispense with the usual entrance fees, and to get the ammunition free for the men, and instead of the membership fee from each competitor the association

received from every company fund the sum of ten dollars'; the result being that each competitor could fire through all the matches free of cost. The association, instead of giving cash prizes as heretofore, purchased prizes in kind to the value of \$145—making seventy-one individual prizes. The competitors were divided into three classes, 1sf, good shots; 2nd, those who have won \$5.00 or over, and 3rd, poor or new shots. The competitor making the highest score in the 1st class, has the first choice of all the prizes; the competitor making the highest score in the 2nd class, second choice, and the highest score in the 3rd class, third choice; the fourth choice being to the second highest score in the first class and so on alternately. This scheme originated with Major Todd, to whom, with Lieut. Shannon, secretary, and the committee of non-commissioned officers, all of whom did their work well, the association owes the success of this meeting. A tree lunch was provided upon the ground at the expense of the association.

The prizes will be presented at the next parade of the regiment at the drill hall on Friday evening next.

First match, class-firing ranges, five shots at 200 yards, standing, ten shots at 400 yards, kneeling, and five at 200 yards, any position; a bull's eye counted four, centre three, and outer two points.

1ST CLASS SHOTS.

Pte. Cotton Staff-Sgt. Armstrong. Major Todd Staff-Sgt. Newby	A B A B	66 65 65 64	Staff-Sgt. Sutherland Pte. Hutcheson Lieut. Gray Corpl. Galway	A A B A	63 62 61 59	Corp. McJanet Lieut. Sherwood Sergt. Winter	F E ▲	59 57 57
			2ND CLASS SHOTS					
Staff-Sgt. Cawdron Pte. McCarthy Pte. P. Gordon	C B B	59 54 53	Ptc. G. Mailleue Sergt. Dawson	B B	51 50	Pte. Smallwood Corp. Stroulger	B B	50 50

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	JED CLASS SHOTS.	
Corp. Conway F 57 Pte. Lappy C 52	Pte. Brittain A 33 Pte. Wiggins A 33	Capt. Aumond C 27 Sergt. Morris E 26
Corp. Behan D 51 Sergt. Dwyre C 49 Ptc. Creighton A 49	Pte. McPherson E 33 Pte. Clark D 32	Capt. AumondC27Sergt. MorrisE26Pte. BoucherB26Pte. TeskeyF26Pte. HarperD25Pte. GallagherC25
Pte. Gavin	Pte. Mullin	Pte. Clark E 25
Lieut. Shannon A 41 Pte. Evans A 41 Staff-Sgt. Benjamin. A 49	Surg. Horsey Staff 31 Pte. Ferguson B 30 Pte. Stroulger B 29	Pte. Armstrong B 24 Lance Corpl. Thomas D 23
Corp. Tasker E 39 Pte. McRae C 38	Pte. Gilbert F 29 Pto. Cairns D 29	Pte. Norris C 22 Pte. Law B 21
Pte. Gilbert A 35	Pte. F. Gordon A 28	Pte. Cherry B 21 Pte. Pouilliot A 21 Pte. Watts A 20 Capt. HodginsStaff 20
ColSergt. Cairns D 34	Corpl. Williams F 27	Capt. HodginsStaff 20 Two 20's were counted out.

Pte. Cotton, A Co.; Staff-Sergt. Armstrong, B Co.; Major Todd, A Co., and Staff-Sergt. Newby, B Co., having made the four highest scores, in that order, have their choice of the following medals, viz.: Dufferin medal, D. R. A. medal, O. R. A. medal, and Gautier medal

SKIRMISHING MATCH.

Teams of ten mon per company ; 5 rounds advancing and 5 retiring, at distances between 400 and 150 yards.

A Co. lost part of one volley, owing to one target not having been exposed at the proper time.

B COMPANY SPECIAL PRIZES.

The officers of B Co. offered ten special prizes for competition amongst the men of that company It had a muster of 34 all told, larger than any other company, and was also the only one to send two teams into the skirmishing match.

BROCKVILLE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual matches of the Brockville Rifle Association took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 13th and 14th October. It rained the greater part of both days, but notwithstanding this fact, the attendance was large, competitors being present from Brockville, Ottawa, Prescott, Perth, Kingston and Gananoque.

VOLUNTEER MATCH.

Open to volunteers and members of the L. R. A. 7 shots at 200 and 500 yards; 31 com-petitors.

\$10 Pte. J. Hutcheson, G.G.F.G. 28 31 59 \$4 SergtMajor Imrie, B.R.A				
MERCHANTS' MATCH-7 ROUNDS AT 500 AND 600 YARDS.				
\$6 00 Ptc. A. Pink, 43rd				
ASSOCIATION NATCH-7 ROUNDS, 200, 500 AND 600 YARDS.				
Team prizes to be competed for by three previously named members of any battalion or association. Six teams entered.				
Team Prizes.				
Gananoque R.ALieut. Shields, 54; Lieut, Asseltine, 68; Sorgt. Hora, 84; total, 206. Prize, \$12.				
Ottawa R.CJ. Hutcheson, 80; C. M. Wright, 47; A. Pink, 66; total, 193. Prize, \$6.				
INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.				
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BITEA SERIES.

Any number of entries, highest score only to count; 200 yards,5 rounds.

BOWMANVILLE RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual prize meeting of Bowmanville Rifle Association took place at their range on the 6th inst. As formerly the matches were open to the world, and drew competitors from Hamilton, Toronto, Whitby, Lindsay, Port Hope, and other places. The weather was rather dull, and consequently not favorable for high scoring, but were on an equality. At the 600 yard range it was particularly difficult to gauge the elevation, and several good shots with difficulty found the targets at all. The marking was rapid and satisfactory, no challenges occurring during the contest

during the contest. Universal admiration was expressed at the beauty of the gold badge given for the highest aggregate score, the handiwork of Mrs. W. S. Russell.

CITIZENS' NATOR.

CITIZENS' NATOR.				
Seven shots at 200 and 500 yards.				
\$ 8 Staff-Sergt. Lewis, Toronto 31 31 62 \$ 2 W. S. Russell, Bowmanville 29 25 54 7 G. Margetts, Niagara Falls 34 28 62 2 J. H. Morris, 31 23 54 6 Dr. McLaughlin, Bowmanville 30 29 59 2 Sergt. Lawrie, Port Hope 22 25 54 5 W. C. King, "31 28 59 2 J. Robinson, Lindsay				
ASSOCIATION MATCH.				
Seven shots at 400 and 600 yards.				
\$ 10 W. S. Russell, Bowmanville				
EXTRA SERIES MATCH.				
Seven shots at 200 yards; unlimited ontries.				
Value. Value. \$ 10 00 J. B. Mitchel				
In this match the prizes were shop goods, winners taking choice of articles according				
to position on list.				
GRAND AGGREGATE IN MATCHES.				
\$ 12 00 W. S. Russell. Bomanville, B. R. A. Value. gold modal and \$4				
NURSERY AOGREGATE IN 1ST AND 2ND MATCHES. Differen who have not providently won a price of any match				
Riflemen who have not previously won a prize at any match.				

EAST DURHAM RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the East Durham Rifle Association took place at Port Hope on the 14th inst. The weather was fine and the attendance large.

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ASSOCIATION MATCH. \$6 W. C. King
4 H. B. Hales
Seven shots at 200 and 400 yards.
\$6 Thos. Brisbin
ALL-COMERS' MATCH.
Soven shots at 400 and 500 yards.
\$6 W. C. King

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MILITARY MATCH.

Seven shots at 200 and 400 ye	ards.	
5 Sergt. Lawrie	2 Pte. Brokenshire 4 2 Lieut. Needler 4	2 1 Corp. McNoish 19
Score in first and third mate	ches.	

\$ 3 E. L. Livingston..... 63 \$ 1 W. Milligan...... 45 50c Thos. Roberts....... 35 2 Jas. Hobbs......... 60 1 John Cornish....... 42 50c M. Thompson...... 32 2 K. W. Ashley....... 54

WINNIPEG RIFLE CLUB'S FIRST PRIZE MEETING.

The new range at Kildonan was opened on the 9th by a series of matches which occupied two days, the programme previously announced being carried out. The shooting began with :---

INAUGURAL MATCH.

7 shots at 200 yards, prone. First prize a Colt's lightning rifle; other prizes in kind.

A. Gillies A. C. Milligan A. Ross D. Huston Capt. Balfour. Alex. McIntyre H. T. Shelton	32 T. Dade 30 32 C. N. Mitchell 30 31 Major Cates 30 31 Doidge 30 31 Jas. McDiarmid 30	R. Macklin 29 Wm. Huston 29 Wm. Lamb 29 S. S. Konnon 29 G. W. Murray 28 A. P. Cameron 23 4 28's counted out. 23
 S20 00 Jos. Sutherland 15 00 W. Lamb 10 00 T. A. Anderson 6 00 F. W. Drewry 	200 YARDS-NURSERY STAKES. 30 \$ 4 50 J. A. Wright 27 29 3 70 F. Osenbregge 27 29 2 00 E. Borling 27	 S 2 00 J. G. Sopher 25 2 00 D. B. Murray 25
500 \$20 00 A. Gillics 12 00 Lieut. Shelton 10 50 B. Macklin	29 5 00 M. C. C arke 26	\$ 2 00 Major Cates 23

\$20.00	A. Gillies 33	\$ 5 00 G. W. Murray 26	\$ 2 00 Major Cates 23
12 00	Lieut. Shelton 29	5 00 M. C. C arke 26	2 00 T. Dade 23
10 50	R. Macklin 27	4 50 W. Huston 25	2 00 J. McDiarmid 22
7 00	Capt. Balfour 27	4 00 C. N. Mitchell 25	2 00 W. R. Dow 22
6 00	A. McIntyre 27	3 00 S. J. Smith 25	1 50 - Taylor 22
5 00	S. S Kennon 26	3 00 R. Anderson 24	1 50 D. Sutherland 22
5 00	E. Doidge 26	2 50 W. Hardor 23	

Saturday afternoon the wind was very strong, and good shooting was impossible.

600 YARDS-MERCHNNTS' MATCH-3RD SERIES.

R. Macklin 26	A. C. Millican 20	D. Huston 15
Capt. Balfour 25	W. R. Dow 19	E. Doidge 14
Jas. McDiarmid 23	R. Alexander 17	G. W. Murray 14
M. C. Clarke 22	E. Burling	Wm. Huston 13
C. N. Mitchell 22	A. Ross	John Baird 12
A. Gillics	Major Ca es 15	Peter Lamb 12
Lieut. Sutherianu 20		1

200, 500 AND 600 YARDS-MEMBERS' AGGREGATE.

A. Gillies R. Macklin Capt. Balfour	34	33	21-88	W. R. Dow			
R. Macklin	29	29	26-84	Major Cates	30	23	1568
Capt. Balfour	31	27	25-83	G. W. Murray	28	2 6	1468
Dr. Clarke	30	26	22-78	R. Adamson	26	24	17-67
Dr. Clarke C. N. Mitchell	30	25	22-77	W. Huston			
Lieut. Shelton	31	29	1676	H. Ross	32	17	1665
Jas. McDiarmid	30	22	23-75	S. S. Kennon	29	26	9-64
C. A. Melican	32	19	20 - 71	D. Huston	31	16	15-64
E. Doidge Lieut. Sutherland	30	26	14 70	Thos. Dade	30	23	760
Lieut, Sutherland	29	21	20 - 70	Thos. Taylor	27	22	9-58
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200 YARDS-EXTRA SERIES.

Capt. Balfour	S. S. Kennon	W. Lamb
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The club now numbers over one hundred members, and has determined to complete the range this fall, so that it may be opened early in the spring with ample accommodation.

PRESCOTT.—Matches are to be held on t¹ e 22nd open to residents of Nos. 3 and 4 military districts, and to the local militia free. 'The programme includes many cash prizes as well as prizes in kind, to be fired for in three matches and an aggregate. One match at 200 and 400, one at queen's ranges, and one at 500 and 600 yards. W. H. Mossman is secretary and treasurer of the association, and will furnish any further particulars.

The Kingston R. A. have issued their programme for matches to-day 20th. The list includes three three range matches and one at two ranges, all for money prizes. They are open to the third military district and the counties of Leeds and Grenville. Lieut. H. Cartwright is Secretary of the Association.

Omemee has a splendid new rifle range, revolving canvas targets, butts, &c., all handy to the village; and soon the first annual match of the association, under the auspices of Capt. Evans and the Omemee company will be held. Last weeks bands of willing volunteers under Capt Evans, Lieuts. Thornton, Morrison, Sergt. Henderson, Messrs J. A. Tanner, Sherwood and others, labored diligently early and late, and on Saturday last everything was completed; and Capt. Evans put in the firstshot—a bull. Arrangements are being made for large parties to go from Lindsay,Cambray and Fenelon Falls to compete, and we hope a good turn out will be made. Let all our volunteers go down and assist in winning the prizes. Further,there will be a match specially for the members of the 45th from Victoria, who where on active service. Everyone cannot win a prize, but all can have a good social time. We hope soon—another season—to see rifle as. sociations at Cameron and Fenelon Falls; and then Victoria will be sending her Sylvesters, Williamsons, Evanses, Robintons, Maybees, Olivers, Hunters, &c., to Wimbledon.—Victoria Warder.

FROM MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS OF 16TH OCTOBER, 1885.

NO. 1-MEDICAL BOARDS.

The following gentlemen have been appointed to form medical boards at the stations indicated, for the purpose of investigating claims on the part of active militiamen in the respective districts who received wounds or injuries or contracted disease while on service in the North-west Territories during the recent rebellion, which may incapacitate them wholly or in part from following their usual occupation:—

Military District No. 1, London.—Dr. Veasy A. Brown, president; Dr. Alex. E. Meurich, Dr. Chas. G. Moore, sr.

Military District No. 2, Toronto.—Dr. Henry Hover Wright, president; Dr. James Hepburn Burns, Dr. R. A. Pyne.

Military District No. 3, Kingston.—Dr. Fife Fors'er, president; Dr. Benj. F. Wilson, Dr. George H. Boulter.

Military District No. 4, Ottawa.-Dr. James A. Grant, sr., president ; Dr. Robt. H. W. Powell, Dr. Léandre C. Prevost.

Military Districts Nos. 5 and 6, Montreal.—Dr. George E. Fenwick, president; Dr. J. Guerin, Dr. L. Edouard Desjardins.

Military District No 7, Quebec.-Dr. Colin Sewell, president; Dr. Laurent Catellier, Dr. Eutrope E. Dionne.

Military District No. 10, Winnipeg.—Hon. Dr. J. O'Donnell, president; Dr. Lynch, Dr. Donald Henderson.

The cases to be investigated are divided into two classes :---

1st. Cases of militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on actual service, such as to incapacitate them wholly from tollowing their usual trade or profession.

2nd. Cases of militiamen who have received wounds or injuries, or have contracted disease on actual service, such as to incapacitate them for a time from following their usual trade or profession.

The boards will take such evidence as may be produced, and will report their own opinions thereupon, either as to the total or partial disability of the claimant; if the disability in partial, the board will state the amount of injury or incapacity under which the claimant is suffering at the date of investigation, and its probable duration. The opinion of the board will, of course, be based solely on the evidence which is embodied in the "proceedings" which must be according to the form prescribed by paragraph 1006 of the Regulations and Orders for the Militin, 1883.

The board will assemble on such days as may, in their opinion, be necessary for the purpose of investigating the claims which are laid before them by the Deputy Adjut int General of their district. Each member of a board will receive surgeon's pay for the days he is present and in the discharge of his duties on the board. The claims for such pay to be certified by the president. Each case is to be investigated separately. The "proceedings," in each completed case, are to be forwarded with as little delay as possible to the Deputy Adjutice of the discharge of the discharge of the delay as the second discharge of the discharge

Each case is to be investigated separately. The "proceedings," in each completed case, are to be forwarded with as little delay as possible to the Deputy Adjutant General of the district, in order that they may be produced as evidence before the Board of Officers specified in paragraph 1008 of the Regulations and Orders, 1883.

BOARDS OF OFFICERS.

The boards of officers in the different military districts to take cognizance and report on the various claims which may be presented for consideration under the provisions of paragraphs 1008 and 1009 of the regulations and orders for the militia, 1883, will consist of the deputy adjutant general of the district, or the officer acting in his stead for the time being, and two captains residing at his head quarters to be named by him.

The cases to be investigated by the several boards will be those of claimants who reside in their districts. It will be the duty of the deputy adjutant general in each district to make himself acquainted with all the cases in his district which should be investigated by the board, and to do all he properly can to facilitate the inquiry in order that those who are entitled to compensation, gratuity, or pension, may have their cases properly verified and brought without delay to the attention of the department.

Commanding Officers, North-west Service.

Officers who commanded corps in the North-west during the recent rebellion should bring to the attention of the deputy adjutant general in their respective districts the cases of such of their officers and men as are entitled to be considered, with a view to compensation, gratuity, or pension, provided by regulation. In some instances those entitled to consideration are not aware of the steps necessary to properly place their cases before the department.

NO. 2-REGULATIONS AND ORDERS FOR THE ACTIVE MILITIA, CANADA, 1883.

Casualties — The following is added as sub-section (3) to paragraph 1000 of the regulations and orders, 1883. But section (3) as published in No. 2 of general orders (22) of 2nd October, 1885, will become sub-section (4):—

(3). Those suffering from disability contracted on actual service, who are entitled to compensation, can apply from time to time for a payment on account, to the extent provided for in paragraphs 997 and 998, until their cases have been finally decided by the department. In such instances the date and amount of the last payment must be shown, and the certificate of two qualifying medical practitioners be appended to the claim.

NO. 3-AOTIVE MILITIA.

Cov.-Cen. Body Guard for Ontario.-To be surgeon, Ass.-Surg. James Buchanan Baldwin.

Princess Louise's Dragoon Quards.—To be lient., Lieut. Harold Waldruf Keefer, R.M.C., vice Gourdeau, promoted. To be 2nd lieut., prov. Corporal William Keys Humfrey.

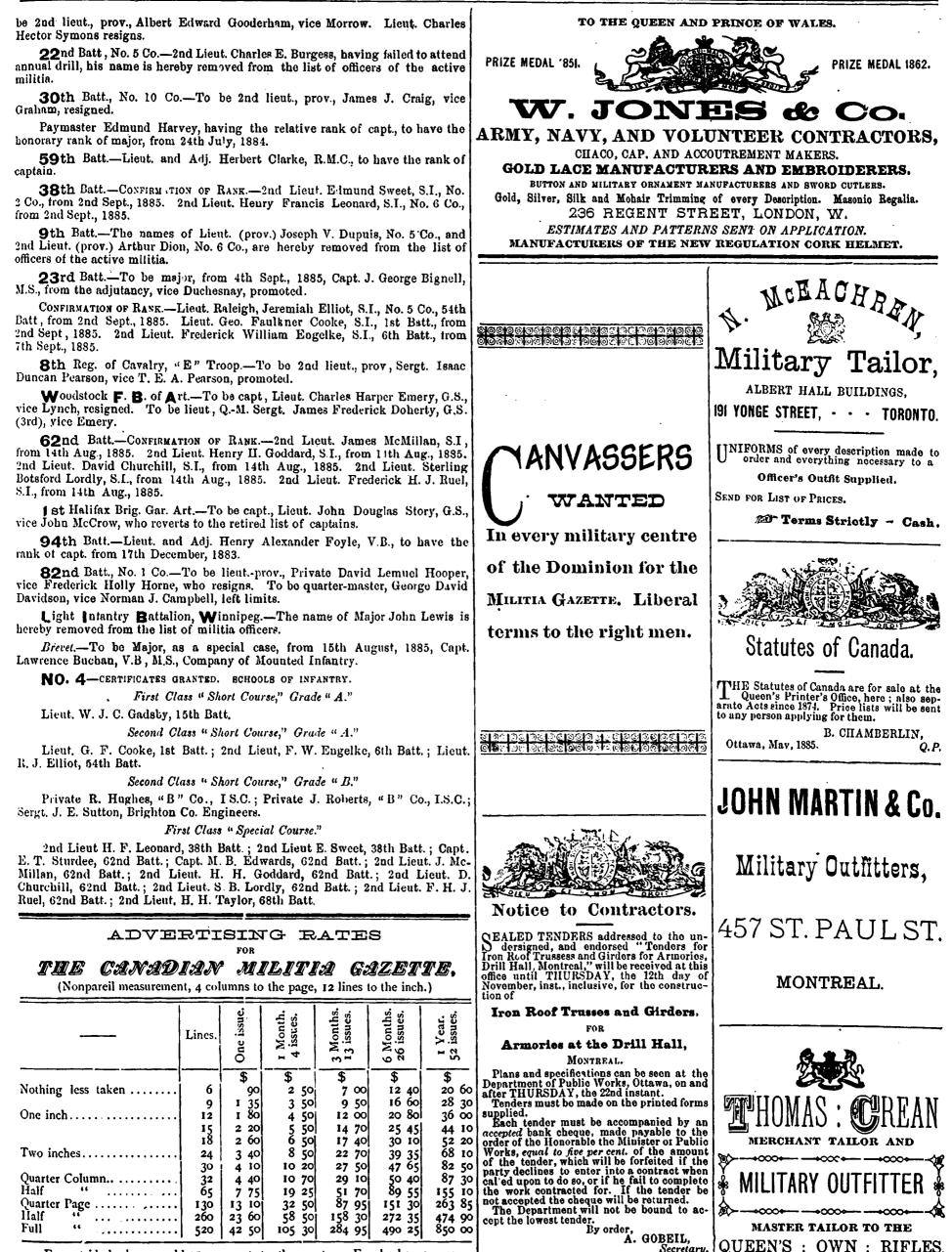
10th Batt.—To be lieut., 2nd Lieut. John Morrow, S.I., vice. Harston, promoted. 2nd Lieut. John Dunlop Hay, S.I., vice Fitch, killed in action. To

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