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## Current Topics.

GENERAI, satisfaction should be experienced over the settement of the long-pending litigation between the officers of the Sixty-fifih Battalion and Mr. E. E. Sheppard, late proprietor of the Toronto Nezes. It has been the means of stirring up a great deal of ill feeling between the people of the two provinces, Mr. Sheppard's friends in Toronto looking upon his prosecution as in reality a persecution; and the friends of the Sixty-fifth ascribing causes similarly unworthy as bringing about the iepeated refusals of 'Toronto magistrates to give the necessary endorsation to Montreal warrants for Sheppard's arrest. Matters had at last reached such a state that Sheppard had either to surrender himself, or leare the country, and choosing to follow the former course he proceeded to Montreal and gave himself up to the prosecutors. To their credit be it said, they have taken no unworthy adrantage of him, but upon his making a public apology and consenting to pay the costs to date the officers of the Sixty-fifth have agreed to abandon any further prosecution. The bill of costs to be paid amounts to about $\$ 2,500$, but this is only a small portion of Sheppard's loss in connection with the affair, as according to his statement in Montreal the trouble, worry and expense since the institution of the proccedings have broken down his health and cost him his newspaper property. The articles which have since been admitted to be libellous were published in connection with the departure of the Sixty-fifth Battalion to aid in the stppression of the Northwest Rebellion, in 1885 .

INN Quebec city the disturbances over the parades of the Salvation Army are becoming so serious as to make it likely that the military will have to be called out to aid the civil power in the maintenance of peace. The Salvation Army certainly makes itself a bit of a nuisance, but on the other hand it accomplishes no small amount of good amongst a class of the population whom many other and more pretentious salvation organizations are too "respectable" to reach. But the offences of the Army are not such as call for the application of mob law. If they have no legal right to parade the streets as they have been doing, then they can be beld accountable before the courts. If they have legal right, then it behooves the authorities, civil and military, to see that they are not molested in the exercise of that right, and to have severely punished those persons who put the community to the expense and trouble of resorting to force for the preservation of the public peace.
" [ INCH-PIN," our entertaining Toronto correspondent, makes a formidable arraignment of the new edition of the Regulations and Orders for the Millitia. Many of the faulty passages quoted have, without doubt, been inadvertently allowed to remain in the book, and as we suppose they will be speedily corrected now that the defects have been indicated, it seems unfortunate that the discovery has been made immediately alter the distribution of a new edition. And if this exposure serve the purpose of having another issue in less than four years, Linchpin will be entitled to the thanks of all those members of the force who are ambitious to keep posted concerning the contents of the R. \& O. A revised edition ought to be issued at least once a year. The edition of 1883 , just superseded, had long been useless or worse, for the changes in the past four years had been so many that as ordinary individual could tell which parts were and which were not still in force, or unaltered, until the edition of 1887 appeared a few weeks ago. But the impetus which the new issue has given to the study of the Regulations has attracted attention to defects much more serious than errors of compilation. One of these, for instance, is the section governing pensions, with which our correspondent dealt last week, and which it is to be hoped will ere long be amended so as to be more just to all concerned.

ATABULAR summary of the scores of the Ottawa Rifle Club's spoon competitions for the season of 1887 appears in this issue. We publish this list-as we would that of any other club whose secretary would go to the trouile to prepare it-because the members are all anxious to have such a summary of the season's work. Now, it is not likely that they are constituted differently to the members of leading riffe associations in other places, and we have no doubt these would also like to have a similar statement of their meets published. To all such we would say, that we will be delighted to receive from their secretary a summary such as that which the secretary of the Ottawa Club) has been kind enough to supply.

THE Behring's Sea dispute is thus referred to in a recent issue of the U. S. Army and Nazy Journal: "It is the revival of a controversy which originated in 1821 over an ukase issued by the Emperor Alexander, prohibiting foreign vessels from approaching within less than one hundred Italian miles of Behring's sea, over which Russia then claimed exclusive jurisdiction. We have fallen heir to the claim on the part of Russia, which we then disputed, and which was discussed through the newspapers as well as by the diplomatic: corps, the Baltimore Chronicle of May 10, 1823, declaring that:-

> Old Nepture one morning was seen on the rocks, Shedding tears hy the paiful and tearing his locks; He cried, a lamd luther has stolen, on this day, Full four thousand miles of my ocean away; He swallows the earth (he exclaims with emotion), Imet then to guench appetite, slap geses the ocean.

We acquired by a treaty which expited in 1834 , the temporary right to lish and trade in the bays, creeks, harbours, cte., of Behring's sen, but the controversy as to its control was still alive when the Northwestern
territory passed into our possession by purchase in 1867, twenty years ago. Thus we have fallen heirs to it, and some of our original arguments against tne Russian assumption return to plague us."

## Winnipeg.-A Military View of its Possible Future.-IX.

## [Contributed.]

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YOKOHAMA is the principal port of the chief city of the Japanese Empire. It is situated $35^{\circ} 40 \mathrm{~N}$. lat., $139^{\circ} 50 \mathrm{E}$. long. Vancouver is in $45^{\circ} 43 \mathrm{~N}$. and 122.30 W . long.; Hong Kong $22^{\circ} 12 \mathrm{~N} ., 114^{\circ} 13 \mathrm{E}$.; Calcutta, $22 \cdot 35^{\circ} \mathrm{N} ., 88.25$ E.; Gatte (Ceylon) $6.2 \mathrm{~N} . ; 80.16 \mathrm{E}$.; Bombay $18.53 \mathrm{~N} ., 7 \mathbf{7 2}^{2} 48 \mathrm{E}$.; Kurrachee $24^{\circ} 5^{2} \mathrm{~N}$., 67 '10 E. This last port is at the mouth of the Indus.

With such a number of available and commanding ports there need be no fear for the future of India if the British Parliament only does its duty. A railway along the Valley of the Indus to Peshawar, with properly organised military stations at as many of the above enumerated points as may be found necessary, with a fleet organised and appointed on the same principles as the late East Indian navy, cught to afford the requisite measure of naval defence-under conditions which should render the task a light one.

The only foe to be encountered is, or will be, Russia. She owns or holds the Island of Saghalien, in $51 \mathrm{~N} . \mathrm{I}^{2} \mathrm{I}_{2} 3^{\circ}{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{E}$., which covers the mouth of the Amoor river, the only port of any importance in the dominion of the Czar, but it is.open only six months each season, and his subjects have a const frontage on the Euxine and Baltic, which an English squadron could render serious sources of annoyance at once by closing the Bosphorous. And the Baltic is navigable only for six months in the year. To close all these and hermetically seal the Russian commerce would be a work of little time indeed, and as far as British North America is concerned the closing of Russia's ports in the North Pacific could be effected without the slightest disturbance of our statu quo ante bellum. A very light duty would then involve on the home fleet, and that would be to watch the Russian squadrons at auchor till they grounded on their own beef bones. Under these circumstances it is passing strange that any effort should be made to decry the only route to India on which every advantage is in favour of the British Empire. Coal and provisions abound in Canada, and when the mineral kingdom is laid under tribute every kind of manufactures and industry, from gold finding to phosphate inining, will be developed with the startling rapidity for which this new world is famous.

There is no novelty in this. The men who have seen the NorthWest Metis in a state of starvation in 1860 have been blessed by Providence to see over nine hundred thousand tons of cereals produced in the wilderness at and beyond Fort Garry in 1887 , and the city of Winnipeg with its 25,000 inhabitants in less than twenty years overshading the fortification no longer necessary to protect the trater from the Indian. With respect to this question, involving as it does the federation and integrity of the Empire, the people of Canada may say to the people of Great Britain, we have set you the example, now follow it out to its logical conclusion-in the same sprit of patriotism and humanity in which it was inaugurated.

The value of the ist line of communication and defence having been established, let us see what the second may be. It is to the West Indies, fifty years ago the El Dorado of Britssh Commerce and the great training school for naval heroes. There are here Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Antigua and St. Thomas, of little value now, except for strategetical purposes in case our neighbours of the United States should take a fancy to quarrel with us. As on all the lines provisions and coal are the chief requisites in establishing a complete system of Imperial defence, Antigua will most probably be the station for coaling on this line. The Island of Antigua is in 17.9 N., $61 \cdot 50 \mathrm{~W}$.; Bermuda is in $32^{\circ} 26 \mathrm{~N}$. and $64^{\circ} 37 \mathrm{~W}$.; Jamaica is in 18.0 N . and $77^{\circ} \mathrm{O}$ W.; Bahama $27^{\circ} \circ \mathrm{N}$. and $77^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. .; and St. Thomas $18 \cdot 20 \mathrm{~N} ., 67^{\circ} 56 \mathrm{~W} \mathrm{~W}^{\prime}$. This line masques the ports of the United States, the (iulf of Mexico and South America. Jamaica is 4,270 miles from Southampton, St. Thomas, 3.570 , Panama 4,860. The value of this line would be made evident in case of war.

The third line to India, is via (iibraltar, Malta, Aden, Bombay and Cape Comorin. This is the shortest as measured by distance- by time it is about equal to the great Pacific or first and main line. Its value as an auxiliary to the first line is very great but it is fintally weak at the Suez Canal, and although Providence threw not only the control of the canal but the occupation of Egypt into the hands of the British Government there stlll hangs a shade of uncertainty about its future which has an evil effect on its traffic and general interests. It is a powerful facto $r$ in the hands of statesmen, but a perilous and mischievous weapon in the hands of mere political empirics.

The difference is that three-fourths of the voyage is under a tropical sun, with delays prolonging the voyage to the great detriment of the the health of invalids. Now that is one of the evils of our present system which suggests the creation of a great nilitary depot at Winnipeg -in addition thatit could not be taken by surprise or have its garrison locked out or in. Ssuch a case Capt. Colomb deals with in a paper read before the Royal Colonial Institute as far back as 1875 . At page 15 he says:

- "To attempt to determine the exact site for such a reserve naval arsenal for the eastern portion of the empire would be beyond the scope of this paper, but considerations respecting climate and effect on stores, etc., point to some port of Australia as best adapted for the purpose."

The military value of this third line is very smali; there is hardly any interest it can subserve beyond being a transpo $t$ line.
:The fourth line to India and the east and Australasia, is round the Cape. Here the ports would be Sierra Leone in $8.29 \mathrm{VI}, \mathrm{N}_{13}$.I4; Ascensic n Island $7.55 \mathrm{~S} ., 14.25 \mathrm{~W}$.; St. Helena, 15.55 S . and 5.44 W .; Mauritius, $20^{\circ} 9 \mathrm{~S}$., and $57^{\circ} 3^{1} \mathrm{~W}$., and King George's Sound, in $35^{\circ} \circ \mathrm{N}$., $135^{\circ} \mathrm{W}$. This latter is on Cape Lecuwin, the most southerly point of Western Australia. This is a direct line to India from the Cape of Good Hope.

The fifth line is from Ausi' lia via Cape Horn and Vancouver's Island. The points to be defended on this line are Sierra Leone, Ascension, the Falkland Islands, and Sydney.

They are secured by our possession of the liji Islands and New Zealand and overlap each other as it were. The maintenance and development of the system of defence afforded by the great Canadian Pacific line in the North and South Pacific will reduce them to the condition of local lines for home defence, but as they help to bind together the system depending on the first line their importance remains.

Now, having shewn as far as possible what has been done in colonial defensive measures, it is time to ask how is all this to be put in working order.

First, there is wanting a fleet of small ironclads of good speed and carrying heavy ordnance, for cruisers in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Second, arsenals and docks for building and repairs at Vancouver, Bombay and whatever other point in the North Pacific required-the same for the South Atlantic.

Third, the large ironclads to be kept fur service at home as the Channel and Atlantic fleet.

Fourth, the creation of a home and foreign army, to be kept up to full strength, the expense to be borne by the colonies and Great Britain.
lollowing all this a Federation of the Empire is a desideratum-a practical problem which must be solved without delay.
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## "She."

impobabilities somettmes becomp kealities -a true womas's fidelity.

SEVERAL works learing unique tilles, writen in fascinating style, and giving evidence of wonderful imaginative power have lately been received by the reading public with much popularity and pleasure.

Perhaps the most striking of them is the look lwaring the odthl title of "She." ta this the author has fairly outlone himself in his pupular line. Ayesha and her beloved Kallikrates are unifue characters in fiction. Ayesha, the heroine, is a beautiful creature who tasted of the essence of nature's forces at the fountain head, and became immortal.

Iler patient waiting for the coming of Kallikrates, the beloved of her youth, whose ind lividuality was maintained thruugh centuries, though the change called death regularly accurrel, only to le followed by re-!ith, is a tine illustration of woman's ficlelity.

The closing seene, when she conducts. Kallikrates to the very center of the earth, the birthplace of all life, in order that he may taste of immortality, is a fit climax to the fine creation.

The question maturally suggested hy this strikingly original story is whether there is not somewhere in nature, a pootent force wherely life may at least tee temporarily prolenged.

Mrs. Annic Jenness Miller, editor of "1)ress" ays: "In every instance Warner's Safe Cure has the elfiect to give new energy and vitality to all my powers." Mme. (iray, teacher of Oratury and llhysical Culture at Syracuse, declares: "Before I tried physical culture amd Warner's safe cure, I was a confirmed invalid. I owe much to that eacellemt remeely, and do not hesitate to acknowledge it."

Human life seems too showt, though men in former ages lised longer than those of the present. History tells us that they lived more in accordance with nature's laws-their mode of living was extremely simple, and in their daily life they followed the diett:ts of human intelligence.

If sickness comes, we of to-day, seek the remedy among the artilicial forces instead of ress rting to the fiek of nature.

If when disease comes, we would consult nature, the chances are that we would fare teetter, for we would then treat the canse of such disorders. Modern ri.eearch has Whew that mest of the commonly known diseases owe their origin to the unhealthy state of the kidneys, the blexed purifiers of the system, and if they are kept in a healthy state by the use of Warner's safe cure, a vegetable compound and simple production of nature, much of the prevailing sickness woild be happily averted.
"1 is problable that the author of "She" derived many of his Ineautiful innaginings from close communings with nature, for ite are all agreed that whatever is of or from mature, is mere leauliful aud wholesome, han that which is artificially constructed.

## Militia General Orders (No. 20) of 25th November, 1887.

## No. 1.- Muitary Articles Free of Customs.

The following extract from an Order in Council dated 8th November, 1887, is published for the information and guidlance of all concerned :-
"On the recommendation of the Minister of Customs, and under the authority of section 78 of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act (Chapter 39, Revised Statutes of Canada), -His Excellency by and with the advice of the (queen's Privy Council for Camada, has been pleased to orler, and it is hereby ordered, that there may be remitted and refunded by the Minister of Customs to military tailors and others importing military clothing or materials therefor, arms or accoutrements, for the use of the militia of Canada, or of officers thereof, the customs duty actually paid thereon, on production of satisfactory evidence of the importation thereof sulbseruent to the 13 th May, 1887, and of the exact amount of duty paid thereon, including a certificate fron the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence, to the effect that such articles, or articles manufactured therefrom, have been soll and furnished hy such importer direct to the said department, or to a militia officer for the exclusive use of the Canadian militia or of such officer thereof, and that such articles as so sold and furnished are not of such a character as to be fit for any other use.
"That an officer of militia importing for his own use or for the use of the corps under his command, articles above specified may be allowed to make free entry thereof, provided the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence, or the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, certilies that such articles are imported exclusively for the use of such officer as such, or for such corps, and that they are not of such a character as (s) be fit for any other use.
"That an officer of the militia importing for the use of the corps under his command musical instruments for bands may be allowed to make free entry thereof, provided the Honourable the Minister of Militia and Defence, or the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, certifies that such instruments are the property of such corps and not of individual members thercof."

Officers or others interested in obtaining remission of customs duty on military articles are required to endorse on the invoice or other document a certificate in accord, ance with the Order in Council above mentioned, so that the Minister of Militia and Defence or the Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence may be enabled to take the reguired action.

The application is to be forwarded to headquerters through the regular military; channel of communication.

No. 2.-Arthilery Ann!ial Store Returns.
Officers commanding brigades and batteries of field and garrison artillery are reminded that the annual store returns of the corps under their command, should ie forwarded to the district staff not later than the 31st December.

Repuisitions for the supply of articles of erpuipment, dic., repuired to replace deficiencies or unserviceable articles; shoni-l he forwarded in duplicate at the same time.

The necessary forms for above can be obnained on application to the brigade office. No. 3-ACtive milimia.

Regt. Canadian Artillery, -To be Surgeon, from 9th November, iS87, John A. I uncan, M.I).

Surgeon Duncan is detailed for duty wih "C" Battery.
rst Brig. Field Art. - To be Adjutam, Capt. John Davidson, (i.S., from No. z Battery, vice Capt. Walter Clarke who retires retaining his rank of Captain.

7th Batt.-No. 1 Co. -2nd Lieut. Cico. Chapman resigns.
27th Batt.-No. 6 Co. - To be Captain, Lieut. Calsin John Dollsear, s.I., ajic Robert Carroll who retires retaining rank.

To be Lient., 2nd Lient. V. W. Shirley, S. I., ( Ist B.), aice Dolliear, promoted.
56th Batt.-No. 6 Co.-Tobe lieut., prov., Sergt. Major Rolert Tripp, (S.I., 2nd ii) vice Drummond: promoted.

96th Batt.-No. 2 Co.-To be 2nd Lieut., prov., Sergt. James Mel.aven, zitic Charles James McLennan, left limits.

IIth Batt.-No. 2 Co.-To lie Lieut., pros., Sergt. Samuel Edmund Simith, áce (iond, promoted.

2nd Lient. Wm. Morrison resigns.
No. 4 Co. -To be 2 nd lieut. proc:, Sergt. Donald MePhail, wice Walker, promoter.

No. 8 Co.-To be Captain, from Ist June, 1887, lieut. John Sittington, S. I., vice Martin, appointed Adjutant

Tolve lieut. 2nd Lieut. Wm. Williamson, S.I., (Ist B)., átice Sittlington, promoter.

To be Adjutant, Capt. (ico. Brooke Martin, S.I., wice Macionald.
ist Brig. Gar. Art.-To be and Jieutenants, prov., Wim. James Stewart, àie IV. E. M. Romans;

Henry Flowers, Junior, aite I'. J. A. Lear, left limits.
78th Batt. - No. 1 Co.-Adverting to No. 4 of (ieneral Orders (22) 2nd October, 1885, read "To be Lientenant: Sergt, John Suckling, . I.S., inssiad of "To be Lieutenant, prov., Sergt. John Suckling.
No. 4.--Reserte Miditia-lrovince of Ontario. R'gimental Division of Cardacell.
To be Lieut.-Col., Major Willian Ilannah, vice (ien. McManns, deceaserl. Regimental Division of East Middlesen.
No. 1 Co. Division. - The limits of this Company Division will in future comprise only "The Village of London W'est and those portions of the Fitist, second and Third Concessions of the Township of L,onton lying west of the Promf line (irasel Road."

No. 7 Co . Division-The formation of a new Company Disision is authorized, to le known as "No. 7 Company Division." Limits: "Those portions of the Fourth to Sixteenth Concessions, inclusive, of the Township of Iandon, lying west of the Proof Line Gravel Road," formerly emmprised in No. I Company livision.

## Regimental Divis:in of the City of Oltaiath.

No. 11 Co. Division - The formation of a new Company Division is authorized, to be known as "No. 11 Company Division." Limbits: The "New E:tinh urgh W'arl," formerly cumprisel in Co. 4 ( ompany Division of the keçmental Division of Kuscell.

## HONOURED IN THE BREACH.

## How some of the "Regulations" are not observed-A School of Civil <br> Gallantry-Unauthorized wearing of foreign medalsAllowances to the Militia. <br> (Continted from page 167.)

IN paragraph 282 we find the regulations governing the wearing of medals and decorations, and are told that no medals are to be worn, without due authority, except such as have been gained at any time for service in the defence of Canada. This paragraph clearly makes it compulsory that permission must le obtained to wear an Imperial medal for the Crimen, the Indian Mutiny, Egypt, Bhootan, \&c., \&c., or any military decoration whatever, with the above exception, by anyone serving in the Canadian militia. I wonder how many officers, high and low, n.c.o. and men have received this authority.

Last week I said that they did queer things in Quebec Province. Here are some samples. There is a certain school of instruction, clothed in scarlet-it was nearly clothed as Zounves-at which officers are taught, in the latest Parisian style, how to lift their forage caps to the fair sex. This may be considered tres jolie and very gallant, but I doubt if it is in accordance with the customs of the British service. P'erhaps this is one of the new fangled ideas which "Pultan's" adjutant tried to introduce into the "Old Humbings" and was very rightly sat upon.

At the same school the officers are made to remove their forage caps from their heads while in the orderly room. An officer after attending this school is placed in the position of having been instructed in thes: two items differently to the customs of the other schools. Although certain Imperial regiments may have special permission to take off their head-dress in the orderly room, still until this school (and accordingly all other schools) receive authority to do so, the customs of the militia must be complied with. These schools are models which the rest of the militia should copy, and should be conducted on the same basis

Another is the total disregard of paragraph 282 respecting the wearing of medals. I am credibly informed that one corps has a large number of men in its ranks who, having been lapal \%ouaves, wear in uniform certain Pontifical decorations-whether they are recognizel as a military medal or not is quite a horse of another colour.

I am not objecting to the wearing of foreign war medals, whether they are Satanical or any other "ical," but I must laugh when I see a man compelled by bias and
regulations to wear his "iron cross" on his right regulations to wear his "iron cross" on his right breast like "a shooting medal."
"Pultan" in his last letter gives some good advice to sergeants-such as "get your uniform altered to fit." I presume he means at the sergeant's own expense. They have a much niver way of doing these things in the Imperial service and even in our own permanent cerps. This is one of the privileges which we do not erioy. The regulations inform us that an allowance in money will be made to enable c. o. to procure the articles repuired to be issued to staff-sergeants and sergeants. In the case of a sergt-major Regiment of Canadian Artillery the allowance being $\$ 30$, of a sergeant $\$ 25$, and an additional allowance of 50 cents per anmm to each n.c.o. and gunner for alterations. Now look at the case of a sergt.-major in a militia field battery. He receives no allowances whatever for clothing. He is served out with a gunner's tianic and trousers; the tunic he has re-trimmed with gold lace, braid, \&c.; he purchases a new forage cap, cross belt, sword lelt, linot, spurs-mo sabretache-and riding boots; he uses the (iovernment cheese cutter, which has probably seen service at Waterloo or other ancient hattle fichl. The tunic is too expensive to wear at every parade, so he buys himself an undress jacket. All this amounts to nearly $\$ 100$. I agree with "Pultan" partly--some of the n. c. o. might with adrantage have their clothing altered--but it should tre made a charge against the public.

But there is great encouragement offered to long course sergeants by the authorities. If jou attend a long course we are told that the bencfit of the allowance alove mentionet, the free issue of any clothing exceeding in value of that issued to a gonner, is not applicable to them, and this after ofiering them 50 cents daily pay.

I can well say, and here I am in accord with the authorities, "that the estimates have leen prepared with a due regard to economy," lout I must add, incompatible with public efficiency.

J'aragraph 168 tells as how troops, batterics, dic., are to be divided for convenience of insipection and general supervision. Our regulations divide a garrison battery into two half companies, the Imperial into (wo sub-divisions.

The duties of the drjutant-(ieneral and Department might have been inserted, also the duties of the Inspector of Artillerg. A peculiarity aloout the rank of the Inspector is that it is his militia rank. Ilere is a staff officer, with virtually a commind extenting over the whole Dominion, ranking junior to numbers of c. o., always junior to the I).A. $:$. of a district, who is nobody gutside of it. And we have a Surgeonfienctal of a few years ranking as a colonel. I hat an idea that a Surgeon- (ieneral had the relative rank of a llajer-lieneral. Well, we will all soon be Major-(ienerals, including

Lsivirpin.
Two secretaries of (ien. Ferrom, French Minister of War, have been arrested for disclosing to the figare the plan for marrying out the mobilization scheme and thus allowing its publication cantrary to the Govermment's wishes. (ieneral Ferron in order to remedy the premature revelation of the plans for the mobilization experiment is altering the plans.

The laris correspondemt of the london Daily Neais writes of a new wrinkle in French military service as follows: "Any reservist who is sufficiently skilled in the use of the licycle will, on his application, he exempted from ordinary camp service and its hardships, to le used as military messenger. This new ruke is already creating a great demand for bicycles.

The Popolo Romano reports a "comforting experiment" in which 10,000 men were recently conveged in 15 special trains from listoria, Italy, to Bologna in 24 hours, without disturling the ordinary traffic. About 2,500 railway carriages and vans are mow leing constructed in Italy, which with 1,500 in hand elsewhere, give 4,000 new carriages for the Italian services.

The Colonial dilitary Gasetf; publivined at Sjduey, has been considering a scheme for the creation of an Australian army. Sydney already spends something like $\$ 1,150,000$ per annum on her defences, the expenditure of the whole of the united colonies in the Australasian group leing set down at $\$ 3,000,000$. In the pay of general officers. allowance is made for one general in chief at $\$ 7,500$ a year, two divisiomal generals at $\$ 6,250$ each, and four brigadiers at $\$ 3,750$ each, all to he drawn from the home army.

## GOSSIP OF THE MILITIA.

# The sacrifice of time necessary to secure Officers Certificates. 

# Recruiting for "B" Battery-Morris Tube competitions at St. John-A suggested programme for the Montreal Brigade -Ottawa Militiamen on snowshoes-Torontos penchant for smoking parties-The Peterboro Rangers warmly praised-Big gun practice in British Columbia. 

## Ottawa.

SNOWSHOEING gives indication of being the popular sport wih the Ottawa volunteers this winter. The clubs in connection with the seteral corps are making preparations for the season's work, and a scheme is proposed looking to the holding of some "garrison tramps" it the near future.

At the sixth annual meeting of the 43 rd Ritles showshoe club, the president, Capt. and Adjutant Evans, occupied the chair. Sergt. Iluband presented the annual report of the committe, which showed the finances of the clab to be in a fourishing condition. The progress mate during the past season was the greatest in its history, the number of tramps taken having been thirtcen, and the average attendance thirty-five, or about sixty per cent of the total membership. The number of members promises to increase largely during the coming year, the st ength of the regiment having substantially increased since last winter. The programme for next season includes several new features, and the boys look forward to a very pleasant winter's fun. The election of officers resulted as follows:-Honorary president, Lieut. Col. White; honorary ist vice-president, Major Walsh; honorary $2 n d$ vice-president, Major Anderson; president, Capt. Evans; ist vice-president, Color-Sergt. (irant; and vice-president, Bandmaster Greenfield; secretary-treasurer, Sergt. A. W. Huband; whipper-in, Corporal Wills; committee, Sergt. Bray, Corp. Jones, P'tes. Abbott, Clendinnen and Carruthers. It was decided to tramp on Monday nights, and as soon as the weather and snow permit of snowshocing. The secretary will notify members of the date of the opening tramp.

The Guards' snowshoe club held their annual meeting on Monday evening last, Colour-Sergt. Mailleue taking the chair in the alsence of the president and vice-presidents. The annual report was presented by the secretary-treasurer, lieut. Taylor. It showed the finances to be in a satisfactory condition. The election of officers resulted as follows: Patron, Lieut.-(ien. Middleton; honorary president, Licut.-Col. Macpherson; president, Capt. Toller; sice presidents, Major Todd and Capt. Heron; captain, Lieut. Holgins; whipper-in, Colour-Sergı. Maillene; secretary-treasurer, Colour-Sergt. Ross; committee, Colour-Sergts. Chesley, Davis and Taylor, Sergts. Cinnningham and Colman, Corpl. May and l'te. l'egg. It was decided that the regular clut) night should be Wednesday.

The New Edinburgh Ward company of the Rifles, No. G, last week gave an amateur theatrical entertaimment in the (irand Opera llouse in aid of the equipment fumd. The bill consisted of the comedy "Our Domestics," and the farce "Special Performances," both of which were creditably rendened. The attendance was large, and the affair was a financial success. Ilis lixcellency the Governor-dieneral and Lady Lansdowne graced the occasion with their presence. His Excellency has donated $\$ 25$ $t$ swards the fuuds of the company.

## Montreal.

MAJOR TIIOMAS ATKINSON, of the Garrison Artillery, has in a recent letter to the Star made some valuable suggestions looking to the welfare of " lontreal brigade. They are as follows:-
"First, I would suggent that a representative from each corps might arrange to deliver a series of lectures during the long winter months, on some of the undermentioned subjects, viz.: Military Tactics, Military IIistory, Militia Law, Itints on Irill and Interior Economy, Musketry Instruction, Fortifications, Military Eingineering, Gunnery, Outpost Duty, or any other sulject that will tend to interest and henefit the excellent force we have in this city.
"In order to increase the interest in these lectures I woulli respectultiy suggest that each lecturer on the night of his lecture might areange to have at band present so that we have a short promenade concert after the clase of the lecture. This, I am sure, would tend to foster a brotherly feeling amongst the var:ous city corps, and inculcate that esprit de corps which alone can make up an efficient corps.
"(Our respected D. $\lambda$. (i. might start the ball rolling by delivering the first lecture.
"From all appearances we will not get possession of our excellent drill hall before the spring. Now, would it not lee a good idea, when it is handed over by the Minister of P'ublic Works to the Militia Depanment, to have a grand military demonstration of some sort--cither a review or grand promenade concert in the drill hall lye the uniled city military bands? Or we might have military garrison games, in the drill hall, if handed over lefore spring; if not, on St. Helen's Istand.
"The alove few hints are offered with only one object in view, viz., to bring the various branches of the city foree together to have an interchange of opinions on military matters, aid in order that we may all learn something that will be of interest to us individually and to the force generall:.
"The lectures might lee delisered in the Vietoria Armory; an admission fee might lee eharged to officers only to cover rental and thus add a trifle to the Armory fund of the Vics.'

The Sfar suggests another exercise, which from its novelty could not fail to awaken keen interest on the part of participators and beholders. This is, that the militiamen might "le shown how to creet field fortifications on a blackloare." The Star says it can be done.

## Toronto.

ARRAN(BMMENTS hare been made whereby the n.e.o. of the Queen's Own will have an opportunity of attending a series of drills during the coming winter. sergeants will parade every Friday evening, the enrporals every Werloceslay.


The night of the ist December promises to be a busy one. The Queen's Own hand will have a concert at the I'avilion. "A" company Royal Grenadiers (with the Boomer Rifle Association) will holl its annual dinner at the Albion Hetel.

Final arrangements for the first dinner of the ex-members of the Queen's Own have been completed. It will be held on the 15 th December.

Major Delamere, (2.O.R., had a very enjoyable smoking party at his house on the 24 th instant. Amongst others present were Col. Gillmor, Col. Allan, and several foreigners, including "The McIntyre," "Ile-who-pou-don't-know-who-he-is-looking-
 winter. Mr. Myles, T.F.B., and several others have out invitations for them.

## London.

AT the close of the 1). R. A. matches this year, a good deal was said about the Martini-Henry rifle. and after the return of the 7 th ream from Ottawa an appli. cation was made for 12 , but so far nothing has been heard of either the rifles or the application.

I am accuainted with sereral offecrs. who would gladly gualify if they had an opportunity of doing so without neglecting their business, and I can see no reason why officers who cannot spare time to altend the military school should not be met half. way. One of this class remarkel to me the other day, that he had paid $\$ 140$ to 'rig' himself out for the service of his country, but when his country required his business to go to 'pot,' it was time to draw the line right there. How would something after the following plan mect their views:

Let a board composed of thoroughly competent officers be assembled in each camp, for the examimation of all candidates; having as president the commandant of one of the schools, the other members to le of any rank, and selected from any corps to which the candidate does not belong (if possible). Camelidates should forward their names to the li. M. of the district, at least two wecks before the formation of the camp. The examination to last 5 days, the first two of which to be taken up by papers, in the form of question and answer; printed forms to be sent from headquarters, under cover, to the president; papers to be handed to each candidate on his reporting to the board that he is ready to begin work; after which candidates not to be allowed to communicate with each other or quit the room or tent, unless their papers are lirst given up to the president. Two days of this work would be sufficient to test the capabilities of ainy officer; provided that he gets the right kind of guestions. The last three days may be taken up as follows: 3 red day--spuad and company drill; 4th day-battalion drill, sword drill and brigade drill if requived; 5th day-guard and outpost duties, shelter trench and a little minor tactics; as for instance, the attack and defence of a bridye, or the attack and defence of a consoy, etc. And, by the bye, may I ask why minor tactics are not practisedi in our annual camps; as in my opinion, if anything is calculated to give a man an insight into what is required of him on active service, that 'anything' is minor tactics, and 1 will vemture to say, that more useful military knowledge can lee gained in one day so employed, than in six days of the usual drill.

In order to prevent officers making excuses as to their inability to procure the necessary books without going to a lot of trouble, why cannot a supply le forwarded from headquarters to the 1). A.(i. of the district, the cost being recovered from those recpuiring them, through the pay rolls. Officers should be recpuired to produce their books at the annual inspection of their corps.

In suggesting that something be done to meet the wishes of a considerable body, of officers, I have no desire (1) see revived that worst of all inventions for 'pitchforking' an officer into a commission, vi\%: the old Volunter board, and would like to see a G. O. requiring all officers with 1. . B. after their names to obtain a M.S. certificate, or a certificate from the alove suggested board, and failing to do so within 12 months, reverting them to provisional rank.

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## Peterborough.

ON Thursday last Lieut. Col. Villiers, I. A. (i. of the 3 ed military district, inspeeted the 57th battalion, Peterborough. The D.A. (i. was accompanied by Najor district paymaster. The battalion mustered at the drill shed at two o'clock in the afternoon 230 men strong and marcheal to the Kiverside l'ark, Lieut.-Col. Kogers. in command. The inspection was watched ly a large assemblage of people. The movenents which the battalion went through were interesting and exceedingly well done. The Deputy Adjutant General spent alout an hour putting the men through different exercises and then ordered a march lack to the drill shed. At the drill shed Col. Villiers addressed the battalion. He said: "I can assure you that on coming to Peterborough this morning to inspect you I really felt very nervous. If I inspeeted you last year I would certainly have fouml fauld with you for many reasons, but as (jen. Middleton inspected you I could say nothing. The 57 th as a rural regiment, was always a splendid corps, and really one of the lest in the district, but I could not say that of it last year. This jear I am surprised, simply amazed, at the position you stand in to-day. The proficiency of jour movements, jour steadiness in the field, your physigue and general appearance really surprised me to-day, and according to what I say now I intend to report. The regiment is a great credit to the colonel and officers, and I hope you will continue in your present state of efliciency. You have a grod (Irill shed, good accoutrements, new and clean clothing, a very fine bamd, and everything to keep you in an efficient state:"

The number of oflicers and men in the hattalion is as follows: fied and staff officers, 7; captains, 5 ; licutenants, 6; stalf-sergeants, 5; sergeants, 18; corporals, 18; louglers, 6 ; hand, 21 ; privates, 181 ; total strength, 267.

In the evening an officers' dinner was held at Morgan's I Iotel, at which Col. Villiers and Major King were guests.

## Halifax.

ABOUT twenty five Jhaligminas have been enlisted by Recruiting. Sergeant Srunders for " B " lhattery, (uwehec. In an interview by a local newspaper man, surgeant saunders told him that he wished to secure between twenty-fise and thirty, the balanee of the fifty reguired to till the present vacancies to be oltatined in Montreal, a recruiting sergeant hasing gone to that city. Only men of gool character are wanted. They must be single and between the ages of 20 and 45 , and not moder 5 ft. 8 inches in height. The sergeamt was also anxious to secure some bandsmen. In announcing the sergeant's arrival the papers gave the rates of pay allowed in the artillery-commencing with the lieut. colonels at $\$ 4$ per day; majors at $\$ 3$; cap. tains at $\$ 3$; and so on down the scale, winding up with the mumest 40 C for gunners. Your correspondent offered to fill any gap in the ranks of the lieutenant-colonels, in fact even went so far as to state that he wouldn't mind taking as low as $\$ 3$ a day for a captaincy, hut application was made too late, their leing no vacancies except for gunners or musicians, so he remains in statu y yow.

The Jrovincial Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting on the 291h Nesember at the Young Men's Christian Isomiation troms in this city.

## British Columbia.

FIRING for the challenge cup presented by Major Prior has been completed by Nos. 2, 3 and 4 batteries of the B.C.C.A. In the preliminary practice cight men fared one solid shot and one shrapnel shell, the highest possible score being twenty-t wo points. In the second practice the four highest in the first fired two solid shot and one shrapnel, the possible score being thirty-two points. No. 3 battery has distanced a!l competitors. The following are the detailed scores made ly Nos. 2 and 3; those of No. 4 were not oltainable:--

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| Gr Langley | 10 |  |  | Gr H Flemming | $1 ;$ |  |  |
| Gr Sullivan | 13 | 18 |  | Gir langley | 21 | 12 |  |
|  | 92 | 61 | 153 |  | 132 | 78 | 210 |

The total number of marks made by No. 4 as 114 . It will be seen that Battery Sergt. - Major Sinclair of No. 2 heads the list in the 2nd or competitive practice, his score, twenty-six points, being the highest indivillual score mate or !!e range. Next comes 13 r . Winsly, who made twenty five points. The firing of No. 3 hattery was very creditable, and the boys deserve all the honours they have got. It will be noticed that the "crack shots" with the riffe have also become "crack shots" with the big gun.

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ORRIS tube competitions form an important feature of the attractions offered at the 62nd Fusiliers' club house at it. John, N. B. A match between the privates and non-commissioned officers is now in progress. The prizes are made up in a manner similar to that in many contests which have taken place at Drury and other rauges. Each competitor puts in five or tea cents, sand at the end of the week the pool is dizided into two prizes, the leader taking two-thirds and the second highest one-third. These competitions are proving the means of attracting members of the corps to the club, and the shooting is watched with interest. The next match to take place will be between four officers and four non-commissioned officers.

Pte. T. W. Bashford, late of the 2nd Kings Royal Rifles, now serving in the R. S. of I. in Fredericton, N. B.. has been presenterl hy Lieut. Col. Maunsell with the Khedive's star for the campaign in $188+85$, for the relief ol Gen. Gorton at Khartoum. This star was given for forced marching. P'e. Bashford is also the wearer of the lisyptian medal and two hars--engagements Abu Nilea and Nile, ' 84 and ' $\mathrm{S}_{5}$; also one medal and wo Lars for Afghanistan-cugagements Ahmed Khel :and Kandahar; also star for Gen. Roberts' march from Kabul to Kandahar, 459 miles in 21 days. He states he is expecting another medal and har for the Maori expedtion in 1880 .

Our militia do nothing in winter. They neither drill nor study. This should not be so. It may not be necessary tor them to dress in miform and attend parades, but there is no reason why they should not go through a course of instructive study during the winter months. They can learn how to shoot ly the Morris tule, they can be taught tactics just as they can be taught chess; they can be shown how to ereet field fortifications on a black board, they can learn how to make positions, fascines, curtains tor batteries, signalling and many other things as well indoors as outside, and there should be no reason why the militia shoulh be idle during the four of five months that the snow is on the ground. Men who take an interest in military matters can casily find profitalle instruction in military stuly in winter, and if it is not done, we are inclined to blame the authorities for not giving proper accommodation more than any one else. - Montreal Star.

The Varmouth artillery had a full dress parade on Sunday, the eoth ult., and marched to Trinity Church, headed by their fife and drum hand. The Times thinls that Capt. Jolly certainly has an excellent company of young men. The ammal inspection of clothing and accoutrements has just been held by Col. Mcshane, lirigade major for the district.

On the evening of Thanksgiving day the band of the 27th battalion gave the first of the season's series of concerts in the Sarnia town hall, where they were greeted hy: a large audience. A notable feature of the entertaimment was the presence of the Sit. Clair Reserve Indian band in handsome uniforms. Says the sarnia Canadian: "The Indians performed a selection and a march and were loudly applauded, their playing being quite equal to that of the average rural band and certainly surprising as the result of the limited opportunities for musicalculture within the reach of our Indian brethren The 27th band appeared to good advantage in the pieces they presented. The owerture William Tell taxes the abilities of the strongest orchestras and is especially exarting upon the resources of a reed band. Its performance would do credit to much more pretentious organizations than the 27 th.

## Correspondence.

## OUR ROYAI SCHOOLS OF AETIIDEKY

## To the Edfitor of the Camatian Militia Gaselte:

Sik,- The recent organization of "C" Battery R.C.A., has changed the whole tout cnsemble of the Regiment of Canadian Artillery. Now that " $\lambda^{\prime}$ " and "B" lins. teries have lost so many of their best men by the establishment of "co" liattery, is not the present time a proper one for the re-organization of the regiment? " .1 " and "B" Batteries are st present essentially garrison hatteries divided into dimountell and mounted divisions; the former has eight horses, the later 16; the unfortunate eight in addition to their battery duties being used for the instruction in equitation of the cadets of the R. M. College.

In Quebee and the Maritime Irovinces are stationed the majority of the garrison artillery-and after recent events we may say Ontario has none. Ontario has 10 out of the 18 field batteries. Montreal and Winnipeg latteries are as convenient to kingstin as to Quebec, Richmond and Shefford are also not much out of the way:

The schools were orgatized for the instruction of field and garrison artillery officers, non-com. officers and men, hut there has not been kept at either station a proper establishment for the instruction of field artillery, and no matter how zealous the commandant and his staff may be, it is impossible to do their duty by field artillery on a reduced strength. We know that after much exertion eac? battery can sompermes. turn out two guns with four horses -without wagrons. Now our rerulations state that a field battery shall have 51 horses, exclusive of officers hornes and four spare.

Sos it seems the anthoritios expect hat an wfieer that can hande cisht lowses,
should be capable of mancuvring with 55. Therefore at present at neither of the schools can any extencled instruction in artillery work in the field le given.

There are very few field artillery officers now on the militia list, who ever drilled with four guns and waggons, and though for motives of economy the powers that be in Camada do not consider waggons necessary, even in store-still should occasion demand it they would be of use, as .witness the following extract from Col. Irwin's report on the artillery for 1885 . With reference to the Northwest rebellion he says: "No ammunition waggons of recent or serviceable patterns were available, and no forge or store waggons were taken to the Nothwest. The want of these means of conveying necessary supplies, etc., was felt throughout the whole campaign."

The battery at Quebec might with advantage be turned into a garrison battery armed with some of the modern guns-as even the breech loading guns at (Quebec are fast becoming obsolete. The "gas pipes" there and at Kingston might he either converted into rifled guns or sold for old iron. They would help to pay for a few new ones.

The battery at Kingston could be turned into a field battery, with a reduced strength of say 100 men.

We have the staff, the non-commissioned officers and men, guns and harness; we want the waggons and horses, and the reduced strength of one battery would more than pay for the increased stabling accommodation and feed of horses.

Gen. Strange and Lieut.-Col's Irwin, Montizamlert and Cotton in their various reports for the past ten years have recommendel that an increased establishment for the instruction of fell artillery be kept up.

One of these officers in his annual report is my authority for stating that 2 guns and 6 horses, 2 waggons and 4 horses, I forge waggon, etc., equalling a total of 30 horses, is the lowest establishment which can be maintained with any pretence to efficiency, and this is further proved, he states, by the experience gained during the late rebeilion.

The necessity of a school for the instruction of garrison artillery at lingston has ceased to exist owing to the gradual extinction of the garrison artillery in Ontario, which now consists of one battery of 42 men, equipped whth the usual smooth bore of ante-Crimean memory.

My excuse for this long letter is my interest in the field artillery and the knowledge that my views are shared in hy many of its officers.

## The Common Sense Soldier.

$\mathrm{M}^{\text {EN }}$ And whent to arms 'mid war's alarms
And wreath their brows in glory;
But as for me I'd rather be
Where mumskets fash the soldiers rush,
Meet treason's dash and guell it,
But 1 am one when all is dune
Would rather live to tellii.
When inen portray the deadly fras
The picture fires the spirit,
But all men know the artist who
Has drawn it was not near it;
It ipoils the joke when powder smoke Is near enough to smell it;
In drather five to tell it
Fior wome must die and some must lly Whene'er the battle rages: If left to me l'd guick agree Which way to earn me wages. some leate a name sulorned by fame For batels in song to swell it In anthems loud, hat lim not proul, I'll live along and tell it.

So here's to all who fight and fall, To comrades brave and plack ; Ane heres, I think him lucky! I et honor keep the boys who slecp, Nor future years dispel it, And here's to those who struct the blows
And still live on to tell it.

## The Target.

## the 44 Th mathaton matches

The ammal matches of the Niagara Falls and 44 th Batalion Rifle Association took place at the Suspension Bridge range on Monday, the 2 st ult. The competitors do not appear to have experienced unalloyed happiness, for one has written thus, devoriling the general experience:--
"The weather was very cold and ahout two inches of snow on the ground; the wind was blowing a hurricane, drifting the snow across the range from right to left, which at times completely hid the target from view. It was simply impossible to make a score. We dare not postpone the matches, owing to the lateness of the season, for fear we might not get a better day. Nodoubt rifle shooting should be practised at all times of the gear and under most unfavourable circumstances, but I think I may safels promise you, that as far as our association is concerned we will not fix so late a date again. Ilereafter we will strive to combine pleasure and practice by shooting our ammal matches during the long warm days of the year. Having to stand ankle deep in snow, mufled to the cars, with the mercury way down helow freczing point, hacking the fiercely cold blasts, shivering and waiting for our turn to shoot, and endangering our health, is scarcely what one would think would tee in the interest of rifle sheoting."

The prize winners and their scores were as follows:-
Match Xo. 1.--500 yards; 7 shots.


## Ottawa Rifie Club.

Statement in fule of the completed scores in the spoon competitions of i 887 , togimther with winners of the aggregate prizes.
[ N this issue of the paper on the 5 th of May last, the programme of the Ottawa Rifle Club for the season of 1887 was published, and we have now much pleasure in giving space to a tabulated summary of the results, for which we are mdebted to the secretary, Mr. E. D. Sutherland. The programme was carried out to the letter, with the exception that the match set down for the ist October was shot on the 22nd instead, the targets having been invisible on the 1st, by reason of the smoke then prevailing all over the country.

*This competition was postponed from the tat to the azad October, two heing fired on the latter date.
The aggregate prizes were one for the best five scores with the Snider at (Qucen's ranges; one for the best four with the Martini at Queen's ranges; one for the best two Martini at 800 and 900 yards; and two for the first and second grand aggregates of the above enumerated aggregates combined. The figures showing the order of merit denotethe winners of these prizes.

Match No. 2.- 200 yards; 7 shuts.
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Maich No. 4.-Extra series. - 200 ya


A consolation match was on the programme, with $\$ 15$ in prizes, but there were no entries for it. Two prizes in the first match, four in the second, and three in the third were unclaimed, there being a greater number of prizes than of competitors.

The first annual prize meeting of the Amonte Ritle Association was hedd the wee lefore last. The first mateh, five shons each at 200 and 400 yards, was wom ly jas

McLeod with a total of 33 ; W. W. French, with 31, being second. The asssociation match, 200, 400 and 500 yards, 5 shots, was won hy M. l'atterson, with 59 points; R. D. leetherston was second, with 58.

## NEW WESTMINSTER RIFLES.

The ammal meeting of the New Westminster Rifle Association was held at the range, Brownswille, on Thanksgiving day. The morning broke lright and ciear, a favourable indication for gool shooting, which was subseguently realized. Following is the score:-

First Match. --Association. - 200 and 400 yards; five shots.
Silver cup, presented ly Licat. Ronson, AF $\$ 400$ I, F Bonson.. $\$ 500$ Capt Scuulliar................................. 40 igo Dr sinith.

Second Match.-Association. - 200 and 400 yards; five shots.
Challenge cup, bresented ly: Lieutenant $\$ 500$ Wm McColl............................ 37


Militia Match. - Open to non-commissioned officers and men of active militia. 200 yards; seven shots.
Silver medal, preeented by. Capt Scoullar,
bronze Sergt Medal, presenthed by Lieut Liowat,
$\$ 300$ Pic rorfar.
$30 \quad 200$ Pet Fitetcher
100 Sergt Reidd.
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ap presented by highest challenge cup presented by Lieut. (iovernor Nelson, and awarded for the highest aggregate score, was eaphured by Mr. Cotton, who scored 78 points. The $\$ 5$ prize, presented by Mr. A. F. Cotton, D. L..S., for the second highest aggregate score, was won by Thos. Mowat, who scored 77 points.

Gen. Wolseley during the Crimean war sustained an injury to one eye, nver the ball of which he wears an enamel shell so exactly resembling the remaining eye that no one can tell the difference letween them. It is related that when in Egypt certain Arab chiefs said they could not help the English, for the Mahdi had forbidden it; he was omniscient, so mothing could lee hidden from him ; and he was a worker of miracles, so that, though at a distance, he might smite them sore. "A worker of miracles, is he?" sail the English commander-in-chief; "What miracles can he work?" So they gave particulars. "Oh, that's nothing," cried the General; "can the Mahdi do this?" and here before the astonishel eyes of the Araiss with the platted hair he took out one of his ejes, threw it into the air, deffly caught it, and replaced it in his head! Little was said at the moment, hut (wo days after plenty of camels for transport began to arrive in the camp, and one difficully in the campingh was over before it was toc late.

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