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A correspondent who has sent for publication over a *nom de plume* a letter containing certain vague reflections upon the officers of the permanent corps in particular and the militia administration in general, takes occasion to remark that he "relies upon the often expressed independence of the Editor" for the publication of the letter, the Editor "so proving that he has the real interest of the military at heart." We decidedly object to this method of proof. Our attitude is and has been one of independence towards accusers as well as accused, towards the private citizen or soldier with perhaps only a fancied grievance as well as towards the persons in authority against whom he may feel resentment for the time being. We do not see how the "the real interest of the military service" is to be promoted by the publication of vague inuendoes or general fault-finding, with no attempt to specifically locate the trouble, or the suggestion of a remedy. Without any reference to the correspondent in question, it is opportune to remark here, as our experience, that many of those most valiant with the pen, in the shelter of anonymity, are most gentle, not to say subservient, when on public occasions they are brought face to face with those whom they delight privately to berate.

A rifleman writes the Editor from St. John, N.B., that "the boys all wish to be remembered to you and are loud in their praise of your D. R. A. number." This week, also, a Major writes from Toronto—"Your paper is always welcome"; and that he is a conscientious man is evidenced by an expression of regret at being even a few months late with his renewal subscription. By the same mail comes a letter from a Corporal in Toronto containing a renewal subscription accompanied by these words of kindly appreciation: "I renew my subscription with the greatest of pleasure, for I always look forward to the arrival of THE GAZETTE, which I take great interest in reading. I think it is doing a great deal of good for the militia of Canada." Needless to say, we are very grateful for the encouragement thus offered, which is but a sample of what we have received from all ranks and from all parts of the Dominion during the past five years. We have kept a straight, honest course: have had no selfish purposes to serve; while inviting useful correspondence have refused to give our columns for the ventilation of private spleens and petty jealousies; and as a reward, though the financial support received from the militia has been disappointingly small, we are happy in the possession of a mine of good wishes.

Major-General Beavan Edwards, who went to Australia to report upon the state of the defences there, has reported to the Colonial Defence Committee, advising that the militia forces of the several Australian

colonies be federated, that an officer of the rank of lieutenant-general be appointed to inspect in peace and command in war, and that a military college, a small arms factory, and ordnance stores be established. The Defence Committee in reporting the General's recommendations say that after all Australia need not fear attempted territorial aggressions, as her danger lies rather in assaults by an enemy upon colonial commerce, and this being the case a small naval armament is proposed. If General Edwards' suggestions be adopted Australia will be put through a process similar to that by which the Canadian force has been raised to its present effective condition.

There are those, no doubt—for they have been heard from before now—who would take exception to the phrase "effective condition" as applied to the Canadian militia, because there are so many things we should have that are lacking, with no immediate prospect of their supply. But neither is there an immediate prospect of a call to arms, and judging by the progress of the past our little force may be expected to be greatly improved ere the summons comes. Annual drills for the full strength, which no one need be surprised to have announced for next season, would do much to arouse enthusiasm sufficient to cause all ranks to pay more attention to military studies, and particularly to brush up their knowledge of field work, in which many of the best parade officers are sadly deficient. Neither the expected annual drills nor the more modern equipment which will probably be the next bit of encouragement to the militia will be of much use if the members do not strive to develop amongst themselves the spirit of enterprise necessary to make the best use of their opportunities. We could name even some city regiments whose rank and file are allowed to continue from year to year in blissful ignorance of any of the practical duties of a soldier, and who have nothing but a weary round of barrack square drill, with the occasional variation of rifle practice aimed at the moon and with results as blank as the cartridges.

From two of the corps whose enterprise helped to provide the Thanksgiving Day pageant for Toronto last year, there comes the rumour that the expense involved may prove an effectual barrier to their participation in the sham fight proposed for that holiday this season. It is admitted that the practical value of such an engagement is almost destroyed by the interference of the crowd bound to gather and become hopelessly involved in the smoke and din of the battle if its scene is laid too near any great centre of population, and hence transportation expenses become a necessity. It would perhaps be regarded by the riflemen as blasphemy were we to suggest that in the case of some Western regiments we could mention, a substantial transportation fund might be raised by diminishing the princely prizes annually given for the regimental and company rifle matches. Unless there be previous careful instruction, the one day spent upon the ranges on the occasion of these annual prize distributions is not a tenth as profitable as a day spent in field work would be, though for the latter previous training is necessary also. There are, however, many regiments who have not much money to spare for any purpose, and it is well worth the consider-

ation of the Militia Department whether an annual appropriation sufficient to encourage these to prepare for and engage in mimic warfare in company with the corps of all arms of their respective districts, would not be money well spent. Of course there is more to be done than to have the Department arrive at this conclusion. The Minister has to impress upon his colleagues that this desired outlay is more to be commended than some other proposed for the money, and were the secrets of the council chamber made known it would no doubt be found that the Treasury is valiantly defended against suggested appropriations for which there is no immediate necessity apparent. One great trouble about a parliamentary appropriation for a sham fight would be that so many regiments would strive to share in it that a choice of the privileged corps would be very difficult.

Already the command of next year's Bisley team is being actively discussed, and in Montreal the feeling appears to be very strongly in favour of the appointment of a local officer admirably qualified in every way for the post. An Ontario officer and Member of Parliament, who has much in his favour personally, is also prominently mentioned. But one serious objection which will be made—has been made to us, in fact, in a communication which cannot be published as received—is that it is unfair to the smaller provinces to give Ontario and Quebec so large a share of the honorary positions on the team. Without admitting the desirability of a hard and fast geographical rule of selection, we think that there is much force in the objection raised, and trust that if a likely candidate from the Maritime Provinces be put forward the officers above mentioned will endeavour to persuade their friends to withdraw their nominations for this time. Until this year the command was not held outside Ontario and Quebec since 1878; and the Adjutancy has also been pretty well monopolized of late by those provinces. Whoever the appointees may be, one qualification that should be regarded as essential is previous membership and active interest in the Dominion Rifle Association.

The Anniversary of Queenston.

(Charles Durand, in *The Empire*, 13th October.)

To day is the anniversary of the battle of Queenston—in 1812—one of the most disastrous to the Americans of the war. Considering everything, the Americans had all the advantages over the British and Canadians in equipment of troops, arms and numbers. They were greatly incensed at the capture of Gen. Hull and all his regulars and munitions of war at Detroit in the previous August. They were burning for revenge and the capture of the Niagara country, and during many months prior got up what they considered a crack army of invasion numbering from 6,000 to 8,000 men, including about 2,000 regulars under their best officers, such as Col. Scott and Capt. Worth—certainly the best officers they had. On the other hand, the British and Canadians were only about 2,000 strong, regulars and militia, under Gen. Brock at first, and, finally, after his lamentable death early in the day, under Gen. Sheaffe, who succeeded him on his death. It would almost seem as if the God of battles was against the Americans. The Americans before daylight attempted to cross from Lewiston to Queenston—openly in boats—and many of these boats were destroyed by firing from the British forts and musketry from the heights—but finally a certain number did succeed in landing on the shore below the heights, whilst a still larger number under Scott and Worth clambered up a bye-path leading from the river to the heights, a little south of the old suspension bridge, and gained the top of the hills south of Brock's monument. It was at this spot where the principal fighting took place, and where the Americans in the afternoon surrendered. The death of Brock early in the day disconcerted the Canadians, and they retired north below the village, leaving the Americans on the heights. Gen. Sheaffe in the meantime left Fort George, and passing quickly over the level country to St. David went up the low mountain pass and got in the rear or outflanked the Americans, and, assisted by a body of Indians under Norton and Brant, numbering about 100, who made a great rush in the road, attacked the Americans with great vigour and bravery and drove them to the brink of the precipice. The Canadians who had retreated below the village came up the hill from the north also to assist, and after fighting a few

hours the Americans surrendered with about 800 prisoners, among them Worth and Scott. Gen. Van Rensselaer, the commander-in-chief, had been wounded and carried to the American side. Some hundreds of Americans in their fright jumped over the heights among the trees, when some were killed and some were drowned in swimming the river. In the meantime the bulk of the Americans at Lewiston, although they knew the fate of war was going against their comrades, refused to go over to their assistance, although the officers rode among them and used all their influence. This was a most disgraceful sight—after all the loud talk they had used—the result being a complete defeat of the whole body, and the surrender of their best men, with several hundred killed. Full particulars, of course, cannot be given, but we may say that the result showed great bravery in the flank companies of militia—who were from the county of Niagara and above Hamilton—one of which, a very large company, was commanded by the late Captain James Durand, my father, whose name is mentioned in the military reports. Let our children and young people remember what their ancestors did at York.

(*Empire* Editorial, same issue.)

We heartily commend the action of the public school board in arranging that the pupils in the schools under their control shall indulge to-day in patriotic exercises in commemoration of the battle of Queenston Heights, which took place October 13th, 1812. It will have the effect of cultivating amongst the young folks an interest in the history of their country, and a respect for the noble men who defended it so bravely in time of need. The war of 1812 can never be recalled too often if we are a people wise enough to learn from the experience of the past. Its events speak eloquently of the indomitable courage, the firm patriotism, the heroic resistance to foreign aggression with which our fathers were filled, and if their spirit has not descended to this generation we are woefully mistaken. Queenston Heights at the beginning of the war was a worthy precursor of Lundy's Lane at its close.

The conflict between the two countries was not of Canada's choosing, and the American invasion cannot be otherwise regarded than as a wanton and wicked attack upon a friendly and unoffending neighbour. The quarrel lay between the Governments of Great Britain and the United States, and its causes were removed before hostilities began, so that if the United States were fighting for a principle they could have succeeded without firing a shot. The best element among our neighbours realized this, and never ceased throughout the whole course of the war to protest against this cruel and unnecessary conflict. But Canadians were fighting in self-defence, and their arm was thrice nerved with the consciousness of a just cause. In Upper Canada, as Ontario was then denominated, they sprang to arms under General Brock with the greatest enthusiasm, and captured the whole State of Michigan at the outset. Burning to avenge this defeat the Americans crossed the Niagara near Queenston in force, finding to oppose them only a small body of 300 men under Captain Dennis, who was compelled to retreat slowly. General Brock, who was near at hand, hearing the cannonading in the early morning, joined the Canadian troops and fell, mortally wounded at their head in charging up the heights. Meantime word had been sent to General Sheaffe, who was at Fort George, near the mouth of the Niagara, and who made a detour, approaching the Americans from the rear at the head of a body of soldiers and Indians to the number of about 1,000. The Canadians in the valley again charged up the hill, and the combined attack drove the Americans from their position and completely defeated them. Many prisoners were taken and the enemy discomfited.

Such a victory greatly raised the spirits of the loyal people of Canada, and in subsequent actions their success at Queenston stood them in good stead. The death of General Brock occasioned great sorrow, the sincerity of which was evidenced in after years by the erection of the magnificent monument on the heights near where he fell. The renewal of the monument at great cost after it had been destroyed by a miscreant was also a practical testimony of popular respect for the man and pride in the glorious event. To-day these scenes are being recalled in no vain-glorious spirit, but in honest, patriotic enthusiasm for deeds which saved this country when its existence as a portion of the British Empire was ruthlessly assailed.

The officers in attendance with the Emperor William at the Russian military manœuvres are believed to have been surprised at nothing so much as at the swimming exploits of the Russian soldiery. "Boots off!" exclaimed the colonel when his battalion reached the river bank. Then, making the sign of the cross, he plunged in himself, and the whole force followed him, swimming to the other side. Swimming, as a part of military drill, is not often heard of. The ancient Greeks, however, understood its value, and hence so few of them perished in the naval fight with Xerxes at Salamis.

Field Battery Efficiency Competition.

For the third year in succession No. 1 Battery of the First Brigade Field Artillery, Guelph, has won the proud title of the most efficient field battery in the Dominion, and receives the reward offered by the Dominion Artillery Association, the handsome silver cup annually presented by the Governor-General. Also for the third year in succession the Hamilton Field Battery was a close second, winning for one year the possession of the Lansdowne cup. A glance at the figures given below will show that both these batteries did excellently in every branch

of the competition, being very close all through, but Hamilton losing position in the firing practice. It is curious how close the contests have been between these two batteries for the past few years. In 1887 Hamilton was first, and when in 1888 Guelph wrested the honour away, Hamilton being a close second protested that the result would have been different had the signalling conditions been the same for the firing practice of both. Last year Hamilton lost because of the absence of some of the officers from inspection. This year the officers were on hand and took high marks for their part of the competition. The complete results, this week officially compiled, are as follows:—

Battery.	Officer Commanding.	Clothing and Accoutrements.	Guns, Carriages and Equipment.	Horses.	Harness and Harnessing.	Marching Past.	Gun Drill.	Sword Drill.	Field Manœuvres.	Discipline and Camping.	Officers.	N. C. Officers.	Per cent. of Score.	Reduction for Absentees.	Total.	Inspecting Officer.
	Full marks	12	16	12	16	15	28	8	16	12	40	64	100	....	339	
No. 1 1st Brigade.....	Major Nicoll.....	10	14	10	15	14	24	7	14	10	35	56	56.25	....	265.25	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
Hamilton	Major Van Wagner.....	11	16	11	16	14	26	6	13	12	38	63	41.43	....	264.43	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
Montreal	Lt.-Col. Stevenson.....	12	16	11	14	13	27	8	12	7	35	59	44.90	5	253.90	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
No. 2 1st Brigade.....	Major Davidson.....	8	14	9	15	12	22	7	12	11	38	61	41.90	11	239.90	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
Durham.....	Major McLean.....	10	10	10	14	13	24	6	12	10	29	56	40.97	....	234.97	Lt.-Col. Cotton.
Quebec.....	Major Lindsay.....	11	15	11	13	14	26	4	15	10	27	55	30.09	....	231.09	Lt.-Col. Montizambert.
Kingston.....	Major Drennan.....	12	16	9	15	13	22	4	12	11	27	49	40.50	....	217.50	Lt.-Col. Cotton.
Welland Canal.....	Major King.....	8	14	8	14	13	20	6	11	9	28	48	49.07	13	215.07	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
Newcastle.....	Lt.-Col. Call.....	8	12	11	12	13	23	..	12	7	35	35	37.73	....	205.73	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
Ottawa.....	Major Stewart.....	10	12	9	12	13	20	4	12	10	26	34	36.80	....	198.80	Lt.-Col. Cotton.
Sydney.....	Major McLeod.....	11	14	7	8	12	20	8	12	10	32	32	27.31	....	193.31	Lt.-Col. Montizambert.
Winnipeg.....	Major Coutlee.....	8	8	10	10	10	18	3	10	10	25	51	25.93	....	188.93	Lt.-Col. Cotton.
Gananoque.....	Lt.-Col. McKenzie.....	10	14	9	12	13	20	4	14	10	30	0	35.88	....	160.88	Lt.-Col. Cotton.
Shefford.....	Lt.-Col. Amyrauld.....	6	10	8	10	7	20	..	10	7	32	29	45.13	24	160.13	Lt.-Col. Montizambert.
Toronto.....	Major Mead.....	8	14	9	12	13	22	7	11	8	29	36	.....	4	.....	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
Woodstock.....	Major Dibblee.....	10	12	12	13	11	20	5	10	7	17	53	.....	.....	.....	Lt.-Col. Irwin.
London.....	Lt.-Col. Peters.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42.13	.....	.....	District Staff.

Correspondence.

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

ORDERLY-ROOM CLERKS AT THE SCHOOLS.

EDITOR MILITIA GAZETTE,—Is it not about time that something should be done for the orderly-room clerks of the schools of instruction? When a soldier receives the appointment of orderly-room clerk he is given extra pay at the rate of ten cents per diem, without any prospect of an increase. This is very poor encouragement indeed. It costs an O. R. C. a considerable amount to keep his uniform fresh and clean, as the bright scarlet jacket very soon becomes soiled and ink-stained. The position of O. R. C. is one of the greatest responsibility and trust, and it would not cost the Government a very large sum to give every O. R. C. the rank and pay of sergeant. In the Imperial service it is well understood that to obtain a good, trustworthy O. R. C. there must be some inducement offered, and the rank of sergeant with good pay is given. With the rank there is a dignity which pleases and makes a man proud of his appointment, and this prevents in a great measure the liability to gossip of things outside the office that should be held with the strictest privacy. And when the short period of service is considered, it is evident that to retain a good clerk he must be given some encouragement, while an extra ten cents is not quite tempting enough. It is evident that this matter requires looking into, and something should be done for this deserving class of men.

Thank you very much, Mr. Editor, for affording me so much of your valuable space.

JUSTICE.

P. S.—In a battalion the O. R. C. ranks as a staff-sergeant, whilst here in a school of instruction, which is the nucleus of a battalion, he is given no rank at all. The office work to be done in a school of instruction is immense, and I know from my own experience that the O. R. C. of the school of instruction has a great deal more hard work to do than a great many battalion O. R. Sergeants.—JUSTICE.

Rifle Competitions.

At the annual meeting of the Victoria County Rifle Association, held at Lindsay on the 9th inst., Major S. Hughes, of the 45th, distinguished himself by taking first prize in each of the two matches on the regular list. It is a characteristic of the Major to go straight to the mark, whether with the editorial pen (his business weapon) or the rifle. One of his two prizes was a cup presented by Dr. McKay, M.P.P.

The 57th Battalion had a formal presentation, after drill on Tuesday of last week, of the prizes won at the battalion matches the week previously. The ten best marksmen received cross-gun badges in addition to the prizes in kind presented by the friends of the corps. These were the ten: Pte. D. Cameron, Pte. J. Pentland, Pte. G. Fitzgerald, Sergt. Irwin, Pte. Curtis, Sergt. Blade, Pte. F. Hall, Pte. W. Wetheral, Pte. Musclow, Pte. W. A. Bell. The cup and \$10 offered as first prize in the company match went to E Company (Capt. Miller).

The twenty-third annual matches of the Cobourg Rifle Association were held on the 9th inst. The attendance was large and the shooting good. Among the visitors at the ranges were Lt.-Col. Graveley, of the 40th Battalion, and Col. Cornell, of the United States army. The prize list was one of the best ever offered by the association. The ranges were 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each. In the Militia match Sergt. George Archer, G.A., made the highest score and won the gold medal, the gift of the patroness, Mrs. J. Vance Graveley. In the Association match Corp. R. Lunn, G.A., made the highest score and won the challenge cup, the gift of Mr. William Rosamond. The grand aggregate for highest scores in the Militia and Association matches resulted as follows:—First, Corp. R. Lunn, G.A., Dominion silver medal; second, Sergt. George Archer, G.A., Dominion bronze medal; third, Pte. John E. Boswell, Ontario silver medal; fourth, Capt. A. J. Snelgrove, 40th Battalion, the Hopper cup.

The Cumberland (N.S.) Rifle Association's annual matches were held on the Amherst range on the 8th and 9th. Lt.-Col. M. B. Harrison was range officer. The shooting was very good, considering there was a fitful wind most of the time. Charles E. Lockhart, Leicester, won for this year the gold medal presented by Sir Charles Tupper, with a score of 87 points out of a possible 105. Ranges 200, 400, 500, seven shots. He was closely followed by Sergt. William Baird, Southampton,

86, then by Capt. J. Harrison 85, Wm. Morris 85, Sergt. Bedford Bent 84, Rufus Carter 83, Sergt. Thomas Trenholm 80, Quartermaster H. J. Harrison 77, El. McKay 77, Fred. Christie 77, F. A. Quigley 74, Bugler C. deL. Black 68. The silver medal presented by Col. C. J. Stewart—ranges 200 and 500, 7 shots, was won for this year by Charles Nelson, Mapleton, 58, followed by Sergt. B. Bent 55, Sergt. T. Trenholm 54, Rufus Carter 50, Capt. J. Harrison 49, Sergt. W. Baird 49, C. E. Lockhart 45, Fred Christie 45. The chief Nursery prizes—200 yards, 7 shots—were taken as follows:—1st, Thos. Trenholm, 19 points; 2nd, Robt. Allen, 19; 3rd, E. McKay, 16; 4th, Stanley Jenks, 13; 5th, N. M. Baird, 12.

BOWMANVILLE.

The West Durham Rifle Association held their matches at Bowmanville, Ont., on the 9th inst., with a large attendance. These were the aggregate winners, the two matches included having respectively seven shots at 200 and 500, and seven at 400 and 500 yards:—

Capt. W. S. Russell, 45th..... 123	Pte. D. Beach, 45th..... 115
Lieut. J. A. Williamson, 45th..... 123	Pte. J. Sando, 45th..... 115
Capt. W. Milligan, D.F.B..... 123	Pte. J. Lawrie, 45th..... 114
Sergt. W. M. Goodwin, 13th..... 121	Stf.-Sergt. J. B. Mitchel, 45th..... 114
Sergt. J. Horsey, 45th..... 118	Stf.-Sergt. N. S. Young, 45th..... 111
Sergt. W. C. King, 45th..... 118	Sergt. W. A. Mason, 57th..... 111
Pte. C. Windatt, 45th..... 117	

Capt. Russell won, beside the cash prize, the O. R. A. medal and the League challenge cup, with his top aggregate score. In the match at 400 and 500 yards Sergt. Goodwin of the 13th took first place with the great score of 68 out of the 70 possible. The weather conditions were faultless.

KINGSTON RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

At the annual matches of the Kingston Rifle Association, held on the 7th and 8th inst., great interest was taken in the battalion team match, which resulted in a win for the 14th Battalion, who led the 47th by 9 points. As the 47th took first place in the battalion match at the Dominion Rifle Association, the 14th are very proud of their victory. The test, however, was of quite a different character, consisting on this occasion of five shots at 400 and five at 500 yards, in place of seven at "Queen's ranges" at the D. R. A. meeting. The teams and their scores were:—

<i>14th Battalion.</i>		<i>47th Battalion.</i>	
Capt. Hora..... 46	Pte. Hilton..... 45	Sergt. Bartlett..... 40	Sergt. R. Baillie..... 37
Lieut. White..... 41	Sergt. R. Baillie..... 37	Sergt. Kimmerly..... 36	Sergt. Swaine..... 35
Sergt. Ross..... 41	Sergt. Kimmerly..... 36	Sergt. Swaine..... 35	
Pte. C. Hora..... 38			
Pte. A. Hora..... 36			
Total..... 202	Total..... 193		

A team from the Royal Military College made 161. The chief honour men of the meeting are thus shown by the aggregate prize list:—

D. R. A. medal and \$10, Sergt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt..... 129	Sergt. Huntington, 56th Batt..... 117
O. R. A. medal and \$5, F. Baillie..... 125	Capt. Cochrane, R.M.C..... 115
\$3 Lieut. White, 14th Batt..... 125	Cadet Panet..... 112
2 Pte. A. Hora, 14th Batt..... 121	Capt. Rivers, A Battery..... 112
Sergt.-Major Morgans, R.M.C..... 121	Pte. Gillespie, 14th Batt..... 108
Sergt. Baillie, 47th Batt..... 119	Sergt. Bartlett, 47th Batt..... 104
Capt. Hora, 14th Batt..... 117	Mr. M. Baillie..... 101

The meeting, which was under the direction of Lt.-Col. Cotton, President, and Capt. J. S. Skinner, Secretary, went off very pleasantly.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The annual rifle matches of the Q.O.R. were held on the Garrison commons on Saturday, when prizes to the value of \$1,100 (exclusive of challenge cups) were competed for. The competitors numbered 300, thus indicating the deep interest taken in rifle shooting by the members of the regiment. The weather in the morning was not good for shooting, being variable in light with a "choppy" wind, but cleared up during the afternoon, as evinced by the remarkably high scoring made. The rifle committee were: Major Delamere, chairman; Lieut. J. F. Crean and Lieut. J. H. Knifton, secretary. Staff-Sergt. Williams had charge of the statistics. The following gentlemen volunteered their services as range officers: Major Mason, R.G.; Capt. Evans, I.S.C., and Major Sankey, Q.O.R. The ex-members of the regiment were represented by a score or so of veterans, several of whom were amongst the earliest members of the regiment. Lieut.-Col. Gillmor was there, and appeared to take as lively interest as ever in his old corps. Lieut.-Col. Hamilton and a number of his officers also attended, and several of them obtained places in the prize list.

The following were the principal prize winners:—

Standing Match.—Open to all members of the regiment who have performed at least 50 per cent. of the regimental drills for the current year, or for that period in

which they have been members of the regiment. Range, 200 yards, standing. Number of rounds, five.

Lieut. Rennie, C..... 20	Pte. Wake, G..... 18
Sergt. Thorn, G..... 18	Pte. LeNoir, E..... 18
Bugler Robertson, E..... 18	Pte. Westman, A..... 17

Skirmishing and volley firing, to be competed for by teams of five officers, non-commissioned officers or men per company.

First—Skirmishing. Ranges, 100 to 400 yards. Rounds, 5 advancing and 5 retiring. Position, any. Prize, Victoria Rifles Challenge Cup. A Company, 133; F Company, 124; E Company, 118.

Second—Volley firing. Ranges and positions, 200 yards, standing; 400 yards, kneeling. Rounds, 5 at each range. Prize, Zimmerman Cup. A Company, 124; C Company, 119; B Company, 101.

Nursery Match—Open only to members of the regiment who have never won a prize at any battalion, provincial or Dominion match. Scores in general match to count. Ranges and positions, 200 yards, kneeling; 400 yards, any. Number of rounds, 5.

Pte. Palin, G..... 42	Pte. Green, A..... 37
Pte. Brown, B..... 41	Lieut. Wyatt, F..... 37
Bugler Cuthbert, A..... 40	Bdsmn. Timms, P..... 36
Bugler Robertson, E..... 39	Sergt. Langton, B..... 36
Corp. Capp, G..... 39	Pte. Higginbotham, I..... 35
Sergt. Creighton, B..... 38	

General Match—Open to all members of the regiment who have performed at least 50 per cent. of the regimental drills for the current year, or for that period in which they have been members of the regiment. Ranges and positions, 200 yards, kneeling; 400 and 500 yards, any, with head to target. Number of rounds, 5.

Corp. Cunningham, D..... 67	Pte. Taylor, C..... 59
Corp. Gilby, C..... 66	Col.-Sergt. Cooper, B..... 59
Sergt. Bailey, E..... 65	Sergt. Vicars, C..... 58
Lieut. Crean, I..... 63	Sergt. Sanson, G..... 58
Pte. Palin, G..... 63	Sergt. Gorrie, A..... 58
Corp. Mathews, E..... 62	Pte. Blainey, D..... 58
Pte. Brown, B..... 61	Col.-Sergt. Crooks, K..... 57
Sergt. Duncan, A..... 61	Bugler Libby, G..... 56
Pte. Hutchinson, C..... 60	Bugler Jenkins, H..... 56
Sngle-Sergt. Wood, D..... 60	Corp. McNeill, A..... 56
Lieut. Knifton, E..... 60	Pte. Davison, F..... 56
Corp. Meadows, A..... 59	Sergt. McNeill, A..... 56
Sergt. Agnew, F..... 59	Sergt. Thorn, G..... 56
Lieut. Rennie, C..... 59	

The Gillmor—Open only to members who served in the regiment under the command of Lieut.-Col. Gillmor. Scores made in match No. 5 to decide. Lieut. Knifton, 60. Prize presented by Lieut.-Col. Gillmor.

Trowern Medal Match—Open to all members of the regiment. "E. M. Trowern Medal." To be awarded to the member making the highest score at 500 yards in match No. 5. To be won twice in succession. Corp. Cunningham, D, 25; Sergt. Bailey, E, 25; Corp. Gilby, C, 25. Tie to be shot off next Saturday.

Company Team Match—Open to all members of the regiment. In first-class, the ten highest aggregate scores made in match No. 5 in each company to decide. In second-class, the highest aggregate score made by five previously named members of any company in match No. 5. First-class, A Company, 559; second-class, C Company, 298.

Queen's Rifle Association Match—Open only to members of the regiment who competed in the Ontario Rifle Association or Dominion Rifle Association matches this season. Scores made at 600 yards in the aggregate match to decide, but no competitor will be allowed to select two D. R. A. or two O. R. A. medals. Sergt. McNeill, A, D. R. A. medal, 1890, 32; Corp. Meadows, A, O. R. A. medal, 1890, 30.

Ex-Members' Match—Open to all ex-members of the regiment who are not members of any other corps. Ranges, 400 and 500 yards. Position, same as in match No. 5. Rounds, 5 at each range. Ex-Sergt. Chaytor, 40; ex-Pte. Schmidt, 38; ex-Corp. Staston, 33; ex-Pte. Miles, 35; ex-Pte. A. D. McLean, 32.

Officers' Match—Score in aggregate match to count. Lieut. Rennie, C, 98.

Sergeants' Match—Score in aggregate match to count. Sergt. A. McNeill, 102.

Revolver Match—7 rounds at 25 yards, standing off-hand. Staff-Sergt. Harp, 40; Lieut. M. S. Mercer, 35; Staff-Sergt. Ashall, 35; Lieut. J. F. Crean, 34; Capt. Pellat, 33; Lieut. T. Coleman, 32; Col.-Sergt. Crooks, 30; Lieut. P. Rennie, 30; Pte. Maclean, 27; Sergt. Agnew, 26.

Regimental and Other News.

The Duffern Rifles of Brantford, who were expected to join with the Toronto corps in a great sham fight on Thanksgiving day, are thought likely to decline on account of the expense.

The troopers of No. 2 Troop, 5th Regiment of Cavalry, waited upon their popular Captain, Jas. F. Morkill, at the Magog House, Sherbrooke, lately and presented him with a handsome sword and sword belt, accompanying it with expressions of their esteem, and Capt. Morkill returned thanks for the handsome present in fitting terms.

The Lt.-Colonelcy of the Governor General's Foot Guards, vacant since his departmental duties called for the retirement of Lt.-Col. Tilton, is likely to be conferred soon upon Major A. H. Todd. When that officer held a company in the regiment it was always the best, and with the same skilful management applied to the battalion it should take high rank among the crack corps of the Dominion.

The Militia Department will call for volunteers from A and B Batteries, R. C. A., to fill the seventy vacancies which there will be in C Battery's strength of 100 when the service term expires next week. The contingent will be transported to the Pacific coast in colonist sleepers by the C. P. R., and, as was the case three years ago, the company will

be asked to provision the soldiers. The Government offers a bonus of ten cents per day extra for service in British Columbia, where wages are much higher than in eastern Canada.

In the list of winners in the Officers' competition at the Garrison Artillery meeting at Orleans recently, the name "Lieut Easton" incorrectly appeared in place of that of Lieut. H. W. Freeman, Halifax Garrison Artillery, who won the third prize.

Halifax.

The 63rd Battalion (six companies), with band and bugles, paraded 240 strong out of 270, on the evening of the 8th, at the drill shed, Halifax, in review order, for inspection by the D. A. G. and staff. The *Chronicle* says: "The men of this old and reliable battalion looked clean and well set up, and were complimented by the inspecting officer, who stated that he was well satisfied with them in every particular, and was always pleased to see them on parade, as he could depend upon them in any emergency, whenever called upon. The 63rd Battalion is the second oldest regiment in Canada, and many officers of other corps in this city have been trained and learned their duty in its ranks. Their band, which is in splendid order under Bandmaster Hanson, also came in for a share of the honours. The battalion had a march out after the inspection, and presented a fine appearance."

The 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers were inspected by Lieut. Col. Worsley after the attack made on Halifax on Wednesday, September 26th, when the parade was 306 strong. The regiment paraded at 6.30 a. m., and after the return from the defence at 10.30, were until after twelve kept steadily on the move until the inspection was finished. The inspecting officer expressed himself as well pleased with the manner in which the various movements were performed.

On Tuesday evening, 7th inst., the regiment paraded for full dress inspection and for roll call by the district paymaster. On this occasion 310 of the members of the regiment answered to the roll call, and were minutely inspected by the district staff. After the completion of the inspection Col. Worsley in addressing the officers and men, stated that he was much pleased to observe the steady improvement made in the physique, drill and appearance of the regiment, and that he considered it the best infantry regiment in the province. He thanked them for the large parade on the occasion of the attack, and complimented the Lieut.-Col. on the splendid regimental band, which mustered 34 strong. The officers have lately imported a pioneer outfit, and this was used for the first time at the inspection. After the inspection the prizes won at the battalion matches were presented.

Montreal.

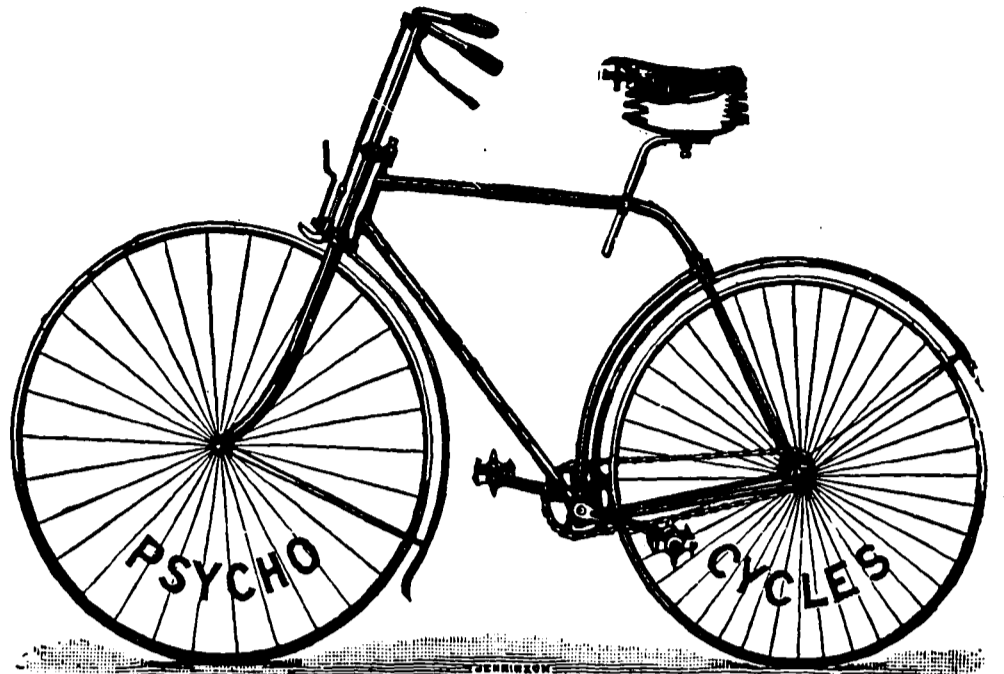
The monument to the late Dr. Samuel, accidentally shot while on duty with the Victoria Rifles during the small-pox riots of 1885, was unveiled on Saturday afternoon in the presence of a sympathetic gathering of friends, military and civilian. Drawn up in three sides of a square there stood in open order a detachment of the Victoria Rifles and commanding officers of sister corps, the volunteers having met at the Vics' armoury and marched to the cemetery by the way of Cathcart street, Union avenue, Sherbrooke street, Park avenue and Fletcher's field. The officers of the Victoria Rifles present were Lt.-Col. Henshaw, in command, Major Radiger, Major Starke, Capts. Becket, Busted, Meakins, Lieuts. Badgley, Guy, Townshend, Pope, Stewart, and Surgeon Campbell, whilst other battalions were represented by Lt.-Cols. Massey, Crawford, Caverhill, Davidson, Major McArthur, Capts. Ibbotson, Des Troismaisons, Desnoyers, Pelletier, Lieut. Roy, and Sergt.-Major Gauthier. At the request of Rev. Canon Ellegood, chaplain of the Vics, Rev. James Barclay, of whose congregation Dr. Samuel was a member, pulled aside the Canadian flag with which the monument was veiled, the Vics at the same time presenting arms and their band sending forth the grandly solemn strains of the "Dead March" in Saul. Rev. Canon Ellegood then repeated the Lord's Prayer, and as his voice fell on the still autumn air, which was disturbed by scarce a sound, save the rustling of the leaves as they gently fell from overhead, the words were reverently taken up by those who, with bowed heads, stood around. Canon Ellegood and Rev. Mr. Barclay both delivered addresses suited to the solemn occasion, and the gathering dispersed.

THE SCOTS AT SUPPER.

C Company of the Fifth Royal Scots, Montreal, whose annual rifle matches we noted last week, celebrated the close of their season by a supper on Saturday evening, 4th inst., the company officers being the hosts. The affair took place at Welsh & Rough's, and about fifty sat down and partook of a tempting meal. Capt. E. B. Ibbotson occupied the chair, the vice chairs being filled by Lieut. Ibbotson and Colour-Sergeant O'Brien. The guests present were Lt.-Col. Caverhill, Majors Lyman, Hood and Blaiklock, Capts. Strathy, Cameron, Rankin, Lydon, and Foulis, Dr. St. J. Frank Blake Campbell (1st Cheshire Corps Royal Engineers), Dr. Bell, Surgeon 6th Fusiliers, Capt. Busted, 3rd Vics,

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Messrs. Fred Campbell and A. Ware, Sergt.-Major Niven, Col.-Sergts. Allan and White and Sergt. W. Brown. The evening, which was spent very happily, was occupied with songs, speeches and recitations. Piper McCowan supplied the pipe music and Col.-Sergt. O'Brien presided at the piano. It was a fitting way of celebrating the conclusion of a hard year's work, and all regretted that they had to break company. The best of harmony and good will has existed between the officers and men during the year just closed. The singing of "God Save the Queen" and "Auld Lang Syne" ended the programme.

Toronto.

THE QUEEN'S OWN.

The Benedict sergeants of the Queen's Own Sergeants' Mess dined the Bachelor sergeants at the mess rooms on Monday evening of last week, this being the outcome of the second match of the series. About fifty sat down to the tables, which groaned under the weight of the good things provided by the "old uns," and certainly the decorations and setting of the tables reflected great credit upon the committee, who left no stone unturned to eclipse the spread previously tendered by the Bachelors.

Col.-Sergt. George made a very pleasing chairman, and was ably supported in the vice-chair by Staff-Sergt. Ashall. The guests of the evening were Major Delamere, Lieut. Knifton, Lieut. Crean, and Lieut. Wyatt.

After the tables had been cleared and the toast of "The Queen" had been received with such honours as only volunteers know how to accord, Major Delamere was called upon to make a few remarks, which he did in his usual happy style. He advocated shorter ranges and also movable targets, giving many substantial reasons in support of his idea.

Sergt. Crichton, when called upon for a song, gave the "Old Brigade" with good effect. The other songs during the evening were: "A Capital Ship," by Lieut. Wyatt; "A Soldier and a Man," by Lieut. J. F. Crean, and also one from Lieut. Knifton, who, in response to a call for a speech, took revenge upon the mess by going to the piano and making ample amends.

The song of the evening was rendered by Sergt. Woods, introducing quite a few members of the mess. I will give two of the best known for the benefit of the readers of the GAZETTE, many of whom will be able to appreciate the hits:—

Ashall Bill dressed up to kill with his plug of '36,
If you don't want to pay for another match the scores you'll have to fix.
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If he's holding dead on he will tell you to take just outside the magpie line.

Then there is Harp who looks so sharp when he makes a great big score,
After his lapse at Ottawa you would think that he'd shoot no more.
They thought that he'd win, so to encourage him every one clapped and hollered.
When he couldn't win first in shooting the tie second prize he should have collared.

Fearful of trespassing upon the space of the GAZETTE I will reserve my report of the regimental match until next issue, as without doubt the most successful match ever fired upon the Garrison ranges took place Saturday, scores being exceptionally high.

BREECH BLOCK.

There were 478 at last week's parade.

The band's efforts during the drills are much appreciated.

It helped the funds of the band concert not a little to have the regimental rifle match prizes presented there.

Sergt. Langton, of B company, has by regimental order been declared entitled to the drill instruction badge.

K company, "burned out" at the Varsity fire, parade in mufti, plus arms and accoutrements.

A church parade is ordered for next Sunday, the 19th inst.

Recruit class entries are closed for the season.

THE GRENADIERS.

Enthusiasm over the proposed Thanksgiving Day sham-fight is not so prevalent as it might be, many of the men thinking that the trip will prove too expensive. An effort will be made to remove the difficulty.

Nearly all the companies are expected to enter for the Cumberland Cup efficiency competition.

Capt. Eliot gets the credit of having had the best company on parade this fall to date.

These appointments have been put in orders: To be Sergeant, Lance.-Corp. W. Gurney, G Company, vice Hyde, left city. To be Corporals provisionally, Pte. A. Borland, G Company; Pte. J. W. Hargroves, G Company. To be Lance Corporals in G Company, Ptes. J. H. Forrester, R. J. Hill, A. McDonald and J. Terry.

The regiment had a church parade on Sunday, 12th inst., and all ranks turned out splendidly for the occasion, which, after all was one of disappointment, for the Minister of Militia, in whose honour the parade was fixed for the day, was unfortunately prevented from attending, by a family bereavement which called him to Quebec just as he was about to

start on his trip to Toronto. Sir Adolphe telegraphed his regrets to Col. Dawson.

At 3.15 o'clock the Grenadiers, who were handsomely attired in their showy uniforms, mustered in Queen's Park, and headed by their fine band, marched to St. Andrew's church via College, Beverley and King, where the service was held. The men presented a very taking appearance, and crowds of people lined the route of the march. Arriving at the church, which was surrounded by a dense mass of people, a simple but at the same time effective service was rendered. Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, the pastor of the church, repeated the Lord's Prayer, after which the 100th psalm was sung with telling effect. Reading of the Scriptures followed, which was supplemented by a hymn. The popular and highly gifted pastor then delivered a powerful and effective sermon from Romans xvii., 12, and urged upon his listeners to be not only soldiers of the world, but soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The building was filled to the doors, and the Rev. Mr. Macdonnell's remarks were listened to with marked respect and attention. The band of the regiment had practised with the choir, and played the accompaniment to the hymns. The result was grandly impressive. At the conclusion of the service the regiment, headed by the band, which played an inspiring air, marched to the drill shed and dispersed. Everyone was delighted with the parade, which was certainly one of the finest ever seen in Toronto. The parade statement was as follows:—

Staff—Col. Dawson in command, Majors Harrison and Mason, Adjutant Manley, Surgeon Ryerson, Assistant Surgeon King, Quartermaster Tassie.

A Company—Capt. Hay, Capt. and Lieut. MacLean, 4 sergeants, 38 men.

B Company—Capt. Howard, Lieuts. Cameron and MacMahon, 2 sergeants, 40 men.

C Company—Capt. Caston, Lieut. Windeyer (attached), 4 sergeants, 30 men.

D Company—Capt. Morrow, Lieuts. Lowe and MacLennan, 3 sergeants, 36 men.

E Company—Capt. Harston, Lieut. MacKay, 4 sergeants, 31 men.

F Company—Capt. Eliot, Lieut. Heward, 5 sergeants, 41 men.

G Company—Capt. Michie, Lieut. Kemp (attached), 3 sergeants, 24 men.

H Company—Capt. Trotter, Lieut. Denroche (attached), 3 sergeants, 30 men.

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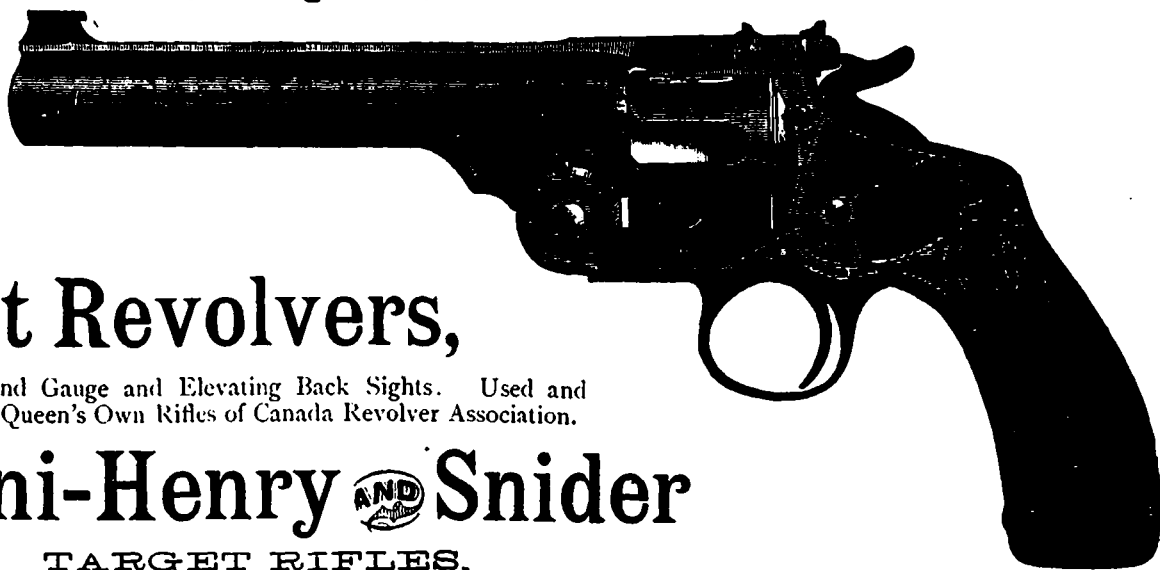
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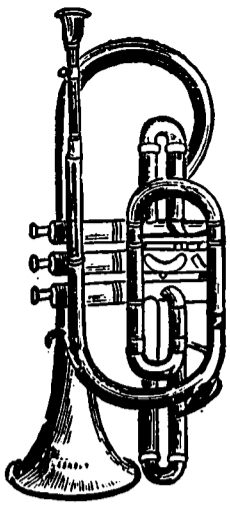
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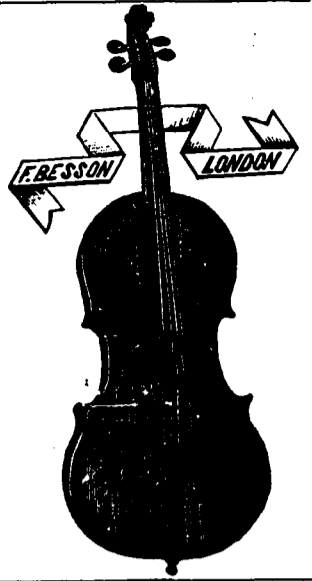
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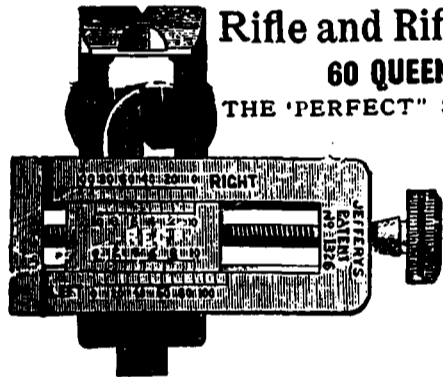
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