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Topics of the Week.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of the season's greeting from Lieut.-Col. Henshaw and officers, from the Sergeants, and from No. 1 company of the Victoria Rifles of Canada. The cards bearing the greetings are models in design and execution. The officers' card is particularly valuable as a souvenir, containing as it does their photographs grouped in miniature.

As will be seen in the Militia General Orders elsewhere in this issue, the following officers of the Active Militia have been appointed as extra Aides-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor-General, namely: Lieut.-Col. P. Landry, 61st Montmagny and L'Islet Batt.; Lieut.-Col. J. R. Armstrong, New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery; Lieut. Col. J. Pennington Macpherson, late Governor-General's Foot Guards; Lieut.-Col. A. E. Curran, Halifax Garrison Artillery; Lieut. Col. G. D. Dawson, 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. E. G. Prior, M.P., British Columbia Brigade Garrison Artillery; Major C. J. Short, Regiment Canadian Artillery; Major Prevost, 65th Batt., Montreal. Up to the present time it has been the custom for extra Aides-de-Camp to attend His Excellency and to assist the staff on occasions of state. They, as a rule, have been selected mainly on personal grounds. Lord Stanley has departed from the precedent by selecting the above named officers, representing battalions and batteries from various military districts and from different provinces, and all being officers of high standing and good service in the militia. It will be noticed that in making his selections His Excellency has chosen two officers from French-Canadian regiments, a fact which no doubt will be pleasing to the members of the force belonging to that nationalty. These appointments are purely honorary, the officers receiving no emolument. The course taken by His Excellency in making the selection upon the principle just described will, we are sure, be recognized throughout the service as one in the right direction, and will give encouragement to officers in the higher ranks of the service. His Excellency is a practical soldier, having served a number of years in the army, and, as our readers are aware, has filled the office of Secretary of State for War. Naturally enough, then, he takes great personal interest in the militia of the Dominion.

The establishment of an Imperial naval defence force is warmly advocated by the Admiralty and Horse Guards Gasette, a recent issue of which contained the following:—"Colonials are inclined to think that they ought to be put upon a favoured footing as regards trade, and they for the most part believe that British work should be given to British

children, and not to aliens, although they might perform it at a few farthings less. Germany is in sympathy with the colonial view in this respect, and is fast growing in favour and extending her influence in the Pacific, and by her rapidly increasing marine will doubtless be well able to maintain if not to add to the trade she has already acquired. As regards 'the Dominion,' we are glad, to learn from private letters that the Canadians are evidencing their strong loyalty to the mother country, and we think that this patriotic feeling should not be allowed to die out, but should lead to some response on our part, and possibly no better step could be taken that that of issuing a Royal decree for the enrolment of an Imperial naval volunteer defence force. Canada possesses a large mercantile marine, and the enrolment of such a force would give practical effect to the federation so long and vainly talked of. The creation of an Imperial naval volunteer force would also find favour in our Australasian colonies, and would materially strengthen the hands of the New Zealand Government in its attempt to augment the number of her naval volunteer artillery, and reduce the expense she is now incurring by a somewhat similar but highly-paid body which is beyond her present means to conveniently support. A trade federation is for the time surrounded by difficulties, but the union of the naval volunteers of the empire so as to form one powerful marine force would pave the way for that more complete union between the mother country and her colonies which is in every respect so desirable.

The Equipment of the Artillery Schools.

From the time in 1871, when Imperial troops were withdrawn from Quebec, until his departure, Colonel Strange, to whom the duty was confided of forming a Canadian battery, has repeatedly urged the establishment of an artillery school on a larger scale. And here, in connection with the transfer of the citadel by the Imperial to the Canadian authorities, might be stated a coincidence. The two first regiments to enter Quebec after its capitulation by the French, in 1759, were the last to leave it in 1871. To an officer and detachment of the Royal Artillery, escorted by the 6th Royal American Rifles, was given the honor of hoisting the British flag at the conquest, and upon the withdrawal of the Imperial troops from Quebec, the Union Jack was handed over to Col. Strange by a detachment of the R. A. and the 6oth Rifles.

To return to our two artillery schools. In his report for 1878, General Smythe, who is getting tired of hoping to see something in his day, which, to judge by past results, his successors may never see, says: "I here repeat suggestions I made in previous reports. * * * An increase to the artillery in Quebec and Kingston, where there are important works of defence and a large armament." Colonels Irwin and Strange again join in the hunt for a field battery at the schools, the former with—"I have again to repeat my former recommendations as to the increase of the field battery establishment of horses. When every other facility exists for proper instruction in field battery drills and duties, it is to be regretted that in this particular the means of proper instruction have been so long withheld." What the latter says is word for word the same as in previous years, so it is hardly worth repeating. The

point is rather that he persists in drawing the government's attention to his want.

The necessity for an instructional field battery was again urged in 1879 by General Smythe, who recommends "that there should be an addition to each battery of twelve horses, to horse all four field guns instead of only two as at present with eight horses; the addition of twelve provides for mounting the four Nos. 1, without which the battery is not efficient." Who ever saw a battery—even a demi-one—with no mounted No. 1? No horses for instructor, trumpeter, officer, n.c.o.'s—a fine turn out truly. Col. Irwin follows up with: "I would again refer to my previous recommendation—an increase to the field battery establishment." Col. Strange briefly states: "I shall not reiterate previous recommendations; suffice to say the wants and circumstances of the school remain the same."

1880 brought Gen. Luard to the country, and with him the first consideration was "an increase of horses sufficient to enable a four gun field battery to be worked." This year also witnessed the changing of the batteries from Kingston to Quebec. Whether the Kingstonians had discovered something which the authorities had failed to I know not, but in his report on the Artillery School at Kingston Col. Strange says: "The offer of sixteen horses on loan from the Kingston Street Car Company will, I trust, be accepted. No charge for hire is asked, the forage being the only cost to Government. This would enable a complete field battery of instruction to be established this winter."

As Inspector of Artillery it became Colonel Strange's duty to inspect the artillery in Ontario, and in his report upon the Ontario field artillery for 1880, we find that "officers can state that since the removal of the Royal Artillery there has not been a complete field battery of instruction in the Dominion, and with some show of reason despise the training of a field artillery school with eight horses, where one sick or lame horse stops the entire field instruction."

"The efficiency of the instruction," says Col. Irwin in his report for 1881 upon the Quebec school, "in equitation and field battery drills has been greatly impaired by the want of a sufficient number of horses. Of the eight battery horses allowed, three were disposed of in July, and owing to the failure of the government contractors to replace them by horses suitable for artillery purposes, the battery is still this number short of the required number." For six months, then, this practical school for the instruction of field artillery could turn out one gun, just what "Tap" desires to have for his schools!

The schools saw an important change in 1882. General Strange retired, Col. Irwin taking command of the two batteries, including the eleven horses, which were formed into "the Regiment of Canadian Artillery." Colonel Cotton, one of the new commandants of the schools, leads off with "two more horses are needed to turn out the field battery division in proper order and allow for casualties." General Luard simply urges the necessity of considering the recommendations submitted by him during the previous year. General Strange, as a parting shot, thinks it not "desirable to occupy space with recommendations made in past years, which have not been adopted."

The years 1883 and 1884 are blanks except for a short remark from General Middleton, recommending an addition of four horses to the battery at Kingston. Col. Cotton, writing from Kingston in 1885, says: "I desire to strongly recommend that the establishment of horses be increased in order to equip for instructional purposes at least two guns. * * in all thirty horses."

Gen. Middleton, in 1886, is of opinion that these schools "should have horses enough to horse two guns and waggons complete, as it is impossible to teach field battery drill properly without that, and each school should have the full equipment for four guns in their possession." Col. W. T. Irwin, who as Inspector of Artillery has not altered from the views he held when he commanded "A" Battery, says: "The establishment of horses for each of 'A' and 'B' Batteries requires consideration. In order to provide for an efficient field battery division of two guns each at least 26 horses are required as the establishment, and for general instructional purposes this number is not excessive." Col W. H. Cotton "again strongly urges the necessity of increasing the horses of 'A' Battery to 28.

* * This is the lowest establishment possible with any pretence to efficiency and affording proper facilities for practical work in the field." Col. C. Montizambert says

that "the number of horses allowed the mounted divisions of the schools is insufficient, and should be increased."

General Sir F. Middleton, in 1887, says: "With regard to 'A' and 'B' batteries, I would beg to point out that the present organization of only two guns in each school is not a good one, two guns only not being sufficient for proper instructions in field artillery, and I would recommend that each school should have four guns, fully horsed."

Colonel Cotton says of the last camp (1887) at Kingston: "The field artillery division, with two guns and nine horses, joined the brigade camp in June, 1887, but owing to the small number of horses little or no drill could be done." Where is your school a "model," as the authorities call it, "in the largest sense?" And for this officers and men attend short courses, "two guns," "nine horses," little or no drill."

(" Tap" would prefer one gun!)

As a curiosity, and to show how ltttle the advice of professional men are heeded in militia matters, let me just give you the number of times which this question has been fruitlessly brought, during the past sixteen years, to the attention of the authorities: Col. Robertson Ross, A. G., 2; Col. Strange, I. of A., 9; Col. Irwin, I. of A., 10; General Smythe, G. O. C., 4; General Luard, G. O. C., 1; General Middleton, G. O. C., 3; Colonel Cotton, Asst. I. of A., 4; Colonel Montizambert, I. of A., 1. Total, 34.

LINCHPIN.

Our National Defences: True Patriots.

[Edgar Lee—In United Service Gazette.]]
While murky danger filled the air, in eighteen eighty-eight,
Fourteen stout patriots sat them down in solemn, stern debate:
Seven soldiers and seven sailors bold, who rove upon the sea,
And there was, too, his Lordship true who rules the Queen's Navee.

The soldiers brave sat round the board—the Duke was at its head; He listened with a muffled groan to all his colleagues said. "Alas," quoth he, "I quite agree, and fully recognise Your argument; but Parliament won't grant us more supplies.

"Hamley, good man, evolves a plan our London to secure Against the foe; and well I know his scheme is sound and sure. But vain's the task, for, if we ask for cash, we shall be told The Government can give advice but cannot give us gold.

"My trusty Roberts, on my right, has proved in language plain That India may be lost to us in one short, sharp campaign; 'Tis very sad, 'tis much too bad, the state of things I rue—But perhaps you chaps will tell me what the deuce I am to do?

"I've talked about our lack of strength until I'm faint and hoarse; I've raved and stormed, but things are left to take their own sweet course. The hoodwinked nation stands at ease, while daily round it grows A thicker sheaf of spear points, a denser cloud of foes."

Then up spoke Redvers Buller, the hero of Natal:
"Break through the ring incapable, the peddlers of Pall Mall;
United, let us shriek our views into the Commons' ears,
While H.R.H. in thunder tones assails the House of Peers."

And so these gallant men arrange their programme with a will, And strive to shield their country from the powers that work her ill; But if all the English redcoats were together to combine They'd have the same old nut to crack in eighteen eighty-nine.

Now glance we on the other side, on tars with cheeks aflame. The thrice-told tale's repeated, the tale of deathless shame; The tale of a mighty empire girding the planet wide, The Sea God's trident as her crest and ocean as her pride.

List while ye hear of guns that burst, of ships that leaping mock At the helm's control, while the billows roll and deliver a deadly shock; Of the steam and sail that with favouring gale can ten knots bare complete, While a French third-rate scuds past elate and the sea-dog's whelp is beat.

The flag is still the same grand flag, the flag that won renown At Cape la Hogue, Trafalgar, at the Nile and Camperdown. "But the ships," shouts Beresford, "are too few; we want not words but acts." And stout old Symonds dares Lord G. to contradict his facts.

Lord Alcester, Admiral Elliott, and all the seamen tried, Upbraid their calm official head and will not be denied. "Speak to the nation of its fleet, proclaim its parlous plight, And trust the good old country to do what seems it right."

For from the Hebrides to Cowes, from Cardigan to Kent, Did once Great Britain understand her grave predicament, The smag, half-hearted Whitehall men, the blind and red-tape gang, Would have to go instanter, or if they stopped would hang.

The Naval and Military Resources of the Colonies.—VI.

By Robert O'Byrne, F.R.G.S., in A. and H. G. Gazette.

[In reproducing this interesting series of papers we omit that having reference to Canada, which immediately preceded the paper now published, and consisted merely of extracts from the last annual reports of the Department.—Ed. C. M. G.]

It will be well, before proceeding further with this subject, to give our readers a general view of our colonial possessions, with their area,

population, date of acquisition and form of government.

Our oldest possession in Europe is Gibraltar, which we finally captured in 1704. It is small, its area in square miles being only 178, with a population of 24,139. In 1800 we acquired Malta and Gozo, with an area of 117 miles and a population of 159,231. Heligoland, which we acquired in 1807, has an areage of three-quarters of a square mile, with a population of 2,001—thus making our total European possessions of a colonial character 1195% square miles in areage and 185,371

in population.

Asia supplies us with an areage of 1,845,3663/4 miles and a population of 261,201,491. Our oldest possession is that of India, which we commenced to acquire in 1625, going on adding thereto till 1885, and bringing our areage to 1,064,720 square miles and a population of 201,755,993. Next comes the Straits Settlements, in 1785, with an areage of 1,472 square miles and 506,000 population; Ceylon, 1796, areage 25,364, population 2,850,000; Aden, 1838, areage 66 miles, 34,711 population; North Borneo, 1840, areage 27,500, 175,000 population; Hong Kong, 1843, areage 30 miles, population 200,990; Labuan, 1846, areage 30 miles, population 6,298; Perim, 1855, areage 4½ miles, population 150; Keeling Islands, areage 8 miles, population 400; Cyprus, 1878, areage 3,584 miles, population 186,173.

Africa represents a total areage of 429,183 and a population of 2,799.999, the details of which are as follows:—St. Helena (acquired 1651), areage 47 miles, population 5,085; Sierra Leone, 1787, areage 468, population 60,546; Mauritius, 1810, areage 708 miles, population 361,404; Tristan d'Acunha, 1818, areage 45 miles, population 94; Ascension, 1815, areage 35 miles, population 200; Gambia, 1831, areage 69, population 14,150; Natal, 1838, areage 18,750, population 442,697; Cape of Good Hope, 1806-77, areage 219,700, population 1,252,347; Gold Coast, 1861, areage 15,000, population, 400,000; Lagos, 1861, areage 10,711, population 87,165; Socotra, 1875, areage 1,000, population 4,000; Bechananaland, 1885, areage 162,000, population

tion 44,135.

America yields us an average of 3,648,140, and a population of 6,215,005, viz.: Newtoundland (1583), areage 40,200, population, 197,335; Barbadoes (1605), areage 166, population 173,522; Windward Islands (1605-1803), areage 623, population 149,535; Bermudas (1609) areage 20, population 15,177; Canada (1623-1760), areage 3,470,392, population 4,450,000; Leeward Islands (1626-1763), areage 479, population 122,769; Jamaica and Turk's Island (1629-55), areage 4,424, population 585,582; Honduras (1783-86), areage 7,562, population 27,452; Trinidad (1797), areage 1,754, population 178,270; Guinea (1803), areage 109,000, population 270,042; Falkland Islands (1833)

Australasia shows a grand total of 3,270,232 square miles, and a population of 3,667,811, thus distributed: Victoria (1787), areage 87,884 square miles, population 1,003,043; New South Wales and Norfolk Islands (1787), areage 325,000 miles, the population 1,001,966; Western Australia (1829) areage 1,060,000 miles, population 39,584; South Australia (1836) areage 903,690 miles, population 312,758; Tasmania (1803), areage 26,215, population 137,211; New Zealand (1841), areage 104,458 miles, population 589,386; Queensland (1859), areage 668,497 miles, population 322,853; New Guinea (1884), areage 86,457,

population 135,000.

areage 6,500, population 1,800.

The Empire of Great Britain holds in its Colonies and Dependencies 9,193,04136 areage of square miles, and a population of 274,069,677. Gibraltar, a rocky promontory commanding the entrance to the

Mediterranean, is held merely as a place of arms, there being no trade, and is governed by the General commanding the garrison, who usually has under his orders from 5,000 to 6,000 British soldiers.

Malta, an island of the Mediterranean, fifty-eight miles from Sicily,

with an excellent harbour, is garrisoned by 5,880 men.

Heligoland is simply valuable to us as a pied a terre in the North Sea. Passing on into our Asiatic possessions, as we have already our military resources in India; we may consider Ceylon in its naval and military resources. The harbor of Trincomalee, on the West Coast, is the headquarters of the British fleet in East Indian waters. It is fortified, and the fortifications are being strengthened at the cost of the Imperial Government. The harbor of Colombo, on the West Coast, is also to be protected, the colony bearing the cost of the erection of earthworks,

and the Imperial Government supplying the armament. Ceylon has no naval forces of its own. The British troops are under the command of a major-general, and comprise a regiment of British infantry, artillery, and engineers. There is a volunteer force numbering 912 of all ranks, a force, considering its population, which might be considerably increased

if required.

North Borneo, an independent territory occupying the northern part of the Island of Borneo, and situated nearly mid-way between Hong Kong and Port Darwin, in Australia, is a mountainous interior, one point being 13,700 feet high, but most of the surface is good. The ordinary revenue of the colony is derived chiefly from the excise licenses, which are farmed out, and from land revenue. The territory is under the jurisdiction of the British North Borneo Company, being held under a grant from the Sultan of Brunei. The cession was confirmed by royal charter in 1881; and the territory is administered by a Board of directors in London appointed under the charter. The appointment of a governor is subject to the approval of the secretary of state. For administrative purposes the whole district is divided into four provinces. About 200,000 acres have been alienated by the government on leases for 999 years. The revenue proper represented in 1884, \$82,449; in 1885, \$110,482; and in 1886, \$127,781. The land sales in 1884, \$16,458; in 1885, \$2,860; and in 1886, \$12,034. The expenditure in 1884, £242,450; in 1885, £241,898; and in 1886, £218,061. The exports in 1884, \$262,735; in 1885, \$401,641; and in 1886, \$524,724. The imports in 1884, \$481,443; in 1885, \$608,318; and in 1886, \$849,115. Most of the trade is carried on through Singapore with Great Britain and the colonies. The chief products are timber, sago, rice, gum, pepper, gumbia, gutta-percha, tobacco, tapioca, sweet potatoes. Coal and gold have been found. A flourishing timber trade is stated to have been opened with China. Shipping entered in 1886 represented 29,298 tons; cleared, 38,834 tons. There is no public debt.

The Straits Settlements, which comprise Singapore, Penang (including Province Wellesley), and Malacca, were transferred from the control of the Indian Government to that of the Secretary of State for the Colonies on April 1, 1867. The Colos Islands were placed under the Straits Settlements by letters patent, dated Feb. 1, 1886. The administration of the colony is in the hands of a governor, aided by an executive council, composed of the officer commanding the troops, the colonial secretary, the resident councillors of Penang and Malacca, the attorney-general, the treasurer, the auditor-general, the colonial engineer, and the commissioner of lands. The revenue in 1887 was estimated at £657,541, and the expenditure at £651,350. The public debt of the colony amounted to about £40,700, and the expenditure for military purposes to £43,189. The Straits ports are wholly free from duties on imports and exports, and their trade, centered at Singapore, is to a large extent a transit trade. The chief exports comprise tin, sugar, pepper, nutmegs, maize, sago, tapioca, rice, buffalo hides and horns, rattans, gutta-percha, india-rubber, gambia, gum, coffee, dye-stuffs, tobacco, etc. Of these the only articles produced to any considerable extent are gambia and pepper in Singapore, tapioca chiefly in Malacca and Province Wellesley; rice, in Madras and Province Wellesley; and sugar, in Province Wellesley. In the province an attempt has been made recently, and with some success, to cultivate the tea plant. Among the leading imports are cotton goods, opium, rice, tea, coffee, tobacco, hardware, copper, copra, etc., many of these, however, being again largely re-exported, as Singapore is mainly an emporium. The total number of vessels entered at the ports of the colony during 1886, exclusive of native craft, was 6,548, with a tonnage of 4,209,034 tons. The number of native craft was 9,744, with a tonnage of 265,914 tons. The number of vessels cleared was 6,487, with a tonnage of 3,970,199 tons, and the total number of native crast was 10,511, with a tonnage of 287,599 tons.

Personal.

Says the Hamilton *Times:*—"Colonel Villiers, the popular Deputy Adjutant-General of the toth Military District, is here on a visit to his old friends. Colonel Villiers speaks most favourably of his new home (Winnipeg) and of the surrounding country. The gallant D. A. G. has two months' leave, which he will spend visiting friends in Ontario, a very large circle of whom are delighted to see him again."

Captain McGlashan, of the 38th Dufferin Rifles, Brantford, has returned from Palestine, Texas, where he was hastily summoned to the death-bed of his father, Lieut.-Col. J. W. McGlashan. Deceased ran a rusty nail into his foot, the wound causing lock-jaw, from which he died in great agony the day before his son's arrival. He was a prominent contractor and superintendent of the Palestine waterworks, and leaves considerable property. The remains will be taken for burial to Montreal, the former place of residence of deceased, who was one of the leading members of the Prince of Wales Rifles.

The Rifle.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Province of Quebec Rifle Association was held Friday last at Montreal, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, presiding, and there being present Lieut.-Cols. Mattice, Fraser, Fletcher, Brosseau and Martin; Majors Bond, Starke, Radiger and Blaiklock (secretary); Cap-

tains Hood and Gault, and Lieut. Desbarats.

The annual report showed the association to be in a very satisfactory condition. Thanks were tendered to the Governor-General, Lieutenant-Governor, French Consul General Dubail, the Dominion and Provincial Governments and others for the prizes given for competition. The annual matches had to be held at Ottawa, as there was no range in Montreal, and the entries were not quite so numerous as in the previous year, there being 1,944 individuals and 33 teams against 2,029 individuals and 43 teams last year. Details of the winners were given, and satisfaction expressed at the new Dominion ammunition. The new ranges at Cote St. Luc are still in an unfinished condition, and the work already done is absolutely useless, and the importance of a range here was proved by the competition firing at Ottawa costing \$600 extra.

The report of the treasurer (Lieut.-Cal. Martin) showed the receipts to be \$5,591.68, including a balance of \$821.74; Dominion Government grant, \$1,700; Provincial do., \$300; subscriptions, \$590; membership, \$64; affiliations, \$177; and entries, \$1,324.45. The disbursements

were \$5,287.72, leaving a balance of \$303.96.

It was resolved that the eight highest aggregates in the Martini matches at the D.R.A. be the team for the provincial match at Ottawa.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman of council, Lieut. Col. Houghton; treasurer, Lieut. Col. Martin; secretary, Major Blaiklock; finance committee, Lieut.-Cols. Brosseau and Fraser and Major Bond; auditors, Capt. Fair and Lieut. J. G. Ross; representatives to the D.R.A., Lieut.-Col. Brosseau, Majors Bond and Blaiklock and Capts. Hood and Sims; executive committee, Lieut. Cols. Martin, Fraser, Miller, Fletcher and Brosseau, Majors Bond and Blaiklock, Capts. Hood, Sims, Jamieson and Finlayson.

It was proposed to call a conference of the commanding officers, the city members and the council of the association for the purpose of getting the renges at Cote St. Luc completed. The public presentation

of prizes was discussed, and it was decided to continue it.

READE CAMP OF INSTRUCTION IN WISCONSIN.

Major-General Terry got into the regular army from the volunteer forces of the country, and appreciating the ladder by which he had climbed, he devoted all his energies that he could spare from the routine duties of the regular service to the improvement of the militia, or as it is termed in most States, the National Guard. For this purpose, he surrounded himself with a staff of officers best calculated to impart instruction to the true arm of the defensive power of the Government—to wit, the militia.

Shooting to hit is the objective point of the military art. All other studies and drills are for the purpose of placing the soldier in a position to do this effectually. Generals Sherman, Sheridan, Terry and Crook have appreciated this. The two latter named have detailed an officer on staff duty whose business nine months out of the twelve is to make hi nself useful to the militia. The extent to which they have succeeded in the State of Winconsin is shown in a single instance. In January, 1887, the officers of the National Guard were treated to a lecture upon the subject of rifle practice by Lieut. Reade, at Madison, Wis. In March, 1887, the same officer lectured at Milwaukee to the Light Horse Squadron upon the same topic. In April, 1888, Gov. Jeremiah Rusk addressed a letter to Gen. Crook, requesting the services of a skilled expert of the regular army for instruction duty in connection with the National Guard of Wisconsin.

This request was reiterated in June of the same year. The points at which the services of this professional were requested were Menomonie, Milwaukee, Madison, Rippon and Camp Douglas. General Crook detached an officer of his staff to be present at the places named

and on the dates indicated by Governor Rusk.

A detail of two members of each company of infantry and each troop of cavalry in the State was made for the purpose of instruction in learning how to shoot. This detail, comprising in all about 87 men and officers, received theoretical and practical instruction in rifle practice from Lieut. Reade and in September last all were assembled at a camp of instruction in rifle practice and put through the course as is practiced by the soldiery of the regular army.

Camp Philip Reade, as it is named in Goyernor Rusk's General Orders, was the first rifle camp of instruction and practice ever held in this country by State troops, and Lieut. Reade there entered practically upon his new duties. What he accomplished will be readily inferred by

all who know his enthusiasm and perseverance. It can only be a question of time when the salutary influence of his careful teaching will excite general attention. Meanwhile the members of the Wisconsin National Guard have done honour both to the members and to him by presenting Lieut. Reade with a testimonial, consisting of a solid silver set of 46 pieces, as an evidence of their appreciation of his valuable services. The presentation, by a happy coincidence, fell upon his 44th birthday and was made socially interesting to a memorable degree.

The example of Lieut. Reade in Wisconsin will naturally quicken interest among the militia of other States and good results must necessarily follow. In course of time all citizen soldiers may come to regard the rifle as a weapon of the highest importance when skilfully handled, instead of an ornamental feature of the equiment.— U. S. Army and

Navy Journal.

Regimental Notes.

ANNUAL DINNER OF F. CO., TIRTEENTH.

Company F., of the Thirteenth Battalion, held their annual dinner at Newport's, King street east, last night. It was a fine company and as fine a dinner as was ever held at that popular establishment—one of

the sort that the non-coms. and men of the company may well be proud of. The full company sat down around magnificently spread tables shortly before 9 o'clock and for an hour enjoyed the bounties of the evening, interspersed with friendly chat and the usual amount of levity. Lieut. Tidswell occupied the chair, with Mayor Doran on his right and Major Moore on his left. At the head of the table with the Chairman, were also Major McLaren and Major VanWagner, commanding officer of the Hamilton Field Battery; Acting-Surgeon Griffim, Capt. Adam, Mr. H. McKinnon, Mr. Alex. McKay, M.P., and Mr. Adam Brown, M.P. The non-commissioned officers of the company present were Sergeant Hamilton, Sergeant Healey and Corporal Bethune. Colour-

Sergeant Grant, who was to have been the Chairman, was unavoidably absent, being called away at the last moment. Sergeant Hamilton occu-

pied the vice-chair.

The toasts were introduced by the Chairman in a very pleasant manner. The first, of course, was "The Queen," which was received in the loyal manner in which a military organization will always receive it. The toast of "The Governor General" was next given and received with cheers. Lieut Tidswell made a few very appropriate remarks upon the toast, alluding to the recent visit of Lord Stanley to this city. A song was then given by Private Laidlaw. The next toast, that of "The Army, Navy, and Volunteers," called for much enthusiasm. Sergt. Hamilton, late of the 71st Highland Infantry Regiment, responded, after which Corp. Bethune recited "The Defence of the Bridge," in admirable style. "Lieut.-Colonel Gibson and Staff" was the next toast. In offering it Lieut. Tidswell said he regretted that Lieut. Col. Gibson had, at the last moment, found it impossible to be present. He read a letter of regret from Major Mason and one from Captain Stuart (Adjutant). The toast was responded to by Major Moore, Major McLaren, Capt. Adam and Acting-Surgeon Griffin. Private Richard Bull sang "When I was a Student," the company joining in the chorus. As an encore "Jingle Bells" was given. At this point Major Moore proposed "The Non-Commissioned Officers of F Company." The toast was received with three cheers and a tiger. Sergeant Hamilton, Sergeant Healey and Corporal Bethune responded. "Canada, our Dominion," was the next toast proposed. It was responded to by Messrs. Adam Brown and Alex. McKay. The toast of "The Officers of F Company" called for a most enthusiastic reception. It was responded to by Lieut. Tidswell and Lieut. W.W. Osborne. "The Mayor and Corporation" brought forth hearty cheers and a speech from Mayor Doran in that gentleman's usual happy style. Toasts of "Our Guests," "Our Sister Corps," "The Learned Professions," "The Press" and "The Ladies" followed, with songs, recitations, choruses and speeches intermingled. The songs were by Pte. Bull, Capt. Adam, Lieut. Tidswell and Pte. Champ. The song of Pte. Champ was accompanied by himself upon the banjo and by Pte. Wilson upon the harmonica. Pte. Turnbull played the piano accompaniments. The company separated not long after midnight.—Times.

THE 21ST ESSEX FUSILIERS.

Capt. Jones, of No. 3 Co., has just completed a very fine drill shed at Essex Centre, and the same was opened by a military ball on Thursday evening, the 27th inst. The particulars have not yet reached me.

The splendid orchestra of the 21st Fusiliers furnished the music at the late grand ball of the Knights of Labour in the Union Hall, Leamington. All were delighted with the excellent music.

Lieut. Noble Bartlet, of No. 5 Co., Windsor, a promising young lawyer, was recently wedded to Miss Priddie, of Winnipeg. He has the hearty good wishes of his many friends and brother officers of the 21st.

The annual rifle matches of Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 5 Cos. of the 21st Essex Fusiliers were held at their several company headquarters on

Thanksgiving Day, and were in every respect a success. The attendance was good, the prize lists generous, and the shooting very good indeed. The weather was favourable. In each case the prizes were presented in the evening at the annual banquet, which was attended by many influential friends. The usual toasts and speeches were indulged in.

Hotspur.

An Episode in Mounted Police History.

(From the Winnipeg Siftings).

The month of November, 1881, is an epoch that the Mounted Police at Fort Macleod and the people of the surrounding country will long There was great excitement at that time, and it was not without reason, for the Blackfoot nation, the most numerous and warlike tribe of Indians in those parts, had commenced hostilities by killing cattle on some newly established ranches. Some of the ranchmen showed fight and applied to the Police for protection.

Captain Crozier was at Fort Macleod with one troop of Mounted Police. He sent what men he could to Fort Calgary, and some twelve or fifteen men to the Blackfoot Crossing, eighty-five miles distant, with an Inspector in command. This officer, with his detachment, took up his quarters at the Indian agency, and for some days all was quite enough, but one morning a difficulty arose between some Indians and the beef contractor issuing rations. After some dispute the case was reported to the Police officer, who took the matter into consideration, saying, I think, that he would settle the matter the next day.

During the afternoon the Inspector went out for a walk on the river that runs about twenty yards from the agency, and was met by a party of about one hundred and fifty squaws. It had been reported at the camp that it was his fault that the Indians did not get what they wanted from the contractor, and, as they knew that every afternoon he went out on the river for a walk, the squaws gathered on the ice and waited for him. As

soon as they saw him they came forward and surrounded him.

Just imagine one hundred and fifty black and red viragos, axes in hand, (for if you meet three squaws near a camp, two will have axes) yelling and threatening one man, and you will have an idea of the unlucky officer's bewildering situation. He tried to speak, but what was the use? They could not understand, and if they had understood it would not make any difference. The officer could not speak their language, but when he saw them cutting a hole in the ice at his feet and making certain downward signs that the perfectly tumberstood, he began to think that some mischief was really meant. He tried his best to make his way without striking through the crowd, but in vain. As the hole in the ice was just getting large enough for a man to pass through easily he heard a terrible yell. A man named Daly was coming like a whirlwind towards him, and, without the slightest respect for the sex of the assailants, struck right and left, knocking down about twenty squaws. He made a passage for the officer, who went home rejoicing in his

It then was said that one of the squaws who had been hit by Daly, who is a powerful man and did not probably mean to caress her, had been seriously hurt. Daly said he was sorry, but could not help it. He lived with another man in a house near the agency, and as he was preparing a meal an Indian came noiselessly into the house, took a rifle from underneath his blanket and cocked it. The click of the gun started Daly, who turned around and saw the Indian taking aim at him. He jumped aside, and the bullet passed between his right arm and his body, lodging itself deep in the wall behind him. The Indian immediately fired another shot, which grazed Daly's hair. This time Daly had his enemy by the throat. He took away the rifle from him, and the Indian getting loose ran away and hid himself in the camp. Daly went to the Police who decided to arrest the would-be-assassin. The officer himself, with six men, went into the Indian camp in the dead of the night to capture the culprit, who was the husband of the wounded squaw. The prisoner was taken to the Police quarters.

Half an hour afterwards the building was surrounded by about two hundred armed Indians, who demanded the release of the prisoner. The officer at a glance took in the situation. He saw that one single shot fired by him or his men would be the signal for the massacre, of not only himself and party, but also of every white man in the agency. He gave up the prisoner after vain attempts to persuade the enraged Indians that he was doing nothing but his duty. He tried during the night to send a courier to Fort Macleod, but the latter was stopped by armed Indians posted on the road and brought back to the post. Next day they could see a cordon of Indian sentries surrounding the post at a distance. At last Sergeant Howe said that he could go to Fort Macleod in spite of the Indians. He had a very good horse so well trained that he would follow his master like a dog, and come to his whistle.

Have hid a pair of reins and bit under his great coat, he took a piece

of bread and meat in his pocket, and went out apparently for a walk. As he was on foot the Indians let him pass. Then his horse was turned out of the stable as if for an airing, with a blanket and a headstall on him. The horse began to run and play around the place, but all at once he stopped and seemed to listen. Then he started at full gallop and went to his master, who caressed him and continued to walk about leisurely, the horse following him. He went down a small ravine, put the bit in the horse's mouth, folded the blanket to make a pad, and vaulting on the noble animal Sergeant Howe in a short time was out of sight. He left the post at nine in the morning, and at seven in the afternoon he was in Fort Macleod. Eighty five miles in ten hours without a saddle is a pretty hard ride.

On hearing his report Captain Crozier lost not a minute, and started with twenty men, all he could muster, and one field gun, 9 pr. He travelled all the remainder of the night and the next day, reaching the Blackfoot Crossing at eleven the next night. He immediately took from the Indian stores a quantity of sacks of flour, and made a kind of rampart large enough to hide his gun and protect his men. Early in the morning, who should come in but the very Indian they wanted, the rescued prisoner. He was a minor chief, and wanted to show his bravery by coming alone to the Police station, thinking that the Police were scared enough for him to do it with impunity. They saw him come through, and two men were posted on each side of the door. As he stepped in he was seized and put in irons. Some time afterwards about eighty young warriors came in sight of the Post, but when they saw that the little garrison had been reinforced they went back to the camp with the news. The watch around the place had been abandoned after Howe's departure.

Crowfoot, the head chief of the tribe, knew that his minor chief, the prisoner, had gone to the Police Post, and he guessed that he had been recaptured. He took two of his councillors and went to the agency, after ordering all his men to take arms and follow at a distance. Admitted to Captain Crozier's presence, he saw the irons on his man. "Do you know," he said to the officer, who this brave is you have put in irons?"—"I know," said Captain Crozier, "that he is a would-be murderer, and he must indeed be a brave to fire twice at an unarmed man!" -"I will not allow you," said "Crowfoot, "to put irons on him. He is a minor chief in the nation, and it is only on thieves that chains are put." -"Look here," said the officer, "I did not come here to receive orders. I came here to command, and it you want to interfere in this business you will have irons on yourself, big chief as you are!" At a sign two

men took post near Crowfoot ready to handcuff him.

The Indian Chief then said:—"Do you know that in no time I will have three hundred warriors at your door? Here they are coming down the hill yonder. Will you release the prisoner, or will I have to fight you?"—"Fight me, by all means!" said the officer "That is exactly what I came for. Ready for action, men! Take your posts!" They all went behind the rampart, and as the war party came within thirty yards, "Clear the gun," ordered the Captain. As soon as the Indians saw the black muzzle of the nine-pounder, they took to their heels and

lest Crowfoot with the Police.

"Now," said Crozier, "you see your brave warriors. They are wise. I will remain here till to-morrow. If you want to fight, come, I am ready. Go back to your people, and tell them that I consider this little difficulty settled, but should you or yoars force me to come back again to meet you not one of you will live to tell the story." Captain Crozier started the day after for his Fort, taking his prisoner with him.

Militia General Orders (No. 19) of 28th December, 1888.

No. I.—STAFF.

His Excellency Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General, has been pleased to make the following appointments upon his Staff, viz:-To be Extra Aides de-Camp:

Lieut.-Colonel Philippe Landry, 61st Montmagny and L'Islet

Lieut-Colonel John Russell Armstrong, New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

Lieut.-Colonel James Pennington Macpherson.

Lieut.-Arthur Edmund Curren, 1st Halifax Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

Lieut.-Colonel George Dudley Dawson, 10th Battalion Royal

Lieut.-Colonel Edward Gawlor Prior, British Columbia Brigade of Garrison Artillery.

Major Charles John Short, Regiment of Canadian Artillery. Major Hector Prevost, 65th Battalion Mount Royal Rifles.

To be honorary Aide-de-Camp:—Lieut, Colonel Hewitt Bernard, C.M.G.

"Drill" and "Manœuvre."

(Volunteer Service Gazette.)

On the radical distinction between the meaning of the above terms depends, as it appears to us, the whole system of infantry training laid down in the Red Book which has just been issued. "These regulations," says the preface, "are based on the principle of demanding great exactitude in the simplified movements still retained for drill, while conceding the utmost latitude to all commanders, of however small a unit, in manœuvre. The first must be carried out literally; the second must be observed in the spirit more than in the letter." Again, in the General Rules, under the head of "Manœuvre," we find that each file, or man in rank entire, is to be allowed 30 inches instead of 24 inches of front; that guides are to give "Eyes front" immediately the alignment is attained; and that "markers will not give points unless specially ordered "-in a word, that the "touch," to which so much importance is attributed on the drill ground, is to be given up when it might be supposed to be of some use, and that all the complicated machinery for preventing lines from overlapping and leaving gaps is to be abandoned when its use might perhaps prevent the occurrence of such serious mishaps from false estimation of intervals as occurred, for instance, at the Alma. For the rest, the chapters on Manœuvres, on Skirmishing, the Attack, etc., appear to have been very carefully considered and worked out. And, of course, the close formations which were abolished by the Army Order of last April do not appear in the present book. But otherwise Battalion, Brigade and Divisional Drill remain almost entirely as they were in 1884. The movements and formations that are retained are, it is true, comparatively few in number, as stated in the preface, but their execution is hampered by all the intricate mechanism which the Germans at least, and we believe most other continental nations, have utterly abandoned, and which even the authors of the book before us confess cannot be used in practice.

We are by no means advocates for the adoption of the German or any other foreign system of drill into the British army. The German system, at any rate, as we have tried to show two or three weeks ago. is essentially mapplicable to our service. But the Germans are great masters in the art of war, and although we cannot from the nature of things, adopt the details of their system, we may at least profit by the general principles on which they act. Now we have no hesitation in saying that their principles, as shown in the account we have recently been giving of the German Drill Book, are the exact opposite of those on which our system is founded. It is true that the Germans and the English agree in premising that while the mere "drill" must be carried out with the greatest exactitude, yet some latitude must be allowed in the execution of "manœuvres." But here the resemblance ends; for while the great aim of the Germans is to make the drill of the exercise ground as like that of the field of battle as possible, the English seem to have striven to make the two as different as possible. Almost the very first sentence in the German book is, "All drills must be adapted for war." The English book says, in effect, that the drills of the exercise ground must be conducted on a plan totally different to that which is used in the field. The Germans dispense with the use of "points" almost altogether in the field, but then they do not permit their troops to accustom themselves to the use of them on the drill ground. The Germans are, at least, as much opposed to slackness and looseness as the members of the United Service Club can be, and they expect quite as much accuracy of movement and regularity on the field as they do on the drill ground. Indeed, when the actual crisis of an attack comes, a strictness of step and general formality is enacted, which is not considered necessary on other occasions. A different system appears to be in favor in this country.

There is another point in which we must say our new drill book does not compare favourably with those of most foreign nations. We can quite understand that the British army must adhere to its traditional line formations, and, indeed, we do not see clearly how the Germans can safely dispense with them as completely as they do. We also admit that it is probably quite right to retain for British troops, who often have to fight at terrible numerical odds against savages or fanatical tribes, the habit of forming squares by battalions as well as by companies. But we affirm that the excessive prominence still given in the English drill book to movements of mere parade is much to be deplored. Take, for instance, "marching past." Troops must be accustomed, indeed, to pass in review before their chiefs, and there must be some rules for the method of doing so; but in the German and other continental armies these rules are of the simplest kind, whereas with us they are most complicated. The amount of time that a British battalion expends in rehearsing the various kinds of march past, to say nothing of trooping the colours, is always very considerable, and is to a great extent a loss of time which might be much more profitably employed. We are, indeed, sorry to see so much space still devoted in the new driil

book to those parade movements, which, as the present Adjutant-General once said in public, are only useful for the amusement of the nursemaids in the park.

General Lord Alexander Russell, C.B, who left Canada a short fime ago after a term as Commander-in-Chief of the Forces here, has been placed upon the retired lis., having attained the age of 67. He has been in the army for nearly half a century, having entered the Rifle Brigade in July, 1830. He obtained his regimental lieutenant colonelcy in December, 1858, and retired on half-pay in February, 1871. Three years later he became a major-general, then got his lieutenant-generalship in March, 1878, and the full rank of general in April, 1886, on the retirement of Sir Edmund Whitmore. Lord Alexander commanded the South-Eastern District from April, 1877, to April, 1880, and in May, 1883, he was selected for the command of the troops in Canada. He was engaged in the Kaffir war of 1852, being present at the battle of Berea (granted the medal and clasp); and for his services in the Crimean campaign, when he took part in the siege and fall of Sebastopol and in the attack on the Redan, he was mentioned in dispatches (granted a brevet lieutenancy-colonelcy, the medal with clasp, the Sardinian and Turkish medals, and the fifth class Medjidie). Lord Alexander Russell was made a C.B. in June, 1877, and was granted a reward for distinguished and meritorious services in May, 1880.

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