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NOTES AND COMMENTS

We publish elsewhere an interesting account of an encampment of two companies of the Boys' Brigade in Ontario. This is an organization well worthy of investigation by those interested in militia matters and would seem to be worthy of recognition by the Government. The cadet corps organized by Government sanction in connection with the various educational institutions have done and are doing a great deal of good. They might do a great deal more if the Government were a little more generous and gave them an allowance, in the shape of an efficiency grant, towards providing themselves with uniforms. Without uniforms it is really useless to try and imbue the youthful mind with military ideas. Without uniform drilling appears to be like playing at soldiers, and that seems a very ludicrous amusement to lads big enough to carry rifles.

All that the Government does for the school cadet corps or drill companies is to provide them with rifles (useless for shooting) and belts. They are inspected once a year and that is all the recognition there is of the fact that the lads are part of the militia. It is no wonder that so many of these corps, started under most promising auspices, go to the wall. The writer knows how it is, for he was a member of one of the oldest and best known cadet corps in Canada himself when a lad. The boys were always enthusiastic on joining and many an hour was given to drill that other pupils devoted to football and lacrosse. Examinations for corporal's stripes kept the youngsters poring over red books till late at night, and I believe that each one of those three companies did as much solid work in the course of the year as any two companies in the active militia. Their drill was like clock work, and the way those little chests expanded and filled those grey tunics, on parade showed that the youngsters were proud of their corps.

But what was the use of drilling your heart out to perfect yourself in your drill when you had no chance of impressing the rest of creation with your prowess. There was some satisfaction in barbing your shins and generally covering yourself with glory and mud on the football field, because admiring eyes were on you, but the critical eyes of our instructor were the only ones to witness our artistic work at the manual and firing exercises, and that immortal piece de resistance, the march past. Obstacles were always thrown in the way of our turning out in public. If the militia had a review we were not allowed to participate. At last we thought we were going to get our revenge. A big review was to take place out of the city and we were given to understand that we could participate. We

consequently made all our arrangements bought our tickets and drilled away harder than ever. A day or two before the date of the review a bomb-shell fell in our camp. A curt telegram from Ottawa arrived saying that we could not attend the review. After a great deal of correspondence we got permission to go to the review, but were not allowed to march past or participate in the manoeuvres.

That showed the boys that although the Government allowed them to drill and buy themselves uniforms it did not recognize them as having any connection with the militia. They were merely toy soldiers; allowed to amuse themselves drilling in the seclusion of the school yard and gymnasium but not to be considered as having any connection with the active militia. This gave the coup de grace to the cadet corps in question, one that not only provided scores of officers to the active militia; but also furnished many of the most successful men to the Royal Military College, Kingston. In England the school cadet battalions are recognized as a most useful adjunct of the volunteer system and they not only parade with the adult volunteers even at royal reviews, but participate in some of their rifle matches. Why should not a similar system be extended to our juvenile cadets. If they were made to feel themselves a recognized portion of the militia service and received but a very little bit more encouragement their numbers and usefulness would be greatly increased. The Government should at once call in the old, heavy, useless Paddy rifles now issued to these corps, issue short Sniders or artillery carbines to them, encourage the larger boys to go in for target practice and give them every chance to gratify their very natural and proper youthful pride by turning out with the active

militia at reviews and ceremonial occasions.

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The existing school cadet corps having thus been placed on something like a practical basis the department might then advantageously turn its attention to the extension of the cadet system beyond the public schools by recognizing the companies of the Boys' Brigade, if they so desire, or by establishing companies on the same principle as the Highland Cadets of Montreal in connection with the battalions of the acting militia. This scheme would of course cost money, but there cannot be the least doubt that the country would find the money spent on training its defenders in juvenile cadet corps, well spent.

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According to Truth, which professes to be an authority on military matters, there is an intrigue at the War Office to keep Lord Roberts out of any home appointment. It is stated that His Lordship has been offered and has declined both the Gibraltar and the Malta command—although the latter is not vacant—and Truth suggests that Lord Roberts ought to go to Aldershot in succession to Sir Evelyn Wood. It is just possible that "our only other General" would be disposed to accept that command, but it seems a long drop from the command of our Indian army, and it is possible that Lord Roberts has no such ambition. In the event of one of our periodical little wars the ex-Commander-in-Chief of the Indian forces would no doubt find work suitable to his abilities, but meanwhile it is somewhat difficult to provide for him. He may ultimately succeed to Lord Wolseley in Ireland, but that is a possibility only of the future.

Election of Officers in St. Catharines.

The annual election of officers of the 19th Batt. sergeants' mess was held on Monday night, the 10th, when the following officers were elected:

Sergeant Major—W. D. Stewart.
 President—Color Sergt. Blake.
 Vice-President—Staff Sergt. Bramley.
 Secretary—Color-Sergt. Pay.
 Treasurer—Sergt. Phelan.
 Refreshment Supt.—Corp. England.
 Board of Management—Sergt. Houghtby, Corp. Jewess, Corp. Swayze.
 Auditors—Cpts. Campbell and Wilson.

After the elections a very pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse, during which the mess was reported in a very flourishing condition, financially.

Regimental Notes

TORONTO.

Toronto, August, 10.—The assertion recently made in one of the dailies that a volunteer is compelled to salute an officer when he meets him in plain clothes on the street is putting a decidedly new construction on the rules laid down for the militia of Canada and one on which hardly any officer could feel justified in reprimanding a member of his company for neglect of such. It is questionable if any right thinking officer ever looks for such recognition and we have yet to hear of any demanding it. If the men are in uniform and meet an officer in civilian dress, then it is quite proper to salute, but to say that the salute is obligatory under the other condition is decidedly open to question and a decision in its favor would prove injurious to the welfare of the entire force.

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The Evening News of the 29th ult. devotes almost an entire column to the new establishment lists and the manner in which they effect the Toronto corps, at the same time expressing surprise that no attention appears to have been paid to them. Possibly the reason for no attention being paid to them is because no one takes them seriously enough, not believing that such a change in the opposite direction than to the one anticipated, especially in the case of the Queen's Own would be made, in view of the remarks so recently expressed as last spring by the Minister of Militia, when he had the opportunity of seeing them on parade, and seeing for himself how totally unfair it was to his corps at being kept on their old establishment. Another reason is the recent information of an increase of two guns to the Toronto Field Battery, and two to the Hamilton Field Battery upon the disbanding of the Welland Battery.

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The Grenadiers and Queen's Own are both ten company battalions, but while one seldom, if ever, parades less than 100 men over its establishment, the other seldom, unless on a special garrison parade, turns out its established strength and not even its greatest admirer can say that the Grenadiers since the additional companies were given them, are as good a corps as when they only had eight companies. If any encouragement is to be given, and any one not excepting a member of Parliament, must know that little or no encouragement has ever been given in the past, then it should be given to those regiments who are almost distinctively Canadian in their personnel, and after that to the latter formed ones who only seem to be made up of and for the admission of a certain nationality.

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Money would and could be saved by a little management in more than one quarter, but it certainly should not be saved at the expense of any of our city regiments. On them fall an exceedingly heavy

burden and if one-tenth of the country regiments or officers had to contend with the expense and disadvantages to which the city ones have come to regard as the inevitable result of having any desire to belong to a militia force, it is safe to say that a corporals' guard would represent the establishment of not a few. Both in clothing and accoutrements the force is woefully lacking, and while it is possible to get any color in an issue of clothing it is an absolute impossibility to get a man to fill properly the misfits that are turned out annually, and which are made on a model which must be a sight for sore eyes. The pruning knife may be applied and our strength as a force cut down, but it is safe to say that the city of Toronto regiments will not be the first to feel the effect of such action.

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The O. R. A. matches, of which a programme appears in another column, promise to be the most successful in the history of the association. The prize list is a rattling good one and despite the lamentations of quite a few Martini advocates, they have not been forgotten. As many matches as would be consistent with the number of Snider shots in Ontario appear in the list. The only trouble that the committee might have had, were that many three range matches, would have been in the squadding, but as it is now everything should go off without a hitch. There will be lots of trouble for the competitors if the winds that have been prevailing during the past two months, still hold sway, and many will be the excuses given for a miss in the middle of a string of bulls and inners. We have a good range, and under first class management, and which by the 21st August will be complete in detail, but the O. R. A. committee have had so much else to look after that in all probability they have overlooked many arrangements to combat the tricky rear fishtail winds for which our new Lake Shore ranges have already obtained an unenviable record.

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The combined moonlight excursion of the sergeants' messes of the 13th and 48th held on the 28th ult., proved as far as the 48th was concerned to be an exceptionally huge success. Two well filled boats left Toronto and no trouble would have been met with in filling the third. The return was from Oakville, where the excursionists met, and they reached Toronto about two a.m. and brought back a tired but well satisfied crowd.

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A match with Snider and Martini rifles between teams from the Q. O. R. and 13th Batt. sergeants' messes is on the tapis. The rifles and dates have not yet been decided but in all probability will be deferred until after the Ottawa match.

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It is understood that Dr. Ryerson, M. P. P., has been offered the colonelcy of the proposed new volunteer regiment, St. George's Rifles, in process of formation, and will accept on certain conditions. It

is probable that a definite announcement will be made upon this point tomorrow night. Should Dr. Ryerson accept the position he will be well fitted from his lengthened military experience to discharge the duties. He has been connected with the militia since 1871, put in three months' training at the old military school and saw active service with the Grenadiers in the Northwest rebellion. With regard to permission being first obtained from the Government before any steps are taken to organize the regiment, the promoters state that they do not wish to approach the authorities until they are able to submit a definite scheme.

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The arrangements for the 48th Highlanders' sports are nearing completion. Special excursion rates have been secured intending spectators residing at points at a distance from the city may at little expense come into Toronto on Friday, August 18, and remain over till the afternoon of the following Monday. Excursions by water are being arranged for. Next Monday the various committees meet and report progress.

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Organization work in connection with the proposed new battalion of St. George's Rifles is being pushed ahead, and it is expected that some time in the early part of next month matters will be sufficiently far advanced to permit the whole of the details to be laid before the Government. Much amusement has been caused in Sons of England circles by the publication of a story to the effect that Colonel Sweny was a candidate for the colonelcy with Dr. Ryerson. Col. Sweny has not been identified with the movement in any way, whilst Dr. Ryerson has already been unanimously chosen by those interested. Two gentlemen have been approached with a view to their becoming majors, but their names will not be divulged until their consent has been obtained. It is understood that 336 recruits have been enrolled, but recruiting will go on so as to permit of good material being chosen. Whilst the 48th Battalion is not opposed to the formation of the new rifle corps, it is stated that the Queen's Own are not in sympathy with the movement. At present the latter hold the proud position of being the only rifle corps in the city, while Montreal boasts of three. There is scarcely any doubt that if the organization of the new regiment is permitted the uniform will be of grey. It is possible, however, that helmets may be substituted for shakos as headgear.—Empire.

LONDON.

The highest aggregate score in the four matches of the Canadian Military League has been made by Mr. W. N. Goodwin, G.T.R. train despatcher here. His grand total is 364, an average of 91 in each match.

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Major Thos. Beattie, who lost his young-

est son only last week, on the 8th received a telegram announcing that his remaining son was very seriously ill. The major returned at once to Chicago. Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. Beattie in his severe afflictions.

KINGSTON.

Commander Gibbons, R. N. R., Southampton, Eng., waited five years for the law touching marriage with a deceased wife's sister to be repealed, but growing discouraged, sailed for Kingston, and was married on the 8th to Miss H. M. W. Harding. The groom is 70 years, and the bride is over 50. As the marriage could not be performed by any Church of England clergyman the world over, the gallant commander and his housekeeper were united by Rev. Malcolm MacGillivray, Presbyterian. His wedding trip was down among the Thousand Islands. The commander is small in stature, with a beard tinged with grey. He served for 14 years with Admiral Tryon, and was with the reserve squadron under command of the Duke of Edinburgh. The couple came to Canada on the steamship Numidian, and after visiting Niara Falls go to Montreal and sail for Southampton.

OTTAWA.

Capt. B. C. Urquhart, of the Cameron Highlanders, who served in the Egyptian war of 1882, has been appointed A.D.C. to the Earl of Aberdeen.

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Respecting the complaints which have been made by the representatives of certain of the corps accustomed to participate in the skirmishing matches at the D. R. A. meet, it is understood that the Executive Committee in changing the description of the target were actuated by a desire to render the competition fair to all parties, and should embrace more of the conditions of warfare. In the past every hit on the target has been counted, whether the figure of the man painted thereon was hit or not. This year only actual hits penetrating that portion of the target containing the silhouette of a man's head and shoulders will count.

GUELPH.

The annual matches of the 30th Wellington Battalion took place at Guelph on July 28th. Owing to a fishy wind the shooting was not up to the average. Most of the companies in the battalion were represented. The following are the prize winners of the day's matches:

Battalion match, 200 yard—

Capt. Schultz, Guelph	28
Lieut. Conboy, Erin	26
Capt. McDowell, Erin	26
Sgt. Major Wideman, Guelph	26
Pte. Sanders, Erin	24
Sgt. McLaren, Guelph	23
Corp. Grice, Harriston	23
Pte. M. French, Guelph	22
Sgt. Sanders, Erin	22

Battalion match, 400 yard—

Capt. Schultz	31
Capt. McDowell	229
Corp. Duffield, Eramosa	28
Pte. Bryado, Eramosa	28
Capt. Jamieson, Palmerston	28
Sgt. Sanders	27
Lieut. Conboy	27
Lieut. Holton, Harriston	27
Sgt. Major. Wideman	27

Nursery competition for those who have never won a prize at a battalion or match—

Pte. Brydon	28
Bugler Wideman	27
Pte. Hurren, Erin	26
Plat. Giband, Eramosa	25
Pte. Jefferson, Guelph	22
Pte. Ball, Harriston	20
Pte. Peacock, Elora	20
Pte. Bryan, Elora	18
Pte. Head, Eramosa	17

Open match, 500 yard—

Sgt. P. McLaren	31
Lt. Beattie	30
Charles Crowe	30
Sergt. Atkinson	30
C. E. Sleeman	29
Lieut. Halton	28
Lieut. Gilchrist	27
Corp. Young	26
Capt. Schultz	25

Team prizes. First, No. 7, Erin—

Capt. McDowell	76
Lieut. Conboy	77
Sgt. Saunders	71
Pte. Saunders	70
Pte. Hume	65

Total - 349

Second, No. 1, Harriston—

Capt. Laidlaw	68
Lieut. Holton	70
Sgt. D. Campbell	59
Corp. Grice	68
Pte. Ball	53

Total - 318

Third, No. 6, Eramosa—

Capt. Johnson	55
Sgt. Atkinson	76
Corp. Duffield	66
Pte. Giband	66
Pte. Head	52

Total - 313

Fourth, No. 2, Guelph—

Capt. Schultz	84
Sgt. P. McLaren	76
Sgt. A. McLaren	36
Corp. Young	65
Pte. French	42

Total - 303

HALIFAX.

While the Italian Cruiser Etna was at Halifax the Italian Admiral was entertained at dinner by Admiral Hopkins. The other guests were His Lordship Bishop Courtney, Lieutenant-Governor Daly, Mrs. Daly and Miss Daly, Colonel North, Lieutenant Colonel Clerke, Lieutenant Colonel Crookenden, Captain Sartaris, Captain and Mrs. Hamilton, Commander Bayley, Lieutenant McAllister, Lieutenant Thompson, Lieutenant Casanuova, Lieutenant Colonel Saunders, Miss Worsley, Mrs. Leach. The decorations consisted principally of Italian colors (green, white and red), artistically

arranged with ferns, plants and flowers. The table and decorations were under the superintendance of John Parkins, the admiral's steward. The following menu list was printed in gold:

Printaniere a la Royale.
Filetz de Saumon.
Quenelles de Volaille en aspic.
Cotelettes d'agneau au Concombre.
Dindon roti.
Langue de Boeuf.
Filets Boeuf braises.
Jambon braise.
Vin de Champagne.
Pondin Ratafia.
Gelee Maraquino.
Anchois aux Olives.
Creme Glace aux Fraises.
Eau d'Ananas Glace.

The following programme of music was played by the band of H. M. S. Blake:

Overture—Esmeralda - - - Herman
Serenade—La Paloma - - - Yeadier
Valse—Toreador - - - Hoyt
Selection—Il Trovatore - - - Verdi
Intermezzo—Cavalleria Rusticana -
- - - Mascagni
Valse—Sultana - - - Bucalossi
Morceau—des Mandolines - - Desormes
God Save the Queen.

NEWS OF THE PARENT SERVICE.

The Government of India have agreed to the proposal by the Government of Victoria to depute two or three Field Artillery officers of the Colonial force to India during the cold season of each year for instruction with field batteries, and the Victorian Government have been informed that, so far as next cold season is concerned, arrangements can be made to attach these officers to field batteries at Meerut and Lucknow, and to enable them to attend an Artillery practice camp, which will be held at Gurgaon, near Delhi, on December next.

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It is now hoped by the experts that the difficulty which threatens to be fatal to our new army explosive, cordite, may be circumvented by a change in the manner of loading the cartridges. If they can be so loaded as to secure a less rapid expansion of the gases generated, there is a chance that the corrosion, which proves so rapidly ruinous to the rifle barrel, may be obviated. Experiments will show whether this is the case or not.

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A very interesting experiment was carried out the other day at Lydd with a view of finding out the probabilities of hitting fast torpedo boats with quick-firing guns. A model torpedo boat, 55 feet long and 3 feet wide, was constructed of wood in such a manner as to fit on a long railway truck, the latter being drawn by a locomotive with a long steel wire rope working through a snatch block so that the boat would travel at double the rate of the locomotive, and in this way a speed of over 25 knots per hour

was readily attained on the Government railway at Lydd. There were four runs, the speed varying from 14 to 25 knots, and the ranges from 2,000 to 1,000 yards. In all 60 rounds were fired with cordite charges from the 6 pr., O. F. guns, and four hits obtained with common shell, any one of which would probably have placed a real torpedo boat hors-de-combat. The conditions for the gun (only one used) were decidedly unfavourable, and the general impression was that over water the result would have been much greater. The runs took from 1 minute 40 seconds to 3 minutes, in the former 12 rounds were fired, and in the latter 19 rounds.

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The study of Russian language, which a few years ago was almost unknown in the British Army, has received a great impetus during the past five or six years, for besides a large number of officers who have been noted as passed, no fewer than 78 have qualified as interpreters. Of this number fifty belong to the Indian Staff Corps, other officers of the same branch being nearly always under going study in Russian, for which great facilities are granted. Considering the influence of Russia in the East the study of the language with a view to counter action is a step in the right direction.

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A committee has been formed for the purpose of erecting a memorial to Major-General Sir John Inglis, K.C.B., who commanded the garrison that defended Lucknow during the Indian Mutiny of 1857. The committee consists of officers of the old garrison—"Defence of Lucknow"—but they will be much obliged if any officers connected with the Relieving Forces—who wish to cooperate with them—will communicate with the Hon. Secretary, at 28, Connaught Square, Hyde Park, W.

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It is reported from Malta that when the Camperdown's collision compartments were opened up one link of the Victoria's cable was found inside, the only remaining vestige of the ill-fated ship. At the time of collision the Camperdown's doors forward of the store-room were open, thus accounting for the large body of water, estimated at 700 tons, that entered the ship.

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A correspondent with the "B" fleet under Rear-Admiral E. H. Seymour, furnishes some further particulars of the circumstances under which a mistaken signal was made by the Anson whilst the squadron was in the vicinity of Falmouth. The case is particularly worthy of notice in view of the Victoria disaster; indeed, considering what a short time has elapsed since that terrible accident occurred it is remarkable that a somewhat similar blunder should have been again

merely committed. It appears that the squadron composed of eight ships, was formed in two divisions only three cables apart, when Rear-Admiral Seymour made a signal to alter course sixteen points, the leaders being directed to turn together to starboard, and the remaining ships to follow motions in succession. It was originally reported in several papers that this signal was a repetition of Sir George Tryon's attempted manoeuvre, but this statement was inaccurate. At the same time, Admiral Seymour's signal must have resulted in a collision if it had not been promptly cancelled, as with the two columns only three cables apart, there was obviously no room for the leading ship of the port division to turn inwards. The special correspondent of the Times does not explain whether the blunder was due to the Admiral or to the signal staff.

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The Harpy, paddle vessel recently purchased from the Admiralty by the War-office, for the purpose of carrying out experimental trials with the pneumatic gun, is to be repaired, and fitted with additional mooring appliances by the employes at Devonport Dockyard. The work is to be taken in hand at once and completed by the middle of August at a cost of about £3000, which the War-office will defray. Lt-Gen. R. Grant, C. B. R. E. Inspector-General of Fortifications, with a committee of Ordnance officers, will conduct the trials.

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Lady Wallis, widow of the late Admiral of the Fleet, has sent a cheque for £250 to the Royal Sailors' Home at Portsmouth for the endowment of two more cabins. One will be named "Shannon, 1813," and the other "Wallis, 1893." Fleet-Surgeon A. T. Corrie and some of his friends have also endowed a cabin, to be named "Pearl, 1873-77".

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There is now every probability that pensioners from the Royal Navy will be allowed to join the Army Vet.'s Association. This will of course necessitate a change in the title of the society, and possibly the United Service Veterans' Association will be chosen. The proposed alteration of the basis of the association, if carried, appears to be a wise one, as both services are inseparably linked together, while the strength of the association will be largely increased. A meeting of the veterans will shortly take place at the Buckley Military Hall, when the proposals will be laid before those interested.

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There will be no large cavalry camp held this year in India, it having been decided to give cavalry regiments a rest. A small camp for four regiments only will be held at Nowshera.

Captain Jones has made considerable progress with the enlistment of men into the Hyderabad Imperial Service Cavalry. He has already selected 300 men and horses from the Golconda Brigade.

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Officers of the Royal Marines who are able to read six words a minute on the small flag are required to volunteer for an advanced course of instruction in army signalling with the class to be formed at Aldershot on the 5th September next. Non-commissioned officers are also required for the same course.

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The death is announced from Darjeeling, India, of a Balaclava hero, Sergeant Nicholson, who it is said, acted as spokesman for the survivors who were made prisoners when brought before the Russian General. "You men must have been primed with rum before you made such a mad charge," said the General addressing Nicholson. "By—, sir we had not a sup; if we had we should have broken through the whole Russian army," was the reply. "I believe you my brave fellow, replied the General."

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The death is announced in London of General W. C. Macdonald, C.B., late Madras Cavalry, at the age of 78 years. The deceased, who had been in bad health for some time and who entered the army in 1835, was one of the few survivors of the Gawllor campaign of 1843-4, and was present, as A.D.C. to the Commander-in-Chief in India, at the battle of Maharajpore, mentioned in despatches London Gazette, and granted the bronze star. He also served in the Crimean campaign with the Turkish Contingent being wounded at Kertch granted Turkish medal and 4th class of the Medjidie. He was placed on the retired list in 1884.

ONTARIO RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The programme of the Ontario Rifle Association matches, to be held on the Lake Shore ranges, near Toronto, on Monday, 31st August and following days, is issued and shows an attractive list of prizes. In all not less than \$4,710 is offered in prizes, \$3,860 in cash and \$850 in silver cups. The staff for the meeting is as follows: Executive Committee, Major Mason, 13th Battalion; Major S. Hughes, 45 Battalion; Major S. Hughes, 45th Battalion; Major Macdonald, 48th Highlanders; Major Bruce, Royal Grenadiers; Capt. Mercer, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Executive Officer, Capt. Mutton, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Statistical Officer, Lieut-Col. Otter, Royal Canadian Regiment, Toronto. Range Officers, Lt.-Col. Jones, Dufferin Rifles; Lt.-Col. White, 30th Battalion; Major Buchan, Royal Canadian Regiment; Major McLaren, 113th Battalion; Major Hodgins, Gov.-Gen. Foot Guards. Surgeons, Surg. on Strange, Royal Canadian Regiment; Surgeon Lesslie, Queen's Own

Rifles of Canada; Surgeon Ryerson, Royal Grenadiers; Surgeon Elliott, Toronto Field Battery; Surg. on Stuart, 48th Highlanders; Asst. Surgeon Nattress, Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. Council, (Elected Members), Geo. Sleema, Esq., Guelph R. A., Guelph; John Crowe, Esq., Guelph R. A., Guelph; Capt. George Hayes, 7th Battalion, London; Lieut.-Col. White, 30th Battalion, Arthur; Lieut. Pain, 13th Battalion, Hamilton; Major McSpadden, 12th Battalion, Toronto; Lieut.-Col. Jones, 38th Battalion, Brantford; Major Delamere, Queen's Own Rifles, Toronto; Capt. W. S. Russell, 45th Battalion, Bowmanville; Lieut. A. D. Cartwright, 47th Battalion, Toronto; Major J. Hughes, 45th Battalion, Clarke; Capt. Dennistoun, 57th Battalion, Peterborough; Lieut.-Col. Macpherson, Militia Dept., Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. J. P. Macpherson, Active List, Ottawa; Lieut.-Col. Wright, 43rd Battalion, Ottawa; Capt. H. H. Gray, Retired List, Ottawa.

The prize list is as follows:

1st. "The Canada Company." To be fired Monday afternoon. Presented by the Canada Company of London, Eng., with \$50 added by Col. Sir Casimir Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen. Restricted to the members of the Active Militia of Ontario who have never won a Prize in any former year at any Provincial, Dominion or National Rifle Association Match, not including Consolation Matches. Rifle, Snider; ranges, 200 and 400 yards; number of rounds at each range, five; positions, 200 yards kneeling; 400 yards any with head to target. Entrance fee, teams free, individual entry, 80 cents, including ammunition and sighting shots. Battalion Team Prizes—To be competed for by teams of six previously named Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men from any Battalion, Brigade of Garrison or Field Artillery, or Squadron of Cavalry. Teams unlimited. First Prize, \$30; Second Prize, \$25; Third Prize, \$20; Fourth Prize, \$15. 4 Prizes. Total cash, \$90. Individual Prizes.—First Prize, \$10; Second Prize, \$7; Four Prizes of \$5; Sixteen Prizes of \$4; Eighteen Prizes of \$3. 40 Prizes. Total cash, \$155.

2nd. "The Gilmour." To be fired Monday afternoon. Named after Lieut.-Col. Allan Gilmour, of Ottawa, Ex-President of the Association. Open to Members. Rifle, Snider; range and position, 500 yards, any with head to target; number of rounds, seven. Entrance fee 70 cents, including ammunition and sighting shot. First Prize, \$15; Two Prizes of \$10; Two Prizes of \$7; Fifteen Prizes of \$5; Fifteen Prizes of \$4; Twenty-five Prizes of \$3. 60 Prizes. Total cash, \$259.

3rd. "The Gordon." To be fired Monday afternoon. Named after the late John Gordon, Esq., of Toronto, Ex-President of the Association. Open to Members. Rifle, Snider; number of rounds, seven; range and position, 600 yards, any. Entrance fee, 70 cents, including ammunition and sighting shot. First Prize, \$15; Two Prizes of \$10; Two Prizes of \$7; Fifteen Prizes of \$5; Fifteen Prizes of \$4; Twenty-five Prizes of \$3. 60 Prizes. Total cash, \$259.

4th. "The Walker." To be fired Tuesday forenoon. Named after Lieut.-Col. Walker, of London, Ex-President of the Association. Open to Members. Rifle, Snider; number of rounds at each range, seven;

ranges and positions, 500 yards, any with head to target; 600 yards, any. Entrance fee, teams free; individual entry 85 cents, including ammunition and sighting shots. Team Prizes. To be competed for by five previously-named members of any one Affiliated Association. Teams unlimited. First Prize, the Ladies' Challenge Cup (valued \$150), presented by the Ladies of Toronto and \$30; Second Prize, \$25; Third Prize, \$20; Fourth Prize, \$15; Fifth Prizes, \$10. 5 Prizes. Total cash, \$100. Conditions: The Cup to be competed for annually. The winning Association to have possession (subject to the approval of the Council) until the next ensuing Association Prize Meeting.

5th. "The Tait-Brassey." To be fired Tuesday afternoon. Open to Active Militia of Canada and H. M. Army and Navy. Rifle, Snider; range and positions, 200 yards kneeling; 500 yards any with head to target; 600 yards any; number of rounds at each range, seven. Entrance fee, \$5 each Battalion team; \$2 each Company Team; and \$1.25 for Individual entries, including ammunition and sighting shots. Battalion Team Prizes. To be competed for by teams of six previously-named Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers or Men from any Battalion, Brigade of Garrison or Field Artillery, or Squadron of Cavalry. Teams unlimited. First Prize, The Tait Challenge Cup (valued \$250), presented by Sir Peter Tait, of London, England, and \$60; Second Prize, \$50; Third Prize, \$40; Fourth Prize, \$30; Fifth Prize, \$20. Five Prizes. Total Cash, \$200. Conditions: The Cup to remain in the custody of the winning Corps for the year, at the discretion of the Council. Company Team Prizes. To be competed for by teams of four previously-named Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers or Men from any Company, Troop of Cavalry, or Battery of Field or Garrison Artillery. Teams unlimited. First Prize, The Brassey Cup, (value \$125), presented by the late Thomas Brassey, Esq., of England, and \$25; Second Prize, \$20; Third Prize, \$15; Fourth Prize, \$10. Four Prizes. Total cash, \$70. Conditions: The Cup to be won three times consecutively by the same Company, Troop or Battery before becoming the absolute property of the winners. Individual Prizes. First Prize, \$25; Second Prize, \$20; Third Prize, \$15; Three Prizes of \$10; Three Prizes of \$8; Four Prizes of \$7; Forty Prizes of \$5; Forty-four Prizes of \$4. 97 Prizes. Total cash, \$518.

6th. "The Macdonald." To be fired Wednesday forenoon. Named after the late Judge A. Macdonald, of Guelph, Ex-President of the Association. Open to Members. Rifle, Snider; range and position, 200 yards, standing; number of rounds, seven. Entrance fee, 70 cents, including ammunition and sighting shot. First, \$15; Two Prizes of \$10; Two Prizes of \$7; Fifteen Prizes of \$5; Fifteen Prizes of \$4; Twenty Prizes of \$3. 55 Prizes. Total cash, \$244.

7th. "The Mulock." Named after W. Mulock, Esq., M.P., President of the Association. Open to Members. Entrance fee, 75 cents. First Series. Restricted to the Province of Ontario. To the highest aggregate score in the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Matches, and 500 and 600 yards of the 5th Match: 1st Prize, The Governor-General's

Silver Medal. 2nd Prize, The Governor-General's Bronze Medal. Second Series. Restricted to the Province of Ontario. To the highest aggregate score in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 6th Matches; the Elkington Cup (value \$125), presented by Messrs. Elkington & Co., of London and Liverpool. Conditions: The Cup to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner. Temporary possession to be awarded at the discretion of the Council. Third Series. Open to the Dominion. To the highest aggregate score in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Matches: 1st Prize, D. R.A. Medal and \$20; 2nd Prize, \$15; Five Prizes of \$10 each, \$50; Twenty-three Prizes of \$5 each, \$115. 30 Prizes. Total cash, \$200.

8th. "The Gibson." 1st Stage. To be fired Wednesday forenoon. Named after Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson, of Hamilton, Ex-President of the Association. Open to Members. Rifle, Martini-Henry; number of rounds at each range, seven; ranges and positions, 500 yards, any with head to target; 600 yards any. Entrance fee, 90 cents including ammunition and sighting shots. First Prize, \$20; Second Prize, \$15; Third Prize, \$10; Twenty-two Prizes \$5; Twenty-five Prizes of \$4. 50 prizes. Total cash, \$255.

9th. "The Gibson," 2nd Stage. Named after Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. M. Gibson of Hamilton, Ex-President of the Association. Open to the Competitors making the 50 highest scores in the First Stage. Rifle, Martini-Henry; ranges, 800 and 900 yards; number of rounds at each range, seven; Position, any. Entrance Fee, 90 cents, including ammunition and sighting shots. First Prize, \$20; Second Prize, \$15; Four Prizes, \$10; Five Prizes of \$5. 11 Prizes. Total cash, \$100. Note.—The holding of this match depends upon the completion of the 800 and 900 yards ranges.

10th. "The Kirkpatrick." To be fired Thursday forenoon. Named after His Honor, Lt.-Col. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, Patron of the Association. Open to Members. Rifle, Martini-Henry; ranges and positions, 200 yards kneeling; 500 yards any with head to target; 600 yards any; number of rounds at each range, seven. Entrance fee, \$1.30 including ammunition and sighting shots. First Prize, \$20; Second Prize, \$15; Third Prize, \$10; Twenty-five Prizes of \$5; Thirty-five Prizes of \$4. 65 Prizes. Total cash, \$310.

11th. "The Gzowski." Named after Colonel Sir Casimer Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen, ex-President of the Association. Open to the Active Militia of Canada and H. M. Army and Navy. To be competed for by teams of six officers. Non-commissioned Officers or Men from any one Battalion, Brigade of Field or Garrison Artillery, Squadron of Cavalry, or Crew of Ship. 1st Skirmishing. Rifle, Snider; range, 200 to 500 yards; Dress, Drill order. Officers and Staff-Sergants need not wear swords; number of rounds, 5 advancing, 5 retiring; position, any. Entrance Fee, \$4 each team, including ammunition. First Prize, \$30; Second Prize, \$25; Third Prize, \$20; Fourth Prize, \$15; Fifth Prize, \$10. 5 Prizes. Total cash, \$100. Volley Firing. Rifle, Snider; range, 200 to 500 yards; Dress, Drill order, Officers and Staff-Ser-

gants need not wear swords; number of rounds, 5 advancing, 5 retiring; position, any. Entrance fee, \$4 each team, including ammunition. First Prize, \$30; Second Prize, \$25; Third Prize, \$20; Fourth Prize, \$15; Fifth Prize, \$10. 5 Prizes. Total cash, \$100. The "Gzowski Challenge Cup presented by Colonel Sir Casimer Gzowski, A.D.C. to the Queen, (value \$200), will be awarded to the Team making the highest aggregate in both Matches. To remain in possession of the winning corps for one year.

12th. "The Revolver Match." To be fired every day of meeting and to close at noon Thursday. Open to members. Description of revolver, Any pattern not exceeding 45 calibre; range, 25 yards; number of rounds, seven; position, standing, off-hand. Entrance fee, 25 cents each entry. Entries unlimited; aggregate of any two scores to count. First Prize, \$10; Second Prize, \$8; Third Prize, \$7; Five Prizes of \$5; Six Prizes of \$4; Six Prizes of \$3. 20 Prizes. Total Cash, \$92.

13th. "Extra Series Matches." Prizes amounting to \$56 in cash will be given, divided as below into 4 Matches. Unlimited entries in each match, the highest score only to count, except in Match 2. Open to Members. No. 1.—Extra Series: Rifle, Snider; range, 500 yards; number of rounds, five; position, any with head to target. Entrance fee, 35 cents each entry, including ammunition. No sighting shots. First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$10; Third Prize, \$8; Two Prizes of \$6; Eight Prizes of \$5; Six Prizes of \$4; Six Prizes of \$3. 25 Prizes. Total cash, \$127.

No. 2.—Extra Series. Rifle, Snider or Martini-Henry; range, 300 yards; number of rounds, five; positions, standing or kneeling. Entrance Fee, 25 cents each entry, including ammunition. No sighting shots. The aggregate of any two scores, one standing and one kneeling, to count. First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$10; Third Prize, \$8; Two Prizes of \$6; Eight Prizes of \$5; Six Prizes of \$4; Six Prizes of \$3. 25 Prizes. Total cash, \$127.

No. 3.—Extra Series. Rifle, Martini-Henry; range, 500 yards; number of rounds, five; position, any with head to target. Entrance Fee, 35 cents each entry, including ammunition. No sighting shots. First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$10; Third Prize, \$8; Fourth Prize, \$6; Six Prizes of \$5; Five Prizes of \$4; Four Prizes of \$3. 19 Prizes. Total cash, \$101.

No. 4.—Extra Series. Rifle, Martini-Henry. Range, 600 yards; number of rounds, five; position, any. Entrance fee, 35 cents each entry, including ammunition. No sighting shots. First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$10; Third Prize, \$8; Fourth Prize, \$6; Six Prizes of \$5; Five Prizes of \$4; Four Prizes of \$3. 19 Prizes. Total cash, \$101.

No. 5.—Extra Series. In case the 800 and 900 yards ranges are completed, an Extra Series Match at these ranges will be provided.

HALIFAX NOTES.

The Annual Competition of the 63rd Batt. Rifle Association took place at Bedford, on Thursday, July 27th. The programme was as follows:
Nursery—First Competition. Range 200

yards. Five Rounds.—

1st prize	- - - - -	\$ 4.00
2 prizes of \$3.00 each	- - - - -	6 00
5 prizes of \$2.00 each	- - - - -	10 00
10 prizes of \$1.00 each	- - - - -	10 00
		\$30 00

Second Competition. Ranges 200 and 400 yards. Seven Rounds at each.

1st prize	- - - - -	\$ 8 00
2nd prize	- - - - -	6 00
3rd prize	- - - - -	5 00
3 prizes \$4.00 each	- - - - -	12 00
4 prizes of \$3.00 each	- - - - -	12 00
8 prizes of \$2.00 each	- - - - -	16 00
10 prizes of \$1.00 each	- - - - -	10 00
		\$69 00

Third Competition. Ranges 200 and 500 yards. Seven rounds at each.

1st prize	- - - - -	\$10 00
2nd prize	- - - - -	8 00
3rd prize	- - - - -	6 00
4th prize	- - - - -	5 00
2 prizes of \$4.00 each	- - - - -	8 00
5 prizes of \$3.00 each	- - - - -	15 00
8 prizes of \$2.00 each	- - - - -	16 00
9 prizes of \$1.00 each	- - - - -	9 00
		\$77 00

Battalion Bugle Competition. Teams of five from each Company. Range 200 and 400 yards. Five rounds at each. No sighting shots.

1st prize	- - - - -	Silver Bugle and \$15.00
2nd prize	- - - - -	10 00
3rd prize	- - - - -	5 00
		\$30 00

Skirmishing Match. Teams of 5 N. C. Officers or Men or both, from Companies. 20 rounds advancing and retiring, from about 450 to 200 yards, at targets exposed for fifteen seconds. Entrance fee \$1.00.

1st prize	- - - - -	\$15 00
2nd prize	- - - - -	7 50
3rd prize	- - - - -	5 00
		\$22 00

Col. Isaacson, successor to Major-General Ryan on this station arrived last week. Major R. A. Hodgson who has been appointed to this station, also arrived yesterday. The latter has already served here twice.

Garrison Sergeant Major Foydick, who is retiring from the army after thirty years service, was Saturday evening presented with a handsome white marble clock. The presentation was made by General Montgomery Moore, who was present with several of his staff. On the clock was a shield bearing the following: "Presented to Sergeant-Major Foydick by the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants of the Halifax garrison."

The Canteen on the Blake sent £50 to the fund for the relief of the relatives of those who went down with H.M.S. Victoria. The Blake will send altogether about £200. Subscriptions from the officers and men will be taken shortly.

As Lady Hopkins is one of the patronesses of the Masonic Fair, she has changed the date of her at home from the 14th to the 12th of August.

Major-General Drayson, once well-known in Halifax, claims that he has made a discovery which will prevent much suffering to humanity. He asserts, and with a good show of reason, that the object of all exercise is to stimulate breathing, and thus give a larger supply of oxygen to the blood. Therefore, he says, why take vigorous exercise for the sake of exercise, when the body is already weary. A simpler way will be to obtain the necessary oxygen by stimulating the action of the lungs by rapid breathing—a process which may be effected while one lies back quietly in an arm-chair. If the process is kept up long enough the effect on the system is the same as if a long walk had been undertaken, while the body is not correspondingly wearied. Of course it is necessary that only pure air should be thus inhaled. Another advantage of the discovery is, that this same rapid breathing will ward off restlessness and sleeplessness. The man who tosses about at night has but to pace the floor a few minutes, puffing like a steam-engine; when he again reclines it will be to fall into a peaceful sleep. The Major's remedy has the advantage of being extremely simple, and is probably harmless.

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The illuminated address presented to the captain of the Blake while at New York, reference to which was made a few issues ago, was lithographed for the canteen committee who purpose presenting each person then serving with a copy.

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For some time past the military authorities have been missing stores. So numerous have the losses become, that in the article of blankets alone the quartermaster sergeant swore the other day that over £20 worth of blankets had been taken or are missing. On Saturday Private Tudwell, who is in charge of this kind of store, was arrested and two blankets and a pair of stockings were found on him, having the broad arrow of the war department on them and no mark of having been sold. This morning Lieut. McGowan appeared in court to conduct the prosecution, and J. T. Bulmer, who was retained for the defence, objected on the ground that a lawyer could not appear at a court martial far much less could an officer appear in court. The loss could not be proven or connected with the accused, in fact the defence elicited the information that the prosecution could not tell whether the loss was in the store department or outside. T. Robinson swore he gave the accused one of the blankets and that Major Harvie gave him the other. The magistrate stated that the prosecution had failed to make out a case, and Tudwell was honorably acquitted. Lieut. McGowan said they wanted the matter examined at the citadel, but Mr. Bulmer said they needed to proceed with great caution after an acquittal in a civil court.

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Captain Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe was offered the flag captaincy of the new Mediterranean flagship, but refused it as he prefers to remain commodore of the Newfoundland fishery fleet.

THE MILITARY RIFLE LEAGUE.

The following is a complete return of the shooting in No. 4 match, 22nd July:

Military—

No. 3 Co. C.R.I., St. John, Que. - - -	515
No. 4 Co. C. R. I., 1st team, Fredericton, N. B. - - - - -	648
No. 4 Co. C. R. I., 2nd team, Fredericton, N. B. - - - - -	356
B. T. Man. Dragoons, Portage la Prairie, Man. - - - - -	752
H. G. Art., 1st team, Halifax, N. S. -	793
H. G. Art., 2nd team, Halifax, N. S. -	648
H. G. Art., 3rd team, Halifax, N. S. -	439
H. G. Art., 4th team, Halifax, N. S. -	220
N. B. G. Art. - - - - -	546
Montreal G. Art., 1st team, Montreal	697
Montreal G. Art., 2nd team, Montreal	487
B. C. G. Art., 1st team, Victoria, B.C.	469
B.C.G. Art., 2nd team, Victoria, B. C.	404
B.C.G. Art., 3rd team, Victoria, B. C.	225
B.C.G. Art., 4th team, Victoria, B. C.	396
B.C.G. Art., 5th team, Victoria, B. C.	387
B. C. G. Art., 6th team, New Westminster, B. C. - - - - -	724
B. C. G. Art., 7th, team, New Westminster, B. C. - - - - -	505
N. W. M. Police, Fort Saskatchewan, N. W. T. - - - - -	589
G.G.F.G., 1st team, Ottawa - - -	775
G.G.F.G., 2nd team, Ottawa - - -	548
1st P. of W. R., 1st team, Montreal	568
1st P. of W. R., 2nd team, Montreal	157
2nd Q. O. R., 1st team, Toronto - -	772
2nd Q. O. R., 2nd team, Toronto - -	690
2nd Q. O. R., 3rd team, Toronto - -	650
2nd Q. O. R., 4th team, Toronto - -	606
2nd Q. O. R., 5th team, Toronto - -	523
2nd Q. O. R., 6th team, Toronto - -	468
6th Fusiliers, 1st team, Montreal -	821
6th Fusiliers, 2nd team, Montreal -	511
7th Fusiliers, London, Ont. - - -	833
8th Royal Rifles, 1st team, Quebec -	725
8th Royal Rifles, 2nd team, Quebec -	648
8th Royal Rifles, 3rd team, Quebec -	477
10th Royal Grens, 1st team, Toronto	722
10th Royal Grens, 2nd team, Toronto	631
10th Royal Grens, 3rd team, Toronto	605
12th York Rangers, 1st team, Toronto	740
13th Batt., 1st team, Hamilton - -	785
13th Batt., 2nd team, Hamilton - -	777
13th Batt., 3rd team, Hamilton - -	747
13th Batt., 4th team, Hamilton - -	679
13th Batt., 5th team, Hamilton - -	631
13th Batt., 6th team, Hamilton - -	636
20th Batt., Milton, Ont. - - -	751
21st Batt., 1st team, Essex Centre	560
21st Batt., 2nd team, Windsor - -	711
21st Batt., 3rd team, Leamington -	688
25th Batt., St. Thomas, Ont. - - -	581
33rd Batt., 1st team, Seaforth, Ont.	615
36th Batt., 1st team, Brampton, Ont.	283
36th Batt., 2nd team, Brampton - -	461
37th Batt, Hagersville, Ont. - - -	659
38th Dufferin Rifles, Brantford, Ont.	444
39th Batt., Simcoe, Ont. - - -	628
40th Batt., 1st team, Campbellford -	503
40th Batt., 2nd team, Hastings, Ont.	505
43rd Batt., 1st team, Otatwa, Ont.	782
43rd Batt., 2nd team, Ottawa, Ont.	741
43rd Batt., 3rd team, Otatwa, Ont.	687
43rd Batt., 4th team, Ottawa, Ont.	636
43rd Batt., 5th team, Ottawa, Ont.	512
45th Batt., 1st team, Lindsay, Ont.	820
45th Batt., 2nd team, Lindsay, Ont.	598
45th Batt., 3rd team, Bowmanville	642
48th Batt., Toronto - - - - -	628
49th Batt., 3rd team, Stirling, Ont.	580
57th Batt., 1st team, Peterboro, Ont.	777

57th Batt., 2nd team, Peterboro, Ont.	502
62nd Batt., 1st team, St. John, N.B.	679
62nd Batt., 2nd team, St. John, N.B.	447
66th Batt., 1st team, Halifax, N. S.	798
71st Batt. 1st team, Fredericton, N.B.	790
71st Batt. 2nd team, St. Stephen, N.B.	514
74th Batt., Sussex, N. B. - - -	314
77th Batt., 1st team, Dundas, Ont.	730
77th Batt., 2nd team, Dundas, Ont.	451
77th Batt., 3rd team, Dundas, Ont.	375
96th Batt., Port Arthur - - - - -	764
St. John Rifle Co., 1st team, St. John, N. B. - - - - -	702
St. John Rifle Co., 2nd team, St. John, N. B. - - - - -	297
Rifle Associations—	
Alberta, Calgary, N. W. T. - - -	635
Cambellford, Campbellford, Ont. -	427
Canning, 1st team, Canning, N. S. -	725
Canning, 2nd team, Canning, N. S. -	640
Carleton County, Woodstock, N. B.	504
Cobourg, Cobourg, Ont. - - - - -	668
County of Perth, 1st team, Stratford, Ont. - - - - -	594
County of Perth, 2nd team, Stratford	471
Egerton, Hopewell, N. S. - - - - -	684
Erin, Erin, Ont. - - - - -	749
G. T. R., Point St. Charles, Que. -	639
Guelph, 1st team, Guelph, Ont. - -	874
Guelph, 2nd team, Guelph, Ont. -	708
Hampton, Hampton, N. B. - - - - -	670
Hespeler, Hespeler, Ont. - - - - -	819
King's County, 1st team, Kemptville, N. S. - - - - -	716
King's County, 2nd team, Kemptville	687
Levis, 1st team, Levis, Que. - - -	550
Levis, 2nd team, Levis, Que. - - -	367
Mattawa, Mattawa, Ont. - - - - -	503
Orillia, Orillia, Ont. - - - - -	741
Oshawa, Oshawa, Ont. - - - - -	522
Ottawa Rifle Club, Ottawa, Ont. -	634
Regina, Regina, N. W. T. - - - - -	121
Saskatchewan, Prince Albert - - -	659
Temiscouata, Fraserville, Que. -	569
Tilbury East, 1st team, Tilbury East, Ont. - - - - -	462
Tilbury East, 2nd team, Tilbury East, Ont. - - - - -	464
Truro, Truro, N. S. - - - - -	690
Victoria, Victoria, B. C. - - - - -	674
Woodstock, Woodstock, Ont. - - -	350

1st P. W. R. MATCHES.

The annual matches of the Prince of Wales Rifle Association took place at the Cote St. Luc ranges on Saturday 5th. The day was a fair one for shooting. The results were as follows:

Maiden Match—	Score.
Sgt. Patterson, company 1 - - -	22
Pte. W. J. Pendleton, company 3 - -	18
Pte. Haslet, company 4 - - - - -	18
Pte. J. McCallum, company 4 - - -	16
Lt. D. D. McCrae, company 1 - - -	16
Pte. G. Watson, company 6 - - - -	13
Pte. E. Duff, company 4 - - - - -	11
Capt. Dobbin, company 4 - - - - -	6
Battalion Match—	
Lt. Col. Hood, Co. 1 - - - - -	66
Pte. D. McCallum, Co. 4 - - - - -	66
Pte. D. Finlayson, Co. 3 - - - - -	62
Pte. Lindsay Co. 3 - - - - -	61
Col. Sgt. Cunningham, Co. 1 - - -	61
Capt. Finlayson, Co. 3 - - - - -	59
Pte. J. Sharpe, Co. 3 - - - - -	58
Pte. Burd, Co. 1 - - - - -	57
Capt. Porteous, staff - - - - -	57
Sgt. Paterson, Co. 1 - - - - -	53

Sgt. Harris, Co. 3	52
Pte. W. J. Pendleton, Co. 3	52
Col. Sgt. Cooper, Co. 3	52
Pte. Jackson, Co. 2	46
Corp. Paquette, Co. 1	45
Pte. Morgan, Co. 3	44
Fgt. Major Fendleton, Co. 5	41
Col. Sgt. Dance, Co. 4	40
Lt. D. D. McCrae, Co. 1	37
Staff Sgt. Donaldson, Co. 6	36
The Team Scores—	
No. 1 Company	282
No. 3 Company	282
No. 4 Company	188
No. 6 Company	164

Citizens' Match. Individual—	
Pte. D. McCallum, Co. 4	55
Pte. D. Finlayson, Co. 3	55
Sgt. J. Harris, Co. 3	54
Col. Sergt. Dance, Co. 4	54
Col. Sgt. Cooper, Co. 3	2
Col. Sgt. Cunningham, Co. 1	51
Lt. Col. Hood, Co. 1	48
Pte. Jackson, Co. 2	47
Capt. Finlayson, Co. 3	47
Pte. Sharpe, Co. 3	47

Team—	
No. 3 Company	255
No. 4 Company	223
No. 1 Company	220

Extra Series—	
Staff Sgt. J. J. Bell, M. G. A.	24
Corp. C. Gardiner, M. G. A.	24
Staff Sgt. McCrae, 3rd V. R. C.	23
Capt. Chambers, 6th Fusiliers	23
Gr. T. Sharpe, M. G. A.	23
Pte. J. Scott, 6th Fusiliers	23
Col. Sgt. J. Cooper, P. W. R.	23
Gr. G. H. Sharpe, M. G. A.	22
Gr. E. J. Foote, M. G. A.	23

The attack drill match was not fired.

Open Match—	
Lt. Macadam, 3rd V. R. C.	87
Bugler Broadhurst, 5th R. S.	85
Corp. C. Gardiner, M. G. A.	84
Pte. J. Sharpe, 1st P. W. R.	83
Pte. J. Scott, 6th Fusiliers	83
Gr. Geo. Sharpe, M. G. A.	82
Lt. Brown, 3rd V. R. C.	80
Corp. Ward, 6th Fusiliers	80
Col. Sgt. Marks, 6th Fusiliers	80
Sgt. Riddle, 6th Fusiliers	79
Capt. Chambers, 6th Fusiliers	78
Col. Sgt. Pratt, 6th Fusiliers	77
Sgt. Morrice, 6th Fusiliers	77
Sgt. C. Primrose, 3rd V. R. C.	77
Pte. Reid, 6th Fusiliers	76

The Team Scores—	
First team 6th Fusiliers	375
Second team 6th Fusiliers	374
M. G. A.	354
Third team V. R. C.	33

First Team, Sixth Fusiliers—	
	200 500 600 Tl.
Staff Sgt. Leaves	25 30 15 70
Col. Sgt. Riddle	24 27 28 79
Col. Sgt. Pratt	20 33 24 77
Col. Sgt. Marks	31 28 21 80
Sgt. Todd	25 24 20 69
Total	375

Second Team, Sixth Fusiliers—	
Pte. T. Scott	26 25 21 72
Pte. J. Scott	26 30 27 83
Sgt. Armstrong	23 19 23 65
Corp. Ward	26 28 26 80
Pte. Jehu	28 25 21 74
Total	374

M. G. A. Team—	
Staff Sgt. J. J. Bell	27 29 13 69
Corp. Gardiner	29 30 22 84
Gr. G. H. Sharpe	28 31 23 82
Gr. T. Sharpe	19 15 17 51
Gr. T. Foote	23 25 20 68
Total	354

3rd V. R. C. Team—	
Lt. Brown	27 25 29 80
Staff Sgt. McCrae	26 21 28 71
Sgt. Binmore	28 29 20 77
Sgt. J. Y. Clarke	19 23 13 55
Pte. Rough	25 26 19 70
Total	354

Aggregates in Matches 2, 3, and 6—	
Rank.	Score.
Pte. D. McCallum, Co. 4	189
Lt. Col. J. Hood, Co. 1	187
Pte. D. Finlayson, Co. 3	187
Green Aggregates in Matches 1, 2, 3 and 6—	
Pte. W. J. Pendleton	156
Lt. D. D. McCrae, Co. 1	119

METROPOLITAN RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual matches of this association take place on the Rideau Ranges, Ottawa, Friday and Saturday, 18th and 19th of August. The list of office bearers is as follows:

Honorary patron, Major General Montgomery Moore, commanding H. M. forces in British North America; patron, Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia; vice-patrons, Maj. Gen. Ivor C. Herbert, commanding Canadian militia; the Mayor of Ottawa, Mr. O. Durocher; Hon. F. Clewlow; Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, M. P.; Hon. E. H. Bronson, M.P.P.; Mr. W. A. Allan, President, Mr. G. B. Pattee; vice-presidents, Lt. Col. Thos. Bacon, Lt. Col. F. Toller; managing committee, Major W. E. Hodgins, Capt. H. H. Gray, Mr. S. A. White, Capt. E. D. Sutherland, Mr. H. Watters; Mr. R. Stewart, secretary treasurer; Mr. T. McJanet, assistant secretary treasurer; auditor, Mr. J. P. Nutting.

1. The W. A. Allan match, nursery, Snider rifle, 400 yards, 7 shots, to commence at 8.30 a. m. Friday. Open to members of the association who have never won a prize at a Provincial or Dominion meeting. Entrance fee, 50 cents. A special reduction in the fees for the succeeding matches is made for those entering in the nursery. Total, 15 prizes, value \$33.

2. The Alonzo Wright match, Snider rifle, 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots, to commence at 9.30 a. m. Friday. Open to members. Entrance fee, 50 cents. If entered in nursery, 25 cents. Total, 29 prizes, value \$82.

Nursery series. Total 4 prizes, value \$5.00.

3. The Allan Gilmour, Snider rifle, 500 yards, 7 shots, to commence at 1.30 p.m. Friday. Open to members. Entrance fee, 50 cents. If entered in nursery, 25 cents. Total, 28 prizes, value \$72.

Nursery series, total 4 prizes, value \$5.

The G. B. Pattee, Snider rifle, 200 yards (standing), 400 and 500 yards, 7 shots, to commence at 2.30 p. m. Friday. The

committee reserve the right to alter the position at 200 yards to kneeling if the weather should be unfavorable. Value for team, the cup and \$30; for individuals \$100. Total, the Cup and \$130.

4. Team prizes. Teams to be chosen from the competitors entered as individuals, and to consist of five previously named members representing any association in military district No. 4. Entries must be made before the time fixed for the commencement of the match. Entrance fee, \$2.50 per team. Two or more teams may be entered from each organization. First prize, the Pattee challenge cup and \$15; second prize, \$10; third prize, \$5. Total, 3 prizes, value the cup and \$30. The cup presented by the Metropolitan Rifle Association in 1889, and named in honor of the president, to be held for the year by the chief officer of the organization represented by the winning team.

5. Individual prizes. Open to members. Entrance fee, 75 cents. If entered in nursery, 50 cents. Total, 31 prizes, value \$100.

Nursery series. Total, 4 prizes, value \$5.

6. The McLeod Stewart, Martini-Henry, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots, to commence at 1.30 p. m. Saturday. Open to all comers. Entrance fee, 75 cents. If entered in nursery 50 cents. 1st prize, \$12; McLeod Stewart cup, for members only. Total, 36 prizes, value the cup and \$120.

Nursery series. Total, 4 prizes, value \$5.

The cup, presented in 1888 by McLeod Stewart, Mayor of Ottawa, and vice-patron of the association, to be won twice by the same person before becoming his property. (Winner in 1888, Pte. J. A. Armstrong, G.G.F.G.; in '90, Capt. Gray, G. G. F. G.; in 1889, Capt. C. F. Cox, R. L.; in 1890, Pte. T. McJanet, 43rd Batt.; in 1891, Pte. J. P. Robinson, 56th Batt.; in 1892, J. H. Ellis, G. G. F. G.) Temporary possession to be awarded as the managing committee may decide.

7. Association team match. Open to teams of five, previously named, representing any regularly organized rifle association. Two or more teams may enter from each organization. Entrance fee, \$2.50 per team. Entries must be paid before 1.30 p. m. on Saturday, 19th August. Scores made in the McLeod Stewart match to count. Total, 3 prizes, value \$30.

8. Grand aggregate. Entrance fee, 50 cents. If entered in nursery, 25 cents. For the highest aggregate scores in matches Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6. (Privilege of representing the association in the Lansdowne aggregate competition of the D. R. A. to be awarded to members in the order of their scores in this match.) Competitors to have choice of the following prizes in the order of their scores, except in case of the Jubilee cup, which must be taken by the highest aggregate: 1, the Jubilee cup and \$5; 2, D. R. A. silver medal and \$5; 3, O. R. A. silver medal and \$5; 4, cash \$10; 5, cash \$8; 6, cash \$6; 7, \$5; 2 prizes of \$3 each; 2 prizes of \$2 each.

Nursery aggregate. D. R. A. bronze medal. The Jubilee cup, presented by McLeod Stewart, Mayor of Ottawa, in 1887,

must be won twice by the same person before becoming his property. (Winner in 187, Capt. H. H. Gray, G.G.F.G.; 1888, Col. Sgt. James Fairbairn, 43rd Batt.; in 1889, Major J. Wright, 43rd Batt.; in 1890, Pte. T. McJanet, 43rd Batt.; in 1891, Pte. J. E. Hutcheson, 43rd Batt.; in 1892, J. H. Ellis, G.G.F.G.) Temporary possession to be given at the discretion of the managing committee.

9. Snider extra series, 500 yards, 5 shots. Open to all comers. Entries unlimited, 25 cents each. Total, 16 prizes, value \$43.

10. The optional, 600 yards, 5 shots. Open to all comers. Entries unlimited, 25 cents each. Either Snider or Martini rifles may be used. Competitors using the Martini may fire two tickets in succession. Total, 16 prizes, value \$43.

CANADIAN MILITARY HISTORY.

The Citizen applauds with both hands the appointment of "The poet of the Lakes" to the charge of the Records branch of the Department of Militia and Defence. The work to be undertaken being chiefly of a literary character, it was meet and proper that it should be given to a literary man, more especially, when, as in the present case, the person selected to fill the post, is one so eminently well qualified, both by previous experience and in taste and temperament, as is Mr. Wilfrid Campbell. Such an appointment has long been needed. Indeed it is matter for wonderment that no step had previously been taken to arrange, assort and put in some part of order, easy for reference, the miscellaneous records having to do with the history of the Canadian militia—a history embellished with many illustrations names and which is in every way so creditable to the patriotic defenders of their country. We have no doubt Mr. Campbell will be able to give a good account of his stewardship by providing periodically for the public information the result of his researches and investigation. The foundation should be immediately laid for a history of the Canadian militia; and as a first preliminary to that important undertaking a Militia List compiled, giving the names of all militia corps, with lists of officers, if possible, from Lord Dorchester's time down to the present. Already Mr. John A. MacDonnell, O.C. in his admirable "History of Glengarry"—a work whose value and interest as an historical record daily increases—has done much, as regards his own section of country, to smooth the way for any one with a more ambitious and comprehensive project, such as we have suggested. There is also no lack of material in the various histories of Canada, and in the reports annually furnished to Parliament by the Archives branch off the department of Agriculture; but it is to the official records appearing to the Canadian War Office, and now in Mr. Campbell's charge, that he, or whoever may undertake to speak with au-

thority of the past achievements of the Canadian Militia, would have to rely for his principal facts and data. We congratulate the country on the wisdom and discernment which has dictated the present appointment.—Ottawa Citizen.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MARCHING.

The importance of proper footwear and thorough training.

The Army and Navy Gazette is doing good work for the Imperial service by its discussion of the question of marching. A recent editorial in that paper on this subject says:

We have more than once lately referred to the subject of marching, a quality in which the British infantry soldier does not excel, it is to be feared. Mr. Poultney Bigelow, who knows the German army well, has an article in this month's Harper, entitled "Sidelights of the German Soldier," which we can strongly recommend to notice. In this entertaining paper Mr. Bigelow touches, among other matters, on marching. It may be interesting to readers abroad who do not see Harper to know what Mr. Bigelow has to say on the all important question as it affects the German infantry. "The secret of this uniform excellence, as regard marching powers, lies in the training which the men receive. When they enter their company as recruits in October, the first thing that is impressed upon their minds is the importance of the shoes and the musket. No pains are spared in giving the men at the start comfortable foot gear, and they are expected to look after this with as much interest as if it were a chronometer. In the spring following, when the snow is off the ground, marches are undertaken, and they are regulated as carefully as are the strokes and the courses of the college crew under the hands of the trainer. Each day the men march half a mile or so further than the day before; each day they carry on their backs an ounce or two more; each day the speed they are able to maintain is carefully noted; in fact, the record of a company's marching from day to day until late in the summer, when they move into the open country, is kept as minutely as if it were a single picked company training for a march or competition drill. The German soldier is educated and trained for the purpose of fighting, and to have a man fall out before he reaches the fire line is looked upon as quite as much a disaster as if he had been shot and wounded by the enemy. The art of war as practised in Germany is very much the art of getting there, and it is the general who posts himself most advantageously at the critical moment that may be assumed to have won the battle. The marching of German troops is something quite extraordinary, not in the performance of any individual man or company or regiment, but in the fact that the Commander-in-

Chief can count upon all parts of his command accomplishing a very high average of collective work, each part doing substantially as much as the other." When shall we be able to train our soldiers on similar lines?

A letter signed "Foot Soldier" in the same paper says: I think a few weeks ago you made some remarks on the "ammunition boot," to the effect that the cause of the inability of troops at home to march was due to a great extent to the then faulty foot gear. I agree with you that the service boot as issued to the men is not good. I maintain, though, that if the ammunition boot is well greased, it requires no improvement. My own feet are of peculiar shape, and I never at home found ready-made boots comfortable. For the two last years, though I have worn only ammunition boots when shooting and on manoeuvres, and have walked hundreds of miles on many a shooting trip, I have never been footsore. Of course a well greased boot will not take blacking, so the question resolves itself into one of efficiency versus smartness. Dubbin, if thoroughly applied in several dressings to soldiers' boots, so as to make the leather quite soft and pliable, not only makes them comfortable to march in, but also makes them wear much longer. Boots so treated are waterproof, and, what is more important, if they become wetted, they do not become hard when dried. If a regiment with ungreased boots on waded a stream in the evening just before arriving at their camping ground, the next day's march would lame many men. I should suggest that commanding officers should have all their men's second pair of boots well greased, to wear on musketry and military training parades, manoeuvres, and in wet weather. The men would then have one blacked pair for ordinary parades and walking out. Dubbin to be provided out of regimental funds. It is necessary too for efficiency in marching to have a good sock. The kind issued in this country have seams so roughly finished off that they might be guaranteed to cause sore heels. The seamless army sock made in the north of Ireland is splendid.

The Progress and Present position of Artillery.

Messrs Griffin, of Portsmouth, publishers of "Brassey's Naval Annual" and kindred works, issued on Tuesday an interesting volume on "The Progress and Present Position of Artillery," from the pens of Messrs E. W. Lloyd and A. G. Haddock. The work is profusely illustrated, and the authors have separated purely scientific detail from general information. In the opening chapters it is declared that in all matters connected with the progress of warlike material, whether ships, guns, or torpedoes, England stands second to no power. In connection with progress in the manufacture of artillery, the very primitive efforts of early days are described, and reference is made to the fact that the use of cannon by Edward the Third at the siege of Calais is beyond doubt. In comparison with ancient guns

are placed the powerful and terribly destructive engines of war now produced at the Armstrong and other factories. In this connection the following passage may be quoted. "The heaviest gun on board the Victory was little over three tons; the heaviest on board the Victoria was little over 110 tons. The largest charge used on board the Victory was ten lbs.; the largest on board the Victoria close on 1,000 lbs. The heaviest metal discharged from a broadside of the shot used in the Victory was 68 lbs.; in the Victoria 1,800 lbs. The weight of Victory was 1,150 lbs., from that of the Victoria it was 4,750 lbs. A broadside in the former case consumed 355 lbs. of powder, that in the latter 2,490 lbs."

Naval Forces in the East.

It is interesting to note that Great Britain appears just now to have a very marked preponderance of strength in Eastern seas. The French fleet may be able to blow the Siamese vessels out of the water and to bombard Bangkok till it disappears from sight, but it is simply nowhere in comparison with the British China Squadron, supposed to be somewhere near Singapore at present—to say nothing of the East Indies fleet, which is not very far away. The New York Herald recently published the following list of the French ships now in Chinese waters:

Ships.	Tons.	Horse Power.	Guns.
Triomphante - - -	4176	2400	13
Annamite - - -	5400	2318	5
Forfait - - -	2260	2900	15
Inconstante - - -	811	874	3
Alouette - - -	506	404	3
Lutin - - -	474	373	4
Comete - - -	473	631	5
Lion - - -	473	576	2
Jacquin - - -	192	308	2
Moulun - - -	192	308	2
Arquebuse - - -	111	150	2
Caronade - - -	111	150	2
Cimeterre - - -	111	150	2
Estoe - - -	111	150	2
Mutine - - -	111	150	2

It will be seen that the vessels are small, the tonnage not very great and the guns not very numerous. Of course, the fleet as it is now more than answers the purpose of bullying Siam, but the point of interest to us is in its comparative strength as against England. While it is probable that the ability of Lords Dufferin and Rosebery, the lack of desire for war in Britain and the efforts which will be made to persuade France into reasonable action, will avert war, yet a very little torch may kindle a great conflagration, and in these distant complications no one can be sure of the consequences. Hence the pleasure with which we can read this list of the British China Squadron:

Ships.	Tons.	Horse Power.	Guns.
Imperieuse - - -	8400	10000	14
Leander - - -	4300	6500	10
Severn - - -	4050	6000	12
Severn - - -	3730	7290	14
Pallas - - -	2575	7500	8
Archer - - -	1700	3500	6

Porpoise - - -	1770	3500	6
Alacrity - - -	1700	3180	4
Caroline - - -	1420	1440	15
Redpole - - -	805	1200	6
Linnet - - -	756	1050	5
Swift - - -	756	1010	5
Peacock - - -	755	1200	6
Pigmy - - -	755	1200	6
Plover - - -	755	1200	6
Rattler - - -	715	1200	6
Firebrand - - -	455	460	4

The superiority is obvious at a glance, and not far distant in the East India fleet are half a dozen more ironclad cruisers and gunboats too in proportion. It therefore seems probable that we may put full confidence in Sir Edward Grey's statement to the House of Commons that there were plenty of British ships about Siam to protect British lives, properties and territorial interests. Politics, however, and not the navy, too often control these matters. But it is satisfactory to know that the latter is sufficient if required.

THE BOYS BRIGADE. An Interesting Encampment in Western Ontario.

A novel engagement commenced in Elora on Tuesday last. No. 1 Company of the Boys' Brigade, from Palmerston, and No. 1 Company, of the same organization, from Harriston, came to Elora, in accordance with previous arrangements, and took up temporary habitation in the fine piece of ground adjoining Armory Hall. Palmerston company is under command of Capt. and Rev. F. C. Piper, with Capt. Jamieson, of the 30th, as 1st Lieut. and Raymond Jackson, Esq., 2nd Lieut. The Harriston company is commanded by Capt. and Rev. J. Belt, his 1st Lieut. being Lieut. Holton, of the 30th. They pitched eight military tents and one marquee, kindly loaned to them by the militia authorities of the district, under orders from the Minister of Militia, and the camp was under thorough military organization. There are 54 non-commissioned officers and privates in the Palmerston company and 30 in the Harriston company, but the whole of them were not present. The boys wear forage caps, around which run two rows of silver braid, cross belts, waist belts, and haversack, which were procured from Glasgow. The organization in fact was established at Glasgow, in Scotland, about ten years ago, and at the present time there are 80 full companies in active operation in that city. It is not denominational in character, but the greater portion of its Scottish adherents belong to the Presbyterian church. In Canada the chief executive, the Rev. Capt. Fotheringham, is a Presbyterian minister of St. John's, N. B., and in that Province many of the companies are composed of adherents of the Presbyterian church. In Ontario, where 20 companies are in operation, they are connected largely with the Episcopal church, although in the companies here there are some Methodists and Presbyterians. Each company must have as its head a clergyman of some denomination. The non-commissioned officers and privates of the various companies are eligible for enlistment from the ages of 12 to 17 years, and pledge themselves to be-

come non-users of intoxicating liquors and tobacco, and to refrain from the use of profane language. In addition they promise to read a portion of Scripture every morning, preparatory to entering upon the work of the day. The whole proceedings of the camp are conducted with military regularity, from gun fire at 6 a.m. to "lights out" at 10 p. m. when sentries are posted, and remain on duty until morning. Capt. Jamieson, than whom there could be no better officer for the purpose, acts as adjutant, and is indefatigable in the enforcement of proper discipline. Meals are taken by the boys and officers in the marquee, and several ladies, who accompany the brigade, act as caterers and assistants to the boys. Provisions, or money for the purchase of them, has been provided by the parents of the children, and the capacity of the young soldiers for stowing away rations has been found to be equal to that of any other Canadian corps of similar weight and size. An idea of the work done may be gathered from the following:

Orders for each day—

6 a. m.—Gun fire.

6.30.—Orderly sergeant reports men all right to orderly officer of the day.

6.45.—All tents and blankets must be aired, and boys mustered in squads.

7 to 7.20.—Bathing.

8.—Breakfast.

9.—Devotional exercises.

9.30 to 10.30.—Drill.

12.30 p. m.—Dinner.

2 to 2.30.—One of the officers to read aloud.

4 to 5.—Drill.

6.—Supper.

8.—Chat in marquee.

9.—Devotional exercises.

9.30.—Gun fire.

10.—Lights out.

Passes granted on "off hours" only.

Yesterday Lieut. Col. Clarke, ex-commandant of the 30th, inspected the two companies, which were put through many movements, and expressed himself as delighted at the progress made. He was not surprised thereat because intimately acquainted with the thorough character of Captain Jamieson's drill. He addressed the boys briefly, and expressed the hope that they would turn out in still larger force when next they went to camp, and that they would be joined by many other companies to be formed in the county of Wellington. Adj. Jamieson says that drill will be resumed at the headquarters of each company, in September, and kept up during the coming winter. He added that Dr. Standish, of Palmerston, delivers ambulance lectures to the boys, when opportunity offers, and the progress made by them under his instruction is as pleasing as it is astonishing. In St. Thomas, Ont., there are six companies, which recently went into camp at Port Stanley. In Toronto there are two, and one each in Sarnia and Hamilton. In the United States about 100 brigades have been formed, and all are reported as doing good work. Last evening the boys gave an entertainment in Armory Hall here which was fairly well attended.—Guelph Mercury Aug. 9.

The Battleship Resolution.

The new first-class battleship Resolution, which has been built and engined by the Palmer Shipbuilding and Iron Co. (Limited), has arrived at Portsmouth. She was launched on the 28th of May last year, so that the time taken to complete her is only a little over thirteen months, an altogether creditable performance, considering the immense amount of work done since the launch, and the drawbacks of various trade strikes, coupled with the fact that her sister vessel, the Renvege, has been fitting out simultaneously. The Resolution is one of the largest battleships afloat, comprising one of the eight built under the Naval Defence Act of 1889. An idea of the enormous size of the vessel may be gained when it is stated that she is forty feet longer five feet broader, and has 3,680 tons more displacement than the ill-fated Victoria. Her displacement is 14,150 tons, and her indicated horse power forced draught 13,000, giving her a of 17½ knots. She is built entirely of steel the stem, sternpost, rudder, and shaft brackets being formed of cast steel. The hull is divided into 220 watertight compartments, thereby reducing to the fullest extent the risk of danger to bottom plating from rocks and torpedoes, and rendering it practically unsinkable. There is a double bottom extending throughout the engine-room boiler, and main magazine spaces. The inner bottom to the lower deck. The engines and boilers are separated by longitudinal bulkheads, extending the whole length of the magazine space. Longitudinal bulkheads at the sides extend throughout the machinery space and form coal bunkers and wing spaces.

A sloping protective deck of steel 2½ inches in thickness extends under water from the bow for about 76 feet, and from the stern for a distance of about 72 feet and between these two points there is a protective deck three inches in thickness worked horizontally about the water-line. From the level of this deck there is a steel-faced armoured belt 18 inches in thickness and 8 feet 6 inches wide, extending for a distance 250 feet of the midship part of the vessel, the thickness tapering at the ends of 14 inches. Immediately above this belt there is also a light belt of armour, four inches thick, extending for a distance of 144 feet and terminating at the screen bulkheads at each end three inches thick, which extend from side of ship to sides of barbets behind this thin belt of armour coal bunkers are arranged, whereby a large amount of additional protection is secured above the thick armour belt. With a view to prevent water from finding its way below the protective deck, means are provided for closing the several openings by watertight covers, while in the case of those which must necessarily remain open cofferdams have been fitted with the same object.

The main armament of the Resolution consists of four 57-ton breechloading guns of 13½ calibre, with a training of 120 degrees on each side to the centre line. The auxiliary armament consists of ten six-inch 100 pounder quick-firing guns, (four in armoured casemates on the main deck, and six on the upper deck); sixteen 6-pounder quick-firing guns, four on the upper deck, and two on the main deck; nine 3-pounder quick-firing guns, (three in military tops, and six for boats); two 9-pounder R. M. L. field guns, eight 45-inch five-barrelled guns and seven torpedo tubes—four on the broadside, one at the stern and two submerged. The total weight of the main armament is 1,410 tons, and the weight of the auxiliary armament is 500 tons.

The Resolution is lighted throughout with electricity by an installation of about 700 electric lamps, and is also equipped with four electric search lights of 25,000 candle power, each of which will be worked by a dynamo under protection. The 900 tons of coal carried at the designed load line, will enable her to steam 5,000 knots at a ten knot speed but in case of necessity she will be able to stow about 400 tons more, and so obtain a radius of action of over 7,000 knots. When used as a flagship the Resolution will have a complement of over 700 officers and men.

The General Back.

Major General Herbert returned yesterday from England, where he had been for nearly three months on business connected with the military affairs of the Dominion. "I was away a good deal longer than I expected," said the stalwart soldier who commands the Canadian army, "for the business upon which I was engaged for the government gave me considerable to do with the War and Colonial offices, besides the Admiralty; and these are pretty busy departments, dealing constantly with matters affecting other portions of the Empire."

"How did I succeed? Well, you must wait for an answer to that question until the Minister returns. My mission was to carry out the orders of the government, and I shall have to make my report to the Minister of the department before I shall be at liberty to say anything."

The Major-General was pleased with the attention bestowed upon the Canadian soldiers whom he took with him to England. Evidently he is proud, too, of the men he selected to represent the forces of the Dominion at the opening of the Imperial Institute. Her Majesty paid them a personal compliment, addressing a few words to each as they were introduced by the Major-General after the review at Buckingham Palace. The Queen, also as a further mark of royal favour gave special permission to the Canadian contingent to visit Windsor Castle. "And the

men," added Major-General proudly, "richly deserved all the honors paid to them. During their stay in London they were attached to the Guards and were most popular with the officers and non-commissioned officers with whom they were associated."

Capt Evans, it was learned, has had his leave of absence from Canada extended, so as to allow him to take part in the cavalry manoeuvres on Berkshire Downs.

As to the report, already denied by Hon. Mr. Patterson, that the Minister had taken advantage of the commanding officer's absence to defer certain changes in the district staffs recommended by him. Major-General Herbert seemed to consider the story too palpably absurd to be seriously discussed, merely dismissing the matter, when the Citizen reporter alluded to it, with the remark that "nobody who knows Mr. Patterson would for a moment suspect him of doing behind my back what he would not do if I were here."—Ottawa Citizen July 28 '93

British Valor.

With the name of Victoria will ever be associated a story that the nation will cherish as one of those precious records by which empires live. It was all over in fifteen minutes, but that fifteen minutes will live in history as lives the Balaclava charge, which did not last much longer. The testing times of life seldom last long. The first dip of the litmus paper in the solution proves the existence of acid, and the first moment of a supreme crisis suffices for a test. And as it has been said that it was almost worth the enormous expenditure of the Crimean war to have the object lesson which was afforded by the charge of the Six Hundred—of the absolute readiness of the British soldier to ride "into the jaws of death, into the mouth of hell—" so it may be said that it was almost worth while to lose the Victoria in order to have so superb an illustration of the mettle of our men. Death in the old phrase, is the gate of life, but Death is more than that: Death is the sovereign alchemist who assays the value of the coin struck in the mint of life. Death is the supreme test. Invincible in life, are our blue-jackets invincible also in death! Their drill goes like clockwork by day and by night; their discipline is perfect by sea and by land. But how will it be when each individual, nay, when the whole ship company with all its component weakness and shortcomings, is suddenly slung over an abyss yawning 80 fathoms deep below, with not one chance in three that any will escape alive? The Victoria supplied an answer. Not for a single moment does there seem to have been even a faltering word or a flurried deed.

Not even when the great ship reeled and quivered like a wounded thing be-

neath the crushing blow of 10,000 tons of metal hurled against it at the rate of 18 miles an hour, did any of the crew or the officers lose their self-possession. Everything which has been laid down and provided for such an emergency was remembered and acted upon. Whether in trying to get out the collision mats or in the last desperate plunge shoreward, in which the half-sinking ship, with her forepart all under water, steamed towards the land—everything seems to have been done with the regularity and steadiness and cool courage that are the distinguishing features of the British navy. And in the last "Each for himself," which dissolved the organic whole of the disciplined ship's company into a mass of individuals each set free to seek his own safety in his own way, nothing seems to have been done unworthy the name and the fame of the British sailor. The papers are full of stories of the self-forgetting devotion of these blue-jackets to each other.

All seem to have been alike, from the admiral who sank with his ship to the chaplain who perished in saving others the midshipman who refused to leave the admiral and went down by his side, the brave fellow who freed the diver from his lead-laden sinkers, and lost his own life while so doing although he saved the diver's—and all the other incidents of heroic selflessness and comradeship that is stronger than death—these things are a priceless addition to the heritage of our land—From W. T. Stead's sketch of Admiral Tryon in Review of Reviews.

THE ROYAL NAVY.

Two more powerful warships added to it.

The Empress of India and the Grafton, the last types of battleship and cruiser completed at Chatham, were passed out of dockyard hands on Saturday, 5th, when the effective strength of the Royal Navy received two very important additions. Both vessels are being swept and garnished for the official inspection by Admiral Superintendent Morant, after which they will be turned over to the fleet reserve authorities to be kept in a seagoing condition until the order is given to commission them for active service. The Empress of India, a 14,150 ton barbette ship, was built at Pembroke under the historic name of the Renown (afterwards changed to the Empress of India), and was launched in May, 1891, by H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught. She was brought here about eighteen months ago in a most unfinished condition, so unfinished, indeed, that between £40,000 and £50,000 has since been expended upon her for labor and material in equipping and putting on the finishing touches to complete the ship for sea. This magnificent vessel has cost the country about £920,000 and for offensive and defensive purposes she is equal to any vessel in the world. She carries 42 guns, including four 13.5-inch calibre, 67-ton breech-loaders, ten 6-inch 5-ton quick-firing guns, and in ad-

dition an equipment of seven torpedo tubes—four on the broadside, one at the stern, and two submerged. The ship is fitted with engines of 13,000-horse power, which at her official trial propelled her at a speed of nearly 17 knots an hour, while her coal capacity is 900 tons, or sufficient to last a voyage of 5,000 miles steaming at a speed of ten knots an hour. Although the vessel is under orders to be commissioned, no date has yet been fixed, but it is believed that upon the return of the ships from the naval manoeuvres the pennant will be hoisted on board, and that she will be despatched to join the Channel fleet under Vice-Admiral Fairfax.

The Grafton, lying close by in the basin, is a first-class cruiser of 7,350 tons displacement, and is one of nine of the same class ordered under Lord George Hamilton's defence scheme. She was built by the Thames Ironworks and Shipbuilding Company. The Grafton is a sister ship to the Hawk, built at this yard, and is now doing her first commission with the fleet on the Mediterranean station. She is a vessel which will undoubtedly prove a most useful as well as a formidable addition to the Navy, and one which any naval officer will be proud to command. She came here about four months ago to be fitted and completed for sea. Since her delivery she has been equipped with two 9.2-inch guns, ten 6-inch guns, all breechloaders; beside 16 quick-firing guns and four 18-inch torpedo tubes. The ship is lighted throughout with electricity, and is also equipped with two powerful searchlights. Her engines have an indicated horse-power of 12,000, which at her experimental trials off Plymouth recently gave her a speed of over twenty knots per hour. She is beautifully fitted, and the multifarious mechanical arrangements which have been made for expediting the work of both officers and crew contribute greatly to her value as a fighting cruiser, and do credit to the designer and builders. I hear that she will in all probability replace the Immortalite in the Channel squadron.

Preparations are at once to be made for laying down the first class battleship Magnificent at Chatham Dockyard. The full plans and specifications have not yet been received. She will be built in No. 7 slip, which is being considerably widened to allow of her construction. During the present year it is estimated that £179,509 will be spent upon the vessel.

The Sixth Fusilliers Matches.

The annual matches of the Sixth Fusilliers Rifle Association took place at the Cote St. Luc Ranges on Saturday August 12th.

The great event of the day was the competition for the "Cartridge Box" silver medal and for the Walker cup. In both these contests things were close up to the finish, and after the Battalion match had been fired in the morning it was simply a guess, and no more, to tell who was going to win the medal, as three of the competitors were tied for first place, while four others, among them the ultimate winner, Sergeant Marks, were only two points behind. This only increased the interest, especially when the open match was fired, when the returns showed that

the totals of Pioneer Reid and Sergeant Marks were the same, 147; but as Marks had made one more point in the last match than Reid, under D. R. A. rules, which governed the meeting, he was the winner. No one congratulates him more than the donor, for the reason especially that he was one of the members of the team who brought back the Carlslake trophy to Montreal, for which the medal was given for competition. Pioneer Reid, however, wins the D. R. A. medal, he having made the largest aggregate scores in matches 3, 4 and 5. The Walker cup competition for a cup presented by Robt. Walker for the best tyro who has never won a prize of \$5 or over at any meeting, brought out a surprise and showed that all the shooting qualities of the Drysdale family are not confined to Sergt. "Jack," of the Garrison, but that his younger brother, William, promises to give him a sharp chase for his laurels. For a tyro his work on Saturday was splendid and would do credit to a first-class shot. In the Battalion match he made 82, in the Association 52, and in the open 57, making his total 192, which gave him a good lead over his companions. This is Drysdale's second year at the ranges, although he commenced in 1891, winning \$4 at the D.R.A. meeting, but since then he has never won any prizes. This, to a great degree, can be accounted for by the fact that in 1892 he did not fire at all.

The results in detail were as follows:

Maiden stakes. Open to all members of the regiment who have never won a prize at any previous rifle meeting; 5 shots at 200 yards.

Prize.	Pts.
\$4—Pte. Lang, Co. 6	22
3—Pte. Harris, Co. 3	18
2—Pte. Howes, band	13
2—Pte. Watt, Co. 1	12
2—Pte. Hewman, Co. 1	12
1—Corp. Kucen, Co. 1	11
1—Corp. Higginbotham, Co. 1	10
1—Corp. Mann, Co. 3	9
1—Pte. Grimsdale, Co. 4	8
1—Pte. Holt, Co. 5	7
1—Pte. Blackmore, Co. 2	6
1—Sergt. Rosser, band	6

Standing match. Open to all members of the regiment; 7 shots, 200 yards.—

Prize.	Pts.
\$4—Col. Sgt. Marks, Co. 5	26
3—Sgt. Armstrong, Co. 6	25
2—Col. Sgt. Riddle, Co. 1	23
2—Pte. J. Watt, Co. 1	23
1—Sgt. Todd, Co. 1	23

Battalion Match. Open to all members of the regiment; ranges, 200, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots each.—

	Pts.
Col. Sgt. Pratt, Co. 6	89
Corp. Ward, Co. 5	89
Sergt. Todd, Co. 1	89
Pte. T. Scott, band	88
Pioneer Reid, Co. 6	88
Pte. Jehu, band	87
Col. Sgt. Marks, Co. 5	87
Sgt. Armstrong, Co. 1	86
Staff Sgt. Lavers, band	83
Col. Sgt. Riddle, Co. 1	83
Col. Sgt. Howard, Co. 2	83
Pte. Drysdale, Co. 1	82
Corp. Gibb, Co. 1	81
Pte. Lang, Co. 6	81
Sgt. Morrice, Co. 6	80
Pte. J. Scott, Co. 1	80
Capt. Chambers, Co. 6	79
Pte. Harris, Co. 3	74
Corp. Farrar, Co. 6	70
Pte. Cameron, Co. 1	70

Sergt. Taylor, Co. 2 - - - - 66
Corp. Lloyd, Co. 5 - - - - 66

In the above match the prizes are: 1st Lt. Col. Burland's; 2nd, Lt. Massey's; 3rd, Major Macaulay's, and 19 other in kind, presented by friends.

Association Match. Ranges 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots each.

Prize.		Pts.
*\$10—Pioneer Reid, Co. 6	-	50
8—Col. Sgt. Morrison, Co. 3	-	55
6—Sgt. Todd, Co. 1	-	54
5—Pte. Drysdale, Co. 1	-	52
4—Corp. Ward, Co. 5	-	52
3—Col. Sgt. Howard, Co. 2	-	51
2—Pte. Cameron, Co. 1	-	50
2—Col. Sgt. Pratt, Co. 6	-	50
2—Col. Sgt. Riddle, Co. 1	-	49
2—Pte. Lang, Co. 6	-	49
1—Corp. Gibb, Co. 1	-	49
1—Sgt. Armstrong, Co. 6	-	47
1—Col. Sgt. Marks, Co. 5	-	46
1—Pte. J. Watt, Co. 1	-	46
1—Staff Sgt. Lavers, band	-	45
1—Pte. T. Scott, band	-	44
1—Pte. Jehu, Co. 1	-	42

* Major Gardner's prize.

Open Match. Open to all comers for individual prizes and to teams of five previously named members of any battalion or rifle association.

	500	600	Ttl
Sgt. Clarke, Vics	31	31	62
Pte. Norton, R. S.	34	27	61
Pioneer Reid, 6th Fus	33	27	60
Pioneer Reid, 6th Fus	26	33	59
Lt. Brown, Vics	29	30	59
Bugler Broadhurst, R. S.	30	29	59
Staff Sgt. Lavers, 6th Fus	30	29	59
Staff Sgt. Bell, M. G. A.	29	29	58
Pte. Kamherly, R. S.	30	28	58
Col. Sgt. Riddle, 6th Fus	32	26	58
Pte. Drysdale, 6th Fus	28	29	57
Pipe Sgt. Clarke, R. S.	29	28	57
Pte. McNab, R. S.	29	28	57
Mr. Brighton, G. T. R. A.	57	29	56
Sgt. Binmore, Vics	31	25	56
Col. Sgt. Cooper, P. W. R.	30	24	54
Col. Sergt. Maj. Drysdale, M. G. A.	27	26	53
Staff Sgt. McCrae, Vics	30	24	54
Sgt. Bethune, R. S.	24	30	54
Sgt. Armstrong, 6th Fus	26	28	54

Teams. Royal Scots.—

	500	600	Ttl
Bugler Broadhurst	30	29	59
Pte. Kamherly	30	28	58
Corp. McNabb	29	28	57
Pipe Sgt. Clarke	29	28	57
Col. Sgt. Currie	23	21	44
Total	-	-	275

Prize \$15.

Sixth Fusiliers, first team—

Staff Sgt. Lavers	30	29	59
Col. Sgt. Marks	33	27	60
Sgt. Todd	26	23	49
Col. Sgt. Pratt	27	22	49
Col. Sgt. Riddle	32	26	58
Total	-	-	275

Prize \$10.

Victoria Rifles—

Sgt. Binmore	31	25	56
Lt. MacAdam	24	28	52
Lt. Brown	29	30	59
Staff Sgt. McCrae	30	24	54
Pte. Keough	20	25	45
Total	-	-	266

Prizes \$7.50.

Sixth Fusiliers, third team—

Sgt. Armstrong	26	28	54
Pte. Jehu	22	25	47
Pte. Cameron	30	16	46
Pte. Drysdale	28	29	57
Capt. Chambers	21	31	52
Total	-	-	256

Prizes \$5.

Sixth Fusiliers, second team—

Pte. J. Scott	26	24	50
Pte. T. Scott	20	20	40
Corp. Ward	28	27	55
Pte. Reid	26	33	59
Col. Sgt. Howard	28	21	49
Total	-	-	251

Prince of Wales Rifles—

Lt. Col. Hood	25	28	53
Capt. Finlayson	23	22	45
Col. Sgt. Bangs	26	14	40
Col. Sgt. Cooper	32	24	56
Sgt. Norris	27	15	42
Total	-	-	236

Montreal Garrison Artillery—

Gun. G. Sharpe	27	26	53
Gun. T. Sharpe	18	7	25
Col. Sgt. J. Drysdale	27	28	55
Staff Sgt. Bell	29	29	58
Gun. Foote	25	16	41
Total	-	-	232

Extra series. 500 yards, 5 shots. Open to all comers—

	Pts.
Col. Sgt. Howard, 6th Batt	*25
Lt. MacAdam, 3rd Batt	*27
Col. Sgt. Marks, 6th Batt	24
Staff Sgt. McCrae, 3rd Vics	24
Lt. Col. Hood, P. W. R.	24
Staff Sgt. Bell, M. G. A.	24
Gun. Bell, M. G. A.	24
Col. Sgt. Riddle, 6th	24
Staff Sgt. Lavers, 6th	24

* Tie.

Extra series, regimental. Five shots, 500 yards; 15 prizes in kind—

	Pts.
Sgt. Armstrong, Co. 6	24
Sgt. Morrice, Co. 6	24
Col. Sgt. Pratt, Co. 6	24
Pte. Cameron, Co. 1	23
Corp. Lloyd, Co. 5	23
Pte. Drysdale, Co. 1	23
Col. Sgt. Howard, Co. 6	23
Sgt. Todd, Co. 1	22
Pte. Jehu, band	21
Staff Sgt. Lavers, band	21
Pioneer Reid, Co. 6	20
Capt. Chambers, Co. 6	20
Pte. T. Scott, band	20
Pte. T. Scott, Co. 1	20
Col. Sgt. Marks, Co. 5	20

In conjunction with the above matches the monthly of the Montreal Rifle Association was shot and resulted as follows:

	Pts.
Silver ladle, J. Broadhurst	92
Silver table spoon, W. J. Drysdale	90
Silver dessert spoon, J. J. Bell	89
Silver teaspoon, G. Lavers	87
Green spoon, S. D. McNab	82

The following are the fifteen who are eligible to shoot at the 800 and 900 yards on Saturday next and on September 16th for the special aggregate, No. 5, having been the highest scorers in four previous matches at Queen's ranges. This event will be watched with interest, as the tracks of the city are eligible and all will likely fire. They are J. Broadhurst 351, G. Lavers 347, J. J. Bell 343, R. Binmore 340, S. Hood 334, J. W. Marks 329, J. Riddle 328, C. L. MacAdam 327, J. Y. Clarke 327, D. McCrae 318, R. Keough 317, A. Reid 314, J. Armstrong 309, S. D. McNab 304, E. H. Brown 299, or B. Howland 223. See Vic's match, 15th July.

The Competitions of the Dominion Associations at Halifax.

The annual competition of the Dominion artillery association began at Point Pleasant, Halifax, on the 11th. There were about 90 men in camp—the tents pitched

nearer the Arm than last year. The officers' mess was the summer house on the bluff near the point on the side next the Arm. The location was much superior to that of last year.

The weather was not good the first day. Fog, and subsequent rain, left but about two hours for the firing competitions and only one detachment was able to compete. No. 1 detachment of No. 2 battery, H.G.A. finishing in the afternoon; No. 1 detachment of No. 3 battery (Captain Maxwell's) finished except the sharpshooter. Two detachments of No. 3 battery performed the "A" shift. Sergeant MacDonald's detachment did the shift in 11.18. They displayed excellent judgment, and the shift was done in beautiful style. Corporal Cunningham's detachment lost by exceeding the time limit—15 minutes. It is not the quickest time that wins in the shift, but the detachment that does the work best within 15 minutes! Further shifts were impossible on account of the rain. The Halifax men who were unable to finish the opening day had to wait till Saturday.

General Montgomery-Moore granted permission to the artillerymen to visit the fortifications of Halifax. The men had to go in uniform, and in charge of a responsible officer.

Captain Craig, Lieutenant Tanner and 8 non-commissioned officers and men of the Pictou Garrison artillery arrived in camp Tuesday evening.

The second day for the Dominion artillery competitions at Point Pleasant brought fine weather, beautiful enough to make amends for the disagreeable character of the opening day. It was warm, but the breeze from the ocean tempered the air delightfully.

No. 1 detachment, No. 1 company, Halifax:

Sergeant Frawley	15
Sergeant Jackson	21
Corporal Dow	24
Sharpshooter	5
Total	65

No. 2 detachment, No. 1 Company, Halifax:

Sergeant Snow	27
Corporal Harmon	23
Gunner Watson	20
Sharpshooter	14
Total	84

No. 1 detachment, No. 2 company.

Sergeant Pritchard	2
Gunner Campbell	11
Sergeant Doane	16
Sharpshooter	21
Total	40

No. 2 detachment, No. 2 company.

Sergeant Marshall	13
Gunner White	3
Gunner Crooks	15
Sharpshooter	12
Total	43

No. 1 detachment, No. 3 company, H. G. A., started, and will finish on Friday.

No. 1 detachment, No. 4 company.

Corporal Theakston	20
Sergeant Theakston	19
Gunner MacDonald	20
Sharpshooter	16
Total	75

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No. 2 detachment, No. 4 company.	
Sergeant Robinson	20
Sergeant Hooper	11
Corporal Mills	21
Shrapnel	19

No. 6 company, Montreal Battalion:	
Corporal Gardiner	22
Sergeant Fyfe	21
Corporal Wilson	15
Shrapnel	13
	71

There was fine weather again at Point
Pleasant for the artillery competition
Friday. But it was warm—the thermo-
meter registering 90 in the shade. The
firing was done by three Montreal detach-
ments and the Picton detachment. Cap-
tain King, of Montreal made 15 out of a
possible 32, and Colonel Cole made 4. The
scores were not made in the team competi-
tions. The scores made were as follows:

Picton Company—	
Sergeant Galant	15
Sergeant Wilmot	6
Bombadier McLean	15
Shrapnel	—
	36

First Montreal—	
Sergeant Eldridge	22
Gunner Scott	18
Bombadier Tattersall	8
Shrapnel	16

Third Montreal—	
Corporal Rogerson	19
Corporal Dennis	9
Gunner Gordon	18
Shrapnel	65

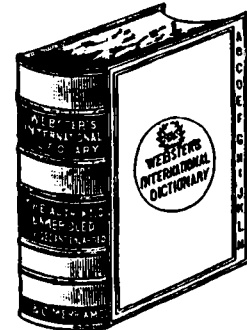
Fourth Montreal—	
Sergeant Finlayson	2
Corporal Winter	25
Bombadier Hillier	3
Shrapnel	5
	35

The first and second Lieutenants of the
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ants McNaughton.

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last year and will have to be beaten this
year if Lieutenant Mowbray is not to win
the honor.

Lieutenant-colonel and Surgeon Major T.
R. Almon is at the camp in charge of the
health of the men. So far he has been able
to preserve it admirably.

In the "A" shift the Montreal team met
with an accident which made them exceed
their time limit of 15 minutes.

Captain Lowe, the instructor in the 9
inch gun drill highly complimented the
Montrealers on their proficiency.