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## HOW A SOLDIER ESTIMATES DISTANCES.

It constantly happens that men detached from the main body of an army are called upon to determine for themselves their distance from an object to be fired at. No assistance can be given, nothing but a stern reliance upon one's judgment and the size and appearance of surrounding objects. Experience abundantly proves that even the rawest of recruits may be taught to estimate distances approximately from his base line to at least 2,000 yards away, and this by simple observation. Every soldier is supposed to have good eyesight, he therefore, after a little practice in sight estimating, learns the following facts:

At thirty yards the white of a man's eyes are plainly seen, and the eyes themselves at 80 yards.

At 100 yards all parts of the body are seen distinctly, slight movements are perceptible, and the minute details of the uniforms can be distinguished.

At 200 yards the outlines of the face are confused and the rows of brass buttons look like yellow stripes.

At 300 yards the buttons are no longer visible

At 400 yards the face is a mere dot, but all movements of the legs and arms are still distinct.

At 600 yards details can no longer be distinguished, though the files of a squad, if the light be strong, can be counted.

At 800 yards the men in a squad cannot always be counted nor their individual movements distinguished.

At 1,000 yards a line of men simply resembles a broad belt; the direction of their march can, however, be readily determined.

At 1,200 yards infantry can be distinguished from cavalry.

At 2,000 yards a mounted man looks like a mere speck or dot.

The above rules are applicable in the beginning only to smooth, open country, but after a little practice they apply also with equal force to rough, broken country as well.

## THE NEW RIFLE FOR THE UNITED STATES TROOPS.

The Board on Magazine Arms, appointed in 1890 to test and select a magazine rifle for the armament of the United States troops, has completed its labors, and submitted its report together with its recommendations to General Flagler, Chief of Ordnance. While the conclusions of the Board are secret as yet, still it is reported, on what is considered good authority, that the Board has recommended the adoption of the Krag-Jorgensen rifle. This is the arm adopted by the Danish Government and is the joint invention of Capt. Krag, superintendent of the rifle factory at Koingsberg, Norway, and a Mr. Jorgensen, a battalion armorer. There have been several models of this rifle tested, embodying several features which make it different from the Danish arm. The rifle has a bolt action and belongs to that type of magazine rifles in which the magazine is fixed, and is placed horizontally below

and to the left of the receiver. It holds five cartridges. A loading gate placed on the right side of the magazine permits of the introduction of cartridges. This gate has on its inner face a cartridge guide composed of a lever and a carrier plate and pushes the cartridge from right to left, feeding them successively into the receiver. A lever operated by a thumb-lug on the left side of the receiver, when desired, partially closes the opening from the magazine and shuts off the supply of cartridges. The rifle then can be used as a single loader. The magazine can be loaded at will so that it can be kept constantly filled. From the position of the magazine it is much easier to fill the same than with rifles having vertical under-feed magazines. The arm resembles the new German magazine rifle in that in that it has a metal cover to the barrel proper, so that the arm may be handled during rapid firing. The sample arm was fitted for a sabre bayonet. *Shooting and Fishing.*

## AN OLD MILITARY CEMETERY.

In a ramble around the old fort near Port Elgin, Westmorland county, N. B., I found the military cemetery, just outside of the moat, and with the help of an old and very intelligent resident I was enabled to trace the inscriptions on seventeen of the headstones, a few of which I describe for the information of *Herald* readers. It will be remembered that this fortification fell into the hands of the English in 1755, (see history) and this fact gives additional interest to the dates still found on the tombstones. I will number the stones as you approach them from the entrance to the grounds. Inscriptions:

Headstone No. 1. -- "Here lies the body of Capt. Joseph Wilson, died Oct. 7th, 1755. Aged 50."

No. 2. -- James Whitecomb, killed by Indians, July 24th, 1755. Aged 23.

There are indistinct letters before the name of this unfortunate young man, who met his fate so sadly -- probably they spelt "Lieut."

No. 3 is a fragment -- the face of an angel is carved at the head and underneath is found the name of "Nathaniel Hodges."

No. 4 a few years ago lay in the water just outside of the bank; it was carefully removed by friends and placed within the sacred enclosure. The following inscription tells its own story:

"Here lies the body of Sergt. McKay, who with 8 men, was killed and scalped by Indians in bringing in firewood." 1755.

No. 5 Soft sandstone, inscription could not be deciphered.

No. 6 Moss-covered -- could not be deciphered.

No. 7 Gives us a hint of New England puritanism, for on it we find the name of Mr. McCrease Robertson, died October, 1755.

How long Fort Moncton was occupied I cannot tell, but I found no later dates than the above. Yours, L. Halifax *Herald.*

## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## HALIFAX.

General Sir John Ross, commander of the forces, Halifax, will give up that appointment early next year on the expiration of his regular period of service. It is stated that the appointment will be offered Lieut.-Gen. John Davis, C.B., who was last in service in command of the Dublin district, and who has been unattached for a couple of years. He was for a time in command of the Infantry brigade at Malta and previously served in Egypt in command of a brigade, seeing active service with his brigade in the Soudan campaign.

The second eleven of the Wanderers and an eleven from the Army Service corps, played a game of cricket on 26th Sept. resulting in a Waterloo for the men of war. The latter made 41 runs in their first innings and the Wanderers 156. T. Cahalane made 70 runs, J. T. Tobin 27, and J. Harrington 20. Cahalane and Tobin beat the ground record for the best wicket, making 70 runs.

Major Scott, of the Leicestershire regiment, who has been for the past few months in command of the depot companies at Leicester, leaves England for service in the 1st battalion Leicestershire regiment at Halifax, and will take over command of a company. His successor in command of the depot companies will be Major Carleton, of the 2nd battalion of the regiment.

Lieutenant Popplestone, district officer royal artillery at Halifax, is promoted to the rank of captain, and becomes district officer R. A. at Dublin.

Lieut. Clark has been appointed to succeed him as district officer R. A. at Halifax. He was given a commission as lieutenant in the Royal Artillery a year ago, being promoted from superintending clerk Royal Artillery, and previous to becoming a warrant officer served over 5 years in the ranks of the R.A.

John Patterson, who died in Dartmouth on 5th Sept., was for many years a familiar figure at all Scottish gatherings, and at some that were not distinctively Scottish. He was a piper, and a good one too, and took great pride in the garb and music of his craft. He was a native of Edinburgh; came to Nova Scotia with the 42nd Highlanders some 40 odd years ago; married in Sydney, C.B., where a detachment of the regiment was for a time stationed, and later settled in Halifax. For over 25 years he was piper and messenger of the North British society. He was also the oldest member of the city brigade of militia, having joined the Scotch Rifle company in 1859, and served continuously with it ever since. He was a member of the Halifax Provisional Battalion that went to the Northwest in 1885, and Capt. Cunningham says that he did much with his pipes to relieve the weary hours of watching and waiting on the Saskatchewan river.

The funeral took place on the 9th and was attended by representative of the 63rd Rifles, the Royal British veterans, and the North British society.

Nos. 1 and 3 Companies (First and Second Scottish), 63rd Halifax Rifles, did their annual shooting at Bedford on 13th Sept. The weather was delightful, and some excellent shooting was done; in fact, the average of the first twelve men in No 3 Co. 65 2 per man out of a possible 80 is simply phenomenal and will be hard to excel. Major Crane was in command. Chief prize winners:

## NO. 1 CO. LIEUT. TAYLOR.

Regulation ranges 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards.	
\$6 Sergt. Stenhouse.....	60
5 Sergt. Creighton.....	64
4 Pte. F. Taylor.....	54
3 Pte. Myra.....	50
3 L.-Corp. Mumford.....	47
3 Pte. Lawton.....	44
3 Pte. Miller.....	43
3 Pte. Kaizer.....	40
2 Pte. Mitchell.....	40

2 Pte. Pearce.....	36
2 Bugler Bates.....	36
2 Pte. Archibald.....	33
2 Pte. Bishop.....	30

## SPECIAL PRIZE.

Silver Cross Rifles -Sergt. Stenhouse.  
Bronze Cross Rifles -Sergt. Creighton.  
Lieut. Downie's prize for this year's recruits was won by Private Myra.

## NO. 3 CO. LIEUT. DIXON.

Regulation ranges 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards.	
\$6 Pte. Woolrich.....	70
5 Pte. S. Wilson.....	69
4 Pte. Pickford.....	68
4 Corp. W. H. Studd.....	66
4 Pte. Somers.....	66
4 Pte. W. Forbes.....	66
3 Pte. Mathers.....	65
3 Pte. Scriven.....	64
3 Pte. J. Wilson.....	64
3 Sergt. J. E. Hills.....	63
2 Corp. J. H. Brown.....	63
2 Pte. Higgins.....	58
2 Corp. Hunter.....	58
2 Sergt. Fraser.....	53
2 Pte. Adams.....	47
2 Staff-Sergt. Wilson.....	41
2 L.-Corp. Fraser.....	10
2 Pte. Munro.....	38
2 Pte. Dixon.....	36
2 Pte. Bowser.....	33

## GRAND AGGREGATE.

1st, Silver Cross Rifles -Pte. Woolrich.....	70
2nd, Bronze Cross Rifles -Pte. S. Wilson.....	69

## SPECIAL AGGREGATE -300, 400.

1st, Cunningham medal -Pte. Pickford.....	36
2nd, Elliot medal -Corp. Studd.....	35

The Gymkhana sports, held at the Riding Grounds, on the 22nd September, were witnessed by a fairly large number of spectators.

The following are winners in the different events:

Quarter-mile foot race, open to military - \$5, Sergt. Norton, Leicester Regt., 1st; \$2, Corpl. Waldron, R.A.

Half-mile pony race -Col. Lea's Traveller, 1st; Capt. Duffus' Leprechaun, 2nd; Capt. Alexander's Salfred, 3rd.

Sack race -Only three started, and Pvt. Cook (Skibbo), Leicester Regt., won easily.

The tilting at the ring and lemon cutting were won by Lieut. McGowan. In the lemon cutting he and Lieut.-Col. Lea tied, and in the cut for first place the Lieut. won. Lieut.-Col. Lea won the tenth pegging.

Tug-of-war - Won by right half Co., R.A.

The half-mile match pony race, for \$50, between Major Waldron's Trent and Capt. Alexander's Boodler, was won easily by Trent.

The half-mile match race, for \$100, between Capt. Alexander's Galfred and Capt. Duffus' Leprechaun was won by former.

The distance handicap three-quarters mile had the following entries:

Captain Alexander's Galfred, 152 lbs., scratch.

Lieut.-Col. Lea's Traveller, 140 lbs., 10 yards.

Dr. C. Jones' Peggy, 126 lbs., 35 yards.

Mr. Lea's Pilot, 100 lbs., 50 yards.

Lieut. Stockwell's Ananias, 160 lbs., 65 yards.

Lieut.-Col. Lea's Daddy Long Legs, 190 lbs., 120 yards.

Traveller, won, with Pilot second, and Daddy Long Legs third.

In the pony versus man competition, the ponies ridden by Capt. Alexander, Mr. Lea and Lieut.-Col. Lea beat Lieuts. Elliott, Edwards and Marsh respectively.

The Leicestershire band was present during the afternoon, and rendered a splendid programme of music.

Major Weston was in the city this morning. He is rapidly convalescing, but looks pallid still. He cannot discard his crutches yet. *Halifax Herald, 27th Sept.*

Four companies and the band of the 63rd Rifles had their annual target practice at Bedford on 22nd Sept. The following are the leading prize-winners in the different companies :

NO. 2 CO. CAPT. HECILER.

\$6 Bds. DeFreytas	-	-	-	-	74
5 Sergt. Mumford	-	-	-	-	69
4 Bds. Bellew	-	-	-	-	63
4 Pte. Curren	-	-	-	-	59
3 Sergt. Andrews	-	-	-	-	57
3 Sergt. Keeffe	-	-	-	-	53
3 B'dmaster Hanson	-	-	-	-	52
3 Pte. Jensen	-	-	-	-	51

NO. 4 CO.---CAPT. BUTLER.

\$8 and Silver Cross Rifles	Sergt. Peverill	-	-	-	72
5.00 Sergt. Daniel	-	-	-	-	69
4.00 Corp. McKenzie	-	-	-	-	68
3.50 Bdsman Newcombe	-	-	-	-	66
3.00 Lc.-Corp. Peveril	-	-	-	-	63
2.50 Hospl.-Sergt. Myers	-	-	-	-	63
2.50 Pte. Rosborough	-	-	-	-	62
2.00 Lc.-Corp. Quinn	-	-	-	-	56
2.00 Pte. Pollock	-	-	-	-	55

NO. 5 CO. CAPT. SIRCOM.

Sergt.-Major Lockhart	-	-	-	-	68
Sergt. Hughes	-	-	-	-	60
Corp. Sheers	-	-	-	-	58
Private Conway	-	-	-	-	57
Lc.-Corp. Costello	-	-	-	-	56
Sergt. Sampson	-	-	-	-	54
Lc.-Corp. Gorman	-	-	-	-	52
Private Howie	-	-	-	-	49
Private McLellan	-	-	-	-	49
Private George	-	-	-	-	48
Private Whippley	-	-	-	-	42
Private Snow	-	-	-	-	41

Capt. Sircom's special prizes for this year's recruits :

\$3 Private R. Conway	-	-	-	-	57
2 Private McLellan	-	-	-	-	49

NO. 6 CO. CAPT. TWINING.

\$5.00 Staff-Sergt. Power	-	-	-	-	64
4.00 Private Shrum	-	-	-	-	61
3.00 Sergt. Shires	-	-	-	-	59
3.00 Bd.-Corp. Maybee	-	-	-	-	52
2.50 Private Parker	-	-	-	-	46
2.50 Corp. McNeil	-	-	-	-	42
2.00 Private Bigley	-	-	-	-	35
2.00 Corp. Power	-	-	-	-	28

In the march for Capt. Silver's Gold Cup, teams of ten men ; ranges 300 and 400 yards, 5 shots at each, the following are scores :

No. 4 Co. team	-	-	-	-	287
No. 2 Co. team	-	-	-	-	258
No. 6 Co. team	-	-	-	-	242

No. 5 Co's score not made up.

These companies were beaten by No. 3 (2nd Scottish), who did their shooting on the 13th inst., and made an average of 32 3-5 per man. This makes the third competition for the cup. No. 3 Co. have won twice and No. 4 once. The following are No. 3 Co.'s score. The possible is 40 a bull's eye counting 4 :

Lieut. Dixon	-	-	-	-	34
Private S. V. Wilson	-	-	-	-	35
Brigade-Sergt. Studd	-	-	-	-	33
Private Woolrich	-	-	-	-	35
Sergt. Hills	-	-	-	-	27
Corp. Studd	-	-	-	-	35
Corp. Brown	-	-	-	-	28
Private Pickford	-	-	-	-	36
Private Forbes, W. J.	-	-	-	-	34
Private Wilson, J. J.	-	-	-	-	29

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INDIVIDUAL PRIZES.

1st, \$4.50, Bds DeFreytas, No. 2 Co.	-	-	-	-	39
2nd, \$3, Private Pickford, No. 3 Co.	-	-	-	-	36
3rd, \$2.50, Corp. McKenzie, No. 4 Co.	-	-	-	-	36

THE BAND.

Following are scores and chief prize-winners in the band :

\$9.00 Pte. DeFreytas	-	-	-	-	74
7.00 Pte. Newcombe	-	-	-	-	66
5.50 Pte. Jost	-	-	-	-	64
5.50 Lc.-Sergt. Mabee	-	-	-	-	63
5.00 Pte. Beilew	-	-	-	-	63
5.00 Sergt. Gough	-	-	-	-	60
5.00 Sergt. Harris	-	-	-	-	57
5.00 B. M. Hanson	-	-	-	-	52
5.00 Pte. Carmichael	-	-	-	-	51
5.00 Pte. Mansley	-	-	-	-	51
5.00 Pte. Comstock	-	-	-	-	50
5.00 Lc.-Corp. Bowie	-	-	-	-	49

Mr. Horneman's prize for lowest score Pte. Morrison.

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Sir John Moore, the hero of Corunna, was in Halifax as a lieutenant. His name was on the books of St. John's Lodge of Masons, and his memory is to-day held in much reverence by the members. The beautiful poem "The Burial of Sir John Moore," recited by a departed tyler of the lodge, who was an enthusiastic admirer of the hero, was, in time past, a prominent feature in the programme of the lodge, when "business" had given place to "refreshments." Lieut. Moore resided on Hollis street, in the building now somewhat "modernized," in which Mr. Knight keeps his harness establishment. When Lord Falkland was here as Governor, the building was in its primitive fashion, and Lady Falkland, learning of the historical fact of its existence, engaged Mr. Valentine, a Nova Scotian artist of repute at that time, to make a sketch of it for transmission to friends of the departed general in England. --*Herald*.

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William Drysdale of the *New York Times*, who visited Halifax a short time ago with a party of newspaper men, has a two column letter in his paper descriptive of this city. Below are some extracts :

"In sailing into a bay that is said to be "the most strongly fortified harbor on the American continent," one naturally looks, perhaps from force of habit, for some great display of military works--forts, batteries, bristling guns, and so on. But there is no such display in the harbor of Halifax, N.S. Both shores of the harbor might be hayfields for all that shows to the contrary, and there is not as great a display of defensive works as one may see in entering the harbor of New York. By close looking, however, one may see that the works are there, though they make no show of themselves. Those smooth, green slopes, with a dark line of shadow at the top, are all batteries ; and occasionally a projecting flag shows where a fort is hidden in the grass. The citadel in the heart of the city, standing on the top of a high hill, might easily be mistaken for a city's reservoir if the glass did not did not disclose a sentry or two on the walls. Modern guns have knocked all the romance and picturesqueness out of modern fortifications.

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"Half the concealed forts about Halifax are the results of military ardor rather than necessity. Each commander of the station must have things to suit his own ideas, and the work of fort building goes merrily on. The Halifax people laugh at this in their sleeves, for they have none of the bills to pay, and little do the care whether there are two forts or two hundred. It is easy to see how the fortifications constantly increase. Here is his Mightiness Prince Tommy, we will say, in command of the troops at Halifax. He spends one year, or two, or three, in arranging the fortifications to suit his own notions. Then he is transferred, and the Grand Duke Dick is put in his place. G. D. Dick says to himself, "I must look into these plans ; Prince Tommy doesn't know anything about fortifications ; I'll show them how the thing ought to be done " ; and he finds what he considers a weak spot here, and an important place unguarded there, and the War Office agrees with him and orders all these very necessary new forts to be built - and the next commander goes through the same process. But the Home government pays the bills and Halifax has nothing to say about it. She lies back among her hills as peaceful and happy as though there was not a fort within a thousand miles of her.

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The Garrison chapel which has been closed for some weeks, while the interior was being renovated and painted, was reopened for service on Sunday 11th Sept. A great improvement has been effected. The doors have been removed from the pews, and all the sittings made uniform, stained and grained. The chapel now presents a very bright and cheerful appearance. The painting of the walls, pillars and ceiling is in French grays and terra cotta, and the gradual shading from the floors to the roof is very cleverly managed. The work reflects great credit on all concerned. The designs are Rev. Mr. Norman-Lee's, garrison chaplain. The work was carried out under the superintendency of Captain Maloney, his immediate subordinate being Q. M. Sergeant Reeve. In the east end of the church are handsome hangings presented by Mrs. Reader, which were purchased with the proceeds of an entertainment.

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Admiral Sir John Hopkins has been notified by the Admiralty that the Blake and three other warships will represent England at the naval review to be held in New York harbor in April next.

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The band of the 66th P. L. F. have been playing to very large crowds of citizens on the Grand Parade during recent evenings.

## QUEBEC.

The annual rifle matches of the Stadacona Rifle Association were fired on the 25th instant. Unfavorable weather prevented high scoring generally. Lieut. W. H. Davidson, however, made 34 out of a possible 35.

The team prizes resulted in the 8th Royal Rifles winning the first and second, and "B" Battery third and fourth prizes.

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On Thursday, the 1st September, H. M. S. "Blake" and "Magicienne" arrived in port at 1.30. At 3 o'clock Vice-Admiral Hopkins came ashore, and on landing at the Queen's wharf was received by a guard of honour, furnished by "B" Battery R. C. A., under command of Captains Rutherford and Fages. The field division fired a salute from the Dufferin Terrace.

In addition to the above, the French fleet of two vessels have also arrived in port. The Garrison, Union and Yacht Clubs have extended to the officers of the two fleets the privilege of honorary members during their stay in port.

The field division of "B" Battery R. C. A. and the Quebec Field Battery, two guns each, went into camp at St. Joseph de Levis on the 12th instant, the whole under the command of Captain Pelletier. The latter corps is short-handed for officers, and has unfortunately had to turn out without their commanding officer, Major Crawford Lindsay, who has been confined to the house through illness for several months.

This Battery are about to lose the services of Captain J. George Garneau, who has decided to sever his connection with the same. His loss will be felt, and difficulty will be found in replacing him.

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On Monday evening, the 12th instant, the Sergeants' Mess of the "B" Battery R. C. A. entertained their naval friends of H. M. S. "Blake" and "Tartar" to a smoking concert, given in their mess room at the Citadel. The room was prettily decorated for the occasion, a light supper prepared, set off with flowers, mess models, guns, etc., and around which was gathered blue jackets, marines, cavalry and artillery.

The address of welcome was made by the Master Gunner on behalf of the Sergt.-Major and members of the mess; Her Majesty's health was drunk with the customary honours, after which an interesting programme was carried out. Bandsman Wallis, of "B" Battery, presided at the piano. During the evening Major J. F. Wilson visited the mess and was received with hearty cheers, and after returning thanks in a very happy speech, he delighted the audience by recounting some of his adventures in the Soudan with the Naval Brigade.

The programme which was carried out was taken part in by the undermentioned: Staff-Sergt. W. Fellowes, Sergt.-Major Barrington, and the Master Gunner (Lavie) of "B" Battery; Sergt.-Major Dingley, Canadian Dragoons; Sergt. Boakes, 8th R. R., and members of H. M. S. "Blake" and "Tartar." The president and vice-president, Sergt.-Major Lyndon and

Sergt.-Major Barrington respectively are to be congratulated on the success of the entertainment.

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Cricket has been indulged in considerably of late, matches having taken place between the Governor-General's household, the Fleet, Canadian Dragoons, 8th Royal Rifles, and the Crescents of this city.

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On Friday last the citizens were given a splendid exhibition of military and naval exercises, consisting of a review in which the Fleet, Canadian Dragoons, and "B" Battery R. C. A. took part. The Plains of Abraham was, of course, the scene of operations. At the reviewing point were His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley of Preston, Major St. Aubyn, Lord Kilcourse, etc.

The Blue Jackets were commanded by Lieut. Campbell and the Marine Artillery and Marines by Major Hobert. The band of the "Blake" furnished the music for the march past of the naval detachment and that of "B" Battery for the military. The right of the line was occupied by the Canadian Dragoons under command of Lieut. Forester, the field division of "B" Battery next under command of Captain Pelletier. The Blue Jackets were represented by four companies, one company of marine light infantry, and two Nordenfolt and two nine-pounder guns, and one company of marine artillery. The garrison division of "B" Battery was under the command of Major Wilson.

In the march past, as expected, the military were far ahead of the navy. The musical ride and charge of the Canadian Dragoons was exceedingly well done. The physical drill of "B" Battery, under command of Captain Rutherford, left nothing to be desired. The manual and bayonet exercise of the marine brigade as well as the volley firing was well done.

The only drawback was the weather, which at times proved unfavorable, but it did not interfere with the programme.

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Lieutenants P. H. duP. Casgrain and Harold Campbell of the Royal Engineers are in the city, having obtained leave of absence for a few months. The latter will shortly return and will likely proceed to India for a few years.

R. M. C. No. 47.

On the 22nd ult., a match was fired between teams of eight men from H.M.S. "Blake", and "B" Battery, R.C.A., the latter winning by seven points. The competition was at Queen's ranges, and rifles were optional, several of the Battery men having to use the Snider. The score was as follows:

"B" BATTERY.				
	200	500	600	Total.
Master Gunner Lavie.....	17	23	15	55
Bombdr. Clements.....	24	27	26	77
Gunner Morrison.....	25	25	22	72
Staff-Sergt. Fellows.....	25	25	24	74
Gunner W. Pugh.....	31	31	30	92
" T. Pugh.....	32	30	27	91
Sergt. T. Pugh.....	24	25	21	70
Staff-Sergt. Long.....	27	19	24	70
	205	205	191	601
H.M.S. "BLAKE".				
	200	500	600	Total.
P. O. Isaacs.....	24	31	25	80
A. B. Smith.....	21	33	21	75
Bombdr. Toms.....	23	21	24	68
A. B. Laight.....	27	25	19	71
P. O. Sullivan.....	30	31	32	93
" Beale.....	23	29	19	71
C. Gunner's Mate Slaughter...	24	26	15	65
A. B. Pearman.....	25	22	24	71
	195	220	179	594

It will be seen from the above that the highest individual score (93) was made by Petty Officer Sullivan, of the "Blake", who, with his comrade Isaacs, so worthily represented the Navy at the recent D. R. A. matches.

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During the inspection of No. 1 Battery, Garrison Artillery, by Col. Montizambert, one of the men, under the influence of liquor struck the Captain. The man, who is named Couture, was promptly arrested, and will be court-martialed for this offence which is a very serious one.

## MONTREAL.

On Monday, the 5th, the Montreal Field Battery marched out with guns fully horsed and manned to the Lower Lachine road, for the purpose of completing the work required at the annual inspection, in range finding and practice. Lieut.-Col. Montizambert was present, and Captain Hooper commanded the battery; Lieut. Costigan the right section, and Captain Reid of the Garrison Artillery, the left. The battery put in some excellent work, and at the close Col. Montizambert expressed himself as much pleased, remarking that the firing was most admirable, and adding that it was pleasing to work with men so intelligent and quick to learn as those of the battery.

The 1st Prince of Wales Rifles are drilling steadily twice a week preparatory to their inspection, which will take place on the Champ de Mars on Saturday afternoon, 15th inst. The musters have so far been rather disappointing, and all ranks will require to make a determined effort to make a good numerical showing before the D.A.G.

The 3rd Victoria Rifles are also drilling twice a week in view of the fifth of November, when their annual inspection comes off. The attendance at these parades has been fairly good. A large number of recruits have enlisted recently, and prospects for inspection are good. Lieut.-Col. Starke is rigorously dismissing from the corps those men who will not attend drill regularly; the effect of this highly commendable measure of discipline will undoubtedly be most beneficial to the battalion.

In the 5th Royal Scots the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Hood has been the chief matter of interest; further remarks on this subject will appear in an next issue.

The last survivor of the old Tannery Volunteers, Mr. W. Jones, died on the 24th, at the residence of his daughter, Dalhousie street, Montreal, at the age of ninety years. This corps was commanded by Captain Charles, and took a prominent part in the troublous times of 1837.

## KINGSTON.

Rifle scores have absorbed so much of our space lately that notice of many important matters has had to be deferred. Not the least of these is the lamented death of Surgeon W. H. Henderson, 14th Batt. P. W. O. Rifles, one of the most popular medical officers in the service. Dr. Henderson died at midnight on Saturday, 13th August, after a rather prolonged illness. He was 36 years of age, a native of Kingston, and of high standing in his profession and in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. On his return from Europe in 1881 he joined the 14th as Assistant-Surgeon and in 1884 was appointed to be Surgeon. He organized an Ambulance corps and volunteered for service in the North-west during the rebellion of 1885; but as his battalion was required at home for garrison duty at Fort Henry, he was ordered to remain with his corps. He was professor of Physiology in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, curator of the Museum and Pathologist to the General Hospital and also surgeon to the Kingston & Pembroke Railway. In 1885 he was elected supreme physician for the Independent Order of Foresters and a member of the Supreme Executive Council. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Oddfellows' Relief Association, and physician to Cataraqui lodge. He was medical examiner for Limestone lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen. He was a life member of the Ophthalmological Society of Great Britain and Ireland, a member of the British Medical Association, and had been vice-president of the Ontario Medical Association. On December 30th, 1885, he was married to Ella, the only daughter of Major John Everitt, of Collinsby, who survives him. Dr. Henderson was very successful in his profession. His manners were very genial, and he enjoyed a large measure of social popularity.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, 6th August, and is said to be the largest seen in Kingston since that of the late Premier. The military element was very strong, the whole of the 14th turning out to do honour to their late comrade. Among the pall-bearers were Major Saunders of the Kingston

Field Battery, Major Drury of the Canadian Artillery, Major King of the Stores department, and Major Galloway of P. W. O. Rifles. The floral decorations were magnificent, and included a beautiful wreath from the officers of his battalion. At the grave the usual three volleys were given by the firing party.

The 21st annual meeting of the Kingston Rifle Association was held a few days ago. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Lieut.-Col. Van-Straubenzie, D. A. G.; president, Lieut.-Col. Cotton, Regt. C. A.; vice-president, Lieut.-Col. Smith, 14th P. W. O. R.; secretary, Capt. White, 14th P. W. O. R.; treasurer, Major King, district staff; council, Captains Hora and Dupuis and Lieut. Carruthers, 14th P. W. O. R.; Capt. Rivers and Sgt. Hewgill, A battery, R. C. A.; Capt. Cochrane, Sergt-Major Morgans and Cadet Sweeny, R. M. College, and Major Baillie, 47th Battalion. The association matches will occur about the second week in October. The rifle used will probably be optional, either Martini-Henry or Snider-Enfield.

Gunner McKenzie, Sergt. Kelly and Sergt. Back were first, second and third in the heavy gun competition in A Battery.

The following promotions have been made at the Royal Military College: B. S. M., B. Armstrong; C. S. M., Farley, Strickland, C. Armstrong, De Boucherville; sergeants, Lamb, Magee, Leckie, Sweeny, Musgrove, Tyrwhitt, Heneker, Hollingshead.

Among the recent Associated Press despatches was the following:

London. The Royal Military College, Kingston, Canada, has come in for a great deal of praise here for the way it turns out some of the most promising young fellows who enter the British army. For weeks past the newspapers have been full of encomiums on the college for having sent into their service two such able, brave, and highly accomplished young officers as those two young fellows Captains Stairs and Robinson—who unfortunately met their death in Africa after as brilliant a career for their age as has fallen to the lot of young British officers for many a day.

Under the supervision of Mr. John Campbell the electric lights have all been placed in position in the dormitory of the Royal Military College. Two carloads of poles have arrived and the work of erection for the cable to carry the power across to the building will be commenced at once.

## PETERBOROUGH.

On Tuesday, 27th September, His Honour Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick, accompanied by Mrs. Kirkpatrick and Commander Law, arrived, via C.P.R., from Toronto, to open the Peterborough Central Exhibition. He was met at the station by the civic and agricultural society officials, and escorted by "C" Troop 3rd Regiment of Cavalry, under command of Lieut.-Col. H. C. Rogers, proceeded to the Market Hall, where lunch was served. At 2 p.m., again escorted by the Cavalry, he was driven to the Agricultural Park, where he was received by a guard of honour from the 57th Batt. "Peterborough Rangers," under command of Capt. Brennan and Lech. A certain amount of speechifying was indulged in, after which the exhibition was declared open. Col. H. C. Rogers is one of the most obliging and efficient officers in the force, and invariably turns out an escort when required that is most creditable.

Military matters have been very quiet with the "Rangers" since their return from the pleasant outing to Kingston on 1st July. Quite a number of the officers have been too deeply absorbed in personal matters to think of their late comrades, as the following clipping from one of our local papers will shew:

## CUPID'S CAPTURES.

\* \*\* During the past two months in Peterborough no less than five valiant sons of Mars belonging to the 57th Battalion have lowered their colours and surrendered at discretion to the influence of the goddess of love. Lieut. Stevenson was the first to yield, and his example was followed by Lieut.

Tebb. Capt. Dennistoun was the next to surrender to the silken bondage. Lieutenant Hayes handed over his sword next and now Lieut. Schofield is added to the captive warriors. The great majority of the 57th officers are now happy benedicts with a very lonesome bachelor's mess left out in the cold, but, if there is anything in the novelist's claim for the force of example, we may expect *les miserables* to fall in with their benedictine brethren in arms and join the home guard. Militant matrimony is the proper thing; the wedded warriors will have new incentives to brave deeds—they will literally have homes and firesides to fight for and probably the interests of the recruiting branch of the infantry arm of the service will be promoted. Capt. Dennistoun has just returned with his handsome bride, from a trip to the Pacific Coast, whilst Lieut. Schofield and bride are still touring in the direction of the Atlantic Coast.

The Peterborough Rifle Association will hold their Annual Matches on Thursday 13th Oct., when a good prize list will be presented, and we hope to wind up a good seasons shooting. The 57th Battalion and the Rifle Association feel proud of the success of their competitors at the Dominion Matches at Ottawa, and particularly with that of Pte. Bartlett who won 1st place in the Walker Match, and also a place (9th) on the Bisley team for 1893.

QUIS SEPARABIT.

## TORONTO.

One of the most enjoyable affairs held by any of the companies of the Queen's Own was the reception held by Capt. and Mrs. H. M. Pellatt at their summer residence, Victoria Beach.

Invitations were extended to the Officers and Sergeants of the regiment and to about twenty-five civilian friends mostly of those summering in the vicinity of the Park.

A special boat carried down the members of Capt. Pellatt's Company and the Buglers and Drummers under Bugle-Major Swift, the guests arriving by the regular boat about 5.30.

The time intervening between the arrival of the boat and supper was pleasantly taken up with bowls, tennis and an inspection of the premises, so delightfully situated on the high banks about six miles east of Toronto.

The supper by Webb, was furnished in his regular style, and on its conclusion the tables were cleaned and the seating capacity of the large marquee which was placed on the lawn, was filled to the utmost by the guests, who by this time were reinforced by the arrival of a later contingent, all bent on hearing what the latest efforts of the Buglers, in catering to their friends' enjoyment, was like.

It is but scant praise to say that they surpassed their previous best efforts and for an hour and a quarter kept their audience in a continual state of merriment.

After a hearty vote of thanks tendered to the host and hostess by Col. G. D. Dawson, A.D.C., and Mr. Baines, the party broke up and wended its way to where the boat was lying waiting. The pleasant moonlight in which the return to the city was made was not the least pleasant part of the evenings enjoyment.

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The death notice of the late Lt.-Col. D. D. Allan is just to hand. Deceased was afflicted with paralysis of the brain and after a lingering illness died last Monday.

Deceased is the fourth colonel of the Queen's Own to die almost within the year, the death of Lt.-Col. Arthurs being followed by Lt.-Col's Gilmour, Miller and Allan.

Lt.-Col. Otter is the only surviving colonel of the regiment, and it is to be hoped that the popular D.A.G. may long be spared to the District of which he has been such an able commander.

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The fall drill among the Toronto regiments has opened very auspiciously, the three regiments are parading very strong and each showed up extremely well on the usual parades.

The 48th band is making good progress and in a short time will be in it with the best of them. The bugle band has made wonderfully rapid strides under Bugle-Major Robinson, but it will prove a serious disadvantage to the regiment if a quicker cadence is not maintained; the cadence this season for both bands has been wretchedly slow and would handicap

the best efforts of better regiments than the 48th. A natural stride can not be obtained if it has to be about 105 paces to the minute and those twenty inch paces.

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Both the brass and bugle bands of the Queen's Own have entirely new marches, those of the brass band are excellent, but opinions differ as to any improvement between the new and the old ones of the buglers, many prefer the old timers, but perhaps this is a little prejudice and conservatism.

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At the second weekly parade of the 48th, Mr. W. R. Brock in an exceedingly happy speech, presented Corp. Muir of B Company, in the presence of the Battalion, with the medal of the Royal Humane Society of England, which he won on the night of the 24th May last, by jumping in and rescuing a man who, while under the influence of liquor, had fallen from the head of Yonge street Dock.

The medal was secured through the efforts of Capt. McGillivray, to which Company Corp. Muir belongs.

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It is rumored that the Toronto Garrison reinforced by the gallant 13th Brigade of Hamilton are going to have the old time sham fight on Thanksgiving Day, and that Major-Gen'l. Herbert will be present as Umpire in Chief. It is needless to say that the rumor is received with a great deal of enthusiasm, an overwhelming majority being of the opinion that a repetition of last year can only be borne after an interval, and an exceedingly long one at that.

"BREECHBLOCK."

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The moonlight excursion and supper of "A" Company, Royal Grenadiers, held on the 7th September, was a grand success in every respect. At eight o'clock twenty-eight file of the company marched down to the Yonge street dock and boarded the steamer Kathleen. Among the guests were:—Lieut.-Colonel Dawson, Royal Grenadiers; Captain Cameron, Captain Tasse, Quartermaster, Royal Grenadiers; Adjutant McLean, Captain Harston, Lieut. Wyatt, Queen's Own Rifles; Colonel Wayne, Chicago; Mr. Frank Risch, Lieut. Irving, and Mr. Bruce. Both bands of the regiment were present, and excellent music was furnished. After an enjoyable two hours' sail on the lake the party landed at Yonge street wharf, and marched up Yonge street to the Tremont House, where a splendid supper had been spread. About one hundred guests sat down to the supper, where, besides the music by the band, vocal and instrumental music was rendered by several members of Daniel McCarthy's Opera Company and local talent. The supper was a complimentary one given by Captain Hay of "A" Company, and the arrangements were in the hands of Secretary W. J. Wetherley, who carried them out most acceptably.

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Colour-Sergt. Simpson, of "C" Company, 48th Highlanders, has been appointed drill and gymnastic instructor at Victoria Industrial School, Mimico. Sergt. Simpson is one of the best drill instructors in the country, and should fill the position with credit.

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Old members of "K" Company, University Rifles, are to be found all over the Dominion. One of the old captains of "K" Company is Professor Cherriman, who is now living in England. Major Delamere noticed in the recently published Government Blue Book, containing statements of unclaimed bank balances, that \$60 has been standing to Professor Cherriman's credit in a bank in Toronto for nearly twenty years. He has written to the Professor, suggesting that as he does not appear to want the money it would do for a prize at the annual meeting for old "K" Company marksmen.

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Sergt. Huggins, who has been for some time in charge of the Grenadier signal corps, has gone to Hamilton to take the position of sergeant-major of the 13th Battalion and to act as drill instructor of the high schools. Sergt. Huggins is a good, smart soldier and his loss will be felt in his old regiment, but his late comrades all wish him success in his new position.

## LONDON.

No. 1 Company 7th Fusiliers finished their first annual camp a few days ago, the men having a good time and being greatly benefited by the drill they have had. They had the tents down and everything packed ready for marching home in twenty minutes, the march from Springfield to the city being accomplished in one hour and twenty-five minutes. While skirmishing on Saturday one of the men found an old bayonet, of the kind used in the war of 1812, stuck in a tree. They are going to keep it at the shed as a relic. Great credit must be given to Lieut. Graham for the way the camp has been conducted, and to Col.-Sergt. Freeland and Sergt. Scarlet for the way the wants of the men have been looked after, nothing being wanting to make the camp a success.

"D" Co. 7th Fusiliers held a meeting in their armory recently for the election of officers for the ensuing year, Col.-Sergt. Hayman in the chair. The following officers were elected;—Captain Boker, President; Color-Sergt. Hayman, Treasurer, and Corporal Shillington, Secretary. The Management Committee will consist of the aforementioned officers, together with Sergeant Milligan, Sergeant Gauld, Private McNab, Private Short and Private George McNab.

Sergt.-Major Baxter, late of the 4th Royal Dragoon Guards, and who has recently been appointed drill instructor of the London Collegiate Institute, by resolution of the London Board, arrived in the city to study the system of school drill here. He sought out Capt. Clark, who gave him an insight into the system instituted here, and which has won so much commendation for Capt. Clark all over the Province that all the leading schools are adopting it. *Guelph Mercury.*

The annual rifle match for the Carling cup between the Seventh Battalion and the No. 1 Company, C. R. I., teams will take place this year at the Cove Range on the second Saturday of October. The School team have won the cup twice and the Seventh were victors once. Should the former win this year they will be entitled to retain possession of the trophy. Both teams are confident of success, and are practising regularly.

## MANITOBA.

It is understood that the new saddlery, swords and carbines (M. H.) for issue to the Canadian Dragoons, stationed at Winnipeg, have arrived at Ottawa and will be forwarded without delay. This will make the corps one of the best horsed and equipped in Canada.

The 91st Manitoba Light Infantry is to be disbanded, and orders have been issued by Colonel Villiers, D.A.G. No. 10 Military District, calling in all arms, etc., of the Regiment. As far as can be learned two companies remain as independent companies, namely the Kildonan and Virden companies.

The Canadian Dragoons Cricket Club have just completed a most successful season, having defeated all the clubs in Winnipeg, among the victims being the crack Winnipeg eleven, which had defeated all comers this season. This places the Dragoons in the lead, and they are to be congratulated upon the excellent cricket as displayed by them during the season; and, with a good football and hockey team in the field, the corps may justly feel proud of itself, and not only be an example for our regular corps of Canada, but also to many of our athletic associations throughout the Dominion.

The new cavalry barracks at Fort Osborne are well under way, and the contract calls for its completion by the 1st December. However, if they are ready for occupation by Christmas all will be well. Our Hon. Minister of War has said that the barracks are to be an ornament to Winnipeg, and that the drill shed and square, at present unoccupied, are both to be brought within the barrack walls. If this is done Winnipeg may justly feel proud of her barracks, which of course should be the chief point of interest to visitors from other lands. Major-General Herbert again inspected the barracks, stables, etc., on Saturday, the 24th inst., and again expressed himself as much pleased with all.

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Virden, Brandon and Portage la Prairie are to have independent troops of cavalry, as the Major-General thinks mounted troops the best and only arm for the far west. Why not make them mounted infantry, as the officers would not be obliged then to go to the expense of providing themselves with new uniforms and they would be mounted men just the same. The Government would also save by it, as the uniforms would not require to be changed.

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The Canadian Dragoons had a field day on Monday last. Leaving the barracks at 9 a.m. the squadron scouted to Little Stony Mountain, where they were exercised in attack and defence tactics. The left troop (defending force) took up a very strong position on high ground, very thickly covered with bush, the object of the attacking force (right troop) being to dislodge them. Many awkward positions were got into and many daring rushes were made. Altogether the day's outing was of a most instructive character. The squadron partook of a well-earned lunch, and returned to barracks at 5 p.m.

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The 90th Rifles are now drilling every Wednesday evening and doing good work, although rather under strength.

## NORTH-WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

AN INFORMAL INSPECTION BY MAJOR-GENERAL HERBERT.

At 2.45 p.m., (21 Sept.), a foot parade took place. On the sub-divisions being wheeled into line General Herbert made a careful inspection of the line, and asked several questions about the arms and dress. He does not approve of the system of carrying cartridges in belts. A slight breach of etiquette was committed by receiving the General, who was present unofficially and merely as the guest of Col. Herchmer, with a general salute; that he did not appreciate the intended compliment was evidenced by the fact that he did not acknowledge the salute. The parade was put through the usual movements by Superintendent Moffatt and under that cool headed officer acquitted themselves most creditably, the march past being exceptionally good. At 4 p.m. a mounted parade took place when the same unfortunate blunder was repeated with regard to the salute. After the line had been inspected the men were marched out to the prairie south of the track, where about three quarters of an hour of lively drill was engaged in. From the point of vantage of the riding school we were able to follow the movements of the troops with a tolerable degree of accuracy with the aid of a powerful pair of field glasses, and the various movements appeared on the whole to be well carried out. During the dismounted duty the men kept their intervals exceptionally well, and the horses behaved admirably. There was one movement towards the close, which unless we are mistaken or our glasses were out of focus reminded us of the old familiar infantry one of forming "rallying square." We do not quite see the object of this formation, armed as the police are at present without bayonets. The muzzles of a few Winchester rifles would not be very effective in stopping a charge of cavalry. We do not remember that this formation is laid down in the drill book which is supposed to guide the performances of the N.W.M.P. on parade.

After the parade the General, Hon. Mrs. Herbert and Capt. Streatfield partook of afternoon tea at the officers mess and then returned to town. During tea, the band under Staff-Sergt. Walker played a number of lively airs. As General Herbert's visit was strictly unofficial he did not express any opinion or make any address to the men. *Regina Leader.*

THE MAJOR-GENERAL'S OPINION OF THE FORCE.

"It's one of the most excellent systems in Canada," he said. "It should be a useful force for this country. The foot parade impressed me much; of course I didn't come expecting to see everything perfect. You can't expect the men to have much time for drill, for their duties are pretty heavy. But they are a fine lot of men. I walked along the ranks and looked at each man and they struck me as a very superior lot of men. The drill was certainly better than that of our own men at Victoria, and I don't care if this gets to

them, because I intend to speak strongly about matters at Victoria."

"What about the equipments--saddles and so on?"

"I should think the saddles are very suitable for this country, for long riding. They look strange, though, compared with the military saddle."--*Regina Leader*.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The riflemen of Westminster are talking of a proposed friendly shooting contest between teams of 10 or 12 each from Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver and New Westminster. It is suggested that this should be held about the time of the fall fair at the last named city. The New Westminster men think that, they alone having travelled from a distance to have a team at the Provincial meeting at Goldstream, they can, with particularly good grace, issue an invitation to the riflemen of the other three cities to visit them in return.--*News*.

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A prominent popular officer of the Dominion regiment quartered in Victoria, returned recently from a fortnight's outing in the vicinity of Plumper's Pass.

Being desirous of regaling his brother officers with a good mess of fish, he got up brave and early one morning and secured in the limpid waters around Provost island half a dozen small sturgeon, such as had been tickling his palate for the previous two weeks. He opened and cleaned the silver beauties in the boat, and was surprised to find that each of the sturgeon caught contained several small fish, which swam away in a most independent manner when cast into the water. While moralizing on the bad digestion of the sturgeon, and his being the accidental saviour of that fish's prey, he landed from the boat and strung up his catch in a shady retreat, prior to packing them away with green ferns in his basket. The richness of the fishes' liver permeated the atmosphere with succulent odors, and attracted the attention of a passing fisherman, who, with a leer in his eye, pertinently asked, "What have you got?"

Proud of his prowess with the rod and line, our martial Waltonian promptly replied, "Sturgeon."

The old salt's sides shook, and with an effort which preceded his collapse he shouted, "Sturgeon be d d; you've got dogfish."

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The Garrison Artillery have been doing battalion drill under the direction of Capt. Irving the Adjutant. The recruits being put through by Sergt.-Major Munroe and Sergt. Blanchard.

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A recent visitor to Victoria was Rev. W. S. Ball, formerly minister of Knox church, Guelph, Ont., and now of English settlement, near London. Mr. Ball is an enthusiastic volunteer, and has held a commission as chaplain in the 30th Wellington battalion of rifles for many years. During the last North-west rebellion he was out with the 7th London battalion, and wears the medal for that campaign.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Nos. 1, 4 and 6 companies of the 25th Battalion, headed by the 25th Battalion band, attended divine service at Trinity church, St. Thomas, a few Sunday's ago, an eloquent sermon being preached by Rev. Canon Hill.

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The well known 52nd Battalion band of Magog gave a concert for the benefit of the Rev. Geo. Ellery Read, on the grounds of the Congregational Church, Fitch Bay, on Friday the 26th August.

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Michael Gallagher, of the G.T.R., Stratford, who died on 16th September, from internal injuries received from a fall, was buried with military honours, he having been a veteran of the Crimea. The funeral was a very large one, and as it passed down Ontario street the pavements were crowded with spectators. The military escort consisted of firing parties from companies Nos. 1 and 2 of the 28th Battalion,

who headed the procession. The pall-bearers were all old soldiers, three of them Crimean veterans, and three veterans of '66, Sergt.-Major Roland, Quartermaster French, Colour-Sergt. Colter and Corporals Wilson, Gough and Blair. The procession halted at St. Joseph's church and the coffin wrapped in the Union Jack, on which were laid the dead soldier's helmet, belt and sword, was carried in. Rev. Dr. Kilroy spoke feelingly of the departed, paying a high tribute to the soldier who does his duty so well as to merit such funeral honours.

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Major Reilly, long connected with the 24th Kent Battalion, died at his residence at Chatham recently, after a lingering illness. The Major was an old soldier, and went to Chatham with a detachment of the R. C. Rifles thirty years ago, settling there after his discharge. He was a man of genial manners, and was popular wherever known.

## FLAGS IN MONTREAL.

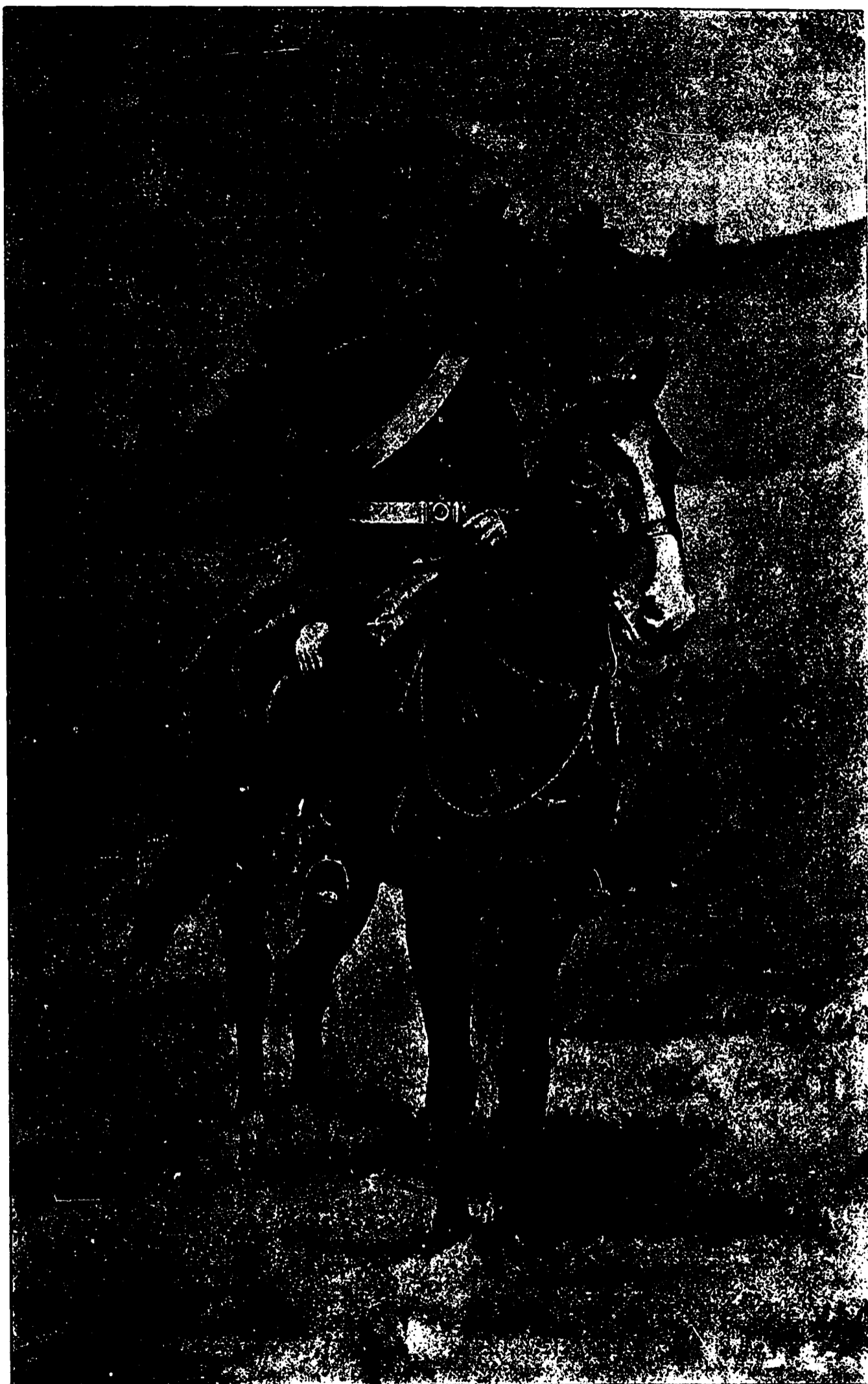
OTTAWA *Anglo-Saxon*: "Is not your friend [the ORILLIA PACKET] rather sweeping when he writes of Montrealers not being quite sure what their flag is? We believe there is a splendid British sentiment in Montreal, though not offensively self-assertive, which will be found quite capable of taking care of itself should the occasion ever unhappily arise. The toady element, however, has certainly made itself unpleasantly conspicuous in this matter of the flag, and its acts are duly noted, though passed over with silent contempt." Possibly. But, for years we have noticed that on almost every occasion when bunting was displayed in Montreal, the Stars and Stripes and Tricolour were quite as conspicuous as the "Meteor flag," if not more so. When a prelate of the Reformed Church of England was asked why he gave such prominence to the republican ensign in his parochial entertainments, his reply was a two-column justification of the practice--in Montreal. When an Ulsterman was spoken to on the subject, his reply was, "Oh, we must do it in Montreal." Look through the files of that excellent publication, the *Dominion Illustrated*, and see how far the PACKET is astray in assuming that the people of that city are uncertain which flag is their own. That there is a "splendid British sentiment in Montreal" we do not doubt, but it is so latent and the contempt for toadyism so mute, "that the only sound she gives, is when some heart indignant breaks, to show that still she lives."--*Orillia Packet*.

## LIEUT.-COL. GIBSON, 13TH BATTALION.

(See portrait, page 297.)

This officer, so well known in military and rifle-shooting circles throughout the Dominion, was born in the country of Peel, Ontario, on New Year's Day, 1842, and is the son of the late William Gibson, who came to Canada from Glamis, Forfarshire, Scotland. During the Trent excitement in 1861, Mr. Gibson enlisted in the University Rifle Company, and after graduating joined the 13th Battalion. Having attended a military school he obtained a commission in the same corps, with which, as lieutenant, he was present at Ridgeway in 1866. In October, 1876, he was gazetted as Lieutenant-Colonel. He accompanied the Wimbledon team in 1874, 1875 and 1879, and won high distinction as a marksman, in this last year carrying off the Prince of Wales prize of £100 and a badge. In 1881 he commanded the team when it won the Kolapore Cup. He was at Creedmoor in 1876, and commanded the Canadian team which defeated the Americans at long range shooting in 1882. Col. Gibson is a member of the Council of the Dominion, and has been President of the Ontario Rifle Association. He is also president of the Canadian Military Rifle League. He was in 1873 elected a member of the Senate of Toronto University and has been Examiner in the Law Faculty. In 1879 he was elected to the Ontario Assembly over Mr. Hugh Murray, the Conservative candidate, and again, in 1883, over Mr. R. Martin, Q.C. He is now Provincial-Secretary of Ontario.





LIEUT -COL. GIBSON, XIII BATTALION.

(See page 206.)

## THE RIFLE.

### MANITOBA PROVINCIAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES, 1892.

The 21st annual rifle matches of this Association began on the Kildonan range, Winnipeg, on Thursday morning, 11th August, and lasted until Saturday afternoon. The weather was good, the range was in excellent condition, and all arrangements were in good shape; the events were carried out promptly, and reflected credit on the executive. The result of the three days' shooting was as follows:

#### THE NURSERY MATCH.

Open to all members of the association who have never, at any previous rifle association meeting, won a prize of \$5.00 in money:

Fourteen prizes, total value.....\$47.00

Range, 200 yards; 7 shots; Snider rifles; position, kneeling.

\$8 Pte. Unsworth, 95th.....	27
6 Pte. Miller, 95th.....	26
5 Pte. J. Neilson, 90th.....	25
4 Capt. Howden, 90th.....	25
4 P. Lamb.....	25
4 L. Meadows.....	24
2 Sergt. S. Eadie, 90th.....	22
2 T. Anderson.....	22
2 Pte. S. B. Lawes, 95th.....	20
2 G. A. Glines.....	20
2 R. McLeod.....	19
2 Pte. M. L. Taylor, 90th.....	19
2 Lieut. Verner, 90th.....	17
2 Sergt. Munn, 95th.....	17

#### CAUCHON MATCH.

Twenty prizes.....\$74.00

Open to all members of the association. Range, 200 yards; 7 shots; Snider rifle; position, standing or kneeling. First prize, challenge cup, presented by the late Hon. J. Cauchon, (the cup to become the property of the member winning it twice), and

\$10 Major Cates, R. L.....	32
8 E. A. Greathead, 91st.....	31
7 Sergt. Macklin, 90th.....	30
6 Staff-Sergt. A. Ross, 90th.....	28
4 Sergt. McKay, 90th.....	28
4 Capt. Howden, 90th.....	27
4 Pte. Fleming.....	27
3 Pte. Lindsay, 90th.....	27
3 R. McLeod, 90th.....	26
3 Lieut. Meadows, 90th.....	26
2 Pte. Taylor, 90th.....	26
2 Staff-Sergt. Huffman, 91st.....	26
2 Lieut. R. C. Brown, 95th.....	25
2 Lieut. T. W. Taylor, 91st.....	25
2 Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th.....	25
2 Pte. S. Tait, 90th.....	25
2 Pte. Miller, 95th.....	25
2 Pte. Huston, 95th.....	25
2 Staff-Sergt. Rose, 95th.....	25
2 H. A. Costigan, 95th.....	24
2 Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 91st.....	24

#### AIKINS MATCH.

Twenty prizes.....\$74.00

Open to all members of the association. Range, 500 yards; 7 shots; Snider rifle; position, any with head to target. First prize, challenge cup, presented by the Hon. J. C. Aikins (the cup to become the property of the member winning it twice) and

\$10 Sergt. W. McKay, 90th.....	32
8 Pte. S. Tait, 90th.....	32
7 Pte. Huston, 95th.....	29
6 Staff-Sergt. Huston, 95th.....	29
3 Lieut. R. C. Brown, 95th.....	29
3 Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st.....	28
3 Capt. Howden, 90th.....	28
4 E. A. Greathead, 91st.....	28
4 Capt. Scott, 90th.....	28

4 Staff-Sergt. Macklin, 90th.....	28
2 Major Cates, R. L.....	27
2 Staff-Sergt. H. A. Costigan, 95th.....	27
2 Staff-Sergt. R. I. Wynne, 90th.....	27
2 Pte. W. B. Unsworth, 95th.....	27
2 Capt. Doidge.....	27
2 J. B. Ashby.....	26
2 Pte. J. Neilson, 90th.....	26
2 Pte. J. Shuneman, 95th.....	26
2 Q. M. Sergt. Garbut, C. D.....	26
2 Staff-Sergt. H. Ross, 90th.....	26
2 Staff-Sergt. J. R. Rose, 95th.....	26

#### HON. HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY'S MATCH.

Twenty prizes.....\$74.00

Open to all members of the association. Range, 600 yards; 7 shots; Snider Rifle; Position any, with head to target. First prize, silver cup, presented by the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company (the cup to become the property of the member winning it twice) and

\$10 J. B. Ashby.....	28
8 Pte. P. R. Lamb, 91st.....	26
7 E. A. Greathead, 95th.....	26
6 R. McLeod.....	26
4 Pte. Fleming, 95th.....	26
4 Sergt. McKay, 90th.....	26
4 Staff-Sergt. H. A. Costigan, 95th.....	25
3 Surgeon Macklin, 95th.....	24
3 Pte. Unsworth, 95th.....	24
3 Staff-Sergt. J. H. Rose, 95th.....	24
2 Lieut. T. W. Taylor, 91st.....	24
2 Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th.....	23
2 Q. M. Sergt. Garbut, C. D.....	23
2 Capt. Doidge.....	22
2 Capt. Scott, 90th.....	22
2 Capt. Harris, R. L.....	22
2 Sergt. R. Macklin, 90th.....	22
2 Staff-Sergt. A. Ross, 90th.....	21
2 Sergt. McGregor, 95th.....	21
2 Pte. Lowes, 95th.....	21
2 Lieut. K. C. Brown, 95th.....	21

#### MACDONALD CUP, ASSOCIATION MATCH—TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS.

The team prizes to be awarded to the five highest aggregate scores made by any five previously named members of any company or corps of active militia or rifle association in Canada. Names of competitors selected to form the teams to be handed to the Secretary one hour previous to commencement of match.

Five team prizes.....\$75.00

Twenty-five individual prizes.....94.00

Range 400 and 500 yards. Ten rounds at each range. Snider rifles. Position any, with head to target.

#### TEAM SCORES.

C Co., 90th, W. R. Inman, Captain, Association Challenge cup and \$25.00.....	396
\$20 Western Rifle Association, A. Cates, Captain.....	394
15 A Co., 95th, W. H. Shillinglaw, Captain.....	393
10 91st. Batt., T. W. Taylor, Captain.....	389
5 Portage la Prairie Rifle Association, R. C. Brown, Captain.....	382

#### INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

Cup presented by Major C. R. Forest and	
\$15 Staff-Sergt. Hustar, 95th.....	89
10 Pte. Fleming, 95th.....	88
7 Staff-Sergt. Huffman, 95th.....	87
5 Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 95th.....	87
4 Capt. Doidge, W. F. B.....	84
4 Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th.....	83
4 Pte. Lamb, 91st.....	83
4 Pte. McKenzie, 95th.....	83
4 Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th.....	82
3 Lieut. Mitchell, 90th.....	82
3 Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 90th.....	81
3 Staff-Sergt. Rose, 95th.....	81
3 Major Cates, 95th.....	80
3 Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 91st.....	80
2 Capt. Scott, 90th.....	80
2 Staff-Sergt. Kennon, 91st.....	79
2 Pte. Shuneman, 95th.....	78

2 Pte. Tait, 90th.....	78
2 Staff-Sergt. Costigan, 95th.....	78
2 Lieut. Taylor, 91st.....	78
2 Pte. Unsworth, 95th.....	75
2 Lieut. Brown, 95th.....	77
2 Pte. J. Neilson, 90th.....	77
2 Pte. J. Lamb, 90th.....	77
2 Capt. Howden, R. L.....	77

BELL CUP MATCH.

1. Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th.....	45
2. Pte. Greathead, 91st.....	45
3. Sergt. McKay, 90th.....	43

LADIES' MATCH.

The greatest interest was manifested in this competition, as there was a very large list of entries, and many of the fair sex were present watching with intense interest the gallant marksmen who were shooting for them.

Staff-Sergt. Costigan for Mrs. Costigan.....	35
Major Cates for Mrs. Cates.....	34
Pte. McKenzie for Mrs. McRenzie.....	31
Staff-Sergt. K. Graburn for Mrs. C. Graburn.....	31
Sergt. McKay for Mrs. McKay.....	31
Lieut. Brown for Mrs. H. J. Macdonald.....	31
Lieut. Mitchell for Mrs. Mitchell.....	31
Sergt. McGregor for Mrs. McGregor.....	30
Staff-Sergt. Inman for Miss Bradey.....	30
Capt. Shepherd for Mrs. R. C. Brown.....	30
Staff-Sergt. Wynne for Mrs. Inman.....	29
Wm. Miller for Miss Laura Miller.....	29

SKIRMISHING MATCH.

This competition also aroused a great deal of interest and much speculation was rife as to which company of men would win. When the score was counted it was found to result as follows :

" C." Co., 90th.....	194
" A." Co., 95th.....	144
91st battalion.....	133

The winners of the first prize were successful in making more bull's eyes than all the rest of the competitors combined, thus making it the greatest victory ever achieved in a similar event on the range.

EXTRA SERIES--500 YARDS.

The following are the ten highest scores :--

Staff-Sergt. Huston, 95th.....	24
Major Cates, R. L.....	24
Pte. Tait, 90th.....	23
Pte. Shunnaman, 95th.....	23
Pte. McKenzie, 95th.....	23
J. B. Ashby.....	22
Sergt. Macklin, 90th.....	21
Staff-Sergt. Huffman, 91st.....	21
Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 90th.....	21
Sergt. McGregor, 95th.....	21

EXTRA SERIES--600 YARDS.

The following are the prize winners in this event :

Sergt. Graburn, 91st.....	22
D. McEwan, 91st.....	22
Pte. Shunnaman, 95th.....	22
Staff-Sergt. J. R. Wynne, 90th.....	21
Staff-Sergt. Costigan, 95th.....	21

REVOLVER MATCH.

The following are the prize winners of the revolver match :

REVOLVER MATCH.

Private Shunnaman, 95th.....	24
Private Miller, 95th.....	24
Lieutenant Meadows, 90th.....	23
Sergeant Ross, 90th.....	22
Sergeant Mackland, 90th.....	22
Private Fleming, 95th.....	21
Quartermaster-Sergeant Garbutt, C. D.....	21

BATTALION MATCH.

Open to efficient members of the active militia, members of the staff, officers of the active force who have retired retaining rank, officers and men of the Northwest Mounted Police,

in uniform, and all of whom must be members of the association.

Battalion Team Prize--To be awarded on the highest aggregate scores made by any eight previously named members of any troop of cavalry, battery of artillery, battalion of infantry or rifles, or corps of mounted infantry.

Company Team Prizes--To be awarded to the highest aggregate scores made by any four previously named members of any troop, battery, or company of active militia.

TEAM PRIZES.

95th Batt. :--	
Lieut. Brown.....	72
Lieut. Shillinglaw.....	78
Staff-Sergt. Costigan.....	77
Pte. Hutson.....	71
Surgeon Macklin.....	59
Pte. McKenzie.....	66
Pte. Schunaman.....	59
Pte. Fleming.....	82
	564
\$20.--91st Batt. :--	
Staff-Sergt. Gillies.....	71
Staff-Sergt. Graburn.....	77
Pte. P. R. Lamb.....	52
Pte. W. Lamb.....	74
Staff-Sergt. Hoffman.....	66
Staff-Sergt. Kennon.....	60
Pte. Greathead.....	73
Lieut. T. W. Taylor.....	75
	548

COMPANY TEAMS.

\$16.--A Co., 65th Batt. :	
Lieut. Shillinglaw.....	78
Pte. Hutson.....	71
Pte. Shunaman.....	59
Pte. A. Fleming.....	82
	290
\$10.--A Co., 91st Batt. :	
Staff-Sergt. Gillies.....	71
Staff-Sergt. Graburn.....	77
Staff-Sergt. Huffman.....	66
Ste. Greathead.....	73
	287
\$8 B Co. 95th Batt. :	
Lieut. Brown.....	72
Pte. McKenzie.....	66
Staff-Sergt. Costigan.....	77
Staff-Sergt. Clarke.....	64
	279
\$6 F Co. 90th Batt. :--	
Lieut. C. N. Mitchell.....	90
Staff-Sergt. Ross.....	69
Pte. Neilson.....	39
Sergt. Macklin.....	65
	263

INDIVIDUAL SCORES.

\$15 Lieut. Mitchell, 90th, (and Holt cup).....	90
10 Pte. Fleming, 95th.....	82
7 Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th.....	78
5 Staff-Sergt. Costigan, 95th.....	77
4 Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 91st.....	77
4 Capt. Doidge, W.F.B.....	75
4 Lieut. Taylor, 91st.....	75
4 Col.-Sergt. McDonald, 90th.....	74
4 Sergt. McKay, 90th.....	74
3 Pte. W. Lamb, 91st.....	74
3 Pte. Greathead, 91st.....	73
3 Lieut. Brown, 95th.....	72
3 Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st.....	71
3 Pte. Huston, 95th.....	71
2 Pte. Unsworth, 95th.....	70
2 Sergt. McGregor, 95th.....	69
2 Sergt. Eadie, 90th.....	69
2 Staff-Sergt. Ross, 90th.....	69
2 Staff-Sergt. Rose, 95th.....	67

2 Pte. McKenzie, 95th.....	66
2 Major A. Cates, R. L.....	66
2 Staff-Sergt. Huffman, 91st.....	66
2 Capt. Harris, R. L.....	65
2 Capt. Scott, 90th.....	65
2 Staff-Sergt. Macklin, 90th.....	65
2 Staff-Sergt. Inman, 90th.....	65
2 Staff-Sergt. Clarke, 95th.....	64
2 Capt. Sheppard, R. L.....	63
2 Staff-Sergt. Wynne, 90th.....	60
2 Staff-Sergt. Kennon, 91st.....	60

Lieut. Mitchell having won the Holt Cup twice now becomes owner of the same.

## THE LOGAN MATCH.

Open to all members of the association.

Twenty prizes.....\$74.00

Range 600 yards, 10 shots. Martini-Henry rifles. Position any, with head to target.

1st prize, silver cup, presented by Alex. Logan, Esq., (the cup to become the property of the member winning it twice) and cash

\$10 Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 91st.....	40
8 Capt. Sheppard, R. L.....	39
7 J. B. Ashby.....	39
6 Pte. Shunaman, 95th.....	39
4 Staff-Sergt. McKay, 90th.....	38
4 Q. M. S. Garbutt, C. D.....	37
4 Pte. Hutson, 95th.....	37
3 Fleming, 95th.....	37
3 Staff-Sergt. D. Hutson, 95th.....	36
3 Lieut. Brown 95th.....	36
2 Major Cates, R. L.....	36
2 Staff-Sergt. N. C. Clark, 95th.....	36
2 Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th.....	36
2 Capt. Doidge, W. F. B.....	35
2 Pte. McKenzie, 95th.....	35
2 Surgeon Macklin, 95th.....	35
2 Pte. P. R. Lamb, 91st.....	34
2 Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st.....	34
2 Capt. Scott, 90th.....	33
2 Staff-Sergt. Costigan, 95th.....	33
2 D. McEwan.....	33

## COLTS MATCH.

\$8 Pte. Neilson, 90th.....	29
7 Pte. P. R. Lamb, 91st.....	29
6 Capt. Cann, 91st.....	28
5 Pte. Tait, 90th.....	28
4 Pte. Miller, 95th.....	26
3 Surgeon Macklin, 91st.....	26
3 Sergt. McGregor, 95th.....	26
3 Col.-Sergt. McDonald, 90th.....	25
3 Q. M. Sergt. Garbutt, C. D.....	25
3 Staff-Sergt. Himnan, 91st.....	25
2 Capt. Scott, 90th.....	25
2 Sergt. Bourke, W. F. B.....	25
2 R. McLeod.....	24
2 Capt. Howden, R. L.....	24
2 Col.-Sergt. Wilson, 31st.....	24
2 Pte. Greathead, 91st.....	23
2 Sergt. Eadie, 90th.....	21
2 Capt. Harris, R. L.....	21
2 J. Hunter, 95th R. A.....	21
2 Lieut. Taylor, 91st.....	21

## GRAND AGGREGATE.

Following are the successful winners in the grand aggregate, the first nine being entitled to go to Ottawa to represent the province at the Dominion military matches:

Sergt. McKay, 90th, 275, Governor-General's silver medal.

Pte. Fleming, 95th, 273, Governor-General's bronze medal.

Pte. Greathead, 91st, 265, D. R. A. silver medal.

Lieut. Shillinglaw, 95th, 264, D. R. A. bronze medal.

Staff-Sergt. Costigan, 95th, 264, M. R. A. silver medal.

Capt. Doidge, W. F. B., 264, M. R. A. bronze medal.

Staff-Sergt. Graburn, 91st, 263, M. R. A. bronze medal.

Lieut. Brown, 95th, 263, M. R. A. bronze medal.

Major Cates, R. L., 259, M. R. A. bronze medal.

## WAITING MEN.

Staff-Sergt. Gillies, 91st.....	258
Staff-Sergt. Huffman, 91st.....	255
Staff-Sergt. Huston, 95th.....	253
Pte. Huston, 95th.....	249
Staff-Sergt. Ross, 90th.....	248
Capt. Scott, 90th.....	248

In the afternoon of the closing day there was a large crowd of visitors on the ground to witness the different events. The ladies were present in full force and manifested a great deal of interest in the competitions, especially the ladies' match. Among those on the range were Lieut.-Gov. and Mrs. Schultz, Capt. and Mrs. H. J. Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Boswell, Col. Villiers, Mr. Isaac Campbell and many others. The 90th battalion band was also present and played several capital selections. Refreshments were served during the afternoon by the association and were much appreciated. At the conclusion of the matches the distribution of prizes took place, Mrs. H. J. Macdonald presenting the different prize winners with their rewards. As each marksman stepped forward at the call of his name he was the recipient of hearty applause by the ladies present, and returned a smiling acknowledgement. The 95th battalion of Brandon were the most successful of all the competing corps, they carrying off the greatest number of prizes.

The officers of the association this year are: Patron, Sir Donald A. Smith; vice patrons, Lieut.-Governor Schultz and Wm. Whyte, Esq.; president, Capt. Hugh J. Macdonald, M. P.; vice-presidents, Lieut.-Col. McMillan and Major Bell; council, Lieut. Mitchell, Winnipeg; Dr. Macklin, Portage; Lieut. Brown, Portage; Lieut. Taylor, Winnipeg; Lieut. Shillinglaw, Brandon; Staff-Sergt. Wynne, Winnipeg; Staff-Sergt. Inman, Winnipeg; Staff-Sergt. Graburn, Winnipeg; Lieut. Scott, Winnipeg; H. A. Costigan, Esq., Winnipeg; Staff-Sergt. Ross, Winnipeg; Capt. Doidge, Winnipeg. Ex-officio members, Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D. A. G.; commanding officers of corps; presidents of affiliated associations. Representatives on the council of the Dominion Rifle Association, Lieut.-Col. D. A. McDonald, Ottawa; T. M. Daly, Esq., M. P., Brandon.

## FRONTIER RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCHES. 1892.

The 30th annual matches of this association took place at Huntingdon, Que., on 27th Sept. The attendance was less than at any previous match, greatly owing to the fact that the present government rifles are worn out and give no encouragement to young shots to come forward, nearly all the competitors using private rifles, two or three firing with the same rifle. Weather, cold; wind, a gale from left front. The following are the highest scores in each match:

## NURSERY MATCH.

Open to members of 50th Batt. who have never won over \$2.00 at any previous match. Range, 200 yards. 5 shots.

\$5 Sergt. J. Goodfellow.....	18
4 Pte. G. Sayer.....	17
3 Pte. W. Davidson.....	12
3 Pte. G. Morrison.....	8

## MEACHIRAN MATCH.

Open to members of 50th Batt. who have never won \$4.00 at any previous match. Ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards. 5 shots at each.

\$4 Pte. G. Sayer.....	49
3 Sergt. J. Goodfellow.....	24
3 Pte. Davidson.....	24
2 Pte. Watson.....	21

## FRONTIER MATCH.

Open to all members of the association. 200, 400 and 500 yards. 5 shots at each.

\$7 Lieut. G. L. Macfarlane.....	56
6 Sergt. Baird.....	56
5 D. G. Macfarlane.....	55
4 J. W. Stark.....	50
3 D. Macfarlane.....	49
3 Pte. G. Sayer.....	49

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to all members. 500 and 600 yards. 7 shots at each.

\$7 Corp. D. McNaughton, 51st Batt.....	49
6 Sergt. Baird.....	43
5 G. W. Cunningham.....	42
4 D. G. Macfarlane.....	41
3 D. Macfarlane.....	40
3 J. W. Stark.....	39

EXTRA SERIES.

500 yards. 5 shots.

1. Lieut. Macfarlane.
2. Sergt. Baird.
3. Pte. Bryson.
4. D. G. Macfarlane.
5. J. W. Stark.

AGGREGATE.

Highest in matches 3, 4 and 5.  
D. R. A. Medal. Sergt. Baird, 50th Batt..... 110

Highest in matches 1, 2 and 3.  
Canadian Military Gazette } Pte. G. Sayer, 50th Batt. . . . . 115  
for one year. }

THE OTTAWA RIFLE CLUB.

The Rifle Club resumed the weekly spoon competitions on the 10th ult., being the 17th shoot of the season. The Martini Henry was the weapon at 200, 500 and 600 yards. The first spoon (dessert) was won by J. H. Ellis after shooting off a tie with J. E. Hutcheson, the latter taking a tea spoon. In the 2nd class Mr. R. A. Helmer takes a tea spoon. The following are some of the scores :

	200	500	600	Total.
J. H. Ellis.....	30	34	23	87
J. E. Hutcheson.....	29	27	31	87
J. P. Carroll.....	28	28	30	86
G. A. Mailleuc.....	31	31	24	86
R. Moodie.....	28	26	30	84
W. A. Jamieson.....	28	30	26	84
J. P. Macpherson.....	32	28	24	84
C. S. Scott.....	24	31	28	83
Thomas McJanet.....	28	30	25	83
J. A. Armstrong.....	24	33	24	81
R. A. Helmer.....	27	28	25	80
R. J. Taylor.....	24	29	26	79

On the following Saturday afternoon the 18th spoon competition took place with the same rifle and ranges. In the first class Mr. C. S. Scott won the dessert spoon followed closely by Lt.-Col. Wright who took the tea spoon. In the second class Mr. J. H. Dewar takes a tea spoon. The third class did not fill. The following were some of the scores -

	200	500	600	Total.
C. S. Scott.....	30	32	29	91
Lt.-Col. Wright.....	31	30	28	89
Lt.-Col. Anderson.....	28	29	30	87
T. C. Boville.....	29	25	30	84
J. A. Armstrong.....	29	28	26	83
L. G. Perkins.....	29	25	28	82
Dr. G. Hutchison.....	28	27	27	82
Thomas McJanet.....	29	23	29	81
R. Moodie.....	25	26	29	80
J. H. Ellis.....	26	26	28	80
A. N. Other.....	27	28	25	80
J. N. Dewar.....	25	31	24	80

In connection with the above shoot the men who had represented Canada at Wimbledon or Bisley challenged a like number previously named who had not been across, and were beaten by 27 points. The following were the scores :

Kolapore team - Capt. Gray, 76; Lt.-Col. Wright, 80; Capt. Jamieson, 72; A. N. Other, 80; J. A. Armstrong, 83; J. H. Ellis, 80. Total 480.

Canada - Lt.-Col. Anderson, 87; Thos. McJanet, 81; C. S. Scott, 91; Dr. Hutchison, 82; T. C. Boville, 84; L. G. Perkins, 82. Total 507.

Ties for spoons having occurred in previous competitions, T. C. Boville won against H. McKay. He made three "bulls" at 600 yards with the Snider. Lt.-Col. Anderson won against T. P. Carroll and L. G. Perkins.

RIFLE SHOOTING IN WINNIPEG.

Rifle shooting has always had its share of devotees in this city and province, but it is only during the past four years that the interest aroused has been keen and general. This has been largely due to the fact that the constantly growing military organizations have lent their aid in encouraging rifle shooting, realizing that while it is of great importance that the members of the militia should be proficient in drill, it is of still greater importance that they should know how to handle the rifles skilfully. In a young country like ours, in which everyone has to earn his own living, it is impossible for men to devote sufficient time to drill to learn to move on parade ground with the precision of regular soldiers, but if rifle shooting is encouraged there is no reason why the local battalions should not be composed of men each of whom could drop his man at 500 or 600 yards and then they could be counted on to render a good account of themselves, whenever, and wherever their country required their services. Such a strain of thought may appear a trifle blood-thirsty to the uninitiated, but the truth of the argument is thoroughly appreciated by the military man.

While the rifle range now in use answers the purpose fairly well, it is, as pointed out in a recent report of the association, a subject of regret that there is not a government range in this province, and the association feel that this is a matter to which the attention of the militia authorities at Ottawa ought to be called. A suitable range could at present be obtained without difficulty and at a very moderate cost, and, as the revenue of the association is too small to allow of their purchasing or leasing a range, they think they can fairly ask the Government to come to their assistance and to supply a range on which all members of the militia who are so disposed can perfect themselves in the use of the rifle. The fact that the Mounted Rifle Corps is stationed in Winnipeg is an additional reason why such a range should be supplied, for, without one, it is impossible for the members of that corps to learn how to use the weapon with which they are armed, and a rifle corps which is not mainly composed of marksmen is an anomaly which should not exist. The association feel certain that, were a government range here, the energetic commandant and the officers of the Mounted Rifles would do everything in their power to encourage their men to become rifle shots, and that in a very short time members of that corps would rank high among the prize winners of both the Provincial and Dominion Matches.—*Winnipeg Free Press.*

NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL R.A.

At the competitors' meeting held during the progress of the recent matches of the New Brunswick Provincial R. A., all present expressed themselves pleased with the new Fair-weather range. It was pointed out that the numbers on the target were too small, and it was decided to enlarge them for the next year.

The question of allowing the leading man in the Bisley to have the N. R. A. medal, whether he wins it or not, to enable him to shoot in the Prince of Wales match at Bisley, was reported to the incoming council.

It was voted that all military men must shoot in uniform next year.

A long distance butt will be added for 800, 900 and 1,000 yards, and an extra target for 600 yards.

BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL R.A. MATCHES.

The following scores (crowded out of our last issue) complete the report of this meeting :

EXTRA SERIES A. (200 YARDS.)

Fired simultaneously with competitions then in progress at this range at the direction of the Council. Snider rifle. Five shots. Any position. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$7.50; 3rd prize, \$5; five prizes, each \$2.50.

1. Gr. W. Huston.....	25
2. Gr. A. R. Langley.....	24
3. Lieut. Williams.....	23
4. Gr. F. R. Sargison.....	23
5. Gr. W. P. Winsby.....	23
6. Lieut. Chamberlain.....	23

7. Gr. J. H. Sully ..... 22  
 8. Gr. A. Pettendreigh ..... 22

## EXTRA SERIES - B. (400 YARDS.)

Fired simultaneously with competitions then in progress at this range at the discretion of the Council. Snider rifle. Five shots. Any position. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$7.50; 3rd prize, \$5; five prizes, each \$2.50.

1. Gr. W. P. Winsby ..... 24  
 2. Gr. G. Turnbull ..... 24  
 3. Gr. J. H. Sharpe ..... 24  
 4. Gr. F. R. Sargison ..... 23  
 5. Lieut. Williams ..... 23  
 6. Gr. J. L. Beckwith ..... 23  
 7. Lieut. Chamberlain ..... 23  
 8. M. W. B. McInnes ..... 22  
 Gr. A. J. Hunter ..... 22 | Counted  
 Gr. A. R. Langley ..... 22 | out  
 Gr. S. A. Arundell ..... 22 | on ties.

## EXTRA SERIES - C. (500 YARDS.)

Fired simultaneously with competitions then in progress at this range at the discretion of the Council. Snider rifle. Five shots. Any position. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. First prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$7.50; 3rd prize, \$5; five prizes, each \$2.20.

1. Dr. Kellett, R.N. .... 25  
 2. Lieut. Williams ..... 22  
 3. Gr. A. W. Huston ..... 22  
 4. M. W. W. B. McInnis ..... 22  
 5. Gr. G. Turnbull ..... 21  
 6. Gr. S. A. Fletcher ..... 21  
 7. Gr. R. Wilson ..... 20  
 8. Sergt. Blanchard ..... 20  
 G. H. Marshall ..... | Counted  
 | out.

## EXTRA SERIES - D. (500 YARDS.)

Fired simultaneously with competitions as in Series C. Martini-Henry rifle. Five shots. Any position. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. First prize, \$7.50; 2nd prize, \$5; three prizes, each \$2.50.

1. Sgt. P. Hibben ..... 22  
 2. Gr. T. A. Fletcher ..... 22  
 3. Mr. J. D. Taylor ..... 21  
 4. Gr. F. R. Sargison ..... 20  
 5. Gr. M. G. Blanchard ..... 20  
 Lt. Chamberlain ..... | Counted  
 | out.

## EXTRA SERIES - E. (600 YARDS.)

Fired simultaneously with competitions then in progress at this range at the discretion of the Council. Martini-Henry rifle. Five shots. Any position. Entrance fee 50c. Number of entries unlimited, but no competitor to take more than one prize. First prize, \$7.50; 2nd prize, \$5; three prizes, each \$2.50.

1. Gr. J. H. Sharpe ..... 23  
 2. Gr. I. S. Parkes ..... 21  
 3. Gr. A. Pettendreigh ..... 21  
 4. Gr. S. G. Arundell ..... 20  
 5. Gr. W. Huston ..... 19

It was provided that in all the extra series matches the prizes should not exceed the amount of entrance fees. Series "B" and "D," it is understood, fell a trifle short of the required amount.

Amherst is now endeavoring to procure the only historical relics of the old Fort Cumberland, in the shape of two large cannons used in the French war, but now in the possession of A. Robb & Sons. The object of the town is to have them mounted and placed in Victoria Square.

The Province of Quebec Lottery is now known under the name of "The Mont-Royal Lottery."

**R. M. C. CLUB NOTES.**

## NO. 6. NOTES FROM INDIA.

Several months ago Lieut. George M. Duff, Royal Engineers, was appointed Executive Engineer in charge of the defensive works at Rangoon, comprising six batteries along the banks of the Rangoon River, guarding the entrance to the place of the same name.

These works have been under construction since the year 1887, and are still far from complete, the delay having been caused by the scarcity of labour; the place being unhealthy, cholera and other sickness having broken out several years in succession.

Lieut. Duff was entrusted with a difficult piece of work, and particularly in view of the fact that the river has been washing away its banks and encroaching on the batteries. Since his arrival, however, the place has undergone a decided change for the better. Determination and perseverance on his part resulted in his obtaining a better class of labourers, and the money to prosecute the works as well as the dismissal of the drunken and useless men.

The ground upon which the works are situated being bad, no entirely satisfactory results can be obtained, but within another year Lieut. Duff expects to have the place on as good a footing as can be expected.

The want of assistants has been another great difficulty met with, as from time to time such as were sent had to leave on account of sickness, thus placing the work entirely on his shoulders.

June saw the close of the working season, and the commencement of the rainy one, during which office work will be carried on, consisting of making of estimates, etc., etc.

The selection of this officer for so important a work is a deserving recognition of his energy and capabilities.

R. M. C. No. 47.

A communication was received at the Militia Department recently from the War Office stating that the four cadets who graduate highest at the Royal Military College at Kingston next term will be granted commissions in the regular forces as soon as vacancies can be found for them. Hitherto the successful graduates from Kingston entitled to commissions have been commissioned immediately after graduation, but it would appear from the dispatch just received that just at present there are more applications for appointment in the Imperial Army than there are vacancies.

**"MILITARY ORGANIZATION" BY "THE ODD FILE."**

We have pleasure in drawing attention to this excellent little pamphlet. The author is a well-known officer of the 10th Royal Grenadiers, Toronto, and the work is the republication in a collected form, of a number of letters on Militia subjects which originally appeared in the Toronto "Empire." Of the many glaring deficiencies in our service, not the least is that of organization, in the total absence of any (known) plan of division into correctly proportioned brigades, and of provision for proper staff-appointments. These defects are fully gone into in the work under notice, and the proper remedial measures stated. Attention is also drawn to the present weak and comparatively useless system of drilling the rural corps, the lack of a pre-arranged plan for transport north and west, and the very meagre opportunities afforded the average militiaman to become an expert shot.

These important subjects are concisely treated, and in each case, a plan propounded for improvement. The pamphlet should be in the hands of everyone who takes any interest in our military system and deserves a large circulation. It is published by Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto.

## BRANTFORD DRILL HALL.

Some few years ago the residents of the east ward began the great cry that the drill shed, situated in Alexandria Park, must be removed, and gave their reason for so doing was that the Government only leased the land for a number of years and as that time had then expired, the sheds should no longer remain in the centre of their beautiful park. The officers of the 38th Battalion also wished for a new drill hall in a more central locality. The citizens of Brantford were asked to grant \$10,000 towards a new building; this they cheerfully did in consideration that the Dominion Government voted a like amount. We have also got this amount, \$10,000, to our credit for the new hall. Mr. Wm. Paterson, I think, is worthy of thanks in this matter for he championed our cause at Ottawa. The land has been purchased and the site approved of, but there the whole thing seems to stand. The city holds the balance of the \$10,000, after paying for land \$6,200, and is now waiting for the Government to go on with the shed. On good authority we believe the Government does not intend, nor was it ever their intention to build the drill hall. When voting the sum asked for, it was understood Brantford was to build the hall and the \$10,000 was to be their share of the cost.

Plans for a very handsome drill hall were drawn out by the Government architect, and approved of by Sir A. P. Caron then Minister of Militia. Cost of such building about \$30,000, but when asked why the work was not gone on with the question was asked where is the money to go on with it, for the Government had only voted \$10,000, and some \$3,800 only remained in the hands of the City of Brantford. After a great deal of correspondence and numerous deputations of all kinds to Ottawa, we find that the government will do nothing more than give the amount voted toward the construction of the drill hall.

The officers of the regiment have appointed a committee consisting of Majors Jones and Wilkes, Captains Hamilton and Stratford to obtain plans from the Militia department and to build a hall suitable to the wants of the regiment for the amount at our disposal. The committee, as yet, have done nothing in the matter, and the regiment is still using the old tumble-down shed. Parades are ordered out of the building as the roof is partly off and the whole thing may fall at any moment. The present state of the shed has a very bad effect upon the members of the regiment. The men do not care to assemble where they are afraid of being crushed to death without a moment's warning. But the ever untiring officers of the regiment manage to keep the men pretty well together, but cannot always rely upon a full turn out of the men at their drills. Great credit is due to the men who assemble at such a place and show a loyal spirit for drill. Then they have to be taken out to the open street, and be lighted by the city electric lights. *Communicated.*

## A STARTLING UNIFORM.

When the Essex troop of Newark, N.J., makes its first appearance in the fall after its summer rest the members will be seen in a new and striking dress uniform. It was a matter of some difficulty for the committee to agree on the style, but it was finally decided that the new outfit should consist of a blue tunic, braded with black, with a yellow collar, white stockinette trousers, and high top boots. The helmet will be blue and brass. The troop expects to take part in the parade in New York on October 21 in honour of the discovery of America. It is expected that many new members will be added to the troop, drawn irresistibly by the variegated plumage of the gallant warriors. As a street sensation, the modern circus will, after this, have to play second fiddle in Newark. It is not stated what will be the colours of the saddle-cloth or shabraque, but it is probable that it will bear alternate broad stripes of purple, green, and orange, with scarlet border.

Among the pensioners of the State insurance for the aged in Berlin, Germany, is a Boston negro named Walker, who is 74 years old. He served in the English navy during the Crimean war, in the United States navy during the rebellion, and afterwards in the Russian navy. He drifted to Berlin and earned a living among artists. He became a naturalized German, and as such receives a small pension.



THE LATE LIEUT.-COL. ALLAN.

By the death of Lieut.-Col. D. H. Allan, the Queen's Own Rifles loses one of its former commanding officers, and Toronto a citizen prominent in military, political and legal circles, until stricken down with illness. He was the son of the late Rev. D. Allan, of North Easthope, Ont., and was born on the 31st December, 1842. He enlisted in the Queen's Own in 1865, and in the following year was promoted to be sergeant. Step by step promotion came until he attained the command of his regiment. He saw service during the Rebellion of '85, being then senior major, and was second in command of the contingent of his corps which formed part of the Battleford column. Later he succeeded Col. Miller in the command of the regiment, which he held for three years, when Lieut.-Col. Hamilton assumed the colonelship. Two years ago he was stricken with paralysis of the brain and was compelled to retire from public life. It was this disease that resulted in his death.

## A RELIC OF THE PAST.

The cast iron cannon found in the Richelieu River, opposite Fort St. Johns, in November last, is now deposited at Ottawa in the military museum. Mr. Benjamin Sulte, of the Militia Department, is making an investigation into its origin. "The cannon weighs 2,670 lbs.," said Mr. Sulte, "and is pretty well eaten up with rust, but several marks are still visible on it, which enable one to trace its origin. It was cast at St. Gervais, near Mont Blanc, France, about the year 1730, and was destined to be used by the navy. The calibre is what is known as eight mark of the old style. One of the trunnions was broken and forced into the mouth of the piece in order to disable it. The number 2966, which is quite legible on the breech of the gun, indicates the number of the gun of that calibre cast at St. Gervais. There is no doubt that this arm was broken and thrown into the river when the French retreated from Fort St. Johns in the summer of 1760. The fort, which was built by order of Admiral La Galissonniere, Governor-General of Canada, was surrendered on the 1st August, 1760, by Brigadier General Le Bougainville, afterwards the great navigator, the rival of Captain Cook. This was about the end of the war. Isle Aux Noix was evacuated by the French on August 28, 1760. The Capitulation of Montreal took place some days later."

## MILITARY BALLADS.

## IV.

## A TALE OF THE TENTH HUSSARS.

When the sand of the lonely desert has covered the plains of strife  
 Where the English fought for the rescue and the Arab stood for his life;  
 When the crash of battle is over, and healed are our wounds and scars,  
 There will live in our island story a tale of the Tenth Hussars.  
 They had charged in the grand old fashion, with furious shout and swoop,  
 With a "Follow me, lads!" from the colonel and an answering roar from the troop;  
 From the staff, as the troopers passed it, in glory of pride and pluck,  
 They heard, and they never forgot it, one following shout,  
 "Good luck!"  
 Wounded and worn he sat there, in silence of pride and pain,  
 The man who had led them often, but was never to lead again.  
 Think of the secret anguish! think of the dull remorse!  
 To see the Hussars sweep by him, unled by the old white horse!

An alien, not a stranger, with heart of a comrade still,  
 He had borne his sorrow bravely, as a soldier must and will --  
 And when the battle was over, in deepening gloom and shade,  
 He followed the staff in silence, and rode to the grand parade;  
 For the Tenth had another hero, all ripe for the general's praise,  
 Who was called to the front that evening, by the name of trooper Hayes:  
 He had slashed his way to fortune, when scattered, unhorsed, alone,  
 And in saving the life of a comrade had managed to guard his own.  
 The general spoke out bravely as ever a soldier can  
 "The army's proud of your valour; the regiment's proud of their man."  
 Then across that lonely desert, at the close of the general's praise,  
 Came a cheer, then a quick, short tremble on the lips of trooper Hayes.  
 "Speak out," said the kindly colonel, "if you've anything, lad, to say;  
 Your Queen and your dear old country will hear what you've done to-day."  
 But the trooper gnawed his chin-strap, then sheepishly hung his head;  
 "Speak out, old chap!" said his comrades. With an effort, at last, he said:  
 "I came to the front with my pals here, the boys and the brave old tars,  
 I've fought for my Queen and country, and rode with the Tenth Hussars;  
 I'm proud of the fine old regiment!" then the colonel shook his hand  
 "So I'll ask one single favour from my Queen and my native land.  
 There sits by your side on the staff, sir, a man we are proud to own.  
 He was struck down first in the battle, but never was heard to groan;  
 If I've done aught to deserve it" then the general smiled  
 "Of course!"  
 "Give back to the Tenth their colonel! the man on the old white horse!  
 If ever a man bore up, sir, as a soldier should, with pluck,  
 And fought with a savage sorrow the demon of cursed ill-luck--  
 That man he sits before you! Give us back, with his wounds and scars,  
 The man who has sorely suffered, and is loved by the Tenth Hussars!"  
 Then a cheer went up from his comrades, and echoed across the sand,  
 And was borne on the wings of mercy to the heart of his native land,

Where the Queen on her throne will hear it, and the colonel prince will praise

The words of a simple soldier just uttered by Trooper Hayes.  
 Let the moralist stoop to mercy, that balm of all souls that live;  
 For better than all forgetting is the wonderful word "Forgive!"

CLEMENT SCOTT.

## LIFE OF OFFICERS IN THE ARMY.

It is not an uncommon belief with the British public that an officer in the army is a comparatively idle man, whose time is for the most part employed in amusement, and whose light and simple duties are performed in an easy and perfunctory manner. The officer is seen well-dressed, smart and *debonnaire* at social gatherings. He takes his places in the hunting-field, on the cricket-ground, and in other scenes of sport. He probably takes a keen interest in the occupation of the moment, and says little or nothing of his professional life to the civilians whom he meets. The conclusion is at once arrived at that he is a mere butterfly, a man with no serious business in life. But it is seldom known that the gentlemen who are taking things so easily in the afternoon have probably already done a very good day's work. They have been on foot or in the saddle from an hour in the morning when most men of business are still in bed. After a dusty and fatiguing parade they have paid their companies or troops, inspected horses and arms, attended at the orderly room, sat on courts-martial or boards, visited mess room, taken stock of kits, and seen to the qualities of dinners. The man who is seen day by day taking a determined line across country, or thoroughly enjoying himself with rod or gun has just returned from a long exile in India or some colony where he has been guarding British interests under conditions that only an enthusiast in his career would put up with, and very probably to the serious detriment of his health and constitution. The contingent from the nearest barracks, which joins the hunting-field or takes its part in some other sport, are men who are enjoying a holiday; and, except under very usual circumstances, holidays are the exception and not the rule. It is more than likely that such holidays are earned by working extra long hours on other days, and utilizing the morning and evening hours of the holiday itself to get through necessary duties.

No; the British officer is not an idle man. In the army as in all other professions, some men will be found who work harder than others; but it may safely be said that there are none who do not do their duty, and there are many who do a very great deal more than their bare duty. All take their chance at rough work, exposure and many and trying vicissitudes of climate. They are ready, nay, anxious at all times to maintain their country's honour amidst the dangers of war; and when it is considered that the pay which they receive cannot, under the most favourable circumstances, cover their necessary expenses in uniform, food, horse-flesh and arms -- that honour is their only reward -- it cannot be said that the country has made a bad bargain in retaining their services. *Blackwood.*

There was an odd scene in York Cathedral, the other day. As it was a military service, it had been arranged that the band of the Royal Scots Regiment should take part in the anthem. The Cathedral was crowded, and no small sensation was created when the band appeared and it was seen that with it were eight kilted Highlanders, each with his bagpipes. A thrill of horror went round: bagpipes in the Minster! Why the mere thought was enough to call up Holy Winifred's ghost! Not only were the pipers there, but they took a leading part in the service, a special anthem having been chosen on their account, with a Highland lament in it -- one of the strangest and weirdest of melodies. When the first pipe struck up there was a general smile, but not for long. The lament was better adapted for exciting fear than merriment. This is probably the first time bagpipes have been played in an English Cathedral. -- *Exchange.*