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LIEUT.-COL. THE HON. J. A. OUIMET.

Lieut.-Col., the Hon. Joseph Alderic Ouimet, L.L.B., Q.C., M.P., P.C., Minister of Public Works, is a member of one of the oldest families in the Montreal district. He is a son of Mr. Michael Ouimet, J.P., and was born at St. Rose, P.Q., on May 20th, 1848. His education was received at the Seminary of Ste. Therese de Blainville and Victoria College, Cobourg, where he graduated in 1869 with the degree of L.L.B. Having chosen the law as his profession he was called to the Quebec Bar in 1879, and has since pursued an eminently successful legal career. He was appointed a Queen's Council in 1880, when he was also appointed Crown Prosecutor, jointly with Mr., now Judge, Charles P. Davidson. They both filled that very important office with the greatest efficiency and honour until 1878. Col. Ouimet has always taken an active interest in military affairs, and rose to the rank of Lieut.-Col. of the 65th Battalion, Mount Royal Rifles, which he commanded during the North-west rebellion in 1885. His battalion was in the field in the Edmonton district, and Lieut.-Col. Ouimet rendered valuable service in pacifying the Indians and prevailing upon the half-breeds to maintain their loyalty to the Government. Col. Ouimet has been for the last three years, and is yet, chairman of the Council of the Dominion Rifle Association, and has always been a warm friend of that organization. The parliamentary experience of Col. Ouimet, for a man of his years, has been remarkably long and successful. In October, 1873, when only 25 years old, he was returned to parliament after a fierce fight, against Mr. L. O. David, one of the brightest champions of the Liberal party. He was re-elected by acclamation at the general elections of 1874, and again in 1878 and 1887. He was also returned in 1891, and from 13th April, 1887, to the close of the 6th parliament in 1891, he held the honourable position of Speaker of the House of



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amply fitted him. On the 20th of May, 1891, his 44th birthday, he was sworn a member of Her Majesty's Privy Council for Canada, and on the subsequent re-arrangement of the Cabinet was entrusted with the important portfolio of Public Works.

THE ROYAL FAMILY.

A "Member of Parliament," London correspondent of the *New York Herald*, states that the general opinion as to the incapacity of Queen Victoria's sons who are in the army and navy is quite at fault, and says: "So far from being negligent or ignorant, all these persons have worked hard to fit themselves for their positions, and they are quite on a level point in technical proficiency with their brother officers. There is no better sailor, for instance, in the Royal Navy than the Duke of Edinburgh. Every branch of the service is familiar to him. The Duke of Connaught was a cadet at Woolwich when only sixteen, and from that day to this he has been performing military duties." Of the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, this correspondent says:

"When he came not long ago before a select Parliamentary Committee to give his views on the condition of the army, he was at first looked upon with great suspicion by the radical members of the committee, who expected to see him bowled over at the first few questions. It soon became evident that there was no detail connected with the army, from the cost of the private soldier's boots to the actual strength of the entire British forces, which he had not at his fingers' ends. He knew his business thoroughly and answered the questions without hesitation. He was found to be absolutely right in all his facts, and proved beyond doubt that he took the deepest interest in the welfare of the rank and file, and wanted to see them treated more liberally in many respects, but had no power in the matter."

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

HALIFAX.

The annual mobilization of the Imperial troops in this garrison took place on 21st Oct. Colonel Hill, R. E., was in command of the troops, the artillery forces being under the direction of Lt.-Col. Saunders, R.A. The manoeuvres took the form of a defence of the city against the attack upon Halifax by imaginary foes, approaching both by land and sea. The enemy attacking by land was supposed to come upon the defenders from the direction of St. Margaret's Bay; while the foe from the sea was represented by a torpedo boat, which endeavored to steam up the harbor despite the guns of the forts. In both cases the defence proved more than equal to the emergency, for the incoming torpedo boat was kept well within the range and fire of the guns by day, and by the aid of the electric search lights she was discovered in her stealthy entrance by night, and could easily have been riddled by the heavy artillery from the forts which so well command the harbor. No enemy could pass the defence posts to the west. Colonel Hill's headquarters were at the point about seven miles down the Margaret's Bay road and from that point he directed the defence. It has often been said "what is the advantage of making the harbor at Halifax well-nigh impregnable while an enemy might land to the west or east and advance by land upon the city?" The movements yesterday showed this possibility has by no means been forgotten. To the Leicestershire regiment was given the task of repelling an invasion from the westward. There was a complete system of defence from a foe in that direction and the various posts, commanding all possible avenues of approach, were intrusted for safe-keeping to the infantry. For a whole day they perseveringly if not bravely did their duty. Not a post was lost and fortunately not the life of a single defender was sacrificed. Of course it must be remembered that the foe was an imaginary foe. Had it not been merely imaginary it would only have been so much the worse for the enemy. When night came all the western posts were still in possession of the Leicestershire men and not till darkness had completely set in were they abandoned to the keeping of the kindly shades. Meanwhile the fortifications on the harbor had not been idle or their defenders asleep. The artillerymen, under command of Capt. Boileau, with headquarters at Fort Ogilvie, scanned the waters carefully by day, and when the torpedo boat was seen steaming up there was not a moment lost. The deadly guns were directed to the incoming craft. She was well within range and decidedly under fire. It was her real character that saved her, for she had been as hostile as she looked shot and shell would have rained down with deadly effect. Nothing could have come between her and destruction. The shades of night brought no relaxation of the watchfulness of the artillery defenders, but rather called for increased vigilance. The engineers assisted with powerful search lights. The torpedo boat, with all her lights out and in appearance as dark as the waters over which she glided, steaming at the rate of 20 knots an hour, was disclosed to view. Great beams of light flashed athwart the harbor from shore to shore. For a moment each object for miles around was rendered as visible as at noon-tide. Merchantman or fishing vessel under the glare of the great light looked like some weird phantom ship of surpassing beauty and strangeness. Twice did the torpedo ship, representing the enemy, assay to come up past the forts, and twice was her form disclosed to view of those in the forts. She was completely at the mercy of the artillery, but they merely showed what might be done if the circumstances were different. By ten o'clock the battle was over. It had been clearly demonstrated that with British soldiers at her guns and behind her trenches, or on the open field, Halifax is safe by land and sea.

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The annual rifle practice of No. 1 Battery, Halifax Garrison Artillery, was held at Bedford Range a few days ago. Capt. Parker was in command, and the following were the chief prize-winners:

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| \$6 00 B. S. M. Melvin | 72 |
| 5 00 Gunner McEachren | 68 |
| 4 50 Gunner Killen | 66 |

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|------------------------------|----|
| 4 00 Sergeant Frawley | 65 |
| 3 50 Gunner McCallum | 64 |
| 3 00 Corporal Daw | 64 |
| 2 50 Gunner Melvin | 63 |
| 2 00 Gunner Giles | 61 |
| 2 00 Gunner Sutherland | 55 |
| 2 00 Gunner Meehan | 52 |

RANGE PRIZES.

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| Best at 200 and 400 yards—Battery medal, B. S. M. Melvin | 37 |
| Best at 100 and 200 yards—Geo. Flowers' prize, B. S. M. Melvin | 35 |
| Best at 100 and 300 yards—E. W. Wright's prize, Gunner Killen | 36 |
| Best at 300 and 400 yards—Major Purcell's prize, B. S. M. Melvin | 37 |
| Special prize for recruit making highest score—pipe presented by C. S. DeFreitas, won by Gunner Sutherland | 55 |

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The 63rd Rifles were inspected on the afternoon of Friday, 21st October, at the drill shed yard, by Major Gordon, acting D.A.G. Col. Egan was in command. The battalion went through the drill in a very excellent manner, and the officers in charge have every reason to be proud of the turn out. The band was present and, judging from the music furnished, will soon take a front rank with any other band in the city. First, the battalion was inspected by companies. The accoutrements and clothes were found in excellent order. The march past elicited applause from the spectators and the different movements were gone through in a manner which would do credit to regulars. Lieut.-Col. Dougherty, of Charlottetown, acting district paymaster, mustered the men at the close.

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The 66th P. L. Fusiliers were favored with beautiful weather on 21st Oct. on the occasion of their annual inspection. The battalion mustered at the Drill Shed, and, after roll call, etc., were marched to the drill yard and formed line, awaiting the arrival of the inspecting officers. The officers on parade were Lieut.-Col. Humphrey, Majors Weston and Menger, Surgeon Curry, Captains Kenny (Adjutant) Brown, Chipman, Whitman, King, Davison, Hale, Ritchie and MacKinlay, Paymaster Humphrey, Quartermaster Stevens, Lieuts. Smith, Worsley, Wallace, Nagle, Stairs, Mott, Harrington and Henderson and Assistant Surgeon Kirkpatrick.

The parade state showed an absence of only 26 officers and men.

The companies were so formed as to present a front rank of 16 files, and while some of them presented the 16 files complete, others had several blank files in rear. This is in accordance with the year's regulations, and at the same time greatly facilitates the handling of a battalion, as the companies are of equal front.

At 3.15 Acting Deputy-Adjutant Gordon, accompanied by Brigade-Major McShane and Lieut. Tilley, of the St. John Rifles, arrived, and were received with a general salute. After the staff had passed down the line, the work of inspection commenced, and it can safely be said that it was the most thorough and complete ever witnessed in this district. In former years battalion movements sufficed, but on this occasion not only did the Fusiliers drill by battalion, but each company was separately exercised in company drill.

The officers were all of opinion that the new system of inspection inaugurated by General Herbert has done much to improve both the officers and men in their drill and affords a much better test of the efficiency of a regiment.

Everything being in readiness, Colonel Humphrey proceeded with

BATTALION DRILL.

Column was formed on the right company, and the battalion wheeled to the left, and marched past in column and quarter-column in quick and double time, and while the marching was creditable taken as a whole, considering the uneven state of the ground, it was conceded that the rear company (Capt. King's) bore off the palm, and for steady marching this company could not be excelled.

Line was again formed, and Major Weston proceeded to put the battalion through the manual and firing exercises, after which the line advanced in review order and halted.

The Battalion was then just through a number of movements by Majors Weston and Menger, after which the rear companies were then marched to the southern end of the yard, No. 1 standing fast, and Capt. Browne's veterans were the first to face the music for the

COMPANY DRILL

portion of the proceedings. No. 1 was proved and inspected, after which they were put through several movements in company drill by the captain and lieutenant. The remaining companies were exercised separately by their captains and lieutenants, the movements consisting of marching in file and fours, forming to the front and rear, forming company square, forming column of half companies, etc., the different movements being keenly watched by the D.A.G.

At the conclusion of the company drill, battalion was reformed and marched to the drill shed, where the pay-roll was called.

Previous to roll call Col. Humphrey addressed the regiment. He said he was more than pleased with the drill, the cleanliness and soldierly appearance exhibited by the men, and stated that if a possible fault was to be found it was not with the non-commissioned officers and men, but rather with some of the officers, who were not as efficient as they might be.

The Fusiliers presented a most creditable appearance, everything being bright and tidy. Of the drill, it can be safely said that it was all that could be desired, and while a few little mistakes occurred, they were excusable, and Col. Humphrey should feel proud of commanding such a battalion as paraded yesterday.

STRAY SHOTS.

A photograph of the battalion was taken previous to the arrival of the D.A.G.

The many friends of Major Weston will be glad to know that the popular major was on parade, and, with the exception of a slight limp, appears to be fully recovered.

There was a large crowd of spectators, including many militia officers, while several of the fair sex viewed the proceedings from the windows of the militia brigade office.

The band again distinguished themselves by their excellent music, playing several selections in the drill shed during the afternoon.

Col. Humphrey has an excellent word of command, his words being clear and distinct.

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Licut. H. C. Carey, R. E., has been promoted to captain.

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The military have received word that the trooper Tamar will leave England the latter part of February for Halifax with the 26th Scottish Cameronian Rifles to relieve the 1st Batt. of the 17th Leicestershire regiment on this station. The latter, it is understood, will not go to Barbados but to the Mediterranean. The Cameronians are now at Aldershot.

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The military authorities have decided not to bring troops hereafter from the West Indies to Halifax, owing to the coldness of the climate. The troops will be sent from the West Indies to England. This change will be inaugurated at the next shifting.

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Col. Macshane, Brigade Major, was in Amherst, N.S., a few days ago, on his tour of inspection. When examining the stores in Capt. G. H. Black's armory, he complimented that officer on the excellent condition in which he found them.

QUEBEC.

DIST. OF BEDFORD RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The annual prize meeting of the District of Bedford Rifle Association was held on the ranges on Mr. Thos. R. Pickel's farm on Thursday, 13th inst., and proved very successful. The management made a new departure this year in having only one day's shooting and having arrangements at the butts so perfect that the programme was got through in good time, the last shot in the last match being fired at 5 o'clock p. m. The targets and marking gave general satisfaction to the competitors, the markers, under the direction of Mr. Wm. Bray, an old English marker, being prompt and accurate, and a code of bugle signals having been established between

firing point and butts, no delay occurred. The clerk of the weather provided a bright warm day, with a strong gusty eight o'clock wind. The following are the scores of the prize winners :

NO. 1 MATCH.

| 200 yards, 5 rounds. Snider rifle. | Standing or kneeling. |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lieut. Bump, 52nd Batt. | 22 |
| Bugler Mattheson, 79th Batt. | 22 |
| Mr. Gage | 21 |
| Capt. G. B. Hall, 52nd Batt. | 21 |
| Major Bulman, 79th Batt. | 20 |
| Lieut. Greely, 5th Cav. | 20 |
| Sergt. C. M. Hall, 79th Batt. | 20 |
| Sergt. S. Hawley, 52nd Batt. | 20 |
| Mr. H. Wright | 20 |
| M. Whitman | 19 |
| Capt. C. Hall, 52nd Batt. | 19 |
| Lieut. Moffatt, 79th Batt. | 10 |

NO. 2 MATCH.

| 400 and 500 yards. Snider rifle. | 5 rounds at each range. |
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| Mr. A. Newell | 42 |
| Bugler Mattheson, 79th Batt. | 40 |
| Mr. Whitman | 39 |
| D. V. Sweet | 38 |
| Sergt. S. Hawley, 52nd Batt. | 38 |
| Major Jamieson, 60th Batt. | 38 |
| Corp. Cox, S. F. B. | 37 |
| Lieut. Greeley, 5th Cav. | 36 |
| Major Bulman, 79th Batt. | 36 |
| Lieut. Richardson, 79th Batt. | 35 |
| Capt. Billings, 5th Cav. | 34 |
| Sergt. Maj. Seale, S. F. B. | 34 |
| Sergt. C. M. Hall, 79th Batt. | 34 |
| Lieut. Bump, 52nd Batt. | 33 |
| Capt. G. R. Hall, 52nd Batt. | 33 |
| Mr. A. Johnston | 33 |
| Gun'r Purdy, S. F. B. | 31 |
| Lieut. Beattie, 60th Batt. | 31 |

NO. 3 MATCH.

| 500 yards. Snider rifle. | 7 rounds. |
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| Sergt. Hall, 79th Batt. | 34 |
| Mr. A. Newell | 34 |
| Lieut. Bump, 52nd Batt. | 29 |
| Capt. G. C. Hall, 52nd Batt. | 28 |
| Capt. C. Hall, 52nd Batt. | 28 |
| Lieut. Moffatt, 79th Batt. | 26 |
| Mr. Whitman | 26 |
| Sergt. Hawley, 52nd Batt. | 26 |
| Corp. Cox, S. F. B. | 25 |
| Lieut. Richardson, 79th Batt. | 25 |
| A. Johnston | 24 |
| D. V. Sweet | 24 |

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FIFTY-FOURTH BATTALION.

The annual prize meeting of the 54th Battalion and Richmond County R. A. was held in Richmond on the 19th. It was not a day for good shooting, as a gusty and irregular wind prevailed.

FIRST NURSERY MATCH.

Seven shots at 200 yards.

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| \$6 00 Lieut. J. E. Astell, No. 4 Co., 54th Bat | 32 |
| 5 00 Mr. C. A. Miller | 22 |
| 4 00 Capt. W. R. Stevens, No. 6 Co., 54th | 22 |
| 3 00 Mr. C. P. Swallow | 21 |
| 2 50 Lieut. D. A. Bothe, No. 2 Co., 54th | 18 |
| 1 50 Pte. B. Powe, No. 2 Co., 54th | 16 |
| 1 00 Corp. H. A. Peplar, No. 2 Co., 54th | 15 |
| 1 00 Pte. C. N. Lyster, No. 6 Co., 54th | 14 |
| 1 00 Band-Sergt. W. H. Stockwell, No. 1 Co., 54th | 11 |
| 1 00 Staff-Sergt. W. Bowden, No. 2 Co., 54th | 10 |

SECOND MATCH.

Open to all members of Association; Range 500 and 600 yards; seven shots at each.

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| \$10 00 Band. B. Whalen, No. 4 Co., 54th Batt. | 53 |
| 8 00 Staff-Sergt. C. H. Clarke, 53rd | 52 |
| 6 00 Band. E. T. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 50 |
| 5 00 Lieut. M. H. Healy, No. 4 Co., 54th | 50 |

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| 4 00 | Band. G. A. Witty, No. 4 Co., 54th | 48 |
| 3 00 | Staff-Sergt. E. A. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 46 |
| 2 00 | Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 53rd | 44 |
| 1 50 | Pte. E. V. Swallow, No. 4 Co., 54th | 44 |
| 1 50 | Lieut. J. T. Thomas, No. 3 Co., 54th | 43 |
| 1 00 | Major E. S. Bernard, R. L. | 41 |
| 1 00 | Mr. H. N. Vicat | 41 |
| 1 00 | Major L. Thomas, 54th | 40 |
| 1 00 | Capt. T. L. Brown, No. 2 Co., 54th | 39 |
| 1 00 | Sergt. W. Wentworth, No. 1 Co., 54th | 39 |

THIRD MATCH.

Open to all members of Association.

Ranges 200 and 500 yards ; seven shots at each.

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| \$10 00 | Lieut. M. H. Healy, No. 4 Co., 54th | 63 |
| 8 00 | Lieut. J. T. Thomas, No. 3 Co., 54th | 61 |
| 6 00 | Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 53rd | 61 |
| 5 00 | Major L. Thomas, 54th | 57 |
| 4 00 | Sergt. Wentworth, No. 1 Co., 54th | 56 |
| 3 00 | Staff-Sergt. E. A. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 51 |
| 2 00 | Sergt. W. Andrews, No. 4 Co., 54th | 51 |
| 1 50 | Band. B. Whalen, No. 4 Co., 54th | 50 |
| 1 50 | Pte. E. V. Swallow, No. 4 Co., 54th | 48 |
| 1 00 | Corp. J. E. Lyster, No. 6 Co., 54th | 48 |
| 1 00 | Lieut. J. E. Astell, No. 4 Co., 54th | 47 |
| 1 00 | Band. G. A. Witty, No. 4 Co., 54th | 46 |
| 1 00 | Band. E. T. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 45 |
| 1 00 | Staff-Sergt. C. H. Clarke, 53rd Batt | 42 |

NURSERY AGGREGATE IN MATCHES 1, 2 AND 3.

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| \$3 00 | Lieut. J. E. Astell, No. 4 Co., 54th | 97 |
| 2 00 | Capt. W. R. Stevens, No. 6 Co., 54th | 86 |
| 1 00 | Pte. C. N. Liston, No. 4 Co., 54th | 40 |

AGGREGATE IN MATCHES 2 AND 3.

1. Lieut. M. H. Healy, No. 4 Co. 54th, 113 points, D. C. R. A. medal and \$5.
2. Lieut. J. T. Thomas, No. 3 Co., 54th, 104 points, P. Q. R. A. badge and \$5.
3. Band. B. Whalen, No. 4 Co., 54th, 103 points, \$3.
4. Major L. Thomas, 54th Batt., 97 points, \$2.

The first annual prize meeting of No. 4 Company, 54th Battalion and Windsor Mills Rifle Association took place on the 25th inst., at the Hamilton Powder Company Ranges, Windsor Mills. It was a very poor day for good shooting, a dense fog at times coming up. The match was open to all members of the association. Competitors were present from Sherbrooke, Barnston, Brompton, Kirkdale, Ulverton, Melbourne, Richmond, Danville and Kingsbury, and there was a full representation of the old members of the association.

NURSERY MATCH.

Seven shots at 400 yards.

| | Pts. | |
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| \$5.00 | Capt. C. H. Stevens, No. 4 Co., 54th | 31 |
| 4.00 | Mr. Geo. Fowler | 26 |
| 3.00 | Mr. John Healy | 24 |
| 3.00 | Mr. L. E. Thomas | 21 |
| 2.00 | Mr. W. Brand | 21 |
| 2.00 | Mr. James Bowles | 20 |
| 1.00 | Mr. L. Farrell | 20 |
| 1.00 | Pte. C. Young, No. 4 Co., 54th | 20 |
| 1.00 | Mr. John Hall | 20 |
| 1.00 | Band. R. Raccicot, No. 4 Co., 54th | 20 |
| 1.00 | Pte. Warren Andrews | 20 |

MERCHANT'S MATCH.

Open to all members of Association. Range, 200 and 500 yards. Seven shots at each.

| | Pts. | |
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| \$8.00 | Bandsman G. A. Witty, No. 4 Co., 54th | 54 |
| 5.00 | Bandsman B. Whalen, No. 4 Co., 54th | 51 |
| 5.00 | Staff-Sergt. E. A. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 51 |
| 4.00 | Lieut. G. B. Hall, 5th Cav | 50 |
| 4.00 | Sergt. Wallace Andrews, No. 4 Co., 54th | 50 |
| 3.00 | Staff-Sergt. P. H. Clarke, 53rd Batt | 50 |
| 3.00 | Pte. L. Swallow, No. 4 Co., 54th | 50 |
| 2.00 | Capt. W. R. Stevens, No. 6 Co., 54th | 49 |
| 2.00 | Lieut. M. H. Healy, No. 4 Co., 54th | 49 |
| 2.00 | Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 53rd Batt | 49 |
| 1.00 | Lieut. J. A. Bothwell, No. 5 Co., 54th | 49 |

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| 1.00 | Major L. Thomas, 54th Batt | 48 |
| 1.00 | Mr. L. E. Thomas | 46 |
| 1.00 | Mr. Geo. Fowler | 45 |
| 1.00 | Bandsman E. T. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 43 |

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to all members of Association. Range, 400 and 600 yards. Seven shots at each.

| | Pts. | |
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| \$8.00 | Mr C. A. Miller | 57 |
| 5.00 | Bandsman B. Whalen, No. 4 Co., 54th | 56 |
| 5.00 | Bandsman J. R. Hebert, No. 4 Co., 54th | 52 |
| 4.00 | Bandsman G. A. Witty, No. 4 Co., 54th | 49 |
| 4.00 | Mr. L. E. Thomas | 47 |
| 3.00 | Bandsman E. T. Cleveland, No. 1 Co., 54th | 47 |
| 3.00 | Sergt. Wallace Andrews, No. 4 Co., 54th | 46 |
| 2.00 | Major L. Thomas, 54th Batt | 46 |
| 2.00 | Lieut. J. A. Bothwell, No. 5 Co., 54th | 46 |
| 2.00 | Lieut. J. T. Thomas, No. 3 Co., 54th | 45 |
| 1.00 | Mr. H. Bothwell | 44 |
| 1.00 | Sergt. C. H. Clarke, 53rd Batt | 44 |
| 1.00 | Pte. E. V. Swallow, No. 4 Co., 54th | 44 |
| 1.00 | Lieut. G. B. Hall, 5th Cav | 44 |
| 1.00 | Lieut. R. J. Spearing, 53rd Batt | 43 |

AGGREGATE IN MATCHES 2 AND 3.

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|--------|---|-----|
| \$5.00 | Bandsman B. Whalen, No. 4 Co., 54th | 107 |
| 4.00 | Bandsman G. A. Witty, No. 4 Co., 54th | 103 |
| 3.00 | Sergt. Wallace Andrews, No. 4 Co., 54th | 96 |
| 2.00 | Bandsman J. R. Hebert, No. 4 Co., 54th | 94 |
| 1.00 | Staff-Sergt. C. H. Clarke, 53rd Batt | 94 |

The following letter in connection with the above is self-explanatory.

Windsor Mills, October 31st, 1892.

To Messrs. Brainerd, President of Hamilton Powder Company, and C. P. Swallow, Superintendent of Hamilton Powder Mills at Windsor Mills.

DEAR SIRS,—I, in behalf of No. 4 Company, 54th Battalion, and Windsor Mills Rifle Association tender you the following resolutions passed at our meeting to-day :

Moved and seconded that No. 4 Company 54th Battalion, and the Windsor Mills Rifle Association tender their sincere thanks to Mr. Brainerd for the use of their Rifle Range at Windsor Mills, which gave us the advantage of the use of as good, and if not the best Rifle Range in the Dominion during the past season.

Also to Mr. Swallow Superintendent of the Hamilton Powder Mills in Windsor Mills, for the courteous manner in which every member of the Association was received at the Range during the season.

Yours truly,

M. H. HEALY,
Lieut., No. 4 Company, 54th Battalion.

QUEBEC CITY.

"B" Battery, R. C. A., celebrated their twenty-first birthday on the 20th of October. In the morning they were inspected by Major-General Herbert, C. B., who put them through a number of movements, which were done in a most creditable manner. He expressed himself as being much pleased to be with them on the day of their coming of age.

The afternoon was taken up with the regimental sports on the Esplanade, which were well contested, and witnessed by a large number of spectators.

In the evening the commandant and officers entertained His Honour Lieut.-Governor Angers, Major-General Herbert and others, to a banquet.

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The annual rifle matches of "B" Battery, R. C. A., took place on the 14th ultimo. Although late in the season, the weather was very fine and the meeting proved a very pleasant one.

The 8th Royal Rifles were well represented, and, as expected, did some good scoring. The Pugh boys kept up their well-deserved reputation, one taking the medal presented by the Lieut.-Governor of the Province, the other winning the P. Q. R. A. badge.

The team match was won by the 8th Royal Rifles.

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"A" Troop of the Canadian Dragoons, under the command of Lieut.-Colonel Turnbull, were inspected by the Major-General on the 21st inst on the Plains of Abraham.

The band of the 8th Royal Rifles is being re-organized, the officers having secured the services of Bandmaster Hutchison, late of the Horse Guards, and who was also with the Rifle Brigade. He is now hard at work, and the chances are that the band will be in a position to render good service at the next annual training. The want of a good band has been felt for some time and the officers are to be congratulated upon their enterprise.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of No. 4 Company's gymnasium (8th Royal Rifles), president, Captain Walter J. Ray; vice-presidents, Lieutenants George Van Felson and W. H. Davidson; treasurer, Sergt. Champion; secretary, Corporal D. Watson; committee, Colour-Sergt. Wilkinson, Sergt. R. Davidson, Corporals Dunn and Henderson, Lance-Corporal Brodie and Privates Seifert, Bickell, Beattie and Hossack.

R. M. C. No. 47.

MONTREAL.

The Morris Tube Rifle Association of the 5th Royal Scots has issued a neat card with programme of the shooting to be done from 1st November to 29th February. No less than 32 matches are to be fired, for which the following aggregate prizes will be given:

Class Aggregates—For the highest aggregate of 16 scores, 8 at 200 and 500, and 8 at 200 and 600, a dessert spoon in each class. Competitors run for aggregate in the class in which they start.

A special prize will be given to the winner of the above aggregate in each class, viz.: Free entry to all matches in D. R. A. meeting, 1891.

A special prize will be presented by Lieut.-Colonel Hood to the man making the top aggregate in the 32 shoots.

It is also provided that in spoon competitions a prize will be given for the highest aggregate of four scores in each class each month, two scores at 200 and 500 and two scores at 200 and 600.

Members will be classified into 1st, 2nd and 3rd class shots. The ranges vary, about one-half of the matches being at 200 and 500, the others at 200 and 600. Five shots will be fired at each range.

The officers of the Association are as follows:

Chairman—Lieut. W. M. Andrews.

Vice-Chairman—Sergt.-Major R. P. Niven.

Secretary-Treasurer—Bugler John Broadhurst.

Committee—No. 1 Co.—Sergt. D. Currie, Pte. D. Smith, Pte. D. Younie.

No. 2 Co.—Col.-Sergt. Atchison, Sergt. Bethune, Pte. Norton.

No. 3 Co.—Col.-Sergt. F. G. Corner, Hospt.-Sergt. Moore, Sergt. R. C. Goodfellow.

No. 4 Co.—Col.-Sergt. Drabble, Staff-Sergt. Kingan, Corp. Herbeson.

No. 5 Co.—Col.-Sergt. Hancox, Corp. Benning, Pte. Casey.

No. 6 Co.—Sergt. Munn, Pte. Rowe, Pte. Sterling.

The annual inspection of the "First" or Prince of Wales Rifle Regiment was held on the Champ de Mars, Montreal, on the afternoon of Saturday, 15th October. The inspecting officer was Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., who was accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, B.M., Major Roy, B.M., and Capt. Clerk, Hussars. The muster was numerically weak,—the total strength on parade, including both bands, being 195, the companies averaging about nine files each. A minute inspection of the arms, accoutrements and clothing was made, after which company drill was proceeded with. This was decidedly unsatisfactory, several mistakes and omissions being made by the company commanders and considerable unsteadiness prevailing in the ranks. Battalion drill was much better, but even in this there was room for improvement, especially in view of the weakness of the companies and consequent ease in handling. The march

past was very good, and the manual and firing were creditable. After a number of battalion movements the regiment had a march out prior to returning to the Drill Hall for roll-call and dismissal.

The ground was kept by a detachment of the Garrison Artillery.

The programme is published of the Victoria Morris Tube Rifle Association (in connection with the Victoria Rifles) for the coming season. The officers in charge are Capt. C. W. Meakins, chairman; Lieut. Desbarats (Reserve Ass'n) vice-chairman; Pte. F. C. King, Sec'y-Treas., with a committee consisting of Sergt. Lanigan, No. 1 Co'y, Staff-Sergt. McCrae, No. 2, Pte. J. C. Grant, No. 3, Pte. W. Mills, No. 4, Corp. J. T. Clarke, No. 5, Pte. H. Montserrat, No. 6. The privileges of the Association are open to all members of the Battalion and Reserves in good standing. Matches will be held on every Wednesday and Saturday night during November, December, January and February. Prizes will be as follows:—

Wednesday night matches, a silver coffee spoon.

Saturday night matches, a silver tea spoon.

On Nov. 9th, Dec. 24th & 31st, the prizes will be turkeys instead of spoons.

Handicaps will not count in "turkey shoots."

AGGREGATE PRIZES.

No. 1.—1st prize, silver dessert spoon, 2nd prize silver tea spoon. For the highest aggregate of twelve scores, 3 at 200 and 500 yards, 5 shots each; 3 at 200 and 600 yards, 5 shots; 3 at 500 yards, 10 shots; and 3 at 600 yards, 10 shots. One score only in each match to count. Handicaps to count.

No. 2.—Colonel's Medal. For the highest aggregates of 4 scores at 500 yards and 4 scores at 600 yards, 10 shots each. Handicaps not to count.

No. 3.—Special Aggregate Prize, silver table spoon. For highest aggregate in matches, same as aggregate No. 1. Handicaps not to count.

Ranges and number of shots vary each evening.

The Victorias never looked better than on Sunday afternoon, 30th October, when they paraded for divine service at the Church of St. James the Apostle. The total strength on parade was 315. The battalion mustered at the Armoury, and marched to the church by way of Phillips Square, Dorchester, Mountain and St. Catharine streets. The marching, both going and returning, was in column, and the dressing was remarkably good throughout.

Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and Major Roy, B.M., accompanied the battalion to the church, which was crowded, with the exception of the seats reserved for the soldiers. Mr. Harriss, the organist, played a voluntary until all were seated. Then the Rev. Canon Ellegood, the chaplain of the Victorias, opened the services by giving out the first hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," in which the regiment joined heartily. Before the sermon the hymn, "O Be Joyful in the Lord, All Ye Lands," was sung, and then the chaplain preached a short but very able sermon, taking his text from the Gospel of St. John, "If any man serve Me let him follow Me."

Mr. Walter Wily, who died on 27th inst., had long been connected with the local Volunteer force. He was one of the first members of the Montreal Rifle Rangers, a corps formed in 1854 and which afterwards expanded into the 1st Prince of Wales Rifles.

At his funeral were present a number of the surviving members of the Rangers, including Captain Theodore Lyman, J. H. Wood, Geo. W. Stephens, Robert Forsyth, Lieut. Malcolm Morison, W. W. McClellan, Richard Geo. Starke, Michel Bourret, William Haldimand, James McLean and Richard Thomas. The veterans received a telegram from Lieut.-Col. James Hanson, of Berthierville, an old sergeant of the company, regretting his inability to be present.

A good example has been set by the officer commanding No. 2 company of the Vics in having one of his men summoned before the Police Magistrate for non-attendance at drill. The man was fined \$5.

TORONTO.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLE MATCHES

The new Lake Shore Ranges were auspiciously opened by the regimental match of the Queen's Own Rifles on Saturday, 22nd October, when over 250 members turned out for the competition. Owing to the disgracefully slow manner in which the ranges were completed, it was a matter of doubt until within four days of Saturday whether it would be possible to occupy the ranges at all this season. As it was consent had to be obtained from the city, as the ranges are not completed and taken over by the military authorities. The train leaving the city at 8.20 was an hour late and as a result all the matches were delayed, and some of those who came up by the 12.50 train could not finish in time to catch the 5 o'clock train and had to tramp 1½ miles to Port Credit to catch a late train for the city. The Arlington (600 yards, Snider), Queen's (600 yards, Martini), and Team matches, were fired in the morning, the Standing (200 yards), General (200, 400 and 500 yards), and Ex-members in the afternoon. Following is the result of the different matches :

STANDING MATCH.

Open to members of the regiment ; range, 200 yards ; position, standing ; rounds, five ; rifle, short Snider.

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| \$10 00 | Capt. Rennie, K..... | 20 |
| 7 50 | Pte. Leaske, K..... | 18 |
| 7 50 | Sergt. Cunningham, D..... | 18 |
| 7 00 | Pte. McIntyre, D..... | 17 |
| 6 00 | Buglar Cuthbert, A..... | 17 |
| 6 00 | Lieut. Crean, I..... | 17 |
| 6 00 | Pioneer Giles, B..... | 16 |
| 5 00 | Pte. White, C..... | 16 |
| 5 00 | Q. M. Sergt. Thorn, G..... | 16 |
| 4 00 | Capt. Knifton, C..... | 16 |
| 3 00 | Capt. Mercer, staff..... | 16 |
| 3 00 | Color-Sergt. McNeill, A..... | 16 |
| 3 00 | Pte. Drummond, E..... | 15 |
| 3 00 | Staff-Sergt. Ashall, C..... | 15 |
| 3 00 | Pte McCracken, G..... | 15 |
| 3 00 | Staff-Sergt. Duncan, F..... | 15 |
| 3 00 | Pte. G. Cliff, B..... | 15 |
| 3 00 | Sergt. Marthews, E..... | 15 |
| 2 00 | Color-Sergt. Vicars, C..... | 15 |
| 2 00 | Corp. Grant, H..... | 15 |
| 2 00 | Sergt. T. Westman, A..... | 14 |
| 2 00 | Pte. T. Keys, E..... | 14 |
| 2 00 | Pte. Nugent, E..... | 14 |
| 2 00 | Color-Sergt. Agnew, F..... | 14 |
| 2 00 | Sergt. McMaster, A..... | 14 |

THE ARLINGTON.

Open to members of the regiment ; ranges, 600 yards ; position, any ; rounds, seven ; rifle, long or short Snider.

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| \$20 | Pte. D. A. Clark, K (the Arlington Cup)..... | 28 |
| 10 | Lieut. E. P. McNeill, E..... | 27 |
| 7 | Pte. R. G. Reid, A..... | 27 |
| 5 | Sergt. J. G. Langton, B..... | 26 |
| 5 | Staff-Sergt. Donnelly, A..... | 25 |
| 5 | Staff-Sergt. Ashall, C..... | 24 |
| 5 | Lieut. H. F. Wyatt, F..... | 23 |
| 5 | Lieut. J. F. Crean, I..... | 23 |
| 5 | Pte. E. McIntyre, D..... | 23 |
| 5 | Pte. J. K. Fairbairn, A..... | 22 |
| 5 | Color-Sergt. J. Agnew, F..... | 21 |
| 5 | Staff-Sergt. R. M. Williams, G..... | 21 |
| 5 | Capt. M. S. Mercer, staff..... | 21 |
| 5 | Pte. E. W. McNeill, A..... | 20 |
| 4 | Sergt. T. Westman, A..... | 20 |
| 4 | Pioneer-Sergt. J. Brash, A..... | 19 |
| 4 | Sergt. W. H. Leacock, G..... | 19 |
| 4 | Pte. J. P. White, C..... | 19 |
| 4 | Sergt. W. H. Meadows, A..... | 18 |
| 4 | Sergt. A. A. Cockburn, F..... | 18 |

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLE ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Open to members of the regiment who competed at the Dominion Rifle Association matches this season. Range, 600 yards ; position any ; rounds, seven ; rifle, Martini. No competitor will be allowed to select two D.R.A. or two O.R.A. medals. No. 1, Dominion Rifle Association medal ; No. 2, Ontario Rifle Association medal ; No. 3, cup, \$5 ; No. 4, value \$5 ; No. 5, value \$4 ; No. 6, photos, \$2.

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| Sergt. W. H. Meadows, A, D.R.A. medal..... | 31 |
| Sergt. M. E. Matthews, E, O.R.A. medal..... | 30 |
| Capt. R. Rennie, K, cup..... | 27 |
| Major Delamere, staff, \$5..... | 27 |
| Sergt. J. G. Langton, B, \$4..... | 25 |
| Quarter-Master Sergt. J. O. Thorn, G, \$2..... | 25 |

NURSERY MATCH.

Open only to members of the regiment who have never won a prize at any battalion, provincial or Dominion rifle match ; scores made in the general match at 200 and 400 yards ranges to decide ; prizes donated by citizens of Owen Sound and others.

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| \$8 | Pte. Eastman, G..... | 41 |
| 5 | Pte. W. Damer, D..... | 40 |
| 5 | Sergt. F. C. Worthy, G..... | 36 |
| 4 | Pioneer Giles, B..... | 35 |
| 4 | Capt. Murray, I..... | 33 |
| 3 | Pte. Rice, G..... | 32 |
| 3 | Pte. W. B. Jones, H..... | 32 |
| 3 | Sergt. F. Gray, I..... | 31 |
| 3 | Pte. I. Hardy, H..... | 31 |
| 3 | Pte. Mackenzie, H..... | 31 |
| 3 | Pte. Mason, I..... | 30 |
| 3 | Pte. W. Sutton, I..... | 30 |
| 3 | Pte. T. Canniff, I..... | 29 |
| 3 | Pte. Griffith, G..... | 29 |
| 3 | Pte. Scheurer, B..... | 28 |
| 3 | Pte. J. Atkins, D..... | 28 |
| 3 | Pte. Andrews, F..... | 28 |
| 3 | Sergt. Thompson, D..... | 27 |
| 3 | Pte. H. Robertson, F..... | 27 |
| 3 | Pte. Sylvester, C..... | 27 |
| Two 27's counted out. | | |

THE GENERAL MATCH.

Open to members of the regiment ; ranges and positions, 200 yards, kneeling ; 400 and 500 yards, any with head to target ; rounds, five at each range ; rifle, short Snider.

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| \$50 | Staff-Sergt. Ashall, C..... | 64 |
| 30 | Sergt. F. C. Worthy, G..... | 60 |
| 20 | Pte. J. P. White, C..... | 60 |
| 20 | Lieut. A. D. Crooks, A..... | 59 |
| 18 | Sergt. T. Westman, A..... | 59 |
| 16 | Staff-Sergt. Duncan, F..... | 59 |
| 14 | Col.-Sergt. N. B. Sanson, G..... | 59 |
| 12 | Pte. J. Crockett, D..... | 58 |
| 10 | Col.-Sergt. J. Agnew, F..... | 58 |
| 10 | Staff-Sergt. Donnelly, A..... | 57 |
| 10 | Lieut. Davison, F..... | 57 |
| 10 | Pte. J. Ledingham, A..... | 57 |
| 10 | Lieut. J. F. Crean, I..... | 57 |
| 10 | Col.-Sergt. McNeill, A..... | 56 |
| 9 | Bugler Jenkins, A..... | 55 |
| 9 | Lieut. E. P. McNeill, E..... | 55 |
| 8 | Bugle-Corp. Scott, E..... | 55 |
| 8 | Sergt. W. H. Meadows, A..... | 55 |
| 8 | Capt. R. Rennie, K..... | 54 |
| 8 | Pte W. McKendry, E..... | 53 |
| 8 | Pioneer W. Smith, D..... | 53 |
| 8 | Pte. Nugent, E..... | 53 |
| 8 | Pte. E. W. McNeil, A..... | 53 |
| 8 | Pte. McIntyre, D..... | 52 |
| 8 | Q.-M.-Sergt. J. O. Thorn, G..... | 52 |
| 8 | Pte. Eastman, G..... | 52 |
| 8 | Sergt. S. Cunningham, D..... | 51 |
| 7 | Pte. H. H. Brown, B..... | 51 |
| 7 | Maj. Delamere, staff..... | 51 |
| 7 | Pte. I. Blainey, D..... | 51 |
| 7 | Pte. F. Canniff, I..... | 50 |
| 7 | Pte. W. Damer, D..... | 50 |
| 7 | Pte. McLean, G..... | 49 |
| \$6 | Pte. J. K. Fairbairn, A..... | 49 |
| 6 | Sergt. J. G. McMaster, A..... | 48 |
| 6 | Quarter-Master Heakes, staff..... | 48 |
| 6 | Color-Sergt. E. I. S. Vicars, C..... | 48 |
| 6 | Pte. A. H. Gilmour, D..... | 47 |
| 6 | Pioneer Turner, H..... | 47 |
| 6 | Capt. M. S. Mercer, staff..... | 47 |
| 6 | Sergt. M. E. Matthews, E..... | 47 |
| 5 | Corp. W. E. Smith, C..... | 47 |
| 5 | Capt. Murray, I..... | 47 |

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| 5 | Sergt. H. D. Hulme, H..... | 47 |
| 5 | Pte. Leask, K..... | 46 |
| 5 | Corp. Cramp, B..... | 46 |
| 5 | Bugler Cuthbert, A..... | 46 |
| 5 | Bugle-Sergt. Woods, D..... | 45 |
| 5 | Sergt. F. Gray, I..... | 45 |
| 5 | Pte. McCracken, G..... | 45 |
| 5 | Pte. C. Orr, F..... | 45 |
| 5 | Pte. C. G. Collett, A..... | 44 |
| 5 | Pte. Lenoir, E..... | 44 |
| 5 | Sergt. B. Saunders, F..... | 44 |
| 5 | Pte. C. Jarvis, A..... | 43 |
| 5 | Col.-Sergt. G. Creighton, B..... | 43 |
| 5 | Corp. J. Grand, H..... | 43 |
| 5 | Sergt. J. G. Langton, B..... | 43 |
| 5 | Sergt. W. H. Leacock, G..... | 43 |
| 5 | Pte. E. Westman, A..... | 43 |
| 5 | Pioneer Giles, B..... | 43 |
| 5 | Pte. W. Drummond, E..... | 42 |
| 5 | Sergt. J. E. Thompson, D..... | 42 |
| 5 | Pte. Sylvester, C..... | 42 |
| 5 | Pte. F. Westman, A..... | 42 |

Two 42's counted out.

LEAGUE MATCH.

Open to members of the regiment who were competitors in league matches, 1892; scores in matches Nos. 2 and 6 to count.

Prizes—Two league cups, value \$30 each.

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| Staff-Sergt. Ashall..... | 88 |
| Lieut. E. P. McNeill..... | 82 |

EX-MEMBERS MATCH.

Open to all ex-members of the regiment who are not members of any other corps; ranges, 400 and 500 yards; rounds, five at each range; rifle, long or short Snider.

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| \$6 | Ex-Pte. Freeland, F..... | 39 |
| 4 | Ex-Pte. Smiley, A..... | 38 |
| 3 | Ex-Sergt. W. R. Chayter, C..... | 37 |
| 3 | Ex-Sergt. Bryant, F..... | 37 |
| 2 | Supernumerary Col.-Sergt. Cooper, B..... | 35 |

EXTRA SERIES.

Open to members of the regiment; range, 500 yards; position, any with head to target; rounds, five; rifle, long or short Snider; entries unlimited; entrance money will be divided, less 10 per cent.

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| 20 p. c. | Sergt. Meadows..... | 20 |
| 15 p. c. | Capt. Mercer..... | 20 |
| 12 p. c. | Sergt. Agnew..... | 19 |
| 10 p. c. | Capt. Rennie..... | 19 |
| 10 p. c. | Pte. Clark..... | 19 |
| 10 p. c. | Pte. E. Westman..... | 19 |
| 8 p. c. | Staff-Sergt. Donnelly..... | 18 |
| 5 p. c. | Sergt. Brash..... | 13 |

THE AGGREGATE.

Open to the members of the regiment. Prizes to be awarded to the highest aggregate scores made in the Standing, Arlington and General matches:

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| Staff-Sergt. Ashall, C. | D. R. A. medal..... | 103 |
| Lieut. Crean, I. | O. R. A. medal..... | 97 |
| Pte. J. P. White, C. | Dewdney medal..... | 95 |
| Lieut. E. P. McNeill, E. | Elliott medal..... | 94 |
| Staff-Sergt. G. M. Donnelly, A. | Ellis medal..... | 93 |

Two 93's counted out.

SKIRMISHING, VOLLEY AND INDEPENDENT FIRING.

To be competed for by teams of five officers, non-commissioned officers or men, per company. Rifle—Short Snider.

Skirmishing—Ranges, 100 to 450 yards; position, any; rounds, five advancing and five retiring.

Volley firing—Range, 300 yards; position, kneeling; rounds, five.

Independent firing—Range, 150 yards; position, standing; rounds, five.

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| 1. | Victoria Rifles Challenge Cup and photo of winning team; \$160, won by D Company..... | 308 |
| 2. | Zimmerman Cup; \$60, won by A Company..... | 271 |
| 3. | League Cup for highest aggregate score in volley and independent firing; \$60, won by D Company..... | 170 |

In these competitions seven teams participated, being those from A, B, C, D, E, F and G Companies.

In the skirmishing the results were as follows:

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| | | Pts. |
| 1 | B and C Co's, tie..... | 139 |
| 2 | D Co..... | 138 |
| 2 | E Co..... | 134 |

VOLLEY FIRING.

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|---|-----------|----|
| 1 | A Co..... | 68 |
| 2 | F Co..... | 55 |
| 3 | E Co..... | 54 |

INDEPENDENT FIRING.

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|---|-----------|----|
| 1 | D Co..... | 87 |
| 2 | G Co..... | 77 |
| 3 | F Co..... | 74 |

The aggregate of the three matches was won by

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| 1 | D Co..... | 308 |
| 2 | A Co..... | 271 |

In the skirmishing match the greatest number of hits was made by A Company teams making 45 out of 50. Next in order were B Company with 44 out of 50 and E Company 43 out of 50.

In Volley Firing, A Company obtained 22 out of 25 hits.
 " " E " " 21 " "

In Independent Firing A Company obtained 25 hits, (possible.)
 " " D " " 24 out of 25
 " " G and F each " 22 out of 25

Taking into consideration the fact that the teams went over the ground for the first time and especially in the skirmishing with very little to guide them as regards distance, the result is very satisfactory, the teams in nearly every instance proving to be evenly matched.

THE MAIL CHALLENGE TROPHY MATCH.

Officers v. sergeants; open to teams of six previously named officers and sergeants; scores made in the general match to decide; trophy to be kept in the mess room of the winning team until next annual match—Won for second time by the sergeants.

There was a quiet little match between the three McNeill's and the three Westmans, with the following result:
 Lieut. E. P. McNeill, 55; Color-Sergt. D. McNeill, 56; Pte. E. W. McNeill, 53. Total, 164.

Pte. E. Westman, 43; Pte. F. Westman, 42; Sergt. T. Westman, 59. Total, 144.

The Westmans had the satisfaction of having the highest individual score on their side.

There was no Gilmour prize this year as in former years, it having been customary with the late Lieut.-Col. Gilmour to give a valuable prize for competition between the men of his old corps.

Pte. Blatchley, A company, is a coming shot. His score on Saturday was: 200 yards, 0; 400 yards, 0; 500 yards, 0. Grand Total, 0.

COMPANY TEAM MATCHES.

Open to all companies of the regiment in first class, the 10 highest aggregate scores made in the general match in each company to decide. In second class the highest aggregate score made by five previously named members of any company in the general match.

First Class.

"Dufferin Rifles Challenge Cup"; cup to be held until next annual match; \$110.

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| A company..... | 547 |
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Second Class.

"Industrial Exhibition Association Challenge Cup"; cup to be held until next annual match.

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| A company..... | 271 |
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REVOLVER MATCH.

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| 20 p.c. | Lieut. Miller, C..... | 34 |
| 15 p.c. | Color-Sergt. Sanson, G..... | 30 |
| 10 p.c. | Color-Sergt. Agnew, F..... | 30 |
| 10 p.c. | Lieut. Crean, I..... | 27 |
| 10 p.c. | Capt. Mercer, staff..... | 26 |
| 8 p.c. | Lieut. Crooks, A..... | 23 |

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| 7 p.c. Pte. McKenzie, F..... | 22 |
| 5 p.c. Capt. Pellatt, B..... | 20 |

B COMPANY MATCH.

B Company awarded prizes to the members of the company who fired in the regimental match, the scores made in the general match to count. The prizes aggregated over \$200 and ranged in value from \$30 down. The following are the winners in their respective order :

GENERAL MATCH.

Pte. H. H. Brown, Corp. T. H. Cramp, Color-Sergt. G. Creighton, Sergt. J. G. Langton, Pioneer Giles, Pte. W. T. Sharpe, Pte. A. Scheurer, Capt. H. M. Pellatt, Privates G. Cliffe, A. E. Laver, J. McBeth, H. M. Asling, A. Earsman, W. H. Legge.

STANDING MATCH.

Pioneer Giles, Pte. G. Cliffe, Capt. Pellatt, Color-Sergt. G. Creighton, Pte. A. Earsman.

AGGREGATE MATCH.

Pte. H. H. Brown, Pioneer Giles, Corp. T. H. Cramp, Color-Sergt. G. Creighton, Sergt. J. G. Langton.

NURSERY MATCH.

Privates A. E. Laver, A. Scheurer, N. McBeth, H. M. Asling, Keens, E. Thorne.

The Range Officers were Lieuts. Crean, Wyatt, and McNeill who carried out their exceptionally onerous duties to the satisfaction of all.

To the Rifle Match Committee consisting of Capt. Knifton, Capt. Mercer and Lieut. Crooks, secty. special praise should be given for the splendid arrangements and prize list and the manner in which the smallest detail was looked after and carried out.

It was Tuesday before the Committee knew definitely whether it was possible to hold the match or not, and it certainly was no easy task to compile a programme, select prizes, receive and squad as many entries as would be received at an O.R.A. meeting, all in 4 days besides giving the time required to regimental duties and those attendant on the Annual Inspection.

The same alacrity was visible in the team competitions when 7 Company teams fired 10 rounds Skirmishing, 5 Volley, and 5 Independent Firing each, in three-quarters of an hour, Of course it was impossible not to have a slight hitch and the only one was a little longer delay than usual in the Statistical Dept, but that was mostly owing to the early starting of the train for the city.

Speaking of the ranges, or rather the mounds and targets (for no shelter of any kind is visible as yet), they can certainly stand a great deal of praise and are easily the best equipped in the Dominion. The firing points are splendidly built and nicely sodded, and when completed, a row of posts through which chains or ropes will be drawn will render the task of a Range officer in keeping back competitors, other than those firing, very easy.

The mounds are not yet completed, and although nearly to their full height, still require a little sodding, the ground between firing points and targets unlike the majority of Ranges is drained, and quite level, making beautiful ground for skirmishing and one on which no team could claim to be at disadvantage.

The ranges are equipped with targets of the (Ralston pattern) sample of which Staff-Sergt. McVittie had on view at the D.R.A. meeting this summer, although the first time one sees them fall over, it gives the impression that one of the legs has been shot from under thus making it fall over on its side. The discs are an improvement on the old one and afford no chance of a mistake in distinguishing them; the markers who all saw and handled the targets for the first time are unanimous in their praise of what they term the most satisfactory target they ever handled.

As regard light and wind. In the morning with a head light the elevation seemed to be a couple of points higher than Ottawa elevation, although in the afternoon when the sun gets to the right rear the elevation drops (owing to using the short rifle the difference in the elevation might be more noticeable), the light is mostly always bright, and in hot

weather, would judge that considerable mirage would be met with. Of course for the first day one cannot gauge the wind very accurately, but it appears to quite a few that the fact of the mounds being in echeion some queer experiences will be recorded when the wind comes from the right, when firing on the 400, 500 and 600 range.

If, as we understand, that the Grand Trunk will not run a train other than the 12.50, it simply means that the ranges will be a dead issue and the deteriorating effect felt by the shooting men of other places in moving to an outside range will be felt among Toronto riflemen very severely. It is to be hoped that in this matter sufficient pressure will be brought to bear upon the Grand Trunk people to induce them to run special suburban trains on Saturday afternoons.

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The O. R. Council have had their first (I think it is) meeting this year and decided as the principal event of the meeting not to hold the annual matches this year. The prodigious amount of kicking done in all quarters was responsible for this meeting, and it was decided to hold another council meeting in a month hence to arrange the by-laws and constitution, so as to permit of an election being held without the competitors meeting. This arranged the annual general meeting will be called and the election of officers proceeded with.

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A committee has been appointed to confer with Mr. Mulock and endeavor to obtain his consent to continuing as president for another year, failing which, they will endeavor to recommend a suitable successor. It is almost certain that the office of secretary will be offered to Major Macdonald of the 48th Highlanders who, if sufficient pressure was brought to bear on, would no doubt accept the responsible and extremely arduous position. There is not the least doubt that the Major is an exceedingly hard worked man, yet I am confident that he would, and could make time to show the riflemen how an association and prize meeting could and should be conducted, and such can only be done by the holder of that office being a rifle shot and one accustomed to and familiar with the wants of shooting men.

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It must have been rather a surprise to the Council, to find that after giving up what was practically a perpetual lease of the old Garrison Commons, so far they have no claim on the new ranges.

Surely some one has blundered!

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Owing to lack of space I am unable to outline the plans for Thanksgiving Day Sham Fight, but indications point to the most successful one ever held by the district.

BREECH BLOCK.

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At the weekly parade of the Queen's Own Rifles held on 26th October, the parade strength was 559. Companies B, C, F, and G were inspected in the drill shed by Colonel Otter and Capt. McDougall, F Company turning out 25 files. The other six companies, headed by the brass and bugle bands, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Hamilton, marched to the Upper Canada College grounds, where they practised battalion drill for the first time this year.

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The Davidson Highlanders turned out for the usual weekly parade on 21st October, at Upper Canada College. The four companies, A, B, C and D were inspected by Lieut.-Col. Otter in the general efficiency competition and did very good work, especially B and D companies, considering the amount of drill they have been able to get since the organization of the corps. The left half battalion will be inspected on Friday next, and the result will be made known about Christmas. The remainder of the battalion practiced company drill while the inspection was going on, and are rapidly being got into shape for the first field day of the regiment on Thanksgiving Day.

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From Green to Scarlet.

It is freely discussed that the Prince of Wales Rifles are endeavouring to obtain permission to have their uniform changed from rifle-green to silver-grey, with a view of making the appearance of the corps more attractive to the would-be recruit. There is no doubt but that a change in this respect would do a vast deal of good, not only in the "Fighting First," but also in other corps; but there is no necessity to go outside of the orthodox and authorized colours. The tendency in England is strongly towards the disuse of the various shades of uniform which at one time were in vogue among the volunteers, and in favour of the adoption of the scarlet, green and blue of the Line; and there is no doubt but that such is far more seemly as well as of a decided advantage in action, as no enemy can then distinguish the civilian soldier from his professional and more dreaded brother-in-arms. The first regiment of the Canadian infantry service should, we think, be of imposing aspect, and a model to its junior battalions in appearance as well as in other matters. Nothing equals the scarlet for looks, and possibly with the exception of a feather-bonnetted Highlander, there is no more imposing uniform in the British infantry than that worn by the Grenadier Guards; a modification of this might well be adopted by our first battalion, and the "Prince of Wales Rifles" be succeeded by the "Prince of Wales Grenadier Regiment." It would of course be essential that in regulating the details of the proposed uniform economy be studied to as great a degree as possible, consistent, however, with the appearance that such a corps would be expected to make. The matter deserves consideration; something should certainly be done at once to bring the regiment up to the position it should occupy. Parsimonious as the Government are in militia matters, it is not likely that they would object to a change of uniform so long as no startling novelty in colour was proposed.

The Dead Laureate.

Had Tennyson written nothing but "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and "Ode on the death of the Duke of Wellington," those superb lyrics would alone have stamped their author as a versifier of the highest order, and have endeared him to all military men. In "The

Charge" the vehement spirit of the action, the sadness of the return, and the memories that surround that ever-glorious episode run apace with the lines. What finer embodiment in verse of that epoch of the fight when the horsemen reached the Russian batteries than

"Flash'd all their sabres bare,
Flash'd as they turned in air
Sabring the gunners there
Charging an army, while
All the world wonder'd.
Plunged in the battery smoke,
Right thro' the line they broke,
Cossack and Russian
Reel'd from the sabre stroke
Shattered and sunder'd;
Then they rode back, but not
Not the six hundred."

The "Ode" is, perhaps, unfortunate in its opening lines, but expands into a noble expression of the sorrow of a great nation at the death of its greatest man. It is now forty years since the Duke died, but his memory still lives, and will always live, in the hearts of British *militaires*, as the soldier of the century; the military blunders that followed his demise, and the lesser lights to which his mantle has been entrusted, bring out in strong contrast the pre-eminence of the Iron Duke in all respects. Tennyson's ode fitly voices the feeling which permeated the British Empire when Wellington died, and is a grand embodiment of stately sorrow, as befits its subject. The sixth stanza beginning,

Who is he that cometh, like an honor'd guest,

is perhaps the finest in its martial swing, although the seventh, which leads off with

"A people's voice! we are a people yet,"

has a ring of patriotic eloquence seldom equalled. The last two lines have passed into a proverb, and have, in recent days, been fitly quoted for their author.

"And in the vast Cathedral leave him.

"God accept him, Christ receive him."

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE.

SIR,—In view of the competition for the Duke of Connaught's Banner which is to take place next week between the various Cadet Corps of our city, and the statement which appears in the papers that the High School Cadets will not compete, I would be glad to know if there is any reasonable excuse why they are not in a position to take part in the competition. I know that last year they were handicapped by having no proper school building in which to drill, but I understand that the corps has not paraded once in uniform within the last two years (except at the laying of the corner stone of the new High School building) although over two hundred of the boys are in possession of the uniforms, and many have grown out of them without once having had an opportunity of putting them on.

Captain Macaulay, in addition to his salary as one of the teachers in the school, receives, I believe, the sum of \$500 per annum as Instructor in drill and calisthenics, and considering also that the new building has been occupied since the 1st September, I think that the parents and friends of the High School boys are not unreasonable in claiming that their corps should have been in a position to enter this competition.

It is too late, of course, to enter this year, but if the attention of the worthy Rector, Mr. Rexford, were called to this matter I have no doubt that, with the advantages of the new building and gymnasium, we will see the old corps regain the high state of efficiency which it attained under the late Major Barnjum, and ready to compete with all comers for the Banner next year.

AN OLD CADET.

REGIMENTAL NOTES.

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OTTAWA.

The two final competitions of the Ottawa Rifle Club were held on 22nd and 29th October, the Martini being used in both cases. On the 22nd Mr. G. A. Mailleue won a dessert spoon in the first class, the others not filling. The following are the leading scores :

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| G. A. Mailleue..... | 95 |
| J. A. Armstrong..... | 91 |
| E. D. Sutherland..... | 91 |
| Thomas McJanet..... | 88 |
| C. S. Scott..... | 87 |
| J. G. Lyon..... | 87 |
| J. H. Dewar..... | 82 |
| Mr. Gardner (Snider)..... | 81 |
| T. Carroll..... | 79 |
| R. A. Helmer..... | 79 |
| R. Moodie..... | 79 |

In the shoot on 29th spoons were won in first and second classes. In the former Mr. J. E. Hutcheson, with a score of 93, took a dessert spoon, as also did Mr. C. S. Scott, for a possible 35 at 500 yards. Mr. J. H. Dewar took a tea spoon in the 2nd class.

For the Martini aggregate, it was a very close contest between the top men. The same may be said of the Grand aggregate.

The scores for the aggregate have not yet been made up, but it is understood that Mr. C. S. Scott takes the grand and Snider aggregates, and Lt.-Col. Wright second in the former. Mr. Thomas McJanet won the Martini aggregate. In the second class Mr. J. G. Lyon takes all three aggregates. In the 3rd class Mr. J. H. Dewar takes the Martini and grand aggregate, and J. Moodie the Snider.

The following are some of the scores ; a strong left wind was blowing, with heavy dark clouds, rendering the light very poor.

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| J. E. Hutcheson..... | 93 |
| L. G. Perkins..... | 92 |
| Thomas McJanet..... | 88 |
| C. S. Scott..... | 88 |
| Lt.-Col. Wright..... | 87 |
| R. J. Taylor..... | 86 |
| R. Moodie..... | 85 |
| J. H. Dewar..... | 85 |
| J. G. Lyon..... | 84 |
| J. A. Armstrong..... | 83 |
| W. A. Jamieson..... | 81 |
| G. A. Mailleue..... | 81 |

This match closes a most successful season.

KINGSTON.

The Kingston Rifle Association matches ended on 13th Oct. In the battalion matches, open to five men of any battalion in the third and fourth military districts, there were three entries, the 14th, "A" Battery and R.M.C. The result was the same as for the last three years; the 14th battalion team winning first place. The match was fired at ranges of 500 and 600 yards, five shots at each. Total score of winners of first prize 200 points, seven over the R.M.C., the next team in order, who scored 193 points - 105 at 500 yards and 88 at 600 yards. C. S. M. Farley made 43 points. "A" Battery scored 179 points - 93 at 500 yards and 86 at 600 yards, Major Drury reaching 42 points.

Before the Battalion match was fired an extra pool match was arranged at 600 yards. There were about 40 entries. The five leaders who took the pool were Major Drury, Br. Robinson, Sergt.-Major Morgans, Sergt. Hewgill and C. S. M. Farley.

A signal corps from the R.M.C. sent messages during the matches to the college by means of flags and the Morse alphabet. - *Empire*.

BRANTFORD.

On the 16th ult. the Thirty-eighth battalion Dufferin Rifles paraded for divine worship. The regiment was five companies strong, headed by two bands, making in all about 250 men. Lieut.-Col. Jones was up from Toronto and had command. At Grace church the Rev. R. L. Macfarlane occupied the pulpit and took his text from II Timothy, ii-4: "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life, that it may please Him who hath taken him to be a soldier."

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The Dufferin rifles had a largely attended drill on Tuesday, 18th. After the parade Captain and Paymaster J. S. Hamilton entertained the men of Nos. 1, 3 and 5 companies to supper, while Surgeon Harris entertained the ambulance corps.

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On 21st October the same Battalion (Thirty-eighth) had a parade and drill under the command of Major T. H. Jones. The turnout was the best the regiment has had for very many months. Almost the full strength of the companies answered the roll call. The men were put through manual exercise and marched with the two bands to the market square, where a little parade drill was put in. Col. Otter will arrive in the city on November 4, and on that evening the inspection will take place. Color-Sergt. Job Wood has been made Sergeant Instructor of musketry, and Col. Sergt. J. A. Ritchie, armorer sergeant.

After drill "C" company had a little spread at the Butler House, where a pleasant evening was spent.

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Capt. Jos. Ruddy, of "B" Co., is recovering from a severe period of illness.

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The officers of the Dufferin Rifles are just now studying astronomy through the roof of the Drill Shed. So far as apertures are concerned it would make an excellent observatory. It is now about time for the usual notice to be issued, "that the plans have arrived." If all the plans have reached here of which notice has been given, why, they would nearly fill the hall. Somebody should cut the hole out of the roof and there would be nothing left but the plans.—*Expositor*.

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On Friday evening, 28th October, the weather was very disagreeable, but it did not deter men of the Dufferin Rifles from being on parade. The drill shed on a rainy night is not the most inviting place in the world to drill in. There was a steady downpour of rain in the centre of the building, which made it very troublesome for the men, the ground being slippery and muddy. Colonel Jones was up from Toronto, and when the battalion movements had been concluded, the men were formed up on the "dry side" of the framework, to be presented with the prizes won at the recent Dufferin Rifles' Rifle Association Matches. These trophies were presented by Mrs. Will D. Jones and Mrs. C. M. Nelles, who were accompanied by Miss Nanie Crompton. The larger prizes were awarded as follows :

Nursery Match—Pte. William Crocock.

Association Match—Lieut. Fuller.

Merchants Challenge Cup—Pte. John McDonald.

Officers Challenge Cup—Color-Sergt. Job Wood.

Company Challenge Cup—"A" Company.

Dufferin Medal—Pte. R. Ruddy. When the Colonel called the name the buzz of excitement was hushed in an instant and the silence of death prevailed. The men remembered that their comrade had answered the roll call of the mighty army who have marched through the valley of the shadow of death to the world beyond.

The colonel, in a few tender words, referred to the absence of the departed.

Extra Series, Snider—James A. Wallace.

Extra Series, Martini-Henry—Capt. C. M. Nelles.

D. R. A. Medal—Pte. A. Ruddy.

O. R. A. Medal—Sergt. C. Taylor.

Bull's-eye Cup—Pte. John McDonald.

Queen's Own Cup—"D" Company.

Stratford Challenge Shield—"D" Company.

Canadian Military Rifle League Badge—Color-Sergt. J. Wood. This is the first time this badge has been presented, and when its winner stepped forward he was loudly applauded.

Regimental orders were then read by Captain Nelles, after which cheers were given for the Queen, Lord Dufferin and the ladies who had presented the prizes. The parade was then dismissed.

PETERBORO'

The annual matches of the Peterboro' Rifle Association were held at the range on 13th inst and were the most successful held in years. The weather was fine; the light was bright and the wind variable. The scores of the prize-winners were :

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

200 and 400 yards ; 7 shots at each.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|----|
| \$8.00 and Bankers' Cup, value \$25, George Fitzgerald, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 58 |
| 7.00 Capt. W. H. Hill, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 57 |
| 6.00 Lieut. Williamson, 45th Batt | - | - | - | 57 |
| 5.00 S. English, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 55 |
| 4.00 P. G. Pilkie, 45th Batt | - | - | - | 55 |
| 4.00 W. A. Bell, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 54 |
| 3.00 C. A. Curtis, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 54 |
| 3.00 Lieut. Benedict, 90th Batt | - | - | - | 54 |
| 2.00 Capt. Milligan, D.F.B. | - | - | - | 53 |
| 2.00 J. Campbell, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 53 |
| 2.00 Capt. Dennistoun, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 52 |
| 1.50 T. Rutherford, 57th | - | - | - | 52 |
| 1.50 Lieut. Stevenson, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 51 |
| 1.00 F. Bartlett, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 51 |
| 1.00 D. Cameron, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 49 |
| 1.00 R. H. Sylvester, 45th Batt | - | - | - | 49 |
| 1.00 D. Sinclair, 45th Batt | - | - | - | 49 |

COUNTY MATCH.

400 and 600 yards ; 7 shots at each.

| | |
|--|----|
| \$8.00 and Cox Cup, value \$30, D. Bellingham, 57th Batt | 61 |
| 7.00 F. Bartlett, 57th Batt | 60 |
| 6.00 G. Archer, 40th Batt | 59 |
| 5.00 C. Curtis, 57th Batt | 57 |
| 4.00 W. A. Bell, 57th Batt | 56 |
| 4.00 Capt. Dennistoun, 57th Batt | 55 |
| 3.00 J. B. Pentland, 57th Batt | 54 |
| 3.00 Capt. Milligan, D.F.B. | 51 |
| 2.00 George Fitzgerald, 57th Batt | 50 |
| 2.00 Capt. Hill, 57th Batt | 49 |
| 2.00 D. Cameron, 57th Batt | 49 |
| 1.50 A. Blade, 57th Batt | 48 |
| 1.50 J. Campbell, 57th Batt | 47 |
| 1.00 R. H. Sylvester, 45th Batt | 47 |
| 1.00 P. G. Pilkie, 45th Batt | 46 |
| 1.00 A. Curtis, 47th Batt | 45 |
| 1.00 Lieut. Williamson, 45th | 45 |

NURSERY MATCH.

400 yards—5 shots.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| \$3 A. Curtis, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 18 |
| 2 W. F. Green, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 16 |
| Aggregate for two preceding matches. | | | | |
| \$4 C. Curtis, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 111 |
| 3 F. Bartlett, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 111 |
| 2 W. A. Bell, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 110 |
| 1 Geo. Fitzgerald, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 108 |

EXTRA SERIES.

490 yards—10 shots.

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| \$6 Capt. Hill, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 47 |
| 5 D. Cameron, 57th Batt | - | - | - | 47 |
| 4 Capt. Milligan, D. F. B. | - | - | - | 46 |
| 3 J. Campbell, 57th Batt. | - | - | - | 46 |
| 3 C. Curtis, 57th Batt. | - | - | - | 45 |
| 2 Capt. Dennistoun, 57th Batt. | - | - | - | 44 |
| 1 Geo. Fitzgerald, 57th Batt. | - | - | - | 44 |
| 1 Lieut. Benedict, 90th Batt. | - | - | - | 43 |
| 1 J. B. Pentland, 57th Batt. | - | - | - | 42 |
| 1 H. Duffy, 45th Batt. | - | - | - | 41 |

36TH BATTALION.

The annual rifle match of the 36th Battalion was held at the battalion headquarters, Brampton, on Saturday, 22nd Oct. The eight companies of the regiment were all represented, which speaks well for the enterprise of the men, as some of them had to journey 60 and 70 miles in order to be at the meet. Besides Lieut.-Colonel Tyrwhitt, M.P., the following officers were present :—Major Duff, Capt. Wallace, Brown, Denroche, McGee, Windeyer, Anderson, and Thompson, Lieuts. Willis, Henderson, Gilmour, Heron, McCulla, Graham, Carter, and Armstrong. On account of the limited time in Brampton and the number of competitors only two ranges could be fired at. Below is a list of the prize winners with their scores. Only the battalion prizes were awarded ; the team and company prizes will be awarded at a later date.

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|----|
| Lieut. Graham | - | - | - | - | 48 |
| Capt. McKee | - | - | - | - | 44 |
| Pte. Packham | - | - | - | - | 44 |
| Capt. Wallace | - | - | - | - | 38 |
| Sergt. Bellamy | - | - | - | - | 38 |
| Pte. Dean | - | - | - | - | 38 |
| Lieut. Henderson | - | - | - | - | 38 |
| Lieut. Carter | - | - | - | - | 36 |
| Pte. Barrett | - | - | - | - | 34 |
| Capt. Anderson | - | - | - | - | 34 |
| Sergt. Law | - | - | - | - | 33 |
| Sergt. Reid | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Capt. Brown | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Lieut. McCulla | - | - | - | - | 32 |
| Pte. Loosemore | - | - | - | - | 27 |
| Capt. Denroche | - | - | - | - | 27 |
| Pte. Corbett | - | - | - | - | 26 |
| Corp. Fuller | - | - | - | - | 25 |
| Pte. Letty | - | - | - | - | 24 |
| Pte. Phillips | - | - | - | - | 24 |
| Pte. Baldock | - | - | - | - | 23 |
| Lieut. Gilmour | - | - | - | - | 22 |
| Sergt. Page | - | - | - | - | 22 |
| Lieut. Willis | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| Sergt. Craig | - | - | - | - | 21 |
| Pte. Anderson | - | - | - | - | 19 |
| Lieut. Heron | - | - | - | - | 19 |
| Pte. Steele | - | - | - | - | 19 |

Five 19's were counted out.

37TH HALDIMAND RIFLES.

The 26th annual matches of the 37th Haldimand Rifles began on the 20th inst. on the regimental ranges at York and ended on Friday. The weather was fair, but cold and cloudy. On the first day there was a strong wind straight down the range. There were 219 entries from Nos. 1, 3, 4, and 7 companies.

The first five prize-winners in each competition were as follows :

FIRST MATCH.

Regimental, 200 and 500 yards, 7 rounds at each range.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| G. Runchy, band, No. 1 Co | - | - | - | 54 |
| Sergt. Knox, No. 1, Co. | - | - | - | 49 |
| Corp. Runchy, No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 48 |
| Capt. Griffin, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 45 |
| Lieut. VanLoon, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 44 |

SECOND MATCH.

Regimental, 200 and 400 yards, 5 rounds at each range.

| | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Corp. Runchy, No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 42 |
| Lieut. Van Loon, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 40 |
| Lieut. W. D. Rolston, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 39 |
| Capt. Griffith, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 39 |
| Pte. H. Farmer, No. 7 Co. | - | - | - | 38 |

THIRD MATCH.

Regimental, 200 and 500 yards, 7 rounds at each range.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Capt. Griffith, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 41 |
| Lieut. VanLoon, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 40 |
| Sergt. G. Hill, No. 7 Co. | - | - | - | 39 |
| Sergt. D. Garlow, No. 7 Co. | - | - | - | 39 |
| Sergt. Knox, No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 38 |

FOURTH MATCH.

All comers, 400 and 500 yards. 5 rounds at each range.

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Sergt. J. Farmer, No. 7 Co. | - | - | - | 39 |
| Pte. J. Griffith, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 38 |
| Sergt. W. Russell, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 36 |
| Sergt. H. Young, No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 35 |
| Lieut. VanLoon, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 34 |

FIFTH MATCH.

All comers, 400 and 500 yards. 5 rounds at each range.

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Sergt. D. Garlow, No. 7 Co. | - | - | - | 42 |
| Corp. Runchy, No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 39 |
| Sergt. Russell, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 37 |
| Lieut. VanLoon, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 35 |
| J. Rolston | - | - | - | 34 |

SIXTH MATCH.

Consolation, 500 yards, 5 shots.

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|----|
| Lieut. Rolston, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 20 |
| J. Rolston | - | - | - | 18 |
| Pte. John Nelles, No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 16 |
| Pte. John Griffith, No. 4 Co. | - | - | - | 12 |
| Gus Davis (band), No. 1 Co. | - | - | - | 11 |

The meeting was a great success, the only regret being the absence of competitors from Nos. 5, 6 and 8 Companies. The shooting was good, and a feature of it specially notable and pleasing to all was the large turnout of the Indian companies, two of them, Sergts. Farmer and Garlow, winning two of the first prizes.

WINNIPEG.

Colonel Villiers, the gallant and popular deputy adjutant general of Winnipeg district, was married the other afternoon to Miss Street, daughter of Major Street, of that city. The ceremony took place at All Saints' church, the Rev. H. A. Tudor officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, but despite the sealed orders a number of friends had gathered to witness the event. The bride, who wore a very becoming travelling dress, was given away by her father, Major Street. Colonel Villiers' many military friends were well represented, and amongst those present were Capt. Heward, commanding officer of the "B" troop, Canadian Dragoons; Dr. Codd, Dr. Pennefather, Capt. Gardiner, Lieut. Williams, and Lieut. Peterson. The happy pair left in the evening for eastern Canada, and there was a large assemblage at the depot to see the last of them. Congratulations were showered on the D.A.G. by his many friends.

The 21st anniversary of the organization of the Winnipeg Field Battery was royally celebrated by a dinner at the Clarendon hotel on the evening of the 13th October.

Upwards of a hundred members and friends of the corps assembled around the banquetting table, where a magnificent spread was awaiting them. The gathering was a brilliant one, among its members being such well known military men as Major Coutlee, commandant of the W. F. B.; Lieut. Col. Brophy, 91st; Lieut.-Col. Boswell, 90th; Capt. Doidge, W.F.B.; Capt. Knight, Winnipeg Troop of Cavalry; Lieut. Armstrong, W.F.B.; Lieut. McHaffay, 90th; Lieut. Rowley, 90th; Lieut. Goulding, 90th; Lieut. Peterson, W. F. B.; Lieut. Norman, W. F. B.; Lieut. Short, Winnipeg Troop of Cavalry; Capt. and Adjutant Billman, 90th, and Capt. W. Henderson. The members of the corps was out in full force, and participated in the enjoyment of a pleasurable gathering.

After the dinner had been paid ample attention, the toast list was begun, the first being the customary one to the Queen, and the enthusiastic manner in which it was received gave ample proof of the existence of true and loyal hearts beating beneath the various uniforms.

In proposing the toast of "Our Country," Major Coutlee, acting as chairman, expressed himself in timely and appropriate remarks, finishing up with a quotation from a speech by Lord Dufferin upon his taking leave of Canada in which he said that Canada was "the peer of any power upon the earth."

"The Maple Leaf" was sung in response to the toast.

At this point Major Coutlee read several letters of regret from parties who were unable to be present, among them being Lieut.-Col. Villiers, Capt. H. J. Macdonald, Col. D. H. McMillan, and others.

The next toast was that of "Ourselves." In this connection Major Coutlee took the opportunity of giving a history of the personnel of the officers of the corps since its organization, which proved both interesting and instructive.

"Our District Staff" was duly toasted, and was responded to by a song from Lieutenant Goulding.

The toast of "Our Comrades" was most enthusiastically received, and was responded to by Lieut.-Col. Boswell, Lieut.-Col. Brophy, Capt. Knight, and Staff-Sergt. Ducharme also spoke.

"Our Auxiliary Forces" brought forth happy responses from W. F. Henderson and Chief Code. Captain Billman then sang.

After the press had been toasted and had responded. Mr. Chas. Kennedy, who was present, was called upon for a speech, and in a few neat remarks thanked the assemblage for the kind remarks in reference to his father. He also recounted many reminiscences of the early days of the battery.

"Our Wives and Sweethearts" called forth replies from Lieut. Peterson, Lieut. Norman, Pte. Rounthwaite and Pte. Wilson.

The chairman of the evening was then heartily toasted.

During the evening splendid bagpipe music was supplied by Piper McSwade, and for which he was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

The gathering then broke up after the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the national anthem.

HORSES FOR ARMY PURPOSES.

The High Commissioner for Canada transmits the following letter from the Inspector General of Remounts for the British Army:—

HORSE GUARDS, S.W.,

WAR OFFICE, 16th July, 1892.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 17th March, and in continuation of my No. 116, Gen. No. 3338, of the 21st May last, I am directed by H. R. H. the Commander-in-Chief to forward you the following information respecting the class, &c., of horses purchased by Her Majesty's Government in Great Britain for army purposes.

In submitting horses to be purchased as remounts for the regular service in ordinary times, the following points must be remembered:—

Nothing but young, sound, good going, fresh jointed, promising stock, will be taken.

Age, from 4 to 6 years old. The Government does not look to obtaining a carefully broken, perfectly finished, good mannered horse, though a horse showing vice out of or in the stable will not be accepted.

Height, between 15 hands 2 inches and 16 hands.

Weight, draught about 11 cwt., riding about 9 cwt.

Colour; bay, brown, black or chestnut; no roans or parti-coloured horses are taken, and those of washy colours will not be accepted.

Tail; no short docked horses are purchased.

Blemishes of a material nature preclude a horse from being bought.

Soundness in eyes, wind, and limb essential; no stale, upright, or overshooting joints, and no curby hocks admitted.

Action must be good and true.

Classes—One-half of the horses required for the Royal Artillery and Royal Engineers are for riding, and the other half for draught. For Cavalry purposes, nothing but riding horses are required. Farmers in Canada should look to breeding from riding stock, as is done in Great Britain.

In forwarding these particulars I am also directed, by the Secretary of State for War, to inform you that no orders for the purchase of any horses for British army purposes in the Dominion of Canada can at present in any way be given.

I have, &c.,

F. G. RAVENHILL, Major General,
Inspector General of Remounts.

The High Commissioner for Canada.

With regard to the concluding paragraph of this letter, the High Commissioner says: "that although the Secretary of State for War may not be purchasing horses in the Dominion for army remounts at the present time, there can be no doubt but that the authorities would be glad to inspect any animals that might be sent here suitable for such purposes."

FIELD ARTILLERY FIRING COMPETITION.

WOODSTOCK BATTERY.

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|--------------------------|----|
| Sergt. Van Wart..... | 15 |
| Sergt.-Major Brewer..... | 32 |
| Sergt. Scott..... | 29 |
| Corpl. Brown..... | 29 |
| Bomb. Peabody..... | 34 |
| Corpl. Good..... | 30 |
| Sergt. Barter..... | 30 |
| Sergt. Taylor..... | 18 |

MONTREAL BATTERY.

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|------------------------------------|----|
| Sergt. Porteous..... | 19 |
| Sergt. Kendall..... | 24 |
| Gunner E. Brown..... | 31 |
| Sergt.-Major Walker..... | 11 |
| Quartermaster-Sergt. Holbrook..... | 23 |
| Corpl. Wilson..... | 25 |
| Gunner Poole..... | 21 |
| Corpl. Johnston..... | 25 |

SHEFFORD BATTERY.

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|---------------------------------|----|
| Sergt.-Major Seale..... | 27 |
| Quartermaster-Sergt. Nealy..... | 24 |
| Sergt. Purdy..... | 34 |
| Sergt. Dudley..... | 22 |
| Sergt. Reid..... | 30 |
| Corpl. Bell..... | 19 |
| Sergt. W. Irwin..... | 14 |
| Corpl. Irwin..... | 20 |

NEWCASTLE BATTERY.

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|-----------------------------------|----|
| Corpl. Holt..... | 17 |
| Sergt. Kethro..... | 29 |
| Sergt. O'Shaughnesy..... | 24 |
| Sergt.-Major Touchey..... | 18 |
| Quartermaster-Sergt. Russell..... | 37 |
| Sergt. Matheson..... | 31 |
| Corpl. Willison..... | 29 |
| Corpl. D. Willison..... | 20 |

QUEBEC BATTERY.

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| Sergt. Cloutier..... | 15 |
| Quartermaster-Sergt. Hamel..... | 14 |
| Sergt. St. Pierre..... | 26 |
| Sergt. E. Marchterre..... | 14 |
| Sergt. Moisau..... | 24 |
| Corpl. Bernbe..... | 22 |
| Bdr. O. Bernbe..... | 36 |
| Sergt.-Major Bertrand..... | 19 |

WINNIPEG BATTERY.

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| Corpl. Finnigan..... | 29 |
| Sergt. Roundthwaite..... | 31 |
| Sergt. Garrioch..... | 34 |
| Quartermaster-Sergt. Grierson..... | 10 |
| Corpl. Gault..... | 32 |
| Sergt.-Major Brady..... | 29 |
| Sergt. Bathie..... | 28 |
| Sergt. Bourke..... | 19 |

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"BOBS, GOD BLESS HIM."

An officer home on furlough says that the name by which Lord Roberts is familiarly known in the ranks is "Bobs, God bless him." As a commander-in-chief he is regarded as the embodiment of military perfection, and, as a comrade, he is beloved for the interest he has shown in the welfare of his troops. The officers with whom he is brought into contact simply worship him, as was evidenced last month, when men travelled to Simla from all parts of India, in some cases at great personal inconvenience, in order to be present at the Royal Artillery dinner given in his honour. Lord Roberts takes an especial interest in the Royal Artillery, having served in all branches of the regiment. On first joining the Royal Artillery, he did duty in a field battery at Dum-Dum. He was then transferred to a company of garrison artillery at Peshawur. Shortly afterwards he was appointed to the Peshawur Mountain Battery, of which he was the first subaltern, and a couple of years later he was posted to the first troop, Second Brigade Horse Artillery—the present K Battery Royal Horse Artillery.

A STORY OF THE DUKE.

The Duke of Wellington used to relate how he got famously taken in on one occasion. "The troops had taken to plundering a good deal. It was necessary to stop it, and I issued an order announcing that the first man caught in the act should be hanged on the spot. One day just as we were sitting down to dinner, three men were brought to the door of the tent by the *prévot*. The case against them was clear, and I had nothing for it but to desire that they should be led away and hanged in some place where they might be seen by the whole column in its march next day. I had a good many guests with me on that occasion, and among the rest, I think Lord Nugent. They seemed dreadfully shocked, and could not eat their dinner. I didn't like it much myself, but, as I told them, I had no time to indulge my feelings; I must do my duty. Well, the dinner went off rather gravely, and next morning sure enough, three men in uniform were seen hanging from the branches of a tree close to the high-road. It was a terrible example, and produced the desired effect; there was no more plundering. But you may guess my astonishment when some months afterwards I learned that one of my staff took counsel with Dr. Hume, and as three men had just died in hospital, they hung them up, and let the three culprits return to their regiments. "Weren't you very angry, Duke?" was the question. "Well, I suppose I was at first; but as I had no wish to take the poor fellows' lives, and only wanted the example, and as the example had the desired effect, my anger soon died out, and I confess to you that I am very glad now that the three lives were spared."

CRIME IN THE ARMY.

The principal causes of punishment in the British army are drunkenness, making away with necessaries, desertion, absence without leave, violence and disobedience to superiors, and minor insubordination and neglect of orders. The numbers punished in 1891 for such offences according to the latest official army returns were as follows:—

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| Drunkenness... (fined 7,666)..... | 8,320 |
| Making away with necessaries..... | 2,106 |
| Desertion..... | 1,694 |
| Absence without leave..... | 960 |
| Violence and disobedience to orders..... | 892 |
| Minor insubordination and neglect of orders..... | 883 |

During the same year 5,069 men were sentenced to various terms of imprisonment with or without hard labour, and 655 men were reduced to a lower grade or to the ranks. In the cases of drunkenness, 2,548 men were fined once, 1,044 twice, 458 thrice, 225 four times, 93 five times, 36 six times, 15 seven times, 5 eight times, and one man was fined on ten different occasions. In 1891 there were 5,916 court-martials, as against 14,280 in 1885. The number fined for drunkenness in 1891 was 7,666 as against 23,324 in 1885. This diminution is attributable to a great extent to the increase in the comfort and healthy amusements within the precincts of the barracks, and to the improvement, especially in the last three years, in the quality and variety of the soldier's food.

Among the signs that herald in a new year is the appearance of our old friend, the Canadian Almanac, now in its forty-sixth year. We understand the 1893 number is to be considerably enlarged by some very valuable information not hitherto given. Among other interesting articles is one on how to make your own will, by attending to which, the mistakes made by many men, and even lawyers sometimes, may be avoided. A fine map of Montreal will be given together with a graphic description of the city.

The Battle of the Windmill.

A REMINISCENCE OF THE FIGHTING NEAR
PRESCOTT, ONT., IN 1838.

(By A. R. Curmen, B. A., Toronto.)

(Concluded from page 319.)

At this point Col. Fraser drew off a portion of his line, partly as a ruse, but principally to preserve it from annihilation. The brave young fellows protested against even this retreat, but fell back with the obedience of veterans. A portion of the rebels, thinking the troops in full rout, charged after them recklessly, but soon found their mistake when surrounded and repulsed, to be afterwards captured in detail. Having thus reduced the enemy's force by some fifty to sixty men—their boldest spirits, too—the volunteers again returned to the attack, and charging at the "double-quick," heedless of flashing rifles, whistling bullets and falling men, drove the rebels from fence to fence, each one stubbornly contested, until they were forced to find shelter in the mill and adjacent houses. Perhaps, at this junction, the machine veteran would have retired and waited for reinforcements; but brutal war had touched these fellows with his blood-red wand, and they fought no more for success but for revenge. Kin and comrades had been struck down before their eyes and been borne, bleeding and struggling, back to die. Their manhood cried out for vengeance and the brute within them tapped the rifle, sniffed the powder, and pointed to the foe. And they went, and many of them never came back. The "patriots" were again entrenched in fortifications particularly impervious to rifle balls, and picked off the volunteers at their pleasure from the windows of the houses and the mill. During the afternoon, an old barn that had afforded shelter to the troops was burned by the enemy, and thus being entirely without protection, they withdrew grimly and silently to await the arrival of artillery. And all through the fading afternoon, and late into the starless night, these men lay, soaked through, along the low walls that had sheltered the rebels during the morning and kept up an irregular spattering of musketry at the beleagured foe which was as spasmodically returned.

In the morning Col. Young sent a bag of truce to bring in the wounded, who had lain on the field all night, and bury the dead; and the rebels taking advantage of the same sweet gift of Peace to her burly brother, War, gave the corpses nearest the mill decent burial. This was the last truce between the beleagured forces; when the flag had been withdrawn and the spiteful spitting of small arms resumed, there was no quiet again until Von Shoultz lay handcuffed in prison.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning were spent in waiting, keeping up meanwhile a pretence at fight by means of a sporadic and intermittent firing from both sides, generally harmless and always wasteful. Both parties were looking for reinforcements; the rebels expected swarms of their fellow "deliverers of Canada" to join them and make this stand at Prescott the nucleus of a new Republic, while Col. Young and his staff were awaiting guns of sufficient calibre to reduce the solidly built stone houses occupied by the enemy. The rebel hope was not without foundation. Thousands had gathered on the American shore, whence they openly encouraged and at times cheered the efforts of the invading forces. Eloquent and fiery orators harranged immense assemblages in Ogdensburg, urging them to cross over and help their "brethren" throw off the "tyranny of British rule;" and, indeed, they were restrained from doing so with great difficulty, and then, not by the injustice of the act, but its probable failure. General Winfred Scott, whom the American Government had dispatched to the frontier for this very work, put before them the folly of endeavoring to free Canadians, who were evidently satisfied with their lot, and begged them not to bring disgrace on American arms; "for," he added, "I tell you plainly, that no body of undisciplined citizens, however numerous, can stand for ten minutes the charge of a single regiment of British regulars."

This sympathy with the "patriots" was not confined to the rabble, by any means, for one Isaac Ellwood, as member of

the Board of supervisors—a sort of county council—then in session at Canton, N.Y., moved that the Board adjourn to enable its members "to rescue that Spartan band of patriotic friends" who were fighting against "the advocates and minions of British tyranny and oppression" at Windmill Point, near Prescott. This motion, however, was tabled to be reworded, which was never done.

At one time during the temporary absence of the "Experiment" up the river, a small steamer, aptly named the "Paul Pry," came over from Ogdensburg and urged the defenders of the Mill to get on board and make their escape, during the respite, to the American shore; but Preston, being a fiery revolutionist, persuaded the Patriots that large reinforcements were hurrying to their support, and that they had but to hold on a little longer when they could disperse the handful of opposing troops, at which the Canadians would flock gladly to their banner, hailing them as deliverers and honouring them as leaders. Unfortunately, the garrison was flattered by this roseate picture, and, dreaming of future fame and power, determined to stay; but the highest that "adoring Canadians" ever raised any of them was to the drop of the scaffold. This Preston King afterwards paid what some would call a debt to the Fates by tying two bags of shot about his neck and drowning himself off a New York pier.

On Friday morning, the dark, heavy clouds that had hung over this battle-ground all week, like a pall, broke apart here and there, letting the sun shine fitfully in through the never changing rifts. The brave boys were wearied with their week's work and watching and exasperated at the result. Since the sullen withdrawal on Tuesday afternoon, they had done nothing but crowd around Windmill Point, firing a futile shot now and then, watching the smoke-puffs at the windows and then listening for the "twang" of the bullet; and several times when a comrade raised himself too far above his stoney shelter, they had seen the blood dash from his forehead, and then watch him roll over on the ground, limp and still. Horrible rumours had spread through the ranks of ill-treatment of prisoners and mutilation of the dead. Two women, Mrs. Taylor and her daughter, were captured by the rebels in a hotel near the mill, the ruined walls of which are standing in broken desolation by the road-side to-day. Nothing absolutely certain was known at this time, but stories of frightful ill-usage were whispered about among the men; and a scout, crawling near the beleagured houses under the cover of night, discovered the dead body of Lieut. Johnston hanging naked and horribly mutilated, from the limb of an oak a little to the west of the Mill. These facts infuriated the soldiery and they gave vent to a shout that bordered on savage exultation, when, at a little after twelve on Friday, three steamers were descried ploughing down the river, doubtless bearing the long expected reinforcements. Presently they arrived at the wharves, when the 83rd Regiment of the line disembarked, followed by a detachment of the Royal Artillery, armed with three 24 pounders. The vessels—the "Brockville," the "William IV." and the "Cobourg"—were mounted with light cannon and steamed off down the river to take part in the final assault. The 83rd, accompanied by the Artillery corps, deployed into a strong position on the rising slope to the rear of the Windmill—a little farther north than the ground occupied by Col. Fraser on Tuesday—and opened a heavy cannonade upon the conical Mill and the surrounding stone houses, so long held by the invaders. This fire was immediately echoed from the boats on the river, and shot after shot from both sides ploughed into this nest of rebels. After barely a half hour's bombardment, a white flag was floated from the top of the Mill; but in spite of this cry for truce the cannonade thundered on.

Critics have been very severe upon this point, condemning the British troops in sentences aglow with red-hot adjectives. They have been described as "brutes" and "barbarians," when their only cry lay in being too human. It requires a machine to move with perfunctory exactness; and while the "regular" soldier, whose very heart fibres are replaced by steel, could fight all week without an emotion and at the command "cease firing" drop his rifle to his side as if you had touched a spring in an automaton, these young men had looked upon every death as a murder, upon the mutilation of Lieut. Johnson as ghoulish, and upon the reputed foul usage of two defenceless women as fiendish, and in their mad rage they viewed this flag of truce as an intervention of that very "machine" law which would set these "devils" scot free; and remembering their dead comrades in a dozen homes, they

fired on. It was wrong, but it was the same instinct that leads a man to protect a friend and prosecute the wretch who would violate his home. If self-preservation is the first law of nature," just retaliation makes a good second. "But the officers," you say. Most of them were of the Militia, some having borne dead to their own homes; and the sternest was only too glad to teach this daring band of marauders a lesson, hoping by their fate to chill any further dangerous enthusiasm across the border.

The clouds had sullenly closed up the rifts of the morning, hurrying and deepening the dusk of the early evening. The batteries on the hillside roared on, and what had under the sunlight been puffs of smoke, now became lurid jets of flame. The large boats steamed up and down the current keeping up an irregular fire upon the mill; and, under the orders of Col. Young, the men were now creeping nearer the beleaguered houses. The rebel fire had well nigh ceased, but now and then a flash from one of the darkened windows told that some fellow had shot in sheer desperation at a moving shadow. Presently the scouts were joined by practically the whole line, and the "creep" became a formal advance. A detailed description of the fight at this stage is simply impossible. The cannonading was reduced to an occasional shot, and the work left to the volunteers. As they surrounded a house the rebels fell back to the next one, exchanging a few shots in the melee; and the troops rushed into the place, securing in a few moments anything worth saving at such a time, set fire to the remainder which soon became a blazing crackling mass of flame. This was repeated at each of the other houses until the rebels were all driven into the Windmill except some few who endeavored to crawl away down the sloping bank of the river and thus through the lines, but to be seized by perhaps not the gentlest of captors. The finding of the dead body of Mrs. Taylor in the cellar of her hotel and her daughter lying wounded—the lower jaw being literally blown off—did not do much to soften the anger of the troops; and they gathered around the ill-fated mill preparing for the final assault under the ghastly light of burning houses which lit up the scene, revealing many a dead comrade and wounded sufferer, and flashing out, red and lurid, against the dark waters and darker sky. Just then the door was flung back at the bottom of the mill and out there stepped into the fitful light, a solemn procession of unarmed men. The "Patriots" had surrendered at discretion. They were immediately seized by the troops, each man pinioned between the soldiers and marched up prisoners to Prescott. A moment's search showed that the chief, Van Shoultz, was not among the number, and after the mill had been ransacked in vain he was found hiding with a few others, in the low bushes that grew in great profusion along the base of the bluff on which the mill stood. He was brought up under the glare of the blazing buildings and stood pinioned and helpless, but hardly conquered, tall, slim and swarthy, a man who had left the tyranny of Poland for the broad freedom of America and found it time. At the whisper that Canadians were in the old struggle to throw off oppression, the hot blood in his veins, fired by the fight of a dozen generations against despotism, surged from his heart to his brain, bidding him go and help them and he went. Ill-advised? Yes, but true hearted, and when the patriot Van Schultz was led off the crest of Windmill Point and up to the headquarters of Col. Young (the residence of a Mr. Geinsford, now standing on the corner of Centre and Henry streets, Prescott,) it would be well for the historian to follow him: but this paper was not written to falsely flatter the actors in this scene.

Now, in a few words, let us crowd together the statistics of the battle for the information of the student. The "Patriots" must have numbered between 250 and 300,—of these some 60 odd men were captured during the battle and 110 surrendered on Friday night. The exact number of the killed and wounded was never ascertained, but various authorities put the killed at different figures between 40 and 70; numbers are known to have escaped through the fields and across the river during the fight. The official British return shows:—Officers killed, 2; wounded, 4. The officers killed were: Lieut. Johnston, 83rd, and Lieut. Dulmage, 2nd Grenville Militia. The officers wounded were: Lieut.-Col. Gowan, 9th Provisional Battalion, slightly; Lieut. Parlow, 2nd Dundas Militia, severely; and Lieut. McDonald, Glengarry Highlanders, slightly.

The rebel prisoners were all tried before the general courts

martial in the spring of '39 for treason and sentenced to be hanged. In most cases, however, the sentence was commuted to transportation to Van Dieman's Land, but the gallant Von Shoultz met his death upon the scaffold. His execution was a necessity as a warning; but, as a Britain mourned when Major Andre was hanged as a spy, all lovers of the brave and chivalrous deeply regretted the fate of Von Shoultz.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE RANGER.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE.

DEAR SIR.—My attention has been called to an article in a recent issue, in which you say, "How it is that the officer commanding the company to which Mr. Macdonald is attached, does not immediately call for a court-martial on his unsavory lieutenant is a mystery." Personally Mr. Macdonald was not unsavory to me. Knowing him, and knowing that he had served in the School of Gunnery at Kingston, and believing that he knew what was required of him as a soldier, I made deliberate choice of him for the position he occupied, and have had no reason to complain of him in that capacity.

But, as long ago as last April, seeing Mr. Macdonald's political tendencies, I took such action as was within my province. The only "mystery" in the matter is that you did not know this, and that his retention in the service is not due to neglect on my part.

G. VENNELL.

Toronto, October 20th, 1892.

To the Editor of THE CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE :

DEAR SIR,—I have lately had the pleasure of perusing an order book of the Second Battalion of Nova-Scotia Militia, a corps in existence during the war of 1812, and in a regimental order under date of 5th April, 1811, whereby Major Andrew Belcher was transferred from the 15th Battalion to be Lieut.-Col. commanding, I find the following, which, with its rich old flavour and commendable spirit, seems to me worthy of preservation. The self deprecation and laudation of the corps are admirable.

"His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor having been pleased to promote Major Andrew Belcher from the 15th Battalion of Nova-Scotia Militia to be Lieut.-Col. commanding of the Second Battalion, vacant by the resignation of Lieut.-Col. Pyke, he with great diffidence assumes command of the battalion, conscious of the high honor conferred on him by the Lieutenant-Governor in placing him in the command of so respectable and meritorious a corps and of his little knowledge of military affairs. He relies with full confidence on the good discipline of the officers and men it is his happiness to command, that they will aid his best exertions to maintain the discipline and good character of the Second Battalion of Nova-Scotia militia, that the officers will zealously support and carry into effect such orders as the Lieut.-Colonel may deem expedient to give, that the men will with cheerfulness and alacrity implicitly attend to the instructions and directions of their officers, and that the whole corps will manifest such a disposition as to justify in the fullest extent the ardent desire of the Lieut.-Col. that the battalion he has the honor to command may not be inferior to any other in the province in those requisites essential to the distinction of a respectable militia regiment, that should it be found necessary to employ the Second Battalion in active service, the commander-in-chief may have the confidence that both officers and men will be found to be animated not merely with a desire to display their superiority in martial array but to distinguish themselves as possessed of that noble spirit the contempt of Death in the Defence of their King and Country."

I give you the order, capitals and all, as it written, and I think the term "Respectable Militia Regiment" is delicious.

Yours,

FUSILIER.

MILITARY BALLADS.

VI.

"FUZZY-WUZZY."

(SOUDAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.)

We've fought with many men acrost the seas,
 An' some of 'em was brave an' some was not—
 The Paythan an' the Zulu an' Burmese ;
 But the Fuzzy was the finest o' the lot.
 We never got a ha'porth's change of 'im :
 'E squatted in the scrub an' 'ocked our 'orses,
 'E cut our sentries up at Suakim,
 An' 'e played the cat an' banjo with our forces.

So 'ere's to you, Fuzzy-Wuzzy, at your 'ome
 in the Soudan ;
 You're a pore benighted 'eathen but a first-
 class fightin' man ;
 We gives you your certificate, an' if you want
 it signed
 We'll come and have a romp with you when-
 ever you're inclined.

We took our chanst among the Kyber 'ills,
 The Boers knocked us silly at a mile,
 The Burman gives us Irriwaddy chills,
 An' a Zulu impi dishd us up in style ;
 But all we ever got from such as they
 Was pop to what the Fuzzy made us swaller ;
 We 'eld our bloomin own, the papers say,
 But man for man the Fuzzy knocked us 'oller.

Then 'ere's to you, Fuzzy-Wuzzy, an' the
 missis and the kid,
 Our orders were to break you, an' of course
 we went and did.
 We sloshed you with Martinis, an' it wasn't
 'ardly fair ;
 But for all the odds agin' you, Fuzzy-Wuz
 you broke the square.

'E 'asn't got no papers of 'is own,
 'E 'asn't got no medals nor rewards,
 So we must certify the skill 'e's shown
 In usin' of 'is long two-'anded swords ;
 When 'e's 'oppin in an' out among the bush
 With 'is coffin-'eaded shield an' shovel-spear,
 An' appy day with Fuzzy on the rush
 Will last an 'ealthy Tommy for a year.

So 'ere's to you, Fuzzy-Wuzzy, an' your friends
 which are no more,
 If we 'adn't lost some messmates we would
 'elp you to deplore ;
 But give and take's the gospel, and we'll call
 the bargan fair,
 For if you 'ave lost more than us, you crumpled
 up the square.

'E' rushes at the smoke when we let drive,
 An' before we know, 'e's ackin' at our 'ead ;
 'E's all 'ot sand an' ginger when alive,
 An' 'e's generally shamin' when 'e's dead.
 'E's a daisy, 'e's a ducky, 'e's a lamb !
 'E's a injia-rubber idiot on the spree,
 'E's the only thing that doesn't give a damn
 For a Regiment of British Infantree !

So 'ere's to you, Fuzzy-Wuzzy, at your 'ome
 in the Soudan ;
 You're a pore benighted 'eathen but a first-
 class fightin' man ;
 An' 'ere's to you, Fuzzy-Wuzzy, with your
 'ayrick 'ead of 'air--
 You big black boundin' beggar—for you
 broke a British square !

—From "Barrack-room Ballads," by Rudyard Kipling.

THE ARGYLE AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS.

At the ceremony of presenting new colours to the 91st Highlanders at Edinburgh Castle on the 19th ult., Dr. MacGregor, addressing the regiment, said :—"I express what I am sure is uppermost in the heart of the lady behind me (the Marchioness of Lorne), uppermost in the heart of every man and woman who hears me, uppermost in the hearts of this old Scottish people, uppermost, men, in the hearts of your own fathers and friends in your distant homes, and uppermost in the heart of the girl you left behind you, when I say that as long as that silk remains—a rag of it—it will remind you and the men who come after you that the soldier's first watchword, his first thought, his first aim, is to do his duty as the British soldier has ever done—his duty by his God, by his country, and by his Queen. (Cheers.) This feeling I know to be uppermost in the hearts of all who are here, and when these colours, now bright and fair—long, long years, I hope hence—when many now hearing me will no longer be to the fore, when these new colours have become old colours, bleached by the sun, battered by the storm of many a land, and, it may be, torn with shot and shell, and when they pass on, perhaps, to a resting-place in St. Giles', they will be able to say that they were borne by as brave, as steady, as loyal a set of men as ever rendered service to their country, or ever adorned British arms. We are proud, every one of us, to be here to-day."

IN THE LAND OF THE "FREE."

Camp Black, at Homestead, Pe., was abandoned on Oct. 13, 1892. After ninety-five days' service the 16th Regiment marched out of Homestead. About one thousand strickers watched the troops depart, but preserved strict silence. The cost to the State of maintaining the National Guard at Homestead is estimated at \$500,000.

SOUTHERN SENTIMENT OF TO-DAY.

Every confederate soldier carries with him, chained to his heart a casket of dead hopes and aspirations all through his life, to show his devotion to the cause in which he fought. If the time should ever come, and it were necessary, there are 10,000 men in Maryland who would stand for their cause."—*Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, Baltimore.*

In the editorial columns of a recent issue of the *New Berne, N. C., Journal*, was the following :

"Three hundred thousand Yankees,
 Are still in southern dust ;
 We got three hundred thousand,
 Before they conquered us.
 They died of southern fever,
 And southern steel and shot ;
 I wise there were threc million,
 Instead of what we got."

ODDS AND ENDS.

"William Chambers, aged 105, of Dawn Mills, a veteran of Waterloo, went to Sarnia to visit the tunnel, and was given a reception by some of the leading citizens."

The above appears in several country papers. It would be interesting to know if it is correct, in so far as Waterloo is concerned, and if so, in what regiment Mr. Chambers served.

A RELIC OF THE CRIMEAN WAR—Strenuous efforts are being made to bring to the surface a foreign ship which was sunk near Balaclava during the Crimean war. It is said that there is on board of this vessel, which is supposed to be English, though the nationality is not certain, a considerable sum of money, which was forwarded at the time for the payment of the troops engaged against the Russians.

Representations have been made on behalf of the officers of the Royal Scots to the War Office Authorities with a view to improving the full dress uniform of the regiment. Drawing have been prepared showing what the desired changes are. The include the substitution of a diced chako, and feather plume for the helmet, and trows of Hunting Stuart tartan in place of the 42nd tartan now in use. It has also been suggested that in addition a plaid of the same tartan be worn by officers and sergeants.