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## AN INCIDENT IN THE MUTINY.

The following humorous incident is from "Mutiny Memoirs," by Colonel A. R. D. Mackenzie, C.B., Hon. A. D.C. to the Viceroy. On the march of the 1st Sikh Cavalry, now the 11th Bengal Lancers, from Delhi to Cawnpore, the author was riding with the advance files, when "a young native woman, wielding with both hands a very long, straight, double-edged sword, such as is frequently used by acrobats at Indian festivities, suddenly appeared in the middle of the road and barred our way. The creature must have been mad or under the influence of 'bhang' or some other intoxicant, for she deluged us with a torrent of abuse as she vigorously brandished the long, thin blade. For a moment I was nonplussed, the situation was so entirely novel. Mad or sane, the virago evidently meant business. There was clearly no getting past her without a fight, and that was quite out of the question. 'Shoot her, sahib,' said one of the sowars with me, little troubled with the polite consideration for the sex which the obligations of an effete civilisation imposed upon his British officer. At that moment, as if by inspiration, a happy thought flashed on my mind. 'Give her *gàlee* (abuse),' I said to the sowar: 'and give it her hot and strong and plenty of it.' Instantly grasping the idea, the grinning sowar opened such a battery of abuse of the vilest and most comprehensive nature upon the unfortunate young person and her female relatives to the remotest degree that her own fire was promptly silenced. Encouraged by this success, the sowar redoubled his efforts, and slung such awful and shameful language with such force and precision that the rout of the enemy speedily became complete. Dropping her long sword, and stuffing her fingers into her ears, she fled with a horrified shriek, and we marched triumphantly on, chuckling at the success of our tactics."

## TOMMY ATKINS AND THE TAILOR.

A London correspondent understands that one of Mr. Campbell Bannerman's first measures at the War Office will be to alter the present system of army clothing. At present the new uniforms are issued on the 1st of April, and the arrangement is no doubt a great boon to the contractors, who can make their arrangements beforehand. But it by no means works well in the service—what with regiments going abroad and regiments coming home, recruits, and time-expired men. Very often a man is supplied with clothes that for the moment he does not really want. On the other hand, a private may damage his tunic through no fault of his own before the two years have passed during which it is supposed to last, in which case he is compelled to buy a new one, and the amount is stopped from his pay. Very often he is made to wear the second-hand garment of a man who has left the service, and his pride naturally revolts. A strong committee considered the matter some two years ago, and they recommended the doing away with the entire system.

They advised that Tommy Atkins should be given a proprietary right in his uniform, and that his pay should be increased so as to enable him to buy new clothes according as they were wanted. There is certainly common sense in the notion that a man will be careful of his own. The new regulation is expected to come into force before the next 1st of April.

## MILITARY HANDKERCHIEFS.

A military correspondent of the *Leeds Mercury* writes:—Some years ago pocket-handkerchiefs were not considered a necessary part of a soldier's kit. I myself knew a sergeant-major who, when drilling a squad or battalion, would not permit any man to use one, although one day he did order a recruit to fall back and blow his nose, scolding him at the same time for not having "blowed it." "Please, sir, I did blow it," answered the man, "but it wouldn't keep blowed." Permission to carry these useful articles will now probably be given, for I see the War Office authorities have sanctioned a military handkerchief being patented by Lieut.-Colonel Fulton. On this handkerchief is printed all sorts of useful information concerning the use and construction of the Lee-Metford rifle, the alphabet used by army signallers, general rules to be observed in any position in which a soldier may find himself on campaign, the various bugle calls, and other things, many of which are so nicely illustrated that it would be a thousand pities to use it in the manner naturally prompted by a cutting "nor-easter."

## TRANSFER OF TROOPS.

No orders having as yet been promulgated to the contrary, the rumor is now gaining ground that the former practice of changing the quarters of all infantry battalions on the transatlantic stations every two years will this winter be departed from, and that all three corps will serve a third year in their present garrison. This will fall hard on the 1st battalion, the King's Liverpool regiment, and especially so on the 2nd battalion, the Duke of Wellington's regiment, at Barbadoes, Jamaica and St. Lucia, the excellent reports on whose good conduct and efficiency whilst at Bermuda and Halifax had led them to expect a happier fate. Motives of departmental economy may have suggested this; but the military expediency of retaining a regiment for three years, scattered in detachments amongst the islands of the West Indies, may be well questioned, and it can hardly be considered encouraging for a commanding officer to pass three years out of his four year tenure without ever seeing more than half his battalion together on parade. Possibly it may now be too late to change the existing programme for winter transport, but the old 76th will at any rate have a fair claim to an early move next year to a more popular and congenial station.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

## REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## KINGSTON.

The Kingston Rifle Association held its annual meeting on October the 12th and 13th at Barrifield Ranges. There was a large attendance of riflemen from the 3rd and 4th military districts. All the matches were open to members living in the above limits. On the first day an unusually tricky left wind was blowing, something we had never seen before on these ranges during the past shooting season. The first match on the programme brought out about fifty competitors, it being

## THE MAIDEN STAKES.

Range, 400 yards; rounds, 5; position and rifle, any.

\$5	Gr. Reynolds, "A" Battery	22
4	Sergt. Back, "A" Battery	19
3	Col.-Sergt. Asselstine, 14th Batt	19
3	Sergt. Sweeny, R. M. C.	19
2	Cadet Burnham, R. M. C.	18
2	Gr. Couture, "A" Battery	18
2	Sergt. Leckie, R. M. C.	18
1	Cadet Lamb, R. M. C.	16
1	Cadet Gibbs, R. M. C.	16
1	Cadet Franklin, R. M. C.	16
1	Capt. Carruthers, 14th Batt	15
1	Pte. Cartwright, 14th Batt	15
1	Dr. Mundell, K. R. A.	15
1	Gr. McKinnon, "A" Battery	15
1	Cadet Brown, R. M. C.	14

## THE SUBSCRIBERS MATCH.

Ranges, 200 yards; kneeling, 500 yards; any position, Martini or Snider rifle; rounds, 5 at each range.

\$7	Pte. Hilton, 47th Batt	43
6	C. S. M. Farley, R. M. C.	42
5	Sergt.-Major Morgans, R. M. C.	42
4	Sergt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt	41
4	Sergt. Hewgill, A Batt, R. C. A.	39
4	Captain Hora, 14th Batt	39
3	Mr. E. Swaine, K. R. A.	39
3	Bmdr. Robinson, A Batt	38
2	Col.-Sergt. Asselstine, 14th Batt	38
2	C. S. M. DeBoucherville, R. M. C.	36

## PRESIDENT'S MATCH.

Ranges, 200 yards, standing; 500 yards, any position; Martini or Snider rifle; rounds, 5 at each range.

\$7	S. Sgt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt	41
6	Capt. White, 14th Batt	40
5	Pte. A. Hora, 14th Batt	40
4	Pte. Hilton, 47th Batt	38
4	C. S. M. Farley, R. M. C.	38
4	Br. Robinson, "A" Battery, R. C. A.	38
3	Pte. Swaine, 14th Batt	37
3	Sergt. Magee, R. M. C.	37
2	Sergt.-Major Morgans, R. M. C.	36
2	Col.-Sergt. Asselstine, 14th Batt	36

The above concluded the first day's shooting of the regular matches, although plenty of extra series tickets were fired at the 200 and 500 yards ranges. The shooting was continued on Thursday with the Association Match on first. The wind was changed right around from the day before, a steady four o'clock wind blowing all day.

## ASSOCIATION MATCH.

Seven shots at 500; position and rifle, any.

\$7	Bmdr. Robinson, A Batt., R. C. A.	34
6	Pte. A. Hora, 14th Batt	32
5	Pte. Hilton, 47th Batt	32
4	Sergt.-Major Morgans, R. M. C.	32
4	Sergt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt	32
4	Major Drury, A Batt., R. C. A.	31
3	Corp. Hymers, 47th Batt	31
3	Capt. White, 14th Batt	30
2	Sergt. Hewgill, A Batt., R. C. A.	30
2	Capt. Hora, 14th Batt	29

The next event on the programme was the battalion match, open to five men of any battalion in the 3rd and 4th military

districts. There were three entries, the 14th, "A" Battery and R. M. C. The latter team was looked upon as the sure winners by some, on account of the good shooting the members made during the other matches. The result was however, 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. The total score of the winners of first prize was 200 points, seven over the R. M. C., the next team in order of merit. The individual scores of the winning team were:

## 14TH BATTALION.

	500 YDS.	600 YDS.	SCORE.
Capt. White	23	19	42
Pte. A. Hora	18	22	40
Col.-Sergt. Asselstine	19	21	40
Capt. Hora	20	20	40
Pte. Swaine	21	17	38
Total	101	99	200

The R. M. College 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. The prizes were, 14th Battalion, \$15; R. M. C., \$10.

In the above match the enthusiasm was the greatest of any during the meet, all present saying it was the best fought match they ever witnessed.

The winning team, as will be seen, averaged exactly inners.

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

The meeting closed with the counting out of series tickets, over 300 of them having been fired at the 200 and 500 yards ranges.

## EXTRA SERIES.

200 yards, position any; possible score, 25 points.

	SCORE.	
\$5	Sergt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt	25
4	Pte. A. Hora, 14th Batt	24
3	Capt. Hora, 14th Batt	24
2	Pte. Hilton, 47th Batt	23
2	Pte. Swaine, 14th Batt	23
1	Br. Robinson, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	23
1	Lt.-Col. Cotton, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	22
1	Cadet Burnham, R.M.C.	22
1	Sergt. Magee, R.M.C.	22

## EXTRA SERIES.

500 yards, same conditions as the 200 yards match,

PRIZE.	SCORE.	
\$5	Pte. Hilton, 47th Batt	25
4	Sergt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt	24
3	Pte. Swaine, 14th Batt	24
2	Pte. A. Hora, 14th Batt	23
2	Cadet Beer, R.M.C.	23
1	Capt. Cochrane, R.M.C.	23
1	Sergt.-Major Morgans, R.M.C.	23
1	Br. Robinson, "A" Battery	23
1	Capt. White, 14th Batt	22

## GRAND AGGREGATE.

Scores in 2nd, 3rd and 4th matches counted in.

D. R. A. silver medal	} Sergt. Kimmerly, 47th Batt	114
and \$5		
D. R. A. bronze medal	} Pte. Hilton, 47th Batt	113
and \$5		
4	Br. Robinson, "A" Battery, R.C.A.	110
4	Sergt.-Major Morgans, R.M.C.	110
3	Pte. A. Hora, 14th Batt	107
2	C. S. M. Farley, R.M.C.	103
2	Sergt. Hewgill, "A" Battery	101

## NOTES OF THE MEETING.

Private W. Swaine, of the 14th battalion, made a very efficient range officer.

The markers gave general satisfaction. They were in charge of "the old reliable" gunner J. Bramax, "A" battery.

A signal corps from the R.M.C. sent results to the college by means of the Morse alphabet.

The Martini-Henry rifle came into general use during the matches, very few of the competitors using the Snider. All the riflemen here unite in the plea for the Martini in the league next year.

Treasurer (Major) King was kept busy after the programme was completed paying out the prizes to the winners. After all expenses were paid there was left a good surplus in the treasury.

#### "A" BATTERY'S SPORTS.

Monday, October the 31st, was a great field day for the members of "A" Battery, it being the occasion of their annual sports. The prize list amounted to about \$150.00, fifty of it being contributed by the Rathbun company of Desoronto, for services rendered by the Battery at a fire in their Kingston establishment some time ago, the balance of the amount was made up by subscriptions from citizens and others. In addition to the cash prizes there were two trophy cups to go to the men in the garrison and field sections who made the greatest amount of points in their respective aggregates. The winners are Gr. Geo. Kennedy, Garrison, Driver Fawcett, Field. Their names and the number of points they obtained will be engraved upon them. The cups will be held until the sports next year. The results of the morning programme :

Kicking football—Gr. McKinnon, 198 ft. ; S.S. Boutillier, 178 ft.

Putting twenty-five pound shot—Gr. Kennedy, 30 ft. 9 in. ; S.S. Boutillier, 28 ft. 2 in. ; Br. Bramah, 25 ft. 11 in.

Running broad jump, garrison division—Gr. Kennedy, 16 ft. 7 in. ; Gr. McKinnon, 16 ft. 6 in. ; Br. Robinson, 16 ft. 4 in.

Running broad jump, field section—Driver Fawcett, 15 ft. 6 in. ; Driver Burk, 15 ft. 3 in. ; Driver Bowdith, 15 ft. 1 in.

100 yards dash, garrison division—S.S. Boutillier, Gr. McKinnon, Gr. Kennedy. Time, 10 2-5 sec.

100 yards dash, field section—Dr. Pateman, Driver Kurley, Driver Bowditch. Time, 10 1/2 sec.

Hop, step and jump—Br. Robinson, 35 ft. ; Gr. McKinnon, 34 ft. ; Gr. Kennedy, 33 ft.

Quarter mile race, garrison division—Gr. Kennedy, Br. Robinson, S.S. Boutillier. Time, 1.01, on sod track.

Half mile race, field section—Drvs. Turner, Kerley, Fawcett. Time, 2.38, on sod track.

Throwing 16 lb hammer—Gr. Kennedy, 72 ft. ; S.S. Boutillier, 66 ft. ; Gr. Reynolds, 64 ft.

The above events were run through on Barrielfield commons.

The sports were continued in the afternoon at the fair grounds, with the second half of the programme, embracing principally mounted competitions. About 250 of the soldiers and their friends were present. The backward and mounted hurdle races were very exciting, while the egg and spoon, the Victoria cross and rolling gun wheel races were very amusing.

The results of the races and the order in which they occurred were :

Head and Posts. Possible number of points, 24 ; 18 entries.

Driver Burke.....	22
Driver Fawcett.....	20
Br. Clifford.....	18

Tent pegging—Two trips each with the cavalry lance ; possible score 6 points. Driver Bernier, 6 points ; Driver Ruttan, 5 points ; Br. Guster, 5 points.

Three legged race—Sergt. Kelly and S. S. Boutillier ; Grs. Kennedy and Bramah ; Grs. Brown and Skeddon.

Backward race, mounted—This race was a very fast one considering that the riders rode the horses backward. It was won by Bmdr. Henderson on Actress ; Driver Fawcett on Astracken ; Bmdr. Guster on Appollo ; Actress ridden by Bmdr. Henderson came in as fast as in an ordinary flat race.

Egg and spoon race—Rode backwards with an egg in a large spoon, the latter being held in the mouth of the rider. Br. Clifford ; Dr. Fawcett ; Br. Henderson.

Royal Military College race, quarter mile—Cadet Harris, Cadet Gordon.

Half mile handicap, three hurdless, eighteen starters—Major Drury, at scratch, with Ambo, won first place ; Driver Bernier, on Aurora, twenty yards, second, and Driver Fawcett, on Astrachan, fifteen yards, third.

120 yards hurdle race, six hurdles—Gr. Kennedy, S. S. Boutillier, Br. Robinson.

Rolling Gun wheel—Driver Fannon, 1st ; Driver Fawcett, 2nd.

Potato race—S. S. Boutillier, Tpr. Beckett, Tpr. Porter.

The Victoria cross race was only open to mounted men, who had to ride up to a barrier which concealed several soldiers armed with carbines and plenty of blank ammunition which they fired through the apertures. When the horsemen arrived at this point each competitor had to dismount and rescue a dummy soldier weighing 153 lbs., put it on his horse and ride back to the starting point 150 yards distant. While Br. Gustar, the fifth man to compete, was bringing in the dummy it broke, putting an end to the competition. The time of the best three was : Driver Burke, 1.28 mins. ; Br. Gustar, 2.05 mins. ; Driver Ruttan, 2.15 mins. Those who did not compete will be given a chance later.

The tug of war was won by the garrison section in two straight heats, they being nearly twice the weight of the drivers' team.

Consolation race, 120 yards dash—Sergt. Kelly ; Gr. Bramah ; Sergt. Pierson.

The staff at the sports was : Mounted, Capt. Hudon, riding master Gimblett ; dismounted, Lt. Burstall, S. S. Boutillier ; starter, Capt. V. B. Rivers ; judge, Lt. Moren, R.A., R.M.C. ; time keeper, Capt. Gaudet.

Items of the sports ; S. S. Boutillier came a close second for the Garrison trophy with 84 points against the winner 91.

This is the first time since Boutellier has been a member of the Battery, that he has failed to win the trophy.

In practising for the sports in the morning, Sergt. Frank Kelly came in violent contact with a sixty-four pound gun, giving his shoulder a very bad wrench. He was not up to his usual form, and unable to compete in many of the events.

The sergeant's mess concluded the day's entertainment with an enjoyable smoking concert at which many of their citizen friends were present. Songs, recitations and other light amusements kept the company amused until a late hour. Those who rendered recitations and songs were : Messrs. Swain, MacIntosh, McLaren, Jacobs, Wooten, Kelly, and Sergeant Cruse of the 14th, the latter being particularly happy in his song of "Rocked in the Cradle of the deep." It was loudly encored, Mr. McLaren also gave an exhibition of the Highland Fling and other Scotch dances.

#### LOCAL MILITARY NOTES.

Robert Hewton chief keeper at the penitentiary, has been appointed adjutant of the 47th Batt.

The Amherst Island company of the 47th will be removed to Moscow under command of Capt. J. A. Amey, Moscow.

The Sydenham high school boys will be given physical and military drill by officers of the 47th Batt., in that vicinity. The drilling starts next week.

The *Army and Navy Gazette*, of Oct. 22nd, tells us that a marriage has been arranged and will take place early in January between Major Farrer, of the Dorsetshire regiment, second son of the late Oliver Farrer, of Binnigar Hall, Wareham, Dorset, and Eleanor Clare, third daughter of Maj.Gen. Hewitt, C.M.G., R.E., late commandant Royal Military College.

Cadet F. F. Duffus has been appointed to a 2nd Lieutenancy in the Cheshire Reg't. and cadet Herbert W. Clinch to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers.

Lieut.-Col. Irwin, Dominion Inspector of Artillery, paid Kingston a flying visit a few days ago. While here he inspected all the war implements in store, in the different artillery departments, preparatory to his annual report.

The strength of Catarqui bridge was well tested, when a party of men from "A" Battery took a 64 pr. gun, weighing over six tons, to Fort Frederick, where it will be used for the annual heavy ordnance practice which starts next week, at a target to be placed somewhere near the Myles shoal. In taking the cannon over the bridge it was thought advisable to take the horses off and draw it by hand, as the planking is pretty well worn out.

The 14th Batt. Sergt's Mess is now located in the Johnson Building, corner of Princess and Wellington Sts., where visiting Sergeants of other corps will be always gladly welcomed. They propose having an assault of arms in the Opera House shortly, at which both local and foreign talent will appear. The entertainment is under the management of Sgt.-Major Morgans, R. M. C., who instructed the N. C. O.'s of the 14th Batt. last drill season

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Lieut. Armstrong, taking a short course at the Battery, has one of the finest horses seen on these streets for some time; it is being trained by Sergt McIntyre.

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For a few weeks past quite a number of the residents of this city have been deeply interested in the case of one of the young cadets at the Royal Military College here, who had committed an offence against the college discipline. What would be the outcome of it caused considerable surmising, which were ended a few days ago by the receipt of an Order-in-Council ordering his expulsion for an act unbecoming a gentleman. It is thought by many, your correspondent among the rest, that the punishment was too heavy for the offence. This is the first time such has been allotted to a final year cadet. Just think? Here is a young man in his final year, with brilliant prospects, about to graduate with honours and a diploma that would give him a place amongst the best in any part of the world, by that one thoughtless act, committed through enthusiasm for his college football club, the occasion of it being after the last football match, Queen vs. Cadets, in which the latter were the winners. This young man's whole future is darkened, unless the powers that be think it advisable to reinstate him before the examinations take place, which your correspondent, and he is not alone, sincerely wishes.

STIENSALES.

## TORONTO.

### THE GARRISON PARADE.

Sunday 6th Nov., was a red letter day in the history of Toronto Volunteer and the church parade of the different regiments was a sight long to be remembered and a revelation to many as to the discipline and bearing that has been attained by the city regiments. Despite the illtimed protests and the uncalled for remarks of certain divines of the Ministerial Association, the event has been looked forward to by many and it is doubtful if ever a larger crowd assembled to see a parade of the regiments as assembled on the thoroughfares through which the line of march was laid out. The whole affair passed off without a hitch and was under the guidance of Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., assisted by Lieut.-Col. Gray, B.M., Major Buchan, and Capt. Macdougall, C.R.I.

Sergt.-Major Cummings, No. 2 Co. C.R.I., acted as brigade Sergt.-Major.

The Governor-General's Body Guard and Toronto Field Battery paraded on Toronto street, the 48th Highlanders at Upper Canada College, and the Queen's Own Rifles and Grenadiers at the Armory.

Brigade markers paraded under the Brigade Major at 2.30 p.m. and the Brigade moved off some 4 minutes after 3 o'clock.

The weather up to this hour had been threatening and the roads in some places were exceedingly muddy, but just as the command was given to move off the sun came out and ideal weather reigned for the balance of the day.

The Brigade moved off in the following order:—

Mounted Constables.

STAFF.

Lieut.-Col. Otter, D.A.G., in command; Lieut.-Col. Gray, B.M., Major Buchan, Capt. Macdougall.

Governor-General's Body Guard, Lieut.-Col. F. C. Denison in command. 100 strong.

Toronto Field Battery, Major Meade in command. 70 strong.

Queen's Own Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Hamilton in command. 647 strong.

10th Royal Grenadiers, Lieut.-Col. Dawson in command. 527 strong.

Upper Canada College Cadets, Captain Hunter in command. 40 strong.

Ex-Members of the Grenadiers. 50 strong.

48th Highlanders, Lieut.-Col. Davidson in command. 326 strong.

The bands of the Brigade were Governor-General B. G. brass band, D.O.R. brass and bugles. Grenadiers, brass and fife and drum. 48th Highlanders, pipers and bugle band; owing to the non-appearance of their uniforms the brass band of the 48th were compelled to disappoint many who looked forward to their first appearance on this occasion.

The Brigade moved off in column of fours along West Market, King, Church and Queen, forming column of companies when Jarvis street was reached.

Here the jam was terrific and for over a block the Queen's Own attempted to march along the thoroughfare with their flank sweeping the sightseers on both sides but the companies were too strong and for the balance of the distance they moved in column of half companies.

Before Gerrard street was reached the Brigade were forced to halt for about 10 minutes while the police cleared the jam, which at this point rendered an advance impossible; reaching Gerrard street column of fours was again formed and in this manner the Brigade marched into the Gardens. A squad of men from No. 2 Co. C.R.I. were detailed to keep the pavilion clear from spectators, and despite the immense throng did their work well.

The entire building was filled, every seat being taken up by the soldiers, the Queen's Own and Grenadiers taking up the ground floor the 48th Battery and Body Guards occupying the galleries. The Bishop of Toronto assisted by the Rev. C. Leetz of St. Albans Cathedral officiated.

The Band of the Queen's Own Rifles stationed on the platform rendered the musical part of the programme and the well known hymns such as "Soldiers of Christ arise," "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" with the National Anthem as the closing one were played and sung in a manner which the 1700 male voices tended to make impressive beyond an ordinary degree. The sermon or rather an address given by the Bishop was very short and appropriate and the strict attention and stillness of his congregation impressed every one that this was more than an ordinary gathering and more than an ordinary service.

During the Offertory the Queen's Own Band, 46 strong under Bandmaster Bailey, played the Hallelujah Chorus and the selection from the "Messiah" was never better rendered in this city.

After the benediction the selection "Silver Trumpets" was played while the men were filing out of the pavilion.

The parade formed up in the Gardens and moved off along Gerrard and Yonge to King, where the Body Guard and Battery were dismissed the remainder going to their respective armouries.

The marching of all, despite the interference of sightseers, was such as to call forth from all the highest encomiums and it would be invidious to make any distinction or single out any special corps or company.

It was all of the highest order and it is no boasting to say without fear of contradiction that it would be hard to find a Brigade to equal it for marching, physique and cleanness of accoutrements; every man seemed to have made up his mind that his best efforts were to be expended in brushing up and the result of such was visible even to the uninitiated.

F Co. Queen's Own had the largest Company on parade their strength being 63, this being the limit to which the companies of the regiment are restricted.

For appearance the Highlanders bore off the palm and as I remarked some time ago, they are fast reaching the state that will call forth the best efforts of the other regiments to maintain their lead.

For future parades of this size no doubt the police authorities will profit by the experience of this and clear the streets

through which the route is laid of all vehicles ; it seems to be the acme of selfishness where any one who can hire a carriage, should drive in and retard the progress and spoil the marching of the troops, besides obstructing the view of scores of those who are unable to go to this expense or rather whose better sense prevails and who are content with positions on the Boulevards.

Considerable disappointment was manifested when the combination of the Queen's Own and Grenadier bands did not render the musical part of the service, as was laid down on the programme. The trouble lies between Bandmaster Bailey of the Queen's Own and Bandmaster Waldron of the Grenadiers. Bandmaster Waldron, who is some few years junior to Bandmaster Bailey, demanded a share in the conducting of the bands ; this, Bandmaster Bailey, who was in charge and who did not feel justified in following out the rule, which he would have carried out had it been an ordinary concert, justly refused to do, and as a consequence very few of the Grenadier band attended the practice called for the Friday night before the parade, and the Queen's Own band were alone on the platform at the Pavilion. The episode has caused quite a bit of newspaper talk, and no doubt ere this the question has been settled by the proper authorities ; however, the feeling between the regiments is of such a nature that the affair will have no effect and the same harmony still exists that has existed for no brief period.

Invitations were sent to their brother officers by the 48th Highlanders for last Tuesday night, and as the reputation of the Highlanders' hospitality is already proverbial, nearly every officer of the city corps was present. The guests were welcomed by Lt.-Col. Davidson and his officers, and the interval pending the arrival of the officers of the Grenadiers from muster parade was pleasantly whiled away. At half-past ten, headed by the piper of the regiment, a start was made for the supper room, and Webb's best viands furnished ample diversion in the programme. The entrance of haggis, that mystery of mysteries, preceded by the pipers of the regiment, was one of the events of the evening and as all present were not Scotchmen, one can easily understand the feelings of some present about the result of investigation. Brave men though they be, many no doubt would just as soon have been under fire as to take the terrible chances they felt they were taking in indulging of haggis for the first time. Once the first mouthful was masticated confidence was restored and a few braver than the rest hazarded opinions as to the recipe, and these were of such a nature that it would not have been wondered at had the ghost of the immortal Bobbie Burns inflicted summary punishment on some of the embryo compounders. Songs and speeches followed each other in rapid succession, and the introduction of a Highland fling or sword dance only served as a breaker and the speeches and songs commenced again.

It was not until a late hour that the reluctant guests compelled themselves to break away from what was the unanimous verdict of " By all odds, the best yet."

The muster rolls of the regiments have been called during the past week. The Queen's Own had 620 on parade ; Grenadiers 503, and the Highlanders 361 - their largest in the history of the regiment. Battalion drill in all ceases until further orders, although in some cases company drill will be carried on all winter.

On Wednesday night when the members of the Queen's Own left the Drill shed, the sight of the rapidly falling snow put a damper on their spirits, and all felt that for this year the prospects of holding a sham fight were extremely slim. Such proved to be the case, for a steady fall during the night placed nearly six inches on the ground and necessitated the postponement of the contemplated manoeuvres. Lieut.-Col. Otter promptly telegraphed the 13th Battalion of Hamilton and the Dufferin Rifles of Brantford, catching the 13th in time, but the 38th were at Harrisburg before the message reached them. After a short council the officers decided to finish the trip and spend the day in Toronto, which they did, fraternizing with the members of the different regiments. The Queen's Own paraded at 8 o'clock, some 507 strong, and the Grenadiers about 300, when the parades were formed up and the orders of the D.A.G. cancelling the parade com-

municated to them. The Highlanders paraded 265 strong at their barracks and were there dismissed.

Shortly after the members were dismissed the weather broke, and while overhead the weather was all that was desirable underfoot was such that meant cold and sickness and perhaps death to some had the programme been carried out. Many people were disappointed, and of course some remarked about " feather bed soldiers," but these were treated with the contempt they deserved, and the D.A.G. in stating that if, " after the heat of a march, the exposure to a man for an hour or so on outpost duty resulted in his death, the review would be a very dear one," fully answered any of these grumblers, who no doubt would have viewed the manoeuvres snugly buckled in their traps and with ample safeguards against any discomforts. In the next issue I hope to give the plan of campaign that was to have been carried out.

Capt. H. M. Pellatt entertained the officers of the Dufferin Rifles at lunch at the Toronto Club, and in the evening the officers of the Garrison had dinner at Webb's.

The Dufferin Rifles left for home about 11 o'clock, being accompanied to the station by scores of the different regiments.

The saddest event of any holiday which the soldiers celebrated, occurred on the evening of Thanksgiving Day, resulting in the death of one of the participators. Briefly the story is as follows. About 9 o'clock P. C. Campbell on going up Widmer street noticed four men, three of whom were in the uniform of No. 2 Co. C.R.I., standing by the gate of one of the houses. It appears that the men were required to move on and on one of them refusing, the policeman arrested him and started off for the patrol box; he hadn't proceeded far before one of the prisoner's companions went to his assistance and assaulted the policeman; a scuffle followed during which they obtained possession of the policeman's baton and used it on him. The policeman was thrown down and while in a recumbent position drew his revolver and fired at almost point blank range. His aim was fatal and with a cry of " My God I'm shot " one of the soldiers Pte. Tickner by name dropped to the ground. Doctors were summoned but beyond giving a little brandy and a hypodermic injection nothing further could be done and in a short time death ensued. P. C. Phillips who was off duty was brought to the spot by the sound of the shot and he took charge of the prisoner who turned out to be also a member of No. 2 Company being one of the officers' servants, Pte. Wheeler by name, and lodged him No. 3 Station on the charge of drunkenness. P. C. Campbell accompanied them and gave himself up, at the same time stating that his life was in danger and such being the case he was bound to defend himself. Word being sent in the meantime to Webb's, Capt. Macdougall and Surgeon Dames, 48th, were quickly on the spot but could do nothing and soon a melancholy procession wended its way to the New Fort. The dead soldier was of a generous nature and a general favorite with his comrades but a hasty disposition caused him to resent what no doubt he thought was a piece of officiousness on the constable's part with a result so tragic to himself. The funeral took place on Saturday after the coroners jury had viewed the body which was buried in the military cemetery with military honors, a handsome floral offering testifying as to the esteem with which he was held by his comrades. Pending the result of the jury Pte. Wheeler was remanded until Wednesday, the charge of drunkenness being changed to assaulting a policeman.

P. C. Campbell was also held without bail pending the decision of the jury.

Naturally a great deal of discussion is going on regarding the shooting but one thing is certain that with the civil and military authorities united in investigating the affair the result can only be satisfactory and the verdict, unimpeachable. As a general rule the relations between the police and military have always been of the friendliest nature ; and altho' there are always some on either side who cannot agree, they are very few and occurrences with such a tragic ending are very rare, not alone in Toronto but in all parts of the Dominion, and certainly it could ill behove the police to bear illwill to those, who if they were unable to cope with disorder, would have to fall back and depend upon the soldiers for assistance.

"G" Co. Queen's Own have been singularly unfortunate this fall in the loss of two of their oldest non-coms., Color-Sergt. H. B. Sanson leaving to accept a lucrative position in Banff, and Sergt. J. O. Thorn being promoted to the rank of Quartermaster-Sergeant.

As a token of the esteem in which these members were held by the members of the company, Color-Sergt. Sanson was presented on the eve of his departure with a handsome and suitably inscribed gold watch, while Quartermaster-Sergt. Thorn was presented with a handsome sword. The presentation was made by Capt. Bennett, who, in suitable language, dwelt upon the long and valued services of both to the company and expressed the greatest regret at the loss of such to the company.

The entire company assembled at the Union Station to wish their late Col.-Sergt every success and prosperity in his western home.

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Sergt.-Major Huggins, 13th Battalion, paraded with his old corps, the Grenadiers, at the Garrison church parade.

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Lieut.-Col. Starke, of the Vics, was a guest of the officers of the 48th at their recent garrison dinner.

#### BREECH BLOCK.

#### THE ROYAL GRENADIERS.

The weather which greeted the Grenadiers for their annual match on Saturday 29 Oct. was everything that riflemen do not like. The Grand Trunk train started late from the Union station, and as a consequence the shooting was late beginning, throwing it too late in the evening to fire the volley firing match which was left off the programme for this year. The only thing conducive to good shooting was the light, which was very favorable, but the cold air, moist atmosphere and unreliable wind was quite sufficient to counteract the advantage of the dull gray light. The targets worked splendidly, and the benefit of the echelon system of targets was shown by the fact that more than 350 Grenadiers and Highlanders were able to fire four ranges between 2 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The following were the winners and their scores :

#### REGIMENTAL MATCH.

Open to all members of the regiment ; range, 200, 400 and 500 yards :

Color-Sergt. Smith, A.	-	-	-	-	63
Lance-Corp. Windatt, I.	-	-	-	-	58
Capt. Bruce, staff	-	-	-	-	57
Staff-Sergt. McVittie, A.	-	-	-	-	57
Pte. McVittie, A.	-	-	-	-	57
Pte. Urquhart, A.	-	-	-	-	55
Color-Sergt. Fowler, I.	-	-	-	-	54
Sergt. McDonald, H.	-	-	-	-	53
Lieut. Pringle, H.	-	-	-	-	52
Sergt. Alexander, H.	-	-	-	-	51
Pte. Bennett, E.	-	-	-	-	50
Pte. Switzer, G.	-	-	-	-	49
Corp. Walterhouse, drums,	-	-	-	-	49
Pte. J. H. Bennett, E.	-	-	-	-	48
Pte. Fox, A.	-	-	-	-	48
Corp. Bell, C.	-	-	-	-	48
Sergt. Curtis, K.	-	-	-	-	48
Pte. Brimley, G.	-	-	-	-	48
Corp. Saunders, H.	-	-	-	-	47
Pte. Bennett, A.	-	-	-	-	47
Pte. Penny, H.	-	-	-	-	47
Corp. Skidmore, H.	-	-	-	-	46
Pte. Hammond, H.	-	-	-	-	46
Drummer Jewell, E.	-	-	-	-	45
Pte. Brock, A.	-	-	-	-	45
Color-Sergt. Cusick, A.	-	-	-	-	44
Corp. Spence, I.	-	-	-	-	44
Sergt. Stemman, A.	-	-	-	-	44
Pte. Harrison, E.	-	-	-	-	44
Pte. Keele, H.	-	-	-	-	44
Pte. Lyon, G.	-	-	-	-	43
Staff-Sergt. Dent, I.	-	-	-	-	43
Pte. Comber, F.	-	-	-	-	43

Staff-Sergt. Bewley, drums	-	-	-	-	43
Lance-Corp. Davis, A.	-	-	-	-	42
Corp. Armstrong, H.	-	-	-	-	42
Pte. Millward, signal	-	-	-	-	42
Corp. Phillips, B.	-	-	-	-	41
Major Manley, K.	-	-	-	-	41
Sergt. Robinson, E.	-	-	-	-	41
Color-Sergt. Patterson, B.	-	-	-	-	40
Sergt. Doherty, F.	-	-	-	-	40
Corp. Lane, signal	-	-	-	-	40
Pte. Coe, F.	-	-	-	-	40
Sergt. Hutchinson, A.	-	-	-	-	40

#### NURSERY MATCH.

Open to non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment who have never won a prize at any rifle match ; ranges 200 and 400 yards.

Pte. Bennett, E.	-	-	-	-	41
Pte. Bennett, A.	-	-	-	-	35
Pte. Keele, H.	-	-	-	-	35
Pte. Comber, F.	-	-	-	-	34
Pte. Harrison, E.	-	-	-	-	33
Pte. Bassett, K.	-	-	-	-	33
Pte. Howard, I.	-	-	-	-	31
Pte. Milward, signal	-	-	-	-	31
Drummer Havard	-	-	-	-	30
Pte. J. H. Bennett, E.	-	-	-	-	29
Corp. Saunders, H.	-	-	-	-	29
Pte. McBrien, B.	-	-	-	-	28
Pte. Lyon, G.	-	-	-	-	28
Pte. Hammond, H.	-	-	-	-	27
Lance-Corp. Davis, A.	-	-	-	-	27
Pte. Mulley, C.	-	-	-	-	26
Pte. Deal, A.	-	-	-	-	26
Pte. Burch, B.	-	-	-	-	25
Corp. Cane, signal	-	-	-	-	25
Pte. Bramm, H.	-	-	-	-	25
Drummer Tyers	-	-	-	-	24
Pte. Martin, signal	-	-	-	-	23

#### AGGREGATE MATCH.

Open to all members of the regiment ; ranges, 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards.

D. R. A. silver medal, Capt. Bruce.	-	-	-	-	76
O. R. A. silver medal, Col.-Sergt. Smith, A.	-	-	-	-	75
D. R. A. bronze medal, Pte. J. McVittie, A.	-	-	-	-	71
P. Q. R. A. badge, Lance-Corp. Windatt, I.	-	-	-	-	70
Col.-Sergt. Fowler, I.	-	-	-	-	69
Pte. Urquhart, A.	-	-	-	-	68
Staff-Sergt. McVittie, A.	-	-	-	-	66
Corp. Walterhouse, drums	-	-	-	-	65
Sergt. Curtis, K.	-	-	-	-	64
Lieut. Pringle, H.	-	-	-	-	64
Sergt. McDonald, H.	-	-	-	-	63
Sergt. Alexander, H.	-	-	-	-	62
Pte. Bennett, E.	-	-	-	-	61
Staff-Sergt. Dent, I.	-	-	-	-	61
Sergt. Doherty, F.	-	-	-	-	60
Pte. J. H. Bennett, E.	-	-	-	-	59
Pte. J. Switzer, G.	-	-	-	-	59
Drummer Jewell, E.	-	-	-	-	58
Pte. Fox, A.	-	-	-	-	58
Corp. Armstrong, H.	-	-	-	-	57

Two fifty-sevens counted out.

#### AGGREGATE CUP MATCH.

Open to any member of the regiment. Ranges 200, 400, 500 and 600 yards. Prize, silver cup, value \$30. Won by Capt. Bruce.

#### NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' CHALLENGE CUP MATCH.

Open to teams of five non-commissioned officers from each company. Prize, challenge cup, value \$60. Cup to be held by sergeants' mess. Won by H Company.

#### OFFICERS' TEAM MATCH.

Open to teams of three officers (or less) of any one company, or any three staff officers (chosen by lot) of the regiment. Prize, Cosgrave cup. Conditions—The cup to be shot for every year, and to be held by the officer making the highest score in the winning team. Won by the staff team. Cup to be held by Capt. Bruce.

COMPANY TEAM MATCH.

Open to teams of 10 previously named officers, non-commissioned officers and men of any one company.

First prize, Aldwell cup, value \$300. The cup to be shot for every year and to be held by the captain or other commanding officer of the winning company. Won by A company (Capt. Hay).

Second prize, the Exhibition Association cup. Cup to be held one year by captain of winning company. Won by H company (Capt. Trotter).

Third prize, the S. Davis & Son cup, value \$50. Cup to be held one year by captain of winning company. Won by drum corps.

CAPT. BRUCE'S PRIZE.

The Aggregate Cup, won by Capt. Bruce, was won by the Regimental league team, and it was proposed to present it to Capt. Bruce, who had done a great deal for the shooting interests of the regiment; but, as it was the property of the regiment, the idea could not be carried out, but he attended to that latter matter himself on Saturday by putting on the necessary score to win it.

A special badge and medal (the medal to be held for one year only), awarded to the non-con. or man making the six highest aggregate scores during the season, were won by Color-Sergt. W. G. Fowler, I company, with a total score of 367 points. Sergt. Alexander, H company, was next with 364.

Gold and silk cross guns for five scores of 58 points or over was won by Sergt. Alexander, H company, with a total of 307 points.

Worsted cross guns for five scores of 50 points or over were won as follows :

Staff-Sergt. McVittie, A	.	.	.	.	306
Dr. Tyers, G	-	-	-	-	306
Corp. Armstrong, H	-	-	-	-	303
Pte. McVittie, A	-	-	.	.	290
Staff-Sergt. Brooks, E	-	-	-	-	289
Sergt. Huggins, D	-	-	-	-	276
Corp. Warde, K	-	-	-	-	274
Sergt. McDonald, H	-	-	-	-	268
Pte. Brimley, G	-	-	-	-	261
Pte Lyon, G	-	-	-	-	261

The badges won in the C.M.R.I. will be worn by Pte. McVittie, Color-Sergt. Fowler, Sergt. Armstrong and Staff-Sergt. McVittie.

The score of Color-Sergt. Smith was the highest he has made this season. The highest score during the season, 68, was made on July 2 by Drummer Tyers, H company.

During the season 41 gold and 100 worsted cross gun scores were made. Of these H company had 14 and 23. A company 11 and 19, and I company 8 and 12.

COMPANY MATCHES.

Several of the companies had matches for separate prize lists, the scores in the regimental match to count. In the Ambulance and Signal Corps match, Sergt. Martin took first with 45 points and the other winners were in the following order : Corp. Cane, Pte. Millward, Sergt. Carter, Pte. Moat, Corp. Till and Pte. Till.

In the drum corps the \$20 gold piece which was given as first prize was won by Corp. Walterhouse with 49 points. The next winners were Drummer Jewell, Staff-Sergt. Bewley, Drummer Bowman and Drummer A. Tyers.

In I company Corp. Windatt won the D.R.A. silver medal, Color-Sergt. Fowler the O.R.A. silver medal and Pte. Howard the D.R.A. bronze medal. Other prize winners were Staff-Sergt. Dent, Sergt. Howard, Corp. Spence, Lance-Corp. Farris and Ptes. Hickey, Saunderson and Brodie.

In H company they stood in the following order : Sergt. McDonald, Lieut. Pringle, Sergt. Alexander, Corp. Saunders, Pte. Penny, Corp. Skidmore, Pte. Hammond, Pte. Keele, Corp. Armstrong, Ptes. Turner, Brams, Robinson, Gibbons, Hopley, D. Smith, Mulholland, Taylor, Cooke, Hughes. — *Empire.*

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The smoking concert held by the Sergeants' Mess of the Royal Grenadiers, at the rooms on Queen street west, on 21st October, was a very pleasant affair. It was largely attended, and the programme presented was of a superior quality. As each of these facts contributed an important element to

the success of the concert, the "Mess" may be sincerely congratulated upon the results attending it. The large hall was completely filled, and although the civil dress was almost general, the uniforms of all branches of the service were represented and maintained the military character of the entertainments. Staff-Sergeant Bewley presided, and among other well-known military men present were Major Mason, Captain Trotter, Captain McLean, and Sergt.-Major Cox. The programme was admirable in its variety as well as in the excellence of the many items. There were vocal solos by Messrs. Alexander, Major, Lamb, Huchinson, and Snider; clarinet solos by Mr. J. Manning, violin solos by Mr. J. Watt, cornet solos by Prof. Farringer, a performance on the banjo and mouth-organ by Mr. Bert Brown, on the banjo, mandolin, and mouth-organ by the Mackle Bros. and Mr. Low, recitations by Mr. Allison, clog dances by Messrs. Pratt and Smith, and feats in legerdemain by Prof. Carlisle. Each of the contributors to the entertainment of the audience received encores, and certainly deserved them.

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The regular weekly parade of the Grenadiers was held on 3rd inst. at the Armoury. The regiment remained in the Drill shed, where they were put through the manual and firing exercises by Lieut. Col. Dawson. The strength of the regiment was about 400. The Ambulance Corps paraded at Trinity Medical College, where an anatomical lecture was given by Surgeon Ryerson. The Signal Corps, under Corp. Kane, are working hard. They will do the signalling for the attacking brigade on Thanksgiving day, and will use flags and a heliograph. "G" Company was inspected after the parade by Major Buchan, of No. 2 Co., C.R.I., for the efficiency competition.

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The annual rifle matches of "C" Company, R.G. were held on Saturday at the Lake Shore rifle ranges. The results were :—Sergt. Quinney, 1st; Corp. Bell, 2nd; Pte. Mulley, 3rd; Lance-Corp. Hornshaw, 4th. In the recruits' match Pte. Lewis was first. This company has done very well this season, and this is the first match they have had for some years.

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At a recent meeting of the officers of the Grenadiers it was decided to have three assemblies during the winter. The following committee was appointed to make the arrangements :—Capts. Hay and Cameron, Surgeon Ryerson, Assistant-Surgeon King, Lieuts. Lehman, Sweatnam, Stimson, Chadwick and Smith.

48TH HIGHLANDERS.

The first annual rifle matches of the 48th Highlanders were fired over the new Mimico ranges on Saturday, 31st ult. About 100 members were in attendance. The weather was extremely unfavorable and the men took part in the competition under great personal discomfort and handicapped by a strong north-westerly wind. Following is a list of the prize winners :

FIRST MATCH.

200 yards ; rounds 5 ; position, kneeling.	
\$6.00 Sergt. Ferguson, B Company.....	21
6.00 Pioneer-Sergt. Libby, C.....	21
— Pte. McKay, A.....	20
5.00 Staff-Sergt. Rose, A.....	20
5.00 Pte. Robb, F.....	19
5.00 Pte. Rose, C.....	19
4.50 Lieut. Orchard, H.....	18
4.00 Capt. Macdonald, staff.....	18
— Pte. Kerr, C.....	18
4.00 Corp. McEvoy, H.....	17
3.00 Color-Sergt. Turner, G.....	17
3.00 Pte. McNeill, H.....	17
2.50 Pte. Thomson, H.....	16
2.50 Pte. Brechin, H.....	16
2.00 Bugle-Major Robertson, G.....	16
1.25 Capt. Hunter, G.....	15

SECOND MATCH.

400 yards ; number of rounds, 3 ; position, any.	
— Major Macdonald, staff.....	25
— Pte. Kerr, C.....	23

-----	Pte. McKay, A.....	23
\$10.00	Pte. Fawke, A.....	22
6.00	Pte. McNeill, H.....	22
5.00	Sergt. Florence, D.....	21
5.90	Color-Sergt. Turner, G.....	20
4.25	Lieut. McLean, B.....	20
-----	Capt. Macdonald, staff.....	20
4.00	Pte. Pollock, C.....	19
-----	Lieut. Orchard, H.....	19
4.00	Pte. McKelvie, D.....	19
-----	Sergt. Ferguson, B.....	19
3.00	Pte. Moore, G.....	18
3.00	Staff-Sergt. Harp, H.....	18
3.00	Pte. Walker, B.....	18
2.00	Bugler Thompson.....	18
-----	Pte. Rose, C.....	18
2.00	Pte. Laing, E.....	17
-----	Corp. McEvoy, H.....	17

## THIRD MATCH.

500 yards ; number of rounds, 5 ; position, any.

\$7.00	Sergt. Graham, H.....	22
7.00	Staff-Sergt. Harp, H.....	19
6.00	Sergt. Martin, H.....	19
-----	Pte. McKay, A.....	18
-----	Pte. Robb, F.....	18
-----	Pte. Fawke, A.....	18
-----	Major Macdonald, staff.....	17
-----	Staff-Sergt. Rose, A.....	16
-----	Sergt. Ferguson, D.....	16
-----	Capt. Macdonald, staff.....	16
-----	Pte. Kerr, C.....	16
-----	Lieut. Orchard, H.....	15
5.00	Color-Sergt. Rose, H.....	14
-----	Sergt. Florencr, D.....	14
-----	Pte. Brechin, H.....	14
-----	Pte. McNeill, H.....	13
5.00	Lance-Corp. Shand, A.....	13
-----	Pte. Thomson, H.....	13
5.00	Pte. McIver.....	13
6.00	Lieut. Ramsay, A.....	13
4.00	Pte. Ritchie, H.....	12
3.50	Color-Sergt. Lawrence, A.....	12
3.00	Color-Sergt. Smith, E.....	12
3.00	Lance-Corp. Florence, E.....	12
3.00	Bugle-Major Robertson, G.....	12

## FOURTH MATCH.

The Aggregate ; the highest aggregate scores in matches 1, 2 and 3 :

\$28.00	Pte. McKay, A.....	62
D. R. A. medal } and \$10.00 }	Major Macdonald, staff.....	57
O. R. A. medal } and \$7.00 }	Pte. Kerr, C.....	57
5.00	Sergt. Ferguson, B.....	56
5.00	Capt. Macdonald, staff.....	54
5.00	Sergt. Graham, H.....	53
5.00	Staff-Sergt. Rose, A.....	53
5.00	Staff-Sergt Harp, H.....	52
5.00	Lieut. Orchard, H.....	52
5.00	Pte. McNeill, H.....	52
4.00	Pte. Fawke, A.....	51
4.00	Pte. Robb, F.....	50
4.00	Pte. Rose, C.....	48
4.00	Sergt. Martin, H.....	46
4.00	Sergt. Florence, D.....	45
4.00	Pte. Brechin, H.....	45
4.00	Color-Sergt. Turner, G.....	45
4.00	Pte. Thomson, H.....	44
3.50	Bugle-Major Robertson, G.....	43
3.50	Pte. Walker, B.....	43
3.50	Pte. McKelvie, D.....	43
3.50	Pte. McCutcheon, A.....	42
3.50	Lieut. H. C. McLean, B.....	42
3.00	Color-Sergt. Rose, H.....	40
3.00	Pte. McIver, C.....	40
3.00	Sergt. Davidson, G.....	40
3.00	Corp. McEvoy, H.....	40
3.00	Lance-Corp. Shand, A.....	38
2.50	Lieut. Ramsay, A.....	39

2.50	Pte. Laing, E.....	39
2.00	Pte. Moore, G.....	39
2.50	Pioneer Sergt. Libby, C.....	39
2.50	Capt. Hunter, G.....	37
2.00	Bugle Corp. Kennedy, G.....	37
2.00	Pte. Ritchie, H.....	36
2.00	Color-Sergt. Smith, E.....	36
2.00	Lance-Corp. Florence, E.....	36
2.00	Bugler Collie, H.....	36
1.50	Pte. Pollock, C.....	34
1.50	Sergt. Anderson, D.....	33
1.50	Lance-Corp. Staum, H.....	33
1.50	Corp. Smith, D.....	33
1.50	Pte. Rowley, H.....	32
1.00	Color-Sergt. Lawrence, A.....	31
1.00	Pte. Martin, H.....	31
1.00	Bugler Russell, D.....	31
1.00	Pte. Pyatt, F.....	29
1.00	Bugler Thompson.....	29

## FIFTH MATCH, COMPANY TEAMS.

Open to teams of five previously named officers, N.C.O or men from any company ; scores made in the grand aggregate match to decide ; entrance fee, \$1 ; the " Old Chum Tobacco Trophy," to be won three times before becoming the absolute property of the winners ; " Old Chum Tobacco Trophy," presented by Messrs. D. Ritchie & Co., of Montreal, \$200, and \$5 cash. Won by A company, with 241 points ; H company (first team) coming second with 226 points, winning \$14, and C company third with 217, winning \$9.50.

## HENDERSON ASSOCIATION MATCH.

The Henderson Rifle Association, H company, 48th Highlanders, held their first annual match at the new range on Saturday 31st ult. and the scoring was very good. The principal prize was the Ontario Rifle Association's medal, which was won by Sergt. Graham with a score of 53, while Staff-Sergt. Harp was second with a good 52. The prizes were valuable and appropriate, and were presented by some of the leading merchants, among others: R. Walker & Sons, John Catto, George F. Sproule, W. & D. Dineen, the Canada Coal Company, S. Davis & Sons, of Montreal ; William Mara, R. & T. Watson, Mr. Fawcett, of Queen street, and P. W. Ellis & Co. Prizes were also presented by Major Henderson, Major Orchard, R. Gilray, Mr. Muriss, of the Avondale hotel ; The World, The Empire, Charles Walker, Sergt. Rose, Corp. Cameron and Pte. C. Johnson. Among successful competitors were: Sergt. Graham, Staff-Sergt. Harp, Major Orchard, Pte. McNeill, Sergt. Martin, Ptes. Brechin, Thompson, Sergt. Rose, Corp. McEvoy, Pte. Ritchie, Lance-Corp. Staum, Ptes. Rowley, Martin, Clerihew, J. Cavanagh, G. C. Brown, Corp. Cameron, Ptes. McDougall, H. Brown, A. Smith and Proctor.

## THE YORK RANGERS.

The annual rifle matches of the 12th Battalion (York Rangers) were held at the Lake Shore ranges on 10th inst. A large number of the members of the battalion entered the various contests. The total value of the prizes distributed was \$435.50.

The officers and privates of the corps gathered in Temperance hall in the evening, when the prizes were awarded by Lieut.-Col. Wayling, commander of the regiment. Lists of the winners in the several contests are given below :

Nursery match—Open to officers and men who have never won a prize at the O.R.A. matches, or a prize of the value of \$2 at a match of the 12th Battalion. Ranges, 200 and 400 yards ; 7 shots at each range. Scores in No. 2 match to count in this. Position, 200 yards, kneeling ; 400 yards, prone.

	Total.
T. S. Baylis.....	56
Pte. A. Gadsby.....	47
Sergt. Lowe.....	47
D. Webber.....	43
Color-Sergt. Allan.....	40

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## The French in Africa.

It is almost unnecessary to say that the operations of the French army in Dahomey are watched by many here with a great deal of interest and their success welcomed as an additional step gained in the civilization of the dark continent. The utter disregard of human life, the callousness to human suffering, the cruel treatment of the weak and sickly by the strong which exist among the benighted inhabitants of the interior of Africa, is being rapidly exposed to the civilized world by just such enterprises as that of Colonel Dodds' army. Every mile gained in its advance and every native town captured from the cruel and brutal Dahomeyans, is a point gained for humanity. The operations seem to have been conducted with vigor and intrepidity by the French, who are dealing with an enemy little less brave and regardless of death than the fanatical Arabs, who fought our people so fiercely seven years ago. The night rush of the blacks on the French camp on the 19th of September, must have been most trying to the steadiness and discipline of the men and the slightest hesitation or sign of fear on the part of any of the little detachment first engaged, might have been the signal for a general massacre and the ultimate triumph of the Dahomeyans. This was fortunately averted and now the success of the expedition and the wiping out of the monstrous government of the African king seemed assured. It would be a singular triumph for the civilization of the age, and an incalculable boon to suffering humanity, if Britain, France and Germany would unite forces by sea and land for a crusade on modern principles against all the slave states of Africa, and a thorough subjugation of the cruel and bloody petty rulers that still exist there, even if the entire wiping out of these brutal states from the face of the continent were the result.

## Field Days and Feet.

It was most unfortunate that bad weather necessitated the postponement of the Thanksgiving Day parade in Toronto, an event which promised to be most useful to the regiments concerned in giving them a taste of practical field manoeuvres worth a month of routine parades. The elements seem to conspire against that sort of thing this year, *vide* the postponement of the much-needed sham-fight near Montreal in

May, and the serious curtailment of the practical work intended at several of the camps of instruction in June. Under the circumstances, Col. Otter's action in cancelling last Thursday's turn out was a thoroughly wise one; in no infantry regiment in the Canadian service are the men shod sufficiently well to stand a parade in slush or water. While the strong and watertight boots used in England are for some reason practically unobtainable here, and while no effort is made by the powers that be to put before the men a proper waterproof service boot, many commanding officers retain the English prejudice against the use of rubbers on parade, and "go for" the man who wishes to attend drill in wet weather and at the same time avoid chances of illness. No man can go through a fatiguing field day properly with wet feet, while the risk of his taking a serious cold is imminent. The sooner some attention is directed to the matter of the foot-wear of our men, the better for the force in general, and in the meantime the unnecessary prejudice against the use of rubbers in wet weather should vanish. As it is now many men often fail to attend parades in spring and fall for this reason.

## The Patriots of '37.

It is a good sign of the interest existing throughout the Dominion in military matters, to see the strong efforts made to obtain some practical recognition for the services of the surviving veterans of '37 and '38. A mercenary reward—which may at first sight seem to be at the bottom of the movement—has little to do with it; nine-tenths of the men who have signed the petitions are in comfortable circumstances, and the paltry sum that might be granted (if the 1812 pensions are any criterion) would do little more than keep a man in tobacco; but the principle of recognizing the services of those who did so much towards saving Canada to the British Crown 55 years ago, and crushed out rebellion and anarchy, *vi et armis*, are undoubtedly deserving of recognition by the British Government, if the Canadian exchequer (generally so impoverished when militia grants are required) is unable to allot the necessary rewards. We are glad to see that the efforts of late have been more systematic, and, largely through the energy of Mr. Merrill, of Belleville, are rapidly taking such shape that definite attention must soon be given the matter by the authorities. It has been rather singular that while all this agitation has been going on in Ontario, little or nothing toward the same end has been done by the survivors of the loyal volunteers who now reside in the Province of Quebec; we learn, however, that within the last few days Mr. Alexander Daly, who served in the Rawdon corps during the troubles, is exerting himself to have the necessary petitions signed; and we sincerely trust that the matter will be brought before a great number, if not all, the surviving veterans in that province, with a view to obtaining their signatures, and thus adding additional weight to a just and meritorious demand on the Crown.

The total number of competitors in the annual matches of the Dominion Rifle Association in Sept. was 405. The (Toronto) military district No. 2 sent the highest number, viz., 96. From district No. 1 there were 35, district No. 3, 34; No. 4, 75; No. 5, 55; No. 6, 1; No. 7, 13; No. 8, 39; No. 9, 38; No. 10, 17, and No. 11, 2.

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Emperor William refuses permission to the German regular military to go to the Chicago World's Fair, but he will permit retired bandsmen, in sufficient numbers to form two bands of fifty each, to go to Chicago. They are to wear the uniform of the Third Grenadier Guards and Red Hussars.

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Second Battalion match—Open to all officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the regiment; ranges, 200, 400 and 500 yards; 7 shots at each and 2 sighting shots free. Position 200 yards, kneeling; 400 and 500 yards, any, with head to the target.

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F. S. Hawkes.....	40
Corp. Long.....	35
Lieut. Douglas.....	34
Sergt. Dean.....	33
Pte. Joyce.....	30

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Staff-Sergt. Simpson.....	86
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Lieut. Brown.....	73
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Pte. Baylis.....	65
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Sergt. Fawcett.....	58
P. Graham.....	57
Corp. Hammon.....	56

Sergt. Collet.....	53
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Sergt. Taylor.....	49
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Fourth match—Volley firing, to be competed for by teams of five from each company; five shots per man, at 300 yards, by respective commanders. In this contest 17 prizes were awarded. Following are the names of the winners of the first five prizes: Lieut. Elliott, Lieut. Brown, Staff-Sergt. Davidson, Corp. Hammon, Sergt. Fairbairn.

Fifth match—Extra series; 200 yards, any position; unlimited entries; two best scores to count; five rounds.

Lieut. Mitchell.....	45
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Lieut. Elliott.....	43
Sergt. Fairbairn.....	41
Staff-Sergt. Simpson.....	40
Color-Sergt. Stokes.....	35
Pte. Gadsby.....	33
Color-Sergt. Mowatt.....	30

Her Majesty's Imperial Army and Navy Veterans held their fifth annual dinner in commemoration of the battle of Inkerman on 4th inst. at the Richardson House. The chair was ably filled by Mr. J. Freeman, and the vice-chair by Mr. A. Muir. An excellent menu was furnished by the host, and after the good things had been disposed of a programme of the usual loyal and patriotic toasts was furnished. Lieut.-Col. T. C. Denison responded to the toast of the "Dominion Parliament and the Ontario Assembly." "The Army and Navy and Auxiliary Forces" brought replies from Capt. Ridout, Capt. Sloan, Lieut. Rudge, and Wm. Simpson. "The Mayor and Corporation of Toronto and the Law Profession" was responded to in an able speech by ex-Mayor Beaty. "Her Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans' Society" brought addresses from James Freeman, late sergeant of the Rifle Brigade, Capt. Smith, Sergt. Hollingsworth, and Sergt.-Major Fisher, of the Scots Greys. The attendance was very large, and a very agreeable evening was spent.

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Sergt.-Major Cox, of the Royal Grenadiers, has just received a letter from the acting sergt.-major of his old corps, the 1st Battalion 16th or Bedfordshire regiment, which was on service at the time of the writing in the Black Mountains, on the river Indus. Here is the letter:

Isaizi Field Force, Camp Derband, River Indus, Sept.  
27, '92.

My Dear Cox,—Your letter to hand and very pleased to hear you are all so well. I mentioned your letter to Col. Price and he was very pleased to hear about it. Of course you know he leaves the regiment on the 9th of the next month. I believe Major Paterson will get the command. We are now on a frontier expedition but the forward movement does not take place until October 1. We are concentrating here and immediately we cross the river we are in the enemy's country; a proper dare-devil lot of natives that have given the Government of India a heap of trouble. We have two British and four native infantry regiments, three British and one native mountain batteries and no cavalry, as the country is too hilly. We have been marching now eleven days to get here and have been two days in a hostile country, viz., the Black mountains. I am acting sergeant-major, as McGuinn has been left behind for other duties. We have a fine battalion, 801 strong here, and left a depot of 220 men behind; a draft of 160 men also join the depot here next month. The men march like bricks. We have been 11 days up and down hill, sometimes eight miles straight up a cliff on a narrow footpath, with a sheer drop of 2,000 feet straight down. Weather very hot. There is no other news now. By the way, when you get this I suppose we will be back in India, as these affairs do not take long, unless we are selected for the Jellalabad mission. Kind regards from the boys of the old corps, with regards for Mrs. Cox and family.

Yours very faithfully,

ALF. THORPE.

—*Empire.*

LONDON.

The annual rifle matches of the 7th Fusiliers were fired at the Cove range, London, on 10th inst. and were most successful in every particular. They were conducted on sound military principles, for the Battalion turned out (about eighty strong) and paraded from the Drill Shed to the range at 8 a. m., headed by the bugle band; from the time of their arrival until the target began to grow dim in the dusk of approaching night, the pleasant valley of the Coves rang out with rifle reports. The snow did not serve to dampen the enthusiasm of the men, and altogether created but slight discomfort. Blazing camp fires, plenty of refreshments and the keen competition among the officers and men individually and the companies had a great deal to do with the pleasures of the day. The western winds interfered to some extent with the scoring.

NURSERY MATCH.

\$6 00	Sergt. Floyd.....	36
5 00	Pte. Coughlin.....	34
3 00	Pte. Howe.....	33
3 00	Pte. Galbraith.....	33
3 00	Pte. Webb.....	31
3 00	Pte. J. Rose.....	29
3 00	Pte. Peacock.....	28
3 00	Pte. Sullivan.....	28
3 00	Pte. Galpin.....	27
2 50	Sergt. Brown.....	27
2 50	Pte. Smith.....	27
2 00	Pte. Hamm.....	26
2 00	Sergt. Allen.....	25
2 00	Sergt. Spicer.....	24
2 00	Lieut. Fitzgerald.....	24
2 00	Corp. Somerville.....	23
2 00	Pte. Hessel.....	22
2 00	Pte. McCorkindale.....	22
2 00	Pte. McNabb.....	22
1 50	Pte. Cooper.....	21
1 00	Pte. Hessel.....	21
1 00	Pte. Brett.....	20
1 00	Pte. Robinson.....	20
1 00	Pte. Cahill.....	19
1 00	Pte. C. Rose.....	18
1 00	Bugler Towton.....	17
1 00	Pte. Barnard.....	16
1 00	Pte. Spicer.....	16
1 00	Corp. Shillington.....	16
1 00	Pte. Stein.....	16
1 00	Corp. Osmond.....	15
1 00	Sergt. Hayman.....	15
1 00	Pte. Heaman.....	14
1 00	Pte. Erskine.....	14
1 00	Corp. Footit.....	13
1 00	Pte. Hogg.....	12
1 00	Pte. Howlett.....	12
75	L. Corp. Becher.....	12
75	Sergt. Gould.....	12
75	Lance Callard.....	11
75	Pte. Green.....	10
75	Pte. Martin.....	10
50	Pte. Forbes.....	10
50	Pte. Palmer.....	9
50	Pte. Potter.....	9

BATTALION MATCH.

Five shots each, 200, 400 and 500 yards. Prizes in each or value.

\$8 00	Capt. Hayes.....	64
6 00	Pte. T. Hiscott.....	63
5 00	Sergt. Dalton.....	60
5 00	B. M. Hiscott.....	59
5 00	Sergt. M. McCrimmon.....	57
4 00	Pte. O'Brien.....	55
4 00	Col. Payne.....	51
3 00	Sergt. Poole.....	46
3 00	Sergt. Allen.....	44
3 00	Pte. Galbraith.....	44
3 00	Color-Sergt. Ireland.....	43
3 00	Pte. Coughlin.....	43
3 00	Pte. Webb.....	42
3 00	Sergt. Rose.....	38

2 50	Sergt. Floyd.....	38
2 25	Pte. Howe.....	37
2 00	Sergt. Scarlet.....	35
2 00	Pte. Peacock.....	35
2 00	Sergt. Brown.....	32
2 00	Pte. J. Rose.....	32
2 00	Pte. Huff.....	30
2 00	Pte. Cahill.....	30
2 00	Pte. Hamm.....	30
1 50	Pte. Sullivan.....	30
1 50	Corp. Someville.....	29
1 50	Lance-Sergt. Spicer.....	29
1 50	Pte. Galpin.....	29
1 00	Pte. Cooper.....	28
50	Sergt. Milligan.....	28
50	Corp. Osmond.....	26

EXTRA SERIES, NO. 1.

200 yards; five shots.

\$15 00	Capt. Hayes.....	24
8 00	Col. Payne.....	23
7 00	Pte. Ross, C. R. I.....	22
5 00	Staff-Sergt. Dillon.....	22
5 00	W. E. Hiscott, bandmaster.....	22
2 00	Pte. T. Hiscott.....	21
2 00	Pte. A. M. O'Brien.....	21
1 50	Sergt.-Major McCrimmon.....	21
1 00	Sergt. Brown.....	20
1 00	Sergt. Rose.....	20
1 00	Pte. Huff.....	19
1 00	Corp. Adams.....	19
1 00	Pte. Galpin.....	18
1 00	Colour-Sergt. Freeland.....	17
1 00	Pte. J. Coughlin.....	16

EXTRA SERIES, NO. 2.

500 yards; five shots

\$12 00	W. C. Hiscott	-	-	-	-	23
8 00	Capt. Hayes	-	-	-	-	23
7 00	J. C. Ross	-	-	-	-	23
5 00	Sergt. Dillon	-	-	-	-	21
5 00	W. E. Hiscott	-	-	-	-	21
4 00	Pte. Galbraith	-	-	-	-	19
3 00	Col. Payne	-	-	-	-	18
3 00	Pte. T. Hiscott	-	-	-	-	18
3 00	Sergt.-Major McCrimmon	-	-	-	-	16
2 00	Pte. A. M. O'Brien	-	-	-	-	15
2 00	Corp. Shillington	-	-	-	-	13
2 00	Sergt. Poole	-	-	-	-	11
2 00	Sergt. Freeland	-	-	-	-	11
1 00	Sergt. Scarlett	-	-	-	-	6
50	Lieut. Fitzgerald	-	-	-	-	5

SKIRMISHING AND VOLLEY FIRING MATCH.

Conditions--To be shot by six previously named non-coms. and men from any company; distances, from 400 to 200 yards in skirmishing, advancing and retiring. Volley firing, 400 yards.

Prizes, League cup for 1891, \$6, \$4, \$3, \$2, respectively.

B Co., 1st team, volley,	32	skirmishing,	92	--	124
A Co.	46	"	63	--	109
D Co.	37	"	62	--	99
F Co.	24	"	60	--	84
B Co., 2nd team	32	"	40	--	72
C Co.	16	"	52	--	68

FOR THE CHALLENGE CUP.

Cup presented by W. J. Reid, Esq. Conditions--To be shot for by eight previously named officers, non-coms., and men, from any company in the battalion; cup to remain in possession of captain of winning team until the next annual matches of the Association.

Prize cup, \$200, and cash by Association, \$8, \$6, \$5, \$4 and \$2 respectively. Five shots at 200, 400 and 500 yards.

B Co., 1st Team--

Capt. Hayes	-	-	-	-	64
Pte. Hiscott	-	-	-	-	63
Pte. O'Brien	-	-	-	-	55
Sergt. Allen	-	-	-	-	44
Sergt. Rose	-	-	-	-	38
Sergt. Floyd	-	-	-	-	38

Sergt. J. Rose	-	-	-	-	-	31
Sergt. C. Rose	-	-	-	-	-	22
						355
<i>A Company---</i>						
B. M. W. E. Hiscott	-	-	-	-	-	59
Sergt. Freeland	-	-	-	-	-	43
Sergt. Scarlett	-	-	-	-	-	35
Sergt. Poole	-	-	-	-	-	46
Corpl. Footit	-	-	-	-	-	22
Pte. Callard	-	-	-	-	-	18
Pte. Palmer	-	-	-	-	-	12
Pte. Hessell	-	-	-	-	-	24
						259
<i>D Co. Team---</i>						
Sergt.-Major McCrimmon	-	-	-	-	-	57
Sergt. Mulligan	-	-	-	-	-	28
Corp. Shillington	-	-	-	-	-	26
Pte. Coughlin	-	-	-	-	-	43
Pte. Erskine	-	-	-	-	-	14
Pte. Galbraith	-	-	-	-	-	44
Pte. Spicer	-	-	-	-	-	16
Sergt. Hayman	-	-	-	-	-	21
						249
<i>B Co., 2nd Team---</i>						
Pte. Galpin	-	-	-	-	-	29
Capt. Somerville	-	-	-	-	-	29
Pte. Brett	-	-	-	-	-	22
Pte. Stein	-	-	-	-	-	18
Pte. Hamm	-	-	-	-	-	30
Corp. Adam	-	-	-	-	-	25
Pte. Webb	-	-	-	-	-	42
Pte. McCorkindale	-	-	-	-	-	26
						221
<i>C Co. Team---</i>						
Sergt. Brown	-	-	-	-	-	32
Corp. Beecher	-	-	-	-	-	14
Sergt. Spicer	-	-	-	-	-	29
Pte. Hayman	-	-	-	-	-	18
Pte. Smith	-	-	-	-	-	4
Pte. Cahill	-	-	-	-	-	32
Pte. Patter	-	-	-	-	-	11
						138
<i>F Co. Team---</i>						
Pte. Howe	-	-	-	-	-	37
Pte. Sullivan	-	-	-	-	-	30
Pte. McGregor	-	-	-	-	-	7
Pte. Forbes	-	-	-	-	-	10
Lieut. Fitzgerald	-	-	-	-	-	26
						110

To all the officers of the Association much credit is due. Col. Payne, as Range Officer, with his assistants, Capt. Hayes, Capt. Moore and Staff-Sergt. Dillon, were indefatigable, while the Association Secretary, Bandmaster Hiscott, worked like a Trojan. The officers in charge of the companies are also to be complimented. Lieut. Graham commanded No. 1 Company; Capt. Hayes, first team, and Color-Sergt. Allen, second team of No. 2 Company; Capt. Moore, No. 3 Company; Color-Sergt. Hayman, No. 4 Company; and Lieut. Fitzgerald, No. 6 Company. Eighteen scorers and markers from No. 1 Company, C.R.I., did their work well.

"B" Company (Capt. Hayes) covered itself with glory, winning the W. J. Reid challenge cup for the third consecutive time, and thus becoming final owners. A cash prize also accompanied the trophy. The "B" Company team also captured the League cup given in volley firing and skirmishing. This event was the great feature of the matches, being introduced for the first time. The companies formed at 400 yards from the targets, and at the bugle sound fired as they advanced or retired. The targets were exposed at the rifle pits for twenty seconds at a time, each company having a target of its own, and the scores being made up subsequently from the number of hits upon each target. The men enjoyed the drill immensely, and it could not fall to be of general benefit, partaking as it did to the greatest possible extent of the nature of genuine warfare.

## MONTREAL.

A useful feature of the proposed winter work of the Montreal Garrison Artillery will be the delivery of a number of lectures on military subjects by officers of the Brigade, and others who may assist. This, in systematized form, has not been attempted here for some years, and the first lecture will be looked forward to with much interest.

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On the evening of 9th inst., the anniversary of the birthday of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, his Canadian regiment, the Prince of Wales Rifles, held their usual annual ball in the Drill Hall. There was a large attendance of guests from other city corps and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all. During the evening the regiment sent the following message of congratulation to H. R. H.:

"The Prince of Wales Rifles respectfully wish Your Royal Highness many happy returns, and renew their assurance of fealty and devotion.

T. P. BUTLER, Colonel."

The following reply was promptly received:

To Colonel Butler, Prince of Wales Regiment, Montreal:

My thanks to regiment for congratulations.

(Signed)

ALBERT EDWARD.

The annual inspection of the Victoria Rifles took place on Saturday afternoon, 5th inst. The weather was unusually wintry and unpleasant, and it was decided that the parade be held in the Drill Hall instead of on the Champ-de-Mars; the battalion mustered at its Cathcart street armory and marched down, the men's boots and trousers losing much of their cleanliness and neatness in the march through the slush and mud of the streets. The parade was fair as regards strength, 311 of all ranks being on duty, and an exceptionally fine one so far as the appearance of the men was concerned.

After the battalion had formed line and taken open order, Major-General Herbert appeared accompanied by a brilliant staff, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., Lieut.-Cols. Mattice and Roy, B.M., Major Ibbottson, Royal Scots, Capt. Streatfield, A.D.C., and Capt. Clerk, Hussars. The usual salute was given, but was evidently deemed unsatisfactory by the Major-General, for he ordered it to be repeated. The companies were then closely inspected, after which they were in succession called out for company drill. This was decidedly unsatisfactory, several inexcusable blunders being made by all ranks; the work was largely by sections and half-companies, to which but little attention had evidently been given. Battalion drill followed, and in this the regiment made a much better showing, although scarcely up to the mark of previous parades. The march-past was exceptionally good.

After a number of movements had been gone through, square was formed and the Major-General made a brief address to the battalion, complimenting them on those features of the drill which were well done, but laying emphasis on the poor showing in company drill. The corps then marched back to the armory and was dismissed.

To anyone who had carefully watched the previous drills of the battalion, it was evident that the official inspection did not by any means do justice to the corps. In those field movements which three hours' drill a week renders possible to practice the Victorias would hold their own with any corps in the district; in the Attack--to which all other movements should be but stepping-stones--they are thoroughly efficient, and it is most unfortunate that the Major-General had no opportunity of testing their proficiency in this work. Lieut.-Col. Starke was also hampered by the limited space in which to manœuvre so strong a battalion, after all its preliminary drills had been performed in the open, and by the fact that he and his majors were necessarily dismounted, and thus unable to superintend the points and distances as closely as would otherwise have been the case. In short, the inspection brought out much that the corps was not proficient in, but unfortunately did not show up its admitted efficiency in many useful and practical sections of battalion drill.

A novel and most interesting feature of the inspection was the presence of the new Maxim gun, recently purchased by the regiment; although its use is not uncommon with the crack volunteer corps of England, that belonging to the Vics is the only one in Canada. The gun detachment consisted of one sergeant and six men, under command of Lieut. Mackeand. The gun was handled smartly and well, reflecting much credit on its commander and his squad.

In the evening the officers and sergeants dined in their respective mess-rooms.

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The Victoria Rifles can boast an organization of veterans, known as the "Reserve Association," unequalled in Canada for strength, influence and interest in the affairs of the corps. It was organized in 1885, at the time when the regiment was in expectation of being ordered to the Northwest. Since then it has kept together and been fairly active in preserving the interest of the members who have passed out of the active ranks; it has a most comfortable and attractive room in the regimental armoury, Cathcart street, richly furnished and looked in on by all members of sister corps and others who may visit the building. Several concerts have been given by the members, and in April, 1890, the first dinner was held, which was very successful. Owing chiefly to the want of a secretary who could devote sufficient time to the duties of the office, matters in connection with the Association have been rather quiet for the last year or two; but this summer the retirement of Major Radiger from the active duties of his rank enabled the Reserve Association to obtain in him the services of an officer who has the time, energy and *savoir faire* essential for the position of secretary. The result of this is shown in the fact that within the few months that the officer just mentioned has assumed the position, the membership has leaped up to over 300 and receives large accessions every week. The annual meeting was held in the Club room on 1st inst., and was a most enthusiastic and successful one. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—

*President*—Lieut.-Col. Henshaw.

*Vice-President*—Capt. W. Stanley.

*Secretary-Treasurer*—Major C. W. Radiger.

*Committee*.—Captains Anderson, Sully, Bacon, Sutherland, Becket and Edwards; Messrs. J. W. Mills, C. Sims, E. W. Parker, S. Howard, Ross, Beaufield and Millar; in addition to these, Mr. J. Mills, who has worked so long and hard for the interests of the Association and to whom a great deal of its success was due, was elected honorary vice-president. It was arranged that one of the members of above committee be on duty every night at the club room, so that any members of the Association may drop in and enjoy a comfortable evening; cards, papers and magazines are there in plenty and very pleasant little gatherings are expected; a piano is to be provided for the winter, so that music will be added to the attractions of the place.

One of the chief matters decided at the meeting was that the members of the Association should dine together on the 16th of December, the anniversary of the foundation of the regiment; a committee to look after the affair was struck and about 75 names have already been secured to take tickets for the affair. From the large attendance, it will necessarily be held in the large hall up stairs, which is to be beautifully decorated for the occasion; the regimental band is to be in attendance and an excellent programme of music will be given, as the association numbers among its members some of the finest voices in the city.

It is hoped that the success of the Vics Reserves will induce the old members of other corps to organize in a similar way and retain that interest in the active force which is essential in extending the military and patriotic spirit throughout the community.

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The hockey players in the Vics and their name is legion organized last February a Hockey club, under the name of Victoria Rifle Hockey Club. At a recent meeting a report was presented which showed that the prospects are excellent for a series of military matches this season against such corps as the Queen's Own, 43rd, 8th Royals and the Royal Military College. The club is most voluminously officered, it having an Hon. President (Lieut.-Col. Starke), an Hon. Vice-President (Major Radiger) and an Hon. 2nd Vice-President (Lieut. Brown), as well as a President, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and committee, who are not ornamental only but mean business. Mr. Watson Jack is president, Mr. Graham Drinkwater, vice-president, Mr. H. E. Vennor, secretary-treasurer, while Messrs. Geo. James, W. D. Stephen and Paul de Strum constitute the committee. Mr. E. Irwin captains the team. Club colors are regimental, dark green and scarlet

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The military sports which the Sixth Fusiliers had proposed holding this month have had to be abandoned, owing chiefly to the cold water thrown on the plan by the Ottawa authorities, who refused to allow representatives from the Quebec Cavalry School to participate; one of the most attractive features of the entertainment, the musical ride, would thus have been cut off. It is impossible to condemn too strongly this official snubbing of an affair which would not have been beneficial in a military sense to those who participated, but which would also tend to increase the popularity of the service. Military sports and games are being gone in for more and more in England by both army and volunteers, and the Islington Military Tournament is one of the great annual events in London life; it is admittedly a great help to recruiting, besides developing singular proficiency in the regiments that enter. Yet the first attempt made here in this direction for several years meets with practical opposition from the authorities in refusing permission for the Quebec Dragoons to attend. What loss in efficiency these troops or their corps would suffer by a two day's visit to Montreal is not patent to the non-official eye; while it goes without saying that to the efficient and hard-working regiment chiefly concerned, as well as to all those who would have participated, the entertainment would have been most valuable. The little break in the hum-drum routine of barrack life, which the trip would have given the Dragoons, would not have decreased the popularity of the service with them and their many friends.

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In the commissioned ranks of the Montreal Garrison Artillery a number of changes are gazetted. These are:—To be majors: Captains John Ogilvy, R.S.A., vice W. H. Laurie, retired; and Edwin Hudson Bissett, R.S.A., vice F. M. Cole, promoted. To be captain: Leigh R. Gregor, Esquire, R.S.A., vice J. A. Finlayson, retired. Captain Thomas Alexander Crathern is permitted to retire retaining rank. Captain and Paymaster Wallace Cuthbert Trotter is granted the honorary rank of major, to date from 1st September, 1892. It is understood that the present Majors Ogilvy and Bissett will retain command of their batteries.

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Mr. George Blockman, a Montreal chemist, claims to have discovered the secret of manufacturing the German smokeless powder and French melonite and wishes to sell his information. It is understood that the first opportunity for purchase has been given to Her Majesty's Government; if declined in that quarter it will probably be offered to foreign military authorities.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

An interesting incident occurred at the drill shed on Friday night last, when the officers of the Dufferins were being put through their exams. Lt. Howard was before Col. Otter, when the latter observed that he carried the ribbons of service in the Northwest campaign. He was asked with what division he had been, and was able to answer that he had been with Col. Otter himself. The lieutenant followed up with the question: "Don't you remember dropping your gloves at Cut Knife Creek and some one picking them up and handing them to you?" "I do," replied the colonel, "are you the man?" "I am," was the reply, and a hearty handshake followed. The fact that the lieutenant had to leave cover while bullets were flying thick and fast, in order to restore the gloves, gives enhanced value to the incident.—*Brantford Expositor*.

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Colonel Humphrey, of the 66th P. L. F., Halifax, received a telegram from Brighton this morning stating that Lieut. Lewis, of the 66th, who is a son of Dr. Lewis, Halifax, had qualified for a commission in the Imperial army.

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Oct. 10th, 1st on SS. "Bokhara," off the Pascadores, George Francis Stanser, second officer P. and O. Co., second surviving and dearly beloved son of Major Walter Laurence Ingles, late 32nd and 2nd 16th Regiment, and grandson of the late Ven. Archdeacon Best, aged 30.

The deceased was born in Halifax. His grandfather was a colonial bishop. Major Ingles, father of the deceased, and who is well-known in Halifax, and will have the sympathy of many.

## WINNIPEG.

The annual dinner of the Winnipeg Troop of Cavalry was held at Bawlf's on 9th inst. and proved a most enjoyable affair. The attractive dining hall of the recently opened establishment had been very tastefully decorated with streamers, hunting, etc., portraits of Major General Herbert, the D. A. G., Colonel Peebles, Captain Knight, the officers of the cavalry and others adorning the walls. The menu was a particularly good one and was sufficient in itself to permanently establish the reputation of the new caterer Mr. Bawlf. Capt. Knight occupied the chair and on his right were Col. Villiers, D.A.G., Major Coutlee, commander of the Field Battery, Capt. Lawlor, Lieut. Schneider, and Lieut. Verner of the 90th; and on his left, Col. Boswell, commander of the 90th; Capt. Heward, commander of the Dragoons, Mr. J. St. L. McGinn and Lieut. Short.

After the spread had been attended to properly, Capt. Knight proceeded with the toast list, the Queen, of course, preceding the list and the National Anthem being loyally sung.

Other toasts were "Our Canada," responded to by Capt. Coutlee; the Army and Navy, by the veteran Capt. Lawlor who was the first instructor to the Troop; "Our District Staff" coupled with the name of Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G.; "Our Sister Corps," responded to by Col. Boswell of the 90th, and Major Heward, Canadian Dragoons, and Major Coutlee, W.F.B.; "Mine host," Mr. Bawlf; the N.C.O., replied to by Ex-Sergt.-Major McGinn.

After good songs by Troopers Webb and McHarg, the toast of the press was given and responded by representatives of the city press.

With the toast of "The Ladies," proposed by Lieutenant Schneider, the name of Lieut. Short was coupled, and Mr. Short proved a worthy champion for the fair sex.

Sergeant-Major Ingram, of the Dragoons, also made a few remarks.

Col. Boswell's toast to the non-commissioned officers and men of the Winnipeg troop of cavalry brought out one of the notable speeches of the evening, that of Senior Trooper Black. His remarks were full of patriotic sentiment, and evoked round after round of applause. He concluded by singing "The Union Jack of Old England."

Mr. McGinn proposed the health of the Prince of Wales, whose birthday he reminded them it was. Captain Knight responded briefly to this toast, which was followed by other impromptu toasts and speeches, the banquet breaking up at an early hour, all voting it a capital affair, and the guests thanking the cavalry boys for an extremely enjoyable evening.

A pleasant feature of the dinner was the presentation of the prizes won at a recent competition. Col. Villiers made the presentations, the prize list being as follows:--

Skirmishing match mounted--Squad under Sergt.-Major Short, \$10.00.

Head and post practice--1st, Trooper McHarg, \$3.00.

Smoking race mounted--1st, Sergt. Page, \$3.00; 2nd, Trooper McHarg, \$2.00; 3rd, Trooper Tilt, \$1.00.

Smoking race dismounted--1st, Trooper Tilt, \$3.00; 2nd, Trooper Quinn, \$2.00.

## PETERBOROUGH.

The annual fall matches of the 57th Battalion, Peterborough Rangers, took place all day on 10th inst. and were a pronounced success, both in points of scores and attendance. About 85 men turned out and of this number "B" company, Lieut. Schofield, commanding, furnished twenty-seven. This was an excellent showing on the part of the company, and reflects great credit upon their captain. There was a listlessness manifested on the part of the battalion's officers, as only four of them turned out. The men feel that more interest should have been shown in the matches by their officers. Lieut. Schofield proved himself an efficient range officer, and under his supervision everything passed off smoothly and well. The weather was cold and the six inches depth of the crystalline diamonds upon Curtis' ranges did not add any thing too inviting to the comfort of the men in their firing posture. The wind was strong, left, and fouling dry.

## THE AGGREGATE MATCH.

This was won by Capt. Hill, scoring 67 points. Ptes. C. Curtis and F. Bartlett came next in order. The highest aggregate scores at 100, 200, 300 and 400 yards counted.

\$4 00	Capt. W. H. Hill	-	-	-	-	67
3 00	Pte. C. Curtis	-	-	-	-	66
2 00	Pte. F. Bartlett	-	-	-	-	64
2 00	Capt. Millar	-	-	-	-	63
2 00	Pte. D. Cameron	-	-	-	-	62
2 00	Lieut. Matthews	-	-	-	-	60
1 00	Pte. T. Baptie	-	-	-	-	59
1 00	Pte. John Campbell	-	-	-	-	59
1 00	Sergt. T. Distin	-	-	-	-	58
1 00	Pte. T. A. McGill	-	-	-	-	56
1 00	Pte. W. Metheral	-	-	-	-	56
1 00	Pte. G. Grange	-	-	-	-	56
1 00	Lieut. Schofield	-	-	-	-	56
1 00	Pte. R. Patterson	-	-	-	-	55
1 00	Corp. Weatherhead	-	-	-	-	54
1 00	Pte. C. Thompson	-	-	-	-	53
75	Sergt. J. Metheral	-	-	-	-	51
75	Corp. T. Ritchie	-	-	-	-	51
75	Sergt. W. Robinson	-	-	-	-	51
75	—Bridgewater	-	-	-	-	51
75	Pte. F. Cocks	-	-	-	-	50
75	Sergt. W. F. Green	-	-	-	-	50
75	Corp. Roberts	-	-	-	-	48
75	Pte. H. Robinson	-	-	-	-	47
75	Pte. Maxwell	-	-	-	-	47
75	Pte. F. Miller	-	-	-	-	47
75	Pte. T. G. Pollock	-	-	-	-	47
75	Pte. Head	-	-	-	-	46
75	Sergt. Gaskins	-	-	-	-	46
75	Pte. E. Manning	-	-	-	-	46
75	Pte. J. Chrowe	-	-	-	-	45
50	Sergt. F. Meharry	-	-	-	-	43
50	Pte. H. Stewart	-	-	-	-	43
50	Sergt. R. Irwin	-	-	-	-	42
50	Pte. R. Bradburn	-	-	-	-	40
50	Pte. H. Rogers	-	-	-	-	40
50	Pte. P. Kerr	-	-	-	-	39
50	B. M. Miller	-	-	-	-	39
50	Pte. M. McIntyre	-	-	-	-	38
50	Pte. J. Johnston	-	-	-	-	38
50	Sergt. R. Hounsall	-	-	-	-	35
50	Pte. J. Stenson	-	-	-	-	35
50	Pte. G. Grange	-	-	-	-	35
50	Pte. E. Hudson	-	-	-	-	34
50	Sergt. W. Lloyd	-	-	-	-	33
50	Pte. Blair	-	-	-	-	33
50	Pte. Roome	-	-	-	-	31
50	Pte. Kemp	-	-	-	-	31
50	Pte. Anderson	-	-	-	-	30
50	Pte. J. Brown	-	-	-	-	30

## THE RANGE MATCHES

were shot at 100 and 200 yards. Highest score at each range to count. Following are the results:--

## 100 YARDS.

\$3 00	Pte. C. Curtis	-	-	-	-	19
2 00	B. M. Miller	-	-	-	-	18
2 00	Capt. Miller	-	-	-	-	18
1 50	Pte. Bridgewater	-	-	-	-	17
1 50	Pte. John Campbell	-	-	-	-	17
1 00	Corp. Weatherhead	-	-	-	-	16
1 00	Pte. P. Kerr	-	-	-	-	16
1 00	Pte. F. Bartlett	-	-	-	-	16
75	Pte. R. Patterson	-	-	-	-	16
75	Sergt. J. Metheral	-	-	-	-	16

## 200 YARDS.

\$3 00	Capt. Hill	-	-	-	-	18
2 00	Capt. Miller	-	-	-	-	17
2 00	Pte. Bartlett	-	-	-	-	17
1 50	Pte. Curtis	-	-	-	-	15
1 50	Pte. Jno. Campbell	-	-	-	-	15
1 00	Pte. T. G. Pollock	-	-	-	-	15
1 00	Lieut. Schofield	-	-	-	-	14
1 00	Pte. J. A. McGill	-	-	-	-	14
75	Pte. Byshe	-	-	-	-	14
75	Lt. Mathews	-	-	-	-	14

300 YARDS.	
\$3 00	Pte. Byshe - - - - 18
2 00	Lieut. Mathews - - - - 17
2 00	Lieut. Schofield - - - - 17
1 50	Capt. Hill - - - - 17
1 50	Pte. Curtis - - - - 17
1 00	Pte. C. Thompson - - - - 17
1 00	Pte. Metheral - - - - 17
1 00	Pte. D. Cameron - - - - 17
75	Corp. Weatherhead - - - - 17
75	Sergt. W. F. Green - - - - 16

400 YARDS.	
\$3 00	Capt. Hill - - - - 17
2 00	Pte. F. Bartlett - - - - 16
2 00	Pte. D. Cameron - - - - 16
1 50	Lieut. Matthews - - - - 15
1 50	Sergt. Distin - - - - 15
1 00	Pte. McGill - - - - 15
1 00	Pte. Curtis - - - - 15
1 00	Pte. F. Cocks - - - - 15
75	John Campbell - - - - 14
75	Capt. Millar - - - - 14

THE TEAM COMPETITION.

Open to teams of ten men from any company, from the band, ambulance, or bugle and drum corps. Team to be named before shooting at 200 yards.

\$10 00	"B" Company - - - - 546
5 00	"E" Company - - - - 528

"A" COMPANY'S MATCH.

The result in the competition for the medals in "A" Company cannot be given, as Capt. Mason is absent and the awarding of them will not be made until his return.

"A" CO.'S COMPETITIONS.

Team aggregate—Open to all members of "B" Co.

\$4	Pte. Bartlett - - - - 64
3	Sergt. Distin - - - - 58

THE NURSERY.

Open to all members of "B" Company who have never won a prize, outside of the battalion.

\$3.00	Sergt. Distin - - - - 58
2.50	Pte. McGill - - - - 56
2.00	Pte. W. Metheral - - - - 56
1.00	Sergt. J. Metheral - - - - 51
1.00	Pte. Bridgewater - - - - 51
1.00	Pte. E. Manning - - - - 46
1.00	Pt. H. Rogers - - - - 40
1.00	Pte. J. Johnston - - - - 38
1.00	Pte. E. Hudson - - - - 34
1.00	Pte. Blair - - - - 33
1.00	Pt. J. Smith - - - - 30
1.00	Pte. J. Manning - - - - 18

"C" CO.'S COMPETITION.

The aggregate Open to all members of "C" Co.

\$4.00	Capt. Hill - - - - 67
3.00	Pte. Curtis - - - - 66

RICOCHET SHOTS.

Through the unfortunate absence of Ptes. J. B. Pentland, A. Blade and W. J. Bell, "E" Company, Capt. Millar, was unable to make as good a showing in the company matches as they would otherwise have done.—*Examiner*.

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A veteran of the British army, Sergt. Charles Billings, well known in Peterboro here and to the men of No. 3 district, died suddenly on 31st ult. from heart trouble. The deceased had reached the age of 74 years, but was remarkably active. He was a native of Windsor, Eng., and enlisted in 1836 in the 7th Foot, and went to Gibraltar and the West Indies. He was transferred to 7th Hussars, and in 1837 came to Canada. In 1842 he returned to England and received his discharge in 1853. He returned to Canada, and with the exception of a short time spent in Haliburton, has since lived in Peterboro', and has been connected with the 57th Battalion and C Troop of cavalry. He was orderly for Col. H. C. Rogers in 22 camps. He was a genial man and a favorite in the corps. The funeral will be with military honors.

BERLIN.

The Berlin Rifle Association held its annual matches on the Berlin ranges on Thanksgiving Day. The attendance, notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, was good, quite a number being present from Guelph, Galt, Preston and Hespeler. Much of the success of the day's sport is due to the untiring efforts of the secretary, Mr. Jas. Osborn. The following are the scores, together with the list of prizes:

CITIZEN'S MATCH.

At 200 and 500 yards, 5 shots at each range.

Prize.	Points.
\$5	W. Charlesworth - - - - 40
4	C. Crowe - - - - 39
4	N. S. Young - - - - 35
3	W. S. Russell - - - - 35
3	J. Limpert - - - - 33
3	P. Jardine - - - - 33
2	Wm. Keffer - - - - 33
2	J. Ogg - - - - 31
2	J. Moreland - - - - 30
1	C. L. Henderson - - - - 30
1	J. Jardine - - - - 30
1	S. J. Henderson - - - - 28

A number of 28's counted out.

ASSOCIATION MATCH.

At 500 yards; 7 shots.

Prize.	Points.
\$5	J. Moreland - - - - 29
4	P. Jardine - - - - 29
4	N. S. Young - - - - 26
3	J. Jardine - - - - 26
3	J. Wilkinson - - - - 26
3	W. Keffer - - - - 26
2	W. Charlesworth - - - - 25
2	W. S. Russell - - - - 24
1	J. W. Gilchrist - - - - 24
1	J. Ogg - - - - 24
1	C. Crowe - - - - 23
1	T. Forsyth - - - - 22

EXTRA MATCH.

At 200 yards; 5 shots.

Prize.	Points.
\$10 50	Wm. Young - - - - 23
7 50	J. W. Gilchrist - - - - 23
6 50	W. S. Russell - - - - 23
5 50	J. Limpert - - - - 23
5 00	P. Jardine - - - - 23
3 50	J. Ogg - - - - 23
3 50	N. S. Young - - - - 22
2 50	Wm. Keffer - - - - 22
2 50	C. Crowe - - - - 22
2 00	J. Jardine - - - - 22
2 00	J. Moreland - - - - 22
2 00	S. J. Henderson - - - - 21

XXIX. BATT. MATCH.

(Open to Berlin companies only.) 200 and 500 yards.

- Pte. Henderson, clock, presented by P. Pequegnat; also photo, 14x17.
- Corp. Gildner, slippers, by J. Beauhault.
- Pte. F. Bowman, carving set, by J. Fennell.
- Corp. Martin, gloves, by Brown & Erb.
- Sergt. Brechbill, umbrella rack, by Empire Tea Store.
- Corp. Beckner, 1/2 doz. photos, by H. A. Huber.
- Pte. Figuers, knife, by Gies & Co.
- Corp. Bowman, brush, by C. E. Hoffman.
- Pte. Berger, hat, by Sauder & Co.
- Pte. Horth, handkerchief, by Boehmer & Co.
- Pte. Carpets, cup and saucer, by Simon Yost.
- Pte. Weaver, vase, by D. Devitt.

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The Berlin volunteers, under the command of Capt. Bowman, and headed by the splendid band of the XXIX battalion, attended divine service at St. John's Church on Sunday morning 13th inst. Rev. Mr. Downie officiated, preaching an appropriate and instructive sermon. A portion of the band accompanied the singing of the hymns with their instruments, which was at once unusual and pleasing. Mr. Heinicke has his band in excellent condition. The troops presented a very fine appearance, and showed evidence of good training and discipline.

## QUEBEC.

Lieut. W. E. Cooke, late of the unattached list, and who has recently been appointed to the Canadian Regiment of Artillery, is a graduate of the Royal Military College, Kingston. He arrived here some few days ago and is at present detailed for duty with "B" Battery.

Lieut. Harold Campbell, of the Royal Engineers, and a former resident of this city, left for England on the 6th instant, after having been out on a few months leave.

Lieut. A. Joly de Lotbiniere, of the same corps, will leave here on Sunday night and proceed to India.

The half moon battery, which faced the St. Charles River, and had to be taken down on account of the masonry giving way, is now being replaced with a wooden structure, which will be painted to resemble the adjoining masonry.

One of Quebec's historical buildings narrowly escaped destruction by fire on the afternoon of the 9th instant. The building in question is situated opposite the St. Louis Hotel, and when Wolfe laid siege to the old rock city was the headquarters of General Montcalm.

On Saturday evening, the 12th instant, Staff-Sergt. Dewfall, of the 8th Royal Rifles, was the recipient of a Webley rifle, which was presented to him by the officers of the regiment. The presentation took place in the non-commissioned officers mess rooms. Among the others present were Capt. J. S. Dunbar, E. Montizambert (Adjutant), W. J. Ray, C. J. Dunn, W. C. H. Wood, Ernest F. Würtele and T. Argue (Quartermaster), Lieuts. J. B. Peters, O. B. C. Richardson and W. H. Davidson, Sergt-Major T. P. Ross, Staff-Sergt. J. Mountain, Sergt. Morgan, etc.

Captain J. S. Dunbar, on behalf of the officers, made the presentation, requesting Staff-Sergt. Dewfall's acceptance of the rifle as a mark of their appreciation of his efforts in promoting that most important duty of a soldier, rifle shooting, and wishing him every success in its use.

Staff-Sergt. Dewfall had much pleasure in accepting and thanked the officers for their kindness, stating also that he would in the future endeavour to continue as in the past.

Lieut. W. H. Davidson, of Bisley fame, who has had every opportunity of knowing the services rendered by the Musketry Instructor, briefly stated that the recipient had more than earned this mark of their esteem, as to his knowledge he had on many occasions sacrificed his time to devote same to members of the regiment on the rifle range.

Capt. W. J. Ray, the energetic commander of No. 4 Company, and who had also been a member of the battalion in the old regime, testified to the manner in which Staff-Sergt. Dewfall had then performed his duties in furthering the interests of the shooting members.

The stock of the rifle bears a shield, upon which is engraved:

Presented to  
Staff-Sergt. J. Dewfall, 8th R. R.  
By the officers of the regiment,  
1892.

It may be added that Staff-Sergt. Dewfall has been connected with the regiment for 21 years, prior to which he served with the Quebec Garrison Artillery.

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## THE NINETY-SECOND HIGHLANDERS.

The following interesting letter appeared in the *Toronto Mail*.

SIR, In THE MAIL of September 14th appeared a special from London announcing that "Scotland was seething with indignation in consequence of a series of letters in the London newspapers concerning the conduct of Scotch soldiers in the last Boer war." Since then I have watched the Old Country papers for some confirmation of the truth of this despatch, knowing well that if it were true Scottish newspapers would not allow her sons to be maligned without some attempt at defence.

As a member of the 92nd Highlanders who took part in the fight at Majuba Heights, I deny that the men of our regi-

ment were guilty of cowardice, and I further claim that in the long list of hard fought battles in which Highlanders have won such glory, there never was greater hardihood shown than was evinced by our men on that day.

We held a most difficult and open position, where we were exposed to a steady fire from a concealed enemy 2,000 strong, the best marksmen in the world, from five o'clock in the morning until 2.30 in the afternoon. Out of the one hundred and twenty-one men of our regiment who entered the fight only fifteen escaped.

The despatch referred to says that "The Scotchmen say that their friends decline to be answerable for the cowardice of Whitechapel Highlanders and cockneys clad in lions' skins." As an ex-member of the maligned regiment I disclaim any such defence; such a reflection upon the courage of my English and Irish comrades with whom I served for years, and whom I knew to be brave as men could be, is not at all acceptable to their Scottish companions in arms. Besides, it is not true that men of other countries preponderated in the regiment. Of the 121 Highlanders engaged at Majuba Hill 90 were of Scottish origin; my immediate comrade was an Englishman and a brave man, who died in my arms on the battlefield.

We were not raw recruits, unused to the fire of the enemy. The majority of us had seen active service, having been for thirteen years in India and Afghanistan—three years under the illustrious General Roberts. In that time myself and many of my lamented comrades had been engaged at the battle of Charasigh; the chasing of the Afghans into Cabul; the expedition to Maidau; the assault and capture of Iskht-i-Shah; the capture of Asmai Heights; the battle of Childukitian; the march from Cabul to Kandahar; the battle of Kandahar, where Sir Frederick Roberts paid us the compliment: "Men of the 92nd, you have done more than was required of you."

And these were the men who, according to your special, acted at the battle of Majuba like a herd of calves.

There were only two newspaper men at the battle, the late Mr. Cameron, who was killed in Egypt, and another whose name escapes my memory. Both of these in their reports at the time had only praise for the conduct of the men. Yours, etc.,

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Galt, Nov. 7.

The ever-watchful Auditor-General continues to haunt the Admiralty Lords when sleeping. Again has he got them on the hip by calling attention to the Australian Colonies not stumping up the needful to pay for their naval force. The terms of their contract are plain. Payments for the luxury of being secure from attack are to be made in advance. Seven vessels were put in commission before 31st March, 1891. Here are the names and dates: Tauranga, 27th January; Kingarooma, 3rd February; Boomerang and Karrakatta, 14th February; Wallaroo and Mildura, 18th March; and the Katoomba, 24th of the same month.

Now, although on these dates the money should have been remitted, none was forthcoming. In despair Whitehal officials tried on the game of bluff. They said these seven crafts were not in commission in sufficient time for the contribution payable by the Antipodeans to be recovered and brought to account during last year. This chimerical and frivolous excuse would not wash. A shaking-up match followed with golden results. Sums amounting to £71,730 have now been extracted from Colonists' coffers. Victoria bustled up with £38,000 on the 3rd of December, 1891; £20,712 was drawn out from New Zealand on the 30th January, 1892; while £13,018 dropped in from Queensland on the 2nd of February, 1892. *English Paper*.

Marshal McMahon, who was reported recently to be in ill health, was found out shooting by a correspondent who hunted him up to confirm the rumor. The Marshal and a servant had started out after six o'clock breakfast to trudge through the stubble and long lanes, and return at nightfall with a full bag. The ex-President of France is still, despite his age he is eighty-four—a good shot. His hand is steady and his aim sure. He lives at Laforet, in an unpretending country house, the most attractive feature of which, externally at least, is the veranda overgrown with vines.