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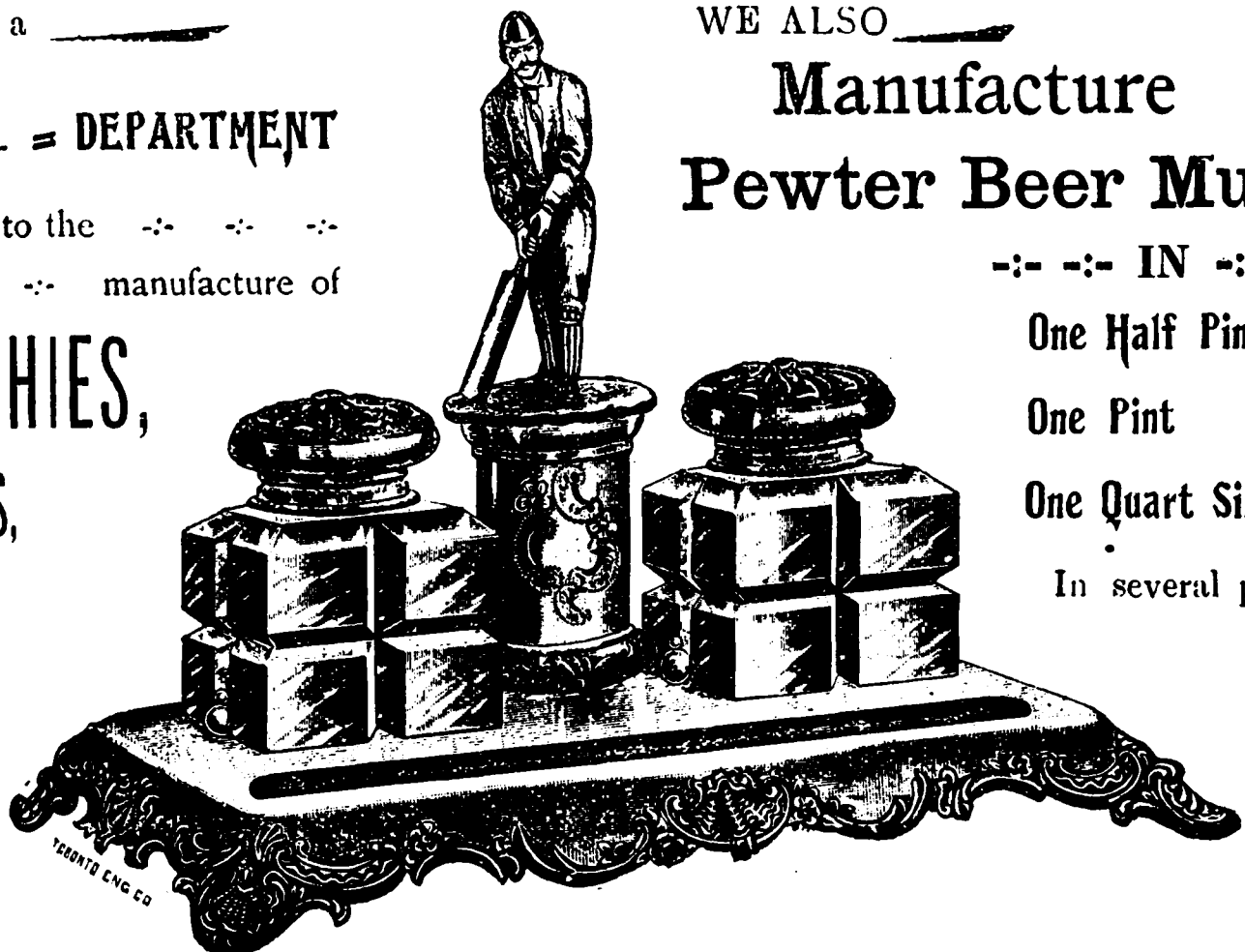
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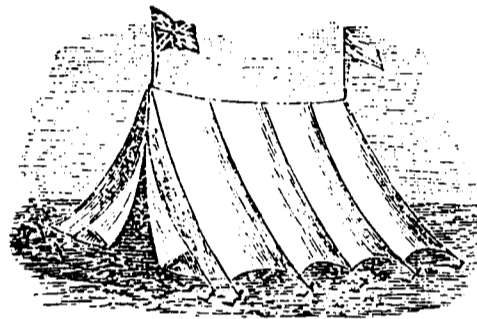
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Notes and Comments

While the members of the Dominion Government were appealing for approval to the members of the House of Commons at Ottawa for their great political ability and noble patriotism in cutting down the meagre Militia estimates over twenty-five per cent, the Imperial House of Commons was administering the *coup de grace* to the Roseberry government because it failed to make proper provision for the defences of the Empire.

Judging from the unseemly manner in which various ministers at Ottawa have been tumbling over one another in their anxiety to announce the successive big reductions in the militia estimates, it

might be supposed that the Ottawa statesman of to-day thinks there is something particularly meritorious in starving the militia. Do these gentlemen pretend that the militia department is the only one to which the pruning knife might be applied?

As a matter of fact it has always been the poorest provided for department in the country and the force has only been kept up by the self sacrifice of those composing it. We venture to say without fear of contradiction that the back bone of the force, the city militia corps, have cost their members as much hard cash to maintain as they have drawn from the Dominion treasury. It is disgraceful to the country that such should have been the case, but what term is strong enough to use in adequately describing the action of the government in deliberately aggravating the scandal, as it is now doing?

With the militia vote as it was the Canadian militia could not be maintained in even a fairly efficient state. We have three as fine batteries of artillery as there are in the world, except that they are armed with antiquated weapons, a couple of small troops of good cavalry, four very indifferent companies of regular infantry and nearly ten thousand city militiamen composing some thirty battalions, on the average nearly as well drilled and disciplined as the average volunteer corps in England. But then they have no arms worthy of the name and no equipment except waist belts and frogs.

Then of course we have the

rural militia, but they cannot be seriously considered as a part of the organized force of the country, simply because no money has been forthcoming to organize them. At the present moment officers and men of many of the rural battalions are hard at work doing the best they can with the very limited opportunities at their command, and are trying at the various brigade camps to acquire some knowledge of military discipline, drill and organization. But what can be done in ten days work in camp? It would be about as reasonable to ask the Minister of Finance to turn a deficit into a surplus as to ask a drill sergeant to take hold of four hundred recruits and turn them out a finely well drilled and disciplined battalion at the end of ten days. And nearly all of the men going into these brigade camps are raw recruits.

If the militia has, in spite of the patriotism and persistent self-sacrifice of its members, been unable to improve upon this really beggarly showing in the past, to what deplorable state of inefficiency will the defences of the Dominion degenerate if this starvation policy just sprung upon the force is to remain in operation?

Instead of reducing the militia vote the government should have materially increased it. The attempt to maintain an effective force on the meagre allowances provided has been proved to be impossible; with its revenues still further curtailed the Canadian Militia service will degenerate into a more miserable force. And this in spite of the facts that the Imperial parliament realizes the

increased importance of strengthening the chain of Imperial defence, that the strength of that chain is regulated by the strength of its weakest link and that the government of the day at Ottawa was returned into power on the strength of its avowed devotion to "the old flag."

The Canadian militia is loyal enough to submit to any necessary economy. If roguery, extravagance or incompetence in other departments of the government have so exhausted the public resources as to make retrenchment necessary, by all means let the pruning-hook do its work, but let it be done judiciously. The government must face the question fairly. The only fair, the only judicious, the only honest alternative to increasing the militia grant is to reduce the strength of the militia force. Cut your clothes by your cloth and if you have not got enough money to keep the militia up to its present nominal strength properly, disband a portion of it and make a thorough provision for the remainder. Do not starve the whole force to death.

We believe, however, that it is the honest desire of all patriotic and loyal Canadians that far from there being any weakening of the militia the force should be strengthened and improved. Canadian sentiment is overwhelmingly British. Our people are proud of the place the country holds as a part of the British Empire, and it will not be with their consent and knowledge if Canada, for the sake of a few hundred thousand dollars a year, continues as the notoriously weak link to jeopardize the whole chain of Imperial defence.

A vigorous militia would be one of the most popular planks a political party could build into its electoral platform, and the carrying of it out, would undoubtedly, in the light of history yet unmade, prove immense practical value not only to Canada but to the whole Empire.

According to all accounts the abolition of ale and lager at militia camp canteens has not been a brilliant success from a temperance point of view. Because the men could not get malt beverages in camp they went where they could get it and stronger beverages in the

neighborhood, and in several camps, at any rate cases, of drunkenness were more frequent than they used to be in the days of old fashioned canteens when the men could get all the wholesome beer they wanted at the canteens. The Canadian Tommy Atkins is no worse, and perhaps no better than his neighbor, but if he wants a glass of beer while he is in camp why should he not have it?

It is fortunate that Lieut.-Col. Anderson is so universally popular and well thought of in the militia that any criticism of the ruling under which he has gone to England as a member of the Bisley team will be set down to personal feeling. It is clearly the intention of the D.R.A. rules that the Bisley team should be restricted to those who are members of the Active Militia at the time of the D.R.A. meeting when the scores are made which entitle the maker to a place on the team. But Lieut.-Colonel Anderson was on the retired list at the time of the D.R.A. meeting last year, and it is hard to see how his subsequent appointment to the mysterious "Special List" could give him the necessary qualification. The authorities of the D.R.A. decided the somewhat similar case of Lieut. Andrews, of the Royal Scots, that he was unqualified to take the place he had won on the Bisley team, because at the time of the D.R.A., though he was drilling with his battalion, and his name had long before gone forward to headquarters, his appointment to the active force had not been gazetted in General Orders. Clearly in the interests of justice and fair play, the condition should be more clearly defined. Meantime there is some satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that in Lieut.-Colonel Anderson the Bisley team this year has a brilliant and reliable shot.

And still the long service decorations come not, and the powers that be at Ottawa appear to have forgotten that the Imperial government has promised to extend this coveted honor to the Canadian Militia. Since we last called attention to this subject the grim reaper, who has none of the procrastinating proclivities of governments, has been busy among the ranks of the veterans who were

proudly looking forward to receiving this Imperial recognition of their long service in the defensive force of their country.

There is a very general opinion among military men that a great mistake has been made in abolishing guard duties at the brigade camps of instruction. True, the ten days the rural corps are in camp does not give the instructors a chance to give them even a smattering instructive and squad drill, but the practical experience of members of the force was that in corps possessing painstaking adjutants and sergeants major, non-commissioned officers and men learned more of discipline, actual drill and care of clothing, etc., on one tour of guard duty than they did during any other four days of camp. Besides what does the country go to the great expense of holding these camps for if it is not for the purpose of giving the militia some idea of field service? It is surely not for the sake of putting a few thousand dollars a year into the pockets of the transportation companies and the favourite government contractors for supplies.

If the time allowed for these camps is too short to devote some time to the most elementary of field duties, and if the government is unable to afford an extension of the time it would be better to avoid the expense of the camps altogether and return to the system of drill at company or battalion headquarters.

The Dominion Rifle Association Matches.

A special meeting of the council of the Dominion Rifle Association has been called for the purpose of considering a change of the date of the Fall meeting from Sept. 2nd as proposed to August 26th. It is just about certain that this change will be effected in which case the of the Ontario and Quebec matches will be as follows:

Province Quebec Rifle Association week beginning August 5th.

Province Ontario Rifle Association week beginning August 19th.

Dominion Rifle Association week beginning August 26th.

Our Supplement.

By the time this paper reaches our subscribers Canada's representatives at the National Rifle Association matches will have reached their destination and be going through the usual five days practice at Cambridge.

As will be seen from the records of the individual members of the team, it is a strong one, and we will hope for another look at the Kolapore cups this fall, even though we know the odds are very much against our team; not only on account of the disparity in the number of shooting men to choose from, but also from the fact that the "mother country" team is picked at the last moment from the men who are at that time in the best shooting form. Were it chosen, as ours is, from twenty men, picked last year, it would materially increase our chance of winning the cups.

MAJOR MARKHAM.

The commandant, Major Markham, is one of the most popular officers of the New Brunswick force, and in the showy uniform of his corps, the 8th Hussars, is a good specimen of the Canadian soldier. Major Markham has always taken a warm interest in rifle shooting. In his hands the interests of the team are safe.

LIEUT. COLSON N. MITCHELL,

adjutant, 90th Battalion, is one of Canada's best known rifle shots and has shown his mettle on the field in the North-west rebellion, as well as on the rifle range. He is no stranger to the National Rifle Association prize meetings, has been one of the Canadian team or many years, so that in every way he is well fitted to guide the team and coach its less experienced members as to the peculiarities of English weather conditions.

PRIVATE HAYHURST,

of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, Ont., is an old Wimbledon shot, and has been but a short time a resident of Canada. He was one of the team in 1894 and is now in Scotland, shooting at the Scottish Rifle, coming in 4th in a 600 yards competition with 34 points.

LIEUT. THOS. MITCHELL,

of the 12th Battalion York Rangers, Aurora, Ont., has a long record as a shooting man. This will be Lieut. Mitchell's eleventh trip to England as a member of the Canadian team. The dates were 1874, '77, '79, '81, '83, '89, '91, '92, '93, and '94.

COL.-SERGT. E. SKEDDEN,

of the 13th Battalion of Infantry, Hamilton, is a new shot. This is the first time he has been on the team. He has made his mark, however, having won places in the Grand Aggregate at the D. R. A. matches in 1891, '92, '93, and 1st aggregate in 1894. He is 35 years of age.

LIEUT. BEDFORD BENT, of the 93rd Battalion, Amherst, N. S., is no novice with the rifle, having been 29th man in the Bisley Aggregate at the D. R. A. in 1891, 22nd in 1893, and 7th in 1894. He is considered one of the best of the many fine shots of the lower provinces, and led the "Blue Noses" in the three matches, over Queen's Ranges, for places in the Inter-Maritime matches with scores of 92, 90, and 95.

PRIVATE J. ROLSTON, of the 37th, or "Haldimand" Battalion of Rifles, York, has five times occupied a place on the team. In 1886 and 1889 he was a member of Lieut.-Col. Hood's team, and was also over in 1885, '92 and '94. He has won the Grand Aggregate at the D. R. A. and many other important matches, and is considered a bad man to shoot against.

LIEUT. T. C. BOVILLE, of the 43rd, "Ottawa and Carleton Battalion of Rifles," was over once before. Lieut. Boville is a strong shot among the hard hitting "Gatineau Beavers," and when on the Bisley Team in '93 was well up in the last stage of the Queens.

CAPT. R. J. SPEARING, of the 53rd "Sherbrooke Battalion of Infantry" was on the team of 1893. He is no neophyte in rifle shooting and a most enthusiastic worker in his district, where he has raised quite a number of promising young shots. Capt. Spearing would have been entitled to 1st Grand Aggregate in 1894 at the D. R. A. matches had it not been that some of the scores, as most of our readers know, were not counted in the official aggregate.

SERGEANT MARRIS, of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, was on the teams of 1879, '81, '85, '87, '90, '91 '92, and one other year, this being his 9th trip. He is one of the "old reliables" and has won mostly all the prizes which are offered to riflemen.

CAPT. W. S. RUSSELL, of the 45th "West Durham" Battalion of Infantry, Bowmanville, was on the team in 1884 and 1886, on both occasions being selected as one of the Canadian eight for the Kolapore cup team; in '86 he also shot himself into the "Queen's Sixty." Captain Russell is one of the workers to whom is due the high standard of the rifle shooting of the 45th Battalion.

STAFF-SERGEANT J. P. NUTTING, of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, has never been over on the team before. He has been shooting on the team of the G. G. F. G. for many years and is a member of their well known prize winning skirmishing combination.

CAPT. W. T. A. WHITE is another comparatively young shot. His record is before him, and from his last season's scores he should do credit to his Battalion, the 14th, of Kingston.

LIEUT.-COL. W. P. ANDERSON, special list, is one of the best known and most popular rifle shots in Canada. He is a worker also and it is largely due to him that the 13rd has become the hive

of fine rifle shots that it has. He has never before been on a team to Bisley or Wimbledon, though on one occasion at least he was waiting man on the list. He will doubtless keep up his record at Bisley and do credit to Canada.

SERGEANT J. BROADHURST,

of the 5th Royal Scots, Montreal, was born in the army and came to Montreal some seven or eight years ago and received his first lesson in shooting in the Scots. In 1892 he showed himself to be a formidable competitor in the P. Q. R. A. matches, winning some of the best prizes from the many good shots who attend that meeting. Since then scores of from 90 to 99 on Queen's ranges have been common enough with Sergeant Broadhurst, and in him the team has a good all-round though comparatively a young shot.

PRIVATE A. TINK,

of the G. G. F. G., Ottawa, was a member of the team in 1893. Private Tink, with his confrere, Staff-Sergt. Nutting, has been a member of the Guard's skirmishing team, and is a good, reliable shot.

GUNNER J. C. CHAMBERLIN,

of the British Columbia Garrison Artillery, is an old member of the 43rd of Ottawa, where he first came to the front as an expert rifleman. He was on the teams of 1882, '83 and '88, and is one of Canada's best known rifleman and is one of the best shots in British Columbia.

STAFF-SERGEANT J. H. SIMPSON,

of the 12th Battalion York Rangers, is a recent arrival from England, and an old Wimbledon shot, having taken part there before as a member of the "Scottish Twenty." He has been a member of the team in 1890, '92, '93 and '94, has won the Governor General's prize, etc., and is certainly as good a shot as any man in Canada. He is one of the strongest men of the team.

SERGEANT-MAJOR C. ARMSTRONG,

1st B. F. A., Guelph, though he has never before been on a Bisley team, is a well known shot, having had his training with such old shots as Ogg, Crowe, etc., and is known as a steady and cool hand.

COL.-SERGT. MEADOWS AND CAPT. W. C. S. MERCER,

of the Queen's Own Rifles, are both well known shots, though it is their first trip as members of the team. They are recognized as the highest scorers of their battalion and will doubtless give a good account of themselves.

SERGEANT J. R. WYNNE,

of the 90th Winnipeg Battalion of Rifles, is an old member of the M. G. A. and 5th Royal Scots, of this city. As a representative of each of these Montreal corps he has been on the team. He was on the teams of 1874, '82 and '85.

News of the Service.

NOTE.—Our readers are respectfully requested to contribute to this department all items of Military News affecting their own corps, districts or friends, coming under their notice. Without we are assisted in this way we cannot make this department as complete as we would desire. Remember that all the doings of every corps are of general interest throughout the entire militia force. You can mail a large package of manuscript, so long as not enclosed in an envelope, for one cent. At any rate, forward copies of your local papers with all references to your corps and your comrades. Address.

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British Columbia.

VICTORIA, June 17.—The special course of instruction imparted by the officers and sergeants of the Royal Marine Artillery stationed here, which commenced in September last, came to an end last week, and the seven officers attending passed with flying colors as will be seen from the following tables:—

THEORETICAL.

Names.	Theoretical Gunnery	Simple Mechanics	Practise.	Coast & Defence.	Total.
H. P. S.	100	50	50	100	300
Lieutenants					
Blanchard	84	45	47	87	263
Gregory	98	48	49	95	290
Jameson	87	39	46	100	272
McConnan	66	29	48	77	220
Ross Monro	71	32	47	91	241
Sargison	90	35	34	88	247
Williams	100	49	42	100	291

PRACTICAL.

Names.	Triangle Gyn	Hydraulic Jacks	Gun Sleights	Mounting Ordnance	Battalion Drill	Total.
H. P. S.	50	50	50	100	50	300
Lieutenants						
Blanchard	41	50	50	85	41	267
Gregory	44	50	46	90	39	269
Jameson	48	50	48	80	35	261
McConnan	38	50	41	80	32	241
Ross Monro	50	50	50	90	48	288
Sargison	50	50	44	85	45	274
Williams	50	50	48	80	37	265

It will be noticed that the percentages obtained were remarkably high, Lieut Gregory, with 559 marks out of 600, making 93 per cent; Lieut. Williams, 556, 91 per cent; Lieut. Jameson, 533, 89 per cent; Lieuts. Blanchard, 530, and Ross Monro, 529, 88 per cent; Lieut. Sargison, 521, 87 per cent; and Lieut. McConnan, 461, 77 per cent. All these officers having now secured first class A certificates, a batch of promotions in the Victoria companies to which they belong will now be in order, there being vacant three majorities and three captaincies.

The satisfaction of the military authorities with the performances of those who took part in the review and shamfight at Victoria in celebration of Her Majesty's birthday is officially expressed in General Orders, published for the information of all concerned. Rear Admiral H. F. Stephenson, the Commander-in-Chief, thus wrote to Lieut.-Col. A. L. S. Burrows, R. M. A., Brigadier; "The Commander-in-Chief has much satisfaction in conveying to Lieut.-Col. Burrows his appreciation of the matter in which the field day in honor of H. M.

birthday was carried out on Beacon Hill. The appearance of the seamen of the Fleet under Lieut. Stileman, of H. M. S. Hyacinth, was excellent. The attack was steady and well delivered, and showed the men were well under command; the march past was very creditable. The Royal Marine detachments under Lieut.-Col. Rawstone were not to be surpassed in appearance or steadiness during the day. The B. C. B. G. A. under Lieut.-Col. Peters showed a marked soldierly bearing and efficiency; considering these gentlemen have rarely the opportunity or time to take part in a brigade field day, both the drill and march past were highly creditable." Major Townley, commanding the Garrison Artillery, in transmitting the Admiral's memo, wrote.

"It must be a matter of gratification to all that the bearing and efficiency of the B. C. B. G. A. called for such a complimentary notice as is just published from the Commander-in-Chief."

There is to be a similar display at Vancouver in connection with the Dominion Day celebration there, for which the warships, the R. M. A., and the B. C. G. A., will go from this city.

In a complimentary notice of the paper on the armament of the Canadian Militia, contributed to the June number of the Canadian Magazine by Captain Winter, the Colonist of this city says:—"British Columbia has a special interest in this matter, for in strange contrast to the modern artillery to be mounted at Esquimalt at a cost of about half a million dollars, the men of the Canadian garrison are encumbered with a weapon so antiquated as to be utterly useless for modern offensive or defensive operations. As they will have to work side by side with the small body of Imperial Royal Marine Artillery and Royal Engineers to be maintained here, the volunteer soldiers should be armed and equipped just as the regulars are.

"No doubt the public take considerable comfort from the reports so often heard of remarkable efficiency displayed upon Canadian rifle ranges and by Canadian marksmen at Bisley, but the illusion thus arising cannot too soon be dispelled. These sharp shooters display their skill, not with the arm of the force they represent, but with the Martini-Henry rifles which they have bought or borrowed. A few still practise, and even take part in local competitions, with the long Snider, but none are so foolish as to waste time and ammunition in attempting to hit with the short Snider—the 'arm' of the B.C. Garrison Artillery.

"Once a year each member of the militia is supposed to fire twenty rounds, at distances up to four hundred yards, in the 'class firing' or official practice. Last year some of the companies in Victoria could not complete this practice because it was evidently impossible to hit the targets except by chance during the wind prevailing at that season. To wait

for a calm is all very well in time of peace but it would hardly do to let an enemy come up unhurt because the wind carried to one side the bullets intended to stop him.

"Whenever Canada calls for soldiers for active service it may be taken for granted that her citizens will fill the ranks immediately. All the drill required can be very quickly learned; but it takes a long time to procure arms and ammunition. It will not do to wait until a war cloud appears before obtaining a supply of the weapons which alone are needed to secure this Dominion against any danger with which she may be threatened."

The prize list of the B. C. R. A., just adopted by the subcommittee, again offers upwards of \$700 in cash prizes for teams and individuals, besides a tempting array of cups, medals and badges and to crown all, provision for a team of eight to be sent at the expense of the provincial association to represent British Columbia at the annual prize competition of the Dominion Rifle Association.

It has been learned with satisfaction that Captain Gray remains a representative of British Columbia on the Council of the D. R. A. The first report which reached here omitted his name, but it incorrectly contained the name of Col. Prior, M. R., as one of the four B. C. representatives, instead of that of Captain Gray. Col. Prior continues to be a member of the council by virtue of the position of vice-president to which he has been re-elected, so that his name should not have been included in the other list.

Halifax, N. S.

On Tuesday evening, 18th inst., the 80th anniversary of the "famed Waterloo" No. 2 Co., H. G. A., commanded by Major Hesslein, and two companies of the 66th P. L. F., commanded by Capts. King and Davison (King senior in command), engaged in a sham fight, which proved to be a very interesting and instructive affair, and was carried out according to the strict rules of modern warfare. The Artillery, numbering 85 strong, undertook to defend a Martello tower in Point Pleasant Park. The Infantry, which was about the same strength, comprised the attacking party. The whole, headed by the splendid drums and fifes of the 66th, marched to the entrance of the park, where the two arms separated, each to make their own arrangements for the attack and defense. The tower is approachable on all sides by six roadways leading from the woods, with which the tower is surrounded. Major Hesslein, anticipating the tactics of Capt. King, sent out a complete circle of "feelers" and posted a section of ten men each to guard and defend each road, with orders to be ready to close on any named section. He kept a reserve of twenty-one men at the tower in readiness



PTE. T. H. HAYHURST, 13th Batt.,
HAMILTON.



LIEUT. THOS. MITCHELL, 12th Batt.,
TORONTO.



COL. SGT. EDWIN SKEDDEN, 13th Batt.,
HAMILTON.



LIEUT. BEDFORD BENT, 93rd Batt.,
AMHERST, N. S.



PTE. J. ROLSTON, 37th Batt.,
HAGERSVILLE.



LIEUT. THOS. C. BOVILLE, 43rd Batt.,
OTTAWA.



CAPT. R. J. SPEARING, 53rd Batt.,
SHERBROOKE.



COL. SGT. H. MARRIS, 15th Batt.,
HAMILTON.



MAJOR ALFRED MARKHAM,
8th Princess Louise's N. B. Hussars, ST. JOHN, N. B.
COMMANDANT.



CAPTAIN COULSON N. MITCHELL, 90th Rifles,
WINNIPEG, MAN.,
ADJUTANT.



CAPT. W. S. RUSSELL, 45th Batt.,
BERLIN.



COL. SGT. J. F. NUTTING, G. G. F. G.,
OTTAWA.



CAPT. W. J. B. WHITE, 14th Batt.,
KINGSTON.



LT. COL. W. P. ANDERSON, S. L.,
OTTAWA.

BISLEY TEAM.
SUPPLEMENT TO THE "CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE."
July 1st, 1895.



SERG. BROADHURST, 5th Royal Scots,
MONTREAL.



PTE. R. R. TINK, G. G. F. G.,
OTTAWA.



GUNNER C. CHAMBERLIN, B. C. B. G. A.,
NEW WESTMINSTER.



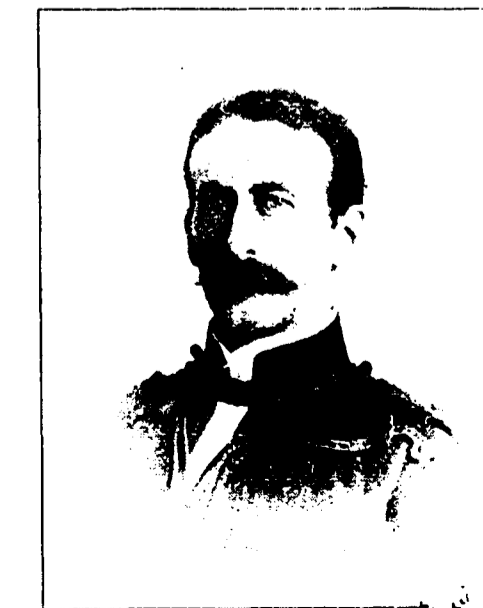
STAFF SGT. J. H. SIMPSON, 14th Batt.,
TORONTO.



SGT. MAJOR CHAS. ARMSTRONG, G. F. B.,
GUELPH.



COL. SGT. W. H. MEADOWS, 2nd Q. O. R.,
TORONTO.



CAPT. M. C. S. MERCER, 2nd Q. O. R.,
TORONTO.



STAFF SGT. J. R. WYNN, 90th Batt.,
WINNIPEG.

to support any part of his "fighting line" which might be hard pressed. The defense had not long to wait, when the attacking party were discovered advancing by five of the six roadways. At one point a very determined effort was made by superior numbers to overpower the artillery, but at the critical moment Major Hesslein sent forward two-thirds of his reserve and kept at bay the attacking force, no part of which were allowed to emerge from the woods. At 10 p.m. the attacking party sounded the "cease firing" which was accepted by the artillery as a "cessation of hostilities." The artillery proved themselves to be troops of resource, and seemed as much at home skirmishing as they are around a big gun. The local papers said of Major Hesslein: "His tactics were not those of a major, but of a major-general." The infantry showed remarkable skill in their plan of attack, and the officers handled their men in a manner which reflects great credit on themselves and on the discipline of the companies. Caution was the watchword on both sides, and there was neither a hitch nor a blunder in the whole affair. The men were supplied with twenty rounds of blank ammunition each, which they husbanded for critical moments. Both parties then formed up and marched back to our "apology for a drill shed." Everything went off with a "swing," particularly the sandwiches, biscuits, cheese, beer, and soft stuff which the officers supplied their men with on return. This, the first bout between the Flatfoots and Plungers is, we hope, the precursor of many similar events.

On the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread" we are glad to see you state that we are to drill for eight days this year, but as you say, some of us have put in twenty-four whole drills already, for I am inclined to think that later on, when inspecting officers are going their rounds, they will not be satisfied with two-thirds of the efficiency which we attained last year, whilst we must be satisfied with two-thirds of the pay. I am glad to see you condemn the practice of corps losing so much time practicing physical drill. Just imagine a man 60 or 65 years old stevedoring all day, and in the evening being "brow-beaten" into the clock-work precision of physical (torture) drill. I say, devote all the time (and there's none too much of it) to teach the men how to march, skirmish, perform a few necessary evolutions, and in using their rifles as a means of defense, not in trying to remove humps, which are as permanent as the "Hill of Howth" or the banks of some of our "good old timers." I belong to as "well set up corps" as there are in the dominion, although we have never been through a course of physical training. That's right, keep pegging at them. In the long run they must come to your way of thinking, and your way of thinking I am sure is endorsed by the active militia to a man.

Yours very truly,

CRAVELCRUSHER.

Colonel Egan's Cups.

At the parade of the 63rd, Wednesday, Lieutenant-Colonel Egan announced that he would present two cups, one for company efficiency and the other for shooting.

The cups are now on exhibition in the window of M. S. Brown & Co., by whom the cups were specially designed and supplied. The supports of the larger cup rest on a stand which is on a base of silver with gold band. Above the band is the regimental badge in raised gold. The stand is of polished silver and the supports of the cup are three flags. The regimental ornament is raised on the face of the cup, and on the cover surmounting the whole is a silver figure of a Canadian soldier standing at ease. On the cover is the inscription: "Presented by Lieut.-Colonel Egan for company efficiency, 1895."

The other cup does not stand quite so high. It is on a gold and silver base and the cup proper is supported by a stand of rifles, resting on which are a laurel wreath and a miniature target. The regimental badge appears on the cup and the inscription, "Presented by Lieut.-Col. Egan, for shooting competition. Company teams of 10. 1895."

The cups are of a splendid design, reflection great credit on Messrs. Brown & Co. The donating of these cups illustrates the pride of the colonel for the regiment and his interest in its efficiency in all branches.—*Halifax Herald.*

Truro, N. S.

Although the weather was very threatening the members of the two teams of the Truro Rifle Club met on the Salmon River Range, Saturday, June 15th, to shoot the second match in the Canadian Rifle League competition. Rain did fall shortly after shooting began, yet the first team made very good scores. The following are the scores:

	200	300	600	T1
FIRST TEAM.				
Capt. T. A. Blackburn, 78th	32	32	33	97
Capt. John Suckling, 78th	27	32	31	90
Lieut. E. C. Cribb, 78th	32	27	31	90
Pte. W. Richardson, 78th	32	30	27	89
Sergt. H. C. Blair, 78th	30	30	28	88
Pte. E. E. McNutt, 78th	28	32	26	86
Pte. Herbert Cook, 78th	28	30	27	85
Lieut. J. Dover, 78th	28	27	28	83
Pte. A. S. Black, 78th	26	28	28	82
Sergt. D. C. Blair, 78th	28	20	18	66
SECOND TEAM.				
Capt. G. A. Layton, 78th	20	26	21	76
H. V. Kent, M.D.	23	30	22	75
Pte. G. A. Christie, 78th	20	26	19	74
B. F. Porter	20	28	17	71
Major H. T. Lawrence, 78th	27	26	20	73
M. K. Langille, D.D.S.	27	24	21	72
Pte. A. McNutt, 78th	20	21	22	63
G. T. Hamilton	25	18	19	62
W. R. Campbell, M.A.	26	13	19	58
Pte. Charles Ross, 78th	23	15	17	55

Burlington, Ont.

Following is the score made by No. 2 team, 20th Battalion, Lorne Rifles, C. M. R. League:

	200	300	500	T1
S. C. Stewart, Lieut.	19	18	11	51
H. Kurtz, Sergt.	27	20	12	59
L. Hemings, Sergt.	21	32	17	73
G. Evans, S. M.	23	19	13	55
J. Reach, Sergt.	17	23	11	51
E. Clark, Corp.	13	27	8	48
S. Thomas, Pte.	21	32	19	75
J. Campbell, Pte.	16	13	21	50
G. Madget, Pte.	21	24	9	57
G. Burns, Pte.	17	21	23	61
Grand total				580

Toronto.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the three city regiments are taking a well-earned rest after the spring season's drill, and as a consequence little or nothing of interest is to be reported.

The spring drill just completed has been very successful, all three regiments turning out strong, and in the 48th Highlanders the record was made so far as attendance at any one parade since the regiment was formed.

No doubt the new Drill Hall and the 24th of May outings were in a large measure responsible for the parades of the past season, and it remains to be seen whether the delightful preparations for the Gzowski efficiency farce will be the means of maintaining the strength and efficiency shown in the season just closed. Judging by the success which attended one company in putting in their target practice for the competition a few Saturdays ago, prospects do not seem to be very bright.

The opening of the 200-yard butt has made the Saturday afternoon practices much more enjoyable, but a great deal remains to be done by all three regiments in interesting the novices than has yet been shown.

The competition among the first class shots now-a-days seems to require that all their time must be devoted to their own practice, and although all the regiments have officer instructors and sergeant instructors, the novices are to a great extent left to their own devices to fathom the mysteries of changing lights, fish-tail winds, etc.

In fact an incident occurred where a novice, who had been left to score at one of the targets, was giving bulls eyes for outers until an older shot came along and pointed out his error, but not until some tickets had passed through his hands.

It is an old saying that rifle shooting causes a great many men to be selfish and jealous of giving a colt the benefit of advice lest it should help him to become a dangerous competitor, but I think that if a little more of the spices which prompted and yet prompts quite a few of our best shooting men could be distributed a little more the results would be encouraging, not only to the regiments but to those who go up honestly trying to do their best, yet discouraged by the bigness of the task which appears before them.

Surely the experience of the 13th Battalion in the last competition, and even the record that they are making this year, would prove to those in authority here that the same results would follow the same amount of application and instruction.

Complaint appears in the columns of an evening paper of the woeful lack of attention on the part of the officers as regards attendance at the ranges, not only absence when detailed for duty but absence and lack of interest in the shooting itself.

The officers of the Q.O.R. are fairly well represented, but very few of the officers of the Grenadiers or Highlanders are known as rifle shots to the frequenters of

the ranges, and since the retirement of Lieut. Pringle from the Grenadiers the bulk if not all of the work of that regiment devolves on the shoulder of Major Bruce.

Lieut. Pringle was one of the hardest workers in the shooting line that the Grenadiers have ever had, and his work last year redounded with credit to his regiment and to himself. The 48th have only three or four who take what one might term a whole-souled interest in rifle shooting, and even in that nursery of rifle shots the Queen's Own, with a full complement of officers, the number of enthusiasts in this line number about ten, less than one-third of their complement.

A strange feature about this is the fact that a major in each regiment seems to be the leading spirit in encouraging rifle practice and the greater part of their assistants hold the rank of lieutenant.

It seems unanswerable how a company commander can hope to have an efficient shooting company, or can hope if ever called upon to do any judging distance or direct his company in an efficient manner, if just as much pains be not taken to get himself thoroughly up in this work as to get up the work necessary to pass well before the inspecting officer. Possibly the one entails too much deprivation of other pleasures and does not give the same opportunity for display as parading does.

A very cheap ugly looking fence is being erected around the grounds of the Drill Hall, and the structure, which many claim to be the finest in the Dominion, is certainly not enhanced by this latest piece of woodwork.

Not alone that, but thanks to the great consideration the City Council ever gives to the volunteers, the contractor has been restrained from closing up Osgoode street to the public.

The volunteers were under the impression that opening up the street to the north was done so that all the ground between the Hall and Osgoode Hall could be fenced in and used as a parade ground, but now the council steps in and is averse to closing the street unless the authorities give some undertaking that the citizens may have the use of this ground as a park.

The avenue and the Queen's Park adjoining do not seem sufficient for the citizens for breathing purposes, and as far as the avenue is concerned, no wonder, because the very few seats that are distributed therein are used during the greater part of the day by a dirty lot of tramps, who, if they are not eating from some vile looking parcels are conducting themselves in a manner offensive to all decent people.

It never strikes our council that the volunteers are entitled to any consideration, and perhaps they are taking this way of showing their appreciation for the credit the volunteers have brought to the city and their ever readiness at all times, and despite inconvenience or expense to themselves to assist at any celebration ever gotten up by the members of the City Council. Kipling's ideas of the

treatment meted out to Tommy Atkins seems to fit in the ways of our council.

The Morris Tube competitions that have been going on at the Q.O.R. Sergeants' Mess for the past two months closed on the 15th of June. The bicycle, presented by the Monarch Bicycle Co., for the 10 highest scores made at 200, 500 and 600 yards, was won by Supernumary Sergeant T. Westman with the magnificent score of 703 points. Sergeant Westman's highest score was 74 points out of 75, and his lowest was 69.

Staff-Sergeant G. M. Donnelly came second with a score of 682 points, and won a handsome silver-mounted pipe, presented by Mr. Alexander Muir, an honorary member of the mess.

Considerable interest has been taken in Morris Tube shooting up here, and promises considerable sport among all regiments as soon as the shooting season on the Long Branch ranges closes. The sergeants of the Q.O.R. are to be congratulated on the success of their range and the gratifying results of their enterprise.

The members of "B" company have for the past few years held two outings, one in winter and the other in summer.

Their last one on Saturday, the 16th inst., was by far the most successful in the history of the company. Under Capt. Lleoyd, with Lieut. Palmer as second in command, and headed by the bugle band, they visited the summer residence of Major Pellatt, at Victoria Park.

A regular programme of work was gone through, a plentiful supply of blank cartridges, making the firing exercises more interesting than the ordinary falling of hammers on nipple caps, and this being over Capt. Lleoyd presented to Mrs. Pellatt a large handsome photograph of "B" company as commanded by the late officer, Major Pellatt. After Capt. Lleoyd's remarks had been supplemented by those of Lieut. Palmer, and a hearty acceptance on Mrs. Pellatt's behalf, gracefully tendered by Major Pellatt, arms were piled and refreshments provided by Caterer Webb were partaken of. A brief concert terminated the proceedings, and the arrival of the boat to convey the company back to the city arrived by far too soon for those who were enjoying to such a degree the hospitalities provided by such generous and painstaking hosts as Major and Mrs. Pellatt proved to be.

Major Pellatt is filling the position of Brigade Major at the Niagara camp, and Major Macdonald of the 48th is Officer Instructor.

It is generally reported that the city corps are only going to get eight days' pay this year instead of twelve as heretofore.

Considering the drills already completed by the three regiments, and the expenses already incurred, which, owing to the removal into the Drill Hall have been heavier than past seasons, they have sufficient of a burden to bear without the Government increasing it.

Should the rumor prove true it will have a disheartening effect on all ranks,

as no one after the reports of the protest entered by the deputation to Ottawa, and the replies made thereto, anticipated any such action, and would regard such a step as a breach of faith on the part of the Government and a disinclination to attach much faith in their promises for the future.

A very pleasant evening was spent on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Q.O.R. Sergeants' Mess, the occasion being the presentation of the prizes won in the recent competition.

The members of the mess took the opportunity afforded and presented Color-Sergeant Meadows with a very handsome Jeffrey shooting case, coupled with their best wishes for his success as a member of the Bisley team. The presentation was a complete surprise to Color-Sergeant Meadows, who, in a few brief remarks, returned his thanks for the handsome gift and the many kind wishes for his success which had been expressed that evening. He assured them that he would do his best to acquit himself in a manner worthy of his regiment and fellow sergeants.

The Union station was a regular rendezvous of rifle shots on Thursday evening, the 21st inst., the occasion being the departure of Toronto's contingent to the Bisley team—Capt. Mercer and Color-Sergeant Meadows of the Q.O.R., and Lieut. T. Mitchell of the 15th York Rangers.

The bugle band of the Q.O.R. were present and helped in the farewells given.

Amongst others on the platform were Major Delamere, Capt. Mason and Rennie, Lieuts. Crean, McNeil, Crooks, Capt. Kirkpatrick, Sergt.-Major George, and a majority of the sergeants of the Queen's Own, Mr. Alex. Muir, Major Bruce, Capt. Macdonald, and Lieut. Cartwright, Secretary O.R.A.

Kingston.

KINGSTON, June 24th—The so-called "annual" camp is in full swing under command of Lt.-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., assisted by the following staff:

Brigade Major—Captain Hemming, R. C. I., Toronto.

Supply officer—Major Heron, G G F G.

Camp Quartermaster—Major Biggar, 16th Battalion.

Instructor of Musketry—Captain Hora, 14th Battalion P W O R.

Orderly officer—Lieutenant March, 8th Hussars.

Principal medical officer—Dr. Neilson, "A" Battery, R C A.

Non Commissioned Officers' Staff.

Brigade Sergeant-Major—Sergeant-Major Butcher, R R C I, Toronto.

Supply Sergeant—Sergeant Pegg, G G F G.

Camp Quartermaster Sergeant—Sergeant Ward, G G F G.

Instructor of Musketry Sergeant—Sergeant Roothame, 14th P W O R.

Hospital Sergeant—Sergeant McIntosh "A" Battery, R C A.

Brigade Orderly Room Clerk—Sergeant Newham.

Brigade Bugler—Bugler Cotton, 14th P W O R.

There are in all six corps in camp—two of cavalry, and four of infantry and rifles as follows :

3rd Prince of Wales' Dragoons, four troops, Lt-Col. H. C. Rogers in command 181 officers and men, 152 horses.

4th Hussars—4 troops, Lt-Col. Duff in command, 192 officers and men, 167 horses.

40th Northumberland Batt., Lt-Col. R. Z. Rogers in command, eight companies, 341 officers and men.

46th East Durham Batt. infantry, Lt-Col. Benson in command, six companies, 253 officers and men.

49th Hastings Batt. Rifles, Lt-Col. Brown commanding, six companies, 261 officers and men.

56th Grenville Batt. "Lisgar Rifles," Lt-Col. Campbell commanding, seven companies, 291 officers and men.

Total strength of the camp, including the staff, 1410 non-coms. and men, 123 officers. Total officers and men 1533. Including the mounts of the infantry officers, there are 339 horses in camp. These figures were compiled from the marching in states, and may not of course be perfectly accurate, but the total is within 50 of being correct.

Lt-Col. Rogers of the 3rd Dragoons complains very much of the treatment accorded to his corps by the G.T.R. company. The corps was promised a special through train to Kingston, but in spite of this was kept waiting at Belleville for three hours, and the train was divided and that portion on which the horses were was sent on in advance of the men.

The Brigade Hospital is in charge of Brigade Hospital Sergt. McIntosh of "A" Field Battery. Two cavalymen, are in hospital, suffering from injuries received by being thrown from their horses, another man is laid up by a wound inflicted by a kick from a horse, a third man cut his foot with an axe, and was placed in the Brigade Hospital, while there are numerous cases of swelled eyelids, sun burned faces, tonsillitis, dysentery, etc.

Captain Sweatman is applying for a permanent transfer from the Royal Grenadiers to the 4th Hussars. He will still reside in Toronto, but will attend camp each year with the Hussars, if the transfer is made.

Surgeon Willoughby, M I. A. of the 40th Battalion, had his arm broken, and his wrist dislocated a few days ago, by being thrown over the wheel of his buggy as he was getting into the rig at Colborne. He was consequently prevented from joining his battalion in camp, and Assistant Surgeon O'Gorman arrived yesterday to take his place.

The immense advantage that a corps whose officers are expert marksmen has over one in which the officers know nothing about rifle-shooting, is demonstrated every day at the ranges. Captain Hora, Musketry Instructor, and his assistant, cannot possibly coach every man who requires instruction—and there are very few who do not. Fully one-half—if not more than that proportion of the men engaged at the ranges each day, must be

allowed to fire without instruction, while the instructors are engaged with the remainder. When it happens that the officers of the corps to which the men belong, understand and can explain the use of the rifle, no man need go without coaching, and the result is seen in the very much higher scores made.

Yesterday while one company was firing at the 200 yard range, 20 men fired 5 rounds each and the target was not touched once. Captain Hora and his assistant were busy with other squads, which were making bulls eyes and inners with gratifying frequency. As it is, of the time spent on target practice, fully one-half is almost entirely wasted.

The ammunition supplied this year is of wretchedly poor quality. In hundreds of cases, the cap in the base of the shell will not explode; in other cases the cap explodes, but the powder will not ignite, while in other cases yet, the powder is so weak that the bullets drop fifty to one hundred yards short of the targets, and in many cases fall a short distance from the muzzle. The sound made by the bullets in their flight is sufficient to tell that the powder is of a very inferior quality, and the missiles are nearly twice as long in reaching the targets as when the powder is fresh and strong.

There is not a sufficiently large number of targets available, and much valuable time is lost on this account.

This Episcopalians of the brigade under Lt-Col. Cotton, D.A.G., attended divine service in St. Georges' Cathedral on Sunday in company with the 14th, P.W. O.R, "A" Battery, R. C. A., and the Royal Military College Cadets. The Presbyterians attended St. Andrews' Church, and the Roman Catholics went to St. Mary's Cathedral.

A meeting of the commanding officers of the various corps will be held on Wednesday evening next in the brigade mess tent to discuss the advisability of holding a military tournament.

The Hon. the Minister of Militia will be in the city on Wednesday next to attend the closing exercises of the Royal Military College and will inspect the brigade during the forenoon of the day named.

A list has been opened at "A" Battery barracks, which may be signed by those men who are desirous of leaving the corps. Forty-nine men signed on the first day the list was opened.

A detachment from the Quebec companies will arrive here soon, to take the places of those who have been thus discharged.

Sergt.-Major Kelly of the Army Gymnastic Staff, arrived here to-day from Halifax, N. S., for his athletic contest with Sergt.-Major Morgans, R. M. C. which takes place on Tuesday evening. Betting here is strongly in favor of Morgans.

In my letter to the Gazette, a few weeks ago, I stated that the Winnipeg Field Battery fired the signal to the steamer Northcote on the morning of

May 9th, 1885, just before the opening of the engagement at Batoche. I was under the impression, when the letter was written, that I was correct, but I have since discovered that the signal shot was fired by "A" Battery R.C.A. and not by the Winnipeg Field Battery. Staff-Sergt. (then corporal) Low of "A" Battery is entitled to the honor, and Vedette hereby makes apology to him for the mistake.

VEDETTE.

Quebec.

24th June, 1895.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars are about completing their mounted drills and will be ready for inspection. During the week Capt. R. E. W. Turner took his troop out for a long ride in the country, although the weather was as disagreeable as could possibly be not a trooper took advantage of the offer to remain in the Drill Hall and take up other duties in lieu of the ride, but all accompanied their captain.

It is safe to state that the work being done by this officer is beneficial to his men and the energy shown worthy of being followed by others.

On the 10th of June the R. C. A. Minstrels gave a performance in Tara Hall. Much credit is due for the way in which they carry out their work and for the amusement they contribute from time to time to the Quebec public.

The 8th Royal Rifles have returned their arms, clothing and accoutrements into store, and have been paid for the period of their annual training. The rifle teams in connection with this corps are doing some excellent shooting. On the 8th inst. the following obtained over 90 points :

Lieut. W. H. Davidson.....	95
Lieut. R. J. Davidson.....	92
Corporal A. R. Swift.....	91

On the 12th inst. two members of the team obtained 90 points :

Lieut. R. J. Davidson.....	90
Lieut. E. R. Hale.....	90

The district camp opens this week with the following staff: In Command, Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G.; Brigade Major, Capt. Fages, Royal Canadian Artillery; Camp Quartermaster, Capt. Imlah, Royal Canadian Artillery; Musketry Instructor, Lieut. H. A. Panet, Royal Canadian Artillery; Supply Officer, Major Vien, Levis Garrison Artillery; Principal Medical Officer, Deputy Surgeon General C. Sewell. Tuesday, the 25th inst., is the day fixed for the opening of the camp.

The R.C.A. band performed on the Terrace on the evening of the 15th inst. It is needless to state that the large number of people present were delighted with the music.

The short-sighted policy of the Government in the direction of the reduction in the permanent militia was clearly manifested on Sunday when the church parade was far weaker in numbers than heretofore. It is to be regretted that it

was deemed necessary to reduce expenses in this manner. The saving is not such a large amount but that it could have been easily obtained from some other source and without the evil effect which it has and will produce in the permanent force. No difficulty was experienced in the way of making the change. Doubtless it has resulted in the artillery losing some of the best material they had.

Mr. H. F. Burstall, of the R.C.A., Kingston, is spending a few holidays in this city.

Capt. B. A. Scott, of Roberval, visited Quebec on business during the week and has returned home again.

Capt. Duncau MacPherson, R.I., was recently here for a day.

The Government's replies to Mr. Mullock's questions touching upon the last appointment to the Royal Canadian Dragoons are very inconsistent, and show a disregard for the efficiency of the force which is by no means commendable. Military men in the House of Commons appear to be quite out of touch with militia matters. Surely if they took a deeper interest in the future welfare of the force such appointments would not be permitted to pass unchallenged. So far as it has taken a civilian to look into matters. This cannot be viewed as flattering to military men who do not manifest sufficient interest or courage to stand up for the militia, which will suffer considerably when the Government refuses to make use of the best material available for selections for appointments to the commissioned ranks.

PATROL.

Montreal.

The event of the past two weeks, so far as the local corps are concerned, was undoubtedly the annual inspection of the 5th Royal Scots on Saturday, June 22nd. The inspecting officer was Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., and he voiced the opinion of all the spectators, when addressing the battalion at the close of the inspection he said that he thought it was the best inspection the battalion had ever passed. Colonel Houghton added that he doubted whether the inspection had been surpassed by any he had held this year. About the usual routine of inspection was followed. The battalion excelled in the manual and firing exercises and physical drill, but the battalion drill, particularly the square work, was very good. The effect of the battalion movements was in several cases somewhat marred by the mistakes of the color party. The regiment was well turned out, though the want of a full dress head dress was generally commented upon. That is soon going to be remedied, however, for the feather bonnet fund is attaining respectable dimensions. The latest contribution is a cheque for \$250, received from Mr. W. McDonald. The parade was 293 all told, the detail being as follows: Lieut.-Col. Strathy, Majors Ibbotson and Blaiklock; Adjutant, Major Lydon. No. 1 company, Lieuts.

Campbell and Evans, 49 rank and file; No. 2 company, Capt. Sims, Lieut. Miller, 46; No. 3 company, Capt. Ibbotson, Lieuts. Oliver and Meighen, 42; No. 4 company, Capt. Cantlie, Lieut. Burns, 46; No. 5 company, Capt. Browne, Lieut. Armstrong, 46; No. 6 company, Capt. Cameron, Lieuts. Forbes and Adair, 43; Capt. Foulis, Quartermaster; Major Foster, Paymaster.

The announcement made in the CANADIAN MILITARY GAZETTE that the Government proposed only to allow eight days' pay to city corps fell like a bombshell among the members of the Montreal force. A meeting of the commanding officers of the city militia corps was held last Wednesday afternoon, when it was decided to make strenuous efforts to induce the Government to reconsider its decision to allow only eight days' drill pay to city militia battalions this year, instead of the twelve days' pay usually allowed. Arrangements were made for communicating with the commanding officers in Toronto and other militia centres with the object of securing a joint deputation to go to Ottawa and interview the Minister of Militia.

The commanding officers' inspections of the Garrison Artillery and the 65th Battalion took place Monday, both battalions parading in full strength. The Artillery spent Dominion Day in Toronto, the 65th go to Quebec.

The Royal Scots visit Ottawa on the national holiday.

Major Macaulay, of the 6th Fusiliers, has left for England on leave.

The 85th Battalion are drilling a detachment for the ceremonies connected with the inauguration of the Maisonneuve monument on Dominion Day.

Quite a number of local militiamen went down to the Parisian Saturday evening last to bid "en revoir" to the Bisley team. Sergeant Broadhurst, of the Royal Scots, was played to the ship by the band of the regiment.

Quite a number of local militiamen have visited the camp of the Fifth Military District at Lapraric. Camp will be struck on the 6th of July. The force in camp consists of thirty men of the Royal Regiment of Canadian Infantry, St. Johns, under Major Young; the 6th Regiment, Duke of Connaught's Own Canadian Hussars, Lieut.-Col. McArthur, 168 men; 64th Batt. Beauharnois Rifles, Lieut.-Col. Deslauriers, 200 men; 76th Chateauguay Batt., Lieut.-Col. Goudreau, 260 men; 83rd Joliette Batt., Lieut.-Col. Sheppard, 250 men; 86th Three Rivers Batt., Lieut.-Col. Dixon, 260 men. The staff of the camp consists of Lieut.-Col. Houghton, Commandant; Major Roy, Brigade Major; Capt. Carrier, 85th Batt., Camp Quartermaster; Lieut.-Col. Aubry, 85th Batt., Supply Officer; Major Radiger, Victoria Rifles, Musketry Instructor. Most of the men are recruits who have never been drilled before, and the battalions made any-

thing but a creditable appearance when they marched in, except the cavalry.

No. 5 company of the 65th Battalion has completed the competition for the marksman's badge, presented by Capt. Thibaudau. It was won by Sergeant Aumond with a score of 53 points.

The 65th Battalion, as usual, furnished a guard of honor for the host at the Fete Dieu procession.

At a parade of the Royal Scots on Thursday, 28th June, the result of the company competitions were announced. Lieut.-Col. Strathy's challenge cup for drill was won by D company, Capt. Cantlie, with 76 points; C company 2nd with 75 points, and the other companies in order as follows: E company, 69; F 68; A 67; B 65. The cup given by Major Ibbotson for the right-half battalion company, with the best attendance at annual drill, was won by A company. D company won the similar trophy offered for competition among the companies of the left-half battalion by Major Blaiklock.

P. W. R. at St. George's.

The Prince of Wales Rifles held their annual church parade June 2nd, the muster being 18 officers and 250 men, headed by the band of the regiment, Lieut.-Col. Butler in command. The regiment lined up on the Champ de Mars, from which they marched by way of St. James, Beaver Hall and Dorchester streets, to St. George's church, where their chaplain, the Very Rev. Dean Carmichael, officiated. The regiment got a little shower, but arrived at the church in time to escape the heavy shower that fell a little later. Service was commenced at 4.15 by singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Dean in the course of his sermon said that every life had its responsibilities, the life of a soldier being no exception. "Volunteering has often been called playing at soldiers, but in our country it is impossible to say that as the volunteers of Canada have defended our country at the risk of life and have added several pages of glorious annals to the history of our fair country. The volunteers have done more than simply wear their uniforms, as they have seen active service in them, and in any sudden emergency the defence of Canada is in their hands. We have already done so successfully, and are no doubt able to do so again if called upon to do so. Now two parties have to learn lessons from this fact. The dominion government may learn that the worst and most expensive course it can pursue is to teach the country that it can do without its militia for economic purposes. The country should be taught that it will have to depend on its military, and nothing should be omitted to make that militia effective. Though it is impossible to create a standing army we should have a militia which would be capable of doing the work of standing armies in other countries. There should never be

any trouble as we often read of, about uniforms, pay and buildings for drill and so on. The Volunteer movement has been of real value to the country in crushing rebellion, maintaining peace and defending our borders, and if it should ever again be called to do so it should be able to respond to the call as an efficient body of loyal and disciplined soldiers."

After the parade Lieut.-Col. Hood, as Captain of No. 1 Company, said that as five members of the company had failed to attend the parade, three of them having no legitimate excuse, he intended presenting them to His Honor the Police Magistrate.

Canadian Military Rifle League.

The following scores in the first match were received too late for publication in the issue of the 15th ult.

1st SERIES—MARTINI.

75th Batt. 3rd Team, Bowmanville.....	870
20th Batt. Georgetown and Milton.....	823
10th Batt. Toronto.....	815
Frontier R. A., Huntingdon.....	765
Halifax G. A. 4th team.....	715
Kings Co. R. A. 2nd team.....	714
do do 3rd team.....	530

The score of the 45, third team, which places them 4th in the match was made on the 8th June, as the range was undergoing repairs on the 1st June.

2nd SERIES—SNIDER.

10th R. G. Toronto.....	547
20th Batt. 2nd team Burlington.....	528
20th " 3rd team Campbellville.....	509
20th " 5th team Norval.....	333

ERRATUM.

In the report of the 1st match 2nd series, (Snider) the score of the Temiscouata Rifle Association, published as 786, should have read 796, placing this team 3rd on the Snider series.

2ND MATCH, JUNE 15th

The second match was shot in the 15th June except by the Montreal teams, who fired on the 8th, and the scores, both team and individual, are well ahead of those of the first match. The team score of the Guelph R.A. 931, is a remarkable one; while that excellent shooting Batt. the 13th, takes second place with the fine total of 904. The leaders in the first match, the 1st team of the 43rd Battalion seems to have been a little "off" as their score 846 was only two points ahead of the 2nd team from the same Batt.

Sgt. J. H. Simpson, of the Guelph R. A. repeated his remarkable score of the 1st June, 101, and Sergt. Armstrong, also Guelph R. A., and Capt. R. Dillon, Oshawa, each made the century. In the individual scores of the first match the names of Lt. Conbry, 30th Batt. and Pte Conbry, 30th Batt. should have read "Conboy."

MARTINI SERIES 2nd MATCH

Guelph Rifle Association.

	200	500	600	Total
J H Simpson.....	33	31	31	101
C Armstrong.....	32	31	31	100
John Crowe.....	32	30	33	95
H B Heller.....	33	32	30	95
Geo A Sleeman.....	27	35	32	94
W Macdonald.....	31	30	32	93
Chas Crowe.....	30	32	31	93

John Ogg.....	30	31	29	90
W Gould.....	31	28	28	87
Geo Sleeman.....	28	32	29	89
	307	318	306	931

Weather fine, wind light to nil; light bright, fouling, damp.

13TH BATTALION.

Pte T Bentram.....	29	32	33	94
Sgt D Garson.....	31	31	32	94
Pte A Murdock.....	29	34	31	94
Sgt T Mitchell.....	29	34	30	93
Col Sergt E Skedden.....	32	33	28	93
Lt W L Ross.....	29	30	33	92
Sergt H Marris.....	32	30	29	91
Sgt D Mitchell.....	31	31	27	89
Sergt Maj Huggins.....	30	27	30	87
Sergt A Miller.....	23	29	25	77
	295	311	298	904

Weather fine, wind light, light good.

BR, COLN G. A. NO 4 CO. NEW WESTMINSTER.

Gunner G Turnbull.....	32	31	33	96
" H C Chamberlain.....	30	33	31	94
" W Millar.....	31	32	31	94
" A J Sloan.....	30	31	28	89
" J H Sharpe.....	30	28	30	88
" W J Corbett.....	30	29	29	88
" W Huston.....	31	31	26	88
" R Wilson.....	29	30	28	87
" A F Cotton.....	28	31	27	86
" A Leslie.....	30	31	23	84
	301	307	286	894

Weather, cloudy, fresh breeze, light dull.

NO. 1 TEAM 45th BATT. LINDSAY.

Pte P G Pillkie.....	32	33	32	97
Lt J A Williamson.....	32	32	29	93
Pte J H Oliver.....	32	32	27	91
Major S Hughes.....	31	32	27	90
Pte D Sinclair.....	31	31	27	89
Sgt R H Sylvester.....	31	32	26	89
Pte J H Southern.....	33	31	24	88
Pte W Kenney.....	31	31	25	87
Pte J Blackwell.....	32	30	25	87
Capt E H Hopkins.....	32	29	19	80
	317	313	261	891

QUEENS OWN RIFLES 1st TEAM.

Lt Crean.....	30	31	33	94
Corpl White.....	31	33	27	91
Sergt Ashall.....	30	32	28	90
Lieut M Hall.....	30	33	27	90
Capt Rennie.....	29	35	26	90
Sergt Creighton.....	31	29	29	89
Col'r Sergt Meadows.....	30	29	28	87
Pte Hutcheson.....	28	32	26	86
Capt Mercer.....	29	31	25	85
Lt Davidson.....	29	29	29	87
	294	314	278	886

50TH BATTALION, CORNWALL.

Lt G W Rummings.....	33	31	30	94
Lt R Corrigan.....	31	31	31	93
Lt J L Weller.....	32	29	31	92
Capt J F Smart.....	26	33	32	91
Pte E H Brown.....	30	33	27	90
Bug A T Porteous.....	32	26	31	89
Pte A McDonald.....	27	31	29	87
Sgt A Smith.....	30	25	31	86
Pte J F Abbott.....	29	25	28	82
Pte E Rummings.....	24	32	25	81
	294	296	295	885

Weather fine, wind front fish-tail, light bright.

HESPELER RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A Jardine.....	31	31	29	91
P Jardine.....	31	29	32	92
J Moroland.....	29	33	28	90
E Limpert.....	31	31	24	86
J Gilchrist.....	26	32	30	88
John Jardine.....	26	34	28	88
John Limpert.....	32	31	25	88
J Wayper.....	30	25	32	87
W Keffer.....	31	28	28	87
B Charlesworth.....	25	29	25	79
	294	306	281	881

NEXT IN ORDER.

Co Grey R A, Owen Sound.....	863
Truro R C. 1st team.....	856
10th R G, Toronto.....	848
43rd, 1st team, Ottawa.....	846
43rd, 2nd team.....	844
7th, London.....	844
48th, 1st team.....	840
45th 3rd team, Bowmanville.....	83

G G F G 1st team, Ottawa.....	839
Kings Co R A 1st team, Kentville.....	839
20th, Georgetown and Milton.....	830
8th 1st team, Quebec.....	830
Ottawa R C.....	824
57th, Peterborough.....	819
Sussex Vale R C, Sussex N B.....	815
6th 1st team, Montreal.....	813
Frontier R A, Huntingdon.....	807
3rd Vics, 1st team, Montreal.....	792
Montreal G A.....	783
77th, Dundas.....	783
Halifax G A, 1st team.....	782
Halifax G A, 2nd team.....	781
Royal Can. Art., 1st team, Quebec.....	778
Oshawa R C.....	772
62nd 1st team, St. John.....	772
43rd 3rd team.....	757
14th, Kingston.....	750
45th 2nd team, Lindsay.....	753
5th R. S. 1st team, Montreal.....	745
St. John Rifle Co., St. John, N. B.....	738
Tilbury East R A, 1st team.....	730
3rd Vics, 2nd team.....	733
43rd 4th team.....	732
Sudbury R A.....	722
Tilbury East R A, 2nd team.....	719
37th, Hagarville.....	711
No. 2 Co. R C R I, Toronto.....	709
Kings Co. R A, 2nd team.....	709
71st, Frontenac.....	702
63rd, Halifax.....	699
Pembroke R C.....	699
48th, 2nd team.....	695
G G F G, 2nd team.....	688
69th, 1st team.....	688
Truro R C, 2nd team.....	682
Kings Co R A, 3rd team.....	681
Cobourg R A.....	677
Mattawa R C.....	671
1st P W R, 2nd team.....	619
8th.....	600
69th.....	588
Halifax G A 4th.....	580
R C A 2nd.....	577
72nd 2nd.....	555
72nd 1st.....	543
6th 2nd.....	535
Soekwell R C.....	532
62nd 2nd.....	505
5th R S 2nd.....	490
H G A 3rd.....	472
5th R S 2nd.....	490
1st P W R 3rd.....	461
R C A 4th.....	440
R C A 3rd.....	392
72nd 3rd.....	379

The following are some of the good scores in the various teams, not detailed:

R Dillon, Oshawa R C.....	100
T H Blackburn, Truro, R C.....	97
Sgt Harp, 48th Highlander.....	97
M M Kerr, Tilbury East R A.....	96
C M Lang, Co Grey R A.....	95
Chas Gordon, do.....	95
Co Windatt, 10 Batt.....	94
Pte McVittee, 48th.....	94
Pte E E English, 77th.....	94
Cop W P Moore, 20th.....	93
Pte R W Fox, 20th.....	93
Major Panton, 20th.....	93
Sergt S Short, 43rd.....	93

2nd SERIES, SNIDER.

13th BATT., 1st TEAM.

	200	400	500	Total
Sgt H McNully.....	30	34	31	95
Sgt H B Hopkins.....	31	31	33	95
Major J J Mason.....	30	34	30	94
Sergt E T Rymal.....	30	31	27	91
Lieut A Palm.....	28	31	31	90
Pte J Cleaves.....	30	32	27	89
Pte A Robertson.....	29	29	30	88
Sgt W Will.....	31	30	27	88
Sgt E G Mason.....	31	29	27	87
Pte C E Madgett.....	29	21	10	60
	299	311	276	886

Weather fine, wind light, light good.

ORILLIA RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

A Palm.....	31	31	34	96
T Reid.....	29	32	32	93
C Wood.....	31	28	29	88
Wm Palm.....	30	31	27	88
T Millichamp.....	28	30	28	86
G E Whiten.....	29	31	26	86
W H Hammond.....	28	33	24	85

H Bingham.....	30	32	23	85
Frank Toogood.....	30	24	25	79
A Stewart.....	28	24	21	76
	294	298	272	861

Weather bright and warm, wind 4 o'clock, light bright.

HEMINGFORD RIFLE ASSOCIATION.]

D McNaughton.....	32	32	32	96
Sgt W Stewart.....	31	33	28	92
Capt J Barr.....	30	28	30	88
Pte W McNaughton.....	28	31	24	83
Surgeon de Mouilpieds.....	29	27	26	82
Pte Geo Keddy.....	31	27	32	80
Pte J Wadsworth.....	29	30	21	80
Lieut W Barr.....	28	28	23	79
Lieut J F Serlver.....	29	25	24	78
Lieut Spearman.....	28	26	23	77
	295	287	253	855

Weather fine, wind light, light hazy.

TEMISCOUATA RIFLE ASS. 1ST TEAM FRASERVILLE

G Fiset.....	24	31	34	92
N Fraser.....	28	33	29	90
J A Teo.....	27	32	30	89
Jas Fohy.....	31	31	27	89
J A Theriault.....	27	28	28	83
J Parent.....	31	26	23	80
L H Levasseur.....	28	31	21	80
L Blagdon.....	28	24	26	78
E Talbot.....	24	32	17	73
Jos Cote.....	24	24	24	72
	272	295	259	826

Weather fine, wind light, light clear.

NEXT IN ORDER

13 Battalion, 2nd team Hamilton.....	815
57th Battalion, Peterborough.....	797
Co Grey R A, Owen Sound.....	792
Grand Trunk R A, 1st team Montreal.....	785
Saskatchewan R A, Prince Albert.....	779
20th Battalion, 3rd team Campbellville.....	775
10th Battalion, Toronto.....	775
77th Battalion, 1st team Dundas.....	770
A "Troop Man" Dragoons, Virdeu.....	745
13th, 3rd team (3rd series).....	717
Temiscouata R A.....	710
40th, Campbellford.....	694
13th, 4th team.....	685
13th, 5th team.....	658
13th, 6th team.....	639
Grand Trunk, 2nd team.....	634
20th, 2nd team, Burlington.....	580
G G F G.....	531
Q O Can. Hussars, 3rd team Quebec.....	529
Montreal S A, No 3 Co. team.....	495
20th, 5th team Norval... ..	477
77th, 2nd team.....	475
13th, 7th team.....	467
Montreal G A, No 1 Com.....	410
New Brunswick G A.....	406
77th, 3rd team.....	402
Montreal G A, No 2 Co.....	327

Cornwall.

At the regular practice match of the Cornwall Rifle Association, on Friday last, the following scores were made:—

	Yards—200	500	600	TOTAL
Lieut G W Runions.....	30	29	35	94
Pte E H Brown.....	31	31	31	93
Lieut J L Weller.....	30	31	29	90
Sergt R Corrigan.....	30	22	27	89
Sergt A A Smith.....	27	30	31	88
Bldr A T Porteous.....	30	29	29	88
Pte J F Abbott.....	26	27	33	86
Capt J F Smart.....	27	26	21	84
Pte Ed Runions.....	23	29	24	76
Pte E Macdonald.....	25	31	17	73
Pte A Macdonald.....	26	28	12	66
Pte H Macdonald.....	12	29	7	39
Total.....				884

At six hundred yards Lieut. G. W. Runions made a possible 35; the first possible at this distance ever made on the ranges.—*The Standard, Cornwall.*

THE SERGEANT'S STORY

By MAXWELL DREW.

A BIT OF HISTORY

Concerning the North-west Rebellion.

1885.

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Well, sor, I can't tell yez no "wanst upon a toime" kind ov a yarn, becuse, ye see, I ain't no hand at sthory tellin', laiste wise not the way youse mane, I'm thinkin', but as fer rememberin' the "goin's on" whin we wuz up in the Nor'-west at the toime ov the rebellion, God save ye, sor, I cudn't disremember it if I troied. Yis, sor, it's tin years ago today since Batoche wuz took, sure enough; but, some how, that don't make no difference, fer it sames to me almost loike yisterda', an' I kin shut me oies now an' see it all over agin, jist as plain as plain kin be. I wuz only one ov the rank an' foile in thim days, sor, a private in the ranks, d'ye moind, an' a young wan at that; but if I live fer a hundred years I'll niver fergit thim panicky toimes in eighty-foive.

Ye see, sar, it wuz jist loike this in the start: A dirthy divil ov a French half-breed named Nolin wuz at the bottom ov the whole dam shootin' match, I'm thinkin'. The Half-breeds in the Nor'west were kind ov kickin' loike agin the Governmint fer raysons bist known to thimselves, an' this man Nolin, he makes things a dam soight worse loike by prachin' an' naggin' at thim, an' black-gardin the Governmint. Ye see, sor, they were wantin' a grant ov two huadred an' forty acres ov land fer nuthin', the same [as thim Half-breeds in Manitoba got give to thim whin that part ov the cuntry wuz took over by the Dominion. Some ov thim breeds who wuz livin' outside ov the boundry loike whin the shuffle tuck place, got passed over, an' they'd bin feelin' purty dam sore iver since. They were kickin' becuse they'd asked the Governmint toime an' toime an' agin fer a square dale, an' that their petitions only got pigin-holed or somethin'. Anyhow, things wuz unsatisfactory loike, an' the ind ov it all wuz that they got disgusted an' tuck the law into their own hands.

THE BEGINNING OF TROUBLE.

Late on in 184 a man named Gabriel Dumont an' two or three others ov the same stroipe goes over to Montana fer to git a man named Louis Riel fer to come over an' help thim git their roights by stirrin' up a hub-hub. Now, sor, this man Riel wuz mixed up in the same kind ov a shootin' match 'way back in '69 or '70 an came moighty close to bein' the best man at a hangin'. Mebbe he thinks he sees a chance fer to git even, anyhow over he comes hot fut, only too glad fer to git his finger in the poie oim thinkin'. Thin Nolin, he quits. Ye see, sor, jist as soon as loud mouth palaver give way to the shot gun tacicks. Nolin's spunk give out I'm thinkin', anyhow he quit. Thin Riel, the man that came over from Montana fer to boss the job, he wuz the high micky-muck an' begins holdin' meetins at Batoche, on his own hook; he forms a pervisional government as he called it, levied contributions, seized stores, an' finally wound up by seizin' prisoners.

Things were gettin' kind ov interesin' loike, ye'll notis, sor. One foine day he calls a meetin' an' tells the breeds fer to bring their guns wid 'em—the cuteness ov the devil? Well, sor, thet set the ball rollin', an' from that day things goes from bad to worse. The puttin' off ov the is-suin' the patents an' the new fangled stoile ov surveyin' their land fer 'em were the chafe raysons that kep them halfbreeds excited like an' made it dead aisy fer Riel or any other dirty blaguard ov the same stroipe fer to stir up an armed rebellyon. Anyhow he goes on, runnin' things his own way an' preachin' battle, murther an' suddin' death tacticks. Thin the Injins—the noble red man—God save the mark—begins to git kind ov sassy loike an' they were soon at work burnin' houses, stalin' horses, cattle listin', an', what's more, murderin' whoite people, jist fer to show that they mint bizness, I'm thinkin'. Thin Gineril Middleton, God save him, he tuck a hand in wid a grant ov about a million dollars an' a couple ov thousan' min at his back an' things gits more interestin' loike. The Gineril wuz an old campaigner he wuz, an' no mistake. He'd bin in New Zealand, he had, an' in India an' lots oz other places, an loike "Old Bill Adams," "wuz the very man fer the job."

THE CALL TO ARMS.

On the 26th ov March—ye'll moind this wuz in '85 sor—the "bloody war" begun. Two mounted police an' ten civilyuns wuz killed at Duck Lake, an' about a dozen wuz wounded. About eleven o'clock the nixt noight a tilygraft comes up to Toronto from the Minister ov Militia sayin' fer the Granideers an' the Quane's Own fer to go to the front, an' "C" Company, too—makin' 600 in all. About two o'clock the nixt mornin'—thatwuz the 27th ov March, ye moind, sor—I wuz walked up out ov me beauty slape by a turrible bangin' on the doore ov our house. Me mother—she's dead an' gone now—God rest her sowl, truns up the windy an' looks out, an' there standin' on the steps wuz the captain ov me company hammerin' away fer dear life wid the socket ind ov a baynit.

"What's wantin', sor," sez me mother.

"Does Private O'Halionan ov the Granideers be livin' here," sez the captin.

"He does that same," sez me mother.

"Thin," sez the captin, "tell him fer to parade at the armory at 8 o'clock in the mornin' in drill order wid leggins—the rigimint's ordered out fer active service," sez he, an' off he goes next doors fer to rouse up "Scotty" Murdison an' "Fiddler" Burke.

PARADE FOR ACTIVE SERVICE.

Well, sor, I wuz down at the armory, bright an' airly in the mornin' more'n plased wid meself at the chance I wuz gettin' ov goin'. I wuz ridin' down in a street car feelin' ivery inch a sodger an' a man; an' a great big hulk ov a man

wid red whiskers all over his face calls across the car to me.

"Say, soony," sez he, "ain't youse a pretty young boy fer to be goin' off to fight Injins," he sez.

"Well, Mister Whiskers," sez I, "if the men won't go, the boys must," I spose then his face got as red as his whiskers, an' he goes out an' stud on the platform while the papele in the car wuz all laffin' at him. By the Lord Harry I had him that toime I'm thinkin'. Well, sor, whin I gets down to the Drill Shed there wuz great goin's on, an' whin I do be remmberin' how close I came to bein' left behind, by the Lord Harry, sor, it makes me head swim. Ye see, sor, they wuz only takin' two hundred an' fifty Granideers, an' there wuz more offerin' than culd be took. The truble wuzn't ter to git min to go but fer to git min to stay behoid widout kickin'. I wuz only a young cub thin, sor, an' wuz to be made stay at home. The last man tuck on in our company wuz "an Old Campaigner," lastewyes he sed he was, but he had a horn or two in him I'm thinkin' because he wuz slingin' the captain a bit about his service.

"Captin'," sez he, "I aint no tenderfoot I aint, an' don't you fergit it." I've fought agin the Rooshans, I have an' I've bin in India too, an' I wuz in the Red River Expedition with Wolsely in '69 I wuz, an' manys the toime I've had no bed but the battle field an' no coverin' but the sky. I've marched over the frozen ground 'till ivery step has bin marked wid blood. I'm an old campaigner I am, an' don't you fergit it," sez he.

"Well, by the Lord Harry," sez the Captin, "it sames to me that you've done quite enough solderin' fer your Quane an' Country already. You go home an' slape it off an' I'll take O'Halloran along instead"—an' that's how oi wuz let go.

The whole day wuz tuck up in pickin' out the men that wuz to go an' kind ov getting things ready like. Av coorse some ov the men wuz refused fer wan thing an' some fer another. The surgin looked them over an' thin reported to the Commandin' Officer. Two privates in our company wuz tould they cudn't go an' ov coorse the C. O. wanted to know fer why.

"An' what's the matter wid this man?" sez the Kurnel, pointin' to a man named Simmons.

"Phthisis, sor," sez the surgeon.

"An' what's phthisis?" sez the Kurnel.

"Consumpshun, sor," sez the doctor.

"Thin, fer why becuse cudn't ye say consumpshun at first," sez the Kurnel, "insid ov ringin' in thin confounded medical terms?"

Well, sor, the surgeon did't say nothin' jist thin, but I suspicioned that he wuz kapin' up a turrible thinkin'. Bimeby the kurnel pints to another man that wuz "fell out," an' looked a litte worse fer wear, an he sez :

"Surgeon," sez he, "what's the matter wid this man, delirium trimmms?"

"No, sor," sez the surgeon.

"Then, what is it?" sez the Kurnel.

"It's booze, sor," says the surgeon.

An', by Hivins, sor, I guess he wuz right. The next day wuz Sunday—soldiers' Sunda' they called it—an' by the Lord Harry, sor, it wuz well named, I'm thinkin'. Red coats an' green coats an' grey coats wuz to be seen here, there, an' everywhere. We paraded at the culd drill shed in the afternoon, an' wuz inspected, an' dismissed, an' tould fer to be on hand agin next mornin' at eight o'clock.

THE SOLDIERS' FAREWELL.

Well, the next mornin' we paraded as wuz ordered, an' marched to the

Union station, where we embarked on board the cars for the "seat ov war," as it wuz called. I wuz sittin' in me seat wid me roifle bechume me knees, waitin' fer the train fer to start, whin a noice, kound-faced ould gintleman wid white hair and snowy whiskers squeezes himself up to the car an' sez to me :

"An' so you're goin' to the front," he sez.

"I am that same," sez I.

"Fer to foight the tricky half-breed an' the treacherous redskin," sez he.

"I hope so," sez I.

"Well, me hye," sez he, "in view ov the many dangers to which you will be exposed, let me draw yer attinshun to the advisibility ov takin' out a policy on yer loife," sez he. "I represent the Semi-Tontine-British-American-non-forfitable-Insurance Company."

Jist thin the train started and I cudn't hear any more, but by Hivins, sor, "his whiskers" fooled me. I thought fer sure he wuz goin' to give me a tract or some good advice or somethin'.

Well, sor, we were now on our way to the scene ov the rebellyun, 600 strong, "all picked men, too, most ov 'em," as old Bill Adams would say, made up ov the Granideers, the Quane's Own an' "C" Company, from the Fort Kurnel Otter in command. We hadn't more'n got well under way whin Captin' Mason—he's a kurnel now, be the same token—well he gifts a tellygraft askin' what the combination ov the safe in his office wuz. He'd come off wid it locked up in his head d'ye moind. Bill Urquhart he wuz kickin' himself, becuse he'd come away an' left the gas barnin' in his room, an' "Scotty" Murdison was in the dumps becuse he'd forgot to sind a book back to the Free Libery that he'd took out, an' wuz tryin' to figger up how much it wud be costin' him befoore he got back. We got as far as Carlton Junction that night, an' had a good square meal. The next mornin' we had breakfast at Mattawa, an' reached Sudbury at half-past eight that night.

APRIL FOOL DAY FUN.

The next day wuz the first ov April, "April Fools' Day," ye know, sor, an' the air wuz fairly full ov divilmint. Every wan wuz playfn' tricks on some wan else, an' the fun wuz gettin' fast and furious when a man named Miller got his arm broke skylarkin'. Well, sor, in a jiffy the car wuz as quiet an' solemn loike as a grave yard. Private "Splints," ov the ambulance corps pushed his way through the car, tuck three splints an' some bandages out ov his case, read over a few pages ov a book that he tuck out ov his pocket, "First Aid to the Injured," or somethin' loike that. Then he bandages up Miller's arm an' propped him up as comfortable loike as you plase in one ov the seats. He wuz standin' there, wid his hands in his pockets, gazin' on his "patient" wid an air of satisfacsun, whin the surgeon comes hurryin' into the car. He looks at Miller, feels his arm, looks around the car, an' sez :

"Well, well," sez he, "an' who done this job so creditable loike?"

"It wuz me sor," sez the ambulance man, wid a flush ov honest pride on his face.

"Well," sez Doctor Ryerson, "I must say it's beautiful, most beautifully done," sez he, "but I found you've made jist wan little mistake."

"Mistake?" sez Splints. "Why, where, sor? What's wrong?"

"Well," sez the surgeon, "although yer detail's all right, an' yer applicashun perfect, I foind," sez he, "that you've bandaged up the wrong arm."

Well, sor, we had a bit to ate at Bis-cotasing an' stopped on a siding foive

moiles from the east end ov the C. P. R. track. The next day, that was the second ov April, we arrived at Lochalsh at half-past noine in the mornin' an' it wuz here that we struck the first ov them awful "gaps," an' if ye don't know jist what a gap is, sor, thin I'll tell ye. Sure an' it's a place on a railroad where there ain't no rails—hahe—the gaps like in bechume the different contracts. We left Lochalsh in sleighs at eleven o'clock an' reached Magpie at seven o'clock the same eave-venin' an' at eleven o'clock at night left for the west end ov the track, an' got there about daybreak, after a most terrible roide—28 below zero moind ye sor. We found that the Quane's Own had gone off wid the cars an' that we wu'd have to wait there in the cowl'd 'till the engine came back fer us.

AT "DESOLATION CAMP."

By the Lord Harry, but that wait wuz somethin' awful, 32 degrees below zero an' 'divil a muskeety in sight, no tinis, no shelter ov any kind, no foires, no nothin' barrin' snow, an' if I cud have got me hands on the divil that wrote that pome about "Beautiful Snow," by Hivins, sor, I'd a throttled him jist fer divarsion like. 'Pon me sowl, sor, it wuz snow, snow everywhere an' not a drop to drink. An' Good Friday, too, sor, jist think ov that, Hard Tack instid ov "Hot Cross Buns." The place wuz called the "east ov the iron" in orders, but it seemed more loike the "end ov the world," so it did. We nicknamed it "Desolation Camp," an' I guess the name will stick to it even if they niver put it on the map at all, at all. We built big fires right on top ov the snow an' troied fer to make ourselves think that we were kapin' warm, but it wuz hard work. We picked up the rear guard ov the Quane's Own at Desolation Camp an' tuck thim along wid us. Sure an' they were near froze stiff by the toime we found thim. It wuz here that Liftinint Morrow got "put out ov mess" by bein' shot by wan ov the war correspondints. It wuz an accidint, ov coorse, but pretty hard loines on the Liftinint jist the same, fer he had to be sint back home. It wuz a case ov "he didn't know it wuz loaded," more's the pitty.

Late on in the evenin' we were sittin' around the fires waitin' fer that enjine an' the cars to come fer us, kickin' about the cold—it wuz 32 below zero moind ye, sor, whin a man named Gus Oliver breaks in wid the infermation that it wuznt nothin' to what they have out in Arizona. You see, sor, Oliver wuz a turrible liar an' we called him "Gulliver" fer short becuse no matter whot we seen, or whot we done or whot we sed, this Gulliver wud always come up smilin' wid somethin' jist a little bit better. I suspicioned that he wuz jist a plain ordinary liar but ov coorse I didn't say so.

"Not on yer life it aint," sez Gulliver, "why I got an uncle out there that wuz out shootin' last winter an' he wuz attacked by Injins. He baks up agin a tree an' keeps pumpin' lead into thim 'till his bullets wuz all gone but there wuz still wan Injin left an' he kep crawlin' on his stummick towards me uncle," he sez, "wid a big scalpin' knife in his hand. Now whin me uncle sees that his bullets wuz all gone he feels kind ov squeamish loike an' a terrible sweat breaks out all over his forehead. It wuz an awful cold day, well it wuz so cold that it froze solid before it reached the ground as it fell off his forehead, the sweat I mean," he sez. "an' piled up at his feet jist loike bullets. An' whot d'ye spose he done? He jist picks up a fistfull ov thim, rams thim into his gun an' lets go at the Injin. He hits him plum in the head, the ice bullets melted as soon as they got into his cocoa-

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nut, an' wud ye believe it, he died ov water on the brain. Now that's what I call cold weather," sez Guliver.

"An' that's whot I call a red hot lie," sez I, but I guess he didn't hear me.

THE OFFICER'S SHIRT.

Cold an' all as it wuz, wud ye believe it, sor, there wuz wan officer wid us that washed his shirt ivery blessed night, hung it up to dry or freeze, an' put it on agin in the mornin'. I used to wonder how he stud it, an' the byes called him Captin Cast-iron, although that wusn't jist his name. He only brung out wan shirt wid him, an' a cotton wan at that an' I used to think he must be mighty uncomfortable loike, till wan toime Sargint Lane tould us a story his father used to tell him in Ireland about an Eastern Sultan who wanst upon a tonne set out on his travel searchin' fer the shirt of a happy man, thinkin' that if he could only find wan an' bring it home wid him that he'd be happy an' continted ever after. Well, so the story goes, that the only happy an' continted man that he found in all his travels didn't have no shirt at all, at all. So I s'pose Captin Caston—oh, bad luck to me, if I haven't let slip the captin's name; well, any how, I dare say the captin' wuz the happiest man in the whole outfit, because the only had wan shirt to his back, an' that's nixt best to none at all, so it is.

About midnight the cars arrived an' tuck us away from "Desolation Camp," an' such cars I niver seen befoore. They were jist thim flat construction cars, sor, wid rough boards nailed around thim an' no roof, nothin' bechume us an Hivin, so there wuzn't. We called thim "Ice Palace Cars," an' if ye cud only have seen thim, ye'd say they were well named, sor. We left "Desolation Camp" about three o'clock in the mornin'—let me see, sor, that wuz the 4th of April—an' arrived at Banville at nine o'clock, an' got a good square meal, fit for the gods. We pushed on, an' struck Port Monroe, on Lake Superior, at four o'clock in the afternoon, an' slept in a steamer called the "M. L. Breck," that waz lyin' in the harbour.

(To be continued.)

IN SUMMER.

"What can one do in summer when the world Has all her banners of delight unfurled. When pleasure beckons us a thousand ways, Or folds her wings and close beside us strays? Afar and near is something rare and sweet; Upon the grass the print of Beauty's feet; At every turn a picture; some glad notes Sung first for us from newly-conscious throats; A glory in the sunshine; oy the streams

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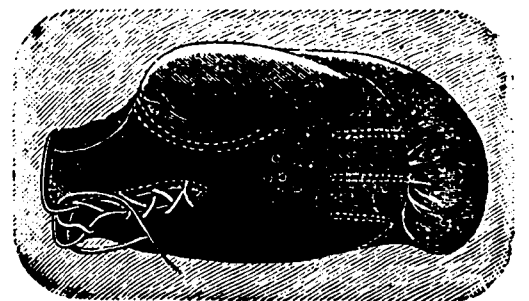
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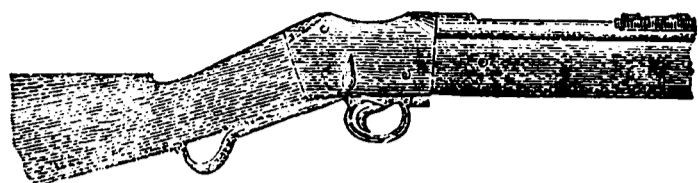
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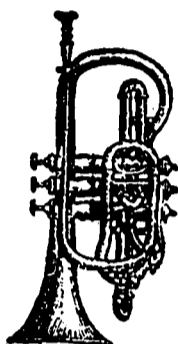
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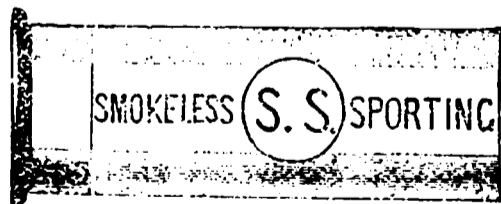


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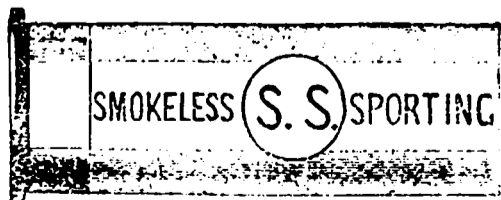


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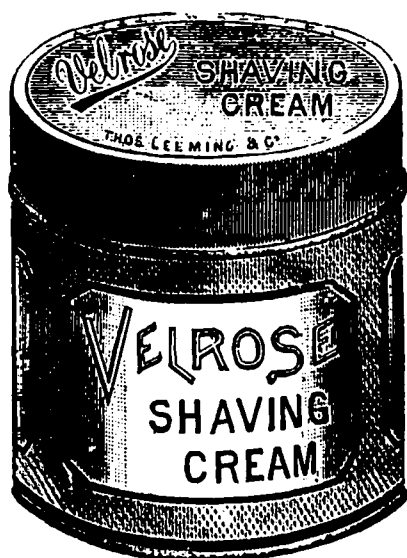
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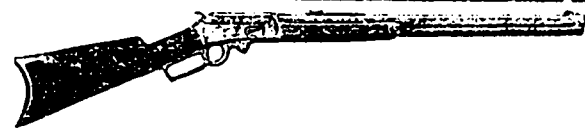
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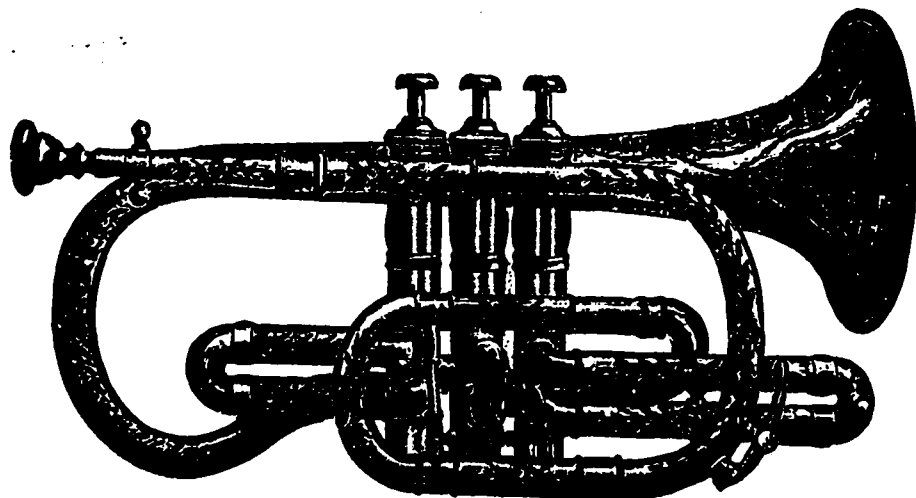
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