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MILITARY MATTERS.

In order to be ready for war, we must keep prepared in times of peace. Every country owes the duty to its citizens of having all necessary provision for their defence. The citizens must do the defending, themselves, or by proxy, when the time for fighting comes, but they look to the powers that be to see that the scheme of defence is properly arranged.

It is a fact that we cannot dispute that almost, if not all of the commandments of militia who have come to this country from England, have found serious fault with the way in which our militia is managed.

As a usual thing we have got in a tiff over this friendly frankness of our imperial friends, and as a punishment for their good advice have sent them home. But each successor to the frank and dismissed general has the same story to tell. We thought Gen. Herbert very severe and couldn't get along with Gen. Gascoigne at all. So we got Gen. Hutton to come, and now, he makes a report on military affairs to the government, that takes the whole management fore and aft, and amidstships.

Gen. Hutton has these remarks to make in his report:—

"Rifle practice.—It is much to be regretted that effective instruction in rifle shooting has not received the attention which its importance deserves in the annual training of the militia. With the present long-range rifle, and in the absence of suitable ranges, the effective instruction of the infantry becomes yearly more difficult. The absence of regulations, the want of system, the inadequate knowledge for the most part of the officers and employes concerned in the custody of Government military stores, are matters which deserve immediate attention, and render the organization of a properly-constituted ordnance store corps as part of the military command to be absolutely essential in the public interest. It is contrary to universal military precedent elsewhere, to economy, and to military efficiency for the custody and issue of military stores to be in the hands of a civil department." He continues:—"I beg to recommend, as essential to the efficiency of the troops under my command, that the whole of the active militia should be embodied for training during the current year. I attach the greatest importance to this embodiment being carried out as far as may be by concentration at various central camps, where a regular system of company, regimental, and brigade training can be carried out under proper supervision. The troops thus concentrated would be formed into brigades and divisions with a properly instructed staff under my own personal command. The best officers available would be selected to command and to fill the requisite staff appointments. An opportunity would thus be afforded for giving practical instruction to those senior and responsible officers upon whom the command and administration of the troops would devolve in case of national emergency. It is, moreover, of great importance that the opportunity should be given me of personally becoming acquainted with the efficiency and military value of all regiments and units under my command.

"Relying upon the military instinct and zeal of troops, I propose to carry out a higher degree of training than in previous years, and during the last two days to include tactical instruction in which the city regiments shall be invited to take part.

"In consequence of the short duration of the training and the inadequate accommodation it has hitherto been found impossible to give the necessary time and attention to musketry. In order to meet this difficulty I propose as a professional measure to carry out individual rifle practice with special Morris tube ammunition at miniature targets, and at miniature ranges. For this purpose small wooden targets and portable mantlets should be provided at small cost and utilized at the different camps.

"The period of training sanctioned by the estimates of 1898-99, of twelve days, is for rural corps admittedly inadequate, more especially for the field artillery and cavalry. I trust that the training to be carried out during the summer and fall of 1900 may be for the increased period of sixteen days. I propose to submit the increased amount required for the estimates."

There is good sound advice in what the General has to say, and especially with regard to the 12 days drill being inadequate for rural corps. It would be better far, for instance, to cut down the strength of the 87th Batt. one half, and have them drill 16 days a year, than the present arrangement, when they drill now and again, and are judged more by their numbers than by their efficiency.

THE NEW VOCABULARY.

Slang Spreading Among Those Who Should Know Better.

The use of slang is spreading alarmingly in all classes of London society. Even at the best "At Homes" the regrettable practice is more noticeable than ever. Slang has one, and only one advantage. It often conveys to the mind a clearer and more distinct sense of what is meant than would more classic language.

"High-falutin'" is much in evidence just now as a slangism. It means "putting side on," being "stuck up," "showing off," and such like human failings. "Come now, none of your high-falutin'," when expressed in an angry voice by a big man, is a solemn warning to the other man not to appear what he is not, neither to "show off," nor imitate the "swell" or the "fancy."

The vernacular is particularly rich in slang synonyms for "money," many of which are remarkable in their appropriateness. In scores of ways one may speak of our coin, among them being "the actual," "the needful," or "the wherewithal;" "tin," "brass," "blunt," "chips," "libs," or "pieces;" "dust," "chink," "shot," "shekels," or "spondulics;" "stamps," "feathers," or "palm-oil," which last is such an obviously applicable word for it that "shin-plaster" seems feeble by comparison.

These epithets, however, are not more curious than the technical and trade slang which was brought to the notice of the Royal Commission on Labour. Among the quaint terms, as set forth in the report of the evidence, are these: "Bell-horse," "caunched," "fudd," "mungs," "slop-dash work," "sprigger," "tingles," and "slugger."

"Booze" has become familiar through a song, "Come where the booze is cheaper." In this connection a story, said to be authentic, is being told.

On the terrace beneath the windows of the Royal apartments at Windsor castle, the Guards' band was playing a lively air, which immensely pleased the Queen. She sent a gentleman to find out the title of the music. He returned with hesitancy, trying his utmost to avoid telling her Majesty the name of the piece.

He, however, was forced to report, and the Sovereign was told that the tune was "Come Where the Booze is Cheaper."

Universities are happy hunting-grounds for slangisms. A student always goes "up" to the "Varsity." "Little-go" and "smalls" are the names given respectively at Cambridge and Oxford to a student's first examination. The final exam., on which degrees are obtained, is called "greats" at Oxford, and the "great-go" at Cambridge.

When a man failed at an exam. he used to say that he was "plucked"; now, however, such an event is more frequently referred to as being "ploughed." The greatest calamity that can befall a student is to be "rusticated," that is, sent "down" from the University for a term or for good.

A genius for quaint metaphor and a natural picturesque use of language make American slang humorous. Sometimes it is even tinted with poetry. Here are a few American slangisms which are becoming at home on this side of the Atlantic. "Tanglefoot," which has almost the ring of poetry about it, as a name for ardent spirits is a happy thought. The patient labor of the gold-washer and the finality of its results are very graphically expressed by "pan-out," which is also used to denote a climax. What a concrete image is conveyed to the mind by the designation "push buggy," as compared with our meaningless equivalent "perambulator."

To "have a hard row to hoe," is said of a person who has a difficult undertaking in hand. England has become familiarized with "coon" (a contraction of "raccoon") and "a gone coon," the latter signifying one in such an "awful fix" as to be absolutely past praying for.

Its origin is traceable to the American civil war, in which a spy dressed in a raccoon skin hid himself in a tree. A soldier came upon him, and thinking he was a real coon prepared to fire at him with his rifle.

This was too much for Mr. Spy, who shouted, "Don't shoot; I'll come down. I know I'm a gone coon." Thereupon he came to earth, which as it were so "flummoxed" his would-be destroyer that the latter at once "made tracks" from the scene.—London Mail.

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"Well," said the little woman, "if a woman is going to make a success in life she must do a queer lot of 'hustling.' I know that is slang, but it seems to be really the only word which fits the case. The way a woman has to keep on the go all the time to make a success of any business she undertakes puts me in mind of a little story I once heard about two frogs.

"A farmer carrying his milk to market one morning stopped at a brook to water his milk as usual. In dipping up the water he scooped up two frogs and into the milk they went.

"One frog said to the other; 'I am going to drown. I cannot keep myself alive.' 'Well, I am not,' replied his companion. 'I am going to kick for all I am worth.'

"When the farmer reached his destination and the can was opened one poor froggie was lying dead at the bottom, but the other had kicked to such advantage that he was quietly sitting on a fair sized lump of butter. And that is what I am going to do. I am not going to give up and allow myself to drown, but I am going to kick for all I am worth."—New York Herald.

Questions of Values.

He knew that she was a clever business woman, and therefore he thought the scheme a good one. But he did not realize that she was such a good judge of values.

"I have made a bet that I will marry you," he said.

"Money up?" she asked. "Yes," he answered, pleased at the businesslike way she took hold of the proposition.

"How much?" "Five hundred dollars."

She looked him over critically. "Too low," she said at last. "You'll have to get it raised to \$5000 or you'll lose."

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And to whom else it may concern: TAKE NOTICE that there will be sold at Public Auction in front of the office of Alexander Straton in Andover in said County of Victoria, Barrister-at-Law, on MONDAY, the FIRST DAY OF MAY next, at the hour of eleven of the clock in the forenoon, a tract of land situate in the Parish of Andover in the said County of Victoria, bounded as follows: to wit:—Beginning at a post standing at the Northerly angle of lot number forty-four granted to John Duncan in Block seven thence South nineteen degrees and thirty minutes West thirteen chains to a post thence South eighty-seven degrees East twenty five chains and fifty links or to the Southwesterly angle of lot number eighty-five granted to James Mahoney on the Westerly bank or shore of the River Saint John thence North twenty-three degrees East twenty-one chains thence North eighty-seven degrees West twenty-six chains and thence South nineteen degrees and thirty minutes West seven chains and fifty links to the place of beginning containing fifty-one acres more or less and granted to Oran A. Fields the twentieth day of July A. D. 1875, and by said Oran A. Fields conveyed to said Francis Mehan by name of Francis Valley.

The above sale will be made pursuant to a power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the seventh day of November, A. D. 1891, made between the said Francis Mehan and Charles Mehan of the one part and the undersigned, George Maddox of the Parish of Wicklow in the County of Carleton and Province aforesaid, farmer, of the other part, and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the said County of Victoria in Book "O" of Records numbered 6891, such sale will be made for the purpose of realizing the money secured by said Indenture of Mortgage and the interest thereon, default having been made in payment of the same.

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