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FLOWER SHOW Prince of Wales College, August 26-27. 5073.

OVER SEA FORCES.—Postal Cards of the different companies now on sale at McKinnon Drug Co. 5074.

WESTMORELAND.—There will be divine service in the Westmoreland school house next Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. Robert Longworth, a prominent farmer of East Royalty, met with a terrible accident Thursday as the result of which he now lies in the P. E. I. Hospital in a precarious condition.

AT BONSHAW.—The following guests registered at the Bonshaw Hotel:—Miss Taylor, Miss F. B. Coffin, Mr. J. W. Wright, Mr. J. Carter, Mrs. J. Carter, Miss Bertha Carter, Mr. J. J. Desmond, Mrs. J. J. Desmond, Miss Dolly Desmond, Miss Ella McKearney, Mr. H. C. Gass, Mrs. F. Freeze, Master George Freeze, Mr. A. M. Simpson, Miss Mildred Scott, Miss Jean McDonald, Mr. C. T. Carbonell, Mr. E. Turner, J. W. Pollard, Charles McDougall, Walter Mullin, Mr. J. H. Hughes, Mr. R. J. McEwen, Charlottetown. Mr. G. M. Crowe, Moncton. Mr. E. L. Price, Moncton, Mr. David F. Bethune, Mr. A. R. Fraser, Mr. E. C. Cameron, Mr. L. Proctor, Mr. W. H. Worth, Mrs. G. H. Haszard, Miss Helen Haszard, Charlottetown; Miss Olive Haszard, Boston; Mr. Taylor, Boston.

AT KELLY'S CROSS.—Rev. Charles R. Smith, who is the son of the late John Smith of Maplewood, Kelly's Cross parish, paid his native place a brief visit recently. On Sunday August 9th, he was the celebrant of a solemn High Mass with Rev. Dr. Curran as deacon and Rev. Owen Kiggins, sub deacon, at Kelly's Cross. Incidentally there were present several former residents of the parish, who were delighted to be present at Father Smith's Mass, and to renew old memories, to recall the days, which seem but a breath of time ago when they were boys and girls together. Among them were noticed Mr. John P. McKenna who is making good in Colorado, and Mr. Bernard McGuigan, upon whom the hand of Time rests lightly, and who is evidently another "Successful Islander Abroad."—A peculiar incident, (one cannot call it accident), happened a beautiful year old Domino filly owned by Mr. John Smith a few days ago. When being driven from the field to the stable early in the morning, it appeared in perfect health, but while trotting a long ahead of the others it suddenly began to stagger from side to side, and finally came to its knees, then right down. It was hauled to the barn and never risen since it is under treatment, but does not seem to regain its normal condition. This is pronounced the best and biggest filly of its age in this part, and Mr. Nates shall sustain a heavy loss if it does not recover.—Of the schools in Kelly's Cross parish, the teachers in Brookvale and South Melville are re-engaged, while Miss Cora Kiggins has taken charge of Maplewood school. Miss Kiggins has had a good record in the past. Maplewood is going to wake up to a realization of "something doing".—The new principal of the High School at Kelly's Cross, Mr. George Smith, is a good man no doubt for the job, and he will of course sustain, and perhaps advance, the high standing generally maintained by this school.

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initial velocity was too great. The gun was ultimately discarded in favor of the Dupont model, but in order to confound the German enemy General Deloye, who was at the head of the artillery workshops at Puteaux, pretended to have adopted the Ducros gun, surrounding it by transparent secrecy, and so well carried out the game that not only the German authorities but even the greater part of the French artillery officers were convinced that it was the Ducros gun which the French army was going to be equipped.

The result was that the Germans, who had really been the discoverers of the initial principals on which the Dupont construction was based, discarded them and set to work to construct a German Ducros gun. Their effort was crowned with success, and at the very moment when General Deloye threw off the mask and presented all the batteries with the new field gun the Germans completed at an expenditure of some £12,000,000 the rearmament of their artillery with an imitation of the discarded Ducros model.

The sensation was immense. For a time the Germans tried to belittle the Dupont gun and to extol their own, but gradually the tide turned away and in 1905, their chief armament makers having put their heads together, a conversion was effected of the German gun so as to approach it to a quick-firer. That in view of the enormous expenditure just incurred was, indeed, the only thing possible, and thus at the present moment the Germans, too, possess a modern gun, which, however, is in every respect inferior to the French. It is heavier, less mobile, requires more attendants, has a lower initial velocity.

THE GERMAN COUNTERSTROKE

Had this been the comparative state of the artillery of both armies throughout the plights of the Germans in the present war would indeed be very great. But the Germans are not a people to allow themselves to be easily outclassed, and in order to retrieve the balance of the field gun they have adopted two other types in which they surpass the French. The first is the heavy gun the application of which in modern battle was first shown by ourselves during the Boer War, when we brought to bear upon the enemy our navy guns. The German heavy guns, of which no fewer than 112 batteries already existed two years ago have a much longer range and fire a much heavier shell than any of the existing field guns, and are intended for the special purpose of destroying the enemy's field artillery at the very commencement of an engagement. This is expressly laid down as a guide in the German military text-books.

Another type of gun is the mortar, whose projectiles describe a curve. A field gun is only useful on a plain, uninterrupted by hills or other cover, yet in one case at least out of three either the battlefield is not a plain or the firing battery was to hide itself behind a cover. It is in these cases that a mortar firing at an angle, becomes highly useful. The Germans have of late been introducing it at the rate of 52 pieces to a corps, while the French army is highly deficient in it.

The main hope of the French remains that the German heavy guns will prove a far more unwieldy toy than they expect, and that they will never arrive in the field for the commencement of a battle so as to interfere with the work of the 75 field gun. Experience alone will show whose calculations are more correct.

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THE BATTLE OF THE GUNS (From the Manchester Guardian.) Modern battles have ceased to be bodily combats and have become artillery duels. The French were the first to perceive it as soon as smokeless powder and repetition rifles made their appearance. It is obvious to them that these inventions were bound to "empty" the battlefield and to be won with close formations. Henceforth the attacks were to be delivered by loosely formed lines, now leaping like grasshoppers and then seeking shelter or throwing themselves down on the ground until they advanced sufficiently to make a bayonet assault. This necessitated a change in artillery tactics. The target having practically disappeared, all artillery could do now was to sweep the battlefield with fire and shower upon its various zones a whirlwind of shrapnel so as to make it untenable. For this a quick firing artillery gun was required, and to the invention of it the French turned their attention from the very beginning of the nineties of the last century. The result of the long labors was the famous gun of 1897, the so-called 75 milli-meter or simple 75 gun, the pride of the French army. Its inventor was Major Depont, at that time director of the instruction works at Puteaux and now director of a private armaments firm, and it remains to this day the most superb field gun in existence, with the exception of the improved Dupont model now adopted by the Italian army. The Germans came considerably later in the field, and then they fell the victims of a clever ruse on the part of the French military authorities. They had naturally been watching very closely what the French were doing and were trying to imitate them. This misplaced curiosity the French deftly turned to account. Before Dupont another officer at the Puteaux works, Captain Ducros, had been experimenting with a new gun in which the French Ministry of War took an interest. Though an advance upon the old breach-loaders, it nevertheless did not solve the desired problem. It could fire some four or five projectiles a minute, but it was heavy with a nasty recoil, and its in-

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