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THE CAVALRY CAMP—EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, P.Q.

From our Townships' Correspondent.

The 1st Provisional Regiment of Eastern Townships' Cavalry, under the command of Major J. H. Taylor, G.S., went into Camp at Cookshire, on the 3rd inst., and were inspected by Lieut. Colonel King, Brigade Major Military District, and late of H. M. Royal Artillery, on Thursday the 9th inst.

The four troops (told off as four squadrons 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th,) were formed in line at order, and received the inspecting officer with drawn swords, and trumpet flourish. The regiment then marched, trotted, and galloped past by line, and were then put through the Sword Exercise by the Acting Adjutant, Lieutenant Colonel R. Lovelace (late H. M. Regular Service), who has been attached to the corps also as Officer Instructor.—A number of regimental movements were performed with great precision and steadiness, including the linking of horses, and skirmishing on foot with blank cartridge,—the docility of the horses requiring only three horse holders to each squadron. At the conclusion of the field day, the Regiment formed close column of squadrons right in front, and were duly mustered by the District Paymaster, the Hon. Captain M. Aylmer (late H. M. Fusiliers). Colonel King then, in a brief and soldierly manner, expressed his entire satisfaction of the day's proceedings. Lieut. Colonel Cooke (long connected with the P. Cavalry) also made some appropriate remarks. Both these very popular officers were loudly cheered by every officer, non-commissioned officer and trooper, comprising the cavalry force. The Hon. Captain Aylmer has won golden opinions from the Volunteers for the efficient, prompt, and impartial manner in which he discharges the duties of his department.

The Regiment is officered as follows:—Regimental Staff—Major T. H. Taylor, G.S., commanding, Acting Adjutant; Lieutenant Colonel R. Lovelace, G.S., A.S.M.S.; Paymaster, Lieutenant A. Taylor; Qr. Master, Lieutenant S. Osgood; Acting Surgeon, Dr. J. McNeece, M.D. 1st or Cookshire Troop—Captain C. French, G.S.; Lieutenant H. Chaddock. 2nd or Sherbrooke Troop—Captain W. Reed. 3rd or Stanstead Troop—Captain D. Wood, G.S.; Lieutenant E. Manson, Sub-Lieutenant G. Moulton. 4th or Compton Troop—Capt. F. Stimpson; Lieut. Murray. As yet, this regiment is only provisional, but it is expected will soon be numbered amongst the regiments of the Dominion Cavalry; and the recently raised regiments from Stanstead and Compton made up to their full strength, as is the case

with the older troops of Cookshire and Sherbrooke; thus forming four squadrons of 48 files each, which is quite enough to handle in a body. All these troops invariably drill as squadrons, and like to keep their own individuality; it would not therefore be out of place to break this formation, nor would the officers and men work so well together as when each troop, as at present, forms a squadron in itself.

Major Taylor, the Company officer of the above mentioned provisional regiment, is a young officer of considerable military talent, cool and collected, under all circumstances. He is well fitted for the appointment he now holds as commandant of a fine body of young, active, and well mounted men, well able to hold their own, when or where required.

Captains French and Wood are both recipients of first class certificates from the Cavalry School and know their duty well. Captains Reed and Stinson, both lately appointed, take much interest in their respective troops, and will doubtless make efficient officers. The regimental staff have encampments; and, despite the unfavorable weather at the commencement, the Cookshire Camp, may fairly be reckoned as a success.

On Saturday, the 18th inst., tents were struck, and the troops drawn up in line previous to leaving for their Head Quarters. Three hearty cheers were given for our Gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, Lieutenant Colonel Lovelace, Major Taylor, and other officers of the corps; not omitting Dr. McNeece, whose valuable services as a medical officer have been fully appreciated by all concerned.

Colonel Cooke, with his usual hospitality, gave a splendid luncheon to the Inspecting Field Officer and officers of the Regiment on the day of inspection, and in the evening of the same day an Amateur entertainment took place in the large Hall of Leonard's Hotel, the excellent band from Eaton Corner being in attendance. The room was crowded to excess, Colonel Lovelace, Capt. Stinson, and many of the non-commissioned officers and Troopers of the Corps, proving themselves as efficient on the stage as in the saddle.

Sherbrooke, 15th October, 1873.

THE CREEDMOOR RIFLE MATCHES.—The concluding matches took place on the 11th inst at Creedmoor between the sharpshooters. James Adams of Canada, scored 46; Mr. Roux of the New York 22nd Regiment, 41; R. Omand, of Canada, 39; H. Fulton, of Brooklyn, 37; L. L. Helpburn, of Illinois, 34; Lieutenant Campbell, of Montreal, 34; G. W. Yale, of Hartford, 31; General Jos. R. Harley, of Hartford, 28; W. J. Carmichael, of the 22nd Regiment, 28. The ranges yesterday, were 800 and 1000 yards. The prizes won during the week were presented to the winners on Wednesday evening.

VOLUNTEER NEWS.

EDITOR "OBSERVER."—The Warwick Volunteer Company assembled on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at Warwick Village, for the purpose of holding their Annual Company Rifle Match, to compete for a Silver Medal presented some years ago to the company by the late Rev. C. J. Gibson. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, some very good scoring was made; the successful marksman being Corporal Kenward. The match being concluded, a very pleasing ceremony took place in the Drill Shed, being the presentation by the Company of a very beautiful Silver Tea-set, to Captain Kingstone, their much respected commanding officer. The presentation was made by Ensign McLay, on behalf of the company, who remarked that the gift was a slight token of the appreciation of their Captain's services, as well as of the good feeling which has always existed between both men and officers. A very appropriate reply was made by Captain Kingstone, who kindly thanked the Company for the gift and for the motives by which they were prompted to make such a manifestation of their will towards him; that, although conflicting with military law, for an officer to receive any token of approbation from his men, still, he felt it to be his duty to waive it in this instance, and very thankfully accepted the present. The company were then entertained by Capt. Kingstone to an excellent repast prepared at Rogers' Hotel. After which they dispersed to their several homes, all parties being highly pleased with the events of the evening.—By publishing the above you will oblige,

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London October 13.—A special despatch from Cartagena to the *Times* gives the following particulars of the engagement between the Spanish Government squadron, under Admiral Lobo, and a fleet of Intransigent vessels:—"Upon the appearance off the harbour of the National squadron, the Intransigent Junta held a consultation, and decided to fight, although they had no hope of achieving a victory. Some of the garrison were in favour of surrendering the city, but the majority of the men, especially the deserters from the Government army, were determined upon resisting to the last. Gen. Contreras, and several members of the Junta, went on board the Numancia. All morning was consumed by the insurgent vessels in taking in coal and provisions.

"At noon on Saturday, everything being in readiness, the four vessels weighed anchor and sailed out of the harbour amid loud cheers from the populace and insurgent troops. After proceeding a short distance Admiral Lobo's fleet, consisting of the Vittoria, Almansea, Villa de Madrid, Coruna, and two paddle wheel steamers were met and the engagement immediately begun. The fight lasted two hours, when the Intransigent fleet was defeated and driven back to Cartagena, their vessels being badly damaged. The insurgents showed great spirit, but handled their ships badly, the Numancia at first having to bear the brunt of the battle alone. The firing generally was at too long a range, but at the close of the fight, while the Vittoria was endeavouring to intercept the retreat of the insurgent frigate Tetuan, broadsides were closely exchanged between these two vessels."