

Charlottetown.

The last fortnight has been a busy one in military circles in Charlottetown, first on the 10th came the inspection of the city batteries of the P.E.I. Brigade Garrison Artillery by Lt.-Col. Montizambert, commandant Royal School of Artillery, Inspector of Artillery, and Lieut.-Col. Moore, D.A.G. The weather was fine, the muster full strength and the drill, according to the local papers, perfect. Lt.-Col. Longworth was in command of the battery and too much credit cannot be given to him and his officers for the state into which they have worked their brigade. As says the *Charlottetown Examiner*, "Lieut.-Col. Moore, D.A.G., and Lieut.-Col. Longworth are enthusiastic military men who seem to possess the happy faculty of inspiring their men with so much of their own spirit that the study of military tactics becomes a pleasure to them—hence their very great success. May they continue in giving our province a name and a place, as a military power, among the greater provinces of this vast Dominion."

The following officers were on parade at the inspection: Major Morson, Surgeon Jenkins, Paymaster Hodgson, Quartermaster Cameron and Sergeant-Major Heartz. No. 1 Battery was under the command of Capt. Davison, with Lieutenants Carvell and Bartlett; No. 2 Battery being commanded by Capt. Moore, with Lieutenants Peake and Richarde. The District Paymaster, Major George L. Dogherty, was also present. The Brigade Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Worth, was also on parade, and furnished suitable music for the occasion.

In the afternoon the city batteries performed their annual target practice at Keppoch, with two 50 pounder rifled breach loading guns.

The shooting match of the No. 1 Company, 82nd Batt., came off on the 9th. Notwithstanding a very heavy cross wind the scoring was good, Staff-Sergt. M. Allen won the medal, presented by B. Rogers, M.L.A., and Pt. J. A. Stewart won the medal given by Capt. Hooper to the recruits. Ranges—200, 400 and 500 yards; 7 shots at each.

Staff-Sgt. M. Allen 89, Capt. D. L. Hooper 88, Pte. F. Jones 88, Corp. Henry Hooper 85, Pte. F. B. McRae 85, Pte. Donald McMillan 84, Sgt. Jas. Walker 75, Sgt. A. Rodd 72, Lieut. J. M. Jones 63, Pte. J. A. Stewart 63, Lieut. Mellish 50, Pte. R. Hughes 48, Pte. Holcey Hooper 43, Pte. Lem. Henry 40, Pte. Lewis Rodd 37, Pte. Robt. Edwards 27, Pte. Roberts 25, Pte. W. Rodd 24, Pte. Thos. Diamond 23, Pte. Geo. Rodd 19.

On the 21st the Charlottetown Engineers, under Capt. Weeks were inspected at Victoria Park by Lt.-Col. Moore, D.A.G.

Among the military men present were Major Dogherty, district paymaster; Capt. Stewart, of the 82nd Batt.; Capt. H. M. Davison, No. 1 G.A.; Lieut. Bartlett, No. 1 G.A.; and Lieut. Ewen McDougall, R.L.

The weather though cold was fine, and favorable for inspection.

The men looked well, their uniforms fitting well and looking neat and soldierly. Capt. Weeks, and Lieutenants Moore and Leigh each took the company in hand and put it through the different exercises.

Truro, N.S.

Fourteen members of the Truro Rifle Club were on the range Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12th, to shoot the sixth monthly spoon competition. The weather was all that could be desired, except a

very strong wind blowing across the range. Lieut. E. C. Cribb did some very fine shooting over the range, making a possible, at 500 yards, only one shot anywhere near the edge of the bull's eye. Private H. Cook, at 600 yards, made the big score of 84, his "inner" being a very close one. This match also decided the aggregate prize presented by Black & Co., of this town—a barrel of choico Canadian flour. Lieut. E. C. Cribb won the aggregate with a total of 515.

Military College Notes,

The following graduates, recently commissioned into the Imperial service have been posted as stated against their names.

2nd Lieut. G. R. Frith R.E. to the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, for a course of instruction.

2nd Lieut. R. J. F. Hayter, Cheshire Regiment to the 1st Battalion at Bellary, Madras.

2nd Lieut. G. N. Cory, Royal Dublin Fusiliers to the 2nd Battalion at Ouetta, East Indies.

Lieut. A. C. de L. Joly de Lotbinière R.E., Executive Engineer, Military Works Department, Bangalore, who received his commission on January 6, 1886, has recently been promoted Captain.

2nd Lieut. B. H. O. Armstrong R.E., upon completion of his course of instruction at the School of Military Engineering, Chatham, has been posted to Aldershot for duty with the 23rd (Field) Company, Royal Engineers.

Toronto.

TORONTO, October 24th.—The rank and file of the different regiments are filled with wondering as to when the bowling alleys will be open for use. The brigade orders of a recent date left the matter in such shape that it now rests with the commanding officers to perfect details.

If any real benefit is to be derived from the alleys this winter, no time should be lost in perfecting arrangements now that the regiments are drilling and communication with all ranks of an easy nature.

Nothing has yet been done towards fitting up the targets in the Morris Tube Galleries.

It seems very strange that the bowling alley, requiring about three times the work and expense, should be completed, and the rifle galleries neglected. If the contractor is at fault an easy remedy could be obtained, but if the government is responsible, a gentle reminder should be all that is necessary in such a small, yet to the regiments, a very important matter.

If the weather is at all favorable the Garrison church parade, called for the 3rd of November, should be the largest ever seen in Toronto.

Each regiment will do its best to make a pleasing impression on the new Major-General, and it is safe to say that the military spirit of the Toronto regiments, as displayed by them on this occasion, will not disappoint the new G.O.C.

There was a sale of condemned stores held at the Old Fort the other day, which, unlike lots of these affairs, had considerable of a go-hang about it.

A package of 50,000 Enfield caps exploded during the progress of the sale, causing quite a panic among those in attendance. Those in charge had soaked the caps in lye and water, thinking thus to render them harmless, but a lighted cigar stub carelessly thrown into the package demonstrated that they were anything but mustered out.

Sergt. Instructor Page, R.C.D., and Color-Sergt. Galloway, R.C.R.I., have both returned to duty, having completed their course of instruction in the old country.

The Royal Grenadiers are having the hardest kind of luck in trying to put in their shooting for the efficiency competition, and just now it looks as if they will be forced to give up all hopes of completing their returns. With scant notice of the difference in the conditions of the competition as compared with former years, they were unable, as intended, to finish their shooting on the occasion of their regimental match, and were compelled to postpone the class firing until some future date. The ranges were used by the 48th Highlanders and the Queen's Own on the two Saturdays which followed, the weather on the third Saturday necessitated a cancelling of all arrangements and the fourth Saturday the ranges were bespoken for Q.O.R. company matches. The season is now so far advanced that even if another attempt be made the most sanguine do not look for results that would in any way fairly represent the shooting ability of the Grenadiers.

The sergeants mess of the 48th Highlanders are at present occupying the mess rooms in the drill hall.

Their old quarters in the old Upper Canada buildings are being turned into a factory, and in the short time allowed them to get new quarters they were unable to get a location that would be suitable to their requirements. In all probability they will store most of their property and use their quarters in the drill hall until the winter is over.

The Q.O.R. Revolver Association are looking forward to some interesting practices this coming winter. If the Morris Tube Galleries are completed an attempt will be made to arrange for target accommodation in one of the galleries for certain nights.

Owing to the impossibility of securing suitable practice grounds the association has done nothing for the past two seasons, but now that it is possible to get a range in the drill hall, prospects ahead of the association are very bright.

In speaking of revolver shooting the secretary of the Q.O.R. Revolver Association states that his association will endeavor to have a Brigade Revolver Association formed among the corps in the drill hall, and endeavor to make revolver shooting popular among the officers and staff-sergeants of the different regiments.

There seems no reason why the idea of the Queen's Own should not show profitable results, and going farther, it should be made compulsory for every officer and staff-sergeant to put in as much practice with the revolver as the rest of the regiment does with the rifle. In the event of being required for service it is the weapon they would have to depend on almost altogether, and it does seem rather absurd when you think that if any trouble arose, and the services of the revolver required, that the majority of our officers not only have never fired a military revolver, but at any distance from 12 to 25 yards would be unable to stop their man. One or two revolvers to each regiment need not cost much, and the ammunition can be procured cheaper than ammunition for the rifle.