

# REGIMENTAL NOTES.

## THE ANNIVERSARY OF BATOCHÉ.

As Thursday last, the 12th instant, was the 7th anniversary of the victory at Batoché, a few words about how it was celebrated in Toronto, by the Ex-Members Association of the Royal Grenadiers, may not be out of place. But first of all I would like to give a short sketch of the Association since the time of organization a year ago. At that time a few ex-members of the regiment, who had seen service during the late rebellion, came to the conclusion that as the anniversaries were celebrated by the officers and sergeants only, while those who came under the head of "full privates" were entirely lost sight of, it was high time to organize. A meeting was called at the Drill Shed, at which officers were elected, constitution and by-laws drafted, and arrangements made to hold meetings on the second Friday of each month. Our membership has increased since then to about fifty members, several of whom served in '66. As the anniversary approached, a supper to celebrate the event was proposed, and a committee having been appointed, they determined to leave no stone unturned to make it a grand success. How well their efforts were rewarded may be seen from the fact that over one hundred sat down to the well-filled tables. President Allen occupied the chair, and seated at his right and left respectively were Capt. Manley, Royal Grenadiers, and Lieut. Spence, 34th Battalion. After justice had been done to the good things provided, the president read two letters, one from Major-General Sir Fred. Middleton, written from Moorside Yately Hants, England, in which he wished the Association every prosperity and success, and one from Lieut.-Col. Grassett, late commanding officer Royal Grenadiers, written in a similar strain, both regretting their inability to be present. These letters were received with great enthusiasm, after which the toast list was disposed of. "The Queen" was responded to by all rising and singing the National Anthem, with that vigour for which the men of the 10th Grenadiers are famous. "Our Regiment and Sister Corps," coupled with the name of Lieut. Spence, 34th Battalion, was the signal for another round of applause. Ex-Corp. Skippon, of the old 10th Royals, replied to "Our Regiment," and reviewed its progress from its organization to the present, and concluded by calling on all his old comrades to join the Association. Lieut. Spence followed in replying to

"Sister Corps." His remarks were to the effect that he was proud to be among the ex-members, and complimented them on their large turn-out. "The Ladies" was received with applause; "The Press" was responded to by a representative of the *Globe*. Much praise is due those who contributed to the musical programme, viz.: Capt. Manley, President Allen, Messrs. Pollard, McGowan, Bond, Master J. Scholes, Mr. Smedley, who gave an imitation of a military band advancing and retiring, on the banjo, and Mr. Coghill, whose recitation, "Gentleman Dick of the Greys," was exceptionally good. After passing votes of thanks to the host and committee, the singing of the National Anthem, with cheers for the Queen, brought to a close the first annual supper. Before dispersing it was announced that the church parade of the regiment, which was to be held on the 15th, was postponed indefinitely. Those present then decided that they would meet in the Queen's Park on that day and proceed in a body to Mount Pleasant Cemetery and decorate the graves of their comrades who fell in '85. This was accordingly done, about sixty taking part, although the majority were disappointed, as only six were allowed to enter the cemetery; the rules being "that no public body could gain admittance without a written order from the trustees." The members felt very indignant over it, and thought the caretaker might have been courteous enough to allow them to enter and bring a written order on a future occasion.

T. R. STANLEY, Secretary.

## QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, MAY 16, 1892.—The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars paraded every afternoon at five o'clock during the past week, and proceeded to the Plains for mounted drill.

The annual inspection of the Seminary of Quebec Drill companies took place on Thursday afternoon, the 12th instant. Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G. of this district was the inspecting officer, who was accompanied by the following staff: Lieut.-Colonels Turnbull, R.S.C.; C. E. Montizambert, R.C.A.; J. Elton Prower, 8th R.R., and Taschereau, brigade major, and Captain Rutherford, R.C.A. A large number of spectators had gathered in the drill hall to witness the manoeuvres, which consisted of the march past in quick and double time; manual, firing and bayonet exercises, bayonet exer-

cises, infantry and cavalry sword exercises, physical drill, etc. Music was furnished by the Seminary Band.

A meeting of the committee of the 8th Royal Rifles Association was held on Thursday evening last and was very well attended. The committee are to be congratulated upon the work they have decided upon for the shooting season. It was decided to fire the annual matches on the 29th June. Three teams will compete in the Military Rifle League. The shooting will be divided into three classes instead of two as in former years. There will be a grand aggregate of the season's shooting in each class, as well as monthly prizes, consisting of silver spoons. In the former case the prizes will consist of Martini-Henry rifles, etc.

It was decided to affiliate with the Dominion, Province of Quebec and Province of Ontario Rifle Associations, and it is expected the regiment will be well represented in each case.

The following were elected as captains of teams: 1st class, Lieut. Davidson; 2nd class, Staff-Serjt. Mountain; 3rd class, Private A. Thomson, No. 6 Company.

During the parade of the regiment on Friday evening last Capt. Walter J. Ray was called out and put the battalion through a number of interesting movements, which were well performed.

The following promotions were notified to the regiment:—

"A." Co.—To be corporal, Private Power, vice Morrison, discharged.

"B." Co.—To be corporal, Private J. Malone, vice Boyd, promoted.

Signal Corps.—To be corporal, Signaller Scott, vice Charles Scott, reverted to the ranks of "D." Co.

"E." Co.—To be corporal, Private J. M. Collier, vice Potvin, discharged; to be lance-corporal, Private Hope S. McHugh.

"D." Co. To be sergeant, Corporal R. Davidson, vice VanFelson, commissioned lieutenant; to be corporal, Lance Corporal David Watson, vice Davidson, promoted.

On Sunday, the 15th inst., the 8th Royal Rifles attended divine service in St. Andrew's Church. The muster was large and the marching very good. The weather was simply perfect, and large numbers of the citizens turned out to see the regiment.

R.M.C. No. 47.

The 14th Battalion, Kingston, have been drilling hard lately, preparatory to the trip to Peterboro' on the Queen's birthday. A large number of recruits have come in, and a very strong muster is anticipated.