

ated with brass models of ordnance, epergnes and flowers, and reflecting great credit on the Dinner Committee. The Commandant was unavoidably absent but sent his regrets. The Sergeants of the Cavalry School were present with several civilian friends long connected with the Battery, and full justice was done to the excellent menu provided by the gallant gunners. After the more solid viands had been disposed of, and dessert put on the table by the efficient staff directed by Gr. Dinsmore, the officers of the Battery arrived, and a very pleasant evening was spent with song and toast. Major J. F. Wilson in responding to the toast of the officers of the regiment, was very happy in his reminiscences. He related his experiences in England, where he had just returned from his Soudan campaign, and stated that the kind treatment he received on all sides in England, culminating in his being presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, was entirely due to the interest excited in England by the North-West campaign then going on, and the successful conduct of the expedition through difficulties of climate and distances by our Canadian troops of all branches. The toast in memory of those who fell in the North-West, coupled with the names of Major Short and Staff-Sergt. Wallick and Hamann, all three present at Cut Knife and gone from among us since the last celebration, was honoured standing and in silence. Capt. Rutherford, who distinguished himself in charge of the guns at Cut Knife, and Capt. Pelletier, who was severely wounded there, both returned thanks to the toast of the "Survivors." S. Sergt. Long responded to the toast of "Our Sister Batteries," "A" and "C," in Kingston and Vancouver respectively, while Sergt.-Major Baxter was very felicitous in his response for "Our Old Comrades, the Royal School of Cavalry," referring to the camaraderie existing between the two schools since they had been quartered together in Quebec. Messrs. Boakes and A. Crawford responded for the 8th Battalion and our Quebec volunteers, while Messrs. Hughes, Mitchell and Gibson efficiently represented "Our Civilian Friends," the latter referring to his long connection with the Artillery in the Montreal Garrison Artillery. Songs were given by the Master Gunner, S. M. Barrington, S. S. Long and Fellowes and Widgery, Sergt. A. Fellowes, Messrs. Boakes and Gibson. Trumpet Major Vezina presided very efficiently at the piano. A thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all present. The *Chronicle* says: "We must compliment S. M. Lyndon and S. Sergts. and Sergts. on their efficient management and courteous treatment of their guests, and the Regiment of Canadian Artillery on the cordial and mutual esteem that seems to exist between officers, N. C. O. and men."

Montreal.

Several changes have just occurred in the ranks of the officers of the 1st Prince of Wales' Regiment. Major Campbell, who has retired, has had this step in contemplation for some time, but at the request of the new commanding officer, Col. Butler, he consented to remain until this spring. Capt. Hanson, who would have succeeded to the Majority, now resigns because pressure of business has made it impossible for him to go to St. Johns to qualify for the promotion. If the school had been at Montreal there would have been no difficulty. Capt. Hanson is one of the oldest volunteers in the city, having been a member of the Prince of Wales' corps before it was constituted a regiment. Captains Godfrey and Scott, having served five years as such and not desiring promotion, retire with that rank. The members of the Prince of Wales' regiment feel that they have been greatly hampered in their endeavours to maintain the corps, on account of the Brigade office occupying part of their armoury space, that left at their disposal being too small to be used with comfort.

THE VICTORIA RIFLES.

Taking everything into consideration, the good and the bad, says the *Gazette*, the Victoria Rifles passed a most creditable annual inspection Saturday afternoon on Fletcher's field. The ground was marshy and muddy, and on this account several of the manoeuvres were not as perfect as they would have been had the conditions been more favourable. Then the crowd there assembled did its share towards making the lot of the Vics hard. The regiment marched on the field well. They were then drawn up in open order. The reviewing officer, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, deputy adjutant general, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Mattice, brigade major, and Capt. Strathy, of the Royal Scots, acting as aide-de camp, was greeted with the general salute. The regiment was then put past the reviewing point at quick march and then on the double. This was exceedingly well done and was cheered by the crowd. They were then drawn up again and the manual exercise gone through with, the different movements being done with precision. After different formations had been gone through with, the regiment was drawn up at the further end of the field to go through the new attack drill. The enemy was supposed to be drawn up on the slope of the mountain. Half companies of skirmishers were thrown out, who advanced slowly, without firing, to about half the distance. They were supported by other companies, the remainder of the battalion being drawn up on the right and left flanks.

At half the distance firing at random was begun, and the skirmishers advanced on the double, the supports gradually falling in, and the enemy supposed to be retiring gradually. When the former position of the enemy was reached, the whole battalion was in line. Another volley was fired, and the order given to charge. The charge was supposed to have dislodged the enemy. The regiment was then drawn up and addressed by Colonel Houghton, who complimented them on their appearance and on the manner in which they had performed the attack drill. After roll call they marched back to the drill shed, and the annual inspection was at an end. Lieut.-Col. Henshaw was in command. The officers of the Vics held a very pleasant mess dinner at their quarters at the armoury on Saturday evening.

THE SIXTY-FIFTH BATTALION.

The 65th Regiment had the first of the present season's annual church parades on Sunday morning, when divine service was attended at St. Bridget's Church. The men mustered at the Drill hall eight companies strong, and, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Dugas, marched to St. Bridget's, being headed by their band, which now has its full complement of men and includes the new artists engaged by Mr. Lavigne to perform at Sohmer park. The men presented a nice soldierly-looking appearance, and the band fully sustained the high reputation it has now for excellence in music. The pulpit was occupied by Rev. Father Lonergan, who, in the course of a few remarks, read a circular from the Archbishop asking heads of families to give the requisite information to the officers engaged in taking the census, and he then went on to urge all young men to become volunteers, pointing out that it would be much better for both soul and body than spending, as many of them now did, their nights in drinking shops and playing billiards. There was no reason why, instead of the city having only one French regiment, it should not have three or four. In conclusion, he referred to rogation days, pointing out how it was they came to be established, and making special allusion to the efficacy of prayer. At the close of the service the regiment marched back to the drill hall, where it was dismissed.

Belleville.

Pursuant to orders the 15th Battalion assembled at the drill shed Sunday morning, 4th inst., and headed by our silver band, proceeded to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, whither we had been invited by the pastor, the Rev. M. W. MacLean. The turnout was not as large as it might have been, probably owing to its being the first parade of the Battalion this year. The rev. gentleman, who is our esteemed chaplain, took for his texts Ps. cix, 19, and Eccles. xii, 13, from which he delivered a good practical discourse which was listened to with the greatest attention by all. After service we returned to the drill shed by the way of Hotel, George, Dundas, Front, Bridge and Church streets.

The following orders were issued:—

HEADQUARTERS, 15TH BATT., A.L.I.
May 4, 1890.

Orders by Lieut.-Col. Lazier, commanding:

1. Capt. Donald has been granted leave for two weeks from the 5th inst.
2. Officer for duty at the drill shed at officers' quarters for week commencing Monday, 5th inst., will be Capt. Merrill; next for duty Lieut. Wills.
3. Orderly sergeant at drill shed and sergeant instructor of recruit squad for week commencing Monday, 5th, will be Sgt. Gaugot.
4. Orderly bugler for week commencing Monday, 5th inst., at drill shed, will be Bugler Ponton, A Co.
5. A Co. will furnish orderly for the door of drill shed for week commencing Monday, 5th.

By order.

R. E. LAZIER, Capt. and Adjt.

Great credit is due to A Company for their particularly good turnout on Sunday; they presented a fine appearance, and who was prouder of it than Capt. Ponton?

There is to be battalion drill on Friday night, and I expect after this week the battalion will parade regularly twice a week.

It is expected that the 15th will visit Toronto on the 1st July, and take part in the summer carnival which is to be held there.

Willie Johnson, ex-corporal of A Company, was in the city last week visiting his parents and renewing old acquaintances. He looks as though they used him well over in Uncle Sam's domains.

The non-commissioned officers class is closed, and examinations will be held shortly.

"ARGYLE."

The Essex Fusiliers.

The 21st Essex Fusiliers have been invited to visit the town of Leamington for a field day on the 26th May to appropriately celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday. The invitation has been accepted, and the town is to furnish free transport by M. C. Railway, and dinner to the regiment. Col. Wilkinson has issued battalion orders, giving proper instructions, and a programme of movements for the day, which includes a sham battle. The several companies are drilling regularly in preparation, and with a view to the coming or expected camp in June.