

crease of four from last inspection, and exactly 90 men over strength. Lieut.-Col. Starke was in command. All the officers were on parade but Major Sims, who is still unable to use his arm. Sharp on half-past three the battalion entered the Champ de Mars, headed by the cyclists, pioneers and band, the Maxim gun detachment bringing up the rear. Lieut.-Col. Houghton, the inspecting officer, on his arrival was received by the present arms. He was accompanied by Capt. Macdougall, R.R.C.I., and Capt. Fred. Whitley, 6th Hussars. Col. Houghton made a minute inspection of the men, after which the battalion marched past in column and quarter column, and which drew forth favorable comments from the large number of spectators, among which were many of the other city corps. The other battalion movements were exceedingly well done, and though at times one or two slight mistakes took place on the part of some of the men, still much better could not have been looked for from regulars. Major Busted put them through the manual and firing exercises, and it was while going through these movements that the careful training of the past season was noticeable. Every hand told on the rifles as one, and the time was well judged. The firing exercise was splendid, and drew forth from the inspecting officer, "very well, indeed." The report on the completion of the word "fire" was as if from one rifle. Col. Starke next took command, and the smartest piece of work of the day was witnessed. The battalion was dismissed, and the men of the different companies were all mixed up and scattered over the ground. Suddenly the markers were then thrown out for column, and the bugle sounded the "fall in," when there was a doubling by the men for their respective companies. When they had all fallen in on their markers the command "quick march" was given, and then "form square." When the command "fire" was given it was found that from the last sound of the bugle to "fall in" until they had fired a volley in square the time taken was only 1 minute 20 seconds. For this piece of work they were applauded, and rightly so, for it was granted on all sides that a quicker and more orderly movement was never witnessed on the Champ de Mars. After muster roll was called the battalion marched back to their armory. Before dismissing the men Col. Starke said he was highly gratified with the work they had performed that day. It was, in his opinion, ahead of last year. He had never seen them steadier in the ranks. He thanked the officers and men for what they had done during the drill season, and urged them all to put in their target practice. He then called for three cheers for the Queen. This was heartily given, as were also three cheers for Col. Starke.

Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., has invited

the majors of the city regiments to join him during his inspections of local corps Saturday afternoons. THE GAZETTE would also suggest that retired officers should be present at the saluting point in uniform on the days on which their former corps were being inspected.

NOTES.

No. 1 Company of the G.A. had a private parade on Monday night. This is the company that took the first place in the Dominion last year, and by the hard work they are now putting in they should be able to give a good account of themselves in the forthcoming competitions. There were seven gun squads on parade under Capt. Barton.

The Royal Scots have received the last of their feather bonnets. The white jackets are expected to arrive this week.

Several of the companies of this regiment are putting in extra drill in preparation for the inspection which takes place on the 27th of June.

Lieut.-Col. Strathy, Royal Scots, met with rather a serious accident last week. While riding a bicycle on the Cote des Neiges road, he was upset and dislocated his left shoulder. He was removed to the Royal Victoria Hospital. We are glad to state that he is progressing very favorably. This unfortunate accident will prevent him from being in command of the Scots for some time to come.

Mr. T. E. Howell, formerly captain and adjutant of the P.W.R., Montreal, is among the list of wounded at the recent Matebele rising at Buluwayo. During the four years Mr. Howell has been in South Africa, he has been twice engaged in active service.

On Friday night a meeting of the committee of the 6th Fusiliers Rifle Association was held in the Armory. Lieut.-Col. Burland, president of the association, presided. The chief business before the meeting was the drawing up of the programme for the open and annual match next Saturday. As was stated in THE GAZETTE, the Government practice is to take place in conjunction with the open matches. The 6th will have a very busy day, for their teams are also going to shoot in the third League match. Much interest is being aroused over the experiment, and should it prove successful the other city corps will, no doubt, follow the same course next year. In addition to the many prizes on the programme the commanding officer has presented regimental badges for target practice. For the best shot in the battalion, gold cross rifle and a crown; for the best shot in each company, a gold cross rifle; for the three best marksmen in each company, silver cross rifle. To win a badge a marksman must put on 75 per cent. This should be the means of drawing out a large number of green shots, for there is ample opportunity for appearing on the prize list.

Montreal Garrison Artillery will have four men on the Shoeburyness team.

FORT GEORGE.

INSPECTIONS AT QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, May 30.—The annual inspection of the 8th and the 9th Batts. took place on May 14 on the Plains of Abraham. The day was all that could be desired, and thousands of spectators were present to witness the same. Lieut.-Col. Roy was in command of the brigade, the 8th being under the command of Lieut.-Col. White. The inspections were made by Lieut.-Col. Duchesnay, D.A.G., and Lieut.-Col. Montizambert, accompanied by a staff, consisting of Capt. R. E. W. Turner, Q.O.C.H., and Messrs. Henri A. Panet, H. C. Thacker, and Benyon of R.C.A. The march past and the advance in review order were very creditably performed, after which the manual and firing exercises, etc., were gone through and some battalion movements. No skirmishing was done this year in view of the trip of the 8th to Sherbrooke on the 23rd inst.

Quebec appears to be very unfortunate in the way of having the general officer commanding the militia present at the annual inspections of the corps in the city. For years past such an officer has not managed to be present. On this occasion it was anticipated that Major-General Cascoigne would have made it a point to be here, but such was not the case. A visit of this nature would tend to increase the good work which is being done here and it is to be hoped that on the next occasion this matter will be remedied.

Corp. Hay, "E" Company 8th Royal Rifles, won the Championship badge and \$10 on the 14th inst at St. Joseph de Levis at the annual matches of the 8th Royal Rifles.

The Royal Canadian Artillery had a march out on the 21st inst.

On the 22nd inst. the R.C.A. Quadrille Club held a most enjoyable picnic at St. Joseph de Levis. A large number were in attendance and took part in the games, cricket, football, etc.

A lecture was delivered in the Royal Canadian Artillery Institute on Wednesday evening, the 20th inst., by Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R.L., the subject being "Ashanti." Lieut.-Col. Montizambert was chairman and introduced the lecturer. Among others present were: Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D.A.G., Major G. E. A. Jones and Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, of the 8th Royal Rifles, Major R. W. Ruthertford, Major W. E. Im-lah, Capts. T. Benson, Fages, and Messrs. Henri A. Panet, H. C. Thacker, of the R. C. A., Capt. F. M. Gaudet, superintendent Government Cartridge Factory, etc.

Considerable interest has been manifested in the trip of the 8th Royal Rifles to Sherbrooke for the 24th and 25th insts. The regiment paraded at 5.30 on the 23rd inst., Pioneers, Signal and Ambulance Corps, Drum and Bugle Bands, etc. All hands were in review order and wore rolled overcoats and haversacks and presented a very smart