

is one of the best inspections I have ever attended to in this country. I hope that the other corps will emulate you; you have at least set them a good example. I will not detain you longer, as I do not wish to make a speech, but I must give some credit to the officers for the attention they must have given to the Battalion to have brought it to such a state of perfection."

Later in the evening Lieut.-Col. Starke and his officers had their annual mess dinner at their armory, the guests being: Lt. Col. Houghton, D.A.G.; Lt. Col. Mattice, B.M.; Major Roy, B.M.; Major Ibbotson, Major Edwards, Major Blaiklock, Lieut.-Col. Henshaw, Capt. Geo. Cameron, Capt. Ibbotson, Capt. Clerk, Mr. C. W. Cassils and Mr. J. Cantlie. The menu was an excellent one and well served under care of Dickson. During the evening an enjoyable programme of music was excellently rendered by Hardy's orchestra, some of the numbers, especially the Wang selections, receiving a number of encores.

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Whilst making excavations for the new wall around the Quebec Parliament buildings the workmen came across three skeletons of a man and horse. The remains are supposed to be those of an officer of one of the old regiments engaged in one of the sieges of Quebec.

The Deputy Minister of Militia, Lieut. Col. Panet, has been in town. He will spend the summer at Kamouraska.

The annual rifle shooting competition of the Eighth R. R. Association will be held on the first of July.

"B" Battery band headed the parade to the English Cathedral on the 21st. Trompette, the well known military writer, says: I was much surprised to notice their band reduced to about sixteen pieces. I am told a number of the bandsmen have left to join "the finest" of Montreal.

The Garrison Club have fully decided to add a storey to their building, affording increased accommodation to its members. Mr. Staveley has been instructed to prepare plans and specifications at once, and tenders will shortly be called for, the work to be completed in the shortest possible time.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars were inspected on Saturday afternoon, May 20, on the Plains of Abraham by Lieut. Col. Duchesnay, D. A. G. The inspecting officer was accompanied by Lt. Col. Turnbull, Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lt. Col. White, 8th R. R., and Lt. Forrester, Lt. Col. Forrest, district paymaster, was also on the grounds. Lt. Col. Forsyth was in command of the squadron, which presented a very creditable appearance when drawn up.

After inspection of the men, their clothing, accoutrements and mounts by the D. A. G., the march past, at the walk, at the trot and by single file was performed. The Adjutant Captain Brown then put the men through the sword exercise and pursuing practice.

Field movements and dismounted work constituted the remainder of the inspection.

The band was present and discoursed sweet music during the afternoon. It would be a very great pity if this fine body of musicians had to be disbanded. We sincerely hope that this can be avoided.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars after inspection, entertained their friends to dinner at the Garrison Club. Everything passed off pleasantly. Their fine band was present to furnish the music, which was repeatedly encored. The very pretty caps worn by the bandsmen were especially admired. There were present as guests Colonels Duchesnay, Turnbull, Montizambert, White and Roy, Major Lindsay, Captains Imlah, Farley, Rutherford, Montizambert and others.

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The band of the Eight have resume their practices and will continue throughout the summer. There are some 45 musicians presently attached to the corps. Bandmaster Hutchinson is organizing a harmony class. Fourteen brass instruments, which had been discarded some time ago, are on exhibition in Allaire's window, St. John street, and attract considerable notice. They were in a very battered and useless condition when sent to Mr. Allaire's, but have been turned out looking at their best and we are told, quite equal to new ones. Something over \$200 was spent in their repair. The concert of the Eighth Royal Rifles takes place the second week in June.

There was a heavy rock slide from below the Citadel, into Champlain street, between one and two o'clock Saturday afternoon, May 20th. Some of the rocks that rolled down on the roadway must have weighed 10 to 20 tons each. Fortunately nobody was injured, as there were no passers-by at the time.

The matter of making at Quebec the ammunition for the new service rifle is already under consideration, and in his last report the superintendent of the factory says:

"It would be worth considering if a new small-bore rifle could not be obtained by converting Martini-Henry rifles into Martini-Metford, substituting a small bore barrel to the present 45 calibre, without altering the breech and lock mechanism, replacing, however, the "fore-end" of wood by one of a shape suitable to take the small bore barrel, and altering some minor parts. A pattern has been sealed to convert Martini-Henry carbines in this manner for artillery and cavalry service in England. Thus a good and stout small-bore rifle would be obtained, and if at any future time the Lee-Metford magazine rifle was introduced, both arms would be available, taking the same ammunition. The converted Martini rifle would shot as far and as accurately as the Lee-Metford rifle of the British service. It would be a single loader but still much more accurate and far ranging than the Martini-Henry, with a practically much longer point-blank range, and a hardly perceptible recoil, instead of the violent one now felt when firing the Martini-Henry rifle."

A lot of new instruments for the Eighth band are on their way to the city, when

the force of this musical corps will be increased.

Dissatisfaction is expressed among the men of the Eighth against the new head-dress or Lusby now worn by the battalion. They say they not only much heavier than the old helmets, but are not elastic enough and keep the head jammed as if in a vice and with no protection against the rays of the sun, as on the day of inspection.

There is a wish in the 53rd Battalion of Sherbrooke to have the annual outing this year take the shape of a trip to Quebec.

On Sunday morning the 14th May, Bombardier Hull, of "B" Battery, shot himself at the Citadel. Death was almost instantaneous. The coroner's inquest resulted in the following verdict: "Death from a bullet wound self inflicted, while labouring under temporary insanity."

He was buried with military honors on the afternoon of the 17th. The weather was most unfavorable, raining steadily, and the streets in a far from good condition. The band and firing party of 18 men under a sergeant was furnished by the corps to which the deceased belonged and a large turn-out of the corps were present, as well as a detachment from the Regiment of Canadian Dragoons. ("A" Troop.)

The officers in attendance being Lieut. Col. Montizambert, Capts. Farley and Rutherford and Mr. W. E. Cooke, "B" Battery, R. C. A., the latter mounted and riding in front of the gun carriage. The Dragoons were represented by Mr. W. Forrester.

The evening of May 17th having been selected for the examination in the quarters of the officers of the Eighth Royal Rifles, they duly assembled at the Drill Hall and were examined by Lt. Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G., who was assisted by Mr. W. Forester, "A" Troop, R.C.D. With but one exception the officers turned out to a man and I am informed that the one in question, who was unavoidably prevented from attending was examined on a later date, thus completing the inspection of the corps. The result is not known as yet.

Regimental orders were issued on the 18th calling for a parade as under at the Drill Hall to receive annual drill pay.

Thursday 18th, A and B Companies.

Friday 19th, C and F Companies.

Saturday 20th, D and E Companies.

Arms, accoutrements and clothing were returned into store and the pay made on the above mentioned dates. As usual this was a well attended parade.

The Infantry examination paper for 1893-94, consisting of six questions, is by no means difficult, although possessing one question which is not fully answered by the page to which reference is made for a solution of the same. No. 3 calls for the position of the officers, guides and markers, in column of half companies, etc. Page 84, Infantry Drill, 1889, is given as a reference. This, however, does not indicate the positions of the markers when in the formation above alluded to, evidently an oversight or left to the imagination of the officer under examination as to whether the markers will retain