

OUTDOOR PRACTICE AT MONTREAL.

The Vics think they can claim the honour of being first in the field for a practice this spring. As the weather has been delightfully mild and springlike for the past week, and no possibility of any practice at the Cote St. Luc ranges for some time to come, five of the Vics went out to the Athletic Club House grounds at Cote-des-Neiges and had a little practice match at the 100 yards range for sporting rifles. Considerable difficulty had to be overcome in getting the elevation, as the Snider shoots about two feet over the mark with the lowest "fixed sight" at 100 yards, and as the target had a 4-inch bulls-eye pretty close shooting was necessary to score. The Snider held its own against the Marlin repeater .38 calibre used by several gentlemen in the scratch match, but on Saturday next, 29th inst., there will be a regular team of five armed with Marlins to compete with the same five Vics, and a good competition may be looked for. The conditions will be the same as Saturday's practice, viz: Five men a side; 5 shots each; military kneeling, civilian standing; Snider and Marlin rifles respectively. Range 100 yards, D.C.R.A. revolver target. Following is the result of Saturday's practice:—

Lt. E. Desbarats	3 5 5 3 5—21
Corpl. R. Binmore	4 4 4 4 4—20
Lt. G. W. F. Carter	3 4 4 5 4—20
Pte. R. Kough	3 4 3 5 4—19
Lce.-Corpl. D. McCrae	2 4 5 3 4—18

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Regimental and Other News.

Prof. Anderson, late Bandmaster of the 7th Fusiliers band, has secured an appointment in Toronto, as the following from the *Globe* shows: "The violin department of the College of Music has just been strengthened by the addition to the staff of the well-known violinist and teacher, Mr. August Anderson, from the Royal College of Music, Copenhagen, Denmark."

We regret to have to chronicle the death, on the 13th March, at Gananoque, of a promising young officer of the militia force in the person of Harry Mace Jackson, late in command of No. 2 Co., 41st Battalion. Captain Jackson was an enthusiastic officer. In September, 1886, on being gazetted to the command of a company, he proceeded to Toronto and took a highly creditable course at the R.S.I., obtaining a 2nd class grade A certificate. In January, 1887, he again went up, for a first, but while in Toronto was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs, and was obliged to leave, and has since been in poor health. He possessed in a marked manner the prized quality for a good officer of volunteers, that while always maintaining thorough discipline, he was popular and beloved by the men of his company. In losing him the 41st loses a promising officer, and one it will be hard to replace.

22nd Battalion "Oxford Rifles."

The annual meeting of the officers of this battalion was held at the O'Neill House, Woodstock, on the 28th ult. The following officers were present: Lt. Col. Munro, Major and Paymaster McCleneghan, Surgeon McWilliam, Capt. and Adj. W. M. Davis, Capts. Day, Macqueen, Hegler, Ball and Van Buskirk, and Lieuts. Quinn and Anderson. The commanding officer gave a resume of what was done since last meeting, referring to the late Surgeon Major Swan as a most zealous and efficient officer, whose death all ranks would deeply deplore. All would feel grateful, he said, for the very liberal assistance from the county council, and he trusted that no effort would be spared to maintain the regiment in such a state of efficiency as to deserve such aid. He urged the necessity of the officers and non-commissioned officers making themselves acquainted with the new infantry drill before going into camp, and hoped that, with the new head dress and the new equipment for non-commissioned officers and pioneers, the regiment would turn out, if possible, in better shape than ever before. The reports of the band, regimental and rifle committees were then read, which were all satisfactory, and adopted. The following officers compose the several committees for the current year: Band, Capts. Sutherland, Davis and Ross; Regimental, Majors Loveys and McCleneghan, and Capt. Day; Rifle, captains of companies; Mess, Surgeon McWilliam, Capts. Macqueen and Sutherland. All the officers present were enthusiastic and elated at the bright prospects of the battalion.

Toronto.

"C" Company Royal Grenadiers held a meeting on the 13th inst. for the purpose of forming a company fund. Nearly every member was present. Col.-Sergt. Milsom occupied the chair, and Sergt. Carter was elected secretary-treasurer, provisionally. It was carried unanimously that the company have a fund and put their whole annual pay in, and a committee was appointed to draft a set of by-laws. It is composed of

the following members: Col.-Sergt. Milsom, Sergt. Foley, Corp. Gilbert, and Ptes. Davidson and Russell.

Nearly all the companies in the Grenadiers have decided to put their entire pay into company funds. Hitherto, several of them had no fund at all. Lt.-Col. Dawson intends issuing a memo. regarding the management of the various funds. He will require each company to appoint a committee of four, the captain being an ex-officio member, to handle the funds, and that no moneys be paid excepting on a cheque signed by the secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the captain.

The Grenadiers' recruit class commenced on Tuesday, 18th inst., and a large number of recruits were waiting to go in. Ex Sergt.-Major Francis is going to put them through, and, no doubt, under his tuition, they will become thoroughly efficient in all their duties.

Hamilton.

The wisdom of funding the pay in the Thirteenth Battalion is becoming more apparent day by day. The evidences of new life are showing themselves on every hand. The change was not made before it was needed, as the battalion was rapidly becoming a resort for a lot of old moss backs, who only thought of their pay and how to get it with as little exertion on their part as possible. These men, of course, kept the better class out. But this is all changed now. The funding of the pay has provided the companies with the wherewithal to decorate their armouries and make them places not only to keep arms and accoutrements in, but also to spend an hour or two of an evening to the advantage both of themselves and the battalion, for of course it is only a natural result that where militiamen congregate, the militia in general and their own battalion in particular will come in for a large share of their attention. Then drill, shooting, and the best way of recruiting all come in for their share, and the battalion reaps the benefit. To-day the members of the Thirteenth are working for the interests of the battalion; a desire to excel has pervaded every company, and friendly rivalry exists throughout. What would still further advance the battalion would be the possession of a full camp equipment, so that short trips could be indulged in by the whole battalion. This would be much more conducive to discipline than having separate companies tramping over the country independently.

There were three companies on parade last Friday evening, A, F and H. A and H marched out under command of Captain Stoneman, who had Captain Moore and Lieut. Herring with him.

F Company paraded for target practice. Lieut. Tidswell was in command, and was assisted by Lieut. Laidlaw. Two new Morris tubes were used, and the scoring was the best that has been done yet.

The annual meeting of the sergeants was held last week in their mess room and was fairly well attended. After the minutes were read and the usual routine business dispatched, it was decided to give a cup for competition at the battalion matches, to be called the "Sergeants' Cup," in lieu of the non-commissioned officers' cup won outright by C Company. The new cup to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner. The following officers were elected: President, Sergt. Major Athawes; vice-president, Staff-Sergt. Goodwin; secretary, Sergt. Greenley; treasurer, Col.-Sergt. Bismark. Committee, Col.-Sergts. Bettles and Silk, and Sergt. Garson.

Lieut.-Cols. Skinner and Irving, late of the Thirteenth Battalion, were in town last week.

The bugle band are getting on first-rate with the decoration of their room.

The following orders have been issued:—

HEADQUARTERS 13TH BATTALION A.M.,
HAMILTON, March 19th.

8. The regiment will parade for battalion drill on Friday, April 11th, at 7.45 p.m.
9. The following men passed the drill instructor's examination on the 11th inst., and are qualified for the non-commissioned officers' ranks, namely: Private B. Harvey, D Company; Private J. Harvey, D Company; Private W. Stewart, D Company; Private Richmond, F Company.
10. The commanding officer has been pleased to appoint Corporal Thos. Wheaton, of H Company, to be sergeant from this date.
11. Second Lieut. Powis has three months' leave of absence from April 4th next, for the purpose of attending the Royal School of Infantry at Toronto for a short course.

By order,

J. J. STUART, Captain and Adjutant.

Ottawa.

Mr. H. Graham, who has served about ten years in the Thirteenth Battalion at Hamilton, has removed to Ottawa to enter upon the management of the Grand Union Hotel, of which his uncle, Mr. John Graham, is the proprietor. Mr. Graham was one of the Thirteenth's best shots, and has been to Wimbledon as a representative of that corps. He will be quite an acquisition to the Ottawa corps with which he decides to cast in his lot.

THE GUARDS.

The Governor General's Foot Guards have commenced the annual drill, and the semi-weekly musters are well attended. Major Todd being in command, Major Hodgins has taken over the duties of junior