

It is probable that the 14th will be inspected during the last week in June or the first week in July.

No decision has been arrived at as to the regiment's annual trip on Dominion Day. Toronto and Hamilton are talked of as objective points, with the majority of the men in favor of the former. The battalion has been invited to participate in a celebration at Picton on Dominion Day. The 57th Battalion, Peterborough Rangers, will be present and the town will be en fete. A pleasant time is promised the corps should the invitation be accepted.

The forage caps purchased for the 14th by the officers of the regiment, have arrived from England by steamship Mariposa and were issued to the men last week. Authority has also been received for a new issue of belts, pouches and ball bags, which, with the new tunics just issued, will give every man in the battalion a complete outfit.

The closing exercises of the Royal Military College will be held on Thursday, 27th inst. The programme for the afternoon will be more interesting than ever, and will, as usual, be illustrative of the work done by the Cadets during the term.

The non-commissioned officers and men of "A" Battery R.C.A., have organized a Bicycle Club. A large number of the members of the corps are expert wheelmen—are among the city's crack riders in fact—and the club should be a success.

The battery has had two route marches this spring. On both occasions the objective point was Kingston Mills, and both times the men enjoyed the outing to the full.

Driver Kelly is under arrest for the theft of Government property. A citizen remarked a day or two ago, in speaking of the case: "If the Government will not pay the men the pittance they are supposed to receive as their daily pay, what are they to do but steal? And it is better that they should steal from the Government that misuses them than from each other, or from the citizens."

The men of the Battery did not receive a cent of their pay for the past month until Saturday last, 8th inst. Several desertions have taken place recently, caused, it is said, by the neglect of the authorities to pay the men at the proper time. They should be paid every week, and when they are compelled to go without their money, for a month at a time, there is little wonder that they become dissatisfied.

Surely Mr. Dickey's mind, which we were told was like a pure, white, blank sheet of paper, and was waiting for impressions, cannot fail to be impressed by this circumstance!

The Eighth Artillery officers who have been taking a special short course at the school of instruction at Tete du Pont barracks, completed their course on the 6th inst.

After they had signed the pay-roll they

were informed that there were no funds to pay them for the time they had spent at the school, and were forced to depart without their money. Some of them came from the Maritime Provinces, and several had brought sufficient money to pay their expenses while here, depending upon their pay for their return fares. These had to borrow enough money from friends to carry them home.

Sergt.-Major Morgans, R.M.C. and Sergt.-Major Kelly of the 8th (King's) Regiment, now stationed at Halifax, N.S., will engage in an athletic contest in the Opera House here on the evening of the 25th instant.

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## Quebec.

7th June 1895.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars, who have been interrupted in the completion of their annual training, due to the question of pay, will it is anticipated shortly take up their mounted duties as it is expected that their pay will be provided for in supplementary estimates.

Another three weeks will complete their training for the current year.

Captain R. E. W. Turner's ride round the Island of Orleans, which took up two days, was productive of excellent results. His troop were fully instructed in many duties which do not fall to the lot of the corps when engaged in their training at headquarters. Pitching and striking of tents, the selection of a camping ground, guards, etc., formed part of their duty, every detail of which was carefully looked after by that officer. The men upon their return looked sun burnt and their horses in excellent condition.

At the latter part of May the Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Militia and Defence spent, a couple of days in the city. It is to be hoped that the unsightly fence which was put up during the repairs to the fortification walls adjoining St. John St. gate will be removed. But little remains to be done to the walls and which should be attended to immediately and the fence removed. Was the Hon. Minister shown this fence?

On the evening of the 1st inst., the Band of the Royal Canadian Artillery performed upon the Terrace, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Montizambert and officers. Being a beautiful evening a large number of the citizens took the advantage of listening of this fine band.

A special General Meeting of the 8th R. R. Rifle Association was held on the 29th of May at the Drill Hall. The following Captains of rifle teams were elected:—Martini Henry teams, Mr. W. H. Davidson and Sergt. R. Hartley; Snider team, Sergt. H. Hull.

The annual matches of this Battalion will take place on Wednesday the 21st of August next.

Shooting for the aggregate commenced on the 1st June to finish on the 17th of August, both dates inclusive, eight best scores made on Wednesdays and Saturdays to count for the aggregate.

The Rifle Association elected the following Officers:—President, Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White; Vice-Presidents, Majors, G. E. A. Jones and J. S. Dunbar; Secretary, Mr. W. Champion; Asst.-Secretary, Corporal A. E. Swift; Treasurer, Mr. Russell Hale; Committee:—A. Co., Capt. VanFelson and Sergt. Margan; B. Co., Mr. W. H. Davidson and Sergt. Harrington; C. Co., Captain O. B. C. Richardson and Sergt. Norton; D. Co., Mr. R. Davidson and Private Stoba; E. Co., Mr. T. W. S. Dunn and Sergt. Hay; F. Co., Sergts. Hull and Sutherland; Staff Sergt. Dewfall.

The Levis Rifle Association elected the following officers for the current year:—Patron, Hon. L. O. Taillon; Vice-Patrons, A. Baker, M.P.P. and Geo. T. Davie; Hon. President, Louis E. Couture; Hon. Vice-Presidents, J. E. Mercier and J. B. Michaud; Hon. Directors, J. B. Boutin, E. Dupre, P. Bourassa, E. Belleau; President, I. N. Belleau, Q.C.; Vice-Presidents, A. Turgeon, M. P.P., N. Edmond; Treasurer, E. Labadie; Asst.-Treasurer, Jos. Carrier; Secretary, Jos. Scherrer; Asst.-Secretary, Jos. Paradis; Directors:—U. Valiquet, Sergt.-Major Richard, P. E. Begin, J. Boutin, Bourasa, C. H. Carrier. Committee:—Major G. S. Vien, Capt. C. G. Beaulieu, Capt. J. O. Martineau.

Sergt. M. de B. Saillifant, of the Royal Canadian Artillery was married on the 1st of June to Miss Annie Dixon, daughter of Wm. Dixon, foreman of the Government Cartridge Factory. The ceremony took place at the Methodist Church at 3 p. m., and was witnessed by a number of the friends of both the bride and bridegroom.

The Royal Canadian Artillery Minstrels gave an entertainment in the Citadel Theatre on the evening of the 22nd of May, which was well attended and enjoyed by those present. Among those who contributed to the evening's amusement may be mentioned:—Sgt.-Major Fellows, Sergt. O'Hagan, Corpl. Lefleur, Gunners, Brooks, Monaghan, Ferguson, Nauffis, Sergt. Wool, Corpl. Jordan, Trumpeters Robert and Baugh.

The contemplated reduction in the strength of the Permanent Corps stationed in this city is such as to create considerable uneasiness and dissatisfaction, and is calculated to have an effect upon the Corps which will not prove favourable by any means. The R. C. A. are decidedly in a more efficient position today than they have been in many years, due to the energy and hard work which Major-General Herbert undertook when assuming command of the Canadian Militia. Having bestowed more attention to the Permanent Corps than has been shown by his predecessors, we have