

The rain did worse for the 6th than merely preventing the Sunday march out. The armoury roof leaks like a sieve and that Sunday's deluge simply ruined a large number of uniforms which had been put out in the quartermaster's store-room in preparation for the clothing of the recruits. This was in large measure responsible for the Sixth turning out for their annual inspection on Saturday the 5th inst., some twenty men under strength, an unusual thing with this regiment. This short parade will doubtless put the Fusiliers quite out of the running for Sir Donald Smith's trophy.

The battalion inspection of the 6th attracted a very large number of spectators to the historical Champ de Mars, and they saw a very good exhibition of drill in spite of the small turn out and other discouragements the regiment has undergone this year. It is the experience of all regiments that old non-commissioned officers and men leave the colours in batches. When one or two leave, many of their comrades go with them. Many of the old time non-coms. and men of the 6th have taken their discharges during the past two years and it will take another season probably before all of their places are filled with the right material.

Under the circumstances the regiment did remarkably well. All ranks presented a smart, soldierly appearance, and the marking and the executions of all commands were characterized by that snap and precision which have always characterized the scarlet regiment with the white facings. The regiment marched on to the Champ de Mars with a snappy, swinging step and was at once drawn up in line to receive the inspecting officer, Lieut.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G. After the salute and the inspection of ranks the regiment marched past, all of the companies going past fairly well. Distances were splendidly preserved. Considerable battalion drill followed and was decidedly the best part of the inspection, company officers being well up in their work and the men thoroughly in hand. One or two duffers con-

bined to spoil the spectacular effect of what was on the whole a smart exhibition of the manual, firing and bayonet exercises. At the conclusion the inspecting officer expressed himself as well pleased with the work done. The company inspections took place the following Tuesday and Wednesday before Major Young, R.R.C.R.

The Highland Cadets, a corps deserving the sympathy of the militia and the substantial support of the Militia Department, underwent its annual inspection on the evening of the same day before the commanding officer of the Royal Scots, Lieut.-Col. Strathy, A.D.C. The Highland Cadets were organized many years ago by Captain Lyndon, the indefatigable adjutant of our local Kilties and the lads at their inspection, as in fact they always have done, did their organizer and instructor proud. The lads, in their neat and complete Highland uniforms, presented a most soldierly appearance and went through a lengthy programme of drill in a manner very near indeed to perfection. Marching, manual, bayonet and firing exercises and physical drill were all really excellent, and every spectator agreed that the sturdy lads and their instructor deserved every word of commendation bestowed upon them by their inspecting officer. This corps is certainly deserving of substantial recognition from the department. The training the boys get is thorough, a great deal more so than the average militiaman can hope to acquire, and the corps furnishes a score or more of splendidly drilled soldiers to the local active militia corps every year.

The Royal Scots, Lieut.-Col. Strathy, had a large muster for their autumn church parade to St. Andrews' Church on Sunday the 6th inst. The men were well turned out and the marching to and from church was fairly steady. At church there was a very interesting service, the regimental brass band furnishing the accompaniments to the hymns. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. J. Edgar Hill, chaplain of the regiment.

Major General Gascoigne arrived in Montreal on the Allan Line Royal Mail Steamship Parisian on Monday, September 30th. The big ship had barely made fast before a deputation of local militia officers, consisting of Lt.-Col. Houghton, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Mattice, inspector of stores, Lt.-Col. Butler, P.W.R., Lt.-Col. Starke, V.R.C., and Captain Collins, M.G.A., went aboard and were introduced to the new general officer commanding by Colonel Lake, the general Quartermaster General, who had come up with the General from Quebec. The General chatted for some time with these gentlemen, expressing a desire to lose no time in making the personal acquaintance of all the officers of the local corps in Montreal and all of the other great militia centres of the country. Lt.-Col. Houghton suggested a brigade church parade as affording the General an opportunity to see the local force together. This met with General Gascoigne's approval and since then the brigade parade has been fixed for Sunday 27th. At the moment of writing there appears to be some difficulty over the selecting of a church for the Protestant service. Naturally Christ Church Cathedral was chosen, but that capacious edifice will be occupied on the 27th for the special mission services to be held under the auspices of His Lordship Bishop Bond and the clergy of the diocese.

As predicted an officer has been found to replace the late Capt. A. L. Clerk in the command of No. 1 Troop of the Duke of Connaught's Own Canadian Hussars. Mr. F. Whatley, formerly a lieutenant in the Garrison Artillery, is the man, and he has the leisure and the means to give to the troop.

The Field Battery has decided to pass its drill this year and has already forwarded an application to be allowed to go into camp in June next year.

The Victoria Rifles reserves have opened their quarters for the season again and the same old crowd is to be met there.

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