

large crowd at the wharf. Cheer after cheer was given for the visitors as the boat pulled out.

THE 53rd AT CACOUNA.

Sherbrooke, July 5.—The anticipated trip of the 53rd Battalion to the famous Canadian watering place, Cacouna, is now a thing of the past, and many a story will be told by the "boys in red" of the fine time they had at this enjoyable outing as they gather around the camp fires in after years to recount the tales of auld lang syne.

On Friday afternoon, the 30th, the fine weather suddenly became overcast with clouds, and some feared that it would have a damping effect upon the muster at the drill shed for the trip in the evening, but when the acting Adjutant, Capt. E. W. Farwell, fell the men in it was found that one hundred and fifty men, including the magnificent band of 30 pieces were ready for the excursion. At 8.30 p.m. the Colonel gave the order to form fours and march away for the station, followed by a large crowd.

After a brief wait at the depot all were comfortably seated in the colonist sleepers provided for the trip, and at 9.40 the train pulled out and began her run of 265 miles 140 of which was over the Quebec Central Railway, and was covered in four hours, the remaining 125 over the I.C.R., taking rather more time, but six o'clock Saturday morning found the train at Cacouna station. Then began the 3½ miles march over dusty roads and under a broiling sun to the St. Lawrence Hall, where the regiment were to be quartered. No complaint, however, was heard, and at a quarter to eight the boys went in to breakfast with sharpened appetites.

The music roused the inhabitants who turned out in large numbers as the Batt. moved along the street. Arrived at the hotel they were accorded a warm reception by Mr. Brennan, the genial courteous manager of the hall, and soon every man was housed and washing up for breakfast.

At 11 a.m. the Battalion formed up and marched to the parade ground, a fine level field at the base of the cliff on which the hotel stands, and beside the rolling waters of this grandest of rivers, 22 miles wide at this point. Here the Batt. marched past and fired a feu de joie at noon, giving three rousing cheers for the Queen. Several other evolutions were gone through when the force was divided and formed for attack and, and defence drill, Major Worthington taking command, of the attack with Capt. Somers and Lieut. Addie; Captain's Farwell and Rawson were entrusted with the defence of the camp and colors borne by Lieut's Wells and Neil. The operations lasted over an hour when the defence were out-numbered and flanked but managed to retain the colors and effect a retreat. The spectators were loud in praise of the drill movements and the volley firing which was particularly well done. This ended the display.

At 7 p.m. Monday the Batt. were drawn up, and after giving three cheers for the manager and proprietors of the hotel, and for the ladies, fours, right, quick march, and amid the waving of handkerchiefs and

the good bys of newly made acquaintances the homeward march began. At nine o'clock the train once more started.

The officers who went down were as follows: W. A. Morehouse, Lt.-Col. E. B. Worthington, Major W. D. Smith, Surgeon; A. T. Winter, Quartermaster; E. Winn Farwell, Capt. and acting Adjutant; Captains Rawson and Somers, Lieutenants Addie, Wells, Fraser, and Neil, and Lt. McNicol, of the 5th Dragoons.

NEWS OF THE PARENT SERVICE.

The re-armament of native cavalry regiments with the Martini-Henry carbines in place of Sniders, which stopped owing to the English Ordnance Department failing to send out sufficient supplies, is now being resumed. Nineteen regular regiments, two local corps, and the Madras Bodyguard have still to receive their carbines. These are now being shipped from home.

A new method of carrying the Cavalry carbine has been adopted. It is the idea of General Keith Fraser, modified by Lieutenant and Riding Master Pilley, 17th Lancers, and consists in having the carbine suspended from the shoulder bandolier-wise, with muzzle resting in a bucket, so that with one motion and without unslinging, it can be brought to the present. The new method will be rendered doubly useful by the introduction of a repeating carbine.

The whole 70,000 Lee-Metford magazine rifles required for India have now been despatched from England. Every British Infantry regiment, except those which leave for England next relief, have been re-armed.

There has been from time to time a rumor, says the Bombay Gazette, that Lord Roberts is the destined successor of Lord Lansdowne in the Vice-Royalty. It would perhaps be well, before attaching too much importance to this anticipation, to bear in mind that Lord Lansdowne's term of office does not expire until March next. Many things may happen before then. The Vice-Royalty is in the gift of the Ministry of the day. What Government will be in office next March? If the Gladstone Ministry be still at the head of affairs, Lord Herschell will stand at least as good a chance of being the next Viceroy as Lord Roberts, or Lord Cromer, or any one else.

It has been decided that the batteries and regiments proceeding to India next trooping season shall be located as follows:—1st Battery Royal Horse Artillery, Mhow; 29th Field Battery Royal Artillery, Bangalore; 40th Field Battery Royal Artillery, Ahmednugger; 45th Field Battery Royal Artillery, Secunderabad; 1st Battalion Somersetshire

Light Infantry, Subathu; 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment, Wellington.

The names of General Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and General Lord Wolseley are, it is said, to be submitted to the Queen for Her Majesty's selection of one of these officers for the appointment to Field-Marshal, in succession to the late Lord William Paulet.

The kind personal interest shown by Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh in Miss Weston's work in the Royal Navy has borne fruit in a communication from Whitehall, in which the Secretary of State announces that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the title of "Royal" being given to the Sailors' Rests under Miss Weston's care in Devonport and Portsmouth, and that the name in future will be "Royal Sailors' Rest." The Duke of Edinburgh has had ample opportunity—of which he has availed himself of thoroughly knowing his work; and the Prince of Wales has visited the Devonport Sailors' Rest, expressing his appreciation of all that was done, and given his name as well as interest to the Sailors' Rests.

For every ten vacant commissions in the Army there are now thirty-six applicants.

The Royal Engineer mess at Aldershot has acquired an interesting legacy bequeathed by the late Capt. W. G. Stairs. His executors (says the Army and Navy Gazette) have recently forwarded to the mess a handsome silver bowl, presented to him by the town of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The bowl is 12 inches high, and 16 inches in diameter. On one side an elephant hunt is depicted in relief, and on the other the following inscription:—"Presented by the Mayor, Corporation, and Citizens of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Lieut. William Grant Stairs, Royal Engineers, in recognition of his eminent services as an officer of the Eminh Pasha Relief Expedition, 1890." The bowl is decorated with African war shields (in relief), and two models of elephants' heads from the handles.

Colonel Commandant Phillips, C. B., Royal Marines, Fort on Division, Gosport, has received a letter from Major Smyth, commanding the detachment Royal Marines, of Her Majesty's Ship Victoria, in which he says: "The non-commissioned officers and men behaved splendidly. Words would not express all. They did their duty, then fell in by watches on the quarter-deck as steadily as on parade, until the end came. It was a sight one could never forget—so grand, but so sad! Lieutenant Farguharson refused to be picked up by the boats which came to his rescue until they had looked everywhere for men. I should like you to know that the behaviour of