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ing corps, for their cordial support and assistance in carrying out the "orders and regulations" issued for the guidance of the troops.

The 1st Brigade Division, which has at all times produced corps remarkable for their efficiency, is represented in this camp by corps with their full numerical strength, while the quota of every county is complete—a result upon which the Brigade Major (Lieutenant Colonel Inches), and officers commanding corps may justly be congratulated.

The Woodstock Field Battery, so recently organized and equipped, is reported upon as follows by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery. "The horses are of excellent quality and well fitted for their work; both officers and men have made remarkable progress in knowledge of their duties since their arrival in camp, and they all appear anxious and willing to learn." Lieut. Col. Jago "attributes much of the success to the presence of Lieut. Dibblee and Sergt. Major Lynch's efforts, and he trusts that the example they have set, in attending the Gunnery School at Kingston, will be followed by other officers of the force." The 67th and 71st Battalions, as usual, vie with each other in efficiency; and as regards the isolated corps from Deer Island, St. Stephen and St. George, it appears invidious to make any distinction. Finally, Lieut. Col. Maunsell will, with pleasure, report most favourably respecting the camp, to the Major General commanding, and it only remains for me to express the hope that every member of the force, who having so satisfactorily discharged his duty to the State as a soldier, may be equally successful in his avocations as a citizen.

By Order,

(Signed), J. A. INCHES, Lieut. Col  
Brigade Major.

Woodstock Field Battery.—Lt. H. Dibblee.

The Inspector of Artillery in his report states, that "the Woodstock Field Battery performed its annual drill at the Brigade Camp, at St. Andrews. I had the pleasure of serving on your Staff at that camp, and so had excellent opportunities of only inspecting the battery but of observing its whole interior economy and discipline while in camp. Captain W. P. Donnell, since deceased, was unable to be present, but in Lieut. H. Dibblee, the battery had an excellent commanding officer. The horses were of an excellent stamp, and the drivers being principally the owners, had the proper inducement to see that they were well cared for in camp. The harness was well looked after and well fitted, and the stores, &c. in good order—the battery worked well, both in its own drills; and also when acting with the infantry in brigade. The shot and shell practice was very good. Lieut. Dibblee is a smart, capable young officer, who would be a credit to any service, and whose knowledge of an artilleryman's duties speaks well for the Dominion Schools of Gunnery, from one of which he has just returned.

2ND BRIGADE DIVISION.—Brigade Major, Lt. Colonel. MacShane.

I regret extremely to have to record the sudden death, in June last, of the late Brigade Major of this Division, Lieut. Col. Otty, a Staff Officer of much zeal and ability, who had made the military profession his chief study and pursuit for many years past,—an officer ever ready, either as Adjutant of the Military School, or in his capacity of Brigade Major, to advance the interests of the service, and both ready and willing to assist those having that object in view.

Lieut. Col. MacShane has succeeded to the Brigade Majorship. This officer is well qualified for the post, holding both 2nd and 1st class certificates from the Military School of this District, and he has commanded the 62nd "St. John" Battalion (except for a few months) since April, 1871.

Owing to the varied interests of the force of this Brigade Division (there being a large proportion of city corps, including Garrison Artillery, and the time suitable for performing the annual drill not being the same in the different corps) it was deemed advisable this year to have the drill of most of the corps carried out in regimental camps, that of the remainder at local head quarters, although the opinion prevails that had the time of drill suited in a Brigade Camp, it would have been the more satisfactory mode of performing it,—and Shedia, where a very successful camp was assembled last year (or some point on the Intercolonial Railway) would be a convenient place for such a camp.

8th Regiment of Cavalry.—Lt. Col. Saunders.

This regiment assembled in camp at Apohaqui on the 29th June, on the grounds of the Lieut. Col. and having fully availed itself of the short period of twelve days' drill, was inspected by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and myself on the 9th of July.

Having had the pleasure of inspecting this regiment annually for the past ten years, in order to convey adequately my opinion on its present efficiency, I must advert to my various inspection reports, as to each year being marked by fresh steps of progress, and add that, whether amongst the "recruits" or the "old soldiers," the drill and discipline of the corps appear to be all that could be expected. While as regards the horses, they were, at this camp, even of a better stamp than usual—the Lieut. Colonel and his veterinary surgeon having made a careful examination before passing any horses as fit for service.

The saddlery of the regiment is undergoing much needed repairs, and when the repairs are completed, the Lieut. Colonel intends taking steps to ensure the saddles being better fitted for the horses than, I imagine, they have heretofore been.

In conclusion, while nothing appeared to be left undone at this camp to secure efficiency, the popularity of the regiment and the hospitality of the Lieut. Colonel and his officers continue.

New Brunswick Brigade of Garrison Artillery, (Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 10 Batteries).—Lieut. Colonel Foster.

HEAD-QUARTERS, ST. JOHN.

The four batteries of Garrison Artillery, at St. John, performed their annual drill at their own hours, and were inspected by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery and myself, on the 21st September, 1875. On this day the annual competition in shot practice came off, under rules enclosed herewith. Lieut. Col. Jago states that he has, in his Report to the Inspector of Artillery, with regard to this competition, made the following remarks: "The guns used by these batteries are 32 P.S.B., garrison sea service carriages, and when I state that they can all fire five rounds from these guns at 1,400 yards under nine minutes, and make practice that could not be beaten, I think it is clear that they are thoroughly effective gunners."

Lieut. Col. Jago adds "that living, as he has done for many years, in the same place with these men, he has naturally taken a peculiar interest in them, and he feels plea-

sure in stating that they are as good a volunteer corps as can be seen anywhere." It only remains for me to say that it must be extremely gratifying to Colonel Foster, who has done much to establish *esprit de corps* as the foundation of efficiency, to receive for his brigade such high commendation as the above from our Inspector of Artillery. The accoutrements and clothing of the corps are in excellent condition, and while attending to their more advanced duties as artillerymen, I am happy to add that the necessity for steadiness in the ranks and in marching has not been lost sight of.

New Brunswick Engineer corps.—Captain Parley.

Accompanied by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery, the District Paymaster and the Brigade Major, I inspected this corps on the 11th October, in its armoury (owing to unfavorable weather for inspection in the barrack grounds) and from personal observation, I can cheerfully bear testimony to the soldierlike appearance of the men, the excellent condition of arms, and accoutrements and clothing, and to the efficient way in which the manual and firing exercises were performed.

Both the Brigade Major and the officer in command, moreover, assured me that the annual drill had been carefully executed in the barrack grounds, and that they considered the corps, in many respects, more efficient at present than it appeared at my inspection, 1874-75. I desire no better testimony, nor more satisfactory intelligence, to enable me to report favourably.

62nd St. John Battalion.—Lieut. Colonel Sullivan.

This corps assembled in camp at Torryburn, on the 19th July; and, owing to delay in the transport of camp equipage from St. Andrew's Camp, it was impossible to issue the usual supply of tents on the date of assembly. The Lieut. Col. (MacShane) however, arranged for the "bivouach" of the corps, and an old wooden building on the race course afforded shelter for a large portion of the battalion; and so soon as the tents arrived the corps settled down to camp duties and camp life in a systematic manner. Accompanied by the Assistant Inspector of Artillery, the District Paymaster and the Acting Brigade Major (Lieut. Col. Beer), I inspected the corps on the 26th July, and I found the excellent regimental system established by the late Brigade Major (Lieut. Col. Otty) working satisfactorily; and, considering that but a few days' drill had been performed, the battalion movements well executed. Duty at Chatham prevented me from again seeing this corps under arms, but the Lieut. Colonel's report, (enclosed herewith) bears ample testimony to still further efficiency attained before the breaking up of the camp on the 30th July. The situation of the camp was admirable, and the sanitary arrangements reflected credit upon the medical officers.

I have much pleasure in adding that there is a marked improvement in the condition of the arms and accoutrements of this corps since they have been handed over to the charge of the Government Caretaker.

On the promotion of Lieut. Col. MacShane to the Staff, the command of the corps has devolved upon an efficient officer, Lieut. Col. Sullivan; and an excellent officer succeeds to the Majority, Major Blane.

These officers are about to form a class, composed of officers and non-commissioned officers, for improvement in the knowledge of drill, which I hope may produce good results.