

Regimental Notes

TORONTO.

The following appeared in the *Empire* on the 13th inst.:

For a long time there has been trouble brewing in the ranks of the Royal Grenadiers. Capt. Manley has considered himself entitled to a majority, and having been disappointed is dissatisfied accordingly. His claim to promotion is supported by his seniority, and, in the regular course of events, the gallant mathematical master of Jarvis street collegiate institute should have been Major Manley, but, strange to say, his fellow officers did not seem over anxious that Capt. Manley should have justice. No reason was assigned by any of them other than "I like it not, because I like it not."

Capt. Manley has not been inclined to let his rights go by the board without a vigorous effort. To show his displeasure he applied for leave of absence, on the plea that he would be absent from the city. After this Capt. Manley appeared at the drill shed on drill nights in mufti, and leave of absence was accordingly not granted. A second application was made on the ground of ill-health, which some of his companions were unkind enough to say was merely a pretext. This also was refused. Col. Dawson, it is said, suspected that the captain was intriguing for a majority.

Officers of the regiment state that the colonel only delayed his own resignation to hear that of Capt. Manley. The trouble between the two officers, it is said, is of about 18 months' standing, when a letter severely criticizing the regiment appeared in a local paper. Col. Dawson was justly incensed at the remarks made concerning his corps, and, it is said, blamed Capt. Manley for writing or inspiring the communication, rightly or wrongly.

However that may be, Capt. Manley, finding that his military duties interfered with his scholastic work, has sent in his resignation, and it is said, will retire with the rank of brevet-major. The resignation has been forwarded to Ottawa, and it is understood will be officially announced in Saturday's *Gazette*.

Following this comes the rumor that Col. Dawson also has resigned. Although the colonel is not at present in the city, it is said that his resignation will be gazetted within a month. He was in Ottawa yesterday. Major Mason is next in succession to Col. Dawson and will doubtless receive the appointment, according to the wishes of General Herbert.

In fact, it was on the understanding that he would receive the command that Major Mason again joined the Grens after having resigned.

Rumors of a breach between Col. Dawson and Major Mason have been rife, but according to reliable authorities the colonel and major have shaken hands and buried any hatchet that may have cloven their friendship.

Some dissatisfaction has existed with reference to other promotions, but with the advent of Colonel Mason, "Nous avons change tout cela."

The 48th Highlanders paraded on the night of the 8th at the armory, old Upper Canada College. There was a large turn-out in spite of the Exhibition. The regiment, after practising the manual and firing exercises, marched out by way of King street, Jarvis, Wilton avenue, Yonge, and Adelaide to the barracks. The streets were lined with an applauding crowd all along the route. The recruit class is filling rapidly, and is drilling on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

General Herbert's suggestion that the battalion which the Sons of England are forming in Toronto should be a brigade of garrison artillery is a very sensible and timely one. There is need for such a corps in Toronto for the service of guns which might be mounted at any time for the defence of the city and harbor. It is a matter of history how easily the Americans came to York in 1812, and ran the city to suit themselves for a time. This performance would certainly be attempted again in the extremely improbable event of hostilities between the two countries, and it is impossible to calculate the value that such a corps of volunteers would be in extending a hearty reception to unwelcome visitors. There are already three good battalions of infantry in this city, and it would certainly be an advantage in recruiting the new corps to have the jaunty artillery uniform to offer.

The *Empire* says: The marvellous shooting of members of the York Rangers at the Dominion rifle matches is the cause of a great deal of wonderment. There is no previous record of such a performance by men of the same corps, and it is not likely that such a thing will be repeated again. For three men from the same battalion to win the three "plums" in such a match as the Governor-General's is sufficiently remarkable, but for six men from the same regiment to be among the first nine for next year's Bisley team is entirely without parallel, and is worthy of some special recognition. The shooting of Staff-Sergt. Simpson and Lieut. Mitchell was good, but as the work of young men of experience not a matter for surprise, but when a man carrying the years of Staff-Sergt. Bell puts up the scoring that he did at Ottawa this year, it shows, as he himself has often said, "There is life in the old dog yet." It is to be hoped that "The half dozen of the Even Dozens" will all be able to go on the team next year.

Gunner Dearle, of the Toronto Field Battery, whose death resulted from a horse's kick was buried on the afternoon of the 12th. The funeral took place from his late residence, at 14 Morrison street, and was attended by several members of his battery and other corps.

Five desertions from the Royal Canadian Dragoons have occurred since the arrival of the cavalry in the city. Trooper Beaupre, who skipped on Monday week, gave himself up again on Friday and will be tried by court martial. Of the remain-

der, two Englishmen left their quarters without permission on Monday, the other two, who were recruits, disappearing three days later. The same night two complete uniforms were found on the lakeshore, and there is reported to be another outfit in a Pearl street house.

During his recent stay in town, Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia, was waited upon by Lt.-Col. Otter and Manager Hill, of the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, in connection with the new rifle range. It was pointed out, on behalf of the military, that several improvements yet require to be done on the ranges under the terms of the agreement under which the Exhibition Association took over a portion of Garrison common, and the Minister of Militia consented to drive out to Mimico to view the ground to decide what steps should be taken in regard to the matter.

F Company, Q.O.R., held its annual rifle match at the ranges on Saturday afternoon, September 2nd. The night was spent under canvas and on Sunday afternoon the company reached home. The parade state showed 62 non-coms and men under command of Capt. McGee and Lieut. Penchen. The bugle band accompanied the detachment. The following are the events and highest scorers:

Standing match—Pte. Rice, Sgt. Crate.

Range match—300 yards, Corp. McKenzie; 400 yards, Sergt. Campbell; 500 yds., Lieut. Davidson.

Aggregate match—Challenge Cup and Capt. McGee's medal—First, Sergt. Crate, 74; second, Corp. McKenzie, 68.

Ex-members and buglers—Bugler Jenkins, ex-Color-Sergt. Ham.

Nursery—Pte. Cowly, Pte. Ligg.

General match—Color-Sergt. Cockburn, Sergt. Crate.

The *Empire* says: It shows very bad taste on the part of a morning paper in Toronto, whenever an opportunity offers, to endeavor to arouse unfriendly feelings between the members of the different regiments in this city. The latest occasion was when Maj.-Gen. Herbert refused to sanction the appearance of the Queen's Own Rifles in procession with the military tournament. The newspaper in question stated that a certain colonel, high in society, had gone to Ottawa to whisper in the G.O.C.'s ear to have it stopped. There are several colonels' high in society in the city, and every one of them has been blamed in the matter. The majority of the officers in the Queen's Own, however, have sufficient sense to know that the General does not need to be told what his duty is in any case, as he is thoroughly posted on that subject. There is this to be said in favor of his refusal to allow any corps to parade with the military tournament: That concern is, to all intents and purposes, nothing more than a travelling circus, not under the direction of the British War Office. There are also grave doubts of the right of the supposed officers of the tournament to the titles by which they are known, it