

One might have supposed that Halifax was no longer a garrison town last night. After eight o'clock not a soldier was to be seen on the streets, even South Park street, that favorite promenade of Tommy Atkins and the girl of his heart, did not show a single red coat. But they were in force inside the Exhibition building. Every soldier in garrison, who was not on duty, appeared to be there, either participating or assisting as a spectator at the assault-at-arms. Seldom has the Exhibition building contained such a crowd as it did last night, there must have been between 3,000 and 4,000 people present. All ranks of society were represented—naval, army, militia and civilian. The officers were all in mess dress, and the many uniforms made a splendid sight.

The proceedings opened with a grand military march by 100 men of the Liverpool regiment, in half companies and sections, and also an exhibition of forming squares for defence against cavalry. The excellent marching, smart appearance, and good physique of the men won great applause from the large audience. The next item was an exhibition of boxing (140 pounds) between Private J. Moore and Private J. Sewell, of the Royal Marines. The latter proved the better man, though he did not gain his points easily.

A bayonet exercise exhibition between a squad of Royal Engineers and two squads of the Liverpool regiment followed. The men were in excellent trim, and went through the exercise almost perfectly. To the civilians there appeared to be scarcely any difference in the way the three squads performed the exercises, but the judges placed them in the following order:

1st—H. Co., Liverpool regiment.

2nd—F. Co., Liverpool regiment.

3rd—Royal Engineers.

Capt. R. D. Longe, the energetic secretary of the tournament, then appeared and performed some interesting sword feats, including cutting paper, ribbons, handkerchief, slicing an apple on a man's hand and neck, cutting a broom stick, the edges of which were placed on the edges of two tumblers filled with water, cutting three bars of lead, one with cut one, another with cut two, and a third in the air. Then he had three bouts with the oils with a sergeant-major of the gymnastic staff. The latter scored three consecutive hits.

Then came the tug-of-war. There were four tugs between teams of ten men each—navy vs. royal marines. The navy had a hard fight at first, nearly all their men being pulled across the line. They recovered themselves afterwards and pulled the marines over. The royal artillery then faced a second navy team, and had a soft thing, pulling the navy men over in a few seconds. A third navy team faced the royal engineers, and after a long pull resulted in the former proving the victors. The greatest interest was shown by the spectators in these contests, and the applause of the victors' friends was deafening. Owing to there being no satisfactory manner of distinguishing the military teams, and no official announcements being made, many of the spectators were ignorant of the names of the teams.

In the interval between the first and second parts of the programme there was

a display of physical drill with wands, by 16 youngsters of the St. Luke's Company of the Church Lads' Brigade, under Staff Sgt. Smith. The boys looked neat and natty in their knickerbocker uniforms of blue, with yellow braid, and forage caps and belts. They went through the 1st and 2nd practises combined, singing London and New York's latest craze, "Daisy," the successor to "After the Ball." Their movements were done with precision, the fresh young voices singing: "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer do; I'm half crazy all for the love of you; It won't be a stylish marriage, I can't afford a carriage;

But you'll look sweet

On the seat

Of a bicycle built for two!"

As they were about to march off, Capt. Longe asked Sgt. Smith to repeat the performance, which they did to the gratification of the audience.

Ptes. Smallman and Smith, of the Liverpool regiment, then crossed bayonets for a friendly bout, the former scoring two hits. They were followed by Corp. Jones, Liverpool regiment, and Lance Corp. Hopton, Royal Marines, the former proving the victor.

The artillery came in with four field guns and limbers, and gave a most interesting exhibition of taking the guns to pieces—the work of but a few seconds—and putting them together again. The automatic precision, and the remarkable celerity with which these movements were done, earned long and continued applause.

The ring was staked out again and Ptes. Burke and Ross, of the Liverpool regiment, donned the gloves and faced one another for three rounds. There was some interesting sparring, which was marred by one of the contestants' gloves frequently coming off. Unfortunately, the public were not informed which was Ross and which was Burke, nor was the decision of the referee announced.

Several items on the programme had to be omitted owing to the lateness of the hour, among them physcail drill by the Liverpool regiment, single-stick (officers) and gymnastics. The grand display of all arms which formed the concluding item of the list of events was a great success.—Halifax Mail, Oct. 25.

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"A right smart turnout," was in effect the comment made by those of the several thousand spectators gathered on Cartier Square on the afternoon of the 1st inst., who expressed an opinion of the Guards' inspection. Not in point of numbers was the parade an imposing one, for the muster was so small that the six companies were massed into four for manoeuvres, but the men looked so neat and trim, their accoutrements so well kept and, above all, their movements so precise, that the regiment went up a score of points in the estimation of everybody who took in the inspection. Generally speaking the conditions were most favorable. That is, the weather and the people it tempted abroad smiled approval upon the proceedings. But the grounds, with their musty crop of last season's hay

to tangle up the feet of the tramping Guardsmen, were anything but favorable for military manoeuvres. One improvement over previous inspections, however, was the orderly arrangement of the field, attributable to the good offices of half a dozen Dragoon Guards. It was three o'clock when the inspecting officer, Lt. Col. the Hon. M. Aylmer, assistant adjutant general, rode upon the field followed by a dashing staff of aides de camp, composed of Major Sherwood, 43rd Rifles; Major John Hodgins, G.G.F.G.; Lt. Elliott, Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, and Lt. Gilmour, Ottawa Field Battery.

The regiment marched out of the drill hall in column and formed line to receive the assistant adjutant general, with the general salute. Lt. Col. Aylmer then proceeded to make an inspection of the corps. This over he took a position at the saluting point, surrounded by his staff, and the march past was executed by the Guards in column and quarter column at the march and double. The regiment then wheeled in column to the left, formed into line, and executed the pretty and effective movement of advancing in echelon from the right, and forming company squares prepared to receive cavalry. Retiring the troops reformed into line and were put through a series of manoeuvres by the majors of the corps. Under command of Major W. E. Hodgins, the Guards changed front, half right, on the right company, wheeled, retired and advanced in line. Major John Hodgins then took command and formed the regiment in column, changing the order of column twice. The Adjutant, Capt. Bowie also put the battalion through several movements mostly wheeling into quarter column and forming line.

These manoeuvres over the Guards, led by the inspecting officer and staff and the Lt. Col. commanding, marched out to Egin street, thence by Somerset O'Connor, Wellington, Rideau and Nicholas streets, back to the drill shed, wherever the streets permitted, marching by company front, and performing various evolutions en route. On the parade ground in front of the hall the muster roll was called out in the presence of the inspecting officer.

The field officers were Lt. Col. Toller, Majors W. E. Hodgins and John Hodgins; staff officers, Major Heron, Capt. and Adjutant Bowie, Dr. Horsey and Dr. Grant. The parade state by companies: No. 1 company, Capt. Jarvis, Lt. Ferrer, 3 sergeants and 27 men.

No. 2 company, Capt. Brumell, Lieuts. Fripp and McEvoy; 2 sergeants and 27 men.

No. 3 company, Lt. Gallwey, 2 sergeants and 12 men.

No. 4 company, Capt. Roper, Lts. Taylor and Adamson, 3 sergeants and 21 men.

No. 5 company, Capt. Watters, 3 sergeants and 29 men.

No. 6 company, Capt. Taylor, Lieut. Street, 3 sergeants and 42 men, a full muster.

The band mustered 33 under Bandmaster Carter, 10 buglers and drummers and six staff sergeants. The total muster was therefore 242 of all ranks.

Capt. Winter, attached for the occa-