

Firstly, the nature of their duties for peace administration and training and for war should be clearly embodied in the text-book referred to above. Secondly, the non-commissioned officers should be frequently inspected and examined under arrangements to be made by the brigadier. A somewhat similar system is required as regards volunteer officers.

In conclusion, the lecturer remarked that the volunteers, as a whole, gave much of their time, and in many cases money, to learn the work of soldiers, but that the greater part of their labours was expended in waste on account of a faulty system of training, which evidently originated and has been continued in accordance with the ideas and possible requirements of a bygone time.

Regimental and other News.

Toronto.

Battalion drill of the Queen's Own Rifles for the season of 1890 opened on the 2nd inst.

The regiment paraded at the drill shed at eight o'clock 487 strong, under the command of Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Capt. Mason acting adjutant during Capt. Macdonald's absence through illness, and, headed by both brass and bugle bands, marched up Jarvis to Carlton, where some column movements were performed, returning home via Yonge, King and West Market streets.

It is quite evident that the company drill performed by the companies during the winter has been beneficial in more ways than one, not only in keeping the men enthused, but the usual rustiness so terribly familiar to us all on first parade nights was absent—due, without doubt, to the fact of the winter drills.

Some 65 recruits are at present passing through the various stages of the goose-step.

During the winter a non-com. class has been undergoing a course of instruction at the hands of Lieut. J. T. Crean "I" company, and the results of the examination were announced in the orders of the evening.

Sergeants' certificates have been granted to the following:—Corpl. McNeil, "A" company; Corpl. Wright, "D" company; and Acting Corpl. Donaldson, "D" company.

Corporals' certificates have been granted to the following:—Ptes. Gilmour and Meadows, "A" company; Pte. Hopwood, "B" company; Ptes. Hire and Perkins, "C" company; Ptes. Thompson, Porter, Smith W. E. and Simpson G., "D" company; Ptes. Coffin and Matthews, "E" company; Ptes. Godfrey, Kelly, Campbell and Crate, "F" company; Ptes. Worthy, Routh and Steward, "G" company; Ptes. Pafford, Rose, Green and Argles, "H" company; Acting Corpals. Donaldson, Evans, Gray and Drynan, "I" company; Pte. Harcourt, "K" company.

The following promotions were also contained in the orders of the evening:—

To be sergt. instr. in musketry, Pioneer Sergt. Harp, vice Lewis, discharged.

"D" company—To be sergeants, Corpl. H. A. Wright, vice Dingwall, placed on supernumerary list; Corpl. J. W. Jardine vice Moggridge, placed on supernumerary list. To be corporals, Pte. F. D. Porter, vice Whitacre, discharged; Pte. J. E. Thompson, vice Wright, promoted; Pte. G. Simpson, vice Jardine, promoted.

"F" company—To be sergeant, Corpl. J. Agnew, vice McKenzie, placed on supernumerary list.

On the basis of the percentage and average attendance during the year, the merit for attendance of the various companies has been decided as follows:—1st, "D" company; 2nd, "E" company; 3rd, "A" company; 4th, "F" company; 5th, "G" company; 6th, "B" company; 7th, "H" company; 8th, "I" company; 9th, "C" company.

REVOLVER ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting held in the orderly room on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., a revolver association, to be known as "The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Revolver Association," was formed, with the following board of officers:—President, Capt. H. M. Pellatt (donor of the regimental trophy); vice-president, Lieut. M. S. Mercer; sec'y-treasurer, Corpl. W. S. Duncan; executive committee, Lieut. D. F. Crean, Staff-Sergt. J. F. Crean, Staff-Sergt. Harp, Staff-Sergt. Ashall. The constitution and by-laws are in course of construction and will be submitted very shortly. This is the first revolver association formed in connection with any of our regiments, and from what I have heard an enthusiastic crowd promise to make small arm shooting very popular. The board of officers is composed of very efficient and hearty workers, and it will be through no fault of theirs if this association does not stand pre-eminent.

BREECH-BLOCK

Steps are being taken to form a volunteer naval artillery corps in this city. As they are asking nothing from the Government but the loan of arms they will in all probability be granted permission to

organize. The committee who have it in hand are Messrs. A. Aronsberg, C. H. McDonald, F. X. McGee, Chas. Hunter and Douglas. Any person wanting information should address 71 King St. W., Toronto.

St. John, N.B.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Brigade Garrison Artillery was held at the Victoria Hotel, St. John, N.B., on the 31st ultimo.

On calling the meeting to order Lt.-Col. Armstrong referred in the most feeling terms to the loss sustained by the corps in the death of Major Seely. The following resolution was then moved by Surgeon Daniel, seconded by Captain Langan, which was passed unanimously:

Whereas, we are called upon to mourn the loss by death of Major Geo. B. Seely of this brigade;

Resolved, that we, the officers of the N. B. B. G. A., place on record an expression of our deep sorrow and regret for the loss of a brother who, since his connection with this corps in 1885, has taken the greatest interest in it, and has been both a strength and an ornament thereto. As a battery officer he was not only respected and beloved by his men, but by his painstaking attention to his military duties, indefatigable zeal and honorable ambition to place his command at the head of the list, he succeeded in gaining for No. 1 Battery a position for efficiency which was second to but one in the whole artillery of Canada. As a member of the regimental committee his cool, clear judgment was invaluable and he was ever ready and willing to give to its deliberations the benefit of his presence and advice. We admired him for his manly bearing, his intellectual ability, his firm integrity and his patriotism; we loved him for his constant courtesy, his fidelity and his kindness of heart.

Resolved, that we send a copy of the foregoing resolution to his widowed mother, to whom we would also most respectfully extend our warmest sympathy in her deep affliction.

A resolution was also passed thanking the Royal Infantry School for their kindness in attending the funeral and according to the remains of the late Major George R. Seely a soldier's funeral.

The regimental and band committees submitted their annual reports, showing the finances of the corps in a satisfactory state. The officers as usual voted their annual drill pay to the purposes of the brigade.

The following were elected regimental committees: Captain and Paymaster George F. Smith, Surgeon Daniel and Captain Jones; Band, Capt. Crawford, Dr. White, Lieut. Tilley.

Votes of thanks were given to the City Council for their liberality in granting two lots of land in Carleton for drill shed purposes, and to J. T. C. McKean, architect, a former member of the corps, for his kindness in gratuitously drawing plans for a drill shed.

A vote of money was passed in aid of the drill shed fund.

At the adjourned annual meeting of the officers of the 62nd Fusiliers held on the 3rd inst., Lieut.-Col. Blaine presiding, reports of the band and regimental committees were read, showing a balance on hand in both funds. The officers agreed to put their pay into the regimental fund as usual. The following committees were appointed: Regimental, Asst. Surgeon Maclaren, Major Sturdee, Lieut. Churchill; Band committee, Capt. Edwards, Lieuts. Cleveland and Sterling; Club committee, Lieut.-Col. Blaine, Major Sturdee, Major Hartt; Drum and fife corps, Lieuts. Hetherington, Parks and McAvity.

Hamilton.

The same routine of drills has been indulged in this week: company drill one night and shooting the next, all except "A," "F" and "H," and these companies had a holiday as their tour of drill came on Good Friday. There is a battalion parade ordered for next Friday evening, and no doubt there will be a noticeable improvement in the steadiness of the drill after all this company work.

There was a fair turn out of members of the Victoria Rifle Club on Friday morning when a spoon competition was held at the ranges. The firing began at 9 o'clock, and although there were some good scores made the first two pairs had the advantage from a weather point of view, for after they got through the wind veered around from west to east, and a thick foggy haze enveloped the targets, followed by rain, making the sighting very bad. The ranges fired at were 500 and 600 yards, 10 shots at each. The following are a few of the scores:—

	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
A. Murdock (spoon).....	44	44	88
H. Marris (spoon).....	42	41	83
E. Skeddon.....	40	40	80
W. M. Goodwin.....	42	34	76
E. D. Thomson (M. H.).....	36	39	75
A. Pain.....	41	30	71
D. Garson.....	38	28	66

According to the Hamilton papers there is a great deal of trouble just now in the 77th. Col. Otter held a meeting of the officers at the