

were done in an earnest, quiet way, as if you really meant business and as if you were engaged in actual warfare.

I cannot say more than that I hope the experience to-day has not only been instructive to you, but that, in addition to the fact that you have learned something, the outing will do you good physically.

In regard to the issue of this morning's work, after consultation with the umpires and after hearing their reports, I can only say that both regiments have done extremely well and that honours are even.

#### THE UMPIRES.

The duty of watching the merits of the attack and defence was ably executed by the umpires, who followed every movement. At the conclusion they reported to Col. Otter, who drew from their reports the material for his summing up of the doings of both corps, as mentioned in his address.

The umpire staff consisted of the following officers:—Lieut.-Col. Otter, in command, with Lieut. Myles, Toronto Field Battery, and Lieut. Merritt, of the Governor-General's Body Guard, as his staff.

With the Grenadiers on the defence:—Col. Miller, Queen's Own Rifles; Major Dunn, of the Governor-General's Body Guard; Major Meade, Toronto Field Battery; Capt. Sears and Surgeon Strange, "C" School of Infantry.

With the Queen's Own in the attack:—Lieut. Col. F. C. Denison, Governor-General's Body Guard; Lieut.-Col. Grasett, Major Vidal, "C" School of Infantry; Capt. Stewart, 13th Battery of Hamilton; and Capt. Baldwin, 2nd Cavalry.

### Regimental News.

#### The Grenadiers and their Colours.

On the evening of the 13th instant the Grenadiers, after parading at the drill shed, marched to the pavilion in order that their colours might be re-presented to them with the word "Batoche" emblazoned on that of the regiment.

The colours (cased) rested upon the drums at the foot of the platform. Having been uncased Mrs. Cumberland handed the Queen's colour to Major Harrison, who in turn passed it over to Mr. Cecil Gibson; the regimental colour was received by Mr. W. S. Lowe through the hands of Major Mason. As the colours were presented the regiment presented arms, the band playing the National Anthem. Mrs. Cumberland, who was received with a good deal of applause, then read the following address:

*To Lieut.-Col. Dawson, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Grenadiers:*

A quarter of a century ago, on the 7th July, 1863, I had the honour, in the name of the ladies of Toronto, of presenting these royal colours to your regiment. We said to you then, We are persuaded that we entrust them to the care of those who will ever keep them in safety and in honour, and who will bear them with a valour which shall evince affectionate attachment to your homes, patriotic love for your country and loyal devotion to your Queen.

During these twenty-five years you have twice been called out for active service in the field—in 1866 to defend the Niagara frontier from invasion, and in 1885 to maintain Canadian unity in the North-West. On both occasions and at all times you have proved true to our expectations.

As a record of your duty and in memory of your comrades who have fallen in her service your country has ordered that the honoured name of the action at which your whole regiment was present shall be placed upon your colours.

We have therefore embroidered the word "Batoche" upon their folds, and again return them to your care, with renewed confidence that the Royal Grenadiers will be ever loyal and true—"Ready, aye ready" to do their duty wherever and whenever their country calls.

(Signed) WILMOT CUMBERLAND,  
Chairman Committee of Ladies 1863-1888.

The colour party then marched in slow time along the ranks, and took up their position in the centre of the line.

Col. Dawson briefly thanked Mrs. Cumberland and the ladies of Toronto for what they had done; also Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher for a stand for the colours.

Hon. G. W. Allan also addressed the regiment. He referred to the pleasure it gave him to take part in the proceedings, for he had always taken a deep interest in the militia, and particularly those of Toronto. (Applause.) He recalled a similar event which took place here nearly three-quarters of a century ago, when the ladies of Toronto presented colours to the "Third Regiment York Militia." The speaker's father was in command of the regiment then, and the speaker now has the colours in his possession. The motto of that regiment was "Deeds Speak," and the colours, faded though they be, are treasured with reverence. They bear the honourable names of "Detroit," "Stoney Creek" and "Queenston Heights"—(great applause)—where those who bore them did good and loyal service.

Hon. G. W. Ross followed. He spoke at length of the deeds of the regiment and the pride Canada takes in her militia.

Gen. Middleton was then called upon for an address. He was greeted with a storm of applause. He apologized for appearing in

civilian dress instead of in his "war paint," but had he waited to don it he would have been too late for the interesting ceremony. The General spoke in flattering terms of the deeds of the Royal Grenadiers, and said that Her Majesty has no more faithful soldiers than they.

The regiment then closed its ranks, and the men were ordered to "stand at ease." The prizes won at the recent rifle matches were then presented by Mrs. S. A. Nordheimer, which terminated the proceedings.

The following is a list of the ladies forming the committee:—Mrs. Cumberland, Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Warring Kennedy, Mrs. McLean Howard, Mrs. Geo. Gooderham, Mrs. Goldwin Smith, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Ryerson, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Grasett.

Among those on the platform were Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Otter, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Grasett, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. F. C. Denison, Mrs. Dawson, Lieut.-Col. Allan, Hon. Chas. Drury, Capt. J. Baldwin, Mayor and Mrs. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, Capt. Wise, Dr. and Mrs. Ryerson.

#### 57th Battalion, Peterborough Rangers.

The annual inspection of the 57th Battalion, "Peterborough Rangers" was held on Thanksgiving Day, 15th inst. The battalion paraded at the drill hall at 9 a.m., and shortly afterwards marched to Riverside Park, where the inspection took place. Twenty-one (21) officers and two hundred and seventy (270) non-commissioned officers and men, including band 24 strong, were on parade, being 5 officers under, but 18 men over strength. The officers and strength were as follows:

Staff—Lt.-Col. J. Z. Rogers, in command, Major Grover, Major Bell (acting adjutant), Major Howard, Paymaster, Surgeon-Major Kincaid, Assistant-Surgeon O'Gorman, and Qr.-Master Peck.

"A" company, Capt. Edwards and Lieut. Mason, 37 rank and file; "B" company, Capt. Langford and Lieut. Lee, 46 rank and file; "C" company, Lieuts. Stevenson and Shaw, 28 rank and file; "D" company, Capt. Dennistoun and Lieut. Dixon, 43 rank and file; "E" company, Capt. Miller and Lieut. Mathews, 39 rank and file; "F" company, Capt. Brennan and Lieuts. Bennett and Lech, 43 rank and file. Brass band 22 musicians.

After reaching the park the battalion was drawn up in line and received the inspecting officers (Lt.-Col. Straubensee, D.A.G., Lt.-Col. Lewis, Brigade Major, and Major King, District Paymaster) with a general salute.

The battalion was next formed into column and each company with its arms and accoutrements was minutely inspected. A march past followed both in open and quarter column. Line having been again formed, Major Grover gave the manual and firing exercises. Major Bell next took command and executed several field movements, after which Capt. Langford, Edwards and Brennan were each tested practically as to their knowledge of battalion drill.

Prior to leaving the field Mr. R. M. Roy, an excellent amateur photographer, captured an instantaneous but perfect picture of the battalion in quarter-column.

On reaching the shed the rolls were called by the District Paymaster. The D.A.G. expressed his satisfaction with the parade to the commanding officer, and the men were dismissed to their Thanksgiving dinner.

The inspection was witnessed by a large number of citizens who are evidently proud of their handsome and well drilled battalion.

#### A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

In the evening the second annual battalion concert was held in the Opera House, which was filled with an appreciative audience. The following programme was carried out with the utmost satisfaction:

- 1 Band, Grand Fantasia (descriptive)..... "Joan of Arc"
- 2 Manual and Firing.....
- 3 Song..... Mr. T. Dunn
- 4 Fencing Bout.....
- 5 Clarinet Solo..... Mr. McGuire
- 6 Single Stick Bout.....
- 7 Tug-of-war.....
- 8 Tableaux..... "Roll Call"

#### Part Second.

- 1 Band Selection..... "Maritana"
- 2 Bayonet Exercise.....
- 3 Song..... Mr. T. Dunn
- 4 Assault at Arms..... Sword vs. Bayonet
- 5 Clarinet Solo..... Mr. McGuire
- 6 Sword Exercise..... Infantry
- 7 Tug of War.....
- 8 Tableaux..... "Quatre Bras"

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The performances of the various squads were almost perfect; the tableaux very fine, the singing excellent; the clarinet solos both encored, the tug-of-war very amusing, and the playing of the band, what it always is, beyond criticism.