

did band of the regiment numbering 33 men, under the leadership of Bandmaster Lewis, played during the inspection and the subsequent reception. They came in for much praise for their excellent music. The whole affair was a great success and we understand the General and Mrs. Gascoigne were much pleased with their reception.

THEIR RECORD.

The record of the Guards in the Czowski, British challenge shield and skirmishing matches since 1868:

Team skirmishing match—First instituted in 1878: G. G. F. G.—2nd in 1878, 2nd in 1879, 1st in 1880, 1st in 1881.

Czowski Cup—First shot for in 1882 G. G. F. G.—1st in 1883, (tie for first with 10th R.G.), 1st in 1884, 2nd in 1885, 3rd in 1886, 6th in 1887, 2nd in 1888, 1st in 1889, 1st in 1890, 1st in 1891, 1st in 1892, 1st in 1893, 1st in 1894, 2nd in 1895.

British Challenge Shield—First shot for in 1883: G. G. F. G.—2nd in 1883, 1st in 1884, 4th in 1885, 7th in 1886, 1st in 1887, 1st in 1888, 2nd in 1889, 5th in 1890, 1st in 1891, 2nd in 1892, 1st in 1893, 1st in 1894, 1st in 1895.

THE TEAMS.

The teams in the various years were composed of:—

1883—Staff Sergt. Armstrong, Capt. Sutherland, Pte R Tink, Pte W Tink Capt H. H. Gray.

1884—Armstrong, Sutherland, R Tink, W Tink, J Deslauriers.

1889—Armstrong, Short, Staff Sergt Nutting, Staff Sergt Maillene, Brown.

1890—Armstrong, Short, Nutting, Maillene, Tink.

1891—Armstrong, Short, Nutting, Tink Morrison,

1892—Armstrong, Short, Nutting Tink, Capt Carroll.

1893—Armstrong, Short, Nutting, Tink Staff Sergt Cawdron.

1894—Short, Nutting, Tink, Morrison, Dawson.

BRITISH CHALLENGE SHIELD.

1884—Armstrong, Sutherland, Deslauriers, R Tink, W Tink.

1887—Armstrong, Sutherland, Short, Newby, Maillene.

1888—Armstrong; Short, Sutherland, Reardon.

1891—Armstrong, Short, Tink, Nutting.

1893—Armstrong, Short, Tink, Nutting.

1894—Short, Nutting, Tink, Dawson.

1895—Short, Tink, Nutting, Dawson.

Of fifteen winning teams S-Sgt Armstrong and Short and Pte Tink have been members twelve times, and S-Sgt Nutting ten times.

The teams in both competitions were captained throughout by Captain H. H. Gray.

CHURCH PARADE.

The militia of Ottawa was seen at its best on the occasion of the annual brigade church parade on Sunday the 20th October. The different corps turned out in stronger numbers than ever heretofore and, with uniforms bright and clean, made a display that reflected the greatest credit upon every soldier taking part. The entire brigade displayed such a standard of efficiency that it was generally admitted that the parade was the finest that has ever been seen in Ottawa. The Dragoon Guards, who led in the parade, never looked better. Their trappings were white as pipe clay could make them, their brass shone resplendently and they marched as one man. After them came the Ottawa Field Battery, whose appearance won for them general admiration.

Both the G. G. F. G. and 43rd Battalion made a splendid showing. Their uniforms were bright and clean and their marching all that could be desired.

ON THE MARCH.

Leaving Cartier's Square at half-past two, the brigade went along Gloucester

street to Lyon, thence to Sparks. Arriving at Christ Church, the Roman Catholic portion of the brigade was detached and marched to St. Jean Baptiste church headed by the band of the 43rd Battalion

Christ Church was crowded to the doors. Service was conducted by the curate and the sermon preached by the Ven Archdeacon Launder, D.D, chaplain of the G.G.F.G. The collection taken up was in aid of the Children's Hospital.

AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

The Dominican Fathers met the Roman Catholic detachment at the doors of their church. Benediction was sung by Rev. Father Jacques. The detachment was in command of Major Gourdeau, of the Dragoon Guards.

Returning the brigade marched to the Drill Hall via Sparks, Lyon, Wellington and Elgin streets.

There were 576 men in the parade.

Col. Aylmer, assistant Adjutant-General, was in command, Major A. L. Jarvis of the G.G.F.G., being Brigade Major.

Lt.-Col. Hodgins commanded the G.G. F.G., and all the other officers were also present. Lt Col. Burland, of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal, attended the service with the regiment.

Lt-Col. Wright was in command of the 43rd Battalion, with all the officers in attendance. Major Harrison, of the 49th Battalion, was attached.

Capt. Gourdeau was at the head of the Dragoons, Sergt-Major Powell, who recently met with an accident, being absent.

Major Bliss, commanding officer of the Battery, was with the artillery corps, Capt Bowie, Lieuts Eaton and Klock and Veterinary Surgeon Harris also being in the turnout.

THE NUMERICAL STRENGTH.

The numerical strength of the various corps taking part as follows:

Dragoon Guards, 33.

Field Battery, 59.

Governor-General's Foot Guards, 248. 43rd Battalion, 228.

Major-General Gascoigne was also present at the service. He was attended by his A. D. C., Lieut A. MacLean, and accompanied by Hon. A. R. Dickey, Minister of Militia; Mrs. Gascoigne and the following officers in uniform: Col. Powell, Adjutant-General; Col. Lake, Quartermaster-General; Col. Irwin, Inspector of Artillery.

The Major-General and party viewed the brigade from a vantage point in front of the City Hall when it was returning to the Drill Hall. The Major-General was afterwards heard to say that he was well pleased with the showing made by the volunteers.

Before being dismissed the men of the various corps were thanked by the commanding officers for turning out, and congratulated, not only for their excellent appearance, but also for the steadiness with which they marched.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Lady Tupper and Hon. T. Mayne Daly and Mrs. Daly, viewed the parade from cabs.

GARRISON MESS DINNER IN HONOR OF MAJOR GENERAL GASCOIGNE.

The turn-out at the Russell on the evening of Thursday the 25th October on the occasion of the Garrison mess' dinner given by the staff officers and the officers of the local force was the largest ever brought together in Ottawa. With the exception of five or six absent from the city, the attendance embraced all the officers of the different branches of the service, so that the company sitting down to dinner numbered over sixty persons.

Lt-Col. Aylmer occupied the chair, and on his right sat the general, and on the left Hon. Mr. Dickey, minister of militia, while his worship the mayor occupied a position opposite the general, with Sir James Grant, Mr. Robillard, M. P., Col. Ross and two or three other invited guests occupied prominent positions also at the centre of the table.

The bill of fare was one of the best ever produced at the Russell, and did infinite credit to Mr. St. Jacques, who was cheered on entering the dining room to give personal superintendence to the elaborate menu provided.

It was half-past eleven when this portion of the programme was over, and the chairman, after the usual introductory toasts of the Queen and the Governor General proposed the health of Hon. Mr. Dickey, which brought the minister to his feet amid such applause as clearly exhibited the hold the political head of the department had already secured among the officers and the representatives of the people present.

The hon. gentleman in a brief address spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present on the occasion, at the introduction to the officers of the local force and the distinguished guests present of their new commanding officer, Major General Gascoigne, whose meritorious services in the army had caused his selection to the high command of the Canadian militia. He felt proud of the efficiency of our militia in the past and stated that it was the intention of the government to give no less care to the interests of the force in the future, but to endeavor to erect a higher standard of efficiency by equipping the militia with the most improved arms, which would be the first step in that direction, and to do all else possible for the welfare and advancement of the force. He felt assured that as the ministerial head he would have an able and enthusiastic supporter in reforms in the service in Major General Gascoigne, who was no stranger to this country or to the requirements of a high militia standard, and he therefore concluded that the general might be heard for himself.

The toast of "our guest," the Major General commanding, was most enthusiastically received and was drunk with highland honours, and three times three.

The Major-General in reply after thanking those present very warmly for their kindly welcome, delivered an excellent address. In the course of it he said that an erroneous impression might have been taken from what appeared in a local newspaper to the effect that he hoped to have a happy time while in Canada. It was true he hoped to have a happy time, but his greatest happiness would come from promoting the interests of the volunteer forces. If he thought that at the expiration of his term his services had not been useful in Canada, he would leave their midst an unhappy and sorry man. He had implicit confidence in the militia of Canada, who had demonstrated their bravery and loyalty when called upon to defend their country.

Lt-Col Aylmer, A A G, presided; Major General Gascoigne and Sir James Grant, M P, being on his right, and Hon A R Dickey, Minister of Militia, and Mr. H. Robillard, M P, on his left. Others present were Col Pauet, Deputy Minister of Militia; Col. Powell, Adjutant General; Col Lake, Quarter-Master General; Lt-Col Aylmer, Inspector of Artillery; Lt-Col Wright, Major Sherwood, Capt S M Rogers, (Adjutant), Capt Jamieson, Capt Parker, Capt Sutherland, Capt McKay, Capt Nesbitt, Capt Bell, Lieuts Boville, Helmer, Hutcheson, F Stuart, Maclean and Bollard, and Surgeon Scott, of the 43rd Batt. Lt-Col Hodgins, Major Hodgins, Major Jarvis, Major Heron, Capt P B Taylor, Capt Roper, Capt Winter, Capt F F Taylor, Capt Tyrrell, Lieut Lawless, D H MacLean, Gallway, Street and Matheson, and Surgeon Horsey of the G G F G, Major Gourdeau and Lieuts Brown and Elliott, of the P L D G, Major Bliss, Lieut Eaton, Surgeon Bell, and V S Harris, of the Battery: Lt-Col Ross, Lt-Col White, Lt-Col Toller, Lt-Col Bacon, Lt-Col John Macpherson, Lt-Col Macdonald, Majors Walsh, Wicksteed, Donaldson and Harrison, Lieut McDonald, 63rd Halifax; Mayor Borthwick and A S Woodburn.