

THE CAMP AT OTTAWA.

We paid a visit to the camp near this city yesterday and had an opportunity of seeing how our friends enjoyed themselves under the circumstances of this year's drill regulations. Colonel Jackson and Brigade Major Mattice gave us every facility to obtain an understanding of the Force and, we must concede, that, in every respect, we found all matters in such a state as would delight the heart of an old Campaigner.

The location of the camp upon Rideau Hill is the finest that possibly could be found in the vicinity of Ottawa. The tents are laid out in regular order, and adjoining on the "Stewart property" is a large and capacious field used for the purposes of drill and other military evolutions. Target practice under the direction of Capt. Weatherley, Musketry Instructor at the Rifle Range in the immediate vicinity, is the first duty of the men each day. In this the men are already evincing signs of improvement, which if continued to the end will be fruitful of good results. The morning parade takes place from about 9 o'clock till 11, and the afternoon from 3 till 6 o'clock. Every man is in camp by 10 o'clock p. m., after which time none are allowed into camp without the countersign or producing his pass. The officers are comfortable, and in their tents have every convenience.

The field Battery is in command of Capt. Stewart with Lieuts. Billings and Savage as Subalterns. Surgeon Vaucorlan-It and Paymaster A.S. Woodburn are also on duty with the battery as usual. This corps have lost none of its old prestige either in regard to drill or the general physique of its men. It has four field guns, 59 horses, and 67 non commissioned officers and men. The temporary sheds erected are well suited for the stabling of the Artillery horses and also those of the Cavalry.

Two cavalry troops are in camp and told off as squadrons, under command of Col. Lovelace, late of her Majesty's service. The first squadron is from Prescott and in command of Lieut. Rennie and Cornet Satchell, who also acts as Adjutant. This troop musters 45 strong. The second squadron belongs to Ottawa, under command of Captain Sparks, with Lieut. Slater and Cornet Stewart as Subalterns. The troop musters 50 strong. The Cavalry is put through sword and carbine exercises from 9 to 11-30 a. m., each day; and from 3 to 6 p. m. executes squadron and troop movements, also mounted, dismounted and patrol duty.

The 59th Battalion musters in full strength under the command of Major MacLennan. The staff of this Battalion comprises Lieut. Col. Bergin, Major MacLennan, Major Wood, Paymaster Archibald, Quartermaster Wood and Surgeon Lindsay. The Battalion numbers seven companies as follows:

No. 1, from Cornwall, Lieut. Blyth and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 2, from Cornwall, Capt. Devy, Ensign Bethune and 43 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 3, from Cornwall; Capt. Adams, Lieut. Turner and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 4, from Lancaster; Capt. A. B. MacLennan, Lieut. McDougall and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 5, from Aultsville; Capt. Bredin and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 6, from Dickinson's Landing; Capt.

Bullock and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 7, from Dunvegan, Kenyon, Capt. McDiarmid, Lieut. McCuaig, Ensign Stewart and 43 non commissioned officers and men.

The 56th Battalion which has hitherto been a very strong one falls short this year, some of its companies having been disbanded. The staff consists of Col. H. D. Jessup of Prescott; Adjutant Mowat of Ottawa, Surgeon Church and Quartermaster Bilton. There are four Companies in Camp of the following strength:

No. 1, from Ottawa; Capt. McCuaig, Lieut. Pearson, Ensign Lang and 42 Non commissioned officer and men.

No. 2 from Prescott; Capt. Bennet, Lieut. Jones and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 4, from Kemptville, Capt. Campbell, Ensign Chambers, and 36 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 7, from Spencerville; Capt. Carmichael, Lieut. Stitt, and 42 Non-commissioned officers and men.

The 41st Battalion, like the previous one, is somewhat below its old strength, but is yet a good corps and in charge of an energetic officer. A band, in connection with the Perth Company, accompanies this Battalion. It joins with the 55th Battalion which is also a Rifle Corps, for the purpose of drill.

The Staff consists of Lieut. Col. Cole of Brockville, Major Gwynne, Quartermaster Jones, Surgeon Moore, Paymaster Macdonald. It numbers but five companies, the respective strength of each being as follows:—

No. 1, Brockville; Captain Cook, Lieut. Sheffield and 43 non-commissioned officers and men.

No. 2, Gananoque, Captain Legge, Ensign Thompson and 32 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 3, Frankville; Major Lauder, Lieut. Clutterbuck and 30 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 4, Merrickville; Captain Merrick, Lt. Harrison and 36 non-commissioned officer and men.

No. 5, Carleton Place; Capt. Bell, Lieut. Cramm, Ensign Guities and 31 non commissioned officers and men.

The 42nd Battalion musters in good force under its popular commander, Lt. Col. Buell M. P. In addition, on the Staff there are Major Gemmill of Almonte, Adjutant Lowe, Surgeon Vaux and Quartermaster Lanskill. There are 5 companies of the Battalion in camp, as follows:—

No. 1, Brockville; Lieut. Sparham and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 2, Perth; Captain Douglass, Lieut. Matheson and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 3, Landsdowne, Capt. Bradley; Ensign Dickson and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 4, Smith's Falls, Capt. Gould and 42 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 5, Pembroke, Capt. Irving, Lieut. Supple and 42 non-commissioned officers and men.

A fine band in connection with the Perth company is attached to this battalion.

The once fine 43rd battalion familiarly known as the *Carleton Blazers* is reduced almost to a skeleton, having but two companies in camp. The staff is therefore incomplete and has but two officers present—Quartermaster Hanna and Surgeon McDougall. The following is the strength of the two companies:

No. 3, from Metcalf; Capt. Morgan, Ward-en of the County; Lieut. Carson and 36 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 6 from Goulbourn, Capt. Garvin, Lt. Tubman and 34 non commissioned officers and men.

A band in connection with the Metcalf company, is also attached to the Battalion. It is rather unfortunate that this once fine regiment should be so poorly represented in numbers in camp.

The 18th Battalion from L'Original, is somewhat analogous to our own Metropolitan Battalion having but two companies in camp. The staff comprises Major McLean and Adjutant Dartnell. The following is the strength of the two companies:

No. 3, L'Original; Lieut. O'Brien and 32 non commissioned officers and men.

No. 5, VanKiesak Hill, Capt. MacLennan, and 33 non-commissioned officers and men.

This Battalion as well as the 43rd is attached to the 42nd Battalion for drill and discipline.

On Dominion Day there will be a regular field day in the morning, after which the troops will march through the city. The afternoon will be a holiday to those encamped, with a view to allowing the troops to see the sports in and around the city.

The total strength of the encampment is 89 officers, 1,160 men, and 110 horses.

REVIEWS.

The June number of *Blackwood's Magazine*, which completes Volume CXV., is filled, as usual, with interesting matter, and is a proof that instead of degenerating, this periodical like wine, mellows and improves with age.

The serials, "Alice Lorraine" and "Valentine and his Brother," are continued. Both have already received so much favourable notice that we need only say that their interest remains unabated.

In "The Poets at Play" we find many verses which were not written for publication, but dropped naturally into the private communications of such writers as Scott, Cowper, Lamb, Swift, and many others.

"The Romance of the Japanese Revolution" begins by describing the Japanese and the objects they displayed at the Vienna Exposition, and gives a very interesting account of their character and condition, of the changes that have had taken place since the opening of their ports, and the revolution which led to the overthrow of the Shogun and the revival of the supremacy of the Mikado.

"Sex in Mind and Education" discusses a matter of great interest to Americans, namely, the "identical education of boys and girls." It reviews E. H. Clarke's work on the subject, recently published in Boston, and also some essays which have appeared in the English *Fortnightly Review*.

"New Books" is a review, with copious extracts, of Victor Hugo's "Ninety-three." It is extremely laudatory, remarking, in conclusion, that it was intended to discuss more than work; "but what other work can we place by the side of 'Quatrevingt-treize'?"

The usual political article, describing the reception of the Conservative Budget and Parliamentary doings since Easter, brings us to the end of the number, and leaves us like Oliver Twist, asking for "more."