

Queries and Replies.

Q. Inserted in last week's issue re beating the attack in the Bayonet Exercise?

A. "Beating the Attack." authority Horse Guards, G.O. 1st February, 1882, also Manual, Rifle, Carbine and Bayonet Exercises, Horse Guards' W. Office, 1885.
READ UP.

Regimental Notes.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

Toronto.—C company I.S.C., is still, and has for some time past been, performing the usual route marching. A paper chase was lately held by the n.c. officers and men of the company. The course was eight miles, through High Park and round home by the Lake Shore road. The time was very good, although the checks were somewhat severe. Privates Evans and St. Johns were hares and ran in good form. Several of the attached officers, n.c. officers and men ran and acquitted themselves well.

The tug-of-war team of the Queen's Own have been practising very hard all week for the tournament that is to be held in Guelph on Friday evening, the 3rd, and which is given by the officers and men of the 1st Provisional Brigade field artillery. The Grenadiers have also a team entered to pull.

A by-law is going to be submitted to the rate payers of Toronto, in January, to decide whether they will authorize the council to issue debentures for \$50,000 to be applied in buying a suitable piece of ground as a site for a new drill shed. The government have decided to build the shed if the citizens will provide the land. If the by-law is carried, it is expected that the property of Mr. McLean, bounded by Queen, Brock, Adelaide and Peter streets, consisting of about 3¼ acres, will be purchased.

CUMBERLAND CUP DRILL COMPETITION.

The annual competition for the Cumberland challenge cup—to be held for one year by the best drilled company in the Royal Grenadiers—took place on Tuesday and Thursday last, with the result that the cup was again awarded to G company, commanded by Capt. Bruce. This is the second time the company has been thus honored. The companies were examined by Major Smith, of C company, I.S.C., and his decision was received by all as just and correct. The *Toronto World* says of the competition:

A company (Capt. Davidson) was short one file and all regretted it, as A stood a good chance for first place. H company was ahead in the work of its markers, but owing to a few recruits, the ranks made several bungles. D company looked and promised well, and only failed by a little unsteadiness on the part of a few men. F company marched on the ground with better appearance than any. The guides' places in all the companies were taken by Sergt. Instructor Munroe and Belau of C company, infantry school, and their drill could not be excelled. A few old hands in F company who should have known better, and a few mistakes by the markers lost several points, notwithstanding the splendid show they made in the manual under Lieut. Hay. G company was at first rather disappointing to the deeply interested spectators. They soon "buckled" to the work and began to show that they had quite a few of the North-West veterans still in the ranks. They handled their arms in first-class style, and it was soon seen that Capt. Bruce had a good chance of holding the cup for another year. The result proved this to be correct, and as the work went on, all were astonished to see what a good company can do when well handled, even with only a little practice. Capt. Cumberland deserves great credit for his idea and for his liberality in providing the handsome cup. The regiment appears to appreciate his efforts. The result of the competition will determine the position of the companies on parade, as regards the posts of honor on the flanks. Lieut.-Col. Grasett was present, and appeared to be much pleased with his red-coated boys. After the results were made known the officers and men, who were awaiting them with much excitement, gave three cheers for Major Smith, G company and the colonel. The adjutant read out the results as follows: G company, 143 points; F company, 128; D company, 124; H company, 113.

Peterborough.—The annual inspection of the 57th battalion took place on Wednesday, last week, before Major-Gen. Middleton and Lieut.-Col. Villiers, D.A.G., at the Central Park, prior to the unveiling of the Brown memorial, an account of the proceedings, of which ceremony appears elsewhere in this issue. The battalion, all things considered, acquitted itself very creditably. The *Review* says:

The appearance after the inspection of the 57th, Peterborough Rangers, newly reorganized as a city battalion, was a proof that our young men are ready and willing to fit themselves to fight in defence of their country if called upon. There is evidently no lack of loyal zeal or martial ardour. It is well that we should have a citizen soldiery capable of defending their homes against a foreign foe; for the very fact of being prepared lessens the probability of an attack.

When trooper Cook appeared at the drill shed on review day in the handsome uniform of the Peterborough Hussars he was mistaken for Gen. Middleton. He was so crowded around that he had to make his escape to the orderly room till the arrival of the general.

The regimental band, under bandmaster Millar's direction, appeared to good advantage during the review and march out.

On Tuesday evening the different companies of the battalion were served with new belts and frogs for the bayonets. These were worn at the inspection and added much to the neat appearance of the troop.

General Middleton was entertained at mess at the Oriental hotel on Wednesday evening by the officers of the 57th battalion and cavalry troop. Lieut.-Col. J. Z. Rogers took the chair, having on his right Gen. Middleton, the guest of the evening, and on his left Col. Villiers. Major and Adjutant Bell occupied the vice-chair, having on his left Capt. Wise. The usual loyal toasts were drunk and briefly responded to. Volunteer toasts were also heartily replied to. Among the latter was "The North-West Veterans," coupled with the names of Capt. Wise, Capt. Burke and Lieut. Brennan, all of whom replied suitably. Capt. Birdsall in a well worded speech proposed "The old 57th," to which Paymaster Howard replied very happily, recounting several interesting incidents in the history of the battalion.

Guelph.—The First Provisional Brigade of field artillery, Guelph, intends holding a military tournament on December 3rd. The chief feature will be a tug-of-war competition. The Queen's Own will send their team which won at the regimental tournament here a short time ago, and it is likely that the Grenadiers will be represented. Teams from the brigade and the 30th Wellington Rifles, Guelph, will also compete.

Montreal.—The Montreal brigade of garrison artillery is preparing to have a tug-of-war at a military concert on December 21st. Teams will consist of four men and a captain. It is expected that besides the Montreal corps the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto and the Royal Grenadiers will compete.

C company, Royal Scots of Canada, held their annual dinner at the exchange hotel on Friday last, over forty of the company sitting down to a well filled table. Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, Major Lyman, Capt. Hood, and Messrs. Walton and Aird were guests. The chair was filled by Capt. Lydon, who is at present in charge of the company. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were honored, and the enjoyment of the evening added to by songs, recitations, etc. A very pleasing event was the presentation of a handsome ring to Pte. Stewart Cuthbert, secretary-treasurer of the company fund for the past three years. At the chairman's request the presentation was made by Capt. Hood, who, in so doing, delivered a neat address. The evening's festivities were brought to a close about mid-night by all singing "God Save the Queen."

Ottawa.—A few weeks ago Lieut.-Col. Macpherson gave notification that hereafter at commanding officers' parades the posts of honor at the flanks of the parade would be awarded to the companies which fell in with the largest musters. A and F companies have held the flanks ever since. F has run A pretty close, and last Friday evening displaced it for the first time taking the right flank, while A took the left. The guards have been drilling hard in preparation for their annual inspection, which takes place to-morrow evening.

St. John, N.B.—The n.c. officers of the 62nd Fusiliers held another of their popular dances in the regimental club room on the evening of 23rd inst., but were unfortunate as regards the weather, although those who attended enjoyed the dance nevertheless. The dances will be resumed after Advent, and continued during the winter. The sergeants of the 62nd are an enthusiastic set of young men, and have done much good work this year, in improving their rooms, holding dances, giving picnics, etc., and have also paid much attention to their uniform, and are now looked upon as a "swagger" set. The staff-sergeants have adopted the new gold peaked forage caps, while all have their tunics neatly trimmed in gold braid, etc. A drill class is also proposed for the winter months.

Lachute.—The *Watchman* says: "There is some talk of agitating for a drill hall and Armoury at Lachute to accommodate two companies of the 11th. This would be a move in the right direction and make our enterprising town the scene of military parades and drill instruction."

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J. P. FRENCH,
Post Office Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
Ottawa, 23rd Oct., 1886.

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By order,
A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary
Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 26th Nov., 1886.