

Battalion Correspondence.

[We shall be obliged if an officer in each Battalion will give us a report, as briefly as consistent with the facts, of any events of interest which take place in his corps, and beg to tender our thanks for favors received.]

FROM HAMILTON.

VOLUNTEER BALL.—The annual ball of the Volunteer force of Hamilton took place on Friday evening, the 1st of February, at the Royal Hotel, in this city. The spacious dining hall in which the entertainment was given was, under the direction of the managers, handsomely and tastefully decorated for the occasion. Conspicuous among the many flags, whose bright hues met the eye at every point, were displayed the handsome colors of the 13th Battalion, which that gallant corps received some time since from their then Colonel—the Hon. Isaac Buchanan. Dancing was announced for nine o'clock, and shortly after that hour the hall was well filled with members of the various corps and their friends—the latter including a goodly number of the fair ones of the city. The scene presented about this time was pleasing in the extreme—the light and tasteful dresses of the ladies mingling with the bright uniforms of Infantry, the rich, though more sombre colors of the Artillery, and here and there the jaunty dress of the Naval Brigade. Dance followed dance rapidly till midnight, when a flank movement to supper was made by the whole body with such expedition and ease as showed the “officers in command” to be well up in their duties. Confident in their power to hold out against any onslaught, the waiters received the charge of the “hungry brigade” with such an avalanche of creature comforts as eventually compelled their retreat, and dancing was renewed and maintained with vigour till nearly five o'clock in the morning. The whole entertainment was managed in a style which did infinite credit to all who were interested in its superintendence. One point we cannot omit to mention—the high estimation in which the officers and men hold each other. We hope the same unity may always prevail amongst them.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB.—The first Battalion 16th Regiment, at Hamilton, have organized a very efficient Amateur Dramatic Club, consisting of non-commissioned officers and men, and have presented some very fine bills during the winter. The Regimental Library at the Crystal Palace, where the right wing of the regiment is stationed, has—thanks to the kindness and liberality of Colonel Peacock, and the exertions of School-master Bramall—been very nicely fitted up with a stage, renewed seats and gallery; indeed, the non-commissioned officers and quite a number of the privates displayed a very laudable spirit in catering to the amusement of their comrades, on Friday night, the first inst. The programme consisted of the domestic drama “Luke the Laborer,” in which all the characters were, without exception, well represented. Color-Sergt. Berry as “Squire Chase,” and Sergt. Stevens as “Farmer Wakefield” did remarkably well. The assumed simplicity and naive shrewdness of Private W. Kay as “Bobby Trot,” a Yorkshire lad, whose whole desires were centered on cold pudding and going to “Lunnon,” and the rattling, manly style of Lance-Corporal Bedson as “Philip,” a man-of-war-man, were capital hits. The female parts of “Clara” and “Jenny,” taken by Hubbert and Berman of the band, were very fair considering the disadvantages of men taking female characters. After the first piece Sergt. Harrington sang a comic song, in which he was, to all appearances, in-

consolable, and refused to be comforted for the loss of a favorite milch cow, but being encored and making a second appearance, he quite forgot his late bereavement in recounting the pleasing reminiscences connected with his perpetrating matrimony with a female yeelp, “Biddy McGee.” A farce from London life, the “Aren Belle,” concluded the entertainment, and produced the most side-splitting laughter. The Regimental Band was present, and discoursed some very excellent music. Colonel Peacock and a considerable number of the officers were present, with a fashionable concourse of ladies of their acquaintance; and did the performers require a stimulus by a crowded house, they certainly possessed it.

The usual monthly inspection of the 16th Regiment was held on the 1st inst. The right wing mustered for inspection on the Crystal Palace grounds, in marching order. Major Grant, the Inspecting Officer, expressed himself as being much pleased with the appearance and efficiency of the men.

FROM PRESCOTT

DRILL.—Nos. 1 and 2 Volunteer Rifle Companies of this Town, under command of Lieut.-Col. Jessup and Major White respectively, commence their annual drill during the present week.

These two companies were organized in 1856 and 1857, and notwithstanding the ups and downs they must necessarily have been subject to during this long term of service, it must be very gratifying to the officers to know that they have always been reported upon as being efficient. With many other corps in the Province they were on frontier-service for over four months during the Fenian excitement, and are still in a prosperous and efficient state. One fact worth knowing, which newly organized companies would do well to consider, is, that these old companies scarcely ever have a complaint regarding the departmental management of the force, while new ones frequently fancy they do not receive that prompt attention that they are entitled to.

DRILL SHEDS.—The County Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville have made appropriations of the several sums named, towards the erection of drill sheds at the following stations, viz:—Prescott \$1000, Gananoque \$450, Lansdowne, Merrickville, Burritt's Rapids and Millar's Corners \$250 each, like sums being contributed by the Government. Several of the contracts are already given out, and during the approaching summer, there is no doubt, the whole number will be completed. This same Council also contributed during the past year \$4000, to the families of Volunteers who were on frontier service from the counties.

FROM WHITBY.

PRESENTATION.—On a late occasion of a mess dinner of the officers of the 34th (Ontario) Battalion, Dr. Lazars, Surgeon to the Simcoe Provision Battalion, while on duty at Fort Erie during the June raid, took occasion to present to Major Wallace—at that time Major of the Simcoe Battalion, but now Senior Major of the 34th V. M.—a handsome Binocedon Field Glass. This testimonial was from the gallant Major's brother officers in his old regt., and was meant in some measure to express their sense of esteem for him as an officer and a gentleman. A silver plate upon the glass bears a suitable inscription. Dr. Lazars prefaced the act of presentation with a few explanatory and complimentary remarks.

TARGET PRACTICE.—No. 4 Company (Whitby Infantry) 34th Ontario Battalion, paraded a

small party for target practice on the 30th January, under the command of Ensign Loany. The following excellent score was made. Friday was cold, blustering and bleak. Range 300 yards:

Ensign Loany	1 3 3 2 1 2 1 3 3 2—	30
Sergeant Parker	2 1 1 3 0 1 3 1 3 2—	29
Corporal Loany	2 1 3 3 3 3 2 2 3—	27
Private Wallers	0 3 2 3 3 3 2 1 2 2—	24
Sullivan	3 2 2 2 1 0 2 3 4 0—	21
Erkettle	2 3 0 2 1 2 2 2 3—	22
Heard	2 2 3 3 2 2 0 2 4 2—	22

Total points 175
Average per man 25

INSPECTIONS.

A friendly correspondent, whose judgment as to the state of the force of which he speaks is a safe guide, in speaking of an inspection of the 37th Haldimand Battalion by Brigade Major Villiers and Lt.-Col. R. H. Davis, commanding, on the 28th, 29th and 30th ult., says—all the companies of the 37th were well equipped and turned out well; that their company stores are in good order, and the average attendance about 41 per company. The stations of the companies are as follows:—No. 1 Company, York; No. 8 Company, Mount Healy; No. 3 Company, Caledonia; No. 7 Company, Caledonia; No. 4 Company, Ballsville; No. 5 Company, Hullsville; No. 6 Company, Cheapside; No. 2 Company, Dunville.

Lieutenant Colonel Villiers, B. M., also inspected the Dundas Infantry Company, under the command of Capt. Wardell, on the 1st inst. This company paraded two officers and thirty-two men. The general appearance was neat, clean and soldier-like, and their proficiency in drill creditable.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

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DEAR REVIEW,—The Chief of Ordnance in his report to the Secretary of War gives some statistics concerning his department, which will, I have no doubt, be interesting to your military readers. He tells us that during the war there were provided 7,892 cannons, 11,757 artillery carriages, 6,335,295 artillery projectiles (shot and shell), 6,539,999 pounds of grape and canister shot, 2,862,177 rounds of fixed artillery ammunition, 3,477,655 small arms (muskets, rifles, carbines and pistols), 2,146,175 complete sets of infantry accoutrements, 539,544 complete sets of horse equipments, 28,164 sets of two horse artillery harness, 1,022,176,474 cartridges for small arms, 1,220,555,435 percussion caps for small arms, 10,281,305 cannon primers, 4,226,377 fuses for shells, 26,440,054 pounds of gunpowder, 6,395,152 pounds of nitro and 90,416,295 pounds of lead in pigs and bullets.

In addition to which he informs us that the armament of the fortifications in the United States, now includes 3,540 serviceable cannon, of which 1,334 are of heavy calibre, (20, 15, 10 and 8 inch bore) and 653 are rifled cannon. The residue are of smaller calibre, from 42 pounders down, including 120 moveable field pieces.

He also gives a brief sketch of the war