

were, and would be, as the motto says, "Nulli Secundus." At the close of the gentleman's remarks, which were greeted with cheers and the regimental cry, Mrs. Col. Butler fired the first shot over the new range, Mr. Curran following with the second. Lt.-Col. Butler then stepped forward to say a few words, but for a few minutes could not be heard from the cheers and clapping of hands. After it subsided he told those present how the addition had been received, and assured the members of the regiment that whatever he could do, not only to raise the corps to the highest state of efficiency but to get them comfortable quarters, and otherwise help them, he would not be backward. The range was then thrown open to all and the firing of the bullets striking the target kept up until the armoury closed.

THE BRIGADE OFFICES.

A report was started around town last week that the 6th Military headquarters was about to be removed to St. Johns. Well, as far as the present quarters go, it might be a good thing for the offices of the fifth, which are now divided between the two districts. The place is cramped up, and it is impossible to even hold a meeting of commanding officers, much less a brigade meeting. But, at the same time, the space now given to the districts should be used for the purposes of one, and the other district given quarters elsewhere in the city, not remove it to St. Johns. If this is done it will not only raise discord, but will cause great trouble for the officers of the different companies in making their reports, as many of them would not care to go to St. Johns.

AN ENJOYABLE REUNION.

A merry crowd seated around tables well loaded with good things was what I witnessed last Friday night at the Hope Coffee House, when the annual dinner of F company of the Prince of Wales Rifles was going on. Captain Bradshaw was in the chair and among the guests I noticed Lt.-Col. T. P. Butler, Captains Lefebvre, of No. 2, Bartlett, of No. 3 company, Sergt.-Major Ferguson and representatives from other regiments. After the bill of fare, which was quite an extended one, was disposed of, the Queen and the other usual toasts were honoured and responded to. Col. Butler responded to the toast of the active militia in a short speech, which gave a good history of the regiment from its rise to the present time. All the other officers were called on for a few words, and answered in a cheery manner, especially Lieut. Bond. Private Wallace, who has served thirty-eight years in the Prince's, responded to the toast of the old members of the corps. The veteran, in few feeling words, thanked the younger men for the honour they did themselves and him in remembering the old men of the regiment. Capt. Bradshaw then rose and in the name of the company presented to ex-Colour-Sergt. John Watson, an illuminated address, telling on its face the regard in which he was held by his old comrades, and regretting his retirement. Accompanying the address was a gold pin, being set in diamonds, the arms of the regiment, the Prince of Wales feathers. Sergt. Watson, in rising to reply, was greeted with a storm of cheers, and for a few moments could not reply, being overcome by emotion, but when he did so he thanked the donors, not so much for the gift, but for their token of regard, and assured them that although he was leaving the ranks he would always be with the Prince's, and especially No. 6, or F company. During the evening Corporal McWilliams, No. 6; Private Wilson, No. 3; Private Lloyd, 6th Fusiliers; Corporal Lafferty, Royal Scots; Corporal Fall and Privates Tobin and Laing sang songs or amused the company and their guests in many ways. The committee, Col.-Sergt. Ware, Corp. Simpson and Privates Legrow, Freeman and Burnett who had the dinner in charge, were congratulated by all on their successful efforts, and I must say it was as pleasant an evening as I have enjoyed for a long while.

PROPOSED NEW CAVALRY DRILL.

The *Army and Navy Gazette* prints the following synopsis of the new cavalry drill submitted to the Horse Guards authorities by Major-General Keith Fraser:—

That an entirely new and thoroughly revised edition of the Regulations for the instruction and movements of Cavalry be drawn up on the lines of the admirably arranged drill-books of Continental armies, especially those of France and Austria-Hungary.

That the guiding principles introduced in the Austro-Hungarian Cavalry by Baron Edelsheim in 1862, and long ago accepted as the standard of drill by such cavalry commanders as Prince Frederick Charles, Gen. Von Schmidt, Von Wright, L'Hotte, Gallifet, Rosenberg, Koehler and many others, be adopted to their fullest extent in the British service.

That in future leaders should be responsible for taking the shortest route, and those under their command for following them, "Follow your leader" and "Take the shortest cut" being maxims.

That the comparatively silent system of the French and Austrian Drill Regulations be adopted, and all unnecessary words of command and trumpet sounds be suppressed.

That the signals of leaders and the direction and pace of their horses be considered as commands to be obeyed and followed.

That no movement should be executed which does not admit of rapid deployment in any direction at any moment.

That in future each squadron shall be divided into two troops, or two half-troops (or divisions) each—i. e., four half-troops per squadron.

That each half-troop or division be subdivided into three groups or squads, which answer so admirably in the Austro-Hungarian Cavalry.

That the strength of a half-troop should never be less than 18—viz., twelve in the front rank and six in the rear rank, inclusive of non-commissioned officers.

That the strength of a group should never be less than six—viz., four in the front rank and two in the rear rank, and that each group may form two patrols.

That in the event of there not being sufficient men in the squadron to admit of its being divided and subdivided as above, the number of half troops or divisions be reduced to three, and even two if necessary.

That the senior officer shall command the squadron, the second senior riding in rear of it, superintending its discipline, and prepared at once to replace the squadron leader if necessary.

That in column of divisions the second senior officer of each squadron shall ride on the outer flank of the column, and the two senior non-commissioned officers shall ride on the outer flank of the rear-rank man of the second and fourth (or third in the case of weak squadrons) divisions, from which position they can superintend the order and discipline of the squadron.

That each division (or half-troop) leader shall be, as far as it is practicable, the officer who has charge of it in barracks.

That the serre-file rank be entirely abolished, except as to the second senior officer and the two senior non-commissioned officers of the squadron.

That all manœuvring by "fours" be absolutely forbidden, and all field movements in such a formation, which only admits of facing an enemy if he comes from certain directions, be eliminated from the drill-book. Fours, sections, etc., only to be used for column of route, etc.

That many movements at present executed by the half-wheel of troops shall in future be carried out by wheeling the head of the squadron, or by the individual incline of each horse.

That the "incline" to an angle of 45° shall be substituted for the present "incline," which is limited to 30°.