

tion, which remained there till the 17th, when they were dismissed.

This year the Queen's birthday review and sham battle took place on the plains of Abraham, before the Governor-General (Lord Lorne), their Royal Highnesses Princess Louise and Prince Leopold. Besides the Quebec brigade, the following regiments were present: 62nd infantry, of St. John, N.B.; 5th Royal Scots, 6th Fusiliers, 1st Prince of Wales, 3rd Victorias and 65th Rifles, and a company of high school cadets from Montreal.

On the 30th April, 1881, Lieut.-Col. Alleyn resigned his commission on being appointed judge, and Major Andrew C. Stuart was promoted to the command. Lieut.-Col. Stuart joined the regiment as ensign in No. 6 Co., 1st May, 1868; lieutenant, 8th October, 1869; captain, 28th January, 1870; brevet-major, 28th January, 1875; major, 18th April, 1878.

On the 11th March, 1883, the regiment met with a sad loss in the death of Lieut. Col. Stuart, who had been seriously ill for some time. His funeral took place on the 13th, and was attended by the whole regiment. The firing party of 150 men was under command of Major Scott, and the gun sleigh was furnished by A battery in charge of Capt. Peters.

General orders of 22nd May contained Major Scott's promotion to the command of the regiment. Lieut.-Col. E. G. Scott joined the Victorias in 1862, and passed through all the grades to color-sergeant, and was appointed ensign in the company on 1st May, 1868; lieutenant, 5th March, 1869; captain, 9th February, 1872; brevet-major, 9th February, 1877; major, 30th April, 1881, and lieutenant-colonel, 22nd May, 1883, but antedated to 27th April.

This year, 1883, Capt. W. E. Russell raised a signal corps of 13 men and fitted them out with all the necessary apparatus of flags, lamps, telescopes and heliographs; the next year they were mounted and went through a riding course on the Citadel, subsequently they rode out to the plains, and were inspected by the D.A.G. and specially mentioned in his report. They became very proficient at long distance signalling, and on the expected arrival of H.M.S. *Canada*, with H.R.H. Prince George of Wales, a party proceeded to Cape Tourmente, 30 miles below Quebec, and signalled to the Citadel with their heliograph her approach.

The new pattern breastplate, with the old regimental motto, *volens et valens*, was gazetted in general orders of 12th October.

H.R.H. Princess Louise and Lord Lorne left Canada permanently by the S.S. *Sardinian* on 27th October, on which occasion the regiment furnished a guard of honor on Allan's wharf, of 100 men and band under Capt. Ahern, Lieuts. Stuart and Miller.

In March, 1885, the North-west rebellion broke out, and the regiment, which was at the time performing annual drill, held itself in readiness, hourly expecting marching orders for the front, and two companies under Major LeSueur did garrison duty on the Citadel for one month, owing to the absence of A battery on service. Capt. Prower, chancing to be at that time attached to B battery, proceeded with them to the war, and was present at the action of Cut Knife, and went through the campaign with the battery. Lieut. Roche got attached to the Montreal garrison artillery, and served in the North-west with them.

On the 6th March, 1886, Lieut.-Col. Scott retired from the 8th, and Capt. H. J. Miller, as senior officer, took command and was gazetted lieutenant-colonel on 31st March. Lieut.-Col. Miller served in the ranks of the Highland company of the 9th Battalion, and subsequently in the Victorias till 10th February, 1871, when he was gazetted lieutenant in the 55th Megantic infantry; captain, 12th September, 1873; rejoined the 8th as captain of No. 4 company, 28th March, 1879, and promoted lieutenant-colonel as above.

Hitherto, company promotion prevailed in the 8th, but on 30th July general orders changed this to seniority or regimental promotion.

The annual inspection took place this year on the 24th May on the plains of Abraham, before the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne, when Private D. Smith, of No. 6 company, was presented by her ladyship with the North-west medal, he having served through the campaign with the Royal Grenadiers.

Three of the officers of the regiment were called by government to serve on the commissions to investigate the manufacture of snider ammunition at the government factory, Lieut.-Col. Scott and Capt. Balfour serving on that of 1883, and Capt. F. C. Würtele on that of 1885.

This sketch would not be complete without the "shooting record," which has been almost continuous since the formation of the regiment, and it may be well said, difficult to excel. Efficiency in the use of the rifle had always been the desire of the officers from the first, and from this cause the battalion began to make a good name on the rifle ranges, as far back as 1865, when the Victorias, or No. 1 Co., tried their skill against the non-coms. of H.M.'s 17th Regiment, and got beaten, but were successful in the return match. In 1868 they were victorious in two matches with H. M. 30th Regiment, one with the 60th Rifles, and one with the Royal Engineers. These matches were all 10 men a side of all ranks, and the team was chosen from No. 1 Co., or the Victorias.

The Stadacona team took first battalion prize, \$250, at the great Dominion rifle matches held in 1868 at Laprarie, together with a number of individual prizes. They generally held their own in all the district matches at Quebec. In April, 1869, the regimental team fired a match with H.M.'s 60th Regiment, winning by 29 points. The next important victory scored was on the 16th August, 1871, at the Provincial matches held at Montreal, when the team composed of Capt. Morgan, Serjts. Hawkins, Baxter, Ferguson, and T. Holloway, won the Dominion cup, valued at \$800, given as a battalion prize by the P.Q.R. association. That same fall the Grand Trunk rifle brigade sent a team to Quebec and beat the 8th on Beauport Flats. However, in 1872 the return match was won by the Stadaconas at Montreal, on the day before the P.Q.R. association matches, which they had come up to attend. Again, the team composed of Capt. Scott, Lieut. Balfour, Paymaster Frew, Serjts. Hawkins and Baxter, was victorious in the battalion match, winning the Dominion cup, this being the second time in three years it became the property of the regiment.

In 1873 Capt. Morgan and Serjt. G. Baxter of No. 2 company were chosen and went to Wimbledon. In 1874, Lieut. Balfour won the Governor-General's bronze medal, and Capt. Morgan again went to England on the Wimbledon team. On the 6th March, 1879, as the battalion had not been for some years very successful at rifle matches, a meeting of the regiment was held, and the regimental rifle association was reorganized on a sound basis. The result was that in 1880 the team took second prizes, both in the battalion and association, and third prize in the skirmishing matches at the Provincial, and Corporal G. Philips won the Governor-General's silver medal and Lieut.-Governor's medal, but as a team the 8th did nothing at the Dominion, although individually they did well; Capt. Balfour won the Governor-General's prize of \$250 and his place on the Wimbledon team for 1881. That year the Canadians won the Kolapore cup and Capt. Balfour was 6th score in that match. At the Provincial the team took third prize for skirmishing, and at the Dominion matches third battalion prize.

In 1882 the Royals were well to the fore in the provincial, taking 1st prize both in the battalion and skirmishing matches and 4th and 6th team prizes for volley firing, and Serjt. G. Philips won the Dolan Cup. They won at the Dominion matches 5th battalion prize and Corporal Goudie won his place on the Wimbledon team for 1883, and went to England that year. In 1883 the 8th were again successful, both at the Provincial and Dominion matches, winning at the former the 2nd Batt., 2nd Military, 4th Association and 1st prize in the 3rd series Military match. At Ottawa they took 1st Minister Militia, 5th Dominion and 3rd prizes in the Gzowski matches. Capt. Balfour won the Gov.-Gen's Medal, besides the N.R.A. Medal and Snider champion badge. Lieut. W. H. Forrest took the Grand Aggregate and first place on the Wimbledon team and went to England in 1884. This year the team again were close up at the Provincial, taking 2nd Battalion, 5th Association, 3rd Skirmishing and 3rd Volley Firing prizes. At the Dominion they won 2nd Minister of Militia and 4th Dominion Match prizes and Lieut. Forrest again won his place on the Wimbledon team. In 1885 they took only 3rd volley firing prize at the Provincial, but at the Dominion were 2nd place for the British Challenge Shield as well as 5th prize in the Gzowski competition. In 1886 they won the 4th Association, 2nd Battalion and 1st Volley Firing prizes at the Provincial; and the team composed of Serjts. Alex. Thomson, Goudie and Dewfall, Corporal Hartley and Private R. D. Norton carried off the British Challenge Shield, that much coveted prize, for skirmishing and volley firing; also the 4th Gzowski prize, and Serjt. Goudie his place on the Wimbledon team for 1887. To the regimental rifle association and the active encouragement given to rifle shooting by the officers is due the successes above recorded. The regimental matches held annually on 29th June have always been looked forward to and carried out most successfully.

Since the formation of the regiment the roster contains the names of one hundred officers. The 25th anniversary was celebrated, on the evening of 21st February by a ball, given in the Academy of Music, by Lieut.-Col. Miller and officers to the non-com. officers and men of the regiment.

The present officers of the Royal Rifles are:

Lieutenant-Colonel.—H. J. Miller.

Captains.

G. E. A. Jones,
J. Elton Prower,
E. Montizambert,

J. S. Dunbar,
Charles Miller,
J. F. Burstall.

Lieutenants.

A. E. Hall,
T. I. Poston,
F. W. Ashe,

J. B. Peters,
W. C. H. Wood,
W. M. Dobell,

C. J. Dunn.

Adjutant.—Ernest F. Würtele, Capt.

Surgeon.—P. Coote.