

Gymnastics, including boxing and fencing.

Swimming.

The cadets have been put through their annual course (2 rounds common, 1 shrapnel shell each cadet) of target practice with 9-pr R.M.L. field gun, and also annual course (60 rounds each cadet) of rifle instruction, including judging distance, &c.

The result of annual course of artillery target practice was excellent. The annual rifle practice was carried out very late in the season, but under the circumstances, good.

The cadets also fired with 9-pr. R.M.L., and competed in shifting ordnance for Dominion Artillery Association prizes. In the target practice 9-pr R.M.L. field guns, Cadet Corporal Hodgins made the highest individual score in the Dominion. The squad of sixteen, selected for competition against similar squads throughout the Dominion, also made the highest aggregate score. The competition in shifting ordnance resulted in the cadets executing the shift in the shortest time and winning the Dominion prize.

The practical course is still, however, incomplete in two important respects, viz. : Equitation and torpedo or submarine mining.

The absence of horses for riding is the more to be regretted, as the cadets comprising the graduates of 1880, viz., those who joined the college in June, 1876, have left the institution without having had an opportunity of becoming proficient in so essential a military acquirement as riding.

Having previously obtained the permission of the Commandant, most of the graduates hired horses at their own expense, and placed themselves for instruction under a non-commissioned officer of the R. M. College staff, who is a qualified riding instructor, thus shewing a praiseworthy anxiety to render themselves efficient horsemen.

This, although the best that could be done, is not in principle a satisfactory method of obtaining instruction, and the results necessarily very inferior to a regular course.

The practical engineering course has unavoidably been considerably curtailed in consequence of the requisite instruments, stores, etc., not yet having been received, and especially for want of a separate shed for engineer work, sand modelling, and storage of material.

The want of instruments and material for submarine mining or torpedoes has also been a serious drawback.

I trust that these impediments to the completion of the practical course may be remedied shortly by the Royal School of Gunnery at Kingston being enabled to provide horses for cadets' riding instruction, and by the supply of engineer stores, and erection of engineer drill and modelling shed.

The engineer stores and shed will be of equal service to the active militia of that branch of the service as to the cadets; indeed, without this adequate instruction cannot be given to either force.

The Board of Visitors, 1879, recommended the provision of both these facilities for instruction.

Sanitary Condition.

(14) There has been a good deal of sickness during the early part of the year, at times rising to a very high percentage. Much of this may be attributed to deficient ventilation.

Water Supply.

(15) The method and service of water supply has been defective, but I understand that works are in due time to be commenced to remedy this evil.