

BRIGADE CAMP AT KINGSTON.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

On Saturday afternoon the camp of the Volunteer Militia here broke up, after a march into town. Everything in camp was conducted in apple pie order, and everything went off as it should do.

On Friday the annual inspection took place. The Inspecting Officer was Lt.-Col. Macpherson, D.A.G. of Militia.

The troops were on the ground at noon, and formed into line on the common in rear of Union street. They consisted of two Troops of Cavalry, under Major Duff, Major Drummond's Field Battery of Artillery, the 47th Battalion of Infantry, Lt. Col. Hamilton, and the 48th Battalion of Infantry, Lt.-Col. Fowler; the whole commanded by Lt.-Col. Hamilton. The Inspecting Officer arrived on the field shortly afterwards, attended by Brigade Major, Lt.-Col. Shaw, and District Quarter Master, Major Phillips, and was received with a general salute. The line then divided into troops and companies and the inspection took place, which was very minute, as it occupied nearly two hours. After marching past, a variety of brigade evolutions were practised, a field day and sham fight took place in which the cavalry and artillery played an important part, occupying another hour, during which the men emptied their cartouche boxes, and the whole manœuvres really were extremely well executed. Then the troops were formed into hollow square, and Lt.-Col. Macpherson addressed them quite at large. He complimented them highly on their drill and general appearance and considering the short time they have been in camp and brigaded, he really was surprised at its excellence. He regretted that the men had been called out at this particular season of the year, before their harvesting work was wholly performed, and hinted next year he would recommend to the Adjutant General that the month of June be selected for the annual drill in camp when the men would be comparatively at leisure. He lauded each arm of the service, and spoke highly of Major Drummond's Battery. In short, he expressed himself satisfied with everything he had that day witnessed, and hoped next year, should it be his duty again to inspect them, to witness a still greater improvement, impressing sharply upon the officers and men the imperative necessity of attending diligently to their drill. He regretted that the Adjutant General of Militia was not present to inspect so fine a brigade of Volunteers, (about 800 strong) but other engagements in the West prevented his coming to Kingston at that time.

It is worthy of mention that this District, No. 3, is the only one in the Province in which a brigade camp was formed of the three arms of the service.

It was four o'clock ere the troops returned to camp, having been upwards of six hours under arms. The men went to their

dinners and the officers sat down to a splendid lunch, prepared by the Caterer, Mr. David Fraser, with great care and no limit of expense. Lieut.-Col. Hamilton took the chair, Town Major McKay taking the vice-chair, supported by Lt.-Col. Macpherson, Lt.-Col. Shaw, Lt.-Col. Fowler, and a couple of dozen of city friends, who all did most ample justice to the excellent viands and wines. The chairman gave the Queen, with the honors, and Lt.-Col. Macpherson then toasted the chairman, as Commandant of the Camp, declaring how highly pleased he was with the camp and all its surroundings, and how well everything had been managed during the week's encampment, and then the company rose from lunch, Lt.-Col. Hamilton apologizing for rising so early, in consequence of the men without doors waiting for the sports to be in.

45TH BATTALION IN CAMP.

The 45th Battalion (6 companies) under the command of Lt.-Col. Cubitt, assembled in camp at Bowmanville on the 15th inst., to undergo the annual drill for 1869-70. The corps mustered in strong numbers and made good progress during the time it was out. The camp was formed near the drill shed the ground being admirably suited for the purpose with a large space in front of the camp adapted for parade and drill.

The inspection of the battalion took place on Monday the 20th, at 3 p. m., by Lt.-Col. Macpherson, D.A.G. of Militia, who arrived on the ground precisely at the hour, accompanied by Lt.-Col. Patterson, Brigade Major, Lt.-Col. Strange, District Paymaster, and Major Phillips, District Quartermaster.

The Battalion having been drawn up in line received the Inspecting Officer with a general salute; after marching past in open and quarter distance column, the whole were inspected by companies, the men, arms, accoutrements, clothing, &c., which was very minute and occupied some time.

The regiment was then put through various battalion movements under Lt.-Col. Cubitt, and afterwards in light infantry drill and skirmishing, all of which were executed in a highly satisfactory manner; the light infantry drill and skirmishing was very much admired.

At the conclusion of the inspection the battalion advanced in review order when the Inspecting Officer addressed Lieut.-Col. Cubitt, officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the 45th expressing his satisfaction with what he had witnessed that day, and the great pleasure it afforded him to be present to inspect so fine a battalion, he did not come for the purpose of flattering them or making a speech, but he could not leave the ground without telling them his opinion, and how pleased he was with their appearance, steadiness on parade, and the highly creditable manner in which the Battalion movements were performed, the light infantry drill and skirmishing was excellent, and while all the companies did well, he

could not help noticing one or two companies as particularly good, and one company rather surprised him considering the short time the Volunteers have been in camp. With regard to the arms, accoutrements and clothing he was glad to find them all in such good order. The rifles in their hands were the best issued to Her Majesty's regular troops, and he had no doubt the men would feel a pride in keeping them in good order, and becoming familiar with the use of this noble weapon.

He hoped they would keep up the proficiency they have attained, and practice as much as possible at their company headquarters and become good marksmen.

The band of the regiment was present and received a high compliment from the Inspecting Officer, he said it was one of the best Volunteer bands he had seen for some time. These remarks were well deserved, the band is possessed with a splendid set of instruments presented to the battalion by the people of Bowmanville.

In conclusion Lt.-Col. Macpherson congratulated Lt.-Col. Cubitt upon commanding so excellent a Volunteer Battalion, and said he was peculiarly fortunate in having so efficient a staff to assist him, he specially mentioned the names of Major McLeod and Deacon and Adjutant McMurtry.

The camp and stores, &c., then underwent a close inspection, and after all was concluded the regiment marched off to quarters.

A large crowd of spectators were present during the inspection from the town of Bowmanville and surrounding country, and appeared to take great interest in the proceedings of the day.

It is a fact worthy of mention that the Bowmanville people took great interest and pride in their Volunteer force; and do encourage them by every means in their power; the municipal councils have always behaved with most becoming liberality on occasions when required, affording a good example for other localities to follow.

The Inspecting Officer and staff were entertained at dinner by the officers of the 45th, at which the leading men of Bowmanville were present and was made the occasion of a number of good speeches.

In the evening a grand promenade concert was held in the drill shed and was largely attended, and during the evening Lieut.-Col. Cubitt was made the recipient of an address and a splendid testimonial from the officers of the 45th, consisting of a piece of plate of beautiful design; the concert was a great success.

The camp broke up the following day, the District Paymaster as usual was on the ground to pay the men, and the District Quartermaster to take over the carriage.

Lord Napier has taken leave of the Bombay army in a very able speech, and he lifted his voice very acceptably on behalf of the native army. He bears testimony to the excellence of the Bengal army. Its discipline and gallantry Lord Napier considers first-rate, and he exalts their services with an eloquence rare indeed amongst soldiers.