

was exercised for two hours, the General going over the ground inspecting and correcting the dispositions. He dispensed with any other inspection, and the company marched back to the fort. Major Vidal was in command, assisted by Capt. Macdougall, of "C" Company; Capt. Mutton, Q.O.R., and Lieut. Shorey, of the 6th Fusiliers, Montreal.

In addition to the permanent staff of officers there are in the company eight attached officers and thirty non-commissioned officers and men attached. The parade was therefore about one hundred and twenty strong.

THE GRENADIERS.

Last week's battalion parade was held on Tuesday night instead of Thursday, as a large number of the men were wanted at the Exhibition grounds for the "Siege of Sebastopol" for that evening. There was a large turn-out, about 325 of all ranks being on parade. Lieut.-Colonel Dawson was in command. Both bands were present. The regiment made the first march-out of the season. The playing of the brass band was very satisfactory. Everyone was much pleased with the progress it has made under Mr. Waldron, the new instructor. At the shed Colonel Dawson expressed the thanks of His Excellency the Governor-General to the regiment for its kindness in forming the guard of honour Monday evening. Lord Stanley asked Colonel Dawson to say that he was very much pleased with their general appearance and fine soldierly bearing. He regretted that he had not time to inspect them. The Colonel also referred to the success of the regiment at the Dominion rifle matches, one of their members having proved himself the best shot in the Dominion, whilst they had three representatives on the Wimbledon team for 1889.

New waist belts have been served out to all those non-commissioned officers and men requiring them. Many of the old ones which were through the North-West campaign were exchanged for new ones. It is expected that a new issue of trousers will shortly be made. It will be none too soon, as many of the companies are over strength and commanding officers have some difficulty in uniforming their men.

A large number of men are seeking admission to the regiment and officers have therefore no difficulty in selecting good men. "A" Company got two well-drilled men last parade. One was in "B" Battery, R.C.A., and the other in a Scottish regiment.

QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES.

The regular parade of the Queen's Own Rifles last week was an improvement in point of numbers and in the execution of their drill over that of the initial parade the week previous. Major Delamere was in command, Colonel Allen having to fulfil an engagement to dine with General Middleton at the New Fort. The companies were more equally divided, and including a large turn-out of the regimental band, there were 410 strong on parade. The regiment marched to Clarence square, where the usual evolutions were gone through. At the drill shed a large number of recruits are being instructed tri-weekly.

The Royal Infantry School at London.

General Middleton, accompanied by Capt. Wise, A. D. C., paid his first official visit of inspection to "D" company and Royal School of Infantry at London on Thursday last, arriving by the C. P. R. evening train.

"D" company was organized last December with Lieut.-Col. Smith, transferred from "C" company, in command. The first course of instruction for attached officers, n. c. o's and men commenced in April of this year, since when a large number of members of the force have taken advantage of the benefits to be derived from short or special courses. Already a marked improvement is visible among the regiments with headquarters in Western Ontario, and with the increased facilities for all ranks to make themselves efficient in their work, further good results may be looked for.

On Friday morning at ten o'clock the company divided—into two half companies—drawn up in line at open order, with the attached n.c.o's and men on the left, received the General with the usual salute, after which he made a careful inspection of the uniforms, arms and accoutrements of the men. Ranks were then closed, the line broken into column and the company marched past in column, quarter column and at "the double," which was done in remarkably good style. Line having been again formed, Capt. Freer put the company through the manual and firing exercises.

Lieuts. Wadmore, Denison and Evans, I.S.C., and Lieuts. Mitchell and Starr, the long course attached officers, also put the company through numerous movements, all of which were performed in a manner alike creditable to officers and men. The parade having been dismissed Sir Fred. Middleton examined the books, etc., in the orderly room, and afterwards visited the mess rooms, kitchens, sergeants' mess, hospital, etc., everything being found to be in first-class order.

On Friday morning at 8.30 o'clock the company are marched out

to the Iron Bridge, about three miles from the barracks, and the whole force disposed as outposts. This work proved very interesting and instructive, General Middleton superintending the whole and sparing no effort to have the objects of the different dispositions fully understood. Before returning to the barracks the General gave a brief lecture to the officers and men on the use and importance of outposts.

During his stay in London the General was the guest of Lieut.-Col. Smith, the commandant. On Friday the officers of the company, with General Middleton, Capt. Wise and Lieut.-Col. Aylmer, B.M., were photographed. In the evening the inspection dinner was held, and proved a very happy event.

The grand manoeuvres of the Russian troops of the Odessa and Charkoff military districts, in the neighbourhood of Elisahetgrad and Alexandria, in the Government of Kherson, are expected to be attended by the Emperor, and will last six days.

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