

FROM QUEBEC.

BY OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

In a late number of the Review your talented correspondent "G. W.," whose remarks are always worthy of attention, suggested changing the designation of battalion, as applied to the Volunteer corps in the Dominion, to that of regiment.

I am sure this idea will meet with very general approval among the Volunteers, and if adopted will tend to increase that esprit de corps which is so necessary.

To the same end I would suggest the following:—The present tunic of the rifles and infantry, which in most respects is a very nice one, would be very much improved by substituting a neat cloth shoulder strap with the number of the regiment on it, as is worn in H.M. service, (the strap to be the same color as the facings) instead of a braided cord as at present. And for infantry corps instead of having the facings invariably blue why not have different colored facings for each Province in the Dominion? say blue for Ontario, white for Quebec, green for New Brunswick, and buff for Nova Scotia. The shakos too would be improved by having the number of the regiment cut in the plate. Some of these alterations, such as new shoulder straps, could be made with the present uniform, and others could be done at headquarters before new issues of clothing are sent to each corps.

These changes, although they may appear trifling, would, I am sure, go a long way towards making the Volunteer service more popular.

It is to be hoped that some changes will be made this session in the Militia Law—why not exempt Volunteers from serving on juries and from personal municipal taxes? Too little attention, in view of the early departure of the remainder of the regular troops, is paid by our Parliament to military matters, and the country may yet suffer for it.

Rifle practice is in full blast again here, several matches have taken place and others are on the tapis.

To prevent the recurrence of accident such as that which befel the Toronto Drill Shed lately, the roofs should always be shovelled clear after every heavy fall of snow—this is always done with such buildings in this part of the country and we do not have any accidents of that sort.

A match between ten officers and ten non-commissioned officers and men of the 8th Battalion, "Stadacona Rifles," took place on the Beauport Flats on Saturday last. The ranges were 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600 yds., four rounds at each. The scores were: officers 476 points non-commissioned officers and men 474 points. Majority for officers, 2 points.

Advices from the West Indies make it probable that the steamer "Atlantic," so long missing, is safely harboured.

DOMINION OF CANADA.



MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.

HEAD QUARTERS.

Ottawa, 25th March, 1870.

GENERAL ORDERS.

No. 1.

ACTIVE MILITIA.

VOLUNTEER.

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

13th Battalion of Infantry, Hamilton.

To be Captain, to date from 20th January, 1870:

Lieutenant Alexander Huggins Moore, M. S., vice Watson, deceased.

To be Lieutenants, provisionally: Ensign John Little, vice Roy, promoted. Ensign Thomas Herbert Marsh, vice C. R. M. Sewell, who is hereby permitted to retire retaining his rank.

To be Ensigns, provisionally: Sergeant Peter Benjamin Barnard, vice H. C. Baker, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

Charles Hyla Holden, Gentleman, vice Cory, left the limits.

25th "Elgin" Battalion of Infantry. No. 5 Company, Aylmer.

To be Captain, provisionally: John Charles Weisbrod, Esquire, vice J. Campbell, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Lieutenant, provisionally: William Faulds, Gentleman, vice A. Taylor, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign, provisionally: Robert Henry Lindsay, Gentleman, vice A. Wickett, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

56th "Grenville" Battalion of Infantry. No. 5 Company, Aultsville.

ERRATA.—In General Order of 18th inst., read "Joel Adams, Gentleman," instead of "Ensign Joel Adams."

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY BRIGADE.

1st Battalion Rifles.

To be Captain: Lieutenant George Gilman Bryant, V.B., vice C. Blackwell, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Lieutenants: Ensign Robert McGlaughlin, V.B., vice A. M. Saunders, left limits.

Ensign George Boswell, (provisionally), vice Bryant promoted.

To be Ensign: Alexander Frazer, Gentleman, (provisionally) vice Boswell, promoted.

Charles Richard Jordan, Gentleman, G.S., M.S., vice McGlaughlin, promoted.

Lieutenant and Adjutant Robert Atkinson, M.S., to have the rank of Captain.

2nd Battalion Rifles.

To be 1st Lieutenant, provisionally:

Henry P. Nottingham, Gentleman, vice J. Melville, whose resignation is hereby accepted.

To be Ensign, provisionally:

Prosper Giroux, Gentleman, vice Hennessy, left limits.

PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

"The Halifax Brigade of Garrison Artillery."

To be Assistant Surgeon: John Ferguson Black Esq., M.D.

By Command of His Excellency the Governor General.

P. ROBERTSON ROSS, Colonel, A. G. of Militia, Canada.

INTERESTING TO VOLUNTEERS.—By an Order in Council of the 4th inst., the rates of pay per day for each non-commissioned officer and man shall be as follows for their respective grades:—Sergeant Major, \$1; Quartermaster Sergeant, 90c; Paymaster's clerk, 90c; Orderly room clerk, 90c; Hospital Sergeant, 90c; Pay Sergeants, 80c; Sergeants, 70c; Corporals, 60c; Buglers, 50c; Privates, 50c. The non-commissioned officers and privates shall receive in addition to their pay free lodgings and rations, and the officers and men of mounted corps shall receive forage in addition for their horses, or a daily allowance of 25 cents in lieu thereof for each horse.

Major Robinson, of St. John, N. B., formerly of one of the West India Regiments, is in town, and has had an interview with the Adjutant-General, at which he submitted the pattern of a rifle recently invented in New Brunswick, which is an improvement on the Chassepot, and said to be superior to that weapon in several ways.—Evening Mail.

PERSONAL.—Such of our readers as are members of the Volunteer force will learn with regret of the retirement of Captain James White from the Adjutancy of the Oxford Rifles—a position he had held since the organization of the battalion in 1862. He was an efficient officer, and his affable demeanour made him a favourite with all ranks. In the appointment of a new successor, however, Col. Richardson has made an excellent selection, and we are pleased to notice the advancement of our old friend Lieut. John Matheson to the position with the rank of Captain. In Captain Matheson the 22nd will possess an officer whose lengthened experience on frontier service and thorough knowledge of the interior economy and field manoeuvres of a regiment eminently qualify him for the position of Adjutant.—Embryo Planet.