

—Kingston Field Battery commanded by Major Wilmot, has been quartered, at Artillery Park, Kingston, during the past month, for the annual training of the same. The men had their rifle practice on the 29th ult., and made the splendid score of five hundred points. The Battery was inspected by Col. Strange, R. A., D. I. of A., who expressed himself to the Commanding officer as pleased with the working of the corps.

—London Field Battery.—This battery was inspected by Colonel Strange, R. A., on the 26th ult. The target practice had to be postponed until the fall, owing the difficulty of obtaining a range.

—The Gananoque Field Battery has been encamped near the village bearing that name, and was inspected on the 7th inst., by Lt.-Col. Strange, I. of A. The gun practice, which was very fair, was carried out on the 8th. Capt. Short, C.A., range officer.

—The inspection of the 14 P. W. O. Rifles, Col. Kerr, took place on the 7th inst. Col. Kerr and the officers of this regiment, afterwards give a dinner at the Windsor Hotel, Kingston, to which the officers of "B" Battery and Royal School of Gunnery and the local volunteer corps were invited. This Battalion is highly efficient.

—Lieut. Col. Straubenzie and Brigade Major Worsley inspected the 40th Battalion at Cobourg, on the 38th ult.

—The 4th Cavalry, Col. Duff consisting of four troops, one hundred and forty horses are in in camp at Bath, the inspection takes place at an early date this month.

—The Princess Louise Dragoon Guard most hospitably entertained the Ottawa Rifles at their camp on the evening of the 20th ult., when a most enjoyable evening was passed.

—The Ottawa Rifles go into camp in August. As soon as their Captain returns from the North-West.

—The troops quartered at Kingston, including the gentlemen cadets of the R. M. C., had a church parade on the 27th ult. They numbered altogether about four hundred strong and were under the command of Colonel Van Straubenzie. The band of "B" Battery played them to church.

—The Montreal and Toronto Engineers the former under the command of Major Kennedy and the latter Col. Scoble have been in camp near the Royal Military Collège, Kingston, from the 21st ult. to the 1st inst., undergoing instruction in military engineering, under the direction of Lt.-Col. Hewitt, R. E. The Toronto division had with them their pontoon and telegraph troop.

—The gentlemen cadets, R.M.C., "B" Battery, the Kingston Field Battery, and the Montreal and Toronto Engineers paraded on Barriefield Common under the command of Lt.-Col. Strange, R.A., Commandant R.S.G., in honor of Dominion Day. The troops went through an extended series of manoeuvres in the attack of Barriefield village, and marched and trotted past. The following was the programme of manoeuvres carried out.—1. The force will march past in column. 2. Artillery will trot and gallop past. 3. Resume original position, fire a Royal salute and *feu-de-joie*, general salute. 4. Force will form mass of quarter columns at head of bridge, facing north, artillery in front. 5. The force will represent a convoy advancing in the direction of Barriefield met by an enemy, a small party of Engineers, under direction of Lt.-Col. Scoble, will advance in scouts, and signal an enemy in the village. they will then retire quickly or get under cover, so as not to impede the general attack. 6. The Artillery will take up

position on the left, close to the bank of Rideau Canal and open fire on the village at Barriefield. 7. The Gentlemen Cadet Battalion under Major Ridout will be extended for attack to the right of the road leading to Barriefield and occupy the high ground commanding the village, where the field guns of "B" Battery, under Captain Short, will join them and open fire. 8. "B" Battery, Garrison Division, under Lt.-Col. Montzambert, will extend for attack on the left of the road. 9. The Engineer Battalion and train, under Lt.-Col. Scoble will represent the convoy with its immediate guard. They will advance along the road towards Barriefield, and finally when arriving near the village be deployed and open fire by volleys to resist close attack from the village; before this period the train carts may be formed under cover in the hollow to the left of the road. 10. The whole forces will retire, covered by the Gentlemen Cadets Battalion and "B" Battery, R.S.G., the convoy and its escort retiring along the road. 11. The force dismissed to private parades.

—The *Canada Gazette* of the 5th ult. contains the following—General Orders, No. 1.—The attack in extended order, instruction in. Staff and regimental officers are requested to study and instruct their corps in the duties of soldiers as explained in part 3, pages 209 to 242 of the "Field Exercise and Evolutions of Infantry, of 1877," having special reference to the attack in extended order, the necessity of taking advantage of cover, and of advancing by rushes, according to the nature of the ground and the position and formation of the enemy in front. The want of sufficient instruction on these points was noticeable at the Quebec review on the 24th of May last. In respect to the above remarks it may be said. In part 2, page 91, of the "Field Exercise," it says, in reference to the general principles applied to formations and manoeuvres—"It must be carefully explained that extended order is applicable both to the formation for attack and for skirmishing, but with this general difference, that in the attack the object is gradually to bring up the battalion with as little loss as possible to a point sufficiently near the position of the enemy, whence the hottest fire can be poured in, and the final assault by the battalion, as a compact body, can be made; whereas, in skirmishing, the object is either to cover a body of troops not formed for attack, or to feel for an enemy when advancing through an enclosed or wooded country. In the attack, therefore, men must not be permitted to seek cover during the advance, when by so doing they lose their interval and fail to move directly to the front, further, when exposed to artillery fire alone, they must not take advantage of cover, except by word of command. In skirmishing, as such cohesion of the portions of the battalion is not necessary, greater latitude in its formations and manoeuvres are to be allowed." This was precisely what was followed out in the Quebec sham fight. The line advanced to the attack in extended order, and it was absolutely necessary that its formation and the interval between the men should be strictly kept, so that the final rush could be made in a compact body. In a line advancing to the attack in extended formation, the men composing it will invariably and naturally edge away from the centre, where the fire is the hottest towards the flanks, and if not kept well in hand by those in command; and allowed to lose all formation, when the objective point is reached, not a single man would be found directly in front to carry it by assault. Skirmishing and advancing to the attack are very different manoeuvres, and the manner in which the line advanced to the attack, over the Plains of Abraham on the 24th of May last is, in our opinion, strictly in accordance with the latest system of military tactics.