

Regimental Notes.

(We wish to publish information respecting all the doings of all corps. Will the officers interested, particularly at a distance, assist us by having news relating to their corps promptly forwarded?)

Shoal Lake, Man.—It is reported that A. H. Scouten has been authorized to organize a company of rifles here.

Portage la Prairie.—Major Street inspected the arms and equipments of C company, 95th battalion, in charge of Capt. Sheppard, on the 9th, and found them in perfect order.

Peterborough.—The 57th battalion turned out for regular drill on Thursday the 11th inst. There was a fairly good attendance of Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 companies. The battalion was put through evolutions by Major Grover, which indicated that the men are improving in drill. From this date until the inspection, which will take place on Nov. 24th, the battalion will drill every Monday and Thursday evening.

Hamilton.—There was a good muster of the 13th on the 4th for the weekly battalion parade. The band was present in full strength and played the regiment through the streets, after which various battalion movements were executed in the gore under Col. Gibson, a marked improvement in drill from the previous week was shown. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings are devoted to company drill, two companies drilling each evening. Several of the companies are now up to their full strength, and there is no doubt that the next few drill nights will see the whole regiment in the same satisfactory condition.

Fredericton.—The following notes, from a well known western field officer who has been visiting A school, were written before the description in our issue of the 4th was seen. We gladly insert it as an evidence of the favorable impression being made by the corps of instruction:—

"A" school is beautifully situated on the banks of the river St. John in the centre of the city, having a fine view for miles around. The strength of this little garrison is, I am informed, about 140 rank and file under the command of Lieut.-Col. Maunsell, in whom you will find a soldier as well as a gentleman. He is ably assisted by Major Gordon, captain of the school, who is very popular with the officers and men under him, as well as with the citizens of Fredericton. The barracks and rooms of the men are as clean as a new pin; the kits and accoutrements are as bright as elbow grease can make them; the band is a good one and ably conducted. Having had the pleasure of hearing them dispense some very choice selections, I am under the impression that A school has the "premier" band, the men are well set up and well drilled. I am informed that two thirds of the officers and men are teetotallers, which speaks well for them. There is very little or any crime, and empty cells. There are quite a number of attached officers and men, a fact that I, as one interested in the Canadian militia, am glad to see. Any one visiting Fredericton should make a point of going through the school, and I am sure will be well repaid for his visit, as he will meet with the utmost courtesy from all, from the commandant down, and see a well conducted military establishment doing good work for the militia. VISITOR.

St. John, N.B.—Major A. J. Armstrong gave an oyster supper in the Reform Club hall on the 5th to the members of No. 4 battery, N.B.B.G.A., on the occasion of his promotion from the captaincy of the battery to the majority of the brigade. In addition to the members of the battery, there were present a number of the officers of the brigade and other friends. Major Armstrong was chairman, with Lieut.-Col. Armstrong on his right and Surgeon Andrews on his left. The vice chair was occupied by Capt. Geo. W. Jones, who succeeds Major Armstrong as captain of the battery, who had Adjutant Fred. Langan on his right and Capt. Geo. B. Seely on his left. Capt. Botsford was chairman at another table, and Lieut. Ritchie vice-chairman. The band of the brigade sat down at a third table. After supper the usual toasts were proposed and suitably responded to. On the toast of the evening being proposed, Sergt.-Major Su is, the senior n.c.o. of the battery, read an address from Major Armstrong's former command, congratulating him upon his promotion, expressing their regret at losing him as captain, and bearing testimony to his zeal in that capacity. The address was accompanied by the presentation of a walking stick. The cane is of ebony, with a gold head, handsomely carved and bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Major A. J. Armstrong, by the n.c. officers and gunners, No. 4 battery N.B. B.G.A., Nov. 5, 1886.

News Notes.

In the North-West Council, at Regina, on the 3rd, the question of the right of the mounted police to participate in the grant of medals for the suppression of the rebellion was brought up by Lord Boyle, who asked:—Were not the police as worthy of medals as the militia? He thought they were, and more so. (Hear, hear.) For his own part he could tell the council that the company in which he himself had served received scrip and medals, yet they never saw a shot fired! (Laughter.)

Col. Irvine said the North-West mounted police and Prince Albert volunteers were as much entitled to medals as any of the militia. For his part he would do all he could to see that the police got justice. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Turriff—Did the Quebec school of cavalry get scrip?

Mr. Hayter Reed—Yes, all the eastern militia got scrip.

Mr. Turriff—Surely if the Quebec school of cavalry got scrip I cannot see why the North-West mounted police should be left out in the cold.

Mr. Ross thought the police had as good a right to scrip as the volunteers.

The motion was then referred to a select committee which reported later, as follows:—

"That in the opinion of this committee, the N.W.M.P. are thoroughly deserving of both the scrip and the medal.

"That in a large number of cases they were engaged in some of the severest engagements that were fought.

"That in all cases they performed the same duties as the other regular corps when called on to do so.

"That the argument advanced against their receiving such awards and distinctions of their having been a regular force employed for their regular duties, would hardly hold good, taking into account the position of A and B batteries, the Quebec school of cavalry and C school of infantry on the same point.

"Your committee would therefore recommend that the following resolution be passed by the council, and forwarded by the lieutenant-governor to the government at Ottawa."

"That this council is of opinion that the valuable services rendered by the North-West mounted police during the late outbreak should be rewarded by their receiving the same awards and distinction as were conferred on the other regular corps on

service at that time. We would beg leave to respectfully point out that in a great measure the services of this force were insufficiently appreciated in Canada, that the arguments advanced against their receiving such awards and distinctions are, in our opinion, to a great extent fallacious, and that we are confident such a bestowal will be hailed throughout the North-West with satisfaction as an act of justice."

This resolution, on motion of Lord Boyle, was then unanimously adopted.

Colonel William Lenny, late of the 71st Highland Light Infantry, who served under Lord Seaton in the Canadian revolt in 1838-9, died in London on the 5th ult., Aged 82. He served for 36 years in command of either the 1st or of the reserve battalion.

The Schulof Rifle.—No sooner had the Austrian government officially sanctioned the adoption of the Mannlicher repeating rifle in its army, and given orders for over a million stand of this arm to be manufactured, than an inventor comes forward prepared to supply not only a better rifle, but one which he claims to be the best repeating weapon in the field. The new gun—the invention of Her Joseph Schulof, of Vienna—has been tested there at the rifle butts, and is said to have proved its efficiency and superiority at the trial. The weapon can be used as a single-shooting or as a repeating rifle. Employed in the first capacity it can discharge twenty-four shots per minute. On being changed into a repeater—which is effected by simply touching a spring, thereby setting the repeating action in motion—fifty shots per minute can be fired, and this includes loading, the magazine holding only ten rounds. Before many months all the armies of the continent will have repeating rifles, and so important does the question of re-armament appear to the German military authorities that all the great arsenals of the empire—Spandau, Erfurt, and Danzig—are at work converting Mausers day and night. *verb. sat. sap!—United Service Gazette.*

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