

worse of a good "brush up." The cause of the present discontinuance of the class is the fact that beginning next week Capt. McDougall will have the officers' class five nights of the week in preparation for the exams, which are expected to take place about the first week in June. Much hard work has been done in connection with this class by the instructors, and it is expected when the results become known each and all will have made a good showing.

As matters are now shaping, it would appear as if the city of Montreal will very shortly have a company of the permanent force in our midst. This is a long-felt want on the part of the military enthusiasts, and, besides, it will help to instil a much more military spirit among the corps generally.

The examinations that have been going on for gunnery and efficiency certificates in the Armory of the G.A. have passed off very successfully. They were not by any means "snaps." Eleven men passed as efficient. Adjutant and Capt. Hubbard, who was the inspecting officer, in addressing the men, congratulated them on their efficiency. Sergt.-Instructor Fellows, who has had the classes in hand since January, has every reason to be proud of the result of his work.

Sergt.-Instructor Hawker, of the Hussars, intends going to Toronto to take part in the military tournament. He will no doubt well sustain the merit of the Hussars, and show the western men that although Montreal does not send quantity, it sends quality. Sergt. Hawker holds a first-class certificate for gymnasium instructor from the Gymnasium College at Aldershot.

Sergt.-Major Mullaine, late of the Halifax G.A., has joined the Prince of Wales'. He is granted a V.C. for saving a gunner while under a hot fire in the Afghan war. He also holds the medals and clasps for that war. He will no doubt be an admirable acquisition to the P.O.W.R.

The bands at the field day on Logan's Farm will be under the leadership of the bandmaster of the Prince of Wales' Rifles, who is the senior of the district. Each band will play for its own regiment while marching past, but when marching past in quarter column the whole of the bands will take part, as also in playing at the salute. The bands will have a practice on Saturday next.

Capt. McDougall, adjutant of the school of instruction for officers, besides filling that duty, is also acting as brigade-major in room of Major Roy, who is at present in England attending a course of instruction.

The programme of the competition for the Duke of Connaught's flag on the 9th June has just been issued from the Brigade Office. It consists of ceremonial marching past, squad drill, manual and firing exercise, bayonet exercise, company drill and physical drill. Entries must be in not later than 19th May with the D.A.G. Capt. Wadmore,

R.R.C.I., Military District No. 4's acting brigade major, has been appointed judge.

The Vics.'s company competition for the Sims Cup is to take place on the Champ de Mars on Monday and Tuesday. Capt. McDougall, adjutant of the school, is to be judge.

The Royal Scots, 6th Fusiliers and Victoria Rifles paraded on Thursday night. The Champ de Mars and the drill shed were fully occupied—so much so that the officers' classes were pressed rather much into a corner. Could this not be avoided?

Lieut.-Col. Burland, 6th Fusiliers, is to be congratulated upon the great boon that will be conferred upon shooting men generally if his example is followed by the other regiments next year. At present, teams competing in the Canadian Military League were placed at a great disadvantage on account of there being no open day prior to May 16, on which date the first match takes place. The second match of the League takes place on the 30th, and the Saturday intervening is taken up by the Fusiliers' practice. To give the brigade an open day—the 23rd—Col. Burland has decided to hold the regimental target practice on the same day as the regiment's annual open matches, on the 6th June. This will reduce the expenses of M.A.R.A., and also demonstrate the practicability of a regiment holding its target practice and annual matches concurrently. If this is followed by the other corps, it will relieve five or six days taken up in target practice for general practice, and, therefore, place the teams on a more favorable footing as regards practice.

FORT GEORGE.

FROM THE ROCK CITY.

QUEBEC, May 15.—At the annual meeting of the 8th Batt. Rifle Association, the following officers were elected for the current year: President, Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White; vice president, Major G. E. Allen Jones; second vice-president, Major J. Secreton Dunbar; secretary, Lieut. A. E. Swift; assistant-secretary, Corpl. Stobo; treasurer, Lieut. E. Russell Hale; committee, "A" Company, Lieut. Gibsone and Corpl. Darlington; "B" Company, Lieut. W. H. Davidson and Sergt. Harrington; "C" Company, Capt. H. J. Lamb and Sergt. Norton; "D" Company, Lieut. R. Davidson and Pte. McKeen; "E" Company, Lieut. T. W. S. Dunn and Sergt. Hay; "F" Company, Lieut. Sharples and Sergt. Hull; staff, Surgeon Parke.

The Queen's Own Canadian Hussars have just completed their dismounted drill, and will take up mounted parades. There is some talk of this corps going into camp at St. Joseph de Levis for a couple of days.

On the 3rd, the Q.O.C. Hussars, the Royal Canadian Artillery and the 8th Royal Rifles, paraded for divine service to the Cathedral, under Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, of the

latter corps. Good musters were the order of the day, and a neat and creditable turnout. As usual on such occasions, the citizens turned out in large numbers to see the parade.

The following Sunday, the Q.O.C. Hussars and the 8th paraded for divine service to the Methodist Church under the command of Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, while the 9th went to the church in St. Rochs, under the command of Lieut.-Col. Roy. The latter were headed by a squad marching with arms and fixed swords to take part in the service at the church.

The 9th Batt. paraded Sunday afternoon May 3rd, and marched to the Plains of Abraham for drill. This being a somewhat unaccustomed sight to the citizens, it created a good deal of unfavorable comment. The greater part of Sunday afternoon was devoted to drill. Lieut.-Col. Roy was in command.

Arrangements have been made for the 8th to go to Sherbrooke for Queen's birthday, being absent some 2 or 3 days. Doubtless, as many as can will be present on that occasion. This will be their first outing of this kind for a period of several years.

The anniversary of the Cut Knife engagement was celebrated by a hop at the Citadel. About a hundred couples took part.

The 8th and 9th Battalions were inspected on the 14th, on the Plains of Abraham.

PATROL.

SHERBROOKE DEMONSTRATION.

SHERBROOKE, May 15.—There will be a grand military demonstration here on the 25th. An invitation was accepted by the 8th Quebec to join the 53rd on Queen's Birthday. They will proceed to Sherbrooke on the Saturday night. On the Sunday they will take part in the church parade. The 8th are a strong regiment of eight companies, and should make a fine show.

A battalion parade of the 53rd was held this week. During the past week they have been engaged at arm and squad drill.

The officers who went to St. John for examination have returned. They are Capt. Somers, Lieuts. Mills, Fraser, Penhale and Dastons, Lieut.-Col. Worthington and Major Fraser.

Lieut.-Col. E. B. Worthington, 53rd Sherbrooke, has written *Le Pionnier* recalling the glorious antecedents of French-Canadians, reminding them that they are descendants of those who fought under Frontenac, Maisonneuve, Montcalm and Salaberry, and appeals to their patriotism to induce them to join the ranks of the 53rd Battalion, and aid in developing military ardor amongst us. There is no intention, he says, to form an exclusively French-Canadian company, any more than there is to make one exclusively English, or Scotch, or Irish; but it is desired to make the 53rd Battalion a Canadian regiment.