

The annual rifle matches of the various companies of the 8th R. R. have recently been fired, partly at the Beauport Range and partly at the St. Joseph Range, Levis. The best average was made by "D" Company.

"F" Company fired their match at the latter range and were favoured with splendid weather. The Company medal was won by Sergt. Hull. The Company Officers present were Capt. J. B. Peters and Mr. H. J. Hussey.

Capt. T. H. Argue, Quartermaster, and Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele, R. L., were also present, the former having formerly been attached to that Co. when on the N. C. O. staff as Sergt.-Major and the latter attached in command of the Co. during their previous annual training.

The medal competed for has been some twenty odd years in the possession of the company and at one time became the property of Capt. Argue in virtue of his having fulfilled the conditions attached to the same, viz: won it three years. However, he preferred leaving it in the company for annual competition.

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Bandmaster Hutchinson of the 8th R. R. was entertained by the N. C. O.'s and members of the regimental band in their rooms above the Montcalm Market Hall, to a supper, his men thus manifesting their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf. As expected a most enjoyable evening was spent, the number present being close on to forty. A number of toasts were proposed and duly honoured, including the "Queen," Lieut.-Col. White and officers of the regiment, Bandmaster Hutchison, etc., after which a number of songs were given, as well as speeches, and the meeting dispersed about midnight, after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

Bandmaster Hutchison, it may be stated, has been appointed leader of the orchestra for the new C. P. R. Hotel "Frontenac." This will require the services of other musicians, who will, in all probability, become members of the regimental band.

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The members of the Garrison Club recently had a well attended meeting called for the purpose of deciding upon the advisability of at once proceeding with the contemplated improvement to their building. It was decided to commence the work in the near future, which will improve the appearance of the Club house, as well as furnish increased capacity.

It was also decided to increase the annual dues from \$12 to \$20, with effect from 1st October next.

Capt. J. Chas. Dunn, the Secretary-Treasurer, has already proved himself well worthy of his election to office, and is doing his utmost to promote the welfare of the club.

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Captain J. F. Burstall of B. Company 8th R. R. has returned from England, having been absent on leave during the Annual Training which has just been completed. During the latter part of the drill, his company was taken in charge by Mr. O. B. C. Richardson of D. Company and who made good progress in the limited time at his disposal.

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Thursday the 11th instant was a busy day for the Quebec Riflemen. The weather was perfect and greatly added to the success which attended the inspection of the 8th R. R., etc. At 9 a. m. the three best shots of each company (N. C. O. and Privates), commenced firing for the Regimental Badge and prize of \$10.00, at the St. Joseph Range. Some misunderstanding appears to have existed regarding the use of rifles (long or short) and the question of the winner was not decided until the latter part of the week. Corpl. F. Hawkins of C. Company made the highest score but owing to having fired with a long rifle the prize was awarded to Colour-Sergt. Champion of D. Company, who made the highest score with the short rifle.

The decision was given by the C. O. who had previously given instructions that scores made with the long rifle would not be counted.

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At 1.30 p. m. the 8th Royal Rifles paraded in the Drill Hall, and at two o'clock, punctual to the minute, proceeded to the Plains of Abraham for their annual inspection. The Regiment was under the command of Lieut.-Col. Geo. R. White, the other mounted officers being Major G. E. Allen Jones, Capt. E. Montizambert, Adjutant and Surgeon H. Ross. Headed by the pioneers, brass and bugle bands, and

signal corps, the regiment presented a splendid appearance, being 20 over strength, or a total of 298 of all ranks on parade. The marching in column as far as the toll-gate was very good, and the change from column to fours was well executed. On arrival on the field the battalion was drawn up in line facing the St. Louis Road and received the inspecting officer with the usual salute. Lieut.-Col. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G. of the district, was the officer in question, and who was accompanied by a staff consisting of Captain R. W. Rutherford, B. Battery, R. C. A., and Mr. W. Forester, A. Troop R. C. D.; Lieut.-Col. Forest, district paymaster, was also present.

The march past in quick time was well done, that of the double not being up to the same standard, which however can be accounted for by the inequalities of the ground. Then followed several battalion movements which were performed under the command of Lieut.-Col. G. R. White and Major Jones respectively, who were called upon to give the instructions in detail, after which the different companies were inspected independently in a similar manner as last year and in accordance with the now existing regulations on that subject.

This work took up the greater part of the afternoon, and on its completion the regiment was taken in hand by the C. O. and skirmishing practised for a time. This was not up to former years, due to the fact that no opportunity had been given them for practice in the open and to limited time at their disposal, having commenced their annual training at a later date than usual and finished on an earlier date. At about 5 p. m. the corps returned to the Drill Hall and the roll-call was taken.

On the whole the inspection was most creditable, and Lieut.-Col. White can well feel proud of the result of this his first inspection as commanding officer.

It is expected that the vacancy in the majority will be filled in the near future by the senior captain who is qualified in every way.

A report on the inspection would not be complete without a reference to the good work done by the detachment from the regiment of Canadian Dragoons who kept the ground clear; their smart appearance called for favourable comment on every hand.

As usual a very large number of spectators witnessed the turn out and inspection of Quebec's popular rifle corps.

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The 9th Battalion under command of Lieut.-Col. Roy, who has lately been promoted to the command, were out for field work. The muster was large. The regiment proceeded to the Espianade, and after a good afternoon's work returned to the Drill Hall at about 5.30 headed by their band.

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In the evening the officers of the 8th R. R. entertained the Inspecting Officer and Staff at dinner in the Garrison Club, and which proved a most enjoyable affair. The following officers of the Regiment were present: Lieut.-Col. G. R. White, Major G. E. Allen Jones, Capt. J. S. Dunbar, W. J. Ray, E. Montizambert (Adjutant), W. C. H. Wood, C. J. Dunn, J. B. Peters, T. H. Argue (Quartermaster), Surgeon H. Ross, Assistant-Surgeon G. Parke, and Messrs. O. B. C. Richardson, G. Van Felson, J. Mill, E. R. Hale, and H. J. Hussey. The guests present were: Lieut.-Cols. T. J. Duchesnay, D. A. G., J. F. Turnbull, R. C. D., C. E. Montizambert, R. C. A., W. H. Forrest, D. P. M., T. A. H. Roy, 9th Batt., Capt. Lessard and Mr. W. Forester, R. C. D., Capt. Farley, Surgeon Sewell, and Mr. W. E. Cooke, R. C. A., Capt. Hetherington, Q. O. C. H., Capt. R. W. Rutherford, R. C. A., Lieut.-Col. E. G. Scott and Capt. Ernest F. Wurtele of the Retired List (Late 8th), Mr. J. H. Ogilvy, Montreal Garrison Artillery, Captains F. Pennee, L. Pinault, 9th Batt., Mr. Chalout, 88th Batt., and the Attorney-General Hon. T. C. Casgrain and Mr. Turcot.

Mr. Hale acted as President and Mr. Richardson as Vice. Splendid music was furnished by the regimental band under the leadership of Bandmaster Hutchison. The menu card was printed in colours and contained the motto and crest of the Regiment. Mr. Lamb can be congratulated upon the menu and the splendid dinner supplied.

During the evening songs were sung by Lieut.-Cols. Duchesnay and White, Capt. Peters and Messrs. Van Felson and Hussey and Capt. Pennee. The song of the popular